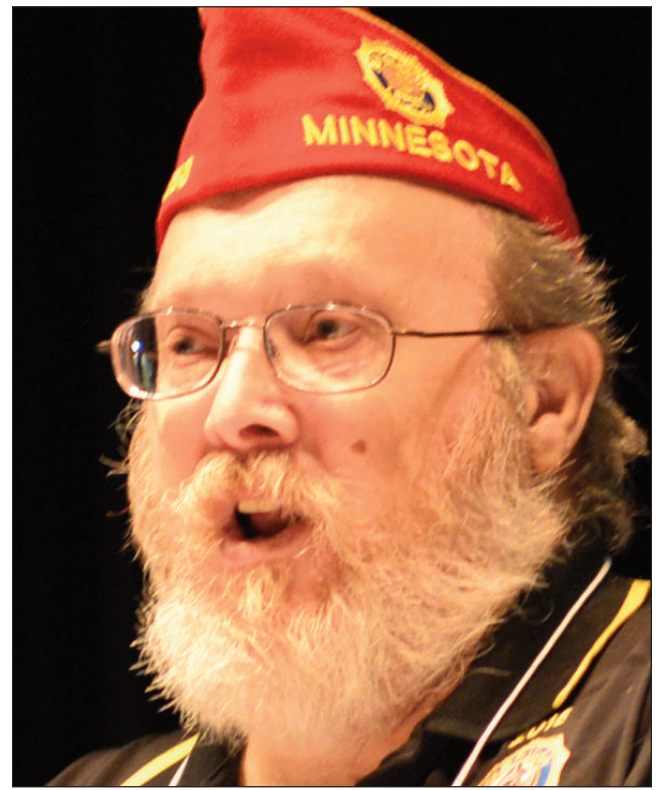




NECman Marland Ronning



National Vice Commander Al Davis



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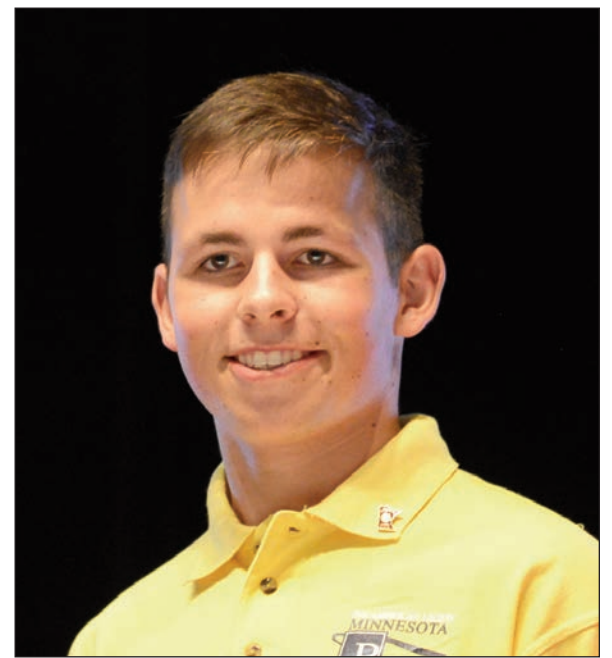


Girls State Governor Amanda Tersteeg

Speakers' Gallery



Oratorical Champion Isaac Winnes



Boys State Governor Ivan Pearson



Firefighter of the Year Ross Gramling



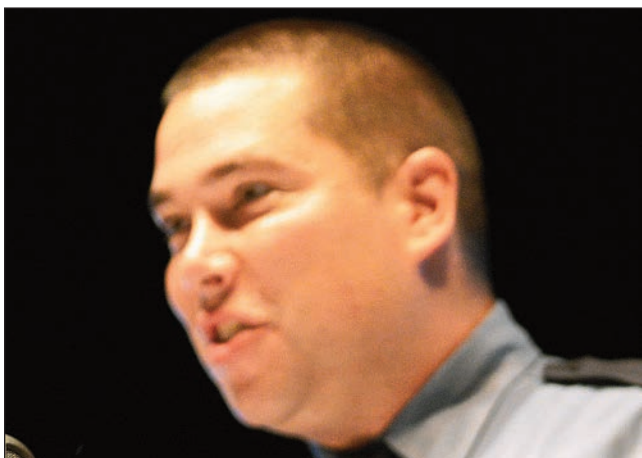
Minneapolis VA Medical Center Director Patrick Kelly



Membership Director Mark Dvorak



Auxiliary President Sandy Fredrickson



Law Enforcement Officer of the Year Anthony Dean



Minnesota Secretary of State Steve Simon

Legion Installation



New Commander Denise Milton wears the long badge listing every Department Commander over 98 years.



Installing officer Past Department Commander Peggy Moon presents outgoing Commander Jim Kellogg with his official colors.



Chaplain Richard Wog gave one of the final prayers in the installation ceremony.



Commander Milton gets a kiss from husband Dennis after he placed the white hat on her head.



Brenda Kellogg gave her husband his new blue cap.

Auxiliary Installation

Photos by Michelle Leonard



Newly-elected President Carol Kottom addresses the Auxiliary convention.



New officers of the Auxiliary are sworn in by installing officer Bev Otterness.



Carol Kottom is escorted into the hall by her husband Bruce Kottom.



Outgoing President Sandy Fredrickson pins her successor at the conclusion of the Auxiliary Convention in Rochester.

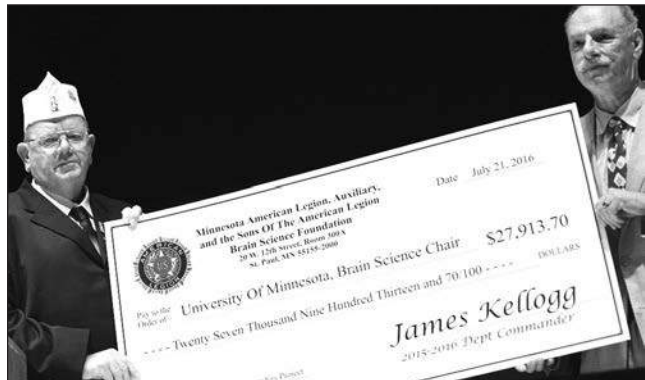
Awards and presentations made at the 2016 convention



NEWCOMERS -- Commander Jim Kellogg asked that first timers at a state convention come to the stage for a photo, and some did. From left, front: Andru Peters, Tom Olson, Jim Urban, Heather Larson, John Flynn. In back: Andy Regenscheid, Bob Leslie, Paul Reese and Tom Hendrickson.



BOYS STATE SPONSORS -- Posts that sponsored Boys State officers were recognized in Rochester. From left: Commander Jim Kellogg; Tom Allen, Clearwater Post 323, sponsor of Ivan Pearson; Barry Madson, Chanhassen Post 580, sponsor of Dhruv Mehti; Gloria Burt, Wayzata Post 118, sponsor of Jesse Bissen; Ray Turnquist, Anoka, sponsor of Vince Clark; Mark Coney, Hardwick Post 478, sponsor of Knute Oldre, Lee Tallackson.



BRAIN SCIENCE CHECK -- Commander Kellogg presented Dr. Apostolos Georgopoulos a check for \$27,000 for Brain Science. It was Kellogg's project for the year.



FIREFIGHTER SPONSOR -- Virginia Post 239 was honored for sponsoring the Firefighter of the Year. Commander Jim Kellogg and Law and Order Chairman Tom Conway presented to Eighth District Commander Jennifer Havlick.



TOM LYONS AWARD -- Minnesota Military Radio host Tom Lyons was honored by the Legion for his work for veterans. Accepting was Staff Sergeant Johnny Angelo, senior producer of the radio show.



POST OF THE YEAR -- 3M Post 599 was recognized by National Commander Dale Barnett as Minnesota's Post of the Year. Accepting was Carl Renalls. Presenting were Commander Kellogg and NVC Davis.



BOYS STATE GOVERNOR -- Ivan Pearson, Boys State governor from South Haven, was honored at the convention. Presenting were Commander Jim Kellogg and Boys State representative Lee Tallackson.



FIRE FIGHTER OF THE YEAR -- Ross Gramling of Virginia received a plaque as Firefighter of the Year from the Law and Order Committee. Presenting were Comander Jim Kellogg and Chairman Tom Conway.



BRUNO MOST VOLUNTEER HOURS -- Community Service Chairman Bob Locker presents Bill Johnson with the Most Volunteer Hours award for smaller posts to Bruno Post 583. Jim Kellogg also presented.



BAGLEY MOST DOLLARS SPENT -- Bagley Post 16 won the award for Most Dollars Spent by a post of its size. Tom Conway accepted. Bob Locker and Jim Kellogg presented.



PAYNESVILLE MOST VOLUNTEER HOURS -- Paynesville Post 271 won the Community Service Award for posts its size for most volunteer hours. From left are Commander Jim Kellogg, Chairman Bob Locker and District Commander Duwayne Collins.



PHALEN MOST VOLUNTEER HOURS -- Arcade-Phalen Post 577 was honored for most volunteer hours for a post its size. Accepting was Post Commander Lane Stunkel.

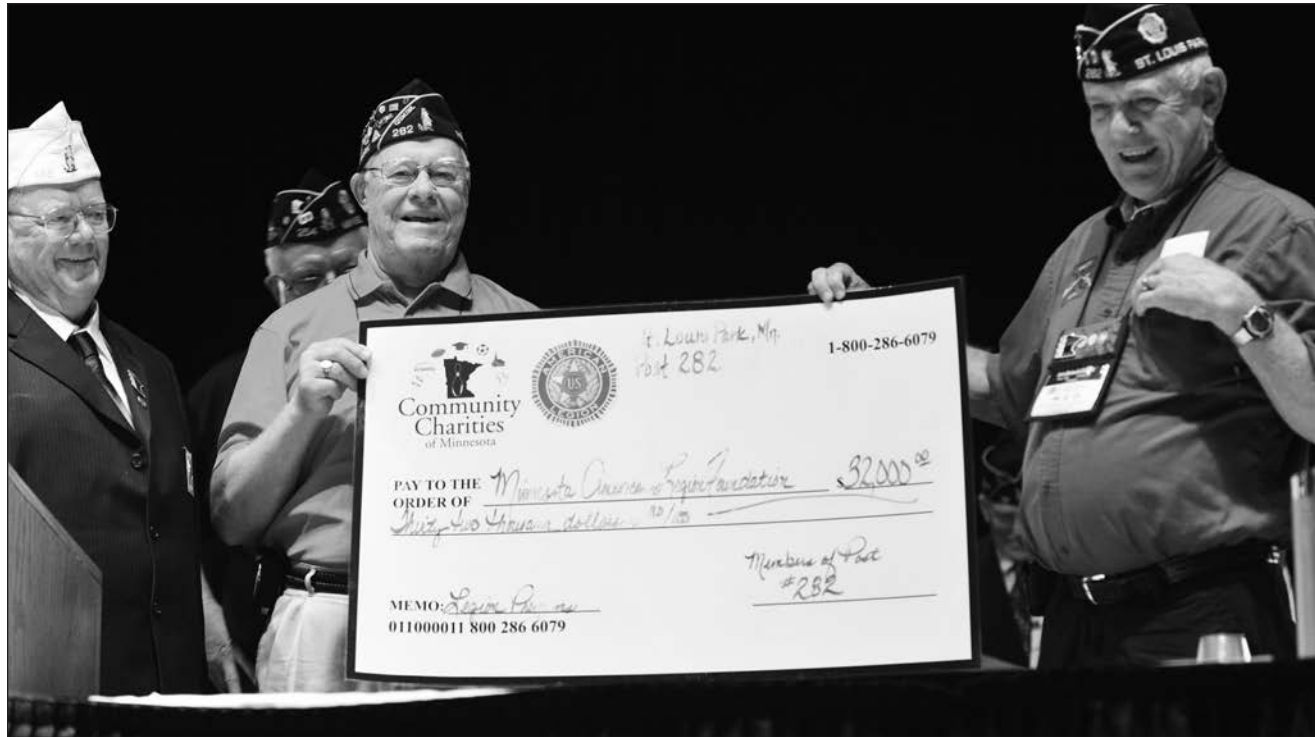


ST. LOUIS PARK MOST DOLLARS DONATED -- St. Louis Park Post 282, represented by Daryl Harmon, won the most dollars spent award for posts its size from the Community Service Committee. Jim Kellogg and Bob Locker presented.



3M MOST DOLLARS DONATED -- 3M Post Commander Carl Renalls accepted a plaque for most dollars donated by a post its size. Presenting were Department Commander Jim Kellogg and Community Service Chair Bob Locker.

More honors and awards from the 2016 Department Convention



ST. LOUIS PARK DONATION -- St. Louis Park Post 282 contributed \$32,000 to the Department, including \$10,000 each to the Commander's Project, Brain Science, and \$10,000 to the American Legion Riders. Accepting was Commander Jim Kellogg and presenting were Lee Tallackson and Tom Schottenbauer.



WAITE PARK DOUBLE WINNER -- Waite Park Post 428 won both the most hours donated and most dollars donated plaques from Community Service Committee. Tom Ferlund accepted. Presenting were Jim Kellogg and Bob Locker.



LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER OF THE YEAR -- Anthony Dean, a policeman from St. Paul, won the Law Enforcement Officer of the Year award. Presenting were Commander Jim Kellogg and Law and Order Chairman Tom Conway.



LAW ENFORCEMENT SPONSOR -- North End Post 474 in St. Paul received a plaque because the post sponsored the Law Enforcement Person of the Year, Anthony Dean.



PUBLIC RELATIONS AWARDS -- Public Relations Chair Lisa Ghylin presented awards to the members of her committee and staff. From left, Commander Jim Kellogg, Ghylin, Communications Director Al Zdon, Jennifer Havlick and Ralph Schneckloth. Ghylin is retiring from the committee.



SECOND DISTRICT -- The Second District won the Goose Egg Award. Ryan Hill accepted from Jim Lucas and Jim Kellogg.



SAL GIFT -- SAL Detachment Commander Gene Olsword, right, presented Commander Jim Kellogg with a gift.



ORATORICAL WINNER -- Isaac Winnes of Minneapolis was honored as the state's Oratorical Contest winner. Presenting were Chair Deb Norman and Co-Chair Linda Dvorak.



EXHAUSTED ROOSTER AWARD -- National Vice Commander Al Davis presented Commander Jim Kellogg with a Past Department Commander's hat.



BOWLING AWARD -- Bowling Chairman Bob Mace, right, presented Le Center with the 2016 Team Bowling Trophy. Randy Bode, second from right, accepted. At right are Commander Jim Kellogg and Bowling Secretary John Torma.



RECRUITER OF THE YEAR -- John Lenvik, Apple Valley Post 1776, was named Recruiter of the Year and Gold Brigade winner. He signed up 76 new members. Presenting were Jim Lucas and Jim Kellogg.



BASEBALL HAT -- Baseball Director Mike Perry presented Commander Jim Kellogg with a baseball hat. Kellogg will be attending the state tournament games.

More honors and awards from the 2016 Department Convention



MEMBERSHIP TEAM HONORED -- The states five Department Vice Commanders were honored with plaques. From left: Commander Jim Kellogg and Vice Commanders Darrel Redepenning, Don Amundson, Art Tobkin, Bird Partridge, John Milbrath and Membership Director Jim Lucas.



THIRD DISTRICT -- The Third District won the Goose Egg, Fall Rally, Sweetheart Rally, New Member, Premier Race and Hidden Safe Awards. Accepting were Commander Don Skow and Membership Director Mike Maxa.



MERITORIOUS SERVICE -- The Rehabilitation Committee presented certificates for Meritorious Service at the Rochester Convention. Those earning the awards were: Joel Nelson, St. James Post 33; John Weinzierl, Watertown Post 121; Robert Bowen, Rosetown Memorial Post 542; Ray Eiden, Falldin Post 555; Dale Lanz, Cannon Falls Post 142; Larry Snodgrass, Franklin Post 308; Marvin Hill, Sacred Heart Post 239; Leslie Hinrichs, Bagley Post 16.



FOURTH DISTRICT -- The Fourth District won the Goose Egg and Spring Rally awards and had 100 percent membership. Accepting were Membership Director Micky Ostrum and Commander Dan Williams.



FIRST DISTRICT -- The First District, represented by Commander Roland Hanson and Membership Director Lester Shaunce won the Goose Egg and Pearl Harbor awards.



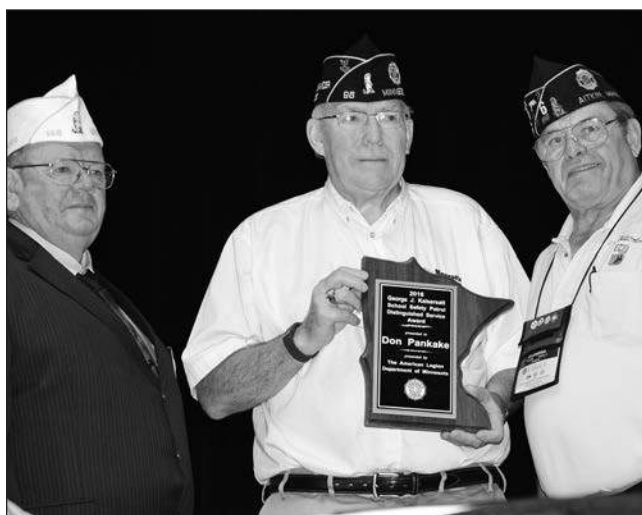
PAT CLIFF AWARD -- Robert Bowen won the Pat Cliff Award for Meritorious Service. Presenting were Jim Kellogg, Wilson Spence, and NECman Marland Ronning. Accepting was Fourth District Commander Dan Williams.



SIXTH DISTRICT -- Commander Duwayne Collins accepted a check and certificate for the Sixth District, winning the Appreciation Rally.



PR AWARD -- The Third District won a \$50 prize for the best 4th of July promotion on electronic media, presented by Public Relations Committee Member Ralph Schneekloth.



SCHOOL SAFETY AWARD -- Don Pankake was recognized for his service to Legionville. He was presented with a plaque by School Safety Patrol Committee Chair Jim Blakesley.



SEVENTH DISTRICT -- District Commander Karen Welander was congratulated for the Seventh District winning the Kaisersatt Derby this year. Presenting were Jim Lucas and Jim Kellogg.

Listening Post

News from around the State



72 YEARS AS SERGEANT-AT-ARMS -- Floyd Sanner, right, received an American Legion national certificate honoring his 72 years of service as Sergeant-at-Arms for Lancaster Post 214. It was presented by Post Commander Ken Hunter. Sanner was on his way home after World War II, where he had earned a Silver Star, when he stopped at a restaurant for a cup of coffee before walking a mile to his house. He was met by the Legion commander who signed him up for The American Legion and informed him that he was the new sergeant-at-arms. He has served ever since and has been in charge of the rifle squad for holidays and funerals.



BRainerd TOP POST IN DISTRICT -- Brainerd Post 255 was selected as the Post of the Year for the Sixth District. From left: Dewayne Collins, district commander; Tom Swanson, post membership director; Gerald Strobel, post commander and Susan Edwards, post and district adjutant.



FISHING TRIP IN SECOND DISTRICT -- The American Legion Family in the Second District organized a fishing trip on Round Lake for residents of the Minnesota Veterans Home at Luverne. Over 100 were in attendance that day and enjoyed a meal of burgers, hot dogs and pot luck. Joining the residents were members of the Legion, Auxiliary, Sons of the American Legion, and Junior Auxiliary.



WOODBURY BIRTHDAY -- Woodbury honored Paul Rudolph on the occasion of his 90th birthday recently. Rudolph is a World War II veteran who earned a Purple Heart. From left: Russ Bentley, Henry Kolashinski, Rudolf, Tom Grezek and Bob Halter.



HUTCHINSON OLD TIMERS -- Third District Commander Don Skow, left, and Hutchinson Post 96 Commander Tom Tramp honored longtime members Charles Burich and Datlof Weseloh.



MABEL CENTENARIAN -- Clara Karli was honored recently by Mabel Unit 299 for 70 years of membership. She is 103 years old. At right is her son, Deane.



MABEL CENTENARIAN -- Ernie Corson at bottom was honored recently by Mabel Post 299. He recently turned 101 years old.



MABEL CENTENARIAN -- William Littlejohn was recently honored by Mable Post 299. He is 100 years old.

Listening Post

News from around the State



3M DEDICATES BENCH -- Members of 3M Post 599 dedicated a new veterans memorial bench at the company's flag pole at the main building. It was donated by the post.



NEW ULM PRESENTS WREATH -- New Ulm Post 132 placed a wreath at the Doughboy statue for Memorial Day. From left: George Glotzbach, Norm Warta, Denis Warta, John Ingebritson.



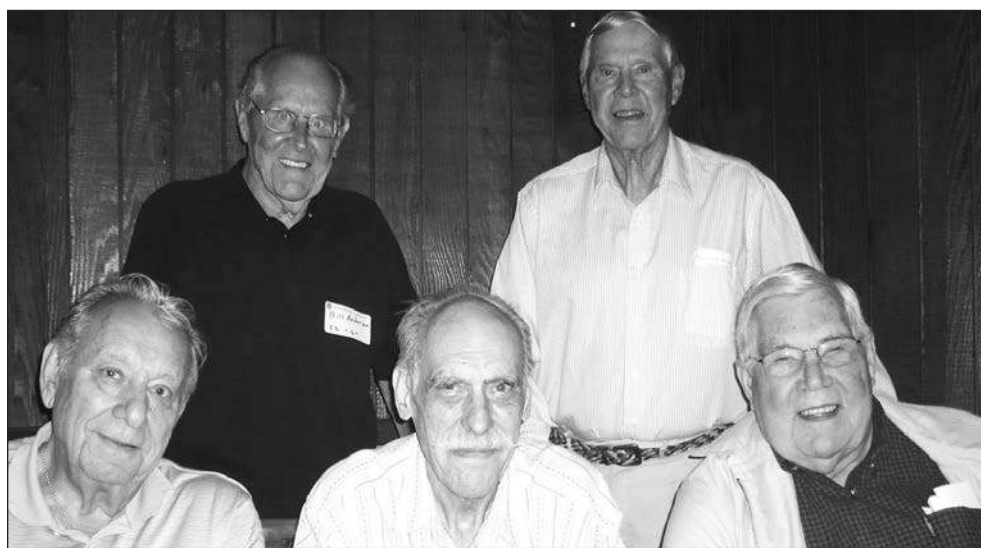
NORTH BRANCH HONORS -- North Branch Post 85 Commander Darcy Doble and Auxiliary President Michelle Still honor a grave with a flag on Memorial Day this year.



ST. PAUL B&P CHANGES LEADERS -- St. Paul Business and Professional Post 450 Commander Larry Calhoun, left, shakes hands with Past Commander Dan Petrosky who served four years.



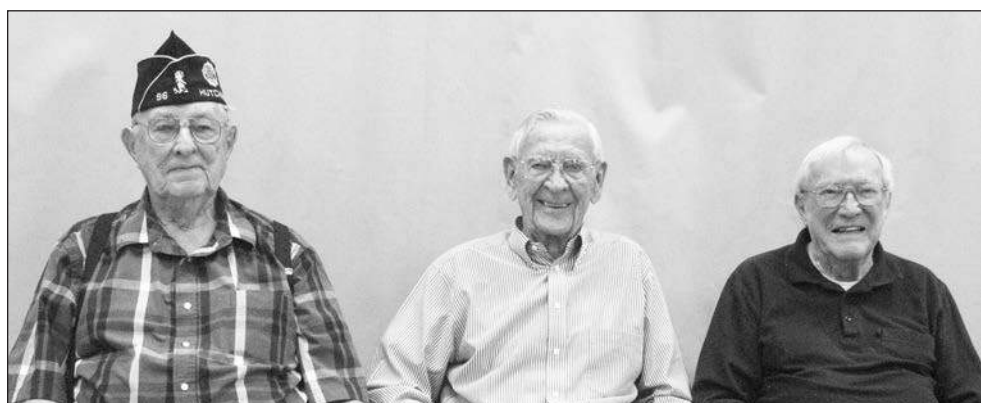
WAITE PARK BOYS STATER -- Waite Park Post 428 recently honored former Boys Stater Isaac Logeman who received a \$20,000 Samsung Scholarship. He was a St. Cloud Apollo graduate.



COASTIES GO TO D.C. -- Five Korean War veterans who served in the Coast Guard will go to Washington D.C. as part of the Twin Cities Honor Flight. From left, front: Peter Boosalis, Chris Kalogerson and Donn Larourell. In back: Bill and Dick Anderson.



DULUTH WISTED HONORS CADETS -- Duluth Wisted Post 28 honored ROTC cadets with certificates and medals. From left: Commander Dwight Nelson, Erica Bauer, David Blustin, Post Secretary John Witzke, Markus Krings, Jean LeRoy, Post Historian Neill Atkins.



HUTCHINSON VETS -- Longtime members LeRoy Gehrke, Milt Brinkman and Russell Nelson were honored by Hutchinson Post 96.



HUTCH LONGTIME MEMBERS -- Hutchinson Post 96 recently honored longtime members, front: Frank Boller, Duwayne Peterson, Howard Riggle, John Reynolds. In back, Willard Damlow, Roger Dostal, Eugene Havelka, Robert Rolander.



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The President's Column

By
Carol Kottom



Convention – what can I say. President Sandy did such a fantastic job. Everyone there loved the Legion family party Thursday night with the entertainment provided. What a great idea. Thank you Sandy for all the improvements you have made to our family get-togethers.

Installation – I am so honored to serve as the American Legion Auxiliary President for 2016-2017 I don't have the words. To have a friend like Bev Otterness is enough proof of what the Auxiliary is about, but to have her install me is surreal. The only thing we were missing Bev, was to have Opal there with us. Thank you is not even close to what I feel in my heart. Thank you to everyone for the support you have given me throughout the years.

I got a jump start on my year having been invited to a couple of parades. 4th of July parade in Delano and the Raspberry Festival Parade in Hopkins on July 17th. Thank you so much for the invitations – had a great time and the weather was even nice to us.

My project is "Our Veterans." Donations that are made to the project will first go for a new golf cart for the St Cloud VA Hospital. Estimated cost is \$12,000. I have want lists from the other VA hospitals and VA homes and any funds received over what is needed for the golf cart will go to them. The amount of the donation to those facilities will be based on the remaining funds. And the specific projects will be determined closer to the end of the year.

My symbol is an angel. My small project, or as I call it my pocket project, is pocket angels. I would love to have every active Minnesota military person, every veteran, every family member and every friend receive a pocket angel. My only request is that they are given on behalf of the American Legion Auxiliary. The ones that I presented at the convention were glued (removable glue dots) to a business card with the Auxiliary information on it along with a greeting. Whether you decide to use a card or just hand an angel to someone, please recognize the American Legion Auxiliary indicating who the angel is from: a member, a unit president, a district, or a district president. The more the better. Be careful to follow branding rules when using the Auxiliary emblem, but you may put it on the cards. Just that simple! Glue the angel to the card and hand it out. There will be a special award at the end of the year and because this project falls under so many of the Auxiliary programs; National Security, Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation, Service to Veterans, Community Service -- just keep a total count. Materials are available lots of places – business cards and glue dots from most supply places. The angels I had were purchased online through Autom.

I would love very much to visit with you some time during the year. Please send your invitations to the Department Office. I prefer to come to work with you on any type of project you may have. I do know how to bus dishes and pour coffee. Even clean some. I may even decide to just drop by and say hi! However, please, no gifts. If your Unit feels like a gift is necessary, then buy some pocket angels and hand them out. Then when I come, hand me a small note stating that you gave out 15 angels so far this year. Nothing could possibly make me happier.

The Department organizational (workshop) meeting is being held August 13th. Chairmen will present their programs after a quick introductory meeting. Membership is always our number 1 topic. We really need to go out and work this program. Zandra Kessler is our membership chairman, but remember, every member is part of the membership team. When you see someone you're not sure belongs, ask them. Sometimes that's all it takes. Strategic Planning is still working very hard to reach a million mem-

Kottom elected President of Legion Auxiliary for 2016-17

On Saturday, July 23rd, the year of "Serving Those Who Served" under the wonderful leadership of President Sandy Fredrickson, came to its conclusion and became yet another page in the history of the American Legion Auxiliary. The annual Department Convention was held at the Kahler Grand Hotel, hosted by The American Legion Post and Unit #92 of Rochester, approximately 260 Delegates, Alternates and Guests representing 120 Units hearing the various reports and conducting the business of the Auxiliary over the three days of the convention. Another busy year of programs and activities carried on by you, our Unit members, had come to its conclusion.

Our special congratulations to newly elected Department President Carol Kottom, Department First Vice President Donna Arends, Department Second Vice President Jean Walker and National Executive Committeewoman Shirley Frederick who assumed their duties at the close of the Department Convention.

Our newly elected Department President Carol has chosen "Thank a Veteran – some gave all, all gave some" as her theme for the 2016-17 administrative year. Her symbol is an Angel.

The ratification and election of 34 delegates and 16 alternates to the 2016 National Convention in Cincinnati brought the business portion of the convention to a close.

Sandy Fredrickson will serve as our Delegation Chairman with Shirley Frederick representing us as our National Executive Committeewoman.

Our appreciation and congratulations are given to Sandy for her dedicated service as Department President this Auxiliary year. She traveled to all areas of the state and did her best to honor all of her invitations. Sandy is very dedicated to our organization and serving and supporting our Veterans. Sandy will continue to serve in different capacities to ensure our organization continues to progress into the future.

SPECIAL THANKS

Our special thanks to Evelyn Lyke and Shirley Oberle, Auxiliary Convention General Chairman and Co-

Chairman, and the members of the Rochester Unit and Post 92 as well as the First District for their excellent preparations and arrangements in hosting the 2016 Department Convention. Their many hours of planning were reflected in the smooth operation of our 97th annual convention. Thank you for your warm hospitality and for making this convention such an outstanding one.

The 2018 Department Convention will be held in Mahanomen, Minnesota, July 13 – 15, 2017. Please make plans to be there.

AWARDS OF EXCELLENCE

At the Department Convention President Sandy was most pleased to present her special "Presidents Awards of Excellence" to those Unit members in each of the following programs. These awards were based on the Unit's annual report and the activities it carried on under the program.

The recipients were: Americanism – Annette Freiheit, Hayfield Unit 330, District 1.

Auxiliary Emergency Fund – Carol Miller, Zimmerman Unit 560, District 6.

Children and Youth – Karen Cibert, Albert Lea Unit 56, District 1.

History – Debora Hodapp, Walker Unit 134, District 6.

Junior Activities – Bev Johnson, Warren Unit 27, District 6.

Community Service – Sheila Reinartz, Blackduck Unit 372, District 6.

Constitution/Standing Rules – Karen Reither, Brainerd Unit 255, District 6.

Education – Betty Moon, Hayfield Unit 330, District 1.

Past Presidents Parley – Kathy Bourdeaux, Fridley Unit 303, District 10.

Legislation – Margee Keller, Crookston Unit 20, District 9.

Memorial – Lesley Christoffer, Okabena Unit 608, District 2.

National Security – Carrie Conkey, Mound Unit 398, District 10

Poppy - Patti Bjorklund, Chaska Unit 57, District 3.

Hendrickson endorsed for Second VP

West Duluth Unit 71 and the 8th District endorse Mary Hendrickson for Department 2nd Vice President 2017-2018.

An Auxiliary Life Member, she is eligible for membership through her father, a W. W. II Veteran and her husband, Carl, a Veteran of the Vietnam War.

At the Unit level, she has served as President (five times), numerous times as Vice President, Secretary, Executive Committee member as well as most

Chairmanships.

At the District level, Hendrickson has served as President, 1st and 2nd Vice President, Executive Committee member, Membership Chairman, Treasurer (three times), Secretary (three times) and held most Chairmanships.

At the Department level she has served as Education Chairman, Community Service Chairman, Historian, Leadership Chairman and will continue as goal 4 leader on the

Strategic Planning Committee.

She has attended many national conventions in addition to a Mission Training Conference. She will serve as Department Service to Veterans Chairman and be the Northwest Division Legislative Chairman during the 2016-2017 Auxiliary year.

Hendrickson is a retired public school educator and an active community volunteer.



MARY HENDRICKSON

bers. Our final goal hasn't changed. We just need to keep working at it. Let's help our juniors stay active and make sure we welcome them to our events. They are our future.

Please review these strategic planning goals:

- Goal 1 – Enhance Membership Strength
- Goal 2 – Create an Internal Culture of Goodwill
- Goal 3 – Develop Leadership at all Levels
- Goal 4 – Strengthen Departments and Units
- Goal 5 – With The American Legion, Build Brand Loyalty

Our National President, Mary E. Davis, stated "It is you, me, and the members who have gone before us, who are the basis for achieving the work and mission of the American Legion Auxiliary. As with most mission-related activities we plan and participate in, there is an overwhelming sense

of accomplishment. This year, my hope is to highlight that pride in belonging to our organization and in working our mission. ALA Member Pride is the theme this year: pride in helping veterans, military and their families; pride in making a difference; pride in a job well done; or pride in belonging to an organization whose mission we totally embrace."

Let's see what we can all do to accomplish the membership goals.

Until next month - Keep our active military in your thoughts and prayers. God bless you, your family and God bless the U.S.A. When you go out remember – "Hold hands and stick together." And always, always "Thank a Veteran – all gave some, some gave all."

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Public Relations – Nancy Albrecht, Hackensack Unit 202, District 6.

Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation – Mary Hendrickson, West Duluth Unit 71, District 8.

Leadership – Lois Wenz, Chaska Unit 57, District 3.

Service to Veterans – Sharon Vogelsang, Minnesota Lake Unit 287, District 2.

OTHER WINNERS

Our Department Poppy Chairman Donna Redepenning, held two Poppy contests at the 2016 Department Convention. The following winners were announced.

Dress a Doll or Teddy Bear: 1st place – Sam Wickert, Delano Unit 377, 10th District; 2nd place – Kathy Burket, Belview Unit 309, 2nd District; 3rd place – Sharon Barnes, Wayzata Unit 118, 10th District. People's Choice – Cathy Rossing, Madelia Unit #19, 2nd District.

Wearable Poppy Jewelry: 1st place - Sam Wickert, Delano Unit 377, 10th District; 2nd place – Theresa Soltis-Rudnicki, Waite Park 428 6th District; 3rd place – Dee Koepp, Hutchinson Unit 96, 3rd District; People's Choice – Sam Wickert, Delano Unit 377, 10th District.

Chairman Donna would like thank everyone who brought entries to the department convention. It was a very hard job to judge as all entries were gorgeous.

The Book of Annual Reports contains a list of the trophies and awards that were presented at our department convention. You may want to add the above contest winners to your Unit's copy of the Book of Annual Reports.

DEPARTMENT APPOINTMENTS

The following Department President's appointments for the 2016-17 Auxiliary year of "Thank a Veteran – some gave all, all gave some" were approved by the Department Executive Committee:

- Americanism – Sandra Wersal
- Children and Youth – Margee Keller
- Community Service – Sharon Voltz
- Constitution and Standing Rules – Lori Skallerud
- Education – Diane Hayes
- Finance - Deborah Rottman, Chairman
Beverly Otterness
Carol Barbknecht
Becky Nelson
Judy Ackerman
- Girls State –Marsha Bible, Chairman
Peggy Tesdahl, Director
Norma Tramm, Educational Director
Sandra Wersal, Americanism
Patti Coleman, Committee Member
Jessie Hoppe, Committee Member
- Junior Activities – Pam Hoshal
- Leadership – Robin Dorf
- Legislation – Donna Arends
- Membership – Zandra Kessler
- Memorial/Chaplain – Judy Stein
- National Security – Shirley Frederick
- Parliamentarian – Karen Thygeson
- Past Presidents Parley – Chris Ronning
- Poppy – Karla Otterness
- Public Relations – Michelle Leonard
- Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation – Jean Walker
- Service to Veterans – Mary Hendrickson
- Gift Shop – Raleen Tolzmann, Chairman
Vida Bacon, Committee Member
- Audit Committee – Pat Ecker, Chairman, Louise Kleiboer and Lynn Spilman
- Special Appointments:
Auxiliary Emergency Fund – Donna Redepenning
Armed Forces Center – Marge Machgan
Brain Science Foundation – Diane Sullivan
Joanie Bratland
Jill Mueller
- Hospital/Home Representatives
Fargo VA - Carolyn Albertson
Fergus Falls Veterans Home – Doris LaFayette
Hastings Veterans Home – Darlene Wondra
Luverne Veterans Home – Jeannette Mertens
Minneapolis Veterans Home – Sandy Gibson
Minneapolis VA - Mary Ann Davis
Silver Bay Veterans Home - Phyllis Mealey
Sioux Falls VA – Naomi Hill
St. Cloud VA – Jan Benson

Our best wishes to each of you as you assume the responsibilities of leadership that you have taken on through the programs and activities of the American Legion Auxiliary this 2016-17 year.

2016/2017 MEMBERSHIP PACKETS

The 2016/2017 membership packets were given out at Department Convention to any Units that were willing to pick them up and take them back to their members. We are trying to save costs for the Department as well as get the membership out earlier. Those that weren't picked up will be mailed to your Unit Membership Chairman provided we



NEW OFFICERS -- In back: First District President Cynthia Nelson, Glenville Unit 264; Second District President Kathy Burket, Belview Unit 309; Third District President Marci Baysinger, Brownton Unit 143; Fourth District President Connie Anderson, Roseville Unit 542; Fifth District President Bonnie Brenna, Minneapolis Unit 99; Sixth District President Theresa Rudnicki, Waite Park Unit 428; Seventh District President Betty Underthun, Willmar Unit 167; Eighth District President Anna Eells, Grand Rapids Unit 60; Ninth District President Joanie Krantz, Karlstad Unit 445; Tenth District President Linda Deschene, Brooklyn Center Unit 630. In front: First Vice President Donna Arends, President Carol Kottom, Second Vice President Jean Walker.

have received an officers' list from your Unit. If no Membership Chairman was listed, we will send it to the Unit Treasurer. These will be mailed after August 1, 2016. If your Unit did not turn in an officers list to the Department Office, then we are holding your 2017 cards until we receive the required officers list. We are still in need of 54 Unit Officer Lists - you know who you are!!

Be certain to read the 2016/2017 "Minnesota Guide to Membership" that will accompany your membership cards for instructions. The transmittal forms will be available electronically and on our website (mnala.org) after August 1. Both current and past due dues will be submitted on the same form. The 2016/2017 transmittals are GOLDEN ROD, please dispose of any OLD forms. If you have any questions on how to process your membership, please contact the department office.

If you are in need of additional membership supplies they are available from the department office. An order form was included in your membership packet listing items available.

THANKS FROM SANDY

I wish to thank everybody that attended the 2016 Department Convention to make it a very successful event. This is one that I will remember for the rest of my life. It was fun trying some new events and I want to thank all American Legion Family members that attended our Thursday night reception – what a great time it was. Thank you to everyone that helped in making the Convention such a success as we worked together for "Serving Those Who Served".

2016 FALL CONFERENCE

Our annual Fall Conference will be held in Marshall, Minnesota, October 28-29, 2016. More detailed information will be in next month's Legionnaire and on our Department website.

SECRETARY SANDIE'S NOTES

Here we are, starting another year, this time under the helm of President Carol Kottom. I can't wait to dig in and keep our momentum going. It is so hard for me to think that this is my 6th Department President to serve with. How time flies. I look for great things to happen with President Carol leading the way. Being as I am submitting this, it does say I made it through my motorcycle trip and my husband got me home safe and sound. Everyone that wants to take a vacation and isn't sure where to go, think about North Carolina – I never thought about that area for a minute but there really isn't anything quite like the Blue Ridge Mountain area. It is stunning, even when your rental house is atop a mountain. Almost had a heart attack on the back of the bike driving up the mountain to get to the house. My first task upon getting off the bike was to text my three kids that they would never see me again unless they visit as I will be eating tree bark and bugs the rest of my life if I have to ride the bike back down that mountain. Well, a corporate decision was made and we rented cars to get us up and down for the week. As I told Sully, the Tail of the Dragon was nothing compared to that. Another important question – little Stevie V – where were you Kolacky Day Saturday night? To all – enjoy what's left of the summer!

EXEC COMMITTEE AND OFFICERS

Elections were held and appointments were ratified and following will be leading your Auxiliary for 2016/2017:
Department President Carol Kottom
Department First Vice President Donna Arends

- Department Second Vice President Jean Walker
- National Executive Committeewoman (2 year term) Shirley Frederick
- Alternate NEC Chris Ronning
- Department Secretary Sandie Deutsch
- Department Treasurer Jan Lauby
- Department Chaplain Judy Stein
- Department Historian Sally Strasser
- Department Parliamentarian Karen Thygeson
- District officers are listed above in photo caption.
- These ladies have been elected to serve you for the upcoming Auxiliary year - you put them in office, please do not hesitate to contact any of them with questions and/or concerns.

July 8, 2015, Auxiliary Membership

District	Goal	Membership To Date	Percent of Goal	Membership Last Year
One	6,146	4,852	78.95%	5,090
Two	5,979	4,746	79.38%	4,928
Three	5,323	4,286	80.52%	4,411
Four	920	697	75.76%	759
Five	1,047	800	76.41%	863
Six	7,318	5,850	79.94%	6,035
Seven	4,859	3,819	78.60%	4,007
Eight	2,005	1,563	77.96%	1,655
Nine	5,232	4,223	80.71%	4,309
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