



# FIRST DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

THE AMERICAN LEGION DEPARTMENT OF MN

## February 2026

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### IMPORTANT DATES

February 3 – Four Chaplains Day A day of remembrance honoring Lt. George Fox, Lt. Alexander Goode, Lt. John Washington, and Lt. Clark Poling—four Army chaplains who gave their lives aboard the USAT Dorchester in 1943. Posts are encouraged to share their story, hold a brief remembrance, or include a moment of reflection at meetings.

February 12 – Abraham Lincoln’s Birthday

February 14 – Valentine’s Day

February 19 – Coast Guard Reserve Birthday

February 21 – First District Mid-Winter Rally

Stewartville Post 164

• Executive Board Meeting: 8:30–9:30 AM

• General Session: 10:00 AM

February 22 – George Washington’s Birthday

### ONGOING REMINDERS

- CPR & CSR forms available online
- Encourage Posts to submit community service activities
- Continue “Be the One” outreach and veteran check-ins
- Contact members who have not renewed





## FROM YOUR COMMANDER DESK

Greetings from Commander Brian.

A lot has gone on in the last 30 days.... I would like to discuss some of these topics.

I am withdrawing my name as a Candidate for 1st District Commander 2026-2027. Myron Ehrich of West Concord has stated he will run for District Commander, so I am withdrawing my name from contention.

Mid-Winter- Due to the Frigid Weather that has struck us for the weekend of Jan 23-25...Mid-Winter has now been rescheduled for February 21st, 2026, at Post 164 in Stewartville.

The Leaders of the District had extensive conversations about the weather...We wanted to ensure the safety of the Personnel attending and to ensure we would have a good turnout. That is why we decided to reschedule for the 21st.

Membership is still crucial .... we are in a head-to-head Contest with the 6th District for the Membership title.

Please talk to the members of your Post who have not paid yet. Do what you have to do To get these paid up....

Please remember to encourage your Members to attend Mid-Winter on the 21st.

Commander Brian

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This is my contact information , if you need to contact me. do so. I will get back to you.

Brian Medinnus  
1st District Commander  
2025-2026

### Newsletter Submission Reminder

**Beginning with the March edition, any article not received by the 26th of the current month—or without prior communication to Michelle explaining the delay—will not be included in that month’s newsletter.**

**For example:**

**Articles for the March newsletter must be submitted by February 26th.**

**Thank you for your cooperation and commitment to keeping our District communications timely and effective.**

**– The 1st District Leadership**

## Chaplain's Corner

### February 2026

February invites us to pause, reflect, and reconnect with the values that bind us together as members of the American Legion Family. Winter can feel long in Minnesota, but it also offers a quiet kind of clarity — a chance to look inward, to strengthen our resolve, and to remember why we serve.

For many of our veterans, winter mirrors the seasons of life: moments of challenge, moments of stillness, and moments where we lean on one another for warmth and support. As your District Chaplain, I want to remind every Legionnaire, Auxiliary member, and Son that none of us walks alone. Whether you are celebrating victories, carrying burdens, or simply moving through the day-to-day, your Legion Family stands beside you.

This month also brings one of the most meaningful observances in our organization: **Four Chaplains Day**, commemorated on February 3. We remember the four Army chaplains — George Fox, Alexander Goode, Clark Poling, and John Washington — who gave their life jackets, their places on the lifeboats, and ultimately their lives so that others might live when the USAT *Dorchester* was sunk in 1943. Their courage, selflessness, and unity across faith traditions embody the very heart of our mission. Their example reminds us that service is not just what we do — it is who we are.

As we honor their legacy, may we strive to reflect that same spirit of compassion and sacrifice in our own communities. A phone call to a fellow member. A visit to someone who hasn't been able to attend meetings. A simple "How are you doing?" offered with sincerity. These small acts of care are the living expression of what the Four Chaplains taught us: that we are strongest when we lift one another up.

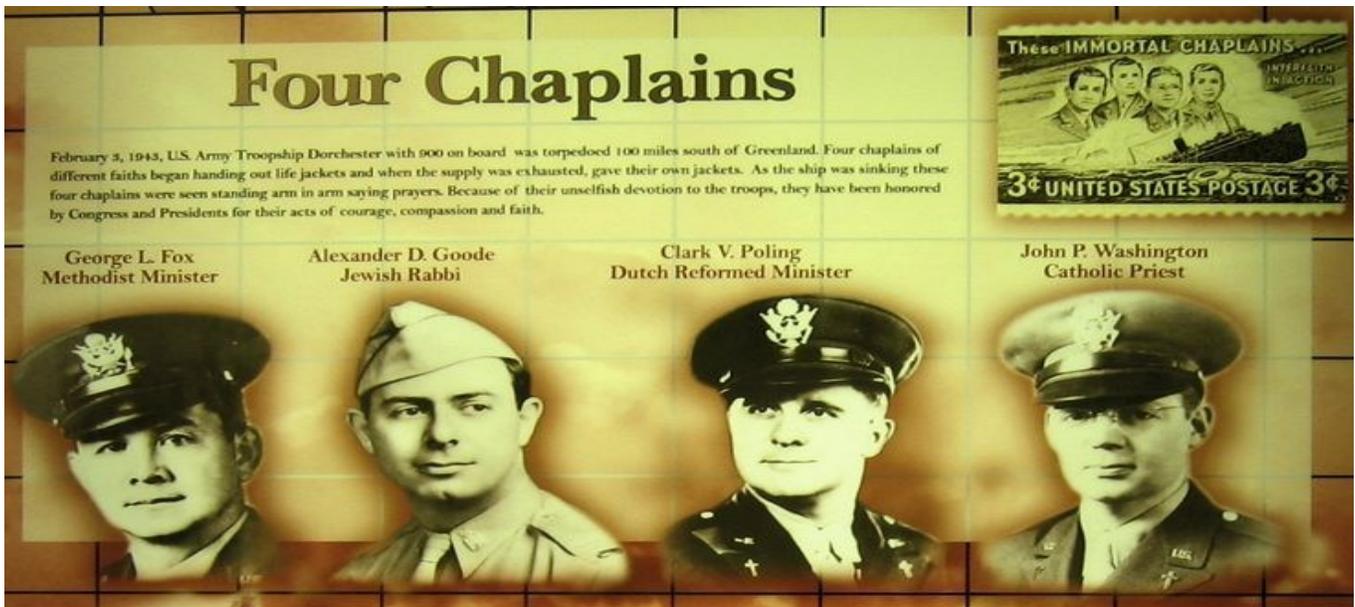
Soon enough, the snow will melt, the days will lengthen, and we'll find ourselves preparing for spring activities, conventions, and new opportunities to serve. Let us use this time to ground ourselves spiritually and emotionally, so we are ready to meet the months ahead with purpose and unity.

As always, I hold each of you in my prayers. May you find strength in your service, comfort in your community, and hope in the promise of brighter days ahead.

**God bless you, and God bless the American Legion Family.**

— *Chaplain Richard Skillestad*

1st District, American Legion Department of Minnesota





## FROM YOUR MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR

Hi Legionnaires,

The 1st District is still in 2nd place behind the 6th District. The difference between 1st and 2nd is 0.15%, 2nd and 3rd 0.45% and 3rd and 4th 0.17%.

We are still in this to win it. Every post has members they can contact. Your help is needed. In the coming weeks, the 1982 list will be broken down by post and emailed out. These will be members that we have been unable to contact. We have tried phone calls (bad numbers) and emails. My hope is that the posts will reach out and try to find them locally to discuss transferring them to your post.

If you have any questions, please contact me. I am here to help.

Thank you,

Mary Hanson

1st District Membership Director

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## IMPORTANT INFO

**The district needs your help. We need younger members to step up and accept an officer position before all the experience to help mentor them is gone.. Call Jim Kellogg for more information at 507-438-1123**



## The American Legion, Dept of MN, First District 2026 Membership Report for January 28, 2026

Dist	Post	Location	New 2026	PUFL 2026	Online 2026	Trad 2026	Paid 2026	HQ Trans 2026	Total Membr 2026	Goal 2026	% of Goal	HQ Trans 2025	Last yr at this date
1	9	Winona	9	32	0	383	424	6	430	456	94.30%	0	0
1	90	Lewiston	0	9	0	45	54	0	54	81	66.67%	0	0
1	190	St Charles	0	13	0	67	80	0	80	85	94.12%	0	0
1		<b>Winona County</b>	9	54	0	495	558	6	564	622	90.68%	0	0
1	50	Wabasha	4	40	0	122	166	0	166	182	91.21%	0	0
1	110	Lake City	6	16	0	123	145	1	146	169	86.39%	0	0
1	179	Plainview	6	23	0	93	122	0	122	135	90.37%	0	0
1	546	Kellogg	0	6	0	38	44	0	44	50	88.00%	0	0
1	573	Elgin	0	3	0	22	25	0	25	28	89.29%	0	0
1	579	Millville	1	17	0	83	101	0	101	104	97.12%	0	0
1	588	Mazeppa	0	8	0	44	52	0	52	63	82.54%	0	0
1		<b>Wabsha County</b>	17	113	0	525	655	1	656	731	89.74%	0	0
1	92	Rochester	5	82	0	500	587	8	595	681	87.37%	0	0
1	119	Byron	2	13	0	87	102	1	103	127	81.10%	0	0
1	164	Stewartville	13	20	0	218	251	2	253	259	97.68%	0	0
1	446	Rochester	0	2	0	7	9	0	9	6	150.00%	0	0
1	551	Eyota	1	23	0	125	149	0	149	173	86.13%	0	0
1		<b>Olmsted County</b>	21	140	0	937	1098	11	1109	1246	89.00%	0	0
1		<b>Area One</b>	47	307	0	1957	2311	18	2329	2599	89.61%	0	0
1	295	West Concord	0	6	0	28	34	0	34	36	94.44%	0	0
1	330	Hayfield	7	12	0	149	168	0	168	179	93.85%	0	0
1	333	Kasson	2	29	0	159	190	0	190	228	83.33%	0	0

1	384	Dodge Center	1	8	0	39	48	1	49	63	77.78%	0	0
1	422	Claremont	0	3	0	23	26	0	26	28	92.86%	0	0
1		<b>Dodge County</b>	10	58	0	398	466	1	467	534	87.45%	0	0
1	52	Blooming Prairie	0	16	0	53	69	1	70	76	92.11%	0	0
1	77	Owatonna	6	51	0	249	306	4	310	342	90.64%	0	0
1	296	Ellendale	0	5	0	34	39	0	39	45	86.67%	0	0
1		<b>Steel County</b>	6	72	0	336	414	5	419	463	90.50%	0	0
1	75	New Richland	0	8	0	24	32	0	32	40	80.00%	0	0
1	228	Waseca	3	20	0	195	218	0	218	244	89.34%	0	0
1	281	Janesville	1	3	0	55	59	0	59	66	89.39%	0	0
1	587	Waldorf	0	0	0	9	9	0	9	18	50.00%	0	0
1		<b>Waseca County</b>	4	31	0	283	318	0	318	368	86.41%	0	0
		<b>Area Two</b>	20	161	0	1017	1198	6	1204	1365	88.21%	0	0
1	40	Lanesboro	3	12	0	80	95	0	95	97	97.94%	0	0
1	68	Spring Valley	0	6	0	44	50	0	50	58	86.21%	0	0
1	81	Harmony	0	0	0	18	18	0	18	20	90.00%	0	0
1	94	Rushford	1	9	0	75	85	0	85	99	85.86%	0	0
1	166	Preston	1	15	0	27	43	0	43	47	91.49%	0	0
1	197	Chatfield	0	1	0	34	35	0	35	35	100.00%	0	0
1	299	Mabel	5	26	0	98	129	0	129	131	98.47%	0	0
1	369	Wykoff	0	0	0	13	13	0	13	16	81.25%	0	0
1	400	Canton	1	0	0	18	19	0	19	21	90.48%	0	0
1	492	Fountain	0	0	0	8	8	0	8	9	88.89%	0	0
1	526	Peterson	0	4	0	25	29	0	29	32	90.63%	0	0
1	544	Ostrander	0	2	0	14	16	0	16	19	84.21%	0	0
1	637	Whalan	0	0	0	6	6	0	6	10	60.00%	0	0

1		<b>Fillmore County</b>	11	75	0	460	546	0	546	594	91.92%	0	0
1	191	Caledonia	8	10	0	86	104	0	104	110	94.55%	0	0
1	249	Spring Grove	0	10	0	101	111	0	111	128	86.72%	0	0
1	423	Houston	2	9	0	75	86	0	86	94	91.49%	0	0
1	498	Hokah	1	1	0	15	17	0	17	20	85.00%	0	0
1	595	LaCrescent	0	39	0	143	182	1	183	202	90.59%	0	0
1		<b>Houston County</b>	11	69	0	420	500	1	501	554	90.43%	0	0
1		<b>Area Three</b>	22	144	0	880	1046	1	1047	1148	91.20%	0	0
1	56	Albert Lea	6	34	0	312	352	3	355	418	84.93%	0	0
1	264	Glenville	3	9	0	62	74	0	74	66	112.12%	0	0
1	266	Hartland	0	1	0	12	13	0	13	14	92.86%	0	0
1	317	Emmons	0	2	0	34	36	0	36	40	90.00%	0	0
1	404	Alden	1	3	0	44	48	1	49	70	70.00%	0	0
1	552	Freeborn	0	5	0	22	27	0	27	28	96.43%	0	0
1		<b>Freeborn County</b>	10	54	0	486	550	4	554	636	87.11%	0	0
1	91	Austin	5	41	0	238	284	1	285	352	80.97%	0	0
1	105	Lyle	0	8	0	56	64	0	64	71	90.14%	0	0
1	140	Grand Meadow	0	4	0	22	26	0	26	31	83.87%	0	0
1	146	Adams	4	17	0	95	116	0	116	137	84.67%	0	0
1	161	LeRoy	0	4	0	30	34	0	34	45	75.56%	0	0
1	570	Austin Spam	1	0	0	11	12	0	12	12	100.00%	0	0
1		<b>Mower County</b>	10	74	0	452	536	1	537	648	82.87%	0	0
1		<b>Area Four</b>	20	128	0	938	1086	5	1091	1284	84.97%	0	0
1	1111	Dakota	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00%	0	0
1		<b>District Totals</b>	109	740	0	4792	5641	30	5671	6396	88.66%	0	0

		<b>Vice Commanders</b>											
		<b>Area One</b>	47	307	0	1957	2311	18	2329	2599	89.61%	0	0
		<b>Area Two</b>	20	161	0	1017	1198	6	1204	1365	88.21%	0	0
		<b>Area Three</b>	22	144	0	880	1046	1	1047	1148	91.20%	0	0
		<b>Area Four</b>	20	128	0	938	1086	5	1091	1284	84.97%	0	0
<b>The American Legion Department of Minnesota 2026 1-28-2026 District Membership Report</b>													
Dist	Rank												
1	2nd	Brian Medinnus	109	740	0	4792	5641	30	5671	6396	88.66%		
2	3rd	Tom Behrends	81	515	0	3895	4491	11	4502	5104	88.21%		
3	4th	Amy Larsen	166	1487	0	6408	8,061	84	8,145	9,251	88.04%		
4	8th	Jon Haworth	27	246	0	1069	1342	3	1345	1,568	85.78%		
5	10th	Lynn Nottage	24	229	0	825	1078	5	1083	1305	82.99%		
6	1st	Frank Grittner	164	1010	0	6781	7955	76	8,031	9,043	88.81%		
7	6th	Pete Flannery	52	572	0	3425	4049	6	4055	4,645	87.30%		
8	9th	Steven Birkemeyer	69	285	0	2059	2413	16	2429	2857	85.02%		
9	7th	Dennis Henkemeyer	71	489	0	3580	4140	32	4172	4829	86.39%		
10	5th	Bill Gordon	140	876	0	4915	5931	67	5998	6846	87.61%		
99			8	194	0	1216	1418	0	1418	1751	80.98%		
<b>Totals</b>			<b>911</b>	<b>6643</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>38,965</b>	<b>46,519</b>	<b>330</b>	<b>46,849</b>	<b>53,595</b>	<b>87.40%</b>		

## **FROM YOUR DISTRICT ADJUTANT**

### Adjutants Corner

Winter has definitely arrived and has me wondering what Spring will bring. I'm hoping for just the amount of rain, lots of sunshine, not a lot of bugs, and bountiful crops and flowers. Yes, I'm a dreamer.

As for the Legion, I'm hoping training is in order. Be it Legion College at Camp Riley or Basic Training online (fyi, required for Legion College), everyone should do both. Learning and understanding the history of the American Legion (established in 1919 in Paris France), ensuring we don't forget what our brothers and sisters accomplished for all of us since that time, only unites us to be a stronger family. We started as an entity of support for one another and grew to an entity that realized we must support ourselves, each other, our families, and communities. Our nation only stands as strong as we do, as strong as our Pillars do! Through training, we provide ourselves the opportunity to remember the Pillars and their purposes.

Alone we do little, together we do great things!

Deb

### Baby, It's Cold Out There!

There are a lot of ways to measure the temperature of things. One is the lack of participation that struck me in the face solidly when of all of The Mighty First District schools, we did not have a single Oratorical competitor. Truly? I am curious how many of our members sent flyers, contacted schools, talked with parents or youth they know.

What young person have we let down by not encouraging them to write and give a speech, earn an award, and get money for additional education? I know what I did do, but apparently even it was not enough. So, how do we do better?

The season of competitions is upon us. We have all served our country and communities, and by being part of the Legion and this District and our local Posts, we're choosing to continue to serve. Let's work to get out youth, Law Enforcement, Military Units and others to ensure we are serving those in our district. The following nominations are due to the appropriate District Committee Chairman by the date listed.

Links to the information are attached.

Eagle Scout of the Year to District by Feb 16

Scholarship Applications to District by Mar 15

Law & Order Applications to District by Mar 15

Boys State Registration to District by Mar 15

NEF Post Excellence Award to District by Mar 15

Annual Military Achievement Awards to District by Apr 30

February, we take time to remember the Four Chaplains. Here is their story.

Early on Feb. 3, 1943, an enemy torpedo struck the Army transport *Dorchester* as it carried 902 officers and enlisted men, Navy armed guard, merchant seamen and civilian workers in the North Atlantic. The Coast Guard cutter escorts *Comanche* and *Escanaba* rescued 230 men.

As *Dorchester* took on water, four Army chaplains— Lt. George L. Fox (Methodist), Lt. Alexander D. Goode (Jewish), Lt. John P. Washington (Roman Catholic), and Lt. Clark V. Poling (Dutch Reformed) – calmed frightened soldiers, aided the wounded and guided the disoriented toward safety.

On deck, they opened a storage locker and began distributing life jackets. When there were no more available, the chaplains removed their life jackets and gave them to four young men. “It was the finest thing I have seen or hope to see this side of heaven,” said John Ladd, a survivor.

As the ship went down, men in rafts saw the four chaplains, arms linked and braced against the slanting deck, singing hymns and praying. Congress attempted to confer the Medal of Honor on the chaplains but was prevented by strict requirements of heroism under fire. It authorized a one-time posthumous Special Medal for Heroism, awarded by President Eisenhower in 1961; it was intended to have the same weight and importance as the Medal of Honor. (FourChaplains.org. Four Chaplains Day, American Legion, Indianapolis, IN, 2020.)



Lt. George L.



Lt. Alexander D. Goode



Lt. Clark V. Poling



Lt. John P. Washington

2026 Camp Registration Is Open!

Make the most out of summer with programs that enable kids to get outdoors, meet new friends and learn lifelong skills. Campers may be sponsored and tuition paid by an American Legion Post, School, other Community Organization, or an individual such as a parent/guardian.

Get the word out! Youth learn First Aid, CPR, Canoeing, Swimming, Online Safety and much more!

New campers can register here: [New Camper Registration](#)

Returning campers here: [Returning Camper Login Page](#)

Dates are:

Session 1 Sun. June 14 – Fri. June 19

Session 2 Sun. June 21 – Fri. June 26

Session 3 Sun. July 5 – Fri. July 10

Session 4 Sun. July 12 – Fri. July 17

Session 5 Sun. July 19 – Fri. July 24

Session 6 Sun. July 26 – Fri. July 31



The American Legion – Department of Minnesota  
First District  
Mid-Winter Conference Registration Form



Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Membership Type(s):             Legion             Auxiliary             S.A.L.             Rider

Post / Unit / Squadron / Chapter  \_\_\_\_\_             \_\_\_\_\_             \_\_\_\_\_             \_\_\_\_\_

Registration: \$10.00            Lunch:  \$10.00  Yes             No            Total Paid: \_\_\_\_\_

MN American Legion 1st  
District Mid-Winter  
Conference - **rescheduled**

Legionnaires General Session  
Saturday, February 21, 2026  
10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Executive Board Meeting  
08:30—09:30 a.m.

*Registration is \$10.00 at the door. Lunch is \$10.00 at the Post.*

**Bring an item for the Auxiliary Auction for  
the ALA Emergency fund.**

The Ivan Stringer American Legion Post 164  
1100 2nd Ave NW  
Stewartville MN 55976

## Area 1 Vice Commander

Well, I have been home for two weeks and have been doing home physical therapy and walking slowly on that leg but improving. Thanks to all the members of the American legion who called and checked on me and sunshine and asking how her surgery has gone. As a patient and veteran, it meant a lot to me, and I have firsthand how the support of the MN dept. auxiliary means the patients. Cards and visits really brought happiness to us and made us feel we are a part of a family that's what the legion family means and is about .Now I would like to say to the people who say they want to change and make the Americana legion grow and we have change things to adjust to the now not the past we need strong officers to uphold the bylaws and to be not bias the way of this is the way we always did things is not keeping with today's technology and the fast past of people and veterans so when may comes around pick the officers that get things done and not just want to have to the title enough of going backwards and we need to go forward .I have been asked if I would come out again to be commander again as of right now I have gave it a thought but you never know. Remember we are all created equal it is what you do in life that makes the difference.

Thank you.

Area 1 vice commander

Mark A Maloney III



## FROM AREA FOUR VICE COMMANDER

Legionnaires,

We had the 1st and 3rd Revival rally today at Faribault Post. We had a good turnout. Nine posts were represented and the TAL family was represented. We had discussions on Myl-egion and what we can do together as sister districts. The hope is that this will continue. Inject some fun into it, a fishing contest to keep the tradition alive. A huge thank you to those that attended.

Keep an eye on your mail. Many important documents will be coming your way shortly from the Department. Do not throw them away. Please make sure that you fill them out and send them in.

Please contact me with any questions.

Thank you,

Mary Hanson

1st District Area 4 Vice Commander



### **MEDICAL EQUIPMENT AVAILABLE**

**Kasson Post 333 has an oversupply of medical equipment which includes hospital beds with mattresses, wheelchairs (both regular and electric), motorized scooters and much more. If interested, please call Richard Denny at**

**507-259-2081 for more information.**



### **North Star Honor Flight**

Since April, 2025 we have supported two missions to Washington DC. There have been approximately 170 veterans able to take the 18-hour trip. Yes, it is a long day for all!

Our service area has grown to 15 counties in SE Minnesota and Northern Iowa. We recently incorporated Goodhue County into our service area.

With over 150 veteran applications, we are planning our third mission for late April, 2026. Funding is always the biggest challenge. Also, when we plan a flight, we need the aircraft, a gate time at Arlington cemetery and 4 charter buses secured to proceed.

Each veteran is accompanied by a guardian. Most of the guardians are the veteran's family member. What a wonderful memory for those who can share this day together. For those who do not have a family guardian, we have community guardians available to travel with the veteran.

So many of our 1<sup>st</sup> District legion post families have been so very supportive of our hub. We appreciate all that you have/can do to make this a success.

If you are interested in hosting an event as a fundraiser, please let us know. We are also available to attend a Legion, Auxiliary, SAL, ALR meeting. Please reach out by visiting our website at [www.northstarhonorflight.org](http://www.northstarhonorflight.org) or calling 507-440-0003

Nancy Lewison  
North Star Honor Flight

# SPRING FLING LUXURY PURSE BINGO

a fundraiser for



SUPPORT  
OUR  
VETERANS

DESIGNER PURSES,  
RAFFLES ... AND MORE

**Saturday**  
**March 21, 2026**  
**Adams American Legion**

321 West Main St  
Adams, MN

**11am** Legion open, food &  
drink available for purchase

**1pm BINGO**

*Must be 18 or older to play*



**\$50 for 10 BINGO Games &  
entry into 2 raffles**

Additional 10 BINGO cards available for \$25



**Buy Your Bingo Cards Now!**

Contact Nick at 651-335-0766 or Venmo by scanning this QR code

**SPECIAL PRIZE DRAWING FOR THOSE WHO PRE-REGISTER**





February Newsletter

Hopefully it is above zero when you read this months newsletter!

Please join us for our rescheduled **American Legion Family Mid-Winter, Saturday, February 21<sup>st</sup> 10am-4pm. We hope to see many of you in Stewartville!**

**1<sup>st</sup> District Junior Conference is also coming up, Saturday, March 21<sup>st</sup> 9am-noon in Stewartville, We are working on bowling after lunch. Please encourage your Juniors to attend. We have 160 Junior members, where are they, what do they do, are they just on paper?**

**We have coming up April 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> the Department of Minnesota Junior Conference**, which we the 1<sup>st</sup> District is to host. It will be held Stewartville Post 164. I would like to see more than just Stewartville, Leroy and Glenville Junior members in attendance for this. The District gets to host every 10 years, please lets get our Juniors more involved everyone! They are our future! Parents, grandparents if you have a Junior member, please encourage these young ladies to attend these conferences. If you question why in Stewartville, it is because they are the ones that show up.

Girls State is now upon us, Girl State letter, brochure and video went to all high schools the 3<sup>rd</sup> week in January, as well as Unit Presidents. If someone tells you they didn't get it, have them check their SPAM emails. Call, text or email me and I will see you get what you need! Remember if you can't find a girl for your unit to sponsor, we have girls who are contacting us looking for sponsorship, these young ladies want to go but do not have Post/Unit in their community for sponsorship.

Thank you to those members that have donated to the Girls State All Stars Program!

Keep working on that membership! As of 1/20/26 the District is at 81.14%..... we don't have that far to be at Goal 85%! We can do this! Thank you to all that worked on membership through the year!

I encourage everyone to start using the **Department Website: [mnala.org](http://mnala.org)**

Unit mailings, chairmanship info, scholarships, Girls State all the info you need to find is right there.

Unit Presidents please get your chairman to use this, they will not have to wait till your meeting to get the information they need for the upcoming month. This is our future, we need to embrace it now!

Everyone stay healthy and warm and hope to see you at Mid-Winter!

President Wanda

#### Newsletter Submission Reminder

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**For example:**

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**Thank you for your cooperation and commitment to keeping our District communications timely and effective.**

**– The 1st District Leadership**



**CALL TO THE FIRST DISTRICT AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY JUNIOR CONFERENCE**



The annual Junior Conference of the First District American Legion Auxiliary is hereby called to be held on Saturday, March 21, 2026, at

American Legion Post 164, located at 1100 2 nd Ave NW, Stewartville, MN for the purpose of:

1. Presentations and judging of awards.
2. Reports from the Unit Junior Presidents.
3. Election of officers.
4. Election of Delegates to the Department Junior Conference.
5. Other business for the good of the Junior Auxiliary group.

Registration will start at 8:00 AM. The registration fee is five (5) dollars per Junior or Senior member with a maximum of ten (10) dollars

per family. There will be an Executive Board meeting for Junior and Senior officers at 9:30 AM. Honorary District Junior President Regan

Mc Elroy will call the conference to order immediately following the Executive Board meeting.

To compete for the District Junior trophies or awards, a copy of the Unit Activities Annual Report and a written narrative of their

activities must be in the hands of one of the District Junior Activities Chairmans, Sharon Hammon or Wanda Prescher by the time of the First

District Junior Conference. You may bring them with you that day.

**CLASSES**

Class II ----- Ages 7 – 12 years

Class III -----Ages 13 – 18 years

**AWARDS**

1 ST Place ----- \$5.00 cash award for each class

2 nd Place-----\$3.00 cash award for each class

(Refer to the First District Junior Standing Rules)

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2026 Department Poppy Contest entries may be brought the day of the conference.

1. Small Poppy Table Display

To the Junior member in each class with the best Poppy small table display using Honorary President Anastasia's theme

"Be the Sun in Veterans Lives"

2. Poppy Corsage/Boutonniere Contest

To the Junior member in each class with the best Poppy corsage or boutonniere using Honorary Department Junior President

Anastasia's theme " Be the Sun in Veterans Lives".

3. Poppy Memorial Day Wreath

To the Junior member in each class with the best Poppy Memorial Day Wreath with the poppy as the focus of the wreath.

If you received trophies last year, please bring them to the conference so they can be awarded to the winners.

District Colors will be posted, if your unit would like to bring their individual colors, they will be posted.

I would like to extend a special invitation to all Junior members, even if they don't belong to an organized Unit.

Come for a day of fun and learning! Juniors are the future of the American Legion Auxiliary

Michelle Weaver – First District Activities Chairmans.



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**We will be having a silent auction for the Auxiliary  
Emergency Fund , please bring some items for it!  
Thank you Lynette Wolff, Auxiliary Emergency  
Fund Chairman**

## First District ALA Membership

First District ALA Membership Hello First District ALA Members Apparently Mother Nature is on vacation in the Bahamas & Old Man Winter has been left unsupervised! Therefore, the First District Mid-Winter Rally was rescheduled to Saturday, February 21st. There will be no ALA Exec Board meeting but I am hopeful that I will see you all with your membership renewals “jumping into Spring”. Please attend and bring your new members to check out what the First District has to offer. MN Auxiliary membership needs to pick up our momentum! The last national membership renewal notices will be going out February 1st. First District has 2 units that are at 50% renewal (they are highlighted in pink on the report) and many that need to reach 85% membership by the 15th of March. Shout out to those highlighted in yellow on the report! They are at or above 100%!! We need 1,126 MN paid members by the National goal date of March 15, 2026 (or 85%) in order for Minnesota to earn the Department Merit Medallion at the National Legion Convention. I know that many Units are struggling; I see you and understand. The world right now is in such turmoil but together as a Legion family we can comfort & support one another. Reach out to your people. Be the difference that you wish to see in the world.

Karla (Sunshine) Maloney



UNIT	CITY	OBJECTIVE	JUNIOR	SENIOR	TOTAL	PERCENT	25% by 9/15	60% by 11/11	85% by 3/15/26	95% by 6/12/26	100% by 7/4/26	102% by 8/1/26
0009	Winona	111	1	83	84	75.68%	10/25/25	10/25/25				
0040	Lanesboro	98	0	83	83	84.69%	11/18/25	11/18/25				
0050	Wabasha	110	2	99	101	91.82%	9/15/25	10/7/25	12/2/25			
0052	Blooming Prairie	86	0	67	67	77.91%	10/15/25	10/15/25				
0056	Albert Lea	200	13	149	162	81.00%	10/7/25	10/30/25				
0068	Spring Valley	47	1	31	32	68.09%	10/25/25	11/25/25				
0075	New Richland	30	0	27	27	90.00%	11/4/25	11/4/25	12/31/25			
0077	Owatonna	95	1	78	79	83.16%	10/7/25	11/25/25				
0081	Harmony	42	9	24	33	78.57%	11/11/25	11/11/25				
0090	Lewiston	28	4	20	24	85.71%	10/30/25	11/25/25	11/25/25			
0091	Austin	91	0	47	47	51.65%	11/25/25					
0092	Rochester	112	4	82	86	76.79%	9/30/25	10/30/25				
0094	Rushford	49	0	41	41	83.67%	10/7/25	10/15/25				
0105	Lyle	44	8	31	39	88.64%	11/4/25	12/23/25	12/23/25			
0110	Lake City	35	1	31	32	91.43%	11/4/25	11/4/25				
0119	Byron	13	0	12	12	92.31%	9/9/25	9/30/25	10/15/25			
0140	Grand Meadow	61	4	49	53	86.89%	9/15/25	10/15/25	1/20/26			
0146	Adams	116	8	50	58	50.00%	11/11/25					
0161	Le Roy	40	13	27	40	100.00%	10/15/25	10/15/25	12/23/25	12/23/25		
0164	Stewartville	158	6	131	137	86.71%	9/15/25	10/25/25	1/14/26			
0179	Plainview	111	2	68	70	63.06%	10/15/25	11/18/25				
0190	Saint Charles	5	0	7	7	140.00%	9/3/25	9/30/25	10/15/25	10/15/25	10/15/25	10/15/25

0191	Caledonia	62	2	53	55	88.71%	9/3/25	10/15/25	11/25/25			
0197	Chatfield	17	0	19	19	111.76%	10/30/25	10/30/25	10/30/25	10/30/25	10/30/25	10/30/25
0228	Waseca	221	11	178	189	85.52%	10/30/25	11/4/25	1/20/26			
0249	Spring Grove	72	2	53	55	76.39%	10/7/25	12/31/25				
0264	Glenville	83	10	82	92	110.84%	9/30/25	10/7/25	11/18/25	11/18/25	11/25/25	11/25/25
0295	West Concord	25	0	20	20	80.00%	12/9/25	12/9/25				
0299	Mabel	102	3	76	79	77.45%	10/15/25	12/9/25				
0330	Hayfield	171	11	118	129	75.44%	10/15/25	11/11/25				
0333	Kasson	123	4	94	98	79.67%	10/15/25	11/4/25				
0369	Wykoff	17	0	22	22	128.13%	11/4/25	11/4/25	11/4/25	11/4/25	11/4/25	11/4/25
0384	Dodge Center	54	6	36	42	77.78%	10/25/25	11/18/25				
0404	Alden	34	2	24	26	76.47%	10/25/25	11/18/25				
0422	Claremont	19	3	16	19	100.00%	12/31/25	12/31/25	12/31/25	12/31/25	12/31/25	
0423	Houston	105	2	82	84	80.00%	10/25/25	10/25/25				
0498	Hokah	17	0	15	15	88.24%	10/25/25	10/25/25	10/30/25			
0526	Peterson	43	1	36	37	86.05%	9/3/25	9/15/25	9/15/25			
0544	Ostrander	8	0	7	7	87.50%	11/11/25	11/18/25	11/18/25			
0551	Eyota	85	2	69	71	83.53%	10/25/25	11/18/25				
0552	Freeborn	53	11	40	51	96.23%	9/3/25	9/3/25	9/23/25	11/11/25		
0573	Elgin	7	0	5	5	71.43%	11/25/25	11/25/25				
0579	Millville	39	0	37	37	94.87%	10/15/25	10/25/25	11/18/25			
0587	Waldorf	14	1	13	14	100.00%	9/3/25	12/16/25	12/16/25	12/31/25	12/31/25	
0588	Mazeppa	32	0	26	26	81.25%	10/30/25	11/25/25				
0595	La Crescent	142	12	110	122	85.92%	10/15/25	11/25/25	1/7/26			
0637	Whalan	13	0	9	9	69.23%	11/11/25	11/11/25				
<b>Total</b>		<b>3,240</b>	<b>160</b>	<b>2477</b>	<b>2637</b>	<b>81.38%</b>						



## **FROM YOUR HONORAY AUXILIARY JR PRESIDENT**

Hi, I am Regan McElroy, and I am the Honorary Junior President of the First District American Legion Auxiliary. I would like to give an introduction to the District.

I am 12 years old, and I live in Riceville, Iowa with my mom (Missy), my dad (Joe), my sister (Taylor), and my older sister (Melanie). I play basketball, softball, and volleyball. In my spare time, I enjoy hanging out with my friends and going shopping.

My project this year is the Outdoor Recreation Activities Fund for the Preston Veterans Home. This project helps provide opportunities for the veterans to go hunting, fishing, and other outdoor activities. I would like to thank everyone who has donated so far. Remember that checks should be made out to the First District American Legion Auxiliary, and in the memo line please write Honorary Jr. President's Project.

I am also really looking forward to seeing all of the Junior Membership on March 21, 2026, for the District Junior Conference at Post 164 in Stewartville, MN. I hope you can all be there.

Regan McElroy

First District Auxiliary Honorary Junior President



Update on Sharon, she is a fighter as we all know and she was waiting to hold the newest Auxiliary member.

Here is a picture of her holding her great-great-nephew and great-great niece. Dixie Rose is the daughter of our Past Junior President Taylor McElroy.

Sharon still needs the prayers and good vibes. She thanks you for all the prayers,



**On Jan 10th, Albert Lea Post 56 started their Junior Auxiliary program under the direction of Paulette Anderson. Sixteen girls have signed up for the Junior Auxiliary program. Their first activity was working for the January Breakfast at the Legion. The next meeting is scheduled for Feb 14th at 9 am at the Albert Lea Legion.**



**On Jan 22nd "Living with PTSD and preventing suicide" was held at the Albert Lea Legion Post 56. Despite the weather, it was pretty well attended. Legion, VFW, DAV, and several other organizations sponsored the in-service.**



**JANUARY 2026**



**LITTLE MISS POPPY  
POPPY AMABASSADOR**

Just a freindly reminder that now is the time to start working on your Little Miss Poppy and Poppy Ambassador's. (age 6-12) You can find the contest rules at [alaf.org](http://alaf.org) under programs/member outreach/poppy/poppy links



Proudly Presenting Unit 138  
Little Miss Poppy,  
Paige Sherman.

**POPPY POSTER  
CONTEST**

Students (grades 2 to 12) showcase their artistic talents on an 11"x14" poster board using the poppy. One student in each category per division will be selected as a winner.

The link on our Department page is broken but you can find the contest rules at [legion-aux.org](http://legion-aux.org) under committees/mission outreach committes/poppy

**NATIONAL POPPY DAY  
MAY 22, 2026**

The red poppy is a nationally recognized symbol of sacrifice worn by Americans since World War I to honor those who served and died for our country in all wars. It reminds Americans of the sacrifices made by our veterans while protecting our freedoms. Tons of information can be found at [legion-aux.org](http://legion-aux.org) under committees/mission outreach committes/poppylegion-aux.org under committees/mission outreach committes/poppy

**HERE ARE A FEW IDEAS**

Contact your local legislative office and request a Poppy Proclomation.

Purchase ALA Poppy coloring books from Emblem Sales.

Contact local businesses for permission to distribute popples on their premises.



Class I  
Sienna Salter  
Dept of Louisiana  
Southern Division

**SHARE YOUR POPPY  
ACTIVITIES WITH THE  
NATIONAL COMMITTEE FOR  
UPCOMING NEWSLETTERS.**

**EMAIL YOUR .jpg FORMAT  
PHOTOS TO ME**

[poppy@alaf.org](mailto:poppy@alaf.org)  
**KIM OAKS**  
**DEPARTMENT OF FLORIDA**

**HAPPY NEW YEAR**

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## FROM YOUR COMMANDER

Greetings Legion Family,

For 250 years, we have been a nation founded on the principles of equality and liberty, of law and order, and of self-governance. We adopted the Constitution, and later the Bill of Rights, to ensure those who govern the people are only elected by the people, only have the powers consented to by the people, and only act in the best interests of the people.

These principles are non-negotiable. Regardless of differing political affiliations and views, we must tirelessly defend them and hold our elected leaders accountable to them.

We cannot allow our elected leaders to ignore the Constitution they swore to uphold, willfully defy the laws of our nation, and declare our cities as “sanctuaries” for others who break the law.

We cannot allow our elected leaders to disparage, vilify and encourage protestors to impede the brave men and women we have tasked with enforcing the laws we ourselves have established.

We cannot allow our elected leaders to prohibit law enforcement from intervening when peaceful protesting devolves into blocking public roads and sidewalks, direct threats and assaults on people, and destruction of property.

We cannot allow our elected leaders to act with impunity when their rhetoric leads to lawlessness and the loss of life.

“For God and Country, we associate ourselves together for the following purposes: to uphold and defend the Constitution of the United States of America; to maintain law and order; to foster and perpetuate a one hundred percent Americanism....”

I am calling on every post, unit, squadron and chapter to rededicate ourselves to these principles and to our individual obligation to our community, state and nation. We cannot just pledge ourselves to these principles behind closed doors while publicly remaining silent. That is not our purpose.

Collectively as the American Legion Family, we have a loud voice. We must use that voice to publicly denounce and demand redress from elected leaders who act with willful and wanton disregard for the Constitution and laws of this great Country. This is our purpose.

“The only thing necessary for evil to triumph is for good people to do nothing.” We cannot do nothing!

Josh Erickson

SAL District Commander

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# DETACHMENT OF MINNESOTA

## 2026 MEMBERSHIP GOALS

Report Date: 2/1/2026

2025 Results as of 7/29/2025	11654
Current Received as of 2/1/2026	9437
2026 Detachment Goal	12060

**78.25%** \*Includes traditional and online renewals  
 12015 78.54% set from national

Vice Commanders	2025 Results	2026 Goal	Grand Total	Percentage	Placing
1st and 3rd	3992	4072	3188	78.29%	3
2nd and 7th	2220	2330	1869	80.21%	2
4th and 5th	728	808	626	77.48%	4
6th and 9th	2594	2668	2208	82.76%	1
8th and 10th	2120	2199	1546	70.30%	5
<b>Totals</b>	<b>11654</b>	<b>12077</b>	<b>9437</b>	<b>78.14%</b>	
<i>*The above goals are set by the District Leadership</i>					
Districts	2025 Results	2026 Goal	Grand Total	Percentage	Placing
1st District	1745	1785	1457	81.62%	4
2nd District	1225	1275	1211	94.98%	1
3rd District	2247	2287	1731	75.69%	6
4th District	410	450	330	73.33%	8
5th District	318	358	296	82.68%	3
6th District	1643	1683	1349	80.15%	5
7th District	995	1055	658	62.37%	10
8th District	479	519	385	74.18%	7
9th District	951	985	859	87.21%	2
10th District	1641	1680	1161	69.11%	9
<b>Totals</b>	<b>11654</b>	<b>12077</b>	<b>9437</b>	<b>78.14%</b>	
<i>*The above goals are set by the District Leadership</i>					
<b>1982 MN SAL AT-LARGE</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>225.00%</b>	

2026 Original Goal	Percentage	Ranking
4072	78.29%	3
2330	80.21%	2
808	77.48%	4
2668	82.76%	1
2199	70.30%	5
<i>*The above goal set by the Detachment Membership Director</i>		
2026 Original Goal	Percentage	Ranking
1785	81.62%	4
1275	94.98%	1
2287	75.69%	6
450	73.33%	8
358	82.68%	3
1683	80.15%	5
1055	62.37%	10
519	74.18%	7
985	87.21%	2
1680	69.11%	9
<i>*The above goal set by the Detachment Membership Director</i>		

## 1st District

Sqdrn.	Location	2025 Results (7/29/2025)	2026 Goal	New	PUFL	Renewal	HQ Tran	Grand Total	% of Goal	Date Goal Reached
9	Winona	153	157	13	0	143	0	156	99.36%	
40	Lanesboro	68	68	1	0	62	0	63	92.65%	
50	Wabasha	23	24	1	0	14	0	15	62.50%	
52	Blooming Prairie	34	34	0	0	32	0	32	94.12%	
56	Albert Lea	94	96	5	0	73	0	78	81.25%	
77	Owatonna	105	108	8	0	90	0	98	90.74%	
90	Lewiston	48	49	2	0	47	0	49	100.00%	1/4/2026
91	Austin	61	63	0	0	31	0	31	49.21%	
92	Rochester	85	87	6	0	52	0	58	66.67%	
94	Rushford	38	41	12	0	14	0	26	63.41%	
105	Lyle	31	33	2	0	29	0	31	93.94%	
119	Byron	25	26	0	0	23	0	23	88.46%	
146	Adams	100	100	0	0	50	0	50	50.00%	
161	Leroy	35	36	0	0	31	0	31	86.11%	
164	Stewartville	116	117	2	0	87	0	89	76.07%	
166	Preston	55	57	11	0	48	0	59	103.51%	12/7/2025
179	Plainview	7	7	2	0	5	0	7	100.00%	11/30/2025
190	St Charles	3	3	0	0	2	0	2	66.67%	
191	Caledonia	8	8	2	0	2	0	4	50.00%	
228	Waseca	140	142	11	0	108	0	119	83.80%	
264	Glenville	72	73	12	0	66	0	78	106.85%	1/12/2026
266	Hartland	10	10	0	0	10	0	10	100.00%	9/14/2025
281	Janesville	6	6	0	0	7	0	7	116.67%	12/7/2025
299	Mabel	19	20	0	0	14	0	14	70.00%	
317	Emmons	51	54	1	0	40	0	41	75.93%	
330	Hayfield	54	56	6	0	44	0	50	89.29%	
333	Kasson	37	37	1	0	27	0	28	75.68%	
384	Dodge Center	9	11	0	0	2	0	2	18.18%	
404	Alden	54	54	1	0	38	0	39	72.22%	
423	Houston	13	13	0	0	12	0	12	92.31%	
446	Rochester	31	33	0	0	24	0	24	72.73%	
546	Kellogg	12	12	0	0	12	0	12	100.00%	2/1/2026
551	Eyota	36	36	4	0	27	0	31	86.11%	
552	Freeborn	26	26	0	0	5	0	5	19.23%	
579	Millville	23	23	0	0	23	0	23	100.00%	11/9/2025
595	La Crescent	63	65	0	0	60	0	60	92.31%	
<b>1st District Totals</b>		<b>1745</b>	<b>1785</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1354</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1457</b>	<b>81.62%</b>	

# of Sqdns - 36

Off Goose Egg

2/1/2026



## SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION DETACHMENT OF MINNESOTA

### APPLICATION FOR PAID UP FOR LIFE (PUFL) MEMBERSHIP

- 1 This plan shall become available commencing with the 2007 membership year, beginning July 1, 2006. The Detachment of Minnesota SAL PUFL Committee shall be authorized to change the Minnesota SAL PUFL Membership plan subject to the approval of the Detachment Executive Committee and The American Legion Department of Minnesota Executive Committee.
- 2 The entire amount of the Minnesota SAL PUFL Membership must accompany this application unless other arrangements are approved by the Detachment PUFL Committee for the payment plan. The payment plan is as follows: 25% paid with application, and the balance to be paid in 3 payments of 25 % every 3 months. No credit card payments will be accepted. NOTE: Current membership dues must be paid in full. If paying after October 01, pay the upcoming membership year to allow for processing.
- 3 There will be no refunds to any member that participates in the Minnesota SAL PUFL Membership Plan.
- 4 Increases in District, Detachment or National dues will be absorbed by the SAL PUFL Fund.

PAYMENT SCHEDULE																		
AGE	0 - 4	5-9	10-14	15-19	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45-49	50-54	55-59	60-64	65-69	70-74	75-79	80-84	85+
COST	\$640	\$615	\$595	\$575	\$550	\$525	\$500	\$470	\$435	\$400	\$360	\$320	\$275	\$240	\$200	\$165	\$135	\$115

**PLEASE COMPLETE THE APPLICATION BELOW. PAYMENT MUST ACCOMPANY THIS APPLICATION. PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY OR TYPE.**

**Thank you for your continued dedication and service to the Sons of The American Legion and everything we stand for. Together, we can lead the way for another year of growth, action, and pride in our mission.**

**For God and Country.**

**God Bless our troops, past and present and God Bless the USA.**

**Greg Lemmer**

**Membership Director S.A.L. District One**

**gslemmer@hbc.com Cell 507-312-2222**

**2025 – 2026 FIRST DISTRICT ALR OFFICERS**

**Wes Halverson – Director**  
**507-383-7983**

**Roe Naylor – Vice Director**  
**507-507-438-5804**

**Sunshine Miller Maloney – Secretary**  
**507-459-5962**

**Chuck Stone – Parliamentarian**  
**507-213-7517**

**Bruce Camerer – Sgt at Arms**  
**507-850-2025**

**Mark Maloney – Treasurer**  
**507-703-0026**

**Jill Reed – Chaplain**  
**507-507-450-5525**

**Tricia Peterson – Historian**  
**Tlynn1318@gmail.com**

Are you interested in joining the 1<sup>st</sup> District American Legion Riders? Want to know who to reach out to about a Chapter near you? Below are contacts for the Chapters in the 1<sup>st</sup> District. Also listed are the District ALR officers and their contact info.

ADAMS – CHAPTER #146  
 Dennis & Nancy Lewison –  
[lewisonnancy@gmail.com](mailto:lewisonnancy@gmail.com)

ALBERT LEA – CHAPTER #56  
 Terry Lewis - Director - 507-573-2926

AUSTIN – CHAPTER #91  
 Roe Naylor - Director - 507-438-5804

EYOTA – CHAPTER #551  
 Mark Maloney - Director - 507-703-0026

GLENVILLE – CHAPTER #264  
 Bruce Camerer - Director - 507-850-2025

OWATONNA - CHAPTER #77  
 Chuck Stone – 507-213-7517

RUSHFORD – CHAPTER #94  
 Ray Steichen 507.421.0134

WASECA – CHAPTER #228  
 Ryan Berg - Director - 507-461-5245

WINONA – CHAPTER #9  
 Brian Degnan - Director - 507-458-3043

You can also get information about the District ALR on our Facebook page. **1<sup>st</sup> District ALR of MN**

Sunshine Miller Maloney, 1st District Secretary

# ALBERT LEA EAGLES CLUB

**NATION OF PATRIOTS**

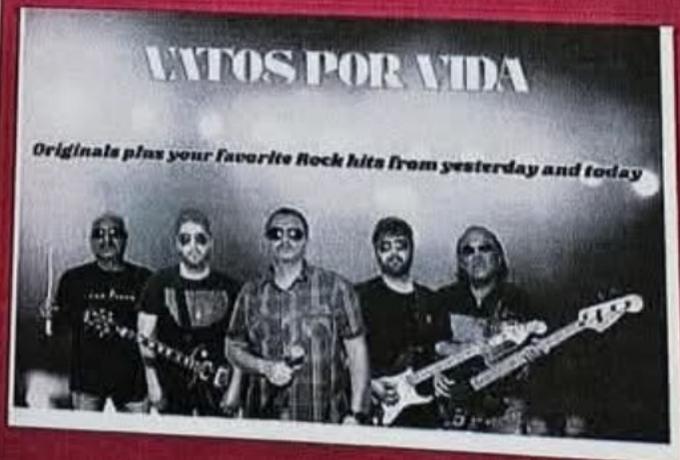


**FUNDRAISER BY  
GLENVILLE  
LEGION  
RIDERS 264**

**MUSIC WITH TWO BANDS  
6:00 PM UNTIL????**

**SLOPPY JOES, MACARONI SALAD & CHIPS  
5:00 PM--??? FREE WILL DONATION**

**SATURDAY FEBRUARY 21<sup>ST</sup> STARTING AT 5:00 PM**



**American Legion Riders Chapter 264  
Glenville MN**

★ ★ ★ EYOTA LEGION RIDERS ★ ★ ★

**CHILI &  
GRILLED CHEESE  
SANDWICH DINNER**

**SATURDAY, February 28th  
4:30PM - 6:30PM**

**\$12 - MEAL (includes cornbread)**

**\$5 - ADDITIONAL CHILI OR SANDWICHES**



Proceeds will go to North Star Honor Flight



**EYOTA AMERICAN LEGION  
11 Madison Ave SW**

# ADAMS AMERICAN LEGION POST 146

## Chicken, Fish, & Steak Fry Schedule



**Serving Time: 5:30-7:30 p.m.\***

(\*Unless Noted) (507) 582-3266



### 2025 SCHEDULE

Chicken & Steak Fry, Legion .....	September 6
Chicken & Steak Fry, SAL .....	September 20
Chicken & Steak Fry, Legion.....	October 4
Chicken & Steak Fry, Southland Trap Shoot.....	October 18
Chicken & Steak Fry, Legion .....	November 1
Steak Fry, Knights of Columbus .....	November 22
Chicken & Steak Fry, Cancer, Snowmobile Club .....	December 13
Windsor Chops, New Years Eve, Legion.....	December 31

### 2026 SCHEDULE

Chicken & Steak Fry, Legion.....	January 10
Chicken & Steak Fry, SAL.....	January 24
Chicken & Steak Fry, Legion.....	February 7
Chicken & Steak Fry, SAL.....	February 21
Fish Fry, Auxiliary .....	March 6
Steak Fry, Sportsman Club.....	March 14
Fish Fry, SAL.....	March 20
Fish Fry, Legion .....	March 27
Chicken & Steak Fry, Auxiliary .....	April 11
Chicken & Steak Fry, Legion Baseball Team .....	April 25
Chicken & Steak Fry Legion .....	May 2
Chicken & Steak Fry, Southland Trap Shoot .....	May 16
Steak Fry, Legion, Dairy Days .....	June 13
Chicken & Steak Fry, Legion, Dairy Days .....	June 14

**~ E-Tabs & Bingo Now Available ~**

**\*\*\* MUSEUM OPEN 6-8 P.M. EVERY FRY \*\*\***

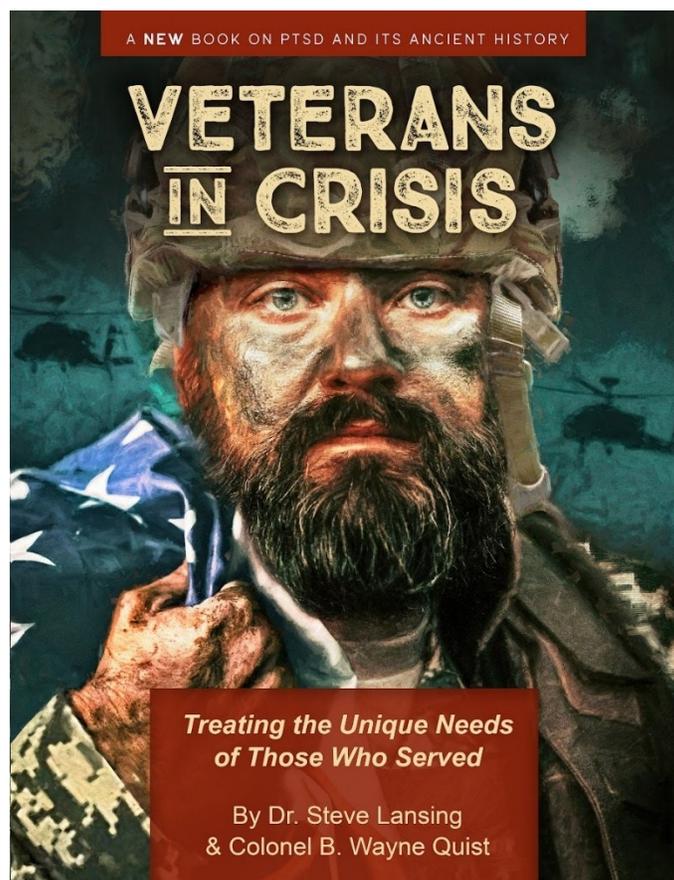
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**PLEASE HELP WITH A CONTRIBUTION TO RAISE \$50,000 TO PRINT 10,000 ADDITIONAL COPIES OF OUR BOOK**

## LEGION RIDERS

### ALL YOU CAN EAT PANCAKE BREAKFAST

FIRST SUNDAY EACH MONTH 9AM—12 PM

\$12.00 AT THE DOOR

BREAKFAST INCLUDES: EGGS, SAUSAGE, BISQUITS & GRAVY,  
COFFEE, MILK OR ORANGE JUICE AND  
ALL YOU CAN EAT PANCAKES

### PROCEEDS GO TO THE VETERANS HONOR FLIGHT

AUSTIN AMERICAN LEGION POST 91

809 12TH ST SW, AUSTIN MN

## AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS POST 91

### Winona American Legion

### SAL Squadron 9

### 2025 Chicken Q Dates

January 4	SAL Chicken Q
February 22	UAW Veterans Group. They will sell tickets and serve the meals. SAL will grill the chicken.
March 15	Event Sponsor is Pickwick Mill Inc. They will sell tickets and serve the meals. SAL will grill the chicken.
April 5	SAL Chicken Q
September 6	SAL Chicken Q
October 4	Event Sponsor is Winona Cotter HS Speech Team. They will sell tickets and serve the meals. SAL will grill the chicken.

**All events offer dine in or carry out. We would hope you dine in, and experience the great family environment at the Winona American Legion.**

# Cribbage or Buck Euchre Tournament

Starting at Noon on February 21, 2025

Rushford American Legion

Early Bird entry fee per person \$10



To reserve a seat, please send

your entrance fee, name, and contact number to:

Rushford American Legion- Attn: ALR Post #94 by **February 8th.**

Same-day registration: A \$15 entry fee will be collected at the door.

Contact Marie @ 507-421-0134 for more info.

**1st & 2nd Place prizes will be awarded**

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***\*Silent Auction: Two custom-made  
by Red Fern (Cal Mensink) Cribbage boards  
will be offered for bidding.***

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LUNCH: Creamy Shredded Turkey Sandwich, Chips \$ 7.00

Assorted desserts will be available. Priced as marked.

Legion Bar will be open for all beverages.



**Le Roy Lions Club &**

**American Legion Auxiliary Unit 161**



**Fundraiser for Honor Flight**

**Saturday, Feb 21<sup>st</sup>**

**LeRoy Community Center**

 Serving Pork sandwiches, chips, beverage & a cookie– 12 to 1pm - free will donation.

 Play Bingo 1 to 3pm – \$1 a card - Cash prizes

 Snacks & Beverages for purchase

 Proceeds go to the Honor Flight



## Appreciation Rally

### Overview

- **When: March 14, 2026**

**Where: [Bloomington American Legion Post 550](#)**

- **Details & Times:**

○ **Members of American Legion, American Legion Auxiliary, Sons of The American Legion and American Legion Riders are welcome**

○ **8 a.m.: American Legion Auxiliary Department Executive Committee Meeting**

○ **9:30 a.m.: American Legion Department Executive Committee Meeting**

○ **11 a.m.: Social Hour**

○ **Noon: Meal**

### Program to follow meal

### Registration & Cost

**FREE (if you register [ONLINE](#) before March 7) - Please bring a donation for Department Commander Linda Dvorak's Project instead. Make checks out to Minnesota American Legion Foundation and Fund 82 in the memo.**

**[Register Online for your meal on Zeffy](#) (before March 7)**

- **Register Offline:**

○ **Send Donation: Mail a check to "Minnesota American Legion Foundation" and "Fund 82" in the memo. Also include a note with the names of the attendees.**

○ **Mail To: American Legion Post 550, 311 W 84th St., Bloomington MN 55420**

**Register at the door: If you come to the door and didn't register in advance, then you will pay \$20, which will go toward the Commander's Project.**

### Contact

**Contact the MN American Legion Family Officers with any questions.**

### Lodging Options

**Embassy Suites by Hilton - [952-967-8700](#)**

○ **This is where the national commander stays when he is in the metro. Cowboy Jack's is next door**

**Holiday Inn Bloomington Airport South - [952-884-8211](#)**

○ **Right along I-35 attached to a Green Mill restaurant**

**Holiday Inn & Suites MOA - [952-213-3150](#)**

**Close to the Mall of America, Outback Steakhouse is next door**