

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

In the spirit of Service, Not Self, the mission of the American Legion Auxiliary is to support The American Legion and to honor the 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.

American Legion Auxiliary THIRD DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

April 2025

President Tamara Thayer



I wish you all a very Happy Easter! I enjoyed doing a "4 Chaplains Day Service" for Hutchinson February 19th. They donated more dental supplies, 4 crocheted baby blankets, and personal hygiene kits to be distributed to veterans in need of these items who attend the free dental clinics. Thank you so much for your generosity!

This past month I attended the 3rd District Steering Committee in Forest Lake to plan an exciting fun and beneficial 3rd District Convention May 17th. Get your registrations in soon please for an accurate meal count. The Savage Unit Auxiliary gave me a warm welcome and tour Feb 27th of their wonderful Legion. I spoke about my president's project. I attended the American Legion Birthday Celebration at Brownton with the Department Auxiliary President Judy Ackerman, Commander Carl Moon, and Vice Commander Jim Ettinger. What a delicious potluck and great opportunity to meet their members. We had our last District Membership Rally for our Legion Family on March 1st hosted by SAL at St Paul Park. We enjoyed an inspiring presentation from VSO officer Marisa LaCourt. 65 meal tickets were bought for a great turn out.

On March 4th we held the last of 3 days for my 2nd free dental clinic at RCTC in Rochester. This was considered my 2nd dental clinic location but was spread out over 3 days: Feb 18, 25th, and March 4th. We saw 24 veterans, provided free cleanings and restorative care. We partnered with Bridges PC which is the nursing and social work program at Winona. They did health and wellness assessments, foot care, vision testing, and provided information for housing, food, and other resources if needed. One of the Vietnam veterans hadn't been to a dentist since he served and needed 8 teeth pulled, bone grafting, and dentures. Because of the high cost we were able to get him a grant and he will get everything he needs done. I was interviewed on KIMT TV before the first date to advertise it, and again during one of the clinics I was interviewed with the Representatives from RCTC Dental Program and Winona Bridges Program. From this awareness of the need of dental care for veterans, RCTC has decided to provide this clinic again next year hosting it for 8 weeks instead of three. I was invited to speak in their classrooms about the needs of veterans and lack of dental insurance. I gave the volunteers on all 3 days a certificate of



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appreciation for volunteering and of course the teeth shaped mints made by my mother Edna Thayer since they have been a hit at each clinic.

The following Saturday March 8th, I attended the Department Executive Committee meeting at the Chanhassen Recreational Center. All of the 10 District Presidents reported on their project status and gave updates on what has happened in our districts. I was proud to announce the 3rd (and last) Free Dental Clinic for veterans has been scheduled for Burnsville hosted by the Mission Outpost Dental Clinic located in Prince of Peace Church. The flyer for you to post locally is in the newsletter, please help spread the word. We will have VSO Officers there to help in other needs the veterans may have. I'm lining up other vendors now if you know of a vendor service to help veterans, please let me know. After the DEC meeting we went to the Chanhassen Legion for the Department Membership Rally. It was announced here that 3rd District Auxiliary is in 2nd place for the membership and our Legion is in 3rd place. Chanhassen was packed, we had a great turn out once again and an informative program. I'm looking forward to attending Shakopee for their Sitcom Trivia night. Joanne Joachim and I have formed a team of 6 and we will let you know in the next newsletter how we did. I really enjoy the unit invitations I've received this year to speak at your meetings or enjoy special events.



Top ideas for "Bringing Smiles to Veterans" this month:

1. Pets for Vets. Have pets visit vets for the day. - Timothy R. Guitierrez
2. Go to shut-ins and talk with veterans. Play checkers or just be with them. - Dixie K Myrick, Stewart Unit
3. Remind them to "Remember when your duties done – your buddies will still have your back." - Oather Marten Post 125

Upcoming events:

April 9th – Veterans Day on the Hill, I hope you join me!

April 19th – Last Free Dental Clinic for Veterans



FREE DENTAL CLINIC FOR VETERANS!

SATURDAY, APRIL 19TH, 2025

Bringing Smiles to Veterans



When:

Saturday
April 19th, 2025
9:00am - 5:00pm

Where:

Mission Outpost Dental Clinic
13801 Fairview Drive
Burnsville, MN 55337
(located in Prince of Peace Church)

For All Active, Reserve, Retired Military, and for all those who served in the military, we would like to say “thank you for your service” by providing you with free dental and wellness services. Free dental care kits made by the 3rd District Auxiliary Juniors are also provided.

3rd District of the American Legion Auxiliary will be teaming with volunteer Dental Hygienists, and Mission Outpost Dental Clinic, to provide free dental cleanings, exams, x-rays, & fluoride treatment. Fillings, extractions, root canals, and other restorative care will be provided. There will be a vendor table area to offer veterans information for resources and benefits, if needed.

Appointments are limited, please call the ph# below to schedule. If you need assistance with transportation let Tammy Thayer know, 507-319-4349. Vendors wanting to join us please call Tammy to reserve your space.

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Endorsement for Executive Committee

My name is Sally Strasser, and I am running for Executive Board Member for the American Legion Auxiliary of the 3rd District. I am eligible for membership through my late Father Walter Zambino. He served in the Army Air Corp during WW2.

I am a 28-year member of the Auxiliary. During that time, I have served in the unit level as secretary and president and held many chairmanships such as Girls State, Juniors, poppy and helped with other chairmanships as needed. While in the 4th District I was 1st and 2nd vice and District President the year 2006-2007. I was also the district treasurer and held chairmanships at the district level also. After being District President I was asked and accepted Department chairmanships such as Girls State, Juniors, Auxiliary Emergency Fund, Community and Field service, History and Gift Shop. Since I have joined the Richard Dingle Unit #98 in St Paul Park a year and a half ago, I have jumped right in. I am presently the secretary at the Unit level and the Girls State Chairman and at the district level I am presently the Junior Auxiliary chairman.

I have 3 adult daughters and 8 grandchildren. Three years ago, I retired after working as a registered nurse for 35 years. I love spending time with my grandchildren and being a part of their activities, but I also have time for veterans that have done so much for our country.

It's time to register for Third District Convention



May 17, 2025

Start time 8am

**Lunch will be available to
purchase**

Forest Lake Post 225

355 Broadway Ave W

THIRD DISTRICT AMERICAN LEGION, AUXILIARY AND SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION CONVENTION FOR 2025 REGISTRATION 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	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

Banquet Meal: 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 – Cavalene Regan
5106 207th Street
Forest Lake, MN

PLEASE SEND THIS FORM TO THE DISTRICT SECRETARY TOO.

Please fill out the form and mail or email it to Third District Secretary Karla Otterness 239 Westgate Dr Winsted MN 55395 or t.d.news2share@gmail.com. Please return it to Karla as soon as possible.

Unit # _____ **Unit Name** _____ **Location District** _____

President: Name _____ Membership ID# _____
Address _____
City, State, Zip code _____ Phone _____
Email _____

Secretary: Name _____ Membership ID# _____
Address _____
City, State, Zip code _____ Phone _____
Email _____

Treasurer: Name _____ Membership ID# _____
Address _____
City, State, Zip code _____ Phone _____
Email _____

Membership Chairman:
Name _____ Membership ID# _____
Address _____
City, State, Zip code _____ Phone _____
Email _____

District Newsletter will be sent by email to any member who would like a copy.

If you have the form from department filled out, you may send that one.

The 2025 National Commanders tour is scheduled for March 23-29, 2025.



23 March 2025: The National Commander and his aide arrive in Minnesota

24 March 2025: Visits to MDVA, JAG and VAMC Minneapolis are planned.

Dinner & Program at Post 225 Forest Lake; POC: {Terry Larson} – 651.464.2600-ext 308

25 March 2025:

Breakfast Stop-Post 1776 Apple Valley; POC: 952.240.7849 {Carla Tappainer}

Lunch Stop-Post 184 Pine Island; POC: 507.356.8991 {Post}
Dinner Stop-Post 595 La Crescent (at La Crescent Area Event Center); POC: duluthace@yahoo.com {Ricardo Acevedo}

26 March 2025:

Breakfast Stop-Post 551 Eyota; POC: 507.545.2688 {Post}

Dinner Stop-Post 43 Faribault; POC: 507.384.2338 {Jill Manahan}

27 March 2025:

Breakfast Stop-Post 303 Fridley; POC: 612.325.2899 {Paul Orson}

Lunch Stop-Post 270 Buffalo; POC: 763.682.2262-press 2 {Post}

Dinner Stop-Post 271 Paynesville; POC: 320.243.4982 {Post}

28 March 2025:

Breakfast Stop-Host Post 69 Granite Falls; POC: 320.564.2537 {Post} or 507.430.3160 {Steve Midthun}

****Event will be at Fagans Fighters Museum; 2450 540th St, Granite Falls, MN 56241 ****

Lunch Stop- Post 64 Slayton (at 4-H Building of Murray County Fairgrounds); POC: 605.366.3025 {text Brad Pagel} or bppagel@gmail.com

29 March 2025:

The National Commander & his aide depart Minnesota

From Marine to TV Icon



As we continue to **Celebrate Women of Service**, we honor **Bea Arthur**, best known for her roles in *Maude* and *The Golden Girls*, but also a proud veteran of the U.S. Marine Corps.

Enlisting in 1943 at just 21 years old, Arthur served as a truck driver and typist in the Marine Corps Women's Reserve, rising to the rank of staff sergeant. Her bold personality and determined spirit—once described as “officious” and “over aggressive” in her enlistment interviews—helped her break barriers both in service and on stage.

After her military career, Arthur became a celebrated Broadway and television star, using her sharp wit and commanding presence to captivate audiences. Her journey from a Marine Corps veteran to a beloved television icon demonstrates the far-reaching impact one woman can have across multiple generations.

Honor a Women of Service Today

Bea Arthurs legacy exemplifies the power of strength, resilience, and breaking barriers.

Today, you can celebrate her contributions and the remarkable women who served our country by supporting the ala foundation's mission to assist veterans, military family, and all who have made sacrifices for our nation.

Children and Youth Paulette Jameson chair



April is the Month of the Military Child with April 15th designated as "Purple-Up! Day" in honor of military children. The Month of the Military Child was established in 1986 by former Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger as a Department of Defense commemoration. The "Purple-Up for Military Kids" initiative was begun in 2011 by the University of New Hampshire Cooperative Extension Youth and Family

Program. From there, it quickly gained momentum and today it is celebrated nationwide. Units continue to find many ways that they can support and honor military children during April.

Wearing purple on April 15th is a way to honor our military children. There are t-shirts available online to purchase with different messages of support, including "Military Children are Heroes Too", and you can also find stickers with the same messages. The SAL and the American Legion Auxiliary were inspired by the POW/MIA Table to come up with a Military Child's Table Setting. Your Unit may want to display a table at your April meeting or even for the whole month if that would be possible. If interested, you can find information online.

Poppy by Linda Kelly

Here is my poppy décor for the Easter bunny. This picture wasn't the easiest to take so you could see all the parts. I used a few American Legion Auxiliary poppies, but also included some poppies bought elsewhere. I hope you are encouraged to use the poppy throughout the year.

Don't forget to complete your annual poppy report and send it to me at 17670 511th St., Pine Island, MN 55963 or e-mail to lkk auxiliary@gmail.com by April 15th. I think that most of our 3rd District units provide poppies to our communities. Therefore, I should be receiving a lot of poppy reports. These reports are sent to our appropriate *District Program Chairman*. They use the information from their district's units to report to the Department Chairman. Remember they are the reports that are labeled:

Department of Minnesota
2024-2025 Unit Annual Report Form
Poppy

Also remember that there are two sets of forms that we use. Both can be found on the www.mnala.org website – front page – directly under the picture of your Department Executive Committee – the 4th listing (2024-2025 Annual Reports) is the unit reports that I mentioned above. The 7th listing is the 2024-20250 Annual Awards. Please take a look and see the awards that will be presented at our Department and National conventions, too. You may find that your unit does something extraordinary that many do not do. It only takes a little of your time to complete this form. The awards are listed and then there is a cover sheet for you to complete. This form is sent to the *Department Program Chairman*. Their address is at the top of the form.

[Please note as your Department Legislative Chairman, I hope to receive applications for those awards, too.]

Also, don't forget to consider participating in the Poppy Contest at our 3rd District convention in May at Forest Lake and the Department Convention in July at Willmar. I hope we have lots of entries at both events.



Members of Auxiliary

Would you like to become more involved at the Third District level? I have several open chairmanships; I am looking for volunteers to fill these openings.

If you are interested, you can reach me at: 952-466-2585 or my cell number: 612-600-8873.

Thank you,

Ann Bovy



Marines riding atop an M-48 tank cover their ears as a 90mm gun fires during a road sweep southwest of Phu Bai on April 3, 1968. National Archives

'This is about what we all did'

Vietnam War documentary focuses on information, lessons learned that those who served want Americans to know.

The March 2025 issue of the “The American Legion” magazine has an interesting article about a YouTube video, “Truths and Myths of the Vietnam War,” that was created by a group of Atlanta, Georgia Vietnam Veterans who had the help of an Emmy Award winner filmmaker. The 47-minute film examines the treatment of the returning veterans, media influence, and humanitarian acts by U.S. troops – and challenges the predominant view that the war was unwinnable.

National Vietnam Veterans Day is March 29th, and Saigon fell on April 30, 1975, marking it now 50 years since the pull out of American troops from the Vietnam War. Perhaps your unit would like to honor veterans, especially Vietnam-era veterans, and have a showing of the film. Also invite history teachers and students for this important lesson.



Saturday, April 26

**HUGO AMERICAN LEGION
POST 620**

CELEBRATES

Legion Family Day

The Post 620 Legion Family would like to invite you to our celebration – honoring and recognizing our Veterans and the accomplishments of our Legion Family (Legionnaires, Sons of the American Legion, and Auxiliary). Come learn more about what it means to be a member of the nation's largest and most influential veterans service organization.

ACTIVITIES FOR ALL AGES

RIB CONTEST * VENDORS * BAKE SALE

**FACE PAINTING * KID BINGO * SUGAR THE
UNICORN**

**BOUNCE HOUSE * FIRE TRUCK
SPECIAL GUESTS**

Legion Opens at 11:00 * Ceremony at noon



Unit	Goal	Unit Name 3-3-2025	Paid	
1776	265	Apple Valley	210	79.25%
491	89	Bayport	68	76.40%
144	105	Belle Plaine	82	78.10%
143	19	Brownton	18	94.74%
580	77	Chanhassen	70	90.91%
57	158	Chaska	127	80.38%
207	41	Cleveland	38	92.68%
594	13	Eagan	10	76.92%
311	180	Elysian	163	90.56%
43	171	Faribault	140	81.87%
189	31	Farmington	28	90.32%
225	202	Forest Lake	215	106.44%
433	55	Gaylord	51	92.73%
95	16	Glencoe	11	68.75%
408	35	Green Isle	32	91.43%
47	29	Hastings	25	86.21%
620	71	Hugo	60	84.51%
96	174	Hutchinson	159	91.38%
424	10	Inver Grove Hghts	6	60.00%
380	14	Kilkenny	12	85.71%
300	21	Lafayette	16	76.19%
108	112	LeCenter	123	109.82%
586	79	Lonsdale	69	87.34%
507	51	Mahtomedi	43	84.31%
79	142	Montgomery	116	81.69%
149	89	Morristown	97	108.99%
601	21	New Germany	18	85.71%
45	68	New Prague	63	92.65%
510	60	Nicollet	45	75.00%
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	61	107.02%
643	56	Savage	47	83.93%
2	78	Shakopee	69	88.46%
141	65	Silver Lake	60	92.31%
98	127	St Paul Park	106	83.46%
37	76	St Peter	65	85.53%
125	38	Stewart	33	86.84%
150	80	Waconia	75	93.75%
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314	25	Winthrop	19	76.00%
463	15	Lester Prarie Clsd	0	0.00%
	3476		3032	87.23%

MEMBERSHIP

Hello Auxiliary members,

To all members and their families, Happy Easter

Our 3rd District goal for the units was 100% by March 15.

As of the last Department membership bulletin received on March 3rd, we had 5 units at 100%, Congratulations and wonderful job, Forest Lake, Rosemount, Le Center, Morristown, Norwood.

All units reaching the 100% goal will be placed in a drawing for \$50.00.

The information shown on the left side of the page is the unit membership as of 3-3-2025. We were in 3rd place in Department but at the Appreciation rally on March 8th we were in 2nd place. Great Job everyone.

Please do not hold onto your membership, members are not renewed until National has received their dues.

If your unit has not contacted the members that have not renewed, please give them a call or stop in and ask them to renew their membership and keep trying to find those new members. Remember Just Ask. 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

Department

May 23,2025 Poppy Day 95% National

May 23,2025, Poppy Day 95% Department

July 4,2025 End of Year 100% Department



What: Department Commander Carl's Testimonial 2025

When: 5 April 2025

Where: Northern Lights Casino

Time: 1700hrs {5:00} Social Hour, 1800hrs {6:00} Dinner, Program to follow

Menu: Buffet; Baked chicken, barbecue ribs, wild rice, au gratin potatoes, California vegetable medley, green bean almandine, mixed green salad, dinner roll, brownie, coffee, tea & water

Registration and cost:

\$40.00 per person, Payable to: Zimmerman Post 560 ****Reservations CLOSE 21 March 2025****

Mail check to: American Legion Post 560, Attn Bob Lundgren, P.O. Box 123, Zimmerman, MN 55398

Hotel Information: Northern Lights Casino & Hotel, 1.800.252.7529 or 218.335.3190 request your room under the "American Legion block" \$90 + TTL.

Alternative lodging: Country Inn 218.547.1400, Walker Hotel 218.547.2200, Chase on the Lake 218.547.7777



Shakopee Unit 2



held a TV Sitcom Trivia Night Fundraiser, that was a huge success! We received an impressive 200-plus food items that are able to be donated to the local CAP agency food shelf. There were many laughs thought the night, all while raising fund to support our community and veterans.

**Please join us for the Third District
Testimonial Dinner**

**Honoring
Commander Joe Tappainer, President Tamara Thayer
and SAL Commander Dave Arend**

Sunday April 27th, 2025
Lonsdale Post 586, 115 2nd Ave SW, Lonsdale MN
55046

4:00 Social 5:00 Dinner Program to follow

Menu: Roast Beef and Chicken Buffet

Please detach and mail this portion with your check made out to:
Lonsdale Post 586 and mail to Amy Larsen, 115 2nd Ave SW,
Lonsdale MN 55046, no later than **April 21st**.

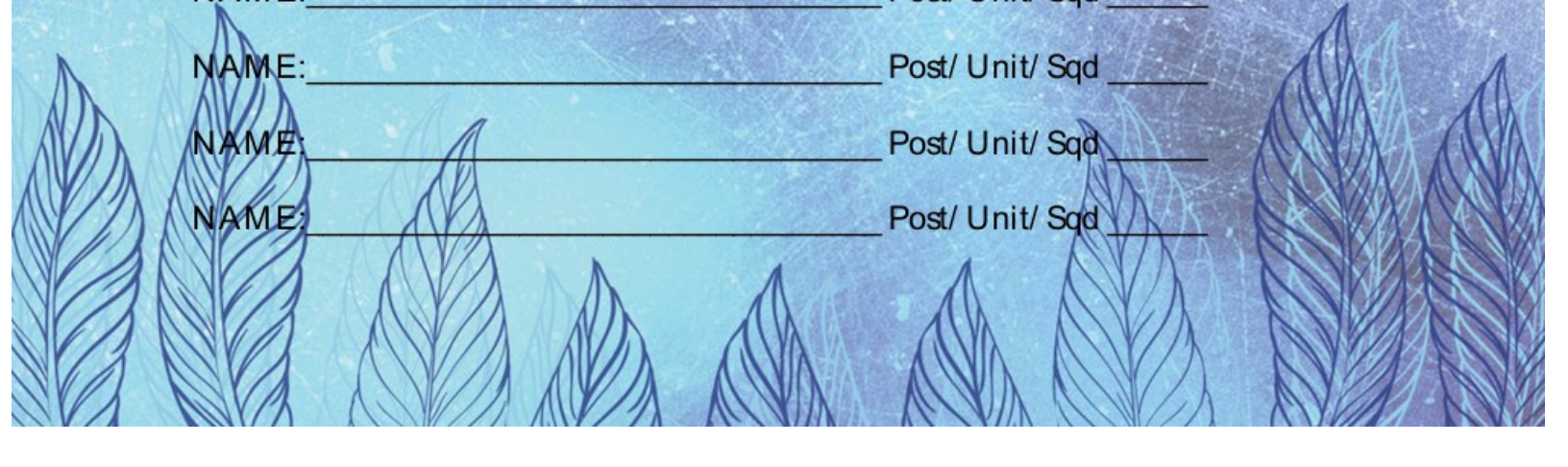
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NAME: _____ Post/ Unit/ Sqd _____

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VETERANS DAY ON THE HILL 2025

WHEN:
APRIL 9TH, 2025

DAV of MN Presents:
Free Veterans and Supporters Lunch
(One Block from Capitol at 600 Cedar Street, St. Paul)

Doors Open @ 10:00AM FOR COFFEE

LUNCH PROVIDED

PRESENTATION @ 12:00PM

Veterans March to the Rally @ 1:00pm

(Short Walk from Armory to State Veterans Service Building 20 West
12th St, St. Paul)

CTF and MACVSO Present:
Rally in the Rotunda 1:30-2:30pm



ANY QUESTIONS PLEASE CONTACT-
TRENT@DAYMN.ORG:

**NO MEMBERSHIP IN
ANY ORGANIZATION
REQUIRED.**
**ALL SUPPORTERS ARE
WELCOME!**



Topics Include:

PASSING A CLEAN
VETERANS OMNIBUS
BILL

INCREASING THE
AMOUNT OF THE
PROPERTY TAX VALUE
EXCLUSION

REDUCED COST
HUNTING AND FISHING
LICENSE FOR DISABLED
VETERAN

Meet Your Lawmaker!!

A MINIBUS RUNNING
FROM THE ARMORY TO
THE CENTENNIAL AND
SENATE OFFICE
BUILDINGS 10-1130.

MAKE YOUR
APPOINTMENTS TO SEE
YOUR LAWMAKERS!



DAV
OF MINNESOTA
**BENEFITS
PROTECTION**



Faribault's Unit 43 Happenings

This year the Legion family at Post 43 is doing fundraising for hall improvements. There was an Octoberfest Dinner last fall; a Sock Hop with a charge for burgers, fries, and a shake; and a Valentine's Dinner with prime rib, specialty desserts and a rose on each table.



Members wore pink poodle skirts, ponytails and pink silk jackets to Sock Hop.



Members Paulette Jameson, Kathy Larson and Kay Caron presented info about the Poppy Poster Contest to homeschooled students and American Heritage Girls.

Commander Steve Walter and President Gina Little with birthday cake for the Legion's 106 years prior to a Legion Family Dinner.





Photos from Elysian Unit 311



Unit 311 honored 51 year member, Joan Markytan on March 9 for Women's History Month. She joined in Owatonna and transferred to Elysian in 2003. She served many years as treasurer and on the executive board. The major program that she chaired was community service, doing apples for teachers, Halloween spook trail, bloodmobile, buddy and friend visits, and chairing many different fund raisers. She marched in many parades and now rides the Legion wagon. A current major project is quilting with a group to make quilts, lap quilts, pillows, and stuffed animals for a variety of groups. She stays very involved with the auxiliary.



BROWNTON BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION UNIT 143

Submitted by Joanne Joachim Unit 580 Chanhassen



- Highlights from the Appreciation Rally March 8 at Chanhassen Post 580:
- Dept President Judy Ackerman has raised, as of 3/7, \$26,427.50 for her project to raise
- funds for rehabilitation equipment for the Veterans Homes.
- 468 kits were made for female veterans at the Fall Conference in St. Cloud
- Helen Steffen, from Unit 334 Coon Rapids, won the quilt in the raffle to raise money for
- Girls State.
- This is the 35th anniversary for Desert Storm vets
- 3rd District Auxiliary is in 2nd place in Dept for membership with 87.88%
- President Judy has reached one of her national goals with 85.32% membership to

bring

the Department Merit Medallion to Minnesota

- 3rd District Legionnaires are in 4th place in MN in membership
- The new VSO for Dept of MN was introduced – Janet Lorenzo
- And Post 580 was packed with attendees! But our manager Kenny Larson found a seat for everyone. Thank you, Kenny.

Joanne Joachim, Unit 580 Auxiliary Chanhassen, MN



Tv interview for KIMT
channel 3

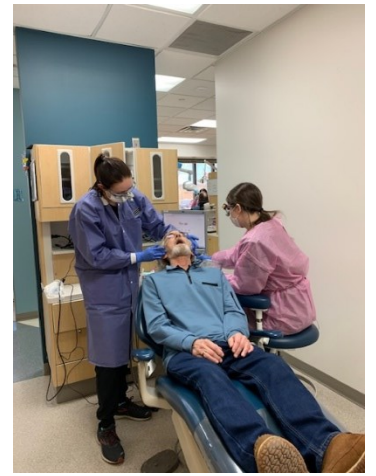
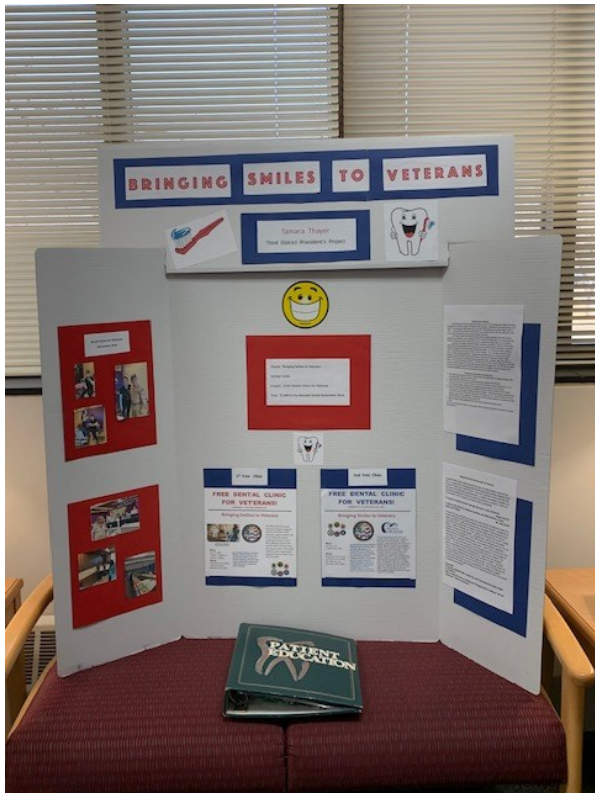


3rd Dist Membership Rally March 1,
at St Paul Park



 DAN PATCH AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY UNIT #643		10735
DATE <u>February 27, 2025</u>		
PAY TO THE ORDER OF <u>Third District ALA Dept. of MN</u>	\$ <u>1,000.00</u>	
<u>One Thousand and 00/100ths</u>		DOLLARS
MEMO <u>Bringing Smiles to Veterans Project</u>		<u>Susan Harper, President</u>
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President's visit to Savage Unit 643



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