



## FIRST DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

THE AMERICAN LEGION DEPARTMENT OF MN

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### IMPORTANT DATES

**January 1** – New Year's Day

**January 1** – Baseball & Softball Registration Opens

**January 6** – Epiphany

**January 15** – Martin Luther King Jr. Day (National Day of Service)

**January 24** – First District Mid-Winter Rally

- Stewartville Post 164
- Executive Board Meeting: 8:30–9:30 AM
- General Session: 10:00 AM

**January 24** – District Oratorical Contest

- Stewartville Post 164
- Immediately following the General Session

**January 27** – International Holocaust Remembrance Day

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



**Veterans Crisis Line**  
DIAL 988 then **PRESS 1**

New number, same support.

Dial 988 then Press 1.



## FROM YOUR COMMANDER DESK

Happy Holidays from my family to yours!!!!

I am putting together my team for 2026-2027...

As of this writing ... These are the Elected positions that I am looking to fill:

4 Vice Commanders

Chaplin

Possibly Sgt at Arms

Committee Chairman openings:

Blood

Children and Youth

Softball

Jr Shooting Sports

Finance..2 openings

Legislative

Boys State

National Security Foreign Relations (Possibly)

I will be very direct....we need younger members to fill these positions. We can't be asking the same people to continue to fill positions when there others who are eligible to do so.

No experience required...

We are still finding our footing. Nothing has been easy or simple. But we soldier on. Each day a new learning experience .

Mid Winter is in Stewartville on Jan 24th...note the changes in Meeting Times...The Legion E Board starts at 8 15 am....the General session starts at 9 30 am.....

Commander Brian....



## FROM YOUR MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR

Hi Legionnaires,  
Hi Legionnaires,

The 1st District has fallen to 2nd place in the Department for membership. But, only by 0.03%. The 6th District is right behind us out by 0.31%. The race is really on. Please get out your rosters and start calling the delinquent members today.

Membership for 2025 ends on 12-31-2025. Going into 2026 there is a short window for grace. Help your members keep their years and eligibility for the Hospital Association. Once your are expired you have to wait three years to gain it back.

Please plan to attend the 1st District Midwinter on January 24th at the Stewartville Post and January 31st the 1st and 3rd Get Together at the Fairbault Post. The entire Legion family is invited. There will be a training session and time to discuss issues posts are having. Hopefully, other posts will have suggestions to keep you moving forward.

Wishing everyone a Happy New Year.

Thank you for your service to our Country and to the American Legion.

Mary Hanson

1st District Membership Director

## MEDICAL EQUIPMENT AVAILABLE

Kasson Post 333 has a over supply of medical equipment which includes hospital beds with mattresses, wheel chairs (both regular and electric), motorized scooters and much more. If interested please call Richard Denny at 507-259-2081 for more information.

## 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

**Reminder all submissions to the newsletter need to be in by the 26th of the month. Please email them to [bigredonnewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:bigredonnewsletter@gmail.com)**

**The American Legion, Dept of MN, First District 2026 Membership Report for December 26, 2025**

| 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           | 369       | 410       | 6             | 416              | 456       | 91.23%    | 0             | 0                    |
| 1    | 90                    | Lewiston     | 0        | 9         | 0           | 45        | 54        | 0             | 54               | 81        | 66.67%    | 0             | 0                    |
| 1    | 190                   | St Charles   | 0        | 13        | 0           | 63        | 76        | 0             | 76               | 85        | 89.41%    | 0             | 0                    |
| 1    | <b>Winona County</b>  |              | 9        | 54        | 0           | 477       | 540       | 6             | 546              | 622       | 87.78%    | 0             | 0                    |
| 1    | 50                    | Wabasha      | 3        | 40        | 0           | 116       | 159       | 0             | 159              | 182       | 87.36%    | 0             | 0                    |
| 1    | 110                   | Lake City    | 5        | 16        | 0           | 122       | 143       | 1             | 144              | 169       | 85.21%    | 0             | 0                    |
| 1    | 179                   | Plainview    | 4        | 23        | 0           | 81        | 108       | 0             | 108              | 135       | 80.00%    | 0             | 0                    |
| 1    | 546                   | Kellogg      | 0        | 6         | 0           | 36        | 42        | 0             | 42               | 50        | 84.00%    | 0             | 0                    |
| 1    | 573                   | Elgin        | 0        | 3         | 0           | 19        | 22        | 0             | 22               | 28        | 78.57%    | 0             | 0                    |
| 1    | 579                   | Millville    | 1        | 17        | 0           | 80        | 98        | 0             | 98               | 104       | 94.23%    | 0             | 0                    |
| 1    | 588                   | Mazeppa      | 0        | 8         | 0           | 44        | 52        | 0             | 52               | 63        | 82.54%    | 0             | 0                    |
| 1    | <b>Wabsha County</b>  |              | 13       | 113       | 0           | 498       | 624       | 1             | 625              | 731       | 85.50%    | 0             | 0                    |
| 1    | 92                    | Rochester    | 5        | 82        | 0           | 493       | 580       | 8             | 588              | 681       | 86.34%    | 0             | 0                    |
| 1    | 119                   | Byron        | 2        | 13        | 0           | 84        | 99        | 1             | 100              | 127       | 78.74%    | 0             | 0                    |
| 1    | 164                   | Stewartville | 12       | 20        | 0           | 212       | 244       | 2             | 246              | 259       | 94.98%    | 0             | 0                    |
| 1    | 446                   | Rochester    | 0        | 2         | 0           | 6         | 8         | 0             | 8                | 6         | 133.33%   | 0             | 0                    |
| 1    | 551                   | Eyota        | 1        | 23        | 0           | 120       | 144       | 0             | 144              | 173       | 83.24%    | 0             | 0                    |
| 1    | <b>Olmsted County</b> |              | 20       | 140       | 0           | 915       | 1075      | 11            | 1086             | 1246      | 87.16%    | 0             | 0                    |
| 1    | <b>Area One</b>       |              | 42       | 307       | 0           | 1890      | 2239      | 18            | 2257             | 2599      | 86.84%    | 0             | 0                    |
| 1    | 295                   | West Concord | 0        | 6         | 0           | 25        | 31        | 0             | 31               | 36        | 86.11%    | 0             | 0                    |
| 1    | 330                   | Hayfield     | 6        | 12        | 0           | 144       | 162       | 0             | 162              | 179       | 90.50%    | 0             | 0                    |
| 1    | 333                   | Kasson       | 2        | 29        | 0           | 148       | 179       | 0             | 179              | 228       | 78.51%    | 0             | 0                    |

|   |     |                  |    |     |   |     |      |   |      |      |         |   |   |
|---|-----|------------------|----|-----|---|-----|------|---|------|------|---------|---|---|
| 1 | 384 | Dodge Center     | 1  | 8   | 0 | 33  | 42   | 1 | 43   | 63   | 68.25%  | 0 | 0 |
| 1 | 422 | Claremont        | 0  | 3   | 0 | 22  | 25   | 0 | 25   | 28   | 89.29%  | 0 | 0 |
| 1 |     | Dodge County     | 9  | 58  | 0 | 372 | 439  | 1 | 440  | 534  | 82.40%  | 0 | 0 |
| 1 | 52  | Blooming Prairie | 0  | 16  | 0 | 43  | 59   | 1 | 60   | 76   | 78.95%  | 0 | 0 |
| 1 | 77  | Owatonna         | 4  | 51  | 0 | 219 | 274  | 4 | 278  | 342  | 81.29%  | 0 | 0 |
| 1 | 296 | Ellendale        | 0  | 5   | 0 | 34  | 39   | 0 | 39   | 45   | 86.67%  | 0 | 0 |
| 1 |     | Steel County     | 4  | 72  | 0 | 296 | 372  | 5 | 377  | 463  | 81.43%  | 0 | 0 |
| 1 | 75  | New Richland     | 0  | 8   | 0 | 23  | 31   | 0 | 31   | 40   | 77.50%  | 0 | 0 |
| 1 | 228 | Waseca           | 2  | 20  | 0 | 188 | 210  | 0 | 210  | 244  | 86.07%  | 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 |     | Waseca County    | 3  | 31  | 0 | 275 | 309  | 0 | 309  | 368  | 83.97%  | 0 | 0 |
|   |     | Area Two         | 16 | 161 | 0 | 943 | 1120 | 6 | 1126 | 1365 | 82.49%  | 0 | 0 |
| 1 | 40  | Lanesboro        | 1  | 12  | 0 | 78  | 91   | 0 | 91   | 97   | 93.81%  | 0 | 0 |
| 1 | 68  | Spring Valley    | 0  | 6   | 0 | 43  | 49   | 0 | 49   | 58   | 84.48%  | 0 | 0 |
| 1 | 81  | Harmony          | 0  | 0   | 0 | 18  | 18   | 0 | 18   | 20   | 90.00%  | 0 | 0 |
| 1 | 94  | Rushford         | 1  | 9   | 0 | 69  | 79   | 0 | 79   | 99   | 79.80%  | 0 | 0 |
| 1 | 166 | Preston          | 1  | 15  | 0 | 25  | 41   | 0 | 41   | 47   | 87.23%  | 0 | 0 |
| 1 | 197 | Chatfield        | 0  | 1   | 0 | 34  | 35   | 0 | 35   | 35   | 100.00% | 0 | 0 |
| 1 | 299 | Mabel            | 2  | 26  | 0 | 97  | 125  | 0 | 125  | 131  | 95.42%  | 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 | 7   | 7    | 0 | 7    | 9    | 77.78%  | 0 | 0 |
| 1 | 526 | Peterson         | 0  | 4   | 0 | 24  | 28   | 0 | 28   | 32   | 87.50%  | 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 |      | Fillmore County | 6  | 75  | 0 | 446  | 527  | 0  | 527  | 594  | 88.72%  | 0 | 0 |
| 1 | 191  | Caledonia       | 8  | 10  | 0 | 86   | 104  | 0  | 104  | 110  | 94.55%  | 0 | 0 |
| 1 | 249  | Spring Grove    | 0  | 10  | 0 | 92   | 102  | 0  | 102  | 128  | 79.69%  | 0 | 0 |
| 1 | 423  | Houston         | 2  | 9   | 0 | 74   | 85   | 0  | 85   | 94   | 90.43%  | 0 | 0 |
| 1 | 498  | Hokah           | 1  | 1   | 0 | 15   | 17   | 0  | 17   | 20   | 85.00%  | 0 | 0 |
| 1 | 595  | LaCrescent      | 0  | 39  | 0 | 132  | 171  | 1  | 172  | 202  | 85.15%  | 0 | 0 |
| 1 |      | Houston County  | 11 | 69  | 0 | 399  | 479  | 1  | 480  | 554  | 86.64%  | 0 | 0 |
| 1 |      | Area Three      | 17 | 144 | 0 | 845  | 1006 | 1  | 1007 | 1148 | 87.72%  | 0 | 0 |
| 1 | 56   | Albert Lea      | 5  | 34  | 0 | 300  | 339  | 3  | 342  | 418  | 81.82%  | 0 | 0 |
| 1 | 264  | Glenville       | 3  | 9   | 0 | 58   | 70   | 0  | 70   | 66   | 106.06% | 0 | 0 |
| 1 | 266  | Hartland        | 0  | 1   | 0 | 12   | 13   | 0  | 13   | 14   | 92.86%  | 0 | 0 |
| 1 | 317  | Emmons          | 0  | 2   | 0 | 33   | 35   | 0  | 35   | 40   | 87.50%  | 0 | 0 |
| 1 | 404  | Alden           | 1  | 3   | 0 | 43   | 47   | 1  | 48   | 70   | 68.57%  | 0 | 0 |
| 1 | 552  | Freeborn        | 0  | 5   | 0 | 21   | 26   | 0  | 26   | 28   | 92.86%  | 0 | 0 |
| 1 |      | Freeborn County | 9  | 54  | 0 | 467  | 530  | 4  | 534  | 636  | 83.96%  | 0 | 0 |
| 1 | 91   | Austin          | 3  | 41  | 0 | 223  | 267  | 1  | 268  | 352  | 76.14%  | 0 | 0 |
| 1 | 105  | Lyle            | 0  | 8   | 0 | 48   | 56   | 0  | 56   | 71   | 78.87%  | 0 | 0 |
| 1 | 140  | Grand Meadow    | 0  | 4   | 0 | 18   | 22   | 0  | 22   | 31   | 70.97%  | 0 | 0 |
| 1 | 146  | Adams           | 3  | 17  | 0 | 85   | 105  | 0  | 105  | 137  | 76.64%  | 0 | 0 |
| 1 | 161  | LeRoy           | 0  | 4   | 0 | 29   | 33   | 0  | 33   | 45   | 73.33%  | 0 | 0 |
| 1 | 570  | Austin Spam     | 1  | 0   | 0 | 9    | 10   | 0  | 10   | 12   | 83.33%  | 0 | 0 |
| 1 |      | Mower County    | 7  | 74  | 0 | 412  | 493  | 1  | 494  | 648  | 76.23%  | 0 | 0 |
| 1 |      | Area Four       | 16 | 128 | 0 | 879  | 1023 | 5  | 1028 | 1284 | 80.06%  | 0 | 0 |
| 1 | 1111 | Dakota          | 0  | 0   | 0 | 0    | 0    | 0  | 0    | 0    | 0.00%   | 0 | 0 |
| 1 |      | District Totals | 91 | 740 | 0 | 4557 | 5388 | 30 | 5418 | 6396 | 84.71%  | 0 | 0 |
|   |      |                 |    |     |   |      |      |    |      |      |         |   |   |

| Vice Commanders  |      |                   |     |      |   |        |        |     |        |        |        |
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|  |      | Area Three        | 17  | 144  | 0 | 845    | 1006   | 1   | 1007   | 1148   | 87.72% |
|  |      | Area Four         | 16  | 128  | 0 | 879    | 1023   | 5   | 1028   | 1284   | 80.06% |
| The American Legion Department of Minnesota 2026 12-26-2025 District Membership Report |      |                   |     |      |   |        |        |     |        |        |        |
| Dist   | Rank |                   |     |      |   |        |        |     |        |        |        |
| 1  | 2nd  | Brian Medinnus    | 91  | 740  | 0 | 4557   | 5388   | 30  | 5418   | 6396   | 84.71% |
| 2  | 1st  | Tom Behrends      | 74  | 515  | 0 | 3725   | 4314   | 11  | 4325   | 5104   | 84.74% |
| 3  | 4th  | Amy Larsen        | 144 | 1485 | 0 | 5998   | 7,627  | 69  | 7,696  | 9,251  | 83.91% |
| 4  | 8th  | Jon Haworth       | 25  | 246  | 0 | 1007   | 1278   | 3   | 1281   | 1,568  | 81.70% |
| 5  | 10th | Lynn Nottage      | 24  | 228  | 0 | 759    | 1011   | 5   | 1016   | 1305   | 77.85% |
| 6  | 3rd  | Frank Grittner    | 142 | 1010 | 0 | 6412   | 7564   | 68  | 7,632  | 9,043  | 84.40% |
| 7  | 5th  | Pete Flannery     | 47  | 572  | 0 | 3232   | 3851   | 4   | 3855   | 4,645  | 83.00% |
| 8  | 9th  | Steven Birkemeyer | 61  | 284  | 0 | 1933   | 2278   | 14  | 2292   | 2857   | 80.22% |
| 9  | 6th  | Dennis Henkemeyer | 67  | 489  | 0 | 3394   | 3950   | 26  | 3976   | 4829   | 82.34% |
| 10   | 7th  | Bill Gordon       | 124 | 875  | 0 | 4578   | 5577   | 54  | 5631   | 6846   | 82.25% |
| 99   |      |                   | 7   | 194  | 0 | 1081   | 1282   | 0   | 1282   | 1751   | 73.22% |
| Totals   |      |                   | 806 | 6638 | 0 | 36,676 | 44,120 | 284 | 44,404 | 53,595 | 82.84% |
|  |      |                   |     |      |   |        |        |     |        |        |        |

## FROM AREA FOUR VICE COMMANDER

Legionnaires,

I have attended a few more post visits in December. Looking forward to getting three more in. January depends on the weather. I always enjoy going back and seeing what the posts have accomplished since I was there a few years ago.

We have two important dates coming up. On January 24th, the 1st District is holding its Midwinter Rally in Stewartville. I am sure there will be candidates for Department Offices coming and the Oratorical Contest is amazing to see. The candidates are so well-spoken and knowledgeable, please come out and support them.

On January 31st we will hold a joint rally with the 3rd District. Everyone is welcome to attend. There will be training and time to share ideas. After lunch there will be minnow races and other games. It should be a fun time. More information will be coming soon.

Mary Hanson

Area 4 Vice Commander

1st District Area 4  
Vice Commander



## FROM YOUR DISTRICT ADJUTANT

### What's Happening?

Locally, what is going on in your Post or in your area to help our brothers and sisters? Some things I know about and invite you to put on your calendars are:

- Jan 1 Baseball / Softball Registration begins
- Jan 24 Post 164 Stewartville Midwinter Conference
- Jan 24 Post 164 Stewartville District Oratorical Contest
- Mar 14 Post 550 Bloomington Dept Appreciation Rally
- May 22 St Paul AL Night at St Paul Saint Baseball
- Jul 9 – 11 Post 167 Willmar 107Th Department Convention
- Oct 22 – 24 St Cloud Dept Fall Conference

I am working on a Post / District / Department calendar. We cannot support each other if we do not know what is happening. I cannot share things if I do not know about them. Please forward to me at adjutantmn-mightyfirst@gmail.com the event name, date(s), sponsoring post and if there is a website, include that.

Websites to visit frequently and why ....

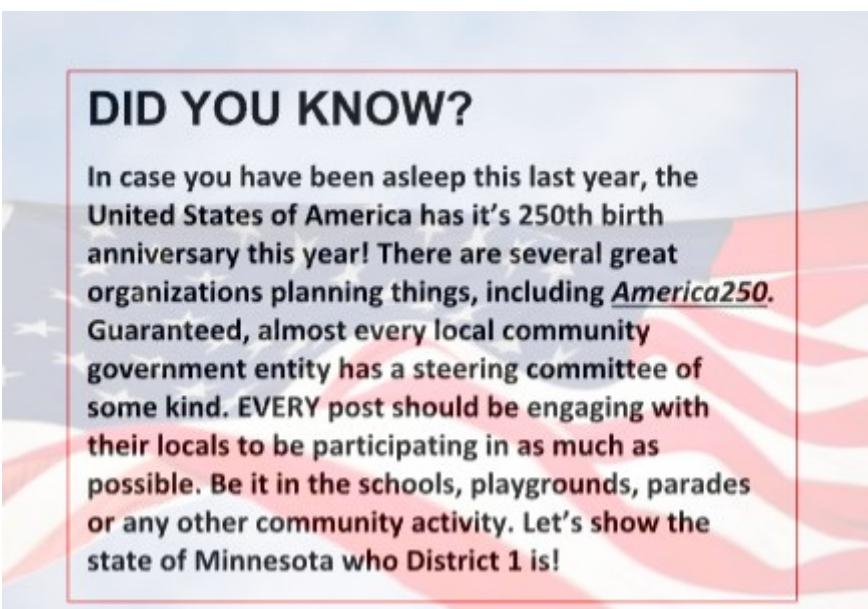
The American Legion Portal [mylegion.org](http://mylegion.org) Manage your membership and personal information. Find support information. See what is happening throughout the Legion.

Dept of Minnesota [mnlegion.org](http://mnlegion.org) Keep up to date with Department of Minnesota activities.

and actions The Minnesota Legionnaire [legionnaire.org](http://legionnaire.org) Magazine online, helps save printing costs by reading the journal here. Back editions and other information are also.

available.

Mighty 1st Facebook Public group for the Mighty 1st where information and encouragement for our District Legion members can be found.



## Adjutants Corner

### Happy 2026

We all remember being younger and feeling time passed slowly. As we 'mature', it begins to fly by. Anymore, a constant theme I hear, and am guilty of saying, is, "Next year will be better". Or "I want to see the terms and conditions of the New Year before I ring it in". It's like so many can't get out of the past or just feel weighed down by current situations it's hard for them to see ahead. So let's look ahead.



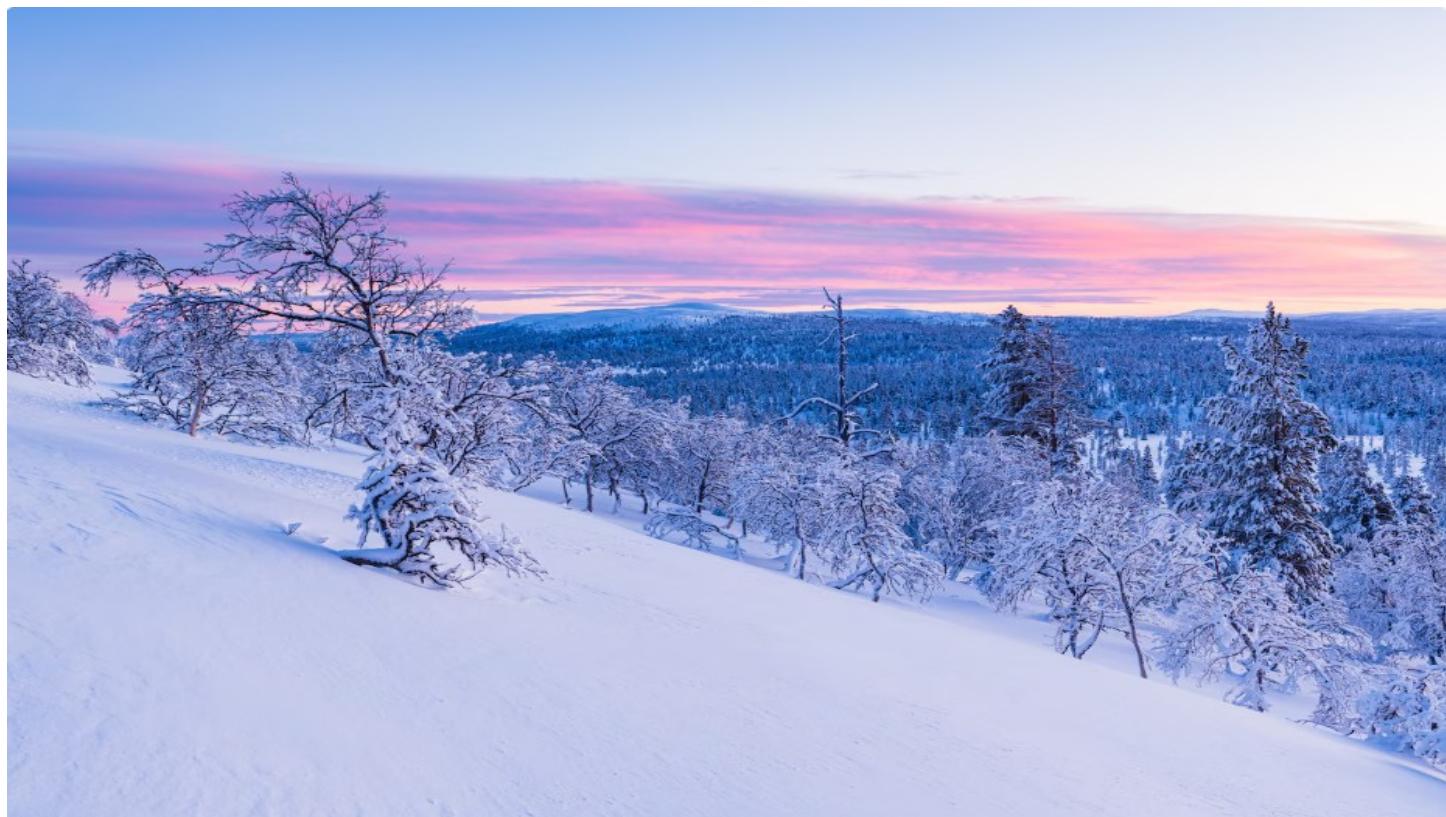
2026 is, according to the Chinese, the year of the *Fire Horse*. The year of the horse encourages action, adventure, enthusiasm, and inspiration of others.



In sharp contrast to this fiery creature, Pantone has chosen *Cloud Dancer* as the Color of the Year. Describing it as a lofty white symbol of calming influence society needs today to rediscover the value of quiet reflection.

The truth is that the year will be whatever we make it to be. We can choose to revel in whatever joys and activities we find ourselves in; and sometimes, it is hard to find them. Or, we can wallow and whine and miss the beauty of life. It is my hope we all choose to work together, to help one another, to build each other up, and to develop our Posts into healthy homes for our Legion family members. May your new year be blessed beyond any dream you have.

Deb



## January Reflection

As we step into a new year, January offers us a moment of quiet clarity — a pause between what has been and what is yet to come. The holidays have passed, the decorations are being packed away, and the world settles into a slower winter rhythm. It is in this stillness that we find space for reflection, gratitude, and renewed purpose.

For the American Legion Family, this month is more than a turning of the calendar. It is an opportunity to recommit ourselves to the values that bind us together: service, community, and unwavering support for our veterans and their families. The work we do is not seasonal — it is steady, faithful, and deeply needed.

### A Season of Renewal

January reminds us that every new beginning starts with intention. Whether it is reaching out to a fellow veteran, volunteering at your Post, or simply offering a listening ear, small acts of kindness ripple outward in powerful ways. Let us carry forward the spirit of compassion and connection into the year ahead.

### A Call to Check In

Winter can be a difficult season for many. Shorter days, colder weather, and post-holiday quiet can weigh heavily on the heart. I encourage each of you to check on someone this month — a Post member you have not seen in a while, a neighbor, a friend, or a family member. A simple call or visit can be the light someone needs.

### Looking Ahead With Hope

As we begin 2026, may we do so with gratitude for those who served before us, strength for the work ahead, and hope for the communities we continue to build together. May this year bring peace, purpose, and meaningful moments of connection to each of you.

*For God and Country,*

*Richard Skillestad*

*District Chaplain*





### **North Star Honor Flight**

Since April, 2025 we have supported two missions to Washington DC. There have been appr 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 web site at [www.northstarhonorflight.org](http://www.northstarhonorflight.org) or calling 507-440-0003

Nancy Lewison  
North Star Honor Flight



Happy New Year to our American Legion Auxiliary and Family,

Thank you to our units for helping with their donations to the Preston Veterans Home for Christmas, thru Department Gift Shop donations or Units adopting a veteran. It was a great Christmas for the veterans!

Thank you to the Glenville American Legion Family for hosting our District Christmas Party, it was well attended and a great afternoon of visiting with our Legion Family.

Our District American Legion Family Mid-Winter is Saturday, January 24<sup>th</sup> - 9:30-3:00 In Stewartville at Post 164. Registration \$10 and Lunch \$10. Hope to see a great turnout from the Auxiliary!

Auxiliary will be doing our Silent Auction with proceeds going to the Auxiliary Emergency Fund. Consider bringing something for the auction if you plan on attending! Every little bit helps!

Legion Oratorical Contest will be held at 1:00 If you have never had the opportunity to watch this, you will be amazed of the knowledge our young people know of our U.S. Constitution.

A new Girls State Video and letter will be going out to the schools the week of January 11<sup>th</sup>.

All units will receive the same info prior in a department email to help with recruiting. Please contact the schools and make sure they received them or you can send the info directly to your school contact.

1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Districts are having a combined Rally in Faribault, Saturday, January 31<sup>st</sup>. This is a great opportunity to share ideas and get new ideas to take back to our Units.

Remember if you are a unit who needs to get their 990 statuses up to date, please get working on it! If you have questions, please contact me.

Thank you to those that have helped with membership as well as our Membership Chairman. Recruiting of new members is crucial to our Auxiliary along with renewals. We also need to be mentoring our newer and younger members. Try pairing them with helping a current chairman this year. A great way to get involved.

I want to thank Adams for the invite back in November, I was remiss in doing this in the December newsletter. It was a great evening with members, thank you again!

Thank you to those that have donated to the District Presidents Project for the Preston Veterans Home.

Wishing everyone the very best for 2026! Remember our veterans and those serving and their families.

President Wanda



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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

Hello First District ALA Members-

Happy New Year! Here's to a healthy & happy 2026!

In the Northwest Division we are in 2<sup>nd</sup> place behind Nebraska. At the Department level we are in 4th place at 78.17%. Great job First District Unit Membership Directors for getting memberships in. Thank you to all ALA members for renewing your membership & supporting our Veterans.

First District Mid-Winter Rally is on Saturday, January 24 at the Stewartville American Legion. Executive Board meetings for Legion & Auxiliary will be from 8:30-9:30. General session at 10am. Registration is \$10. Please attend and bring your new members & turn in your membership renewals.

If you need any help with membership, please let me know. I am happy to help!

~ SUNSHINE MILLER MALONEY ~

Be the Change You Wish to See in the World



# YOUR MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

**EVERY MEMBERSHIP MATTERS!  
EVERY MEMBER MATTERS!  
YOU MATTER!**

*Did you join the American Legion Auxiliary to honor the service of your husband, father, grandfather or other family member who served?*

*Did you join to support our Veterans? The military? The Community? Or maybe it was our Children and Youth.*

*Was there another reason that you made the decision to be a member of the nation's most preeminent program that supports our Veterans?*

*Was it all of the above?*

*Whatever your reason, whatever your passion, YOU MATTER!*

| 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      | 81     | 82    | 73.87%  | 10/25/25    | 10/25/25     |                |                |                |                |
| 0040 | Lanesboro        | 98        | 0      | 83     | 83    | 84.69%  |             | 11/18/25     | 11/18/25       |                |                |                |
| 0050 | Wabasha          | 110       | 2      | 98     | 100   | 90.91%  | 9/15/25     | 10/7/25      | 12/2/25        |                |                |                |
| 0052 | Blooming Prairie | 86        | 0      | 64     | 64    | 74.42%  |             | 10/15/25     | 10/15/25       |                |                |                |
| 0056 | Albert Lea       | 200       | 10     | 147    | 157   | 78.50%  |             | 10/7/25      | 10/30/25       |                |                |                |
| 0068 | Spring Valley    | 47        | 1      | 30     | 31    | 65.96%  |             | 10/25/25     | 11/25/25       |                |                |                |
| 0075 | New Richland     | 30        | 0      | 26     | 26    | 86.67%  |             | 11/4/25      | 11/4/25        | 12/31/25       |                |                |
| 0077 | Owatonna         | 95        | 1      | 65     | 66    | 69.47%  |             | 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      | 45     | 45    | 49.45%  | 11/25/25    |              |                |                |                |                |
| 0092 | Rochester        | 112       | 3      | 79     | 82    | 73.21%  | 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      | 24     | 25    | 71.43%  | 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      | 46     | 50    | 81.97%  |             | 9/15/25      | 10/15/25       |                |                |                |
| 0146 | Adams            | 116       | 8      | 50     | 58    | 50.00%  | 11/11/25    |              |                |                |                |                |
| 0161 | Le Roy           | 40        | 13     | 26     | 39    | 97.50%  | 10/15/25    | 10/15/25     | 12/23/25       | 12/23/25       |                |                |
| 0164 | Stewartville     | 158       | 6      | 123    | 129   | 81.65%  |             | 9/15/25      | 10/25/25       |                |                |                |
| 0179 | Plainview        | 111       | 1      | 66     | 67    | 60.36%  | 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       |

|              |              |              |            |             |             |               |          |          |          |          |          |          |
|--------------|--------------|--------------|------------|-------------|-------------|---------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| 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         | 173         | 184         | 83.26%        | 10/30/25 | 11/4/25  |          |          |          |          |
| 0249         | Spring Grove | 72           | 2          | 53          | 55          | 76.39%        | 10/7/25  | 12/31/25 |          |          |          |          |
| 0264         | Glenville    | 83           | 9          | 76          | 85          | 102.41%       | 9/30/25  | 10/7/25  | 11/18/25 | 11/18/25 | 11/25/25 | 11/25/25 |
| 0295         | West Concord | 25           | 0          | 18          | 18          | 72.00%        | 12/9/25  | 12/9/25  |          |          |          |          |
| 0299         | Mabel        | 102          | 2          | 65          | 67          | 65.69%        | 10/15/25 | 12/9/25  |          |          |          |          |
| 0330         | Hayfield     | 171          | 10         | 111         | 121         | 70.76%        | 10/15/25 | 11/11/25 |          |          |          |          |
| 0333         | Kasson       | 123          | 4          | 92          | 96          | 78.05%        | 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          | 33          | 39          | 72.22%        | 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          | 64          | 66          | 77.65%        | 10/25/25 | 11/18/25 |          |          |          |          |
| 0552         | Freeborn     | 53           | 9          | 42          | 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          | 22          | 22          | 68.75%        | 10/30/25 | 11/25/25 |          |          |          |          |
| 0595         | La Crescent  | 142          | 11         | 109         | 120         | 84.51%        | 10/15/25 | 11/25/25 |          |          |          |          |
| 0637         | Whalan       | 13           | 0          | 9           | 9           | 69.23%        | 11/11/25 | 11/11/25 |          |          |          |          |
| <b>Total</b> |              | <b>3,240</b> | <b>149</b> | <b>2384</b> | <b>2533</b> | <b>78.17%</b> |          |          |          |          |          |          |

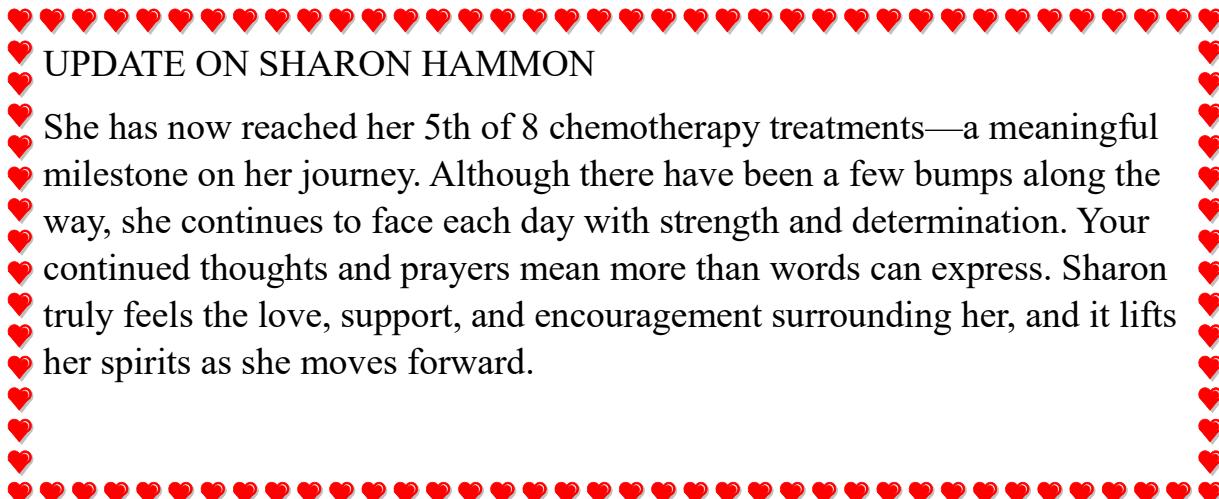


## FROM YOUR HONORAY AUXILIARY JR PRESIDENT

Hi, I am Regan McElroy, I am the new 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. I live in Riceville, Iowa with my mom (Missy) my Dad (Joe), my sister (Taylor), and I also have an 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 in the Outdoor Recreation Activities Fund for the Preston Veterans Home. The project is to help take the veterans hunting, fishing and ect. I would like to thank everyone who has donated so far. Remember that the check needs to be made out to the First District American Legion Auxiliary and in the memo line put – Honorary Jr Presidents project.

Regan McElroy - First District Auxiliary Honorary Jr President



## Community Service

The ALA Community Service month is April but why wait! Community service is a year-round obligation.

Our objective is to promote service as a core value by engaging our members in meaningful projects. Honor and support our veterans and military service personnel and their families. We can build a stronger community by working with other organizations, schools, and civic groups. Inspire youth by demonstrating great leadership.

Partner with schools and churches to assist those in need. School supply drives, winter coats, and food donations where they are needed. Volunteer your time reading at school, visiting those who live in local nursing homes. Help with elections!

The first thing that comes to mind (for me) is donating blood. Most of us can do this simple task!

Let's promote National Days of Service:

January-Martin Luther King Jr

September- 9/11 and POW/MIA Recognition Day

April-American Legion Family Day

Although these needs may not fall under community service, there is still a need to be filled.

The Armed Forces Center at the MSP needs funds and volunteers.

Veteran's home gift shops need funds to purchase gifts.

Legionville needs funds to replace sewer lines.

Girls State programs need sponsors.

The Auxiliary Emergency Fund needs money.

Donate to the Department President's project (Honor Flight network)

Donate to our District President's project at the Preston Veteran Home

Let's start 2026 by doing what we can in our local communities and beyond.

Oh, and keep track of your activities as we need to report them on our annual reports!!

Nancy Lewison

First District Community Service Chairman

On Dec 6th, the Albert Lea American Legion Post 56 Legion, Auxiliary, Riders, SAL, & our newly formed Junior Auxiliary visited our local nursing homes. The veterans received the Riders Commemorative Coins with Albert Lea's Lupe Gasca, a WWII veteran, image on the coin and the auxiliary ladies received a Christmas ornament. The spouses received patriotic pins. The visit was warmly welcomed and a great deal of Christmas cheer was present. We had 19 members visiting the local nursing homes.

Submitted by Lynn Koza





# 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 Ambasador's. (age 6-12) You can find the contest rules at [alafl.org](http://alafl.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 committees/poppy



Class I  
Sienna Salter  
Dept of Louisiana  
Southern Division

## 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 committees/poppy [legion-aux.org](http://legion-aux.org) under committees/mission outreach committees/poppy

### HERE ARE A FEW IDEAS

Contact your local legislative office and request a Poppy Proclamation.

Purchase ALA Poppy coloring books from Emblem Sales.

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



# HAPPY NEW YEAR

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SHARE YOUR POPPY  
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NATIONAL COMMITTEE FOR  
UPCOMING NEWSLETTERS.

EMAIL YOUR .jpg FORMAT  
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## FROM YOUR COMMANDER

Greetings Legion Family,

Happy New Year!

I hope everyone had a nice Christmas and New Year holiday. May the new year bring us all peace, happiness and a renewed commitment to promoting the great principles of the American Legion with purpose and pride.

Thank you to the Hartland, Janesville, Millville, Plainview and Preston squadrons for reaching your membership goals. Our district is currently sitting at 67% of goal putting us in fourth place in the

Detachment. We started the membership year off strong but have since lost our momentum with many squadrons still under 50% and some under 10% of their goal. If your 2026 renewal has not been processed at National you are delinquent. On February 1st your membership will become suspended.

Please get your renewals in as soon as possible so that does not happen!

Squadron Adjutants, don't forget to keep your squadron data updated. Each squadron is required to update your squadron data and officers list at least annually or within 30 days of any changes. If you submit these directly to Detachment, be sure a copy gets sent to us as well. This is crucial for us to maintain communication with you and the squadron. As always, thank you for everything you do. Please do not hesitate to reach out to us with any questions or concerns.

Josh Erickson  
 SAL District Commander

## 1st District

| Sqdrn.                     | Location         | 2025 Results<br>(7/29/2025) | 2026 Goal   | New       | PUFL     | Renewal     | HQ Tran  | Grand Total | % of Goal     | Date Goal Reached |
|----------------------------|------------------|-----------------------------|-------------|-----------|----------|-------------|----------|-------------|---------------|-------------------|
| 9                          | Winona           | 153                         | 157         | 10        | 0        | 136         | 0        | 146         | 92.99%        |                   |
| 40                         | Lanesboro        | 68                          | 68          | 0         | 0        | 17          | 0        | 17          | 25.00%        |                   |
| 50                         | Wabasha          | 23                          | 24          | 1         | 0        | 14          | 0        | 15          | 62.50%        |                   |
| 52                         | Blooming Prairie | 34                          | 34          | 0         | 0        | 2           | 0        | 2           | 5.88%         |                   |
| 56                         | Albert Lea       | 94                          | 96          | 4         | 0        | 69          | 0        | 73          | 76.04%        |                   |
| 77                         | Owatonna         | 105                         | 108         | 4         | 0        | 48          | 0        | 52          | 48.15%        |                   |
| 90                         | Lewiston         | 48                          | 49          | 1         | 0        | 47          | 0        | 48          | 97.96%        |                   |
| 91                         | Austin           | 61                          | 63          | 0         | 0        | 24          | 0        | 24          | 38.10%        |                   |
| 92                         | Rochester        | 85                          | 87          | 6         | 0        | 51          | 0        | 57          | 65.52%        |                   |
| 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        | 53          | 0        | 55          | 47.01%        |                   |
| 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         | 4         | 0        | 87          | 0        | 91          | 64.08%        |                   |
| 264                        | Glenville        | 72                          | 73          | 11        | 0        | 59          | 0        | 70          | 95.89%        |                   |
| 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        | 26          | 0        | 27          | 72.97%        |                   |
| 384                        | Dodge Center     | 9                           | 11          | 0         | 0        | 2           | 0        | 2           | 18.18%        |                   |
| 404                        | Alden            | 54                          | 54          | 0         | 0        | 31          | 0        | 31          | 57.41%        |                   |
| 423                        | Houston          | 13                          | 13          | 0         | 0        | 1           | 0        | 1           | 7.69%         |                   |
| 446                        | Rochester        | 31                          | 33          | 0         | 0        | 24          | 0        | 24          | 72.73%        |                   |
| 546                        | Kellogg          | 12                          | 12          | 0         | 0        | 0           | 0        | 0           | 0.00%         |                   |
| 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        | 51          | 0        | 51          | 78.46%        |                   |
| <b>1st District Totals</b> |                  | <b>1745</b>                 | <b>1785</b> | <b>84</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>1116</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>1200</b> | <b>67.23%</b> |                   |

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**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**

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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.

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Terry Lund - Director - 563-379-8421

WASECA – CHAPTER #228  
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WINONA – CHAPTER #9  
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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



January 2026 ALR

Hello Everyone-

Happy New Year! Welcome 2026!

Thank you to those who attended the First District Christmas Party. The Glenville Post did a fabulous job hosting a great party. Good time was had by all.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to the family of Craig Lestrud. Craig was a Legionnaire at the Glenville Post and a very active member of the Glenville Riders. His memorial service is at the Eagles in Albert Lea on Saturday, January 17.

Saturday, January 24 is the First District Mid-Winter Rally at the Stewartville Legion.

Executive Board meetings for Legion & Auxiliary will be held from 8:30-9:30. General session will begin at 10am. Registration is \$10.

Director Wes is planning to have a modified meeting during the Mid-Winter Rally. Please plan to attend or send a representative from your Chapter. Wes would like to update the Legion Family on how many members are in your Chapter and what you have been doing. Also bring information/flyers on your upcoming events. We will also have templates on how to do consolidated reports for your hosting Post.

Respectfully submitted,

Karla "Sunshine" Miller-Malone, 1st District ALR Secretary



MN AMERICAN LEGION  
FIRST DISTRICT FAMILY

# MID-WINTER RALLY

Saturday, January 24, 2026

EXEC BOARD MEETING 8:30-9:30

GENERAL SESSION 10am



STEWARTVILLE AMERICAN LEGION

1100 2<sup>ND</sup> AVENUE NW



# 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     |

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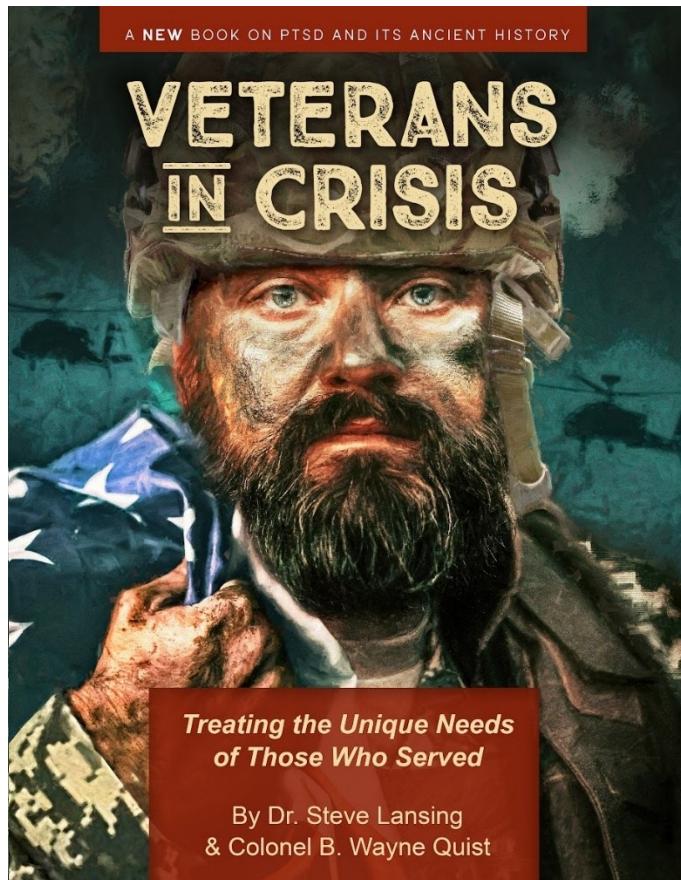
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## **LEGION RIDERS**

### **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.**

★ ★ ★ EYOTA LEGION RIDERS ★ ★ ★

## CHILI & GRILLED CHEESE SANDWICH DINNER

SATURDAY, JANUARY 24  
4:30PM - 6:30PM

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

\$5 - ADDITIONAL CHILI OR SANDWICHES

**\$ 5**  
CHILI



**\$ 5**  
SANDWICH



Proceeds will go to North Star Honor Flight

**EYOTA AMERICAN LEGION**  
**11 Madison Ave SW**

# 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.