

# The 2<sup>nd</sup> District American Legion Family Newsletter



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## **\*\*Newsletter News\*\***

The newsletter email is [district2mnlionfamilynews@gmail.com](mailto:district2mnlionfamilynews@gmail.com)

Please submit all articles/pictures/posters etc. you wish to have published in the newsletter before the 22<sup>nd</sup> of the prior month.

To help the District cut down on expenses and time it takes with the mailings of the newsletter, it was decided at convention time to go all electronic for the newsletter. Please encourage someone from each Post, Unit, Squadron and Chapter to receive the newsletter via email and print it out for their meetings. It will also be available on the district website at [www.mnlegion2nndistrict.com](http://www.mnlegion2nndistrict.com) on the newsletter page.

Brad Pagel is still doing the newsletter, but if someone is more than willing to take it over and do it each month that would be great and awesome too.

## **Upcoming Events**

**Dec 7 Dept Pearl Harbor Rally Rosetown 12pm**

**Dec 14 District Christmas Party St. James MN 5pm**

**Jan 10-11 District Mid-winter Conference Sleepy Eye MN**

**Jan 10 Exec Meet 7pm, Jan 11 Session start 9am, Oratorical Contest 1pm**

**Feb 8 Dept Sweetheart Rally 11am Montgomery MN**

**Feb 22 District Rally Slayton MN 1pm**

**May 9 District testimonials**

**June 5-6 District Convention New Ulm MN**

## **Mark the Dates**

**Adrian SAL pancake breakfast last Sunday every month. 9-1**

**Bricelyn Post SAL steak fry 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday every month.**

**Keister Post steak fry 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday every month.**

**Madelia Steak Fry 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday every month 5-730pm**

**Okabena Hamburger and Steak Fry 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday every month 430pm till gone**

**Pipestone SAL Omelet Breakfast 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday every month September-April 9am-1230pm**

**Slayton Legion Pancake breakfast Dec 22, Jan 26, Feb 23, Mar 29, Apr 26, 9am-12:30pm held at 4H Building on Fairgrounds**

**Any post events please send them in to get in newsletters.**

**2<sup>ND</sup> DISTRICT MID-WINTER CONFERENCE**

**JANUARY 10-11, 2020**

Sleepy Eye American Post #7

Serviceman’s Club, 109 1<sup>st</sup> Ave S, Sleepy Eye, MN 56085

**ROOMS:** Americainn, 1100 Main St E., Sleepy Eye, MN 56055 Phone: 507-794-9494

When you call to make your reservation, ask for the “American Legion Mid-Winter Conference”. The rooms will cost \$115.00 plus tax each until December 10, 2019. After the 10<sup>th</sup>, the rooms will cost \$139.00 plus tax.

**MEALS:** Executive Board Supper (5:00 PM.): Fried chicken, mashed potatoes, sweetcorn and bars. \$7.00

Breakfast (8:00 AM.): Assorted pastries, coffee, water and milk. FREE

Lunch (12 NOON): Slice ham, scallop potatoes, green beans and bars. \$7:50

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Registration per person: \$10.00

Legion \_\_\_\_\_ Auxiliary \_\_\_\_\_ S.A.L \_\_\_\_\_ Aux Jr. \_\_\_\_\_ Riders \_\_\_\_\_

**COSTS**

QTY

Registration \$10.00 X \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Exe. Board Supper (\$7.00) \$7.00 X \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Lunch (\$7.50) \$7.50 X \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Make checks payable to: **American Legion Post #7**

Mail to: **Betty Jass**

**P. O. Box 1303**

**Lake Crystal, MN 56055**

507-351-1241

\*\*\*\*\*ALL REGISTRATIONS AND MEALS NEED TO BE SENT IN NO LATER THAN January 2, 2020.

**ATTENTION: ALL VETERANS**  
**GREAT NEWS:**

President Trump signed into law the LEGION Act (Let Everyone Get Involved in Opportunities for National Service). **The new Law changes The American Legion's eligibility dates to now be open to all those who served during WWI and all veterans since Dec 7th 1941 with at least one day of honorable federal service.**

Minnesota's own Past National Commander Dan Ludwig, from Red Wing Post 54, was witness to and was a leading influence in getting this historic piece of bipartisan legislation passed. We welcome with open arms ALL of our fellow Veterans along with their families to be a part of The American Legion family!

The LEGION Act now opens up The American Legion's eligibility to approximately 6 million veterans which previously had not been eligible. It opens the eligibility for membership in The American Legion to anyone who had 1 day of federal active duty and has been honorably discharged or are still serving since December 7, 1941.

The existing American Legion membership applications are in the process of being updated but can still be used. It is recommended that prospective Legionnaires and recruiters write 'LEGION Act' in the eligibility date section of American Legion membership applications if they fall outside the previous war eras. The larger pool of veterans now eligible for The American Legion will also open their family members to eligibility in the Sons of the American Legion and American Legion Auxiliary as well. Please contact your local post for application and further information.

**Eligibility Requirements for American Legion Auxiliary Membership**

**Membership in The American Legion Auxiliary shall be limited to the grandmothers, mothers, sisters, spouses, and direct and adopted female descendants of members of The American Legion, and to the grandmothers, mothers, sisters, spouses, and direct and adopted female descendants of all men and women who were in the Armed Forces of the United States during any of the following periods: April 6, 1917, to November 11, 1918; and any time after December 7, 1941; or who, being citizens of the United States at the time of their entry therein, served on active duty in the Armed Forces of any of the governments associated with the United States during any of said periods, and died in the line of duty or after honorable discharge; and to those women who of their own right are eligible for membership in The American Legion**

A woman who is eligible for American Legion membership is eligible to join the American Legion Auxiliary regardless of whether or not she is a member of The

American Legion. However, eligibility of her female relatives (sister, mother, direct decedents) and/or spouse depends upon her membership in The American Legion.

### **Sons of The American Legion**

S.A.L. members include males of all ages whose parents or grandparents served in the U.S. military and were eligible for American Legion membership.

### **District Project**

The 3 way district project with the Commander, Auxiliary President, and SAL Commander, is at the Eagles Healing Nest Redwood Falls Facility. The project is to build an outdoor patio area with firepit and grilling areas with tables and chairs for socializing. The Redwood Falls facility is an apartment style for our veterans to reintegrate with their family's. Eagle's Healing Nest's mission is to provide assistance with the healing of the invisible wounds of war carried by our service men and women...past, present, and future. Eagle's Healing Nest is here to ensure we do not lose another generation of veterans to homelessness, broken family units, or suicide. We need to start taking care of our younger veterans in order to stop the 22 a day.

When sending in donations to the project mark them for the Redwood Falls facility outdoor patio project.

Eagle's Healing Nest

310 Highway 71 N, Unit 881

Sauk Centre, MN 56378

## 2<sup>nd</sup> District Commander Column



2<sup>nd</sup> District Commander  
Brad Pagel  
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As I sit here putting together this month's newsletter, the weather is not cooperating for the holiday weekend. Sitting here thinking and pondering what to write about this month, is sometimes harder than it seems. First I think about the 3 ring circus that the media considers newsworthy, then I am reminded that The American Legion is non-political. Well that just nixed about 3 months of stuff I could talk about. Then I thought about the past memories of Fall conference and some things are better left unsaid. Although it was entertaining and lots of fun. Then I was looking through the upcoming events that are on the calendar with family. Which family you ask, well Legion Family and personal family, as Christmas is fast approaching and Clark Griswold is my icon. This is a time to think about social functions without all the pomp and procedure, a time to invite those younger veteran families to join the Legion Family at a district Christmas party, a time to get to know others that are still serving and what our mission is. It's a time to socialize and have a good time amongst friends and family. The 2nd District Christmas party is at the St. James post on Dec 14 starting at 5pm. Just remember It's not Christmas until I see Hans Gruber fall off Nakatomi Plaza. The district Mid-winter conference is January 10-11 in Sleepy Eye. The District Oratorical contest is on Jan 11 at 1pm, I need to know beforehand on how many participants we have coming to this contest from the district. We can stop the 22 a day one step at a time. If we don't invest in ourselves and show others what we can accomplish, who is going to do it? Still serving America.

The District Christmas party is set for Saturday December 14 at St. James Legion Post. Social starting at 5pm meal to follow around 6pm. For the meal it will be a 2 meat option roast beef and chicken, potato, vegetable, dessert. **I need a head count if you plan on attending for sure, so food can be ordered in a timely manner and**

**prepared. I need to know by Dec 3<sup>rd</sup> if you plan on attending.** The cost will be \$12.  
Email, text or call ASAP!!

Gift exchange will be held, please keep it family friendly, \$5-10 suggested price on gift. Please mark whether for adult or child. Bring your children, grandchildren as this will be a fun time to socialize without all the formality involved.

The registration form for Mid-Winter conference on Jan 10-11 in Sleepy Eye is in this newsletter, please fill it out and return it ASAP if you plan on attending. Remember the District Oratorical Contest will also be held at the same time.

The National Commander tour schedule is out in this newsletter, plan on attending in February, There are 3 stops in 2<sup>nd</sup> District, lets fill the posts up and show the National Commander that 2<sup>nd</sup> District Rocks.

### **Auxiliary President News**



**2nd District President  
Robin Olson  
[rrde72@gmail.com](mailto:rrde72@gmail.com)  
507-525-3790**

Hi hope you all had a very Happy Thanksgiving. First thing I would like to share with you is that we lost a past District officer this last week Marge Tarbill. The service for her will be Tuesday Dec. 3 at 11:00 am at the Benson funeral home in Worthington and burial will be at the Worthington Memorial Gardens Cemetery.

Would also like to tell you that you all have been doing a great job on membership we are back up to being in 3rd place way to go keep up the great work.

This coming up weekend there is the Pearl Harbor Rally in Rosetown would be great to see you there. Start time is at 12.

Just so you all know that the District Jr Conference will be held at the Welcome Legion on March 8th. Registration is at 12. So please bring your Jr's and join in the fun of the conference.

Also this month we will be having our Christmas party for the District in St. James at the American Legion On Dec. 14th. Social hour will start at 5 and supper will be around 6. We r having a 2 meat buffet and the cost is \$13.00. We would also like you to bring a small gift of no more than \$10.00 and Mark it for an adult or a child. We are hoping that you will bring your children for this is a family event and would like them to come.

We are also thinking about getting together to go to the eagles healing nest in Redwood Falls and see what it is all about we have a lady that will do the tour of the facility and afterwords we would have a concert put on for us by Connie Lee she was at fall conference and did a great job. We have a very generous Legion Post that is donating the money to have her perform for us. If you would like to do this as a district let's come up with a date and do it. I think it would be fun so let us know who would all like to go and we will come up with a date and let everyone know soon.

God bless all of you for all the work you do for our veterans.

Your 2nd District President

### **LEGION MEMBERSHIP**

Randy R. Olson  
2nd District Membership  
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Holiday Greetings to the 2nd District Family! I hope you all have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! Have you reached out to those you haven't heard from in a while! Holidays are tough for a lot of Veterans & their families! Make it a priority to do a Holiday Buddy Check! Make them "feel" as "special" as they are!

I just reviewed the Membership Report from Department! Thank You for the hard work as we are over 80% as a District! There are a lot of expired memberships out



**there as I look through each & every Post! Please make a personal call to each & everyone of them! A postcard is a reminder, but the personal connection is what drives them to renew!**

**The Legion Act gives you many Veterans & their families the ability to share our benefits & love for each other with their membership! Reach out to them, just ask, & follow up with them to show you want them to be a part of us!**

**I want to be extra serious about membership for a moment! Membership of each Post has been & will remain the Memberships top priority, however Each & Everyone of you should be concerned about it just a tad bit more! It is truly the fate of your awesome Organization! Are you willing to let your Post become non-existent by blameing someone for not renewing, for not doing their job, for everyone going to their eternal home? I have a feeling that we all need to be a part of the answer! Be that one, that even if you only pick up one NEW MEMBER, one RE-NEWAL, one TRANSFER from the National Database to build your Post up!**

**Any one need help, I'm just a phone call, text, or e-mail away! mylegion.org is another tool! Get your Posts, signed up & every member using it!**

**Our new year started July 1st, but for those who think it is January 1st, please invest in Our Membership as that date is only a month away! Thank you for everything you all do for the Veterans, the Legion Families & their Children, your Community, your State, & your Nation!**

**Randy R. Olson**

**2nd District American Legion Membership Director**

## November 26, 2019 Membership Report



Department of Minnesota  
Membership Bulletin Week No. 22

All Time High	137,393
National Goal	72,500
Department Goal	69,493
Current Membership	53,653

District	2020 Goal	Total 2019	Total 2020	Weeks Gain	Total Posts	Goal Posts	% Of Goal	
District 1	8,149	8,091	6,553	120	58	3	80.41%	6,503
District 2	6,497	6,413	5,217	121	84	4	80.30%	5,344
District 3	11,021	10,956	8,836	99	65	3	80.17%	8,776
District 4	2,136	2,118	1,716	34	18	2	80.34%	1756
District 5	2,346	2,325	1,668	13	22	0	71.10%	1722
District 6	10,891	10,820	8,675	78	71	6	79.65%	8,912
District 7	5,778	5,702	4,674	73	76	4	80.89%	4,757
District 8	3,788	3,748	2,943	28	40	2	77.69%	2,986
District 9	6,124	6,059	4,860	134	65	7	79.36%	4,921
District 10	9,108	9,054	7,085	70	54	2	77.79%	7,190
District 11	3,655	1,897	1,426	0	2	0	39.02%	1426
<b>Totals</b>	69,493	67,183	53,653	770	555	33	77.21%	54,293
								<b>Same Date Last Year</b>

### Pearl Harbor Family Gathering, December 7, 2019 Rosetown Memorial Post 542

The social will begin at noon with a 1 PM lunch and the Program will begin at 2 PM.

There will not be a bulletin next week.

The Pearl Harbor Speech is now available at [www.legion/publications](http://www.legion/publications).

Department will be closed November 28 and 29 for the Thanksgiving Holiday.

### AUXILIARY MEMBERSHIP

Raleen Tolzmann  
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Thanksgiving has come and gone already; I hope that each one of you had a very thankful holiday.

**Congratulation to the following units for reaching goal since the last newsletter – Unit 576 Avoca on 11/04/2019, Unit 196 Ellsworth on 11/07/2019, Unit 616 Good Thunder on 11/14/2019, Unit 391 Storden on 11/12/2019, Unit 263 Wabasso on 11/26/2019. Way to go unit members! How many units will make goal in December, remember – Never could your memberships, send them in right away, no matter its one membership or a dozen. That membership either new or renewal is not valid until it is in the department office and goes to national.**

**As the American Legion Auxiliary is a membership-based organization it needs to have members to exist. Without members the programs of the ALA (American Legion Auxiliary) can not be done. Just look at all you do for veterans, their families and your community, many times others do not realize just how much you do. You are the grassroots of the organization. Weather you do just one program or all of them. The more members you have the easier it is do those programs.**

**Do not be afraid to ask some one to join the American Legion Auxiliary, the best thing they can say is yes, the worst no. We are a very well-kept secret in many places, people have no idea who or what we do. When do a project in the community, wear one of you Auxiliary pins, shirt or blouse or hat, you would be surprised how many will ask about it, be prepared to let them know what you represent and the many things the Auxiliary does.**

**Have you done all you Christmas shopping? Give a membership to someone, sign up a new member and don't forget the Juniors, many of the scholarships that are given they must be a member for the last 3 years.**

**Remember Membership – New Members – Renewals are needed now more that ever as the need for what we do has never been greater.**

**Thank you for all you do for the American Legion Auxiliary and for our Veterans, their families and our Communities.**

**Your Membership Team –**

**Raleen Tolzmann, Chairman**

**Tricia Pagel, Diane Strassburg, Vickie Lowrie,**

**Jeannette Mertens**

**2 nd DISTRICT MEMBERSHIP 2019-2020**

**Unit No. Unit Name DNO /Goal # of Mem % of goal**

**32 Adrian 46 34 73.91%**

**276 Amboy 36 35 97.22%**

**576 AVOCA 28 29 103.57%**

**309 Belview 37 23 62.16%**

**496 Bigelow 15 0 0%**

**89 Blue Earth 116 82 70.69%**

**464 Brewster 70 65 92.86%**

**165 Bricelyn 57 38 66.67%**

**329 Cambria 11 10 90.91%**

**529 Ceylon 36 33 91.67%**

**338 Chandler 25 24 96.00%**

**519 Clements 18 3 16.67%**

**244 Comfrey 33 25 75.76%**

**322 Currie 60 41 68.33%**

**486 Delavan 12 0 0%**

**632 Dovray 48 0 0%**

**386 Dundee 21 18 85.71%**

**617 Eagle Lake 119 78 65.55%**

569 Easton 60 40 66.67%  
42 Edgerton 47 31 65.96%  
196 ELLSWORTH 17 17 100.00%  
36 Fairmont 134 72 53.73%  
318 Fulda 34 30 88.24%  
616 GOOD THUNDER 54 56 103.76%  
365 Hanska 46 44 95.65%  
478 Hardwick 24 20 83.33%  
195 Hendricks 36 27 75.00%  
224 Heron Lake 42 39 92.86%  
399 Hills 18 16 88.89%  
534 Holland 49 14 28.57%  
130 Jackson 143 121 84.62%  
133 Jasper 29 0 0%  
401 Jeffers 22 20 90.91%  
454 KIESTER 26 28 107.69%  
10 Lake Benton 51 34 66.67%  
294 Lake Crystal 139 124 89.21%  
285 Lake Wilson 129 100 77.52%  
4 Lakefield 63 36 57.14%  
41 Lambertton 109 77 70.64%  
561 Lewisville 50 45 90.00%  
636 Lismore 52 39 75.00%

467 Lucan 27 20 74.07%  
123 Luverne 55 39 70.91%  
19 Madelia 49 39 79.59%  
269 Madison Lake 28 0 0%  
11 Mankato 69 54 78.26%  
274 Milroy 32 19 59.38%  
287 Minnesota Lake 84 55 65.48%  
132 New Ulm 181 134 74.03%  
522 Northrop 73 47 64.38%  
608 Okabena 66 49 74.24%  
6 Pipestone 71 60 84.51%  
38 Redwood Falls 77 59 76.62%  
582 Revere 14 11 78.57%  
461 Round Lake 85 66 77.65%  
506 Ruthton 30 24 80.00%  
286 Sanborn 43 39 90.70%  
356 Sherburn 37 36 97.30%  
614 Sioux Valley 12 10 83.33%  
64 Slayton 58 38 65.52%  
7 Sleepy Eye 34 27 79.41%  
257 Springfield 170 142 83.53%  
475 St. Clair 36 22 61.11%  
33 St. James 83 57 68.67%

391 STORDEN 21 21 100.00%  
373 Trimont 44 32 72.73%  
115 Truman 37 9 24.32%  
306 VESTA 13 13 100.00%  
263 WABASSO 90 91 101.11%  
267 WALNUT GROVE 69 70 101.45%  
553 Welcome 42 41 97.62%  
210 Wells 183 141 77.05%  
206 Windom 62 51 82.26%  
82 Winnebago 16 11 68.75%  
5 Worthington 38 28 73.68%  
2 District Total 4191 2881 74.52%

**Attention Unit Presidents and Treasurers:**

**As per 2nd District Standing Rules D:2.**

**a. District Dues: Units shall pay District Dues annually in the amount of \$1.75 per member, base upon their last year's total membership. The first billing of the District membership dues will be published in the September issue of the 2nd District American Legion Family Newsletter.**

**Checks should be made out to:**

**2nd District American Legion Auxiliary  
and mailed to:  
2nd District Treasurer  
Vida Bacon  
110 N Payne St  
New Ulm MN 56073**

**Ladies –**

**We have tried to reach some of you by phone and have reach a notice that the number is no longer in service. Please, if you have discontinued you 'land line' service and are only using a cell phone, be sure that we have your cell phone number. Membership chairmen and Unit Presidents especially.**

**Thank you**



Unit #	Unit Town	Jr	Sr	Total	Jr. Assess	Total Dues	Unit #	Unit Town	Jr	Sr	Total	Jr. Assess	Total Dues
32	Adrian	3	42	45	\$1.00	\$ 79.75	123	Luverne		54	54	\$1.00	\$ 95.50
276	Amboy	3	32	35	\$1.00	\$ 62.25	19	Madelia	1	47	48	\$1.00	\$ 85.00
576	Avoca	7	20	27	\$1.00	\$ 48.25	269	Madison Lake	13	14	27	\$1.00	\$ 48.25
309	Belview	6	30	36	\$1.00	\$ 64.00	11	Mankato	3	65	68	\$1.00	\$120.00
496	Bigelow	0	14	14	\$1.00	\$ 25.50	274	Milroy	1	30	31	\$1.00	\$ 55.25
89	Blue Earth	5	109	114	\$1.00	\$ 200.50	287	Minnesota Lake	14	69	83	\$1.00	\$146.25
464	Brewster	25	44	69	\$1.00	\$ 121.75	132	New Ulm	6	173	179	\$1.00	\$314.25
165	Bricelyn	7	49	56	\$1.00	\$ 99.00	522	Northrop	16	57	73	\$1.00	\$128.75
329	Cambria		10	10	\$1.00	\$ 18.50	608	Okabena	4	61	65	\$1.00	\$114.75
529	Ceylon		35	35	\$1.00	\$ 62.25	6	Pipestone	2	68	70	\$1.00	\$123.50
338	Chandler	4	20	24	\$1.00	\$ 43.00	38	Redwood Falls	9	67	76	\$1.00	\$134.00
519	Clements		17	17	\$1.00	\$ 30.75	562	Revere		13	13	\$1.00	\$ 23.75
244	Comfrey	2	30	32	\$1.00	\$ 57.00	461	Round Lake	9	75	84	\$1.00	\$148.00
322	Currie	5	54	59	\$1.00	\$ 104.25	506	Ruthton		29	29	\$1.00	\$ 51.75
486	Delavan		11	11	\$1.00	\$ 20.25	286	Sanborn	5	37	42	\$1.00	\$ 74.50
632	Dovray	2	45	47	\$1.00	\$ 83.25	356	Sherburn	2	34	36	\$1.00	\$ 64.00
386	Dundee		20	20	\$1.00	\$ 36.00	614	Sioux Valley		11	11	\$1.00	\$ 20.25
617	Eagle Lake	8	109	117	\$1.00	\$ 205.75	64	Slayton	7	50	57	\$1.00	\$100.75
569	Easton	6	53	59	\$1.00	\$ 104.25	7	Sleepy Eye		33	33	\$1.00	\$ 58.75
42	Edgerton		46	46	\$1.00	\$ 81.50	257	Springfield	3	165	168	\$1.00	\$295.00
196	Ellsworth		16	16	\$1.00	\$ 29.00	475	St Clair		35	35	\$1.00	\$ 62.25
36	Fairmont	10	122	132	\$1.00	\$ 232.00	33	St James	1	81	82	\$1.00	\$144.50
318	Fulda	3	30	33	\$1.00	\$ 58.75	391	Storden		20	20	\$1.00	\$ 36.00
616	Good Thunder	7	46	53	\$1.00	\$ 93.75	373	Trimont	4	39	43	\$1.00	\$ 76.25
365	Hanska	10	35	45	\$1.00	\$ 79.75	115	Truman	3	33	36	\$1.00	\$ 64.00
478	Hardwick	3	20	23	\$1.00	\$ 41.25	306	Vesta		12	12	\$1.00	\$ 22.00
195	Hendricks		35	35	\$1.00	\$ 62.25	263	Wabasso	13	76	89	\$1.00	\$156.75
224	Heron Lake		41	41	\$1.00	\$ 72.75	267	Walnut Grove	6	62	68	\$1.00	\$120.00
399	Hills		17	17	\$1.00	\$ 30.75	553	Welcome	2	39	41	\$1.00	\$ 72.75
534	Holland		48	48	\$1.00	\$ 85.00	210	Wells	14	167	181	\$1.00	\$317.75
130	Jackson	24	117	141	\$1.00	\$ 247.75	206	Windom	6	55	61	\$1.00	\$107.75
133	Jasper		28	28	\$1.00	\$ 50.00	82	Winnebago	4	11	15	\$1.00	\$ 27.25
401	Jeffers		21	21	\$1.00	\$ 37.75	5	Worthington	4	33	37	\$1.00	\$ 65.75
454	Kiester		25	25	\$1.00	\$ 44.75							
10	Lake Benton		50	50	\$1.00	\$ 88.50							
294	Lake Crystal	7	130	137	\$1.00	\$ 240.75							
285	Lake Wilson	11	116	127	\$1.00	\$ 223.25							
4	Lakefield	6	56	62	\$1.00	\$ 109.50							
41	Lamberton	4	103	107	\$1.00	\$ 188.25							
561	Lewisville	3	48	51	\$1.00	\$ 90.25							
636	Lismore	1	48	49	\$1.00	\$ 86.75							
467	Lucan		26	26	\$1.00	\$ 46.50							

### **ORATORICAL CONTEST**

The 2<sup>nd</sup> District Oratorical Contest will be held on Jan 11 2020 at 1:00 pm, in conjunction with the Mid-Winter conference at the Sleepy Eye Post 7. The scholarship amounts have increased at the national level. Brad Pagel is the Oratorical Chair, contact him for this years packet.

Brad Pagel

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The 2nd District American Legion Oratorical Contest will be held on Jan 11 2020 at 1pm. The Contest is being held at the Sleepy Eye American Legion Post. The district winner advances to the Department.

The Department contest is being held on February 29 2020 at the Osseo and Anoka American Legion posts. The Department winner advances to national.

The 2020 National Finals will be April 17 - 19 in Indianapolis at the Wyndham Indianapolis West Hotel, 2544 Executive Drive, Indianapolis, IN, 46241, (317) 248-2481. Quarterfinal and semifinal contests are scheduled for Saturday, April 18, with the finals scheduled for Sunday, April 19.

### **Second District American Legion Family**

**This is a funeral notice from Benson Funeral Home of Worthington for former 2nd District Auxiliary Officer Marge Tarbill.**

**Please forward on to others who should be informed of Marge's death and funeral services etc.**

## Obituary for Margaret Joanne Tarbill

Margaret Joanne Tarbill, age 57, died on Monday, November 25, 2019, at the Crossroads Care Center in Worthington, MN.

Memorial services will be held on Tuesday, December 3, 2019, at 11:00 a.m., at the Benson Funeral Home in Worthington, MN. Visitation will be held prior to the service from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m., at the funeral home. Burial will be in the Worthington Memorial Gardens Cemetery.

Benson Funeral Home in Worthington is in charge of the arrangements.

### **Ten Commandments for**

### **American Legion Family Leaders**

- 1. Thou shalt know the facts. Keep current with what is happening on the Unit, Post, Squadron, Department and National levels. Read the District Newsletter, MN Legionnaire and National magazines. Then, pass it along. Thou shalt not keep this information to thyself.**
- 2. Thou shalt distribute materials promptly. Make sure each member and/or chairman receives Department publications on time. Make additional copies if needed on material picked up at Fall Conference.**
- 3. Thou shalt not procrastinate. Give thyself enough time to handle all matters in an orderly fashion. Do not assume anything: double-check each step of the way to ensure a successful year,**
- 4. Thou shalt not dominate thy meetings. Though thou be a leader, do not become overly proud of thyself and bore others with lengthy speeches and details of your personal activities.**

**5. Thou shalt read and respond to all they mail promptly. Do not store unopened mail on the shelf or in your inbox, expecting to take care of it at a later date. If thou cannot answer promptly, let the sender know thou received it and will respond by a certain date.**

**6. Thou shalt keep harmony within the organization. Do not allow jealousy or hurt feeling to grow. Remind others, and set a good example of Christian sisterhood/brotherhood and encourage by showing love and kindness to all.**

**7. Thou shalt constantly look for ways to improve thyself and the organization. Use resources offered by District, Department and National chairman. Evaluate thy activities to see if they are helping to meet your goals. Retain that which is good. Discard that which is ineffective.**

**8. Thou shalt start and end thy meetings on time. Be punctual thyself and set a good example for others. Show thy enthusiasm and joy in working for the American Legion Family so that others will be begging to participate and perhaps take thy office next year.**

**9. Thou shalt remember to say “thank you”. Give sincere compliments to those who have served on committees, projects and programs. Do not miss an opportunity to recognize service or contributions of any kind.**

**10. Thou shalt remember to thank the Lord. Thank Him for His assistance given you all year. Thank Him for uncovering all those hidden, God-given talents thou never realized thou had until thou became a leader in the American Legion Family.**

**Lesley Christoffer, Sgt-at-Arms**

**Constitution/By-laws/Standing Rules**



**American Legion National Commander James W. "Bill" Oxford will tour much of southern Minnesota in his 2020 tour.**

**The schedule has Oxford, who hails from Post 29 in Lenoir, North Carolina, flying into Rochester International Airport Feb. 16. The next day, he is slated to have breakfast at Adams Post 146, lunch at Waseca Post 228 and dinner at Albert Lea Post 56.**

**After overnighting in Albert Lea, Oxford will have breakfast Feb. 18 at Wells Post 210, lunch at Madelia Post 19 and dinner at Redwood Falls Post 38 before spending the night at Jackpot Junction Casino Hotel.**

**On Feb. 19, Oxford will eat breakfast at Gaylord Post 433, lunch at Minnesota State University in Mankato and dinner at New Prague Post 45. The commander plans to stay overnight in Bloomington before flying out of Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport on Feb. 20.**

**Oxford is a veteran of the Marine Corps and served during the Vietnam War as an aviation electronic technician for the A-6 Intruder. He served in Vietnam during his initial enlistment. He was discharged as a sergeant in 1970, then joined the North Carolina National Guard, eventually retiring as a colonel after more than 34 years of military service.**

He served as department (state) commander of the North Carolina American Legion from 2010 to 2011.

## **JUNIOR ACTIVITIES**

### **Cheryl Brown, Chairman**

Our District Honorary Junior President Anastasia Donnelly's theme is: Juniors "bear" their hearts for Veterans. Her symbol is below this article. The project Anastasia has chosen is to collect supply baskets (cleaning – kitchen, bathroom and household, paper products, etc.) for the new residents at the Eagles Healing Nest in Redwood Falls. This is great because it coincides with the Legion, Auxiliary, and SAL project for the year which is also for the Healing Nest in Redwood Falls!

Items for the supply baskets may be brought to Mid-winter conference in Sleepy eye, January 10-11, 2020, or to District Junior conference March 8, 2020, at the Welcome Legion. Second District is also honored to have Eva Burket of Belview Unit #309 as Department Honorary Junior First Vice-president, and Sydney Borntrager of Trimont Unit #373 as Department Honorary Junior secretary. Late congratulations to both of these Juniors.

## **SILENT AUCTION**

The 2nd District Emergency Fund Chairperson will hold a silent auction at the Mid-Winter in Sleepy Eye on January 10th and 11th, 2020. Baked goods and \$1.00 mystery bags will also be there!!

Items should be something you would want yourself. Please bring your donations on Friday evening or early Saturday morning. Any questions, please call Marcia Hanson at 507-380-3491.

## **POPPY CONTEST AT MID-WINTER CONFERENCE**

**It was 101 years ago, November 9, 1918 that Moina Mitchell first read "In Flanders Fields" by Major John McCrae. She was so moved by this poem she wrote her response "We Shall Keep the Faith". She then vowed to wear a poppy everyday. The poppy was made the official memorial flower in 1920 and the American Legion Auxiliary in 1921. It was made one of our national programs in 1924.**

**November 10 of this year was the 100th birthday of the American Legion Auxiliary. To commemorate this occasion the poppy contest theme will be "100 years of the American Legion Auxiliary". Make a table decoration with this theme using small and or large poppies. Remember to remove the white tags. Please have entries in place by 9:15 AM. Vickie Milbrath**



**New Ulm SAL Squadron 132 continued their long time tradition of hosting their Halloween event for local youth. Over 450 bags were handed out on a chilly evening!**



**32 volunteers helped stuff bags New Ulm SAL Squadron 132's Halloween event.**



**Lee C. Prentice American Legion Post 36 Officers carried the colors leading the Fairmont Glows Parade.**

**Bob Altman-Vice Commander, Jim Hardt-Vice Commander, Cory Germain-Chaplain, Steve Fosness-Commander.**



**Greg Gellert-Blizzard Snowmobile Club member accepting a donation of \$1,500 for the MN Snowmobile Veteran's Ride hosted by MN United Snowmobilers Association, to be held in January at Two Harbors, MN, from Steve Fosness-Lee C Prentice American Legion Post 36 Commander.**





**Fairmont Christian School students and Rebecca Denaway-Teacher receive \$1,000, for electronic tablets, from Steve Fosness-Lee C. Prentice American Legion Post 36 Commander.**



**SGT Bernard Loosbrock-Charlie Battery MN National Guard at Fairmont accepting a donation of \$1,900, to cover costs for a Family Readiness Group Banquet, from Steve Fosness-Lee C. Prentice American Legion Post 36 Commander.**