



AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY
DEPARTMENT OF MINNESOTA – THIRD DISTRICT

BOOK OF
ANNUAL REPORTS
2025-2026

VETERANS

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Sweethearts

Ann Bovy
MN Third District President



American Legion Auxiliary 2025/2026



National President
Pam Ray
2025/2026



Department of Minnesota President
Robin Dorf
2025/2026



Third District President
Ann Bovy
2025/2026



2025-2026 Third District President Ann Bovy

It has been an honor being your 3rd District President this past year. I cannot believe where the time has gone; it has been a fun ride. I recommend if you are ever thinking about doing the 3rd District President, to talk to any of the past presidents from the district.

My first project was Hasting Veterans Home (Landscaping); the money raised is going to help rebuild the raised vegetable garden beds. The vegetables grown in the raised beds will be used, in the cafeteria.

The other project was St. Peter Treatment Center (Disc Golf Course), and the plan is to have the golf course done at beginning of the summer. I did make my goal of \$4,000.00 and over.

My symbol for the year was three roses and Auxiliary emblem with the year on my pin. I picked the three roses to represent the number three in District 3.

I want to thank all the units and private members who gave donations and personal donations to my project during my year as your 3rd District President.

A big thank you to the Third District American Legion Commander Amy Larsen, and SAL Detachment Commander Gregg Wilwert, for supporting me through the year. It was nice to talk about what things were going on in units and post to help them out.

Our Junior President, May Wright did an outstanding job and worked hard on her project. She raised \$940.00 to help with the Hastings Veterans Home raised garden, we are proud of you.

I would like to give a shout out to our Third District Secretary, Karla Otterness. Her dedication and commitment have been invaluable throughout the year. Karla consistently keeps us well-informed.

I would like to take a moment to recognize the District Chairmen for their outstanding efforts this year. Despite the challenges we faced, especially with the cancellation of our midwinter event, and chairmanship changes, each of you rose to the occasion and managed the changes that came our way. Your dedication and creative approaches made a significant impact and truly enhanced the reputation of the Third District. Thank you all for your commitment and hard work.

I would like to express my sincere gratitude to our Third District Membership Chairman, Jeorgia Cluckey. This year brought many challenges, but Jeorgia remained dedicated to supporting the units. She consistently kept in contact with unit members, whether it meant attending meetings in person or reaching out through numerous phone calls.

I would also like to thank Teri Richardson, our Third District Treasurer. Teri's commitment to keeping our accounts up to date and ensuring our finances remain in excellent order has been invaluable to the success of our district. I am especially thankful for the time she spent assisting me, patiently answering my questions, and offering her support and belief in my leadership.

I would like to extend my sincere appreciation to Barb Klehr for her invaluable assistance in keeping the Third District well-informed about the Standing Rules, as well as providing important information regarding Robert's Rules.

Thank you Diane Mackenthun for accompanying me to various events throughout the year. Diane played a key role in bringing the flags to different Third District gatherings and supporting me in my responsibilities as the Third District President.

I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to “Mother” Robin Dorf, our Department President, for her steadfast guidance and unwavering support throughout my year. Whenever I had a question or faced uncertainty, she was always willing to help or find the answer I needed. Her encouragement made a significant difference for me this year. I am especially grateful for the fun and memorable experiences she had, which made this year truly special. At the Fall Conference, the Third District hosted a pickle contest that added a lighthearted and enjoyable touch to our gathering. Department President Robin served as one of the judges for the event. President Robin, along with other members who enjoy tasting pickles, participated in the judging. The winner of the contest received a pickle ornament as a prize. It was a fun competition, and I was honored to win with my grandma's cherished recipe.

I am grateful to my District Sisters for the camaraderie, support, and willingness to help one another. It has been truly enjoyable spending time together, learning from each other, and working as a team. During the Fall Conference, I wanted to do something special for my District sisters, so I made and shared homemade strawberry jam with them. The jam was a big hit and quickly became a favorite among the group. In addition to gifting it to my fellow District members, I also presented jars of homemade strawberry jam to the executive board of the Department. They, too, enjoyed it and expressed their appreciation. This small gesture helped foster a sense of camaraderie and added a personal touch to our gathering.

Our Fall Family gathering was a fun day. The Third District Auxiliary hosted this event, I would like to thank the members who attended and everyone who brought things like bake goods, homegrown produce, plants, and craft items. To all the members who bought the items. The money raised went to the 3rd District ALA General Fund.

I would also what to thank my husband Phil and sons Zachary and Joe for supporting me through the busy year. You guys are the best!

From my Unit 601 American Legion Auxiliary of New Germany. I'd like to thank them for supporting me through the years as I climbed the chairs to be 3rd District President.

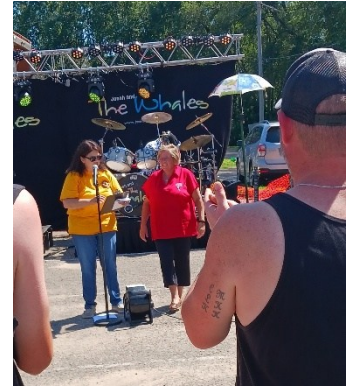
I did have other goals; one was to be out in the community to represent as the third district, and without the Units, inviting me to the meeting and event. I would not make these goals. So BIG thank you to all the units and members in the 3rd District.

I am looking forward to the National Convention in Louisville, Kentucky. This is my first time attending a national convention.

Sincerely

3rd District President Ann Bovy





President Ann Bovy Calendar of Events 2025-2026

May

17th Our Third District Convention was held at Forest Lake Post 225. I was elected Third District President.

17th I held my first Post District Committee meeting

17th Installation and my installing Officer was Diane Mackenthun

18th Sunday we had breakfast at Post 225 Forest Lake

26th I attended the Memorial Day Ceremony. We visited five cemeteries with American Legion Post & Unit 601



June

St Paul Park BBQ Rib Fest

July

7th American Legion Post 586 we had Third District Picnic

12th Department Conference I was installed as Third District President

August

7th I attended the Carver County Fair for Veteran's Day at the fairgrounds.

9th I held an executive meeting at the New Germany Hall

12th Chaska Post 57 had burger night which was fun to visit with members.

16th I attended the Veterans Resilience & Strength Summit

September

10th Montgomery Unit 79 American Legion Auxiliary Had a membership supper.

20th Family Gathering Rally and I gave my first pins to my parents.

October

4th I was invited to the Past President Parley Meeting and potluck luncheon.

5th Shakopee Unit 2 had the Early Bird Special Membership Supper. I talked about my projects at Hastings Veterans and St. Peter Treatment Center

11th Convention committee meeting

18th Attended First Poppy Palooza at Forest Lake

18th Shakopee Unit 2 had a ribeye steak dinner as Breast Cancer fundraiser.

23-25th Attended the fall conference at St. Cloud for the weekend

November

4th Went to Waconia Unit 150 meeting to give them the money from the drawing. They received 60% of the department on membership.

8th Had lunch at Chaska Unit 57 to celebrate their one hundred Year Anniversary

15th Attended Mission Training at National Meeting in Minneapolis

December

1st Went to St. Paul Park Unit 98 ceremony for new members.

6th Pearl Harbor Rally

13th Wreath Across American at Fort Snelling National Cemetery. Chaska Unit 57 asked me to go with.

15th I attended Silver Lake Unit 141 for a dinner & holiday party.

January

- 11th Attended Poppy Palooza at Waconia American Legion Post 150 and made poppies.
- 24th Mid-Winter Conference was cancelled due to the weather.
- 31st 1 and 3 Revival Rally Faribault post forty-three

February

- 14th Convention committee meeting New Prague
- 21st Leadership workshop at Cosmos Community Hall. Hosted by Cosmos & Hutchinson American
Hosted by Cosmos & Hutchinson American Legion Auxiliary
- 21st Shakopee Unit 2 had Decades Trivia Night

March

- 2nd Attended Norwood Unit 343 meeting & meet the members.
- 9th Browntown Unit 143 had Legion birthday party at Brownston Community Center
- 14th Attended Department Executive meeting & Appreciation Rally at Bloomington

April

- 10th Testimonial Third District for Auxiliary & Legion Commander & SAL Commander at Legion Post 643 in Savage.
- 14th Attended at Hasting Home with New Germany 601 and Play Trivia/Plinio activity with Veterans and after that severing ice cream or root beer floats.
- 19th Bowling Tournament at the Dayton Sundance Lane. With Shakopee Unit 2
- 20th Stewart unit 125
- 23rd Veteran's Day on the Hill.
- 28th I was invited to attended at St. Peter Region Treatment Center for a party that day.

May

- 15th Executive committee meeting -New Prague Post 45
- 15th was initiated into the has been.
- 16th District Convention at New Prague Post 45



July 4 I am planning to attend the parade at Forest Lake.

July 9-11 -I am planning to be attending Department Convention

August 27 September 4 – I am planning to attend the Nation Convention

It was fun year; I thank you all for your support and for giving me the honor of being your Third District President.

DISTRICT/COUNTY/COUNCIL**Year-End Impact Numbers Report**District/County 3rd Department MinnesotaNumber Units in District/County 45 Number of Units Reporting 20Total Number of Members Reporting 713Your name Ann Bovy Email abovyauxiliary@centurylink.net

Here is what our units did in the past 12 months since April 1.

1. Our ALA Service for Veterans/Active-Duty/Reserve Military

	Service for Veterans/Military	Obtain Total From	Total
Line 1	Total hours members volunteered	<i>Unit Form Line 1</i>	17882
Line 2	Total dollars spent	<i>Unit Form Line 2</i>	\$89026.00
Line 3	Total number of veterans/military assisted	<i>Unit Form Line 3</i>	2387
Line 4	Total number of "Veterans in Community Schools" presentations facilitated	<i>Unit Form Line 4</i>	51
Line 5	Value of in-kind donations received*	<i>Unit Form Line 5</i>	\$ 9486.00
Line 6	Total number of poppies or poppy items distributed	<i>Unit Form Line 6</i>	20629
Line 7	Total dollars raised from poppies	<i>Unit Form Line 7</i>	\$ 63175.00

*Estimated cash value of non-cash donations from **NON-MEMBERS** of goods (like paper goods, clothing) or services (like pro-bono CPA services from a local firm)**2. Our ALA Service for Military Families**

	Service for Military Families	Obtain Total From	Total
Line 8	Total hours members volunteered	<i>Unit Form Line 8</i>	1422
Line 9	Total dollars spent	<i>Unit Form Line 9</i>	\$19640.00
Line 10	Total number of military families served	<i>Unit Form Line 10</i>	332

3. Our ALA Service for Youth

	Service for Children & Youth	Obtain Total From	Total
Line 11	Total hours for ALA Girls State	<i>Unit Form Line 11</i>	514
Line 12	Total dollars spent for ALA Girls State	<i>Unit Form Line 12</i>	\$9980.00

Line 13	Total hours for other Legion Family youth activities	<i>Unit Form Line 13</i>	1143
Line 14	Total dollars spent on goods for youth activities	<i>Unit Form Line 14</i>	\$9312.00
Line 15	Total dollar amount of direct aid to help a needy child	<i>Unit Form Line 15</i>	\$525.00
Line 16	Total other UNIT expenses (parties, dinners, paper goods, trophies)	<i>Unit Form Line 16</i>	\$3292.00
Line 17	Total number of children/youth served	<i>Unit Form Line 17</i>	5759
Line 18	Total dollars to other child service charities	<i>Unit Form Line 18</i>	\$6050.00

4. Our Service Representing the ALA in Our Communities

	For any service not included in Sections 1-3	Obtain Total From	Total
Line 19	Total number of hours	<i>Unit Form Line 19</i>	7055
Line 20	Total dollars spent	<i>Unit Form Line 20</i>	\$ 27110.00

5. Scholarships our Units & District/County Presented/Awarded

	Scholarships	Obtain Total From	Units	+ District or County	= Total
Line 21	Total number of scholarships presented or awarded	<i>Unit Form Line 21</i>			14
Line 22	Total dollar amount of scholarships	<i>Unit Form Line 22</i>	\$	\$	\$7850.00
Line 23	Total dollar amount donated to department scholarships	<i>Unit Form Line 23</i>	\$	\$	\$1700.00

I would like to give you some details on this report.

If you total the money donated by the 3rd District (for 20 units of 42units) the total donation is \$174,485.00. The total number of volunteer hours is 28,016. The total received in Poppy Donations is \$63,175.00, which is why it is so important to keep the poppy making efforts going.

The total received in In-Kind donations was \$9486.00 from our members and communities.

This means the Auxiliary held fund raisers and raised approximately \$100,000.00. This is a huge amount of money.

Here is the question, if all the Units filled out and sent their Impact Report to the President would these totals be doubled? Could the 3rd District have donated \$348,970.00. We will never know about this, but maybe next year we could find out.

Thank you Everyone for a fabulous year and for everything you do for our Veterans, Veterans Families and Communities.

3rd District President

Ann Bovy

2025/2026 Chairmen

Family Support Pod

Americanism –Joanne Joachim, Chanhassen Unit 580

Education – Sherri Hernandez Unit 225

Community Service – Barb Van Eyll, Chaska Unit 57

Memorial –Tamara Thayer, Elysian unit 311

Youth Development Pod

Children & Youth –Karen Rasmussen, Faribault Unit 43

Juniors Activity – Lynn Duffy, St Paul Park Unit 98

Girl State –Melissa Carlson Forest Lake Unit 225

Veteran/Military Support & Advocacy Pod

Legislative – Kat Benjamin Chaska Unit 57

National Security – Wendy Arend Forest Lake 225

Armed Forces Center – Kim Carlander, Chanhassen Unit 580

Poppy – Tami Paul Shakopee Unit 2

Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation / Service to Veterans- Linda Kelly, Pine Island Unit 184

St Peter Treatment Center –Darlene Wondra, Montgomery Unit 79

Membership Development Pod

Membership –Jeorgia Cluckey, St Paul Park Unit 98

Leadership – Cavaleine Regan, forest Lake 225

Public Relations – Michelle Leonard, Farmington Unit 189

Auxiliary Emergency Fund – Linda Bell Bayport 491

Organizational Support Pod

Parliamentarian/ Standing Rules Chairman – Barbara Klehr, Shakopee Unit 2

Finance –Teri Richardson Mahtomedi Unit 507

History – Sally Strasser, St Paul Park Unit 98

Memory Book –Karla Otterness Winsted Unit 407

Past President Parley – Linda Kelly, Pine Island Unit 184

Nominating Committee Chairman Michelle Leonard, Farmington Unit 189



2025-2026 Unit Presidents

Apple Valley Unit 1776
Bayport Unit 491
Belle Plaine Unit 144
Brownton Unit 143
Chanhassen Unit 580
Chaska Unit 57
Cleveland Unit 207
Eagan Unit 594
Elysian Unit 311
Faribault Unit 43
Farmington Unit 189
Forest Lake Unit 225
Gaylord Unit 433
Glencoe Unit 95
Green Isle Unit 408
Hastings Unit 47
Hugo Unit 620
Hutchinson Unit 96
Inver Grove Hgts. Unit 424
Kilkenny Unit 380
Lafayette Unit 300
Le Center Unit 108
Lonsdale Unit 586
Mahtomedi Unit 507
Montgomery Unit 79
Morristown Unit 149
New Germany Unit 601
New Prague Unit 45
Nicollet Unit 510
North Mankato Unit 518
Northfield Unit 84
Norwood Unit 343
Pine Island Unit 184
Prior Lake Unit 447
Red Wing Unit 54
Rosemount Unit 65
St. Paul Park Unit 98
St. Peter Unit 37
Savage Unit 643
Shakopee Unit 2
Silver Lake 141

Mary Lyman
Rebecca Wolfe
Ruth Westphal
Marcie Baysinger
Kim Carlander
Christine Myhre
Lisa Stadler
Paulette Stark
Tamara Thayer
Gina Little
Kimberly Lomas
Cavaleene Regan
Jill Hewitt
Mary Sellnow
Rosemary Theis
Rebecca Peterson
Mary Brake
Donna Telecky
Judy Thomsen
Janice Sellner
Anne Schuelke
Shauna Whipps
Andrea Zellner
Katie Busson
Debora Vlasak
Jean Pesta
Ann Bovy
Joni Tikalsky
Linda Wills
Lisa Roberts
Barbara Swenson
Diane Mackenthun
Anita Witthoeft
Betty Roe
Cindy Lohman
Jessica Luedtke
Stefanie Kittleson
Jane Tate
Susan Harper
Tami Paul
Joyce Zajicek

Stewart Unit 125
Waconia Unit 150
Winsted Unit 407
Winthrop Unit 314

Barbara Eitel
Tammy Sartwell
Julie Baruch
Gayle Grams



Americanism
3rd District Year End Report
2025/2026
Joanne Joachum, Chair

With 43 Units in District 3, I received 21 reports. 6 units participated in Americanism programs at school. 12 in Flag education programs. Over 1100 flags were distributed. 12 units participated in Veteran's Day programs. 15 units participated in Memorial Day programs. Most members wore ALA branding when at these events. 10 units participated in youth programs. 9 units participated in American Legion programs. Donations \$3755; hours volunteered 1205.55

Vets Day programs:

Programs @ care centers; programs at schools; Vet's Dinner@ Post; pies served @ luncheon; distributed 20 Quilts of Valor; programs at Post and local school; Color Guard; serving vets at Last Man's Banquet; Vets day service and gifts; provide float for Vets to ride on in parade; served vets at Sr Ctr breakfast; gave t-shirts to Vets.

Holiday or Community Events:

Juneteenth taste of Shakopee; 4th of July-Flags @ Canterbury; Valentines day; Memorial Day; Omelet Breakfast with Post and SAL; Xmas celebrate with Legion& guests with meal; kids Xmas party; Chamber Easter; National night out; County Fair; Heritage days parade; Community Resource Fair; Community College Resource Fair; Hometown Holiday; Annual Easter Egg hunt; Several units are involved in their town with Bkfst w/Santa, Santa visits and Chamber Xmas. Bingo. Also, with Halloween festivities in their town. Legion Poultry party; decorate Legion for Xmas and Xmas tree at the park. Flag exchange; Vet of the Month ceremony, 2 flag burning ceremonies. Riding in the floats at the 4th of July parade & helping with chicken dinner fundraiser and pancake breakfast

Memorial Day Program:

Members part of the Honor Guard at ceremonies at local cemeteries. Encourage members to place flowers at Tomb of Unknown Soldier

Celebrate America's 250th Birthday:

Unit will give pie & ice cream on a Music in the Park Nite in the summer, sponsoring window displays in businesses for month of July. A unit made 250 greeting cards to be given to returning Honor Flight vets. One unit has a committee to plan a variety of events all year long – birthday potluck for Legion family. **I believe units will be doing more to celebrate the birthday on the 4th of July holiday. Don't forget to record it for next year's reports.**

Americanism at School:

Unit awarded red, white, blue cords to HS grads entering the military. ALA scholarship to grad HS senior, Jr members made pocket flags for active duty and Veterans. A unit made back to school kits and gave to area schools

Certificates of Merit:

50 and under: 601 New Germany, 433 Gaylord, 380 Kilkenny

50 to 100: 144 Belle Plaine, 2 Shakopee, 92 Waconia, 141 Silver Lake

101 to 200: 311 Elysian, 57 Chaska, 43 Faribault, 79 Montgomery

201 and greater: 1776 Apple Valley, 225 Forest Lake

Unit regardless of membership: 184 Pine Island, 518 No. Mankato

Sieg & Ann Schmidtke Americanism Certificate of Award _____

Thayer Americanism Education Plaque _____



Community Service
3rd District Year End Report 2025-2026
Barbara Van Eyll, Chair

I received Community Service reports from 20 Units with only 1 reporting they did not participate.

These 13 Units reported volunteering hours: individual members totaling 1,518; Units totaling 2,511. Monies spent/donated: individual members totaling \$1,676; Units totaling \$27,366. Unit members traveled 8,547 miles volunteering their time. Most Units noted that while volunteering members wore Auxiliary apparel and pins.

It was amazing to read how these Units served their communities with Valentine Day Omelet Breakfast, Easter Egg hunts, Halloween parties, Cookies or Breakfast with Santa, Family Bingo parties. Some Units held garage sales, bake and craft sales and a quilt raffle, made treat baskets/ free omelets for 1st Responders – fire department, sheriff, police and medics, held a Breast Cancer Fundraiser, Relay for Life.

Many Units reached out to the needy in their communities by holding food and cereal drives, donated to local food shelf, sock drives, donated winter jackets, caps and mittens to an elementary school, made tie blankets for children at an elementary school affected by Ice, made blankets, hats and wheelchair bags for a local care facility, sponsored a Christmas Giving Tree;

These Units supported Veterans and their families in their community in many ways: Christmas gift baskets to Veterans and Auxiliary shut-ins; volunteered with Fishing with Friends Veterans Fishing Day; donated yarn to make lap blankets for local and neighboring towns' Veterans; served meals for their Legion; one Unit had Honor Quilts made for Veterans in their community.

Individual Unit members volunteered at their local food shelf, libraries, history center, church dinners; blood drives; board member for Beyond the Yellow Ribbon; joined their community Crime Prevention Board; participated in the community National Night Out; member of the community's Redevelopment Authority providing housing for Veterans and their families.

Many thanks to President Ann for this appointment.

CERTIFICATE OF MERIT RECOMMENDATIONS:

Units (50 and under membership) Unit 343 Norwood, Unit 601 New Germany

Units (51 -100 membership) Unit 2 Shakopee, Unit 491 Bayport,
Unit 144 Belle Plain, Unit 518 North Mankato

Units (101 – 200 membership) Unit 57 Chaska, Unit 79 Montgomery

Units (201 and up membership) Unit 311 Elysian

Juanita Lutz Community Service Certificate: _____

Memorial
3rd District Year End Report
2025-2026
Tamara Thayer, Chair

Memorial reports were received from 23 out of 45 total units in 3rd District. Those reports were:

Bayport Unit 491, 62 members, 0 deceased

Belle Plaine Unit 144, 83 members, 1 deceased Sr.

Chanhassen Unit 580, 63 members, 2 deceased Sr.

Chaska Unit 57, 128 members, 5 seniors deceased.

Cleveland Unit 207, 37 members. 1 deceased Sr.

Elysian Unit 311, 172 members, 3 seniors deceased. Plus 1 senior the family pd membership directly to department but doesn't show on our roster this year.

Faribault Unit 43, 179 members, 6 senior members deceased.

Farmington Unit 189, 0 deceased

Forest Lake Unit 225, 210 members, 0 deceased.

Gaylord Unit 433, 53 members. 1 deceased Sr.

Hutchinson Unit 96, 124 members, 4 deceased Sr.

Inver Grove Heights Unit 424, UNK membership, 1 deceased Sr.

Montgomery Unit 79, 110 members, 5 deceased Sr.

New Germany Unit 601, 19 members, 0 deceased

Northfield Unit 84, 26 members, 1 senior deceased

N. Mankato Unit 518, 86 members, 0 deceased

Pine Island Unit 184, 87 members, 2 deceased Sr.

Shakopee Unit 2, 78 members, 0 deceased

Silver Lake Unit 141, 56 members, 2 deceased senior members.

Stewert Unit 125, UNK membership, 1 deceased Sr.

Waconia Unit 150, 92 members, 1 deceased Sr.

Winsted Unit 407, 2 senior members deceased

38 senior members passed away in 3rd district in 2026.

Total Memorial Donations reported: \$3,075

Memorials *received* from the deceased member's family or estate: \$3,520

A summary from the reports submitted shows the following **ceremonies** our units participated in: Draping the Charter; attending funerals; speaking at the funeral and one gave the Eulogy; presenting the family with a poppy or placing it on the grave as the District or Unit Chaplain spoke at the funeral. Some units placed the Auxiliary funeral marker at local graves and gave one to the family at the funeral if the member was to be buried out of town. The deceased members picture and obituary were posted by the charter for the month the charter was draped. The chaplain presented large poppies to the family members. Many units reported that they participated in the Honor Guard at funerals and for the Memorial Day service. A special program was given by several units to honor the Four Chaplains. Elysian Unit 311 invited all area clergy for a free omelet breakfast, and a program about the Four Chaplains. Those area chaplains were given a certificate of appreciation and a wooden cross centerpiece for all they do serving the veterans and citizens of their community. In their invitation was enclosed a handout about the 4 Chaplains, inspiring several to include the story in the sermon, and one put it in their church

newsletter. Their group photo and the story of the 4 Chaplains were put in the paper. POW/MIA display is visible by the public all the time, but on special occasions the ceremony is conducted to explain the items in the display to the public at events and to pay honor to the POW/MIA that it represents.

Other Memorial/Chaplain services provided by Units:

The Chaplains prayed at the beginning and closing of meetings and before meals for all Legion family events. Units sent cards to the sick, and sympathy cards to families. Prayed for members having upcoming surgery. Forest Lake co-hosts a widow/widower's dinner at Christmas time. Hutchinson sent 16 prayers to the Department Book of Prayers. Hutchinson also made 204 luminaries for the Stroll for Hope. Shakopee set up a meal train for a member going through cancer treatment. Many units reported visiting members in the hospital or shut-ins and offering prayer. Kathy Larson of Faribault Unit 43 makes a small memorial she designs with a red colored foil base containing a small flag, a poppy, and a name sign of the deceased with an ALA symbol, with her name, Membership #, and years of service. The reports were well done.

Certificates of Merit:

Under 50:

Unit 207 Cleveland
Unit 601, New Germany

Units (51 – 100 membership)

Unit 144 Belle Plaine
Unit 580 Chanhassen
Unit 184 Pine Island
Unit 2 Shakopee

Units (101-200 membership)

Unit 57 Chaska
Unit 311 Elysian
Unit 43 Faribault
Unit 96 Hutchison

Units (201 and greater membership)

Unit 225 Forest Lake

Units (regardless of membership)

Unit 79 Montgomery
Unit 141 Silver Lake

Nancy Lemke Memorial Plaque_____

**Children and Youth
3rd District Year End Report
2025-2026
Karen Rassemusen, Chair**

Of the 45 units in District 3, 22 submitted something to the Children and Youth program and six did not participate nor elaborate on any activities. The tallying of the volunteer hours, 1,967, and counting the over 1100 veterans that were served, the nearly 5,800 children and 4,700 community members with \$19,750 raised and donated and \$5,426 of in-kind donations, this program has had a positive effect in the American Legion Auxiliaries and their communities where they are active.

Seven units participated in “Purple Up” for military kids on April 15th from simply reminding members to wear purple on that day, or passing out flyers, to having an Omelet Breakfast free for military kids or having students wear purple for a treat and, if the entire class wore purple, they earned a pizza lunch. The Military Children’s Table is catching on with five units doing something in April to highlight its significance. There were no Youth Hero, Good Deed, or Kids of Deployed Hero Awards in District 3 this past year. Some units presented Good Citizenship Awards.

There were many other activities besides those suggested on the report form. Units do lots of activities with the kids for Halloween with Trunk or Treat, or a Spook Trail, Santa activities and visits from Santa and Mrs. Claus for the holidays, and Easter Egg Hunts. Kids make Christmas cards to send to active-duty service members and veterans and write thank yous to veterans to be displayed in the Legion. Children in Special Olympics were helped, and parties were given for those with special needs. Students were taught the Pledge of Allegiance, and they helped with poppies, they learned from veterans, competed in coloring contests, wrote essays, and did Eagle Scout projects with help from their unit. Girl Scout cookies were purchased to be sent overseas to the military or for the food shelf to be used for the summer with the kids’ food program. Pop tabs were collected to raise funds for the Ronald McDonald Houses. Students were sent to Legionville Safety Camp and girls to Girls State. Stuffed animals and toys were given to the Ambulance Service, the pediatric wing and Children’s Hospital. Backpacks and school supplies were given to schools; hygiene items, food, school supplies, laundry soap to “The Nest,” a room in the high school as well as middle and elementary schools for students to go to for free; treated high school sport teams to Burger Night for team-building; military honor cords given to seniors entering the military and Blue Star Banners to their parents. Children have been able to have fun with Bingo, crafts, and face painting.

Certificates of Merit

Units (50 & under)

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Unit 433 Gaylord
Unit 601 New Germany

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Unit 79 Montgomery

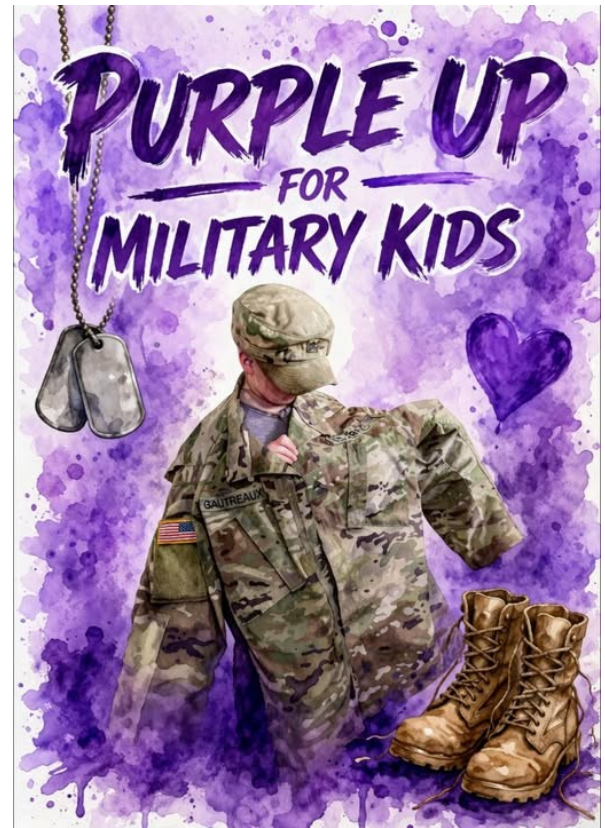
Units (201 and greater)

Unit 225 Forest Lake

Shirley Hamre Children and Youth Plaque: _____



Above Unit 507 Pumpkinmania



Shakopee Christmas

Junior Activities
3rd District Year End Report
2025-2026
Chair Lynn Duffy

There are 45 Units in the 3rd District. Of those, 9 Units submitted reports. There are just two Units with organized juniors three Units do not have organized juniors, one Unit does not have any juniors, and one Unit is partially organized. The reporting Units represent 52 juniors.

Of the eight Units with juniors, one Unit participated in the District Junior Fun Event. It was an informative day. The juniors played games that helped them learn more about the Auxiliary then spent an afternoon at the Alveo Army Museum where they had hands-on experience with the artifacts.

As a whole the District Juniors volunteered for a total of 477 hours, 275 of which were directly in service to veterans. Two Units raised a total of \$426 that was used for a local elementary school for supplies and for the Poppy Fund. They participated in parades, Poppy Palooza, Special Needs Christmas and Spring Hop, assisted the Auxiliary Units in Poppy fundraising, indoor ice fishing event, Memorial Day Event, Veterans Day events and two Units had a Miss Poppy.

Three juniors worked on the Patch program and earned a total of six patches.

Merits winners

Units (50 & under) Norwood Unit 343

Units (51-100) Montgomery Unit 79,

Units (101-200) Belle Plaine Unit 144, Elysian Unit 311, St Paul Park Unit 98 Hutchinson Unit 96 Chaska Unit 57.

Units (201 and greater membership) Forest Lake Unit 225

The Luverne B. Marier Plaque is awarded to: _____.

The Pat Kerber Junior Membership Plaque is awarded to: _____.

Legislation



National Security
3rd District Year End Report
2025-2026
Wendy Arend, Chair

Minnesota's Third District, comprised of 62 American Legion Auxiliary units, continues to demonstrate a strong commitment to the National Security mission. Of those, 20 units submitted reports, reflecting engaged participation and providing a representative snapshot of district-wide efforts in support of servicemembers, veterans, and their families.

Across the 3rd District, units actively engaged with military family readiness efforts, ensuring representation in each branch-specific support structure. One unit supported each of the following: the U.S. Navy Family Readiness Group (FRG), U.S. Army Soldier and Family Readiness Group (SFRG), U.S. Air Force Key Spouse Program, U.S. Marine Corps Family Readiness Program, and the U.S. Coast Guard Work-Life Program. These efforts reflect a well-rounded and intentional approach to supporting military families across all service branches.

District 3 units collaborated with several nationally recognized organizations dedicated to serving servicemembers and their families. While there was no reported participation with Armed Forces YMCA Food Pantries or the Department of Defense "Taking Care of People" initiative, units contributed meaningfully in other areas. Three units supported the USO, seven units worked with the Quilts of Valor Foundation, and four units partnered with Blue Star Families. These partnerships highlight the district's focus on tangible, mission-driven impact where engagement is strongest and most effective.

The 3rd District submitted one application for the prestigious "Salute to Servicemembers Award," demonstrating continued recognition of outstanding service and dedication within our communities.

Use of the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency (DPAA) resources was reported by one unit, reinforcing ongoing efforts to honor and remember those who remain unaccounted for.

In support of the American Legion's "Be the One" initiative, three units actively promoted awareness and engagement around suicide prevention, working to reduce stigma and encourage help-seeking behaviors among veterans and servicemembers. These efforts reflect a growing commitment to addressing the mental health challenges faced by those who have served.

Finally, 19 units across the 3rd District reported maintaining POW/MIA or Missing Man table displays, serving as powerful and visible reminders of the ongoing mission to account for all who served.

Overall, Minnesota's Third District continues to uphold the principles of national security through meaningful engagement, strategic partnerships, and visible acts of remembrance. While opportunities remain to expand participation in certain initiatives, the district's collective efforts reflect dedication, respect, and a steadfast commitment to those who serve and sacrifice for our nation.

Certificates of Merit

50 and Under Unit 343 Norwood,

51-100: Unit 2 Shakopee

101-200: Unit 311 Elysian, 43 Faribault

200 and up Unit 225 Forest Lake

Barbara Stussy National Security Award: _____

POPPY
3rd District Year End Report
2025-2026
Tami Paul, Chair

For the 2025-2026 reporting year, 23 units in Minnesota's 3rd District worked tirelessly to support the Poppy Program and honor our veterans. Throughout the year, our members ordered 31,450 small poppies and 156 large poppies from department, and made 34,100 small poppies and 4,250 large poppies, 1,500 of which were handmade by veterans themselves.

The community saw the poppy's impact in countless ways. Units set up poppy distribution tables at various city establishments, making poppies available to people where they live and work. Ads in local newspapers helped spread awareness of the program, and several units hosted booths at the county fair and their city days. Posters explaining the significance of the poppy were made and displayed, and a special display was set up at the local library. Units also donated poppy-themed books to local schools and libraries, along with handing out poppy coloring books to Children.

Poppy-themed events brought our communities together in even more ways. 738 poppy cards were displayed by units. Four units held Little Miss Poppy contests, and another five organized poppy poster contests in their local schools, engaging young people and encouraging creativity. Nine units made a point to hand out poppies to local elected officials at city council meetings along with asking them to declare May Poppy month.

Fundraising efforts were strong, with our units reporting, raising a combined \$55,659.15. This success was thanks to the dedication of 321 Legion Family members who helped with poppy distribution. On National Poppy Day, Friday, May 23rd, 2025, 15 units celebrated in their communities.

Six units hosted Poppy Palooza events, which brought together 83 Legion Family members and one local Boy Scout troop. Nine units used the funds raised to support the Department of Minnesota's President's Project, Honor Flight, directly benefiting veterans with meaningful experiences.

This year, the 3rd District proudly met Department Poppy Chairman Hope Wilson's challenge by holding not just one, but four Poppy Palooza events in Forest Lake, St. Paul Park, Cleveland, Waconia and Shakopee, Along with Apple Valley hosting one for their unit.

The combined efforts of our 23 units show the true spirit of the American Legion Auxiliary. Through creativity, commitment, and a deep sense of community, we have ensured that the legacy of the poppy, and the veterans it honors remains strong in the 3rd District of Minnesota

Certificate of Merits go to as Follows:

Units 50 & under Membership

1. Unit 343, Norwood
2. Unit 601, New Germany
3. Unit 189, Farmington
4. Unit 207, Cleveland

Units 51-100 Membership

1. Unit 518, North Mankato
2. Unit 150, Waconia
3. Unit 580, Chanhassen
4. Unit 491, Bayport

Units 101- 200 Membership

1. Unit 57, Chaska
2. Unit 311, Elysian
3. Unit 79, Farmington
4. Unit 96, Hutchinson

Units 201 and greater Membership

1. Unit 225, Forest Lake
2. Unit 1776, Apple Valley

Units regardless of Membership number

1. Unit 2, Shakopee
2. Unit 507, Mahtomedi/Willeme
3. Unit 144, Belle Plaine

Poppy Poster winners:

Class 1- Milianna Poeschl- Faribault, Unit 43

Class 2- Lydia Montgomery- Morristown, Unit 149

Class 3- Evelyn Melchert- Morristown, Unit 149

Class 4- No Entry

Class 5- Katie Dickman- Shakopee, Unit 2

Class 6- No Entry

Class 7- No Entry

Doris Fink Poppy

Plaque_____

Savage Poppy

Plaque_____



Forest Lake Unit 225 Poppy Palooza



**3rd District American Legion Auxiliary
2025-2026 District Annual Report
St Peter Regional Treatment Center
Darlene Wondra, chair**

St Peter Regional Treatment Center has about 25 Veterans in various part of the Treatment Center. At their annual Pheasant dinner this past fall, we the Third District gave each Veteran a long sleeve T-shirt and personal care items.

This April we sponsored their Spring party with a pocket T-shirt and pizza party, also trivia was played with personal care gifts as prizes. The pizzas and pop were donated by Dominos.

Thank you for your donations towards the St Peter Regional Center, the veterans there look forward to our events that we honor them with.

I do go there once a month to do mending and sewing for the residents there.

Part of our District President Ann's project is towards their Frisby golf course that is around the pond at their Irene Gluek Memorial Park. It will be very well used. President Ann attended the Spring party and was able to see the progress on her project.

**3rd District American Legion Auxiliary
2025-2026 District Annual Report
Risk and Compliance
Teri Richardson, treasurer**

There are 45 units in the 3rd District. Unfortunately, 3 units have turned in their charter this year leaving 42 units. Risk and Compliance reports were received from 20 units.

Of the 20 Units reporting, 20 Units have checking accounts and 16 have savings.

13 units require 1 signature on the checks, 6 require 2 signatures and 1 requires 3.

Of the 20 units reporting, 14 Units complete an annual audit and some of the other units have the Treasurers bring in the bank statement to each meeting to compare the data.

Of the 20 units reporting 16 units filed their annual 990N. Per the information gathered by the 3rd District Treasurer of the 42 Units in the District all but 6 have filed their 990N. Emails were sent to the 6 units, and a response was received from 2 that they are taking care of it.

We have 2 or 3 active units that are in revocation.

Certificates of Merit

50 and Under: Kilkeny Unit 380, New Germany Unit 601, Northfield Unit 84,
Norwood Unit 343, Savage Unit 643

51-100: Bayport Unit 491, Belle Plaine Unit 144, Chanhassen Unit 580,
Waconia Unit 150

101-200: Chaska Unit 57, Elysian Unit 311, Faribault Unit 179,
Montgomery Unit 79, North Mankato Unit 518

200 and Up: Apple Valley Unit 1776, Forest Lake Unit 225,

**3rd District American Legion Auxiliary
2025-2026 District Annual Report
Kim Carlander, Chair**



Things are going well at the AFSC! One thing I've learned from my time spent volunteering there is that things are constantly changing at the center. We constantly need to adapt to the needs of those who utilize the facility, there are also changing security protocols, there are changes and construction improvements within the airport, and of course changes to make the most of our budget. The AFSC is happy to announce that as of

April 11th, hot dogs will now be available once again! Hot dogs were a very popular food item but had not been offered since the move into the new facility. We also added toasted cheese sandwiches along with our other usual array of items. Another highlight of this year for the AFSC was a grant from the American Legion Foundation that allowed the facility to get a new and much needed freezer/refrigerator added to the kitchen. The AFSC appreciates all that the American Legion Family does to make the facility possible. The AFSC is completely run on donations, so please continue to support this amazing place that assists so many of our military and their families. I would also encourage those who might be interested to become a volunteer at the AFSC. The hours are very flexible and it's a very satisfying experience. We are located on the second floor at the entrance to A concourse. New signage has just been added to further assist people to the center. Please feel free to stop in and have a tour if you are inside security and have a moment. We would love to show you around! Thank you Madam President for this appointment.



Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation
And Service to veterans
3rd District Year End Report
2025-2026
Linda Kelly, Chair

VA&R has so many parts to it and it affects so many veterans. We are lucky to have eight veterans' homes and four VA Medical Center where our Minnesota veterans receive services in Minnesota. Many of our 3rd District members volunteer at a facility with events or just sitting and visiting with our veterans, which is greatly appreciated.

That being said, VAR also includes Creative Arts, Quilts of Valor, Wreaths Across America, Gift Shop, the Fisher House, and Honor Flight and our units excelled in their donations of money, time, and goods to these programs.

Some of the projects taken on by our units:

Adopted veterans residing in our veterans' homes

Support of individual events at one of the veterans' homes such as bingo

Greeting cards are sent to our veterans and our current military.

Buddy-check calls were made.

Transportation of veterans to vote, shop and appointments

Sewn items that are requested by our homes were made.

Quilts of Valor sewn and presented to veterans.

Radiation/Chemo kits were put together.

Mn Veterans Food Pantry

The building of a ramp for a veteran's home

Laying wreaths at Veteran cemeteries

Our veterans are at the heart of our organization's mission. We are honoring that member of our family that raised their hand and dedicated their time to our country. The VA&R is a great way to show our appreciation to them.

Certificates of Merit according to membership

Unit 43 – Faribault

Unit 59 – Chaska

Unit 79 – Montgomery

Unit 96 – Hutchison

Unit 98 – St. Paul Park

Unit 311 – Elysian

Lois Wenz Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation Plaque:

150 and under in memberships _____

Over 150 memberships _____

Service to Veterans Dolly Huron and Darlene Wondra Service to Veterans Certificate:



AUXILIARY EMERGENCY FUND
3rd District Year End Report
2025-2026, chair.
Linda Bell- Chairman

Happy Spring,

The AEF silent auction at the 3rd District Mid-Winter Conference was cancelled due to weather.

20 Units submitted annual reports to the 3rd district.

12 Units participated in the AEF programs through yearly budgets and monthly meeting donations etc. Unit donations total \$3,231.00.

We had 6 people submit personal donations totaling \$575.00.

We also had 4 people donate gift baskets and items to Mid-Winter and Department Fall Conference Silent Auction totaling \$200.00.

Unfortunately, National is no longer awarding lapel pins.

Thank you to the units and members for your support to the AEF fund for 2025-2026. Due to your generosity, we donated a total of \$4,006.00 to the fund.

As District Chairman, I had two articles in the Third District Newsletter.

Certificate of Merit Recommendation:

Units 50 and Under = Stewart Unit 125

Units 51-100 = Belle Plaine Unit 144, Montgomery Unit 79, Mahtomedi/ Willernie Unit 507, Pine Island Unit 184, North Mankato Unit 518, Waconia Unit 150

Units 101-200 = Forest Lake Unit 225, Chaska Unit 57, Hutchinson Unit 96, Fairbault Unit 43

Units 201 and up = Apple Valley Unit 1776, Forest Lake Unit 225

Membership
3rd District Year End Report
2025-2026
Jeorgia Cluckey, Chair

Month after month, our 3rd District Membership continues to grow—thank you for keeping the momentum going. As of April 22, 2026, 11 Units are at or above 100% Membership, with an additional 6 Units over 90%. Because of your continued efforts, we are currently in 5th place at the Department level and moving in the right direction.

This year, the Membership goals set by National were especially ambitious for some of our Units. Even so, we have continued to pull together as a Team and give our absolute best to meet the expectations of both the Department and National. The work has not been easy, and while several Units have already reached their goals, many others are still making progress—and every effort is moving us forward.

During this reporting period, five Units underwent charter transitions. Unit #594 (Eagan), Unit #95 (Glencoe), and Unit #447 (Prior Lake) completed the process of turning in their Charters, while Unit #380 (Kilkenny) began this transition. While these changes mark the conclusion of service for the Units involved, they also reflect a period of realignment and renewal within our organization.

At the same time, members from these Units elected to transfer their membership to nearby Units. This proactive step ensured continuity of service, preserved their accumulated years of involvement, and maintained their status as active members. Their continued engagement reflects the dedication to our mission, even as our Unit structure evolves.

My theme this year was “The 3rd District Amazing Race”—and our 3rd District has truly been on the move. From season to season, we raced across the district renewing members, welcoming new ones, and keeping the momentum strong at every Pit Stop. Along the route through our ten counties, Units had opportunities to cash incentives through entry into a cash drawing—and we tackled every Roadblock and Detour along the way. The first leg took us to McLeod County, and the second leg brought us right back to McLeod County. Then we pulled a U-turn, headed north to Washington County, and finished strong to the west in Carver County.

I would like to recognize and thank all our Unit Membership Chairs for a job well done. You play an essential role in the continued success of the American Legion Auxiliary, and your dedication makes a real difference. A special thank you to **Terri Richardson**, **Karla Otterness**, and **Ann Bovey** for mentoring me throughout the year—I truly could not have done this without you.

I also want to express my sincere appreciation to everyone who helped make this year a success.

I'd like to express my heartfelt **appreciation** to the members of my five Membership Teams for the time, encouragement, and steady support you gave throughout "The 3rd District Amazing Race." Your teamwork and dedication kept us moving forward all year:

- Team 1: Wendy Arend & Sherri Hernandez
- Team 2: Diane Mackenthun & Joanne Joachim
- Team 3: Karla Otterness & Deanna Meyers
- Team 4: Kelly Klaus
- Team 5: Gina Little

The cash incentives awarded by a drawing went to:

- **40%** by Fall Rally — **\$25.00** drawing — Unit #141 Silver Lake, McLeod County
- **60%** by Department Fall Conference — **\$50.00** drawing — Unit #143 Brownton, McLeod County
- **80%** by Pearl Harbor Rally — **\$50.00** drawing — Unit #98 St Paul Park, Washington County
- **100%** by March Appreciation Rally — **\$50.00** drawing — Unit #343 Norwood, Carver County

Membership Certificates of Merit:

Units (50 and under) - Unit #189 Farmington*, Unit #47 Hastings*, Unit #601 New Germany*, Unit #43 Norwood*, Unit #507 Mahtomedi/Willernie, #300 Lafayette, Unit #307 Cleveland, Unit #143 Brownton

Units (51 – 100) - Unit #68 Hugo*, Unit #45 New Prague*, Unit #149 Morristown*, Unit #150 Waconia*, Unit #2 Shakopee, #184 Pine Island, Unit #586 Lonsdale

Units (101-200) – Unit #225 Forest Lake*, Unit #98 St Paul Park*, Unit #108 Le Center*, Unit #311 Elysian, Unit #170 Red Wing

Units (201 – over) –

*Units that met or exceeded 100% Membership by 4/22/2026

The Forcier-Dixon Memorial Membership Plaque: _____



Leadership
3rd District Year End Report
2025-2026
Cavalene Regan, Chair

Leadership Participation and Training

During the year 2025-2026, 24 Units out of 45 submitted reports. While this level of participation is lower than desired, there were notable achievements among those who did report. Eighteen members attended Leadership training sessions held at various locations. Of these, eight members participated in the National Mission Training in Minneapolis, which is a commendable accomplishment for our District. Additionally, twelve members took advantage of the ALA Academy online, enrolling in a variety of classes. Two members attended the American Legion Academy at Camp Ripley. The Thundering Third women demonstrated their commitment by having 25 members attend the Fall Conference. Furthermore, four Units submitted applications for the “Member of the Year” award.

Community Engagement and Leadership Development

Leadership activities were integrated into community initiatives, including collaborations with local schools to raise awareness about veterans and their families. Efforts also extended to crime prevention, working alongside public servants to promote safety. Members participated in ALA online courses covering topics such as Living Our Motto of Service, ALA Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion, as well as Communication and Conflict Resolution, among others.

Additional Leadership Initiatives

Other leadership roles and activities included involvement in projects such as Beyond the Yellow Ribbon and Flags for Fort Snelling. Members also led fundraisers and promoted the “Be the One” initiative, underscoring the district’s commitment to supporting veterans and their families.

Support for New Members and Ongoing Leadership

Many Units provided Unit Guides and Member Guides to assist new members and incorporated mini leadership programs into their Unit meetings. These efforts have helped to foster a supportive environment for leadership development within the 3rd District.

Personal Reflection

The 2025-2026 year was a valuable learning experience, and I am grateful to President Ann Bovey for the opportunity to serve in this capacity.

Certificates of Merit

51- 100 Unit 2 Shakopee
101 - 200 Unit 57 Chaska and Unit 43 Faribault
201 - 225 Unit 225 Forest Lake

Audrey Tolzmann Leadership Certificate _____

Public Relation
3rd District Year End Report
2025-2026
Michelle Learnard, Chair\



The Public Relations program received 16 reports for 2025-26, representing 41 percent of Third District units.

Four units have newsletters; three share information through a joint publication with their American Legion Post. One unit produces an e-bulletin for its members.

Social media – specifically, Facebook – has emerged as a key platform for units to engage with members and promote upcoming events. Of the reporting units, 11 said they have a Facebook page, two reported using Instagram, and one carries an X account. Five units have websites or share websites with the American Legion Family.

Several unit PR chairs noted that their community's newspapers have closed or are published in nearby cities, making it harder for them to get information published. Still, nine units reported nine meetings with reporters, resulting in 62 articles or events published in print. Additionally, nine units were featured on cable/local television, and 29 earned radio airtime.

Five units utilized public relations materials from the American Legion Auxiliary National website.

In total, units reported a cumulative 391 hours of volunteer time for public relations; and \$1,048.43 was spent to promote the American Legion Auxiliary programs and events.

Units reported different methods of publicizing ALA events or building brand awareness. Nearly every unit chair said their organization proudly wear American Legion Auxiliary-branded clothing, pins, hats or logos when participating in events. A couple units found creative ways – and places – to share information, like setting up a display at a local library, tabling with information at community events, and doing presentations at schools and public spaces. Some enjoy making flyers and contributing photos to various publications – including the ALA Third District newsletter, and the national Auxiliary magazine. Several units also reported being featured in their local publications.

A note for future Public Relations reporting: Please make sure to use the correct form, and please fill out the full information about your unit. Several unit reports were disqualified for consideration for Certificates of Merit because the forms were not filled correctly.

Margaret Lonergan Communication Certificate: _____

CONSTITUTION/STANDING RULES
BARBARA KLEHR, CHAIRMAN
2025-2026

22 out of 43 Units reported. 2 Units have said they did **not** have Standing Rules, 11 Units have a Parliamentarian, 14 Units have a Constitution & Standing Rules Chairman with 9 Units having their Parliamentarian and Standing Rules Chairman as the same person. 17 Units reviewed their Standing Rules and 9 of them sent them on to Dept. 16 Units have a copy of our National Constitution & Bylaws and 20 Units said they repeat the Preamble at every Unit meeting. 1 Unit said they wrote a resolution this year and 6 Units sent me a copy of their Standing Rules.

The focus for each Unit this year was to update your Standing Rules and send a copy to Department and to District. The Unit mailings provided a great source of information this year along with the District Newsletter and your Unit Guide. The articles encouraged Units to review or develop Standing Rules that are unique to your Unit. Every member has a responsibility to become familiar with the rules that govern this great organization. I was excited to see that 22 Units sent me reports this year, that is up from last year. They are so easy to fill out, just check the yes or no box! One Unit even wrote up their own "Code of Conduct" for their Standing Rules! But I was really disheartened to learn that 2 Units reported that they did not even have Standing Rules. Maybe we need a class on how to write your Standing Rules for next year. Oh, wait! The Past Presidents Parley is hosting a learning retreat on September 19th at the Shakopee Post for all programs to help you learn the how. Mark, that date down and do come! Members are encouraged to stay interested and be active in ensuring their Unit, District, and Department activities are governed accordingly. The objective of each meeting is always to allow for every member's opinion with courtesy and fairness.

As Parliamentarian, I attended the District President's planning meeting. During the year the committee reviewed the District Standing Rules and at the first District Executive meeting. The recommended changes and corrections will be addressed at the 2026 District Convention Executive meeting and presented at the Convention for acceptance or rejection by the voting delegates. I also attended a National Leadership workshop that many of you attended also.

Parliamentary law along with common sense, courtesy, and justice will protect the rights of the members, and keep our meetings interesting and fun.

Thank you President Ann for this appointment. Congratulations to you on a great year!

And to making **"Veterans our Sweethearts"**.

Reports that earned a Certificate of Merit from the District are:

10-50: Cleveland #207, Gaylord #433, Mahtomedi/Willernie #507
51-100: Shakopee #2, Belle Plaine #144, St. Paul Park #98
101-150: Chaska #57, and Faribault #43
151 and up: Elysian #311

Standing Rules Committee Members were:

Cynthia Wenz, Unit #57 Chaska
Lois Wenz, Unit #57 Chaska

Past Presidents Parley
Third District Year End Report 2025-2026
Linda Kelly, chair

Only four of the annual reports I received have an active Past Presidents Parley. Among the activities they participate in are the Past Presidents Parley Health Care Scholarship Fund, hosting their unit's annual chili-cook off, and the adoption of a veteran at the Hastings Home. What I found more important is that three of our unit's Past Presidents Parley take an active role in mentoring their current officers. They meet to talk about events, they make suggestions, they look for new officers to bring new ideas to the unit. This is what we should all be about – whether we have an active group or not. If you are a past unit president, please consider mentoring members – not only the current officers, but all members.

The 3rd district is also lucky to have an active group of Past Presidents that don't only stay active in their units, but on the district level. Our district's Past President Parley meets socially once a year to reconnect while visiting about what is happening around our district. At last October's meeting, they decided to support an informational meeting for our units. In September of 2026, we will hold a day of learning for all units. This year's meeting is aimed at making the unit's completion of their annual reports easier – which I know we hope to happen.

I would also like to share a few words I read on one of the reports that I received. It read, "Mentor but not lead, support and praise brings them along, not turn them away". I thank this unit for looking at the purpose of their Past President Parley this way.

Certificates on Merit:

Unit 311: Elysian – 172 members

Unit 79: Montgomery – 110 members

Unit 2: Shakopee – 78 members

Unit 98: St. Paul Park – 130 members



Charles-Hale Past President's Parley
Plaque



Third District American Legion Auxiliary Past Presidents

*Emma Lueben (Mrs. S.C.), Farmington (Acting Chairman at first meeting)	Sept. 15, 1921	*Millie Hansen (Mrs. Gerald), Winthrop	1977-78
*Bertha Herman (Mrs.), LeSueur	1921-22	*Harriet Schoenbauer (Mrs. Raymond) New Prague	1978-79
*Eva Dempsey (Mrs. Charles), St. Peter	1922-23	*Helen Biemert (Mrs. Roman), Forest Lake	1979-80
*Mrs. E.E. Shrader, Watertown	1923-24	*Rose Mary Diercks (Mrs. Gerald), Red Wing	1980-81
*Isabelle Zurst (Mrs. John), Glencoe	1924-26	*Dolores Goettl (Mrs. Kenneth) Montgomery	1981-82
*Ida Scherkenback (Mrs.), Shakopee	1926-28	*Shirley Hamre (Mrs. Dean), St. Paul Park	1982-83
*Elsie Jorgensen, Hutchinson	1928-30	*Joan Tompkins (Mrs. Jerome), Rosemount	1983-84
*Edna Dressel (Mrs. H.C.), LeSueur	1930-32	*Dolly Huron (Mrs. Franklin), Red Wing	1984-85
*Sara Clark (Mrs. Robert), Northfield	1932-34	*Pattie Black (Mrs. Arthur), Forest Lake	1985-86
*Alice Barry (Mrs. R.R.), South St. Paul	1934-35	*Mary Ellen Hale (Mrs. Robert), Hastings	1986-87
*Lena Lewis (Mrs. A.S.), Pine Island	1935-36	*Audrey Tolzman (Mrs. Kenneth), Nicollet	1987-88
*Rose Hawlish (Mrs. Henry), Silver Lake	1936-37	*Dolores Fink (Mrs. Bernard) Apple Valley	1988-89
*Mabel Sargeant (Mrs. H.L.), Northfield	1937-38	Barbara Stussy (Mrs. Fred), Pine Island	1989-90
*Ruth Stussi (Mrs. Earl), Stillwater	1938-40	Betty Schuelter (Mrs. Elroy) Hutchinson	1990-91
*Cora Rhea (Mrs. C.J.), Waconia	1940-41	*Clara Urban (Mrs. Ron) St Paul Park	1991-92
*Celia Satrum (Mrs. Henry), Zumbrota	1941-42	Ann Bode (Mrs. David) Nicollet	1992-93
*Lois Roell (Mrs. Ed), Cannon Falls	1942-43	*Patricia Kerber (Mrs. Lee), Chanhassen	1993-94
*Margaret Arvidson (Mrs. R.H.), Kenyon	1943-44	Elaine Schilling (Mrs. Alloyd), Nicollet	1994-95
*Tinnie Olesen, Faribault	1944-45	*Nancy Lemke (Mrs. Romaine), St Paul Park	1995-96
*Rose Schumacker (Mrs. R.T), Shakopee	1945-46	Donna Beck, Lakeville	1996-97
*Loretta Greulich (Mrs. W.W.), St. Peter	1946-47	*Laila Schroeder, Shakopee	1997-98
*Bernice Flotterud, Zumbrota	1947-48	Darlain Kaufmann (Mrs. Norbert), Green Isle	1998-99
*Olive Simmer (Mrs. Thomas), New Prague	1948-49	*Agnes Berg, Apple Valley	1999-00
*Cora Noltimier (Mrs. W.F.) St. Paul Park	1949-50	*Barbara McGowan (Mrs. Marlow), Pine Island	2000-01
*Mabel Duncan (Mrs. Howard), Cannon Falls	1950-51	Darlene Wondra (Mrs. Glenn), Montgomery	2001-02
*Billie Hundt (Mrs. Ray), LeCenter	1951-52	Joanne Bratland (Mrs. Maynard), Shakopee	2002-03
*Lucy Mattsfield (Mrs. E.J.), Hutchinson	1952-53	Lois Wenz (Mrs. Donald), Chaska	2003-04
*Viola Forcia (Mrs. Harold), Stillwater	1953-54	Diane Mackenthun (Mrs. David), Norwood	2004-05
*Minnie Erickson (Mrs. E. O.), Northfield	1954-55	Molly Smisek (Mrs. Donald), Lonsdale	2005-06
*Dolly Thompson (Mrs. Donald), Hugo	1955-56	Marilyn Hardt (Mrs. Brad), North Mankato	2006-07
*Elsie Rustad (Mrs. Arthur), Faribault	1956-57	Suzette Maluchnik (Mrs. Randy), Chaska	2007-08
*Hope Meehl (Mrs. Roy), Morrison	1957-58	Barbara Klehr (Mrs. David), Shakopee	2008-09
*Ruth Vollmers (Mrs. Maynard), Redwing	1958-59	Teri Richardson (Mrs. Gary), Mahtomedi	2009-10
*Virginia Ieiverman (Mrs. Cy), Chaska	1959-60	Cynthia Wenz, Chaska	2010-11
*Lois Vollmer (Mrs. Charles), LeCenter	1960-61	Deb Rottman, Cannon Falls	2011-12
*Irene Jones (Mrs. B.W.), Northfield	1961-62	Lisa Tolzmann (Mrs. Kim), Nicollet	2012-13
*Grace Kraft (Mrs. Seymour), Cannon Falls	1962-63	Joanne Joachim, Chanhassen	2013-14
*Elsie Brockmeyer (Mrs. Hugo), Glencoe	1963-64	Michelle Leonard, Farmington	2014-15
*Juanita Lutz (Mrs. Edward), Hugo	1964-65	Karla Otterness, Winsted	2015-16
*Sylvia Balfour (Mrs. William), Faribault	1965-66	Marcie Baysinger, (Mrs. Elmer) Brownnton	2016-17
*Ann Schmidtke (Mrs. Sieg), Morristown	1966-67	Kat Benjamin, (Mrs. Bob) Chaska	2017-18
*Irene Anderson (Mrs. Martin), Red Wing	1967-68	Lynn Duffy, (Mrs. Joe) St. Paul Park	2018-19
*LuVerne Marier (Mrs. Narcisse), Hugo	1968-69	Linda Kelly Pine Island	2019-20
*Mary Monkemeier (Mrs. Henry), Glencoe	1969-70	Linda Kelly Pine Island	2020-21
*Ivy Hoffman (Mrs. Luverne), Morristown	1970-71	Cavalene Regan, Forest Lake	2021-22
*Marcy Schmidt (Mrs. Alois), Shakopee	1971-72	Kim Carlander Chanhassen	2022-23
*Elizabeth Roberts (Mrs. Arthur), Faribault	1972-73	Deanna Meyer	2023-24
*Alice Goetz (Mrs. Ervin), Northfield	1972-73	Tamara Thayer	2024-25
*Margret Lonergan, Bayport	1973-74	*Denotes Deceased	
*Ida Mae Charles (Mrs. Fank) Hastings	1974-75		
*Blanche Coppa (Mrs. Peter), Bayport	1975-76		
*Elaine Hein (Mrs. Warren), Cleveland	1976-77		

Third District American Legion Auxiliary Elaine Hein Award Winners

*Violet Forciea (Mrs. Harold), Stillwater	1977
*Elsie Rustad (Mrs. A.L.), Faribault	1978
*Mary Monkemeier (Mrs. Henry), Glencoe	1979
*Olive Simmer (Mrs. Thomas), New Prague	1980
*Lucy Mattsfield (Mrs. E.J.), Hutchinson	1981
*Mabel Sergeant (Mrs. H.J.) Northfield	1982
*Margaret Lonergan, Bayport	1983
Marcy Schmidt (Mrs. Alois), Shakopee	1984
*Mildred Buske, Hutchinson	1985
*Carol Urman, Forest Lake	1986
*Elaine Hein (Mrs. Warren), Cleveland	1987
*Grace Kraft (Mrs. S.G.), Cannon Falls	1988
*Blanche Coppa (Mrs. Peter), Bayport	1989
*Ida Mae Charles (Mrs. Frank), Hastings	1990
*Ruth Vollmers (Mrs. Maynard), Red Wing	1991
*Helen Halberg (Mrs. Charles) Bayport	1992
*Millie Hansen (Mrs. Gerald), Winthrop	1993
*Emma Zelenka (Mrs. James), Montgomery	1994
*Harriet Schoenbauer (Mrs. Raymond), New Prague	1995
*Margery Hanson (Mrs. Carl Sr.), Chaska	1996
*Dolores Goettl (Mrs. Kenneth), Apple Valley	1997
*Agatha Collins (Mrs. Bill), LeCenter	1998
Lois Wenz (Mrs. Donald), Chaska	1999
*Pattie Black (Mrs. Art), Hugo	2000
Betty Schlueter (Mrs. Elroy), Hutchinson	2001
*Pat Kerber (Mrs. Leander), Chanhassen	2002
*Pearl Seale, Hutchinson	2003
*Katherine Klingsporn, Pine Island	2004
*Mary Ann Bauer, New Prague	2005
Barbara Stussy, Pine Island	2006
*Audrey Tolzmann, Nicollet	2007
*Ruth Stevenson, Chaska	2008
*Aggie Berg, Apple Valley	2009
Darlene Wondra, Montgomery	2010
Ann Bode, Nicollet	2011
Barbara Klehr, Shakopee	2012
Suzette Maluchnik, Chaska	2013
Diane Mackenthun, Norwood	2014
Marilyn Prchal, Montgomery	2015
Elaine Schilling, Nicollet	2016
Teri Richardson, Mahtomedi	2017 name change- Auxiliary Member of the Year
No entry	2018
Ann Bovy, New Germany	2019
Ruth Westphal, Belle Plaine	2020
Jeanie Ray, Hutchinson	2021
Patti Bjorklund, Chaska	2022
No entry	2023
Louise Hager, Elysian	2024
Delores Koepp	2025

* Denotes Deceased

SENIOR HISTORY
Third District Year End Report – 2025-2026
Robin Dorf, Department President
Ann Bovy, 3rd District President
Sally Strasser, 3rd District History Chairman

Twenty reports were received out of forty-five units in the third district. These units reported on an amazing amount and a variety of activities for the Veterans in the communities. I am sure even if you did not send a report that there were many good things done for Veterans and their families.

Americanism: Flags dominated activity in this program. Kindergarten children memorized the pledge from the first day of school in time to lead it at the Veterans Day Assembly. There was flag education at schools and with adults, including flag etiquette. Thousands of flags were distributed. Flag coloring books and placemats were distributed and colored and the placemats used at celebrations. Flag retirement events were held. Some students participated in the Americanism essay contest. School students sang the Star-Spangled Banner at the Minnesota Twins Game. Carrying flags in holiday parades and for Memorial Day programs. Honor Guard ceremonies for funerals. Citizenship awards were given out.

Auxiliary Emergency Fund: Monetary donations and items are donated for silent auctions at Fall Conference and other Unit events throughout the year. So, we can help our members when it is needed.

Armed Forces Service Center: Some members volunteer at the center and monetary donations are also given.

Children and Youth: Many activities are done with and for children and youth in many ways. A military child's table is set, and the military child is honored in April with the Table and Purple up events in other ways. Easter egg hunts, Halloween parties and spook trails, and visits with Santa. Clowns that make balloons and face painting for special needs parties. Donations of clothing and toys for parents to come and shop for their children from ages 0-18. Families could choose 3-4 gifts for each child. Free family bingo to encourage eligible parents to become members. Cards were written to veterans and Boy Scouts came and helped make poppies. Children participated in Legionville.

Community Service: There was a wide variety of events for community service, some included. Donations to local food shelves and senior citizen groups. Christmas parties are held for Special Needs, and one called the Spring Hop, Volunteered at Historical Societies, blood mobiles, Beyond the Yellow Ribbon, Honor Flight, Hope Chest, Fisher House, Eagles Healing Nest, and Brain Science donations. Also, MACV golf tournament, Wreaths Across America and flag and flowers at Fort Snelling National Cemetery. Gift for children at during the holidays.

Join with the Legion for Family Day. Support Special Olympics. One unit held a rummage sale, and the money was donated to the post for building improvements. Halloween parties and trunk or treats and held costume contests. Many burger nights for Veterans, and 5 local high school teams.

Education: Teachers and support staff were given goodie baskets during National Education Week. Scholarships were promoted and awarded. Volunteers helped with the Oratorical contest, give 10 for education and many school supplies were donated to a local elementary school throughout the district. Promoting patriotism by taking a field trip to a Veteran Memorial.

Girls State: Many units sponsored a girl or more for Girls State. Their experiences were shared with the Unit members in the Fall.

History: There are many great things happening in the 3rd District these events are preserved in the meeting minutes, newspaper article and through the Units activities.

Junior Activities: Some units have organized Juniors while others do not the Juniors are invited to participate in the Unit meeting and other activities that are happening at the post. They also attend Junior Fun weekend and they have their own Department Junior Conference where they have a fun night and the next day they have their annual meeting and vote for their own officers. They have also assisted with making poppies and worked on the patch program.

Leadership: President presides over all meetings. But chairmen are also considered leaders. More experienced members mentor newer members with less experience. There are Leadership Workshops held. Members attend conference and convention to learn more from others.

Legislation: Members attended Veteran Day on the Hill to promote the legislative platform. Members are encouraged to vote and to sit assist as election judges. Mayors, City Council and School board members have been contacted.

Membership: Members were encouraged to carry membership applications with them to recruit new members. Some unit are no longer able to pay dues for lifetime members due to financial situations. Part of which has been caused by decreasing membership due to death, or members moving away or moving into healthcare facilities. Initiations are done for new members.

Memorial: Members participate in Funerals and will provide an Auxiliary service with permission from the family. Units will do a Memorial service at a unit meeting for families of the deceased. Chaplains provide an opening and closing prayer at meetings. Cards are sent to members who are ill or lost a loved one. Charters are draped in memory of that member.

National Security: Information was given to members on identity theft and keeping safe in winter. POW/MIA table is on site at posts, and a POW/MIA flag is placed on a chair at meetings. All first responders were honored and treated to a free omelet. Members are encouraged to wear red on Friday. There were monetary donations sent to the Armed Forces Service Center. Coupons are collected and sent to 11 different bases for use in commissaries.

Past Presidents Parlay: There are no regular schedule meetings. Past President are available for advice for newer officers or those interested in running for offices. Unit donate to the Past President Parlay which gives out scholarships.

Poppy: this year the District held 5 Poppy Palooza around the District there were many volunteers and 28,000 poppies were made. Many hours were spent but there was a lot of fun also. Poppies are distributed in May and the money raised from the donations received are used for the veterans. Poppies are the Auxiliary flower and used for making corsages and center pieces and also bouquets.

Public Relations: A variety of media was used for public relations such as Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter. They are also using newsletters, flyers, local newspapers and speaking with reporters. There are also Posts that have E-Boards which display upcoming events. There were also articles that were posted on the National website.

Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation: Because of the major goal of the auxiliary is to serve veterans, this program is the most active in all the units. Members assisted with the gift shop in the Minnesota Veterans Homes and hospitals; donations made to women veteran's event. Donating time at the Veteran Homes by playing bingo, game night, and just visiting. Unit members also checking on veterans to be sure things are ok and also drive them to their appointments also some members do bake. Delivered burger baskets to local nursing home as a treat to let them know they are remembered and to thank them for their service. VISA cards are given to the local Veterans Service Officer at Thanksgiving and Christmas to be handed out to local needy veterans. 2 pounds 11 ounces of cancelled stamps were donated for the wounded. Provide and serve lunch for Veterans in different settings. Members also make greeting cards and adopt a vet at Hastings Veteran Home. One unit worked on building a ramp, a chair lift and wheelchair for a Korean Vet. Other things that were done were free dental clinic. Sewing bib was done by a unit for 12 veterans in a local nursing home. Other things were Honor Flights, Quilts of Valor. Our Auxiliary members are working together with the Legion, SAL, and the Riders to support are veterans and their families in the communities. District Presidents project this year was donations for the Veterans facility in St. Peter. Many contributions have been made to her project.

District activities [Leadership Transition and Officer Installation](#)

Following a busy convention, the Third District Auxiliary quickly got to work. Our newly elected officers convened their first post meeting, where all of Ann's selected chairmen were ratified. The installation ceremony was heartfelt, with Ann's entire family present to support her. Our installation officer was Diane Mackenthun.



During the installation, three Quilts of Valor were presented to Past Commander Duane Anderson, past Commander Rod Reisteck, and another



deserving individual.

Department and District Engagements



At the Department Convention in July, Ann was introduced as the incoming president for the Third District. She attended her first department meeting as a guest and soon after participated in her first meeting as president. The first weekend of August marked our initial executive meeting in New Germany, where we approved the district budget for 2025/2026. The following weekend included participation in the department executive meeting.

Community Activities and Events

In September, the Auxiliary organized the Family Gathering, introducing a unique "Not your typical bake sale" theme. The event drew enthusiastic participation, with members contributing an array of homemade goodies lunch boxes, and crafts.



A highlight of the gathering was President Ann's special gesture, as she presented her commemorative pin to her parents—making them the first recipients of this honor. This meaningful moment added a personal touch to the event and was celebrated by all in attendance.

October was particularly busy, beginning with a Past President Parley meeting on the first Saturday. During the

Fall Conference, a homemade pickle contest was held at our hospitality suite, where all members—including Department President Robin—served as judges. President Ann’s entry, made from her grandmother’s recipe, won her a glass pickle as a prize. The membership skit for the conference was also well received, with Jeorgie, Ann, and Sherri donning 1960s fashion as the district sang a song together.



Membership song

Members are down
there's no denyin' Ah ah ah ah ah.
Recruiting takes a lot of tryin'
and we're tryin'.

Let's hang on
to what we've got
Don't let go — this means a lot
We've got pride and purpose between us
hang on, hang on, hang on
To what we've got!

Dooh doop dooh doop
dooh doop

There's nothin'
we wouldn't do
To honor those
who served so true
Let's give them one more cheer
Their legacy is clear
They've fought with courage,
held the line
For freedom's light
to always shine
Our hearts to show we care
Our thanks are everywhere
Heroes Heroes
Heroes Family!!

Hold on tight
to what we've got
Don't let go — this means a lot
We've got pride and purpose between us
hang on, hang on, hang on
To what we've got!

Dooh doop dooh doop
dooh doop

Ah ah ah ah ah
ah ah ah ah ah

There isn't anything
I wouldn't do
I'd pay any dues
to be a part of you
Give me a second tryin'
don't close
the gate applyin'
You've got me knockin'
hopin' at your door
Don't turn me down
what's this passion for?
Your circle I need to join you
your cause, I want to prove to you
members members members stay

Let's hang on
to who we've got
Don't let go — this means a lot
We need more members between us
hang on, hang on, hang on
to who we've got
Dooh doop dooh doop
dooh doop

Ah ah ah ah ah
Ah ah ah ah ah



November Birthday meeting was cancelled.

Training and Education



Mission Training, organized by National, was well attended by Third District members. Eight members participated and gained valuable information to share with their respective units.

Special Programs and Outreach

In December, the district took part in the Pearl Harbor Rally and the Wreaths Across America event at Fort Snelling National Cemetery. Unfortunately, January's Mid-winter meeting was canceled due to cold

weather. However, the second Family Gathering was held in Faribault and organized by the First District. The auxiliary hosted a breakout session focused on strategies for maintaining membership.

Recognition and Education Events

In April, a Joint Testimonial was held in Savage for President Ann, Legion Commander Amy, and Detachment Commander Greg Wilwert, with 45 people in attendance.

Poppy Paloozas



Throughout the year, five Poppy Palooza classes were held across the district. At these events, Tami, our chairman, provided step-by-step instructions on making poppies. She also read from "The Poppy Lady" book, offered delicious snacks, and set up a vibrant display where members could take photos.

Overall, the year was filled with activity and accomplishment for all members of the Third District Auxiliary.

The following units have received Certificates of Merit: (listed in alphabetical order According by membership size.)

Under 50 members

Unit 601 New Germany
Unit 313 Norwood
Unit 125 Stewart
Unit 433 Gaylord

101-200 Members

Unit 57 Chaska
Unit 311 Elysian
Unit 96 Hutchinson
Unit 98 St. Paul Park

51-100 Members

Unit 144 Belle Plaine
Unit 580 Chanhassen
Unit 2 Shakopee
Unit 141 Silver Lake
Unit 150 Waconia

201 Members and up

Unit 225 Forest Lake

District Plaque for Excellence 50 and Under: _____

District Plaque for Excellence 51-100: _____

District Plague for Excellence 100-200: _____

District Plaque for Excellence 201 and up: _____

JUNIOR HISTORY
Third District Year-end Report 2025-2026
Sally Strasser, Chair

Two reports were received out of 45 units in the Third District. However a number of senior histories reports mentioned activities by Junior members but state that their junior members are not organized unit so they participate with the seniors. Junior members were involved in wide variety of activities.

Helping with Halloween parties.

Helping in other ways at holiday parties.

The units that have organized Junior meet monthly and the District Juniors have a fun day and 1 meeting a year.

Made greeting cards for veterans.

Assisted as able with unit and post events.

Participated in the American essay contest.

Maintain flower boxes at Legion posts.

Make crafts and have crafts and help with bake sales when done by the auxiliary.

Donated backpacks with school supplies to elementary schools.

Served as Little Miss Poppy.

Met with Mayor to declare May as poppy month.

Attend Junior Fun Weekend and their own yearly Department Junior Conference.

Helped with a variety of fund raisers along with Auxiliary members.

Marched or rode in parades for city festivals and 4th of July Parades.

Certificate of Merit winners:

Unit 311 Elysian,

Rev 7/1/2025	Budget 25-26	Updated 4-20-2026		
Third District				
American Legion Auxiliary				
2025-2026 Budget				
Unaudited report				
3268 members as of 7/31/25 per capita \$2 X 3268 = \$6536.00 added to General Fund				
	budget	actual		
Income:	2025-26	2025-2026	variance	
Per capita for 2025-2026 Year 7-31-2025	\$ 6,536.00	\$ 6,484.00	\$ 52.00	
Family Gathering Bake Sale 10-27-2025		\$ 566.00		
TOTAL INCOME:	\$ 6,536.00	\$ 7,050.00	\$ 514.00	
Expense:	budget	actual	Var	
Presidents Expense	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 340.38	\$ 1,159.62	
District Convention 2025	\$ 11.81	\$ 11.81	\$ -	
District Convention 2026	\$ 2,893.00	\$ 174.00	\$ 2,719.00	
Exec Committee	\$ 852.00	\$ 268.80	\$ 583.20	
Membership Chrm Expense	\$ 150.00	\$ -	\$ 150.00	
Membership Awards	\$ 250.00	\$ 195.00	\$ 55.00	
Membership Supplies	\$ 200.00	\$ -	\$ 200.00	
Membership Team Leaders	\$ 125.00	\$ -	\$ 125.00	
Treasurer's Expense	\$ 150.00	\$ -	\$ 150.00	
Sgt-at-Arms Expense	\$ 200.00	\$ -	\$ 200.00	
Secretary's Expense	\$ 400.00	\$ -	\$ 400.00	
Secretary's Supplies	\$ 425.00	\$ 176.07	\$ 248.93	
Poppy Making Supplies for Work shop	\$ 200.00	\$ -	\$ 200.00	
Past Presidents pin	\$ 125.00	\$ 112.70	\$ 12.30	
Audit Committee Meeting	\$ 30.00	\$ -	\$ 30.00	
Standing Rules Comm. Mtg.	\$ 30.00	\$ -	\$ 30.00	
2 Delegates to Natl Conv 2025	\$ 1,300.00	\$ 1,300.00	\$ -	
Memory Book 2024-2025 Tamara's	\$ 120.00	\$ 120.00	\$ -	
Memory Book 2025-2026 Ann's	\$ 125.00	\$ -	\$ 125.00	
Check Reorder Gen Fund Checks	\$ 120.00	\$ 114.80	\$ 5.20	
ALAMIS	\$ 10.00	\$ -	\$ 10.00	
Family Gathering	\$ 500.00	\$ 444.89	\$ 55.11	
Dist Jr Chair Exp if attends Dept Jr. Conf	\$ 100.00	\$ -	\$ 100.00	
3rd Dist.Jr. Fun and Learning Day	\$ 200.00	\$ 163.75	\$ 36.25	
3rd Dist Hon Jr Pres Expense	\$ 200.00	\$ -	\$ 200.00	
Dist. Jr. Conf./ Jr Conf. Prize Money **	\$ 200.00	\$ -	\$ 200.00	
Department Hon Jr. Pres Lunch/Gift*	\$ 40.00	\$ -	\$ 40.00	
Past Hon Jr Pres pin or charm	\$ 30.00	\$ 34.71	\$ (4.71)	
TOTAL GENERAL FUND Expense	\$ 10,486.81	\$ 3,456.91	\$ 7,029.90	
Over Budget using only Per Capita 25-26	\$ (3,950.81)	\$ 3,671.09		

2. Per Capita as of end of month	3/31/2026	\$ 6,484.00	
3. Family Gathering Bake Sale		\$ 566.00	
4. Moved from Savings acct 7-25-2025 To Gen Fund		\$ 2,000.00	
5 Total from 1 to 4		\$ 9,726.48	
6 Minus Total General Fund Expense		\$ 3,456.91	
7 Total from 5-6 should equal current Bank Statement		\$ 6,269.57	
Current Bank Statement	4/22/2026	\$ 6,269.57	\$ 6,269.57
Difference from Bank Statement		\$ -	
	Interest		
Sav 0797		\$6,419.41	
Transfer to Checking account 7-25-2025		\$2,000.00	
	\$0.90	\$4,419.41	
	\$0.54	\$4,420.31	\$4,420.85
Gen Fund CD 9575 Date 06-02-2025	\$67.23	\$3,655.72	\$3,722.95
Emer CD 9586 Date 6-02-2025	\$246.03	\$12,299.36	\$12,545.39
Totals for General Fund Acct			\$26,958.76
Total for Protected Funds Acct			\$10,245.41

The fiscal reporting year for the 3rd District runs from August 1st through July 31st. There will be an Audit for the year 2025-2026 in July, and the results will be published in the September Newsletter.

For the 2025 membership year the 3rd District Standing Rules state that the District Dues were \$2.00 per member. Each year the membership keeps going down and it was voted to raise the District Dues to \$4.00 per member which went into effect with the 2026 membership dues. The 2026 District dues are due starting September 1st of 2026 through December 1st, 2026, based on the Unit membership as of July 31st, 2026, Department Membership Bulletin.

As of April 15th, 2026, the 3rd District membership is down 279 members from the 2025 total. The membership number will increase between now and July 31st, but Please try to build your unit membership so the 3rd District has at least 3000 members. We need 11 more members to reach 3000 members. We have 3 units that have turned in their charter Eagan, Glencoe and Prior Lake and this will be voted on at the Department Exec Board Meeting in July. If the members did not transfer, this would be a loss of 32 members,

At the August 2025 Exec Board meeting the Exec Board budgeted \$10,486.00 for the 2025-2026 year and as of April 7th it is estimated the District will spend approximately \$9090.00. The District Dues were supposed to bring in \$6536.00 but brought in \$6484.00 as 2 units did not fulfill their obligation. President Ann had a Fund Raiser at the Family Gathering that made \$566.00 and \$2000.00 was moved from the Savings account which gave the General fund checking account a total of \$9726.48. This should put the District, about \$640,00, into the good at the end of the year.

As of April 20th, 2026, the 3rd District has \$6269.57 in the checking account, \$4420.85 in the savings account, \$3,722.95 in the General Fund CD, \$12,545.39 in the Emergency Fund CD for a combined total of \$26,958.76 in the General Fund.

The Protected Fund for our projects and unit and member sponsored funds has \$10,245.41. (See the Protected Fund shown below). The money for the Presidents and Honorary President Project will be distributed in June, , and the Plaque money will be disbursed as needed for the plaque engravings for convention in May. The Past

President Parley fund is disbursed per the Past Presidents, St. Peter Fund money when needed for Veteran Parties, and the Hosting Department/District Jr Events is distributed as stated in the 3rd District Standing Rules.

Please remember to file your 990 N E postcard each year.

If you have any questions regarding the above information, please email me or give me a call.

Have a Safe and fun summer. Teri Richardson 3rd District Treasure



Updated 4-20-2026

3rd District Protected Funds**PRESIDENTS PROJECT 2025-2026 Ann Bovy**

Balance on hand 7/31/2025	Hastings Landscaping	\$0.00	
	Balance on hand as of 4/20/26		\$3,190.00

PRESIDENTS PROJECT 2025-2026 Ann Bovy

Balance on hand 7/31/2025	St Peter Disc Course	\$0.00	
	Balance on hand as of 4/20/26		\$2,260.00

Honorary Jr Presidents project

	Beginning balance 8/1/24	\$202.66	
	Balance on hand as of 4/20/26		\$1,042.66

DONATIONS FOR ST. PETER

Balance on hand 7/31/25		\$1,039.33	
TOTAL RECEIPTS		\$930.00	
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS		\$940.90	
	Balance on hand as of 4/20/26		\$1,028.43

DONATIONS FOR HASTINGS

Balance on hand 7/31/25		\$200.00	
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS		\$200.00	
	Balance on hand as of 4/20/26		\$0.00

PAST PRESIDENTS PARLEY

	Balance on hand 7/31/2025	\$420.20	
Total Receipts		\$46.00	
	Balance on hand as of 4/20/26		\$466.20

Forciea Dixon Memorial

	Beginning balance 7/31/25	\$93.31	
	Balance on hand as of 4/20/26		\$93.31

Lois Wenz Vets Affairs & Rehab F

	Beginning balance 7/31/2025	\$109.80	
Total Receipts			
	Balance on hand as of 4/20/26		\$109.80

Legislation Plaque 24 yrs 2025

	Beginning balance 7/31/2025	\$-	
Total Receipts		\$500.00	
	Balance on hand as of 4/20/26		\$500.00

Thayer Americanism Education

	Beginning balance 7/31/2025	\$-	
Total Receipts		\$500.00	
	Balance on hand as of 4/20/26		\$500.00

PAT KERBER PLAQUE JR

	Beginning balance 7/31/25	\$16.67	
	Disbursements	\$0.06	
	Balance on hand as of 4/20/26		\$16.61

HOSTING DEPT / Dist JR EVEN

	Beginning balance 7/31/25	\$1,038.40	
Total Disbursements		\$-	
	Balance on hand as of 4/20/26	\$0.00	\$1,038.40

3rd District FUNDS Balance	Balance on hand as of 4/20/26		\$10,245.41
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