

Preamble to the Constitution of the ALA

For God and Country, we associate ourselves together for the following purposes.

To uphold and defend the Constitution of the United States of America; to maintain law and order; to foster and perpetuate a one hundred percent Americanism; to preserve the memories and incidents of our associations in all wars; to inculcate a sense of individual obligation to the community, state and nation; to combat the autocracy of both the classes and the masses; to make right the master of might; to promote peace and goodwill on earth; to safeguard and transmit to posterity the principles of justice, freedom and democracy; to participate in and contribute to the accomplishment of the aims and purposes of The American Legion; to consecrate and sanctify our association by our devotion to mutual helpfulness.

Our Mission *sacrifice of those who serve by enhancing the lives of our veterans, military, and their families, both at home and abroad. For God and Country, we advocate for veterans, educate our citizens, mentor youth, and promote patriotism, good citizenship, peace and security.*

the 6 Chanhassen sponsored troops. One of the boys shared his idea to bring smiles to veterans and it is highlighted below as one of the winners for this month. I'm sure he's on his way to be an Eagle Scout. Thank you, Chanhassen, for the donation of \$2,000 for my President's Project!

On Feb. 4th I met with St Peter Unit President Jane Tate and her officers on ways to grow their auxiliary membership. I encourage you to check out their beautifully remodeled legion and see the slate of fun activities they are planning for this upcoming year. What an energetic

American Legion Auxiliary THIRD DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

March 2025

President Tamara Thayer



January 25th was our 3rd District Mid-Winter Conference and we had a great time with an enjoyable program. A special thanks to our keyboardist Shirley Burkhartzmeyer from Faribault and Kim Carlander from Chanhassen for leading us in patriotic songs. We made a fun recording to enter the national competition of "It's a Grand Old Flag." Our program chairmen each gave a fantastic report and had made and displayed their program tri-folds which were all so well done. We were honored to have our Department President Judy Ackerman, Vice President Robin Dorf, and the 2nd Vice President Linda Kelly all greet us. The local mayor of Lonsdale, Andrea Zellner Lonsdale Unit President, and both our District 3 Legion Commander Joe Tappainer and SAL Commander Dave Arend addressed our group. Thank you Deb Chicos for your hard work in running the AEF Silent Auction. In the spirit of my president's theme "Bringing Smiles to Veterans" I tried to also bring smiles to our auxiliary members in attendance with several jokes during the meeting. It was great seeing their smiles. A special thanks to my mom, Edna Thayer, who made plates of mints (in the shape of teeth for my project, and smiling hearts) to put on each table during the meeting. Several units announced upcoming events they are hosting at their local units. I was very pleased with the great turn out we had because the information we gain from the program chairs and from networking with the other members there is so beneficial! Make sure your unit has a member attend all the conferences and conventions in the future, you don't want to miss out on the information learned!

It happens only every 7 years that the 4 Chaplains Day Feb. 3 would actually fall on your meeting night. This year the Chanhassen Unit invited me to do a special 4 Chaplains Service for their unit. They invited me to join them for supper with the Legion and SAL and address the larger group about my president's project. Boy Scouts and their leaders were there representing





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group of members who really want to see their auxiliary grow and serve their community as well as the veterans.

The second free dental clinic was divided up into 3 days in Rochester at the Rochester Community Technical College working with the dental students, volunteer dentists, and the Winona Bridges Health, PC, providing other health care needs for our veterans attending the dental clinic. The last of the 3 days is March 4th, please call for an appointment. The 3rd Free Dental Clinic will be announced soon.

March is Women's History Month and a great time to recognize your local female veterans, and or auxiliary members.

This month's winners on ideas for Bringing Smiles to Veterans are:

1. Tell a joke like this one, "I accused my wife of putting glue all over my antique weapons, she denies it but I'm sticking to my guns!" - 11 yr old Elliot Milbrandt from Chanhassen sponsored Boy Scout Troop 3330.
2. "Getting the veteran a copy of their favorite old movie and watch it with them." - Joanne Joachim, Chanhassen Unit
3. "Let them know about the Advisory Help Line to find information about Health care, Legal, other resources, housing, mental health, etc." - Denise Swanson, Chanhassen Unit
4. "Give Vets a **personal** (personalized) care package" Tina Willson, St Peter Unit

Upcoming Dates:

March 1 - District Family Gathering Rally, St Paul Park Post 98

March 4 - Free Dental Clinic at Rochester Community and Technical College, call

507-280-3169 for appointment.

March 8 - Department Appreciation Rally, Chanhassen post 580

April 11, 12 - Department Junior Conference, Anoka Post 102

April 27 - Joint District Testimonial, Lonsdale Post 586

May 16, 17 - 3rd District Convention, Forest Lake Post 225

July 9 - 12 - Department Convention in Willmar

August 22 - 28, - National Convention in Tampa Bay, Florida



Happy 100th Birthday Kramer-Berg American Legion and Auxiliary.

The Kramer-Berg American Legion Family Post and Unit 507 will be 100 years old on March 15th, 2025.

To commemorate this momentous accomplishment, we would like to invite the Legion, Auxiliary, Sons of the Legion and the Riders to the open house celebration on Sunday April 6, from 2:00-5:00 PM at The Dugout Bar event room at 96 Mahtomedi Ave Mahtomedi MN. Come join us and enjoy food, door prizes, displayed memorabilia, and fellowship. This will be a community event, everyone is welcome

News From St Peter Regional Treatment Center



Pictured is one of two altar cloths made for the St Peter Treatment Center,
As part of Past District President Deanna project. Chaplain Dr Robert Wieber thanks all for the donation towards the spiritual therapy there. Religions book was also purchased.

The Spring party is coming up at the St Peter Treatment Center. Your donations are welcome to provide them with a gift, pizza and game prizes. The game prizes will be personal care items.

The Veterans appreciate all we do for them; it helps so much in their recovery. Monetary donations can be

sent to our District Treasurer. Call me if you have any personal care items to donate.

Darlene Wondra St Peter Regional Treatment Center District rep

Poppy by Linda Kelly

Just a few reminders for everyone:

Don't forget to get your poppy order to the Department office. (If you haven't already.)

Now is a good time to contact your school's art department regarding the poppy contest. Check our Department Poppy Chairman's details in last month's unit mailing, which can be found on the www.mnala.org website. (If you haven't already.)

Don't forget the 3rd District poppy contests at our 3rd District Convention in May. Who in your unit is artistic and has great ideas? It can always be a joint effort for your unit. (If you haven't already.)

Find a Legion member from your post to help you with poppy distribution in May. Ask them to sit with you (with their uniform or cap) at the local bank or grocery store.

I recently found a Mark Twain quote:

Whatever a man's age may be,
he can reduce it several years by putting a
bright-colored flower in his buttonhole.

I like the quote, but I would change "man's" to "person's" and "he" to "they" because it works for women and children. And, my suggestion is LET'S MAKE IT A POPPY.

Happy Spring. Linda



THIRD DISTRICT
AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY
DEPARTMENT OF MINNESOTA

OFFICIAL CALL TO CONVENTION

I, Tamara Thayer, Third District President, do hereby call a Convention of the Third District to convene at the Forest Lake Post 225, (355 Broadway Ave W, Forest Lake, MN 55025) on Saturday May 17th, 2025, at 8:30am. We will have a Joint session to begin with and the Auxiliary session to follow immediately afterwards.

The purpose of this Convention is to:

- Receive reports from Unit President's and District Chairmen.

- Judge Contest entries and present awards.

- Conduct other business for the good of the Auxiliary.

- Elect District Officers for the year 2025 - 2026.

- Elect Delegates and Alternates to the National Convention

District Constitution Article IV Section 2: Each Unit shall be entitled to two (2) Delegates, one of who shall be the Unit President, plus one additional delegate for each fifty (50) members or major fraction thereof, whose dues have been received by the District Treasurer (30) days prior to Convention. Each Unit shall elect it's Delegates and Alternates. The vote of each Unit shall be equal to the total number of Delegates to which the Unit is entitled.

District Constitution Article IV Section 5: All Past District Presidents, as long as they remain in good standing of a Unit in the District, shall be Delegates at Large to the District Convention. However, no person is allowed two votes, I.E. she/he may vote with their Unit if she/he is a Unit Delegate, or she/he may vote in their capacity as a Past District President or a member of the District Executive committee, but she/he may not vote as both.

Your attendance and participation at the Convention will make it a great success.

Tamara Thayer,
3rd District Auxiliary President



AMERICAN LEGION POST 225
355 West Broadway
FOREST LAKE, MN 55025
(651) 464-2600



The Fourth of July Capital of the Upper Midwest

January 15, 2025

Greetings Fellow Legionnaires, Auxiliary Members, and Sons of the American Legion!

Forest Lake American Legion Family extends an invitation to you to attend the Third District Convention on May 16th and 17th, 2025. As your hosts, we hope you'll come and enjoy the convention as well as our hospitality; we have an exciting weekend planned for you.

The following information is included in this mailing:

Pre-registration & Banquet forms:

We encourage you to send in your forms early to save time at the registration table. Hopefully, every Post, Unit and Squadron will be represented at the convention. Listed below is the hotel available for the weekend and their prices. Running Aces Hotel is a back-up, and we are still trying to negotiate prices if rooms are available. You are responsible for making your own accommodation.

Housing: Held under "Forest Lake American Legion Convention"

*****Must book rooms by April 16, 2025, to receive the discounted rate*****

Country Inn & Suites (Held until April 20) -

1954 Broadway Ave West

Forest Lake, MN 55025

(651) 982-9799

15 Standard Rooms - \$110.00+ tax a night

5 King Rooms - \$110.00 + tax a night

All rooms are Non-Smoking Rooms

Running Aces Hotel

15215 Running Aces Blvd.

Columbus, MN 55025

(651) 925-4450

Queen Room - \$195.00 + tax a night

King Room - \$189.00 + tax a night

Suite - \$305.00 + tax a night

American Legion Post 225 looks forward to hosting our fellow American Legion Family. We are confident that your stay in Forest Lake will be productive and enjoyable. We look forward to seeing you in May!

****Please consider staying Saturday night, as we have great entertainment lined up, as well as an AWESOME breakfast buffet with made to order omelets for Sunday morning at the Forest Lake American Legion*****

Pat Silovich

Post Commander

Cavalene Regan

Auxiliary President

Glen Neville

SAL Commander

THIRD DISTRICT AMERICAN LEGION, AUXILIARY AND SONS OF THE AMERICAN
LEGION CONVENTION FOR 2025
MAY 16 & 17

American Legion Post # Auxiliary Unit # SAL Squadron _____

Registration Fee is **\$12.00** per person before May 1st, and **\$15.00** per person after May 1st, 2025.

Name (Please Print)	Circle One: L=Legion A=Auxiliary, SAL=SAL One: L=Legion	Circle One: D=Delegate, A=Alternate, DAL=Delegate at Large
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This year it has been decided that Friday night will return to a “Has Been Dinner” for Past Officers of the Legion, Auxiliary and SAL attending the convention, additional information will be sent later.

Registration Information

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>
Friday, May 16 th	3:00 - 9:00 PM	Post 225
Saturday, May 17 th	7:00 AM - Noon	Post 225

Roast Beef and Fried Chicken in a Mashed Potato w/Gravy, Vegetable, Garden Salad, Rolls and Dessert
PLEASE: Register in advance for the banquet to allow us to order the appropriate amount of food. There will be minimal additional dinner tickets to purchase at registration - first come, first served. Tickets are non-refundable. Cost of dinner - \$28.00 in advance, \$35.00 at registration.

Name: Number of Dinner Tickets: _____
(Please list additional names for dinner tickets on back of this form)

Mail Completed form **with check** to:

Forest Lake American Legion Post 225
Attn: Third District Convention – Cavaleene Regan
5106 207th Street
Forest Lake, MN



James A. LaCoursiere Jr. was elected National Commander of The American Legion on Aug. 29, 2024, in New Orleans, during the 105th National Convention.

An Air Force veteran, LaCoursiere has been a longtime field representative for the American Legion Department of Connecticut's Soldiers, Sailors and Marines Fund, which financially assists veterans and their families in need.

NATIONAL COMMANDER'S TOUR March 24-28, 2025

Monday, March 24

<u>Location</u>	<u>Meal Time</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Phone</u>
Forest Lake Post 225	5pm, 6pm	Social, Dinner	651-464-2600, ext 308 Terry Larson, leave contact info

Tuesday, March 25

<u>Location</u>	<u>Meal Time</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Phone</u>
Apple Valley Post 1776	8:15 am	Breakfast	952-240-7849, Carla Tappainer
Pine Island Post 184	12:00 noon	Lunch	507-356-8991, Post, leave message
La Crescent Post 595	5pm, 6pm	Social, Dinner	duluthace@yahoo.com , Ricardo Acevedo

Wednesday, March 26

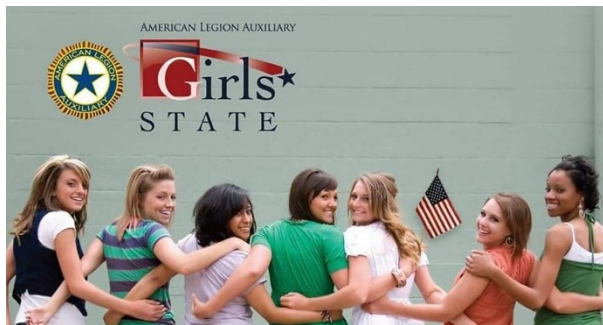
<u>Location</u>	<u>Meal Time</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Phone</u>
Eyota Post 551	8:15 am	Breakfast	507-545-2688, Post, leave message
Alden Post 404	12:00 noon	Lunch	507-383-1809, Larry Weigel
Faribault Post 43	5pm, 6pm	Social, Dinner	507-384-2338, Jill Manahan

Thursday, March 27

<u>Location</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Phone</u>
Fridley Post 303	8:15 am	Breakfast	612-325-2899, Paul Orson
Buffalo Post 270	12:00 noon	Lunch	763-682-2262, press 2, Post
Paynesville Post 271	5pm, 6pm	Social, Dinner	320-243-4982, Post

Friday, March 28

<u>Location</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Phone</u>
Granite Falls Post 69	8:15 am	Breakfast	320-564-2537, Post or 507-430-3160, Steve Midthun
Slayton Post 64	12:00 noon	Lunch	605-366-3025, Brad Pagel, send text or bppagel@gmail.com
-Murray Cty Fairgrounds, 4H Bldg			



Girls State

American Legion Auxiliary Minnesota Girls State will be held June 15-21, 2025, at Bethel University. The cost this year will be \$350 due to rising costs as well as no increase since 2010.

The purpose of Girls State is to provide outstanding, unique and educational opportunity to instill the basic ideals and principles of American government, Democracy and good citizenship.

Each Unit needs to be thinking about how they are going to promote the Girls State Program in their Unit, schools and community. Citizens must be a Junior in high school during the 2024-2025 school year.

High schools in Minnesota should have already received in the mail information about the Girls State Program.

The Girls State committee is going to implement as much electronically with registration, media release forms especially, which will help Girls State staff save time and money.

To help raise money for the Girls State Program this year with budget cutbacks, the Girls State Committee is doing a Quilt Raffle. Tickets are \$5.00 each or 5 for \$20.00. If any Unit is interested in helping to sell tickets let me know and we will get them to you.

Deadline for applicants is March 31, 2025. All attendees must be registered by May 1, 2025.

Gambling funds can be used for Girls State registration.

The American Legion Auxiliary Minnesota Girls State citizens will arrive on Sunday and leave on Saturday morning before noon.

Respectfully submitted,
Suzette Maluchnik
Third District Girls State Chairman



Kim Carlander AFSC Chairman

I'd like to thank those that brought donations to Mid-Winter for the Armed Forces Service Center. I brought them to the AFSC, and immediately received an email from my superiors saying they appreciate our kindness, but no other items should be brought to the center without prior approval from the Executive Director. She works with various groups and companies to make sure all donated items are "compliant with the code and liability requirements we must follow". I don't want Units to spend money on things that may not be accepted. I would suggest the best way to help support the AFSC is through a monetary donation. It'll of course be put to good use, and is always much appreciated. You can make your donations through Department, and both General Funds and/or Poppy Funds may be used.

Thank you!

March is Community Service month.
Kelly Kauss Chair

The Community Service Program promotes the American Legion Auxiliary's visibility within our communities through our commitment to community, state and nation. By being visible in our communities, the Community Service Program demonstrates who we are, what we do and why we matter.

Please wear your American Legion Auxiliary logo and jewelry whenever possible. Carry an application for ALA membership. As Auxiliary members, we can be supporting not only our Veterans but all members in our communities.

When possible, partner up with organizations such as Lions or VFW. Put an article in your paper. Reach out to those that need assistance.

Steps for starting a community service project:

1. Find out what is needed in your community.
2. See what you have the ability to do.
3. Choose a project.
4. Develop a plan.
5. Recruit your volunteers.
6. Make a budget.
7. Make a timeline.
8. Raise money.

One of our beliefs as Auxiliary members is to provide children of Veterans, the ability to cope with stresses in their daily lives through activities with Purple Up, American Legion Child Welfare Foundation and Save the Children. Bake Sales and Omelet or Steak Fundraisers remain a big success in many units. Together, we can help to protect children in crisis!

We support the troops and their families who struggled emotionally as well as physically. Psychological hardships for our military families who are at home are experiencing turmoil. Any conflict means hunger, poverty, danger, no healthcare, loss of education and fear.

Guidelines for Community Service

- **Volunteer work:** Auxiliary members perform volunteer work to benefit the community or its institutions.
- **Direction:** Auxiliary members work under the direction of another organization.
- **Donation of time:** Auxiliary members donate their time, not in-kind or monetary donations.
- Community Service Certificate of Merit award is available and will be presented in May 2025.
- Please keep track of your efforts for community service during the year.

Unit	Goal	Unit Name 2-11-2025	Paid	
1776	265	Apple Valley	209	78.87%
491	89	Bayport	68	76.40%
144	105	Belle Plaine	77	73.33%
143	19	Brownton	16	84.21%
580	77	Chanhassen	69	89.61%
57	158	Chaska	127	80.38%
207	41	Cleveland	36	87.80%
594	13	Eagan	10	76.92%
311	180	Elysian	163	90.56%
43	171	Faribault	127	74.27%
189	31	Farmington	27	87.10%
225	202	Forest Lake	149	73.76%
433	55	Gaylord	47	85.45%
95	16	Glencoe	11	68.75%
408	35	Green Isle	32	91.43%
47	29	Hastings	15	51.72%
620	71	Hugo	60	84.51%
96	174	Hutchinson	159	91.38%
424	10	Inver Grove Hgts	6	60.00%
380	14	Kilkenny	11	78.57%
300	21	Lafayette	16	76.19%
108	112	LeCenter	116	103.57%
586	79	Lonsdale	68	86.08%
507	51	Mahtomedi	42	82.35%
79	142	Montgomery	105	73.94%
149	89	Morristown	65	73.03%
601	21	New Germany	18	85.71%
45	68	New Prague	63	92.65%
510	60	Nicollet	43	71.67%
518	84	North Mankato	61	72.62%
84	36	Northfield	29	80.56%
343	24	Norwood	24	100.00%
184	89	Pine Island	78	87.64%
447	10	Prior Lake	7	70.00%
54	172	Red Wing	151	87.79%
65	57	Rosemount	58	101.75%
643	56	Savage	47	83.93%
2	78	Shakopee	65	83.33%
141	65	Silver Lake	60	92.31%
98	127	St Paul Park	106	83.46%
37	76	St Peter	55	72.37%
125	38	Stewart	33	86.84%
150	80	Waconia	75	93.75%
407	46	Winsted	32	69.57%
314	25	Winthrop	19	76.00%
463	15	Lester Prairie Clsd	0	0.00%
	3476		2855	82.13%

MEMBERSHIP - ANN BOVY CHAIR

Hello Auxiliary members,

To all members and their families, **Happy St. Patrick's Day**

Our District goal for the Units for the \$50.00 drawing was 90% by February 8, 2025, at the Sweetheart Rally which was canceled due to the weather. As of Feb 8th, there were 7 units at 90% and the names were placed in a hat and my son pulled out the winning unit Congratulations to Unit 65 Rosemount.

Our next District goal for the 3rd District is 100% by March 15th.

We have 3 units at 100% Wonderful job Rosemount, Norwood and LeCenter.

Please contact all your non-renewed members and ask them to renew their membership.

Please do not hold on to your membership and keep trying to find those new members.

The information shown on the left side of the page is the unit membership as of 2-11-2025. We are in 4th place in Department. Gather the membership and support our Veterans. Spread the word about our programs and what the Auxiliary does for our Veterans, children and communities. Let's keep renewing and finding new members to reach our goals.

Ann Bovy
3rd District Membership Chairman

Upcoming goals
District

March 15, 2025, Third District 100%

Department

March 8, 2025 Appreciation Rally 85%

May 23, 2025, Poppy Day 95%

July 4, 2025, End of Year 100%

PAT KERBER JUNIOR MEMBERSHIP TRAVELING PLAQUE

To the 3rd District Unit that recruits the most Junior members.

Unit Presidents please pass this information to your membership chairman.

Unit Membership Chairman,

Has your unit recruited any new Junior member(s) for the 2025 membership year? If the answer is yes (even if it is 1 new Junior) please submit an entry for the PAT KERBER JUNIOR MEMBERSHIP TRAVELING PLAQUE.

Fill out the form below and send by **April 15th, 2025**, to:

Teri Richardson 200 Hallam Av S Mahtomedi MN 55115

Unit Name and Number _____

Membership Chairman _____

Total Senior Membership as of April 1st, 2025 _____

Total Junior Membership as of April 1st, 2025 _____
(New and Renewed)

Number of **New Junior Members** recruited.

between August 1st, 2024, to April 1st, 2025 _____
(New Junior members only)

This plaque will be presented at the 3rd District Convention May 17th, 2025, at Forest Lake Post 225 to the Unit that has recruited the most Junior Members for the 2025 membership year. If the number of Juniors recruited is a tie, it will then be figured by percentage.

If you have any questions, please email Teri at wildwwitch@msn.com or call 651-429-3885

Thank you,
Teri Richardson



RADIATION/CHEMO KITS FOR VETERANS



**Comfort kits needed for
chemo/radiation patients.
Please include one of each:**

- Soft fleece throw blankets
- Reusable Water Bottle 12-20oz
- Digital Thermometer
- Journal/Planner/Small notebook
- Pen
- Duffle bag or large tote bag

Extras



- Stress Ball
- Word Find/Puzzle Books
- Adult Coloring Books and colored pencils
- Lip Balm / Chap Stick
- Hand lotion
- Neck pillow
- Slipper Socks/Cozy socks

Contact Info

Sherri Hernandez

• (651) 955-2942

Donations can be dropped off at :
355 W Broadway Ave
Forest Lake, MN 55025

You Can Help!

This initiative is to provide comfort and care items for Veteran patients upon the start of their chemotherapy or radiation care with the Minneapolis VA Health Care System (MVAHCS). Individuals or groups looking for a service project can purchase items to make full kits. Please contact the Center for Development & Civic Engagement (CDCE) at vhaminvol@va.gov or 612-467-2050 to discuss making and donating these kits, or for additional information.

Hello Everyone!

Please see the list of outstanding Per Capita Dues. **These were due in December, if you have not paid, please do so.** Please make your check out to American Legion Auxiliary or ALA and put in the memo line what the check is for. The correct mailing address is listed below under my signature line.

According to our standing rules, Article II, Finances, Section 2:

DISTRICT DUES MUST BE REMITTED TO THE DISTRICT TREASURER NO LATER THEN DECEMBER 1ST. Only those units which have remitted their entire District dues thirty (30) days prior to the District Convention shall be entitled to representation at the District Convention.

Please remember to file your taxes as well.

Please contact with me any questions! Stay warm, Spring is almost here!

Diane Albers - 3rd District Treasurer

10030 161st Street West, Lakeville MN 55044

952-250-8438

diane.albers@ymail.com

Per Capita Dues 2024-2055

Unit #	Unit Name	Membership as of 7/31/204	Per Capita \$2 per member	Junior Assessment \$3 per Unit	Total Due by December 1, 2024
47	Hastings	28	\$56.00	\$3.00	\$59.00
54	Red Wing	166	\$332.00	\$3.00	\$335.00
65	Rosemount	56	\$112.00	\$3.00	\$115.00
108	LeCenter	109	\$218.00	\$3.00	\$221.00
143	Brownton	18	\$36.00	\$3.00	\$39.00
149	Morristown	86	\$172.00	\$3.00	\$175.00
189	Farmington	29	\$58.00	\$3.00	\$61.00
300	Lafayette	19	\$38.00	\$3.00	\$41.00
314	Winthrop	23	\$46.00	\$3.00	\$49.00
407	Winsted	42	\$84.00	\$3.00	\$87.00
408	Green Isle	33	\$66.00	\$3.00	\$69.00
424	Inver Grove Heights	8	\$16.00	\$3.00	\$19.00
510	Nicollet	58	\$116.00	\$3.00	\$119.00
518	North Mankato	81	\$162.00	\$3.00	\$165.00
586	Lonsdale	76	\$152.00	\$3.00	\$155.00
594	Eagan	11	\$22.00	\$3.00	\$25.00
643	Savage	55	\$110.00	\$3.00	\$113.00

MCLEOD COUNTY VETERAN SERVICES PRESENT -
WOMEN VETERANS EVENT

EMPOWER.
INSPIRE.
TRANSFORM.

Sat, Apr. 26
2025

9:00 - 3:00
AM PM

Century Hall

McLeod Cty Fairgrounds
840 Century Ave SW
Hutchinson, MN 55350

FOR MORE INFORMATION

<https://mcleodwomenveteransevent.eventbrite.com>

320-864-1268

**Morning Snack &
Lunch Provided**

**VA Whole Health activities
presented by:**

Sara Bukowski

**UofM Extension-
Floral Design Workshop
presented by:**

Emily Lindenfelser

**Learn about women specific Veteran
benefits from guest presenters:**

- VA Healthcare System
- MN Department of Veterans Affairs
- Minnesota Association of County Veteran Service Officers
- National Association of County Veteran Service Officers



Scan to Register

Join us for Shakopee American Legion Auxiliary Unit 2

TV Sitcom

Trivia Night

Fundraiser

ALL FUNDS RAISED GO
DIRECTLY TO HELP OUR LOCAL VETERANS

EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION

\$25 per person

Before Feb 25th

Register as a team of 6-8 to
get a free Mulligan.

Prices goes up on on March
to \$30 per person

*individuals will be put on a team
of up 6-8 people

**1st PLACE
TEAM wins \$350**

**SATURDAY,
March 15th at 7pm**

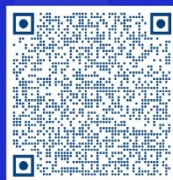
Bring a non-perishable food item for each member of
your team for the food shelf and get a free Mulligan

Shakopee American Legion Post 2 -1266 1st Ave E Shakopee, MN

Join us for a night of...

- ~ Sitcom Trivia
- ~ Silent Auction-\$
- ~ Wine Draw- \$
- ~ Horse Races- \$
- ~ Costume Contest
- ~ Food Drive
and more...

\$-additional cost



Register online
by scanning
the QR Code or
ask a bartender
for a registration form.

Unit 580 of Chanhassen would like to thank Darlene Wondra for assisting them in their first poppy making party. Darlene demonstrated how to assemble the poppies, and over the course of the party, hundreds were made. Thank you Darlene!



Hutchinson Unit 96 packed bags for the McLeod County weekend food program to prevent hunger. this is coordinated by Common Cup Ministries. We had a great time packing over 100 bags!



President visit to St Peter last Tuesday night

Left to right:

Stephanie Holden

Tamara Thayer

Lorraine Edwards

Jane Tate, president

(And Tina Willson is their Treasurer that had to leave early before the picture was taken)



As Dist. 3 President I was invited to do a 4 Chaplains Service on the actual anniversary of 4 Chaplains Day. I also talked briefly about my project, and they gave me \$2,000 for my project. Im now at \$12, 600



Pictured left-to-right: Janet Stolz, Bonnie Wigfield, LaVonne Kroells, Dottie Simmons, Mary Spille, Jeannette Bachmann, Diane Mackenthun and Christine Bachmann. Not pictured: Judy Schindler>

Be My Valentine!

The American Legion Auxiliary Edward Born Unit 343 in Norwood Young America (ALA-NYA) hosted a Valentines Party in the Community Room at Peace Villa on Monday evening, February 3rd.

Peace Villa senior residents enjoyed some sweet treats while socializing with members of the Edward Born ALA, while some simply stopped by to pick up a treat and just to say 'Thank You' and took the treats back to their apartments to enjoy later. Forty-four (44) guests chose from a variety of six (6) homemade cakes served with ice cream and candy.

Nine ALA members were present at the party and the monthly meeting that followed.



The Waconia American Legion Post 150 and Auxiliary Unit 150 made a donation to provide school crossing safety equipment.



Waconia Independent School District 110 received \$500 donation for school safety patrol equipment



Third District President Tammy and her mom Edna came to Hutchinson Unit 96 February 19. Tammy gave us an update on her project and shared the Four Chaplains story. Legion Post 96 members were also in attendance

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