

THE MIGHTY FIRST DISTRICT

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Department of Minnesota

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Announcements

Members of the 1st District American Legion Family....

After a great deal of consideration...I have. decided that after the occurrence of certain things, it is time to publish the following Statement:

As per discussion with Department personnel, I have found out the District Commander has the final word about what articles are printed in the District Newsletter.

If an article does not meet the Standards of the District- it will not be published.... period!

Our newsletter will not be used as a tool to disparage Fellow District Members, District Officers or Chairpersons.

Newsletter Submission Reminder

All articles must be submitted by the 26th of each month. Any submissions received after that date—without prior communication to Michelle regarding the delay—will not be included in that month's newsletter. The email for newsletter items is bigredonenewsletter@gmail.com

Thank you for helping us keep our District communications timely and organized.

– The 1st District Leadership

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IMPORTANT DATES

April 10 – ALA Department Junior Fun Night

- **Hosted by:** 1st District
- **Location:** Stewartville Post 164

A youth-focused evening of activities and connection for Junior members.

April 11 – ALA Junior Conference

- **Hosted by:** 1st District
- **Location:** Stewartville Post 164

Annual statewide gathering for Junior Auxiliary members, leadership, and advisors.

April 19–23 – National Commander’s Tour of Minnesota

- **Arrival:** Fargo Airport
- **Departure:** MSP Airport

A multi-day statewide visit highlighting Minnesota posts, programs, and communities.

April 23–26 – Minnesota American Legion College

- **Location:** Camp Ripley

Department-level leadership training for Legionnaires.

Ongoing April Events

March 28–April 26 – Minnesota American Legion Family Bowling Tournament

- **Location:** Sundance Lanes, Dayton
- **Schedule:** Saturdays & Sundays
- Open to all branches of the Legion Family.

April 1 – Children & Youth Month Begins

A month-long Legion Family emphasis on programs supporting young people.

April 1 – Eagle Scout of the Year Applications Due



FROM YOUR COMMANDER DESK

Greetings from Commander Brian.

Good Evening...to be honest I had already sent in my article when some things occurred that made me rethink what I had written about....

A lot has been said and written about the personnel makeup of the District Currently and in the future.

Let us be honest.... if there were a great number of personnel interested in being District Officers and Chairmen....we would not have so many people taking multiple positions.

I get people are busy and have jobs and their own lives to live. I too have been there and am still there. I get it.....

I also understand that certain jobs lead to having one person to do them for multiple years...because the constant turnover of personnel in these jobs causes issues.

Adjutant, Finance Officer, Parliamentarian...are three of the Officer Jobs you want to find a good knowledgeable person to hold for many years.

On the Chairmen side.... I believe the SAL Advisor is a good example of a position where you find someone who understands both the Legion and SAL sides of the aisle and has established a good rapport with both...so he can be an asset to both groups.

The SAL Advisor used to rotate yearly, and we never could get the continuity we needed because our Advisor changed from year to year. Once the District settled one person...both sides are noticeably happier and things have improved immensely.

So, personnel who are concerned about how the District is run...step up, find out what positions are open and let someone know you are interested and then run.... We have people who can teach and train.

Stop talking about what is wrong and step up and help us change things for our future.

Reminders:

Please pre-register for District Convention on May 15th and 16th. The Registration form is in the Newsletter.

2. If you are interested in being a District Officer or Committee Chairman in 2026-2027...please let Adjutant Deb or Candidate Myron know as soon as possible.

3. The Military Ball.is on April 26th in Spring Grove...please see the Registration form elsewhere in the Newsletter.

4. Membership....please continue to talk to your Unpaid Members. We need every Membership we can get....

Commander Brian

1st District Commander

2025-2026

These are my thoughts.... not the opinion of the 1st District...the Department of Minnesota or the National American Legion.

Children & Youth & Blood Program Reports

Please send in your Children and Youth and Blood Program reports as soon as possible.

Submit them to:

Myron Ehrich

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220 Irvin St West, Concord, MN 55985☎2034

Chaplain's Corner

April 2026

April greets us with a quiet promise: that even after the longest winters, new life always finds its way back. The first green shoots, the longer days, and the soft return of birdsong remind us that renewal often begins gently, almost unnoticed, before it blossoms into something full and hopeful.

This month, many of us will gather with family and friends to celebrate Easter — a season rooted in resurrection, courage, and the triumph of light over darkness. Whether you observe it spiritually or simply enjoy the traditions that come with it, Easter invites us to reflect on the power of hope. It reminds us that healing is possible, that burdens can be lifted, and that none of us walk through difficult seasons alone.

As members of the American Legion Family, we carry that message forward in the way we care for one another. A simple phone call, a quiet prayer, a moment of listening — these small acts become lifelines for those who may be struggling. The ministry of presence is something each of us can offer, and it often matters more than we realize.

This April, I also ask that we hold close in our hearts the men and women currently serving in the Middle East, as well as those preparing to deploy. Their courage, sacrifice, and steadfast commitment deserve not only our gratitude but our ongoing prayers. May they feel the strength of a grateful nation behind them, and may their families be surrounded with comfort and support while they wait for their safe return.

As spring unfolds around us, may we each find renewed compassion, renewed purpose, and renewed hope. May the spirit of Easter guide us toward kindness, unity, and peace. And may God's blessings rest upon our Legion Family, our communities, and all who serve.

Wishing you a season of light, renewal, and grace.

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FROM YOUR DISTRICT ADJUTANT

ADJUTANTS CORNER

I love to read and I've been doing a lot of it lately, real exciting stuff too, like the [District/County Commanders Guide](#). I encourage all post leaders who want to work on improving their posts to look at it. It's on myLegion.org, under publications. Why am I sharing this?

Well, we are all always talking about how "we can't get new members", or "the younger folks won't volunteer", or "people are not engaging" and I could go on. We don't take the opportunity to rewrite those questions by adding the word why, "Why can't we get new members?". Or with what, "What are we doing right" and "what are we doing wrong?" On page 24, the topic of *Post Responsibility Audit* is discussed with Audit forms included and can help us answer those questions.

One of the hardest things for volunteer organizations to do is self-analyze themselves. Partly because it's one more thing to do and partly because the 10% of us that work so hard do not really want to think about what we might be doing wrong.

The American Legion began as a way to support one-another, and it stands on four pillars of Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation, National Security, Americanism, and Children and Youth. All of our posts should be bursting with activities between the Legionnaires, Auxiliary members, Jr Auxiliary, the SAL, and the Riders and all the family members of those same people. If we stand together, we will grow. Take a look at the those forms, you might find them informative.

Alone we do little, together we do great things!

Deb

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Mighty First District Conventions are just around the corner!

ALR and SAL are May 2nd at Lake Pepin Plaza

Legion and Auxiliary are May 16th at Wild Wings Plaza

Post 110, Lake City is hosting!

Details have been emailed to all with emails and are available on the Mighty First Facebook page. If you have any trouble finding it, you can reach out to any of your organization officers, myself, or Post 110 Officers. Please pre-register so we can have a great event! Let's have a terrific turnout!

First District Open Positions and brief job description. Reach out if you want more information.

Commander - The District Commander is the executive head of the District during the term of office. Currently one candidate has filed a letter of intent, Myron Ehrich from Post 295, West Concord.

FROM YOUR DISTRICT ADJUTANT

Vice Commander (4) - It is the duty of the Vice Commander to represent the district in that area when the District Commander is not available and to coordinate activities and rallies of the Posts within that area. No letters of intent have been filed.

Chaplain - Gives Opening, Closing and special prayers, and to see that the District Memorial Service is conducted in the proper form, and provides an article for the District Newsletter. No letters of intent have been filed.

First District Committee Positions and brief description. Reach out if you want more information.

Blood Chairperson- responsible for seeking out blood donation programs throughout the district and working with posts to educate and encourage members about the need and value.

Boys State Chairperson- responsible for soliciting information regarding this program at the Department Fall Conference and Department Convention.

Children and Youth Chairperson- responsible for promoting all programs of the National Children and Youth Division,

Employment Chairperson- responsible for promoting employment activities and resources for veterans throughout the District.

Jr Shooting Sports Chairperson- responsible for soliciting information regarding this program at the Department Fall Conference and the Department Convention. **Also need 1 member.**

Legislative Chairperson- responsible for becoming familiar with the resolutions passed at District and Department Conventions that will require legislative action. They will disseminate this information to all posts within the district and to all district officers so local legislators can be contacted for support.

Softball Chairperson- serves as a member and participates in meetings of the Department Fast Pitch Softball Committee

Declarations / Nominations for District, Department, Detachment or National are:

Department Commander

Pam Krill

GaryLee Davenport

Department Chaplain - Cindy Yauchury

Department SAL Commander - Chuck Stone

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:

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|-------------|----------------------------------|--------------|--|
| Apr 10-11 | Post 164 | Stewartville | 62 nd Annual Honorary Dept Jr Conference |
| Apr 23 | Cedar St Armory | St Paul | Veterans on the Hill |
| Apr 25 | 110 th North Division | Spring Grove | Military Ball |
| May 16 | | Lake City | First District Conference |
| May 22 | | St Paul | AL Night at St Paul Saint Baseball |
| Jul 9 – 11 | Post 167 | Willmar | 107th Department Convention |
| Jul 22 – 25 | Southern Minnesota | | Annual Legion Riders Fund 85 Ride |
| Sep 9 – 13 | Legionville Brainerd | | 60th Annual Camporee |
| Sep 17 - 20 | Legionville Brainerd | | ALR Romp |
| Oct 22 – 24 | | St Cloud | Dept Fall Conference |

Send me or post on our Facebook page event name(s), date(s), sponsor post and if there is a website, include that. Let's make sure we know who is doing what so we can support each other.

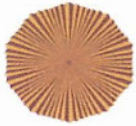


FROM YOUR DISTRICT ADJUTANT

The American Legion Emblem

"There shines the Emblem of The American Legion, it is your badge of distinction, honor and service. It stands for God and Country, and the highest rights of man. Of its several parts, each has a meaning."

Elements of the emblem



The rays of the sun

The rays of the sun form the background of our proud emblem and suggests the Legion's principles will dispel the darkness of violence and evil.



The wreath

The wreath forms the center, in loving memory of those brave comrades who gave their lives in the service of the United States that liberty might endure.



The star

The star, victory symbol of World War I, also symbolizes honor, glory and constancy. The letters "U.S." leave no doubt as to the brightest star in the Legion's star.



Outer rings

The larger of two outer rings stands for the rehabilitation of our sick and disabled comrades. The smaller inside ring denotes the welfare of America's children.



Inner rings

The smaller of two inner rings set upon the star represents service to our communities, states and the nation. The larger outer ring pledges loyalty to Americanism.



American Legion

The words American Legion tie the whole together for truth, remembrance, constancy, honor, service, veterans affairs and rehabilitation, children and youth, loyalty, and Americanism.

Strengthening Our Foundation: The Four Pillars of the American Legion

As we step into April, a month often associated with renewal and growth, it is the perfect time to revisit the core principles that define our organization. The American Legion was built upon **Four Pillars** of service, each representing a vital commitment to our veterans, our youth, and our nation.

By focusing on these foundations, we ensure that our impact remains as strong today as it was when we were founded in 1919.

1. Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation

This is our most sacred trust. We are dedicated to ensuring that every veteran receives the benefits, healthcare, and support they earned through their service. Whether it is assisting with VA claims or providing a hand-up to veterans in transition, we stand as fierce advocates for those who wore the uniform.

2. National Security

A strong America is a safe America. The Legion advocates for a robust national defense, well-maintained military installations, and the proper care of our active-duty service members and their families. We believe that peace is best maintained through preparedness and unwavering support for our troops.

3. Americanism

We strive to cultivate a deep-seated love for our country and its democratic values. Through programs that promote flag etiquette, voter participation, and community involvement, we aim to inspire a sense of civic responsibility and pride in the American way of life.

4. Children & Youth

Our legacy lives on through the next generation. From **Boys State** and **Girls State** to scholarship programs and youth sports, the Legion invests heavily in the leaders of tomorrow. We are committed to providing young people with the tools and character-building opportunities they need to succeed.

A Message for our Members:

"The Four Pillars are not just abstract concepts; they are the blueprints for every project we undertake. As we move through this month, let's ask ourselves how our local efforts can further strengthen these foundations."



FROM YOUR MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR

Good news and bad news. The Department of Minnesota has slipped all the way to 17th place in the National standings. The good news is, we moved into a tie for 3rd place in the Department. This was a slow week for all districts. We could have done better. The Appreciation rally is over and the awards handed out. For membership, the last big award is the Premier Race that will be handed out at the Department Convention in July.

This does not mean that we should sit back now, and wait until next year's packets come out in June and start over. The 2026 year does not end until 12-31-2026. We need to get as many new members and renewals in as possible. This is the only way the American Legion will survive.

Please start filling out the Consolidated Post Report. These need to be received by June 1st, not mailed by then. Please help us reach 100% again this year. This is something to be proud of.

Thank you for all you do.

Respectfully,

Mary Hanson

1st District Membership Chair

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The American Legion, Dept of MN, First District 2026 Membership Report for March 25, 2026

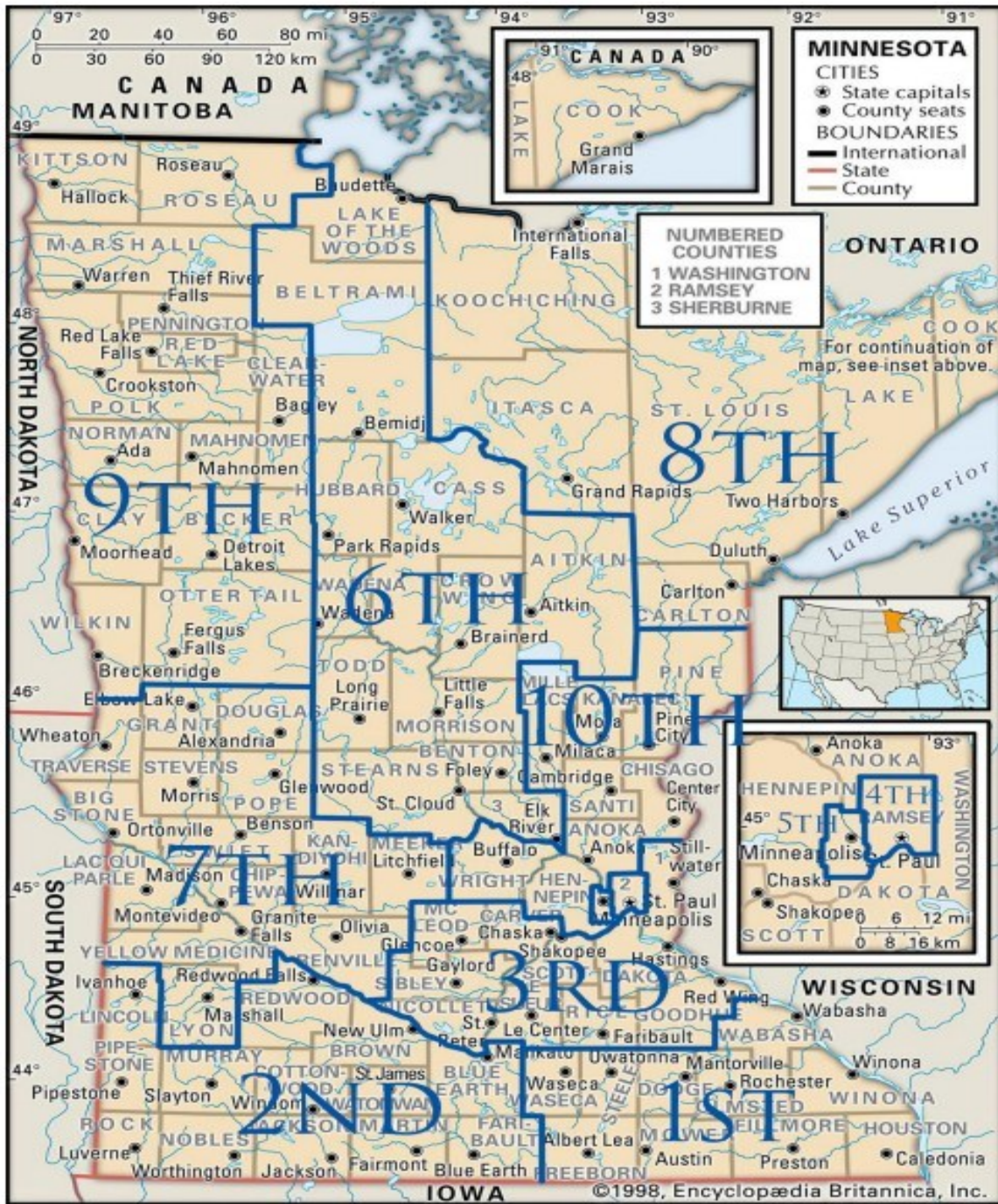
Dist	Post	Location	New 2026	PUFL 2026	Online 2026	Trad 2026	Paid 2026	HQ Trans 2026	Total Membr 2026	Goal 2026	% of Goal	HQ Trans 2025	Last yr at this date
1	9	Winona	9	32	0	393	434	7	441	456	96.71%	0	0
1	90	Lewiston	2	9	0	55	66	0	66	81	81.48%	0	0
1	190	St Charles	0	13	0	69	82	0	82	85	96.47%	0	0
1		Winona County	11	54	0	517	582	7	589	622	94.69%	0	0
1	50	Wabasha	4	40	0	123	167	1	168	182	92.31%	0	0
1	110	Lake City	8	16	0	125	149	1	150	169	88.76%	0	0
1	179	Plainview	6	23	0	98	127	1	128	135	94.81%	0	0
1	546	Kellogg	0	6	0	38	44	0	44	50	88.00%	0	0
1	573	Elgin	0	3	0	24	27	0	27	28	96.43%	0	0
1	579	Millville	1	17	0	86	104	0	104	104	100.00%	0	0
1	588	Mazeppa	0	8	0	46	54	0	54	63	85.71%	0	0
1		Wabsha County	19	113	0	540	672	3	675	731	92.34%	0	0
1	92	Rochester	5	82	0	508	595	11	606	681	88.99%	0	0
1	119	Byron	2	13	0	91	106	1	107	127	84.25%	0	0
1	164	Stewartville	17	20	0	223	260	2	262	259	101.16%	0	0
1	446	Rochester	0	2	0	7	9	0	9	6	150.00%	0	0
1	551	Eyota	2	23	0	136	161	0	161	173	93.06%	0	0
1		Olmsted County	26	140	0	965	1131	14	1145	1246	91.89%	0	0
1		Area One	56	307	0	2022	2385	24	2409	2599	92.69%	0	0
1	295	West Concord	0	6	0	28	34	0	34	36	94.44%	0	0
1	330	Hayfield	7	12	0	151	170	0	170	179	94.97%	0	0
1	333	Kasson	2	29	0	161	192	0	192	228	84.21%	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		Dodge County	10	58	0	402	470	1	471	534	88.20%	0	0
1	52	Blooming Prairie	0	16	0	55	71	1	72	76	94.74%	0	0
1	77	Owatonna	6	51	0	261	318	5	323	342	94.44%	0	0
1	296	Ellendale	0	5	0	34	39	0	39	45	86.67%	0	0
1		Steel County	6	72	0	350	428	6	434	463	93.74%	0	0
1	75	New Richland	0	8	0	28	36	0	36	40	90.00%	0	0
1	228	Waseca	5	20	0	200	225	0	225	244	92.21%	0	0
1	281	Janesville	1	3	0	57	61	0	61	66	92.42%	0	0
1	587	Waldorf	0	0	0	15	15	0	15	18	83.33%	0	0
1		Waseca County	6	31	0	300	337	0	337	368	91.58%	0	0
		Area Two	22	161	0	1052	1235	7	1242	1365	90.99%	0	0
1	40	Lanesboro	3	12	0	82	97	0	97	97	100.00%	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	28	44	0	44	47	93.62%	0	0
1	197	Chatfield	0	1	0	34	35	0	35	35	100.00%	0	0
1	299	Mabel	5	26	0	102	133	0	133	131	101.53%	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	15	17	0	17	19	89.47%	0	0
1	637	Whalan	0	0	0	6	6	0	6	10	60.00%	0	0

1		Fillmore County	11	75	0	468	554	0	554	594	93.27%	0	0
1	191	Caledonia	8	10	0	87	105	0	105	110	95.45%	0	0
1	249	Spring Grove	0	10	0	102	112	0	112	128	87.50%	0	0
1	423	Houston	3	9	0	78	90	0	90	94	95.74%	0	0
1	498	Hokah	1	1	0	15	17	0	17	20	85.00%	0	0
1	595	LaCrescent	0	39	0	149	188	2	190	202	94.06%	0	0
1		Houston County	12	69	0	431	512	2	514	554	92.78%	0	0
1		Area Three	23	144	0	899	1066	2	1068	1148	93.03%	0	0
1	56	Albert Lea	7	34	0	325	366	5	371	418	88.76%	0	0
1	264	Glenville	3	9	0	65	77	0	77	66	116.67%	0	0
1	266	Hartland	0	1	0	12	13	0	13	14	92.86%	0	0
1	317	Emmons	1	2	0	35	38	0	38	40	95.00%	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		Freeborn County	12	54	0	503	569	6	575	636	90.41%	0	0
1	91	Austin	5	41	0	251	297	2	299	352	84.94%	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	101	122	0	122	137	89.05%	0	0
1	161	LeRoy	0	4	0	32	36	0	36	45	80.00%	0	0
1	570	Austin Spam	1	0	0	11	12	0	12	12	100.00%	0	0
1		Mower County	10	74	0	473	557	2	559	648	86.27%	0	0
1		Area Four	22	128	0	976	1126	8	1134	1284	88.32%	0	0
1	1111	Dakota	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00%	0	0
1		District Totals	123	740	0	4949	5812	41	5853	6396	91.51%	0	0

		Vice Commanders											
		Area One	56	307	0	2022	2385	24	2409	2599	92.69%	0	0
		Area Two	22	161	0	1052	1235	7	1242	1365	90.99%	0	0
		Area Three	23	144	0	899	1066	2	1068	1148	93.03%	0	0
		Area Four	22	128	0	976	1126	8	1134	1284	88.32%	0	0
The American Legion Department of Minnesota 2026 3-25-2026 District Membership Report													
Dist	Rank												
1	3rd	Brian Medinnus	123	740	0	4949	5812	41	5853	6396	91.51%		
2	5th	Tom Behrends	88	517	0	4037	4642	14	4656	5104	91.22%		
3	2nd	Amy Larsen	189	1488	0	6701	8,378	106	8,484	9,251	91.71%		
4	8th	Jon Haworth	32	246	0	1099	1377	4	1381	1,568	88.07%		
5	9th	Lynn Nottage	26	229	0	872	1127	8	1135	1305	86.97%		
6	1st	Frank Grittner	195	1011	0	7100	8306	81	8,387	9,043	92.75%		
7	4th	Pete Flannery	64	573	0	3594	4231	7	4238	4,645	91.24%		
8	7th	Steven Birkemeyer	80	285	0	2200	2565	18	2583	2857	90.41%		
9	6th	Dennis Henkemeyer	87	489	0	3780	4356	38	4394	4829	90.99%		
10	3rd	Bill Gordon	169	876	0	5146	6191	74	6265	6846	91.51%		
99			11	195	0	1297	1503	0	1503	1751	85.84%		
Totals			1064	6649	0	40,775	48,488	391	48,879	53,595	91.19%		

AMERICAN LEGION DEPARTMENT OF MINNESOTA



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

Consolidated Post Report

I have been asked by Commander Dvorak if I would oversee the CPR's again this year. Last year was the first time ever that Minnesota got recognized on stage at National Convention. That happened largely because of the help of a select few members. It should have to come down to that. Every Post and I do mean every Post has something they do that is on that report. If you look at the form you will see line 125 which states any funds raised not on report. Well that is fillable because 25 cents of our dues goes to Hospital Association. Take the number of members times 4 (rounding up to nearest dollar) 126 is fillable because you took the time to fill out line 125. There again you have to round up to the nearest hour.

Your post should have received a hard copy. It is also accessible on line at myl-region.org. If you use the hard copy send that form to me. Either thru post office or email.

This is one thing that is doable by EVERY post. Do not ignore. This data is used by our National Commander when he speaks in front of Congress letting them know what it is we do.

PLEASE PLEASE PLEASE let's get this done. If you have any questions please ask me.

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We Want and Need You!
As a Minnesota American Legion
Department, District, or Post
Historian

- Do you have 5-10 hours per month to gather Post information?
- Do you enjoy working from home and/or at monthly meetings?
 - Network with other post historians and share ideas?
- Be provided with “Historian 101” guidelines to give you ideas?
 - Have 24/7 assistance when needed?

There is no right or wrong way to create a “History” book for your post, and you have 12 months to complete the mission.

****Looking for the best history book display within a post****

Email me a picture of yours between March 1 and April 30, 2026, to enter.

**The winner will be announced at the Minnesota 107th
 Convention, July 9 - 11, 2026 (time/date TBA)**

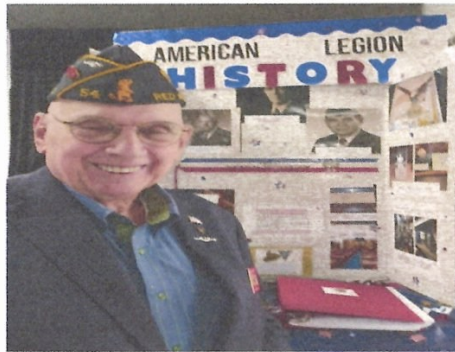
There will also be a Historian Book Contest, and a winner that weekend.

Contact me for more information.

Minnesota Department, District 1 and SPAM Post 570 Historian

**Sandy Gessler
 (402) 431-3307**

**Albert Lea, MN
 email: sgresslerz@hotmail.com**



Dan Ludwig "today" and under the "R" is Dan Ludwig as National Commander 1995-1996

One of the American Legion Historian's mission is to provide "correct information" from their research

Dan Ludwig thought he looked pretty good for serving as National Commander in 1919-1920, (76 year difference from the correct date of 1995-1996). Dan pointed out this "error" to me and a few other friends, who agreed Dan was looking great and laughed as they patted him on the back.

Do American Legion Historians always get it right? We like to think we do from the information we research. But once and awhile, mistakes are made. We, American Legion Historians, are veterans who enjoy military history and keep the history of the Post, District and Department of Minnesota events continuing from year to year.

Hopefully other historians will have a person point out the error, like Daniel A. Ludwig of Red Wing, MN, did it with me at the Appreciation Rally, this last weekend. Dan complimented my error because I made his look so good today for being 107 years old!

Error: I had his election for National Commander as being 1919-1920 instead of 1995-1996. (Sorry Dan)

The Minnesota American Legion Posts, District and Department need you as Historians! Those who have an interest to be a Historian to please contact your adjutant, or email me, Sandy Gessler sgesslerz@hotmail.com or call 402-431-3307. I have packets or I can send by email, Historian 101 which gives you information about the position. If you have 5-10 hours a month to volunteer and a computer you qualify! You have 12 months to complete (July-July) so you can catch up anytime if you vacation or are ill.

****Two contests for MN Historians at MN Department Convention 2026, Willmar, MN for the Best Historian Book and Best Post Historian Display, please contact me for further information.**

Have a blessed day, MN Department , District 1, and SPAM Post 570 Historian



On March 12th the American Legion Post 56 honored Freeborn County's oldest Veteran Lupe Gasca. Lupe served in WWII as a Marine in the Pacific theater. He is a 61 continuous year member of Post 56.



The American Legion – Department of Minnesota
First District

Call to Convention

Attn: All Posts of the First District

By virtue of the authority vested in me, by the Constitution and By-Laws of The American Legion, Department of Minnesota, I, First District Commander, Brian Medinnus, do hereby call a convention of the First District to convene at Lake City, Minnesota on Saturday May 16, 2026.

The business sessions of the convention will be held in Wild Wings Plaza located at 2101 S Hwy 61 South, Lake City, MN. Registration begins at 08:00 a.m. and sessions commence at 9:30 a.m.

Saturday, May 16, 2026, and will continue until adjournment.

The purpose of this convention is to elect a District Commander, four (4) District Vice-Commanders, District Chaplain, Delegates and Alternates to the National Convention and to do other business of the First District that may properly come before the Convention.

The voting strength of each Post will be, as provided in the Department Constitution and By-Laws, Article 5, Section 3 based upon the membership certification sent to the District Commander by the District Adjutant.

Please send certification of your Post Delegates and Alternates to Deb Williamson, 1010 Double Eagle Avenue SE, Rochester MN, 55904. Deadline is **May 2, 2026**.

All Members are encouraged to attend.

Brian Medinnus

First District Commander



The American Legion – Department of Minnesota First District Call to Convention



Delegate Certification to the First District Convention in Lake City, Minnesota, May 16, 2026.

District Adjutant needs no later than May 2nd.

If you have questions about your number of delegates, email adjutantmnmightyfirst@gmail.com.

POST DELEGATES

ALTERNATES

1. _____	1. _____
2. _____	2. _____
3. _____	3. _____
4. _____	4. _____
5. _____	5. _____
6. _____	6. _____
7. _____	7. _____
8. _____	8. _____

SIGNED _____ Date: _____
ADJUTANT, POST #



First District of the
Department of Minnesota of The American Legion
Convention 2026 Pre-registration



The First District of the Department of Minnesota of The American Legion will be held on **May 16th** at **Wild Wings Plaza, 2101 South Hwy 61, Lake City, MN**. Post 110, Lake City is our host this year.
Legion Exec Board will meet Friday May 15th.

Registration Information:

Due No Later than: May 6th, 2026

Mail to: American Legion Post 110
Convention Registration
PO Box 23
Lake City, MN 55041

Attendee: 1 person per form. If you are a dual + member, **only register once**. This form will register SAL and Rider members for their Conventions as well.

Attendee Type: Delegate Alternate Guest

Membership Type: Legion Auxiliary SAL Rider

Post/Unit/Chapter#: _____

Name: _____ **Phone:** () - _____

Full Address: _____

****Bring your membership card – all must be shown for admittance.**

Costs:

Registration	<input type="checkbox"/> \$15.00 in advance		\$20.00 at the door
Lunch	<input type="checkbox"/> \$15.00		\$15.00
Total Cost	\$30.00 in advance		\$35.00

Check _____

While we need one form per person, one check per family is fine IF all registrations arrive in the same envelope. Include the check # on all forms.

Mail the above with monies to register. Keep this part for hotel information.

12 rooms are blocked (code LEGION) for Friday night, May 15th, at

AmericINN

1615 N Lakeshore Drive

Lake City, MN 55041

(651) 345-5611

Rooms are \$ 110.00 / per night plus tax.



From the District President

American Legion Auxiliary
1st District
April Newsletter

Happy Spring!

Everyone will be busy with annual reports! **Remember to send them to our District Chairman not the Department Office.** They will not be used for reporting. Presidents should have the list of District Chairman, which was sent out awhile back. We will also put here in the newsletter.

Due April 15th to the District Chairman, they are required to have their reports to the Department Chairman by April 30th.

When doing your reports if you have pictures please send as a jpeg.

1st District Junior Conference was held Saturday, March 21st at Stewartville. Sadly we only had 4 members from Stewartville and President Regan MvElroy from LeRoy.

Newly elected officers were as follows

President : Ashlyn Anderson

1st Vice: Izzy Slovinski Zipperer

2nd Vice: Poppy Welter

Secretary and Treasurer: Izzy Slovinski Zipperer

Chaplain: Daisy Welter

Sgt at Arms: Poppy Welter

Department of Minnesota Junior Conference

Stewartville is hosting on behalf of the 1st District

Friday April 11th 6-9pm Junior Fun Night.

Saturday April 12th Registration 8am. \$15 includes lunch

Program will start at 9am-3pm

I had hoped to see a better attendance at our District Conference, so I would like to think that we might have a better showing for this.

Girls State numbers have been coming in very slowly. We still have a few girls who reached out that are very interested in attending but do not have sponsorship. If your unit hasn't found someone, would you maybe consider sponsoring one of these young ladies! If interested, let me know.



From the District President

District Convention will be held on Saturday, May 16th at Wild Wings in Lake City. More info and registration is in the newsletter from Adjutant Deb. I look forward to see some new faces hopefully please try to attend if you have never participated. Unit Presidents will give and a yearly report on their units. Chairman will also give an overall report from units reporting. There is much shared and new ideas that can be taken back to your Units.

Congratulations to our District and Units for achieving the March 15th goal of 85%. Now we need to work on achieving the 95% goal June 12, 2026! We can do this members!!

Poppy Campaigns are just around the corner! Your Unit Chair can use whatever help you can give during National Poppy Day, May 22nd with distribution.

Wishing everyone a Happy Easter with family and friends. Let us remember those serving who are not with their loved ones during this time.

Wanda President
1st District President



First District ALA Membership

April Membership Message – Spring Into 95%!

Greetings on this beautiful spring day! As we welcome a new season of growth and renewal, it's the perfect time to celebrate the incredible work happening across our District. **Congratulations to all Units who have reached 85% or higher**—your dedication shows, and it's making a real difference.

As we look ahead, let's keep our eyes on a meaningful milestone:

June 12, 2026 – Female Veterans Day

This is not only a day of honor, but also the deadline for the **95% Membership Goal Award**. Imagine the impact if every Unit in the Mighty First District reached that benchmark. I know you can do it.

District Standing as of 3/25/2026

The First District is currently **4th in the state with 87.50%**—a strong position, and within reach of even greater success. The membership report shows which Units have already met the June 12th goal, and I truly believe **every Unit in our District can join them**.

Renew • Retain • Recruit

These three words continue to guide our mission. Here's how we can keep the momentum going:

- **Reach out to unpaid members**—sometimes all it takes is a friendly reminder.
- **Reconnect with past members**—many simply drift away because no one asked them to return.

Invite new members—you'd be surprised how often people say they “never thought of joining until someone asked.” So let's ask. Let's invite. Let's welcome.

Membership is about belonging, purpose, and community. When we extend that invitation, we strengthen not only our Units, but the entire American Legion Family.

Let's make this spring a season of growth for the Mighty First District. Together, we can reach—and celebrate—that 95% goal.

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	85	86	77.48%	10/25/25	10/25/25				
0040	Lanesboro	98	0	83	83	84.69%	11/18/25	11/18/25				
0050	Wabasha	110	2	104	106	96.36%	9/15/25	10/7/25	12/2/25	2/25/26		
0052	Blooming Prairie	86	1	79	80	93.02%	10/15/25	10/15/25	3/4/26			
0056	Albert Lea	200	16	158	174	87.00%	10/7/25	10/30/25	2/17/26			
0068	Spring Valley	47	1	33	34	72.34%	10/25/25	11/25/25				
0075	New Richland	30	0	28	28	93.33%	11/4/25	11/4/25	12/31/25			
0077	Owatonna	95	1	83	84	88.42%	10/7/25	11/25/25	2/4/26			
0081	Harmony	42	9	24	33	78.57%	11/11/25	11/11/25				
0090	Lewiston	28	4	23	27	96.43%	10/30/25	11/25/25	11/25/25	3/15/26		
0091	Austin	91	0	60	60	65.93%	11/25/25	2/4/26				
0092	Rochester	112	8	94	102	91.07%	9/30/25	10/30/25	3/25/26			
0094	Rushford	49	0	43	43	87.76%	10/7/25	10/15/25	2/4/26			
0105	Lyle	44	8	31	39	88.64%	11/4/25	12/23/25	12/23/25			
0110	Lake City	35	1	33	34	97.14%	11/4/25	11/4/25	3/4/26	3/25/26		
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	79	87	75.00%	11/11/25	2/4/26				
0161	Le Roy	40	13	27	40	100.00%	10/15/25	10/15/25	12/23/25	12/23/25	2/11/26	
0164	Stewartville	158	9	141	150	94.94%	9/15/25	10/25/25	1/14/26			
0179	Plainview	111	5	80	85	76.58%	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	187	198	89.59%	10/30/25	11/4/25	1/20/26			
0249	Spring Grove	72	2	57	59	81.94%	10/7/25	12/31/25				
0264	Glenville	83	11	83	94	113.25%	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	5	88	93	91.18%	10/15/25	12/9/25	2/25/26			
0330	Hayfield	171	11	126	137	80.12%	10/15/25	11/11/25				
0333	Kasson	123	4	99	103	83.74%	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	37	43	79.63%	10/25/25	11/18/25				
0404	Alden	34	2	31	33	97.06%	10/25/25	11/18/25	3/4/26	3/15/26		
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	88	90	85.71%	10/25/25	10/25/25	3/18/26			
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	74	76	89.41%	10/25/25	11/18/25	3/4/26			
0552	Freeborn	53	11	41	52	98.11%	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	39	39	100.00%	10/15/25	10/25/25	11/18/25	2/24/26	2/24/26	
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	27	27	84.38%	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				
Total		3,240	177	2658	2835	87.50%						



American Legion Auxiliary
_____ Unit # ____

Dear Member,

We are reaching out because our records show that your American Legion Auxiliary membership for 2026 has not yet been renewed.

We understand that life gets busy, and renewal notices can sometimes get misplaced. We truly value you as a member of Unit # ____ and would sincerely love to have you continue with us.

Your annual dues of \$ ____ .00 help us carry out our mission of supporting veterans, active-duty military, and their families. Every membership strengthens our Unit and ensures we can continue programs such as veteran assistance, youth activities, scholarships, and community service.

If you have not yet renewed, please mail your dues to:

American Legion Auxiliary Unit # ____

Address: _____

If you have any questions about your membership status or need assistance, please contact:

Name: _____

Membership Chairman

Phone: _____

Email _____

If you have already renewed, please accept our thanks and disregard this notice.

We would truly love to keep you as part of our Auxiliary family. And if you know someone who may be eligible to join, we are always happy to welcome new members.

Thank you for your continued support and dedication to those who have served.

Sincerely,

Name: _____

Membership Chairman

American Legion Auxiliary Unit # ____



Honoring Our Military Children: Purple Up! Day 2026

Each April, the American Legion Auxiliary proudly recognizes the **Month of the Military Child**, a time dedicated to honoring the strength, resilience, and sacrifices of military-connected youth.

In 2026, **Purple Up! Day** will be observed on **Wednesday, April 15**. On this special day, members of the American Legion Family and communities nationwide are encouraged to **wear purple**—a color that represents the combined branches of the United States military. This simple yet powerful gesture demonstrates unity and appreciation for military children who serve alongside their families.

Military children face unique challenges, including frequent relocations, changes in schools, and extended separations from parents due to military service. Their strength and adaptability deserve recognition, making this month—and especially Purple Up! Day—an important opportunity to show support.

How You Can Participate

The American Legion Auxiliary encourages members, units, and communities to take part in meaningful ways:

- **Wear Purple:** Show visible support on April 15 by wearing purple clothing or accessories.
- **Community Proclamations:** Work with local officials to formally declare April 15, 2026, as Purple Up! Day in your area.
- **School Engagement:** Partner with local schools to host breakfasts, lunches, or assemblies that honor military children.
- **Social Media Outreach:** Share photos of your participation using hashtags such as **#PurpleUp** to spread awareness and recognition.

Youth Recognition: Distribute small tokens of appreciation, such as bookmarks, certificates, or thank-you notes, to military children in your community.

By participating in these activities, we not only recognize the sacrifices made by military children but also strengthen our connection to the communities we serve.

Together, let us stand united in purple on April 15 and proudly show our support for these remarkable young heroes.

Auxiliary Call to Convention 2026

The annual First District of the American Legion Auxiliary, Department of Minnesota is hereby called. It is to be held in Lake City, Minnesota on Saturday May 16, 2026. The Auxiliary session will be held at the Wild Wings Plaza located at Hwy 61 South, Lake City, Minnesota.

The opening session will be called on, May 16, 2026, at 9:30 am.

The purpose of the convention is to:

Elect District Officers for the 2026 – 2027 year

Receive reports of Unit Presidents

Receive reports of District Chairman's

Elect delegates and alternates to the National Convention

Conduct such other business as may be brought before the Convention in conformity with the provisions of the Department and National Constitutions.

District Chairmen

All District Chairmen must file/type a report for the District Book of Annual Reports, which will be distributed at the Convention. Reports should include information from the Unit annual reports forwarded to each respective Chairman by the Department office shortly after April 15 and any pertinent information regarding District projects or activities in your program area. Reports should be forwarded to the First District President **No later than April 15, 2026**. If possible, reports should be typewritten and ready to print.

District Chairmen are also responsible to judge the Annual Reports in their respective program area for trophies, awards and certificates of merit according to the District Standing Rules. They should notify the District President of winners of Certificates of merit prior to the opening of the Convention so that the certificates can be properly prepared, signed and awarded at the Convention.

Unit Color Bearers

Units are encouraged to bring their flags to the Convention to be presented as part of the opening ceremonies, posted during the Auxiliary sessions, and retired at the close of the convention. Auxiliary members who are carrying in their flags at the District Convention are asked to meet at the session meeting room at 8:00 am on Saturday, May 17, 2025, to rehearse.

Pages and Color Bearers

Pages and color bearers are expected to wear **white blouses, navy blue skirts or slacks, and comfortable shoes**. No jewelry except rings, watches and small earrings should be worn while acting as a page or color bearer.

Unit Presidents

All Unit Presidents are asked to take part in the **Opening Ceremonies** at the District Convention regardless of whether their Unit Colors will be present. Please be at the session meeting room at 8:00 am to rehearse.

All Unit Presidents are expected to prepare a two-minute report about unit activities throughout this past year.

Reports may include summaries of Unit activities or specific activities unique to the Unit that may provide ideas for other Units. **Presidents will present their report** during the convention sessions and submit a **written copy of that report** to the District Secretary upon completion of their presentation. Unit Presidents who are unable to attend the convention may prepare a report to be read by another unit member or may forward a written report to the District Secretary prior to the Convention.

County Council Presidents

County Council Presidents are expected to be prepared to report on their county's activities, what their county does to keep their council active, and ideas that may help other counties start a council.

Annual Report Reminder for All Unit Chairmen

As we enter the final phase of the reporting year, this is an important moment for every Unit Chairman to ensure their program's work is fully represented. Annual Reports play a vital role in documenting the impact we make across our communities, and your timely participation strengthens the mission of the American Legion Auxiliary.

Unit Chairmen are asked to submit their Annual Reports to their District Chairman on or before April 15th. Reports may be mailed or scanned and emailed—whichever method works best for your Unit. A complete list of District Chairmen, along with the District Awards, is included in this newsletter for your convenience.

District Awards will be presented at the District Convention on May 16, 2026. This event is a wonderful opportunity to recognize the dedication and accomplishments of our Units, and we hope to see strong participation from across the District.

Unit Presidents are encouraged to review the District Chairman list and ensure their Unit Chairmen know where to send their reports. If your District does not have a Chairman listed for a particular program, please send those reports directly to President Wanda so they can still be included.

If you have any questions or need clarification, please reach out to District President Wanda for guidance.

Let's work together for a strong report turn-in this year. Every submission—large or small—helps tell the story of who we are and the difference we make in the lives of veterans, military families, and our communities.

Americanism	Sharon Kingsley	92	1417 4th Ave NW Unit 1	Rochester	MN	55901	507-206-1885	sharo2100@yahoo.com
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Gift Shop Chairman								
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National Security								
Armed Forces Servicemens Center								
Past President Parley	Michelle Weaver	595	1305 Willow St #39	LaCrescent	MN	55947	608-304-8773	weaver.michelle595@gmail.com
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Community Service

The ALA Community Service month is April. Community service is a year-round obligation.

Ask yourself what does your community need help with? Local residents, Children, Animals? When are you available? Daytime? Weekends? Evenings?

Our objective is to promote service as a core value by engaging our members in meaningful projects. 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!

If there is an emergency in your area, can you help with food & clothing drives. Homeless shelters, yardwork?

Childcare...there is always that need

Do you sew, knit or crochet? Items for local nursing type homes might be needed!

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

Pick a local charity and have a fundraiser.

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

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

Nancy Lewison

First District Community Service Chairman



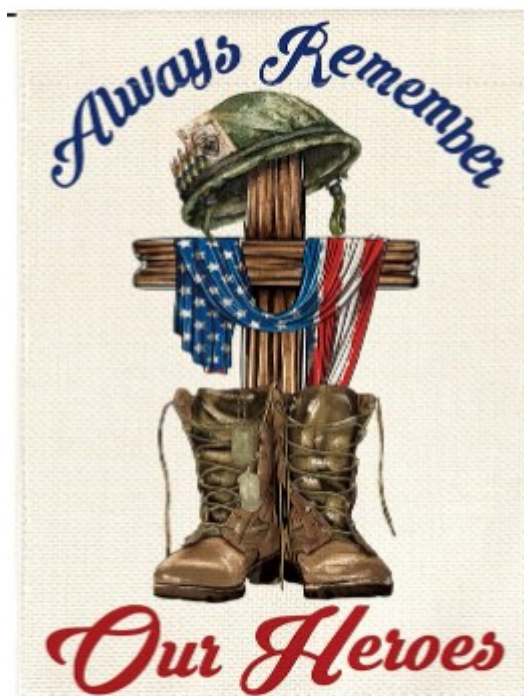
Mission #3 will fly out on April 27th, 2026. Along with 85 veterans will be guardians, flight team and medical team. Once they arrive at the DC airport, buses will be waiting to travel around the city.

The National Honor Flight organization has announced it will soon extend the service dates to allow more veterans to take this wonderful trip. More info to follow on that!

We are grateful for all the assistance we receive from veteran's organizations. There are several fund raisers going on right now.

We hosted a North Star Honor Flight "spring fling" bingo at the Adams American Legion on Saturday, March 21st. The hall was decorated and full of bingo players! It was a very successful event.

As we plan for a fall flight, please consider hosting an event or making a monetary donation.



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FROM YOUR COMMANDER Greetings Legion Family,

This past weekend I attended the Detachment Spring Conference hosted by Arcade-Phalen Squadron 577 in St. Paul. Minnesota currently sits in 21st place out of the 55 SAL detachments nationally, and in 5th place out of the 8 detachments in our region.

As the second largest district in Minnesota, we need to ensure we are pulling our weight. We currently sit in 4th place with 13 squadrons above goal and have added 135 new members across the district. Thank you to those squadrons. We also have some squadrons who have fallen way behind. We have a little over 350 members from 2025 who still have not renewed their memberships for 2026, including some squadron commanders. That is unacceptable! Get your 2026 renewals sent in.

I know we have many members in this district who are dedicated to this organization and work hard to support our mission. Please bring that dedication to the district level. The District Convention is May 2nd (details below) and we need nominations for officers for 2026-27. The only thing you need to qualify is your willingness to help and preferably a letter of endorsement from your squadron. No experience is necessary.

Josh Erickson
SAL District Commander

***** MESSAGE FROM THE DISTRICT SAL ADVISOR *****

Gentlemen:

The 1st District SAL Convention is being held in Lake City on May 2nd (see the call to convention below for more information). The district is again looking for members to fill open officer positions and committee chairs within the district. No experience is required...only a willingness to work hard and learn.

The district will also reimburse mileage for one vehicle of members attending from each Squadron at \$0.50 per mile, round trip.

We are in need of members to step up and help this district as officers. People say we need new blood in the district officer ranks. We are always looking for new motivated individuals.

Please attend....make the difference.

Brian Medinnus
1st District SAL Advisor
Post 161 Leroy
2025-2026



DATE: March 1, 2026
TO: All First District Squadrons
RE: Call to Convention

By the virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and Bylaws of the Sons of the American Legion, First District, Detachment of Minnesota, I do hereby call for a Convention of the First District Sons of the American Legion to convene on Saturday, May 2nd, 2026, at 9:00 AM in Lake City, Minnesota.

DATE: May 2, 2026
HOST: American Legion Post 110, Lake City
LOCATION: Lake Pepin Plaza
 221 N Franklin Street
 Lake City, MN 55041
TIME: Executive Committee meets at 9:00 AM
 Convention convenes at 10:00 AM

The purpose of this Convention shall be the election of district officers, including a Commander, West Vice-Commander, East Vice-Commander, Chaplain and Finance Officer; and to conduct any business as may properly come before the Convention.

In Convention, representation shall be by Squadron, as prescribed in the Constitution and Bylaws of the Sons of the American, First District, Detachment of Minnesota. Each Squadron shall be entitled to one (1) delegate, and one (1) additional delegate for every twenty-five (25) members, or major fraction thereof, whose dues for the current year have been received at Detachment at least thirty (30) days prior to the start of Convention.

Each Squadron shall certify a list of delegates and alternates to the District SAL Adjutant at least ten (10) days prior to the start of Convention. The delegate certification must be signed by a Squadron officer and submitted to the District SAL Adjutant:

DAVE BILDERBACK
4409 22ND AVE NW
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All members of the First District Sons of the American Legion are encouraged to attend. Registration information will be forthcoming.



Josh Erickson
 First District SAL Commander

SAL 1st District

Membership Summary as of 03/21/2026

As I compile this newsletter District 1 slipped from 3rd place to 4th place out of 10. From a percentage stand point we increased 4.6 percent.

District 1 came off the goose egg on 2/1/2026. We now have 12 out of 36 squadrons at 100% or better. This is an increase of 1 squadron from last month. Note that 7 of the 12 not only hit 100 percent, they exceeded the 100 percent mark.

This is the latest membership report from the District that I have, showing numbers for each district to date as well as 2026 membership goals.

District Report Numbers:

Districts	2025 Results	2026 Goal	Grand Total	Percentage	Placing
1st District	1745	1785	1582	88.63%	4
2nd District	1225	1269	1334	105.12%	1
3rd District	2247	2287	1899	83.03%	8
4th District	410	450	367	81.56%	9
5th District	318	358	304	84.92%	7
6th District	1643	1683	1516	90.08%	3
7th District	995	1065	920	86.38%	6
8th District	479	529	462	87.33%	5
9th District	951	985	927	94.11%	2
10th District	1641	1680	1363	81.13%	10
Totals	11654	12091	10674	88.28%	

IMPORTANT INFORMATION TO UNDERSTAND REGARDING RENEWAL STATUS AND DATE

Membership Renewal Dates

The SAL membership year follows the calendar year (Jan 1 through Dec 31) and renewals due in advance, meaning 2026 renewals were due by Dec 31, 2025. Ideally, they should be submitted by about mid-December so National has time to process them before Jan 1. Here are the important renewal dates from the National SAL Bylaws:

Any member whose renewal has not been processed at National by **Jan 1** goes into **delinquent** status. If the member renews before Feb 1, they are automatically returned to “active in good standing”.

Any member who is still delinquent on **Feb 1** goes into **suspended** status. A member in suspended status loses all privileges and benefits of membership until reinstated. That includes the ability to hold any office, the ability to vote, the ability to represent their squadron as a delegate at District and/or Detachment convention, and in Minnesota, the benefit of the Minnesota American Legion Family Hospital Association. On **June 1**, suspended memberships are **forfeited** and no further renewal notices are sent.

A suspended/forfeited member can be reinstated to “active in good standing” by a motion brought before the squadron membership body to approve the reinstatement and upon payment of dues for the current year (though I suspect most squadrons forego the formality of actually voting the member back in). This is not spelled out, but my understanding is, as long as the member is reinstated in the same year their membership was forfeited, they do not lose their continuous years. For example, if you have any members who have not paid their 2026 dues, they would need to be reinstated before the end of the year to keep their continuous years.

Please take immediate action and review how many of your members from 2025 have not yet renewed their membership and take action now!



In closing, I wish you all the best. God Bless our Troops past and present and God Bless America.

Respectfully Yours,
Greg Lemmer
SAL 1st District Membership Director

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	15	0	147	0	162	103.18%	2/15/2026
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	7	0	75	0	82	85.42%	
77	Owatonna	105	108	8	0	93	0	101	93.52%	
90	Lewiston	48	49	2	0	47	0	49	100.00%	1/4/2026
91	Austin	61	63	0	0	42	0	42	66.67%	
92	Rochester	85	87	6	0	56	0	62	71.26%	
94	Rushford	38	41	12	0	20	0	32	78.05%	
105	Lyle	31	33	2	0	29	0	31	93.94%	
119	Byron	25	26	2	0	24	0	26	100.00%	2/8/2026
146	Adams	100	100	0	0	64	0	64	64.00%	
161	Leroy	35	36	0	0	35	0	35	97.22%	
164	Stewartville	116	117	15	0	99	0	114	97.44%	
166	Preston	55	57	11	0	48	0	59	103.51%	12/7/2025
179	Plainview	7	7	3	0	5	0	8	114.29%	11/30/2025
190	St Charles	3	3	0	0	2	0	2	66.67%	
191	Caledonia	8	8	2	0	3	0	5	62.50%	
228	Waseca	140	142	18	0	111	0	129	90.85%	
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	15	0	15	75.00%	
317	Emmons	51	54	2	0	44	0	46	85.19%	
330	Hayfield	54	56	8	0	50	0	58	103.57%	2/8/2026
333	Kasson	37	37	1	0	30	0	31	83.78%	
384	Dodge Center	9	11	0	0	2	0	2	18.18%	
404	Alden	54	54	1	0	45	0	46	85.19%	
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	30	0	34	94.44%	
552	Freeborn	26	26	0	0	5	0	5	19.23%	
579	Milville	23	23	0	0	23	0	23	100.00%	11/9/2025
595	La Crescent	63	65	2	0	64	0	66	101.54%	3/8/2026
1st District Totals		1745	1785	135	0	1447	0	1582	88.63%	

Growing a Strong SAL Squadron: Proven Strategies for Recruitment, Renewal, and Engagement

Many successful Sons of the American Legion (SAL) squadrons grow quickly by combining targeted recruiting with meaningful, visible activities and consistent follow-up on renewals. The most effective squadrons don't wait for members to come to them—they build a welcoming, active presence that families want to be part of.

1. Focused Recruiting Instead of “Waiting for Them”

- Set clear, short-term goals such as “+10 new members by July 1,” and review progress at each meeting.
- Ask Legionnaires and Auxiliary members to identify sons, grandsons, and great-grandsons who are eligible. A personal invitation to these family members—your “family tree” approach—is one of the fastest ways to grow.

Be present where eligible families already gather: youth sports, school events, Scout meetings, church, and community activities. Keep simple sign-up or interest forms ready.

2. Activities That Attract Families

- Host youth-friendly events under the SAL name—flag retirements, youth shooting or marksmanship clubs, fishing derbies, car washes, or sports tournaments. These naturally bring in parents and grandparents who may also be eligible for SAL or other Legion Family programs.
- Partner with schools and youth groups for flag education, essay contests, or service days. Positive, visible involvement often leads to new memberships from families who appreciate the mission.

Connect recruiting to high-traffic post events such as fish fries, raffles, benefit dinners, or golf outings. Always have SAL applications and someone ready to explain eligibility and dues.

3. Make Joining and Renewing Easy

- Offer on-the-spot sign-ups with dues collection at events. When possible, provide online or QR-code access to membership forms so families can join from their phones.
- Send short, friendly reminders—letters, emails, texts, or calls—to encourage renewals before deadlines. Posts that mail renewal letters with a stamped return envelope see faster and higher response rates.

Maintain a simple contact list with each member's preferred communication method and schedule renewal reminders for December and January to avoid last-minute scrambling.

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4. Give Members Something Meaningful to Do

- New members stay—and bring friends—when they are invited to help with real, mission-centered tasks such as serving at VA dinners, working fundraisers, or assisting with ceremonies.
- Ask each member what they enjoy or excel at (cooking, carpentry, social media, organizing, public speaking) and match them with tasks quickly so they feel valued and needed.

Recognize contributions publicly at meetings, on social media, and in newsletters. Visible appreciation encourages continued involvement and inspires members to recruit others.

5. Strengthen Visibility and Communication

- Keep SAL activities visible by posting photos and short write-ups on the post bulletin board, website, Facebook page, and community pages. Visibility shows that the squadron is active, welcoming, and making a difference.
- Assign a tech-savvy member—often a younger SAL member—to manage social media. Squadrons that refresh their online presence often gain attention from families who didn't realize what the Legion Family offers.

Coordinate with the Legion and Auxiliary so SAL is included in all family publicity. A brief SAL update at Legion and Auxiliary meetings helps build awareness and support.

6. Use Incentives and Recognition to Encourage Growth

- Run short-term membership drives with simple rewards such as a special SAL shirt, hat, or pin for members who recruit a set number of new members.
- Create friendly competitions—“Who can bring in the most new or renewed members by May 1?”—and recognize winners at a post event.

Take advantage of department or national SAL recognition programs that reward squadrons reaching 100–105% membership by specific dates. These benchmarks naturally motivate quicker recruiting and renewals.

Respectfully Submitted

Greg Lemmer

1st District SAL Membership Director



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

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2025 – 2026 FIRST DISTRICT ALR OFFICERS

Wes Halverson – Director
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Roe Naylor – Vice Director
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Sunshine Miller Maloney – Secretary
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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 1st 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 1st District. Also listed are the District ALR officers and their contact info.

ADAMS – CHAPTER #146
 Dennis & Nancy Lewison –
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. **1st District ALR of MN**

Sunshine Miller Maloney, 1st District Secretary

Hello All,

The 1st District ALR Convention will be on Saturday, May 2nd at 11am in Lake City (directly following the SAL Convention that day).

SUMMER 2026 AREA RIDES & EVENTS

- Ø April 11th Gun Raffle – Austin ALR
- Ø April 27th North Star Honor Flight – Rochester Airport
- Ø May 2nd Awareness & Recruitment Day – Rushford ALR
- Ø May 2nd First District ALR Convention – Lake City
- Ø May 10th Mother's Day Breakfast – Austin ALR
- Ø May 15th Kick-Off Party for Nation of Patriots – Glenville ALR
- Ø May 16th Nation of Patriots – at Bergdale Harley Albert Lea
- Ø June 6th Mary's Angels Alzheimer's Run – Austin ALR
- Ø June 6th Thunder in the Valley – Rushford ALR
- Ø June 27th PTSD Awareness Ride – Eyota ALR
- Ø June 27th Big Jim/Toys4Tots Ride – Austin ALR
- Ø July 22 – 25 MN Dept Fund 85 Ride – Southern area of MN

Sunshine Miller Maloney, Secretary

1st District American Legion Riders

DATE: April 1, 2026

TO: All First District Riders

RE: Call to Convention

By the virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and Bylaws of the American Legion Riders, First District, Department of Minnesota, I do hereby call for a Convention of the First District American Legion Riders to convene on Saturday, May 2nd, 2026, at 11:00am in Lake City, Minnesota.

DATE: May 2, 2026

HOST: American Legion Post 110, Lake City

LOCATION: Lake Pepin Plaza
221 N Franklin Street
Lake City, MN 55041

TIME: 11am - Noon

The purpose of this Convention shall be the election of district officers. And to conduct any business as may properly come before the Convention.

At Convention, representation shall be by Chapter, as prescribed in the Constitution and

Bylaws of the American Legion Riders, First District, Department of Minnesota. Each Chapter shall be entitled to one (1) delegate, whose dues for their respective Legion, ALA or Squadron for the current year have been received at Department at least thirty (30) days prior to the start of Convention.

Each Chapter shall certify a list of their delegate to the District Secretary at least ten (10) days prior to the start of Convention. The delegate certification must be submitted to the District ALR Secretary:

Karla 'Sunshine' Maloney
845 54th Avenue, Apt E
Winona, MN 55987
Sunshine1alr@gmail.com

All members of the First District American Legion Riders are encouraged to attend.

Wes Halverson, First District ALR Director



A few of the members of the 1st District that attended the Department Appreciation Rally. It was wonderful turn out.

OFFICIAL AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS

1ST DISTRICT

AWARENESS & RECRUITMENT DAY

****BIKE & Side-by-Side Show ****
 Contact: Ray Steichen by April 25th
 to enter yours!!! 507-273-8972
 Prizes for each Category/Judging
 begins @ 3 pm.



LUNCH: Burger & Chips \$7.00
 Assorted desserts will be
 available for purchase.

**Join us Saturday, May 2nd
 Noon to 4 pm @ Rushford American Legion
 301 MN-16, Rushford, MN 55971**

The Legion Bar
KENTUCKY DERBY PARTY
 Beverages, pizza, and
 sandwiches will be
 available in the bar.



Horse Racing
 V2 Pull-Tab Horse Racing in the
 Bar @ 1:00 pm
 (subject to a sufficient number
 of participants).



Display and Information Booths:
 American Legion, Auxiliary, Sons of the Legion, Legion Riders, M&M
 Lawn & Leisure of Rushford, Tiger Law, and so much more!!



Proceeds will be used for Veterans and Veterans' programs.



NATION OF PATRIOTS™



17th Year Anniversary
One Flag ★ 50 States ★ 115 Days
SUPPORTING MILITARY FAMILIES

Raising Funds

The Nation of Patriots is a 100% volunteer organization. 100% of donations go to local veterans struggling to support their families.



SEND OFF PARTY
May 15th @ 5:00 pm
Glenville, MN

American Legion Post #264

- Live bands with food and drink
- Massive tent / rain or shine
- Ride registration available

STARTING CEREMONY

May 16th @ 10:00 am
Albert Lea, MN

Bergdale Harley Davidson

- Registration starts at 9:00 am
- **Honor Guard led ceremony** honoring Veterans, Purple Heart recipients and service family members
- Special guest speakers

Ride departs at 11:00 am

1st STOP

Mason City, IA

Harley Davidson of Mason City

- Police escorts through larger towns
- Preset Road guards to ensure safety
- Approximately 1 ½ hours road time
- Recovery Vehicles on site
- Flag Passing Ceremony in Mason City, Iowa

To Donate contact:

Larry Larson (507) 383 3389



www.nationofpatriots.com

MN 2026 Fund 85 Run

July 22 – New Ulm

The MicroTel information is only what they printed out. I am having trouble scanning at this time. If I get it figured out I will send it to you. Group name is Legion Riders. The only number I have is the one on the internet, [866-994-0930](tel:866-994-0930), or reservationdesk.com. They quoted me a price of \$120 per night plus tax.

Best Western \$110 507-359-2941

Online booking URL: https://www.bestwestern.com/en_US/book/hotel-rooms.24142.html?groupId=2D7FH1H6

Below is the confirmation email I got from Best Western for the block of 10 rooms. Attached is the actual confirmation page. As you can see the room rate is \$110 plus tax. Cut off date is 6/22/2026. Group name is Legion Riders Fund 85 Ride.

Schells Brewery tour starting at 2:30 pm. Need an estimate on the number of people who plan to come so I can let the brewery know. Contact Kris at?

July 23 Montevideo

Grand Stay 320-269-8000

Rate unknown

July 24 St. Peter

We are locked in for July 24th at American Inn in St Peter. We have 10 double queen beds and 5 single bed at 165.00 this rate will be good until 6/24/26 or all rooms are booked. To book call 507-931-6554 and ask for the American Legion riders block.

July 25 Waseca

We are now locked in with Grand Stay in Waseca for July 25. Block under American Legion riders room rate 139.00 and this will be good until 6/25/26. Number to book room: 507-835-0022.

Shawn Davis

Chair, Membership Training & Development www.legion.org/sons

Historian, Detachment of Minnesota www.mnsal.org

Secretary, MN ALR www.mnalr.org

Adjutant, 5th District SAL www.mnfightingfifth.org

Director, Post 435 ALR www.mnlegion435.org/

Department of Minnesota Joint Testimonial Dinner

American Legion Commander Linda Dvorak

American Legion Auxiliary President Robin Dorf

Sons of the American Legion Commander Jeremy Copher



Saturday, June 27, 2026

New Prague American Legion Post

5pm Social ~ 6pm Dinner ~ 7pm Program ~ Band until 10pm

Menu will be turkey and brisket, sides, and dessert

\$25.00 per person

Purchase your tickets on the Department American Legion website OR send check to New Prague American Legion, PO Box 113, New Prague MN 56071

Reservations due by June 19, 2026

Block of rooms available at Quality Inn & Suites in New Prague.

(952)758-7300 ~ ask for the American Legion Block

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Name \_\_\_\_\_ # of Guests \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

**YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED  
TO THE 19TH ANNUAL  
MILITARY BALL**

**SATURDAY, APRIL 25, 2026**

**AT THE SPRING GROVE FEST BUILDING**

**110 NORTH DIVISION, SPRING GROVE, MINNESOTA  
OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

**COCKTAILS & PHOTOS 4:30 P.M.**

**(ONE PHOTO INCLUDED)**

**DINNER: 5:45 P.M.**

**PLATE INCLUDES: ROAST BEEF & CHICKEN**

**DANCING: 8:00 PM-10:30 P.M.**

**COST \$20/ PER PERSON**

**PLEASE RSVP BY APRIL 10**



**Feel free to copy and share this invitation  
Direct questions to: Gary or Jan Lee Buxengard at  
507-498-3461 or janleebuxengard@gmail.com**

Cut along dotted line

**19th annual Military Ball attendees**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Number in your party \_\_\_\_\_ amount enclosed \_\_\_\_\_

Please list name of other guests on back of this portion.

If you have special dietary needs, please explain on back.

Please make checks or money order payable to: MILITARY BALL

Mail to: Military Ball 21465 Southview Road, Spring Grove, MN 55974



# Spring Chicken-Q



**Saturday, April 18, 2026**

**Winona American Legion  
302 East Sarnia**

**Serving 11am until Gone**

**\*\*Pre-Sales held until 1pm\*\***

**1/2 Grilled Chicken, Baked Potato, Baked  
Beans and Bloedow's Roll for just  
\$10 in advance or \$12 at the door**

**Tickets available at the bar or from any  
SAL member.**



**OVERFLOW PARKING IN WSU LOT IS ALLOWED**



Leon J. Wetzel  
Squadron 9  
Winona, MN

## 2026 Event Dates

|              |                                                                                                                                                                             |
|--------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| April 9      | Broasted Chicken: 5:00 to 6:30 or until gone                                                                                                                                |
| April 18     | SAL Chicken Q. Serving 11:00 to 2:00 or until gone                                                                                                                          |
| May 9        | Chicken Q - Event Sponsor is Winona Chiefs Baseball. They will sell tickets and serve the meals. SAL will grill the chicken. Serving 11:00 to 2:00 or until gone            |
| May 10       | Mother's Day Breakfast Serving time TBD                                                                                                                                     |
| May 14       | Broasted Chicken: 5:00 to 6:30 or until gone                                                                                                                                |
| September 10 | Broasted Chicken: 5:00 to 6:30 or until gone                                                                                                                                |
| September 19 | SAL Chicken- Q. Serving 11:00 to 2:00 or until gone                                                                                                                         |
| October 8    | Broasted Chicken: 5:00 to 6:30 or until gone                                                                                                                                |
| October 10   | Chicken Q - Event Sponsor is Winona Cotter HS Speech Team (TBD) They will sell tickets and serve the meals. SAL will grill the chicken. Serving 11:00 to 2:00 or until gone |
| November 12  | Broasted Chicken: 5:00 to 6:30 or until gone                                                                                                                                |
| December 10  | Broasted Chicken: 5:00 to 6:30 or until gone                                                                                                                                |

**We hope you can join us and experience the great family environment at the Winona American Legion.**

# 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    |
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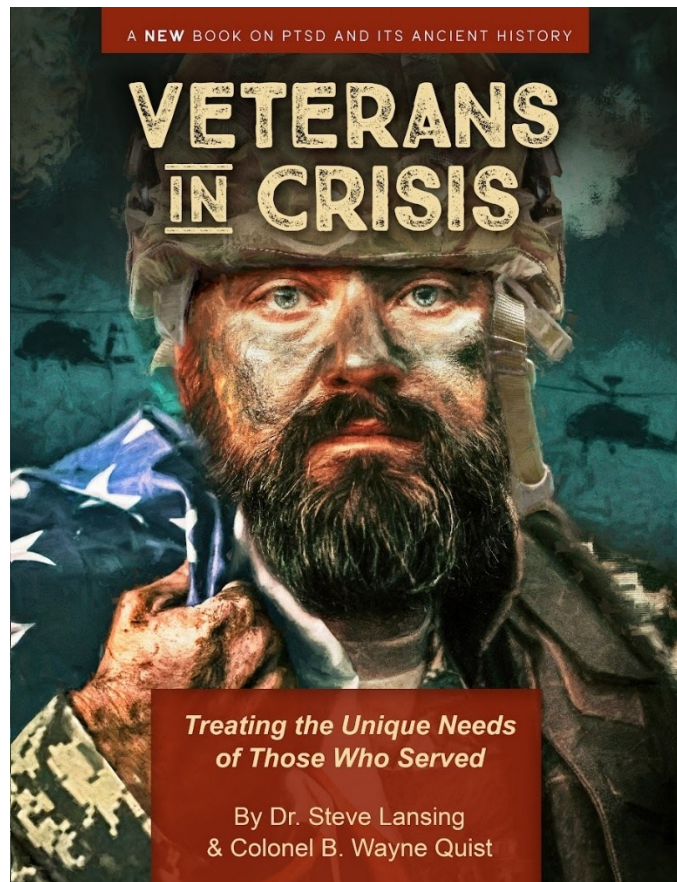
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