

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

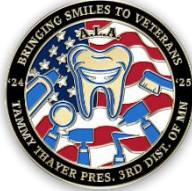
In the spirit of Service, Not Self, the mission of the American Legion Auxiliary is to support The American Legion and to honor the sacrifice of those who serve by enhancing the lives of our veterans, military, and their families, both at home and abroad. For God and Country, we advocate for veterans, educate our citizens, mentor youth, and promote patriotism, good citizenship, peace and security.



American Legion Auxiliary THIRD DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

October 2024

President Tamara Thayer



Thanks for your support with my president's project to *Bring Smiles to Veterans*. To date we have 1/5 of the goal to carry out the project for free dental care. Please keep your donations coming with checks made payable to the "3rd District ALA" and in the memo write "President's Project" and mail to our treasurer Diane Albers. This project is so needed for the 93% of veterans who do not qualify for dental coverage through the VA.

If your unit would like to invite me to attend your special event or speak at your monthly meeting please contact me soon to get it on my calendar. I'm excited to have already been invited to attend a few of your local events and to be scheduled to speak to a couple of our units. I love this opportunity to get out and meet the members of our district.

Thanks 3rd District for the opportunity to represent you at the National Convention in New Orleans. I can't wait to share the information we learned. There is a separate article in the newsletter about the convention.

I hope that every unit in 3rd District is represented at the fall conference. This is a perfect opportunity to network with other units and learn from each other on what the latest is with our American Legion Auxiliary. Your unit is important to us and we want to see you represented at the conference. We will have a collection box for any donations of dental supplies that your unit may want to donate for our free dental clinics to hand out to veterans who attend those dental clinics, and the extras will be distributed to other veterans. We will have a contest to see which unit brings in the most donations of dental supplies!

I hope to see you all at the 3rd District Family Gathering September 28th, at the Elysian Unit 311. The social starts at 11:00am, with the speaker at 11:30am, lunch at noon followed by a brief program to hear from the Legion, SAL, Riders, and Auxiliary leadership and membership.



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October is Education Month

Barbara J. Van Eyll, 3rd District Education Chairman

There is nothing more important than the education of our children as these are the future leaders of our country. It is in our best interest as a community, state and nation to provide quality education in a safe environment. The American Legion Auxiliary promotes their Education Program for children along with adults through classroom activities, literacy programs, scholarship promotions and support of education beyond high school with special emphasis on children of veterans and service members.

American Education Week is observed November 18 – 22, 2024. Purple Up Day is April 15, 2025. Teacher Appreciation Week is May 5 – 9, 2025. Don't wait for these specific dates to reach out to the schools in your communities to show your support, inform them of who you are and what our Education Program mission is. Ask what they need, you may be shocked as to what their needs are. School runs from early September to the middle of June and what some units have found is some kids attending or teachers don't just need school supplies; sanitary wipes, tissues, markers, same old, but actually items of clothing; winter jackets, mittens, snow pants, clothing in general, one high school actually has a food shelf for their students. Yes hard to believe but this is reality in our schools today.

I am not going to list the numerous scholarships offered through the American Legion and Auxiliary nor the other educational activities the Auxiliary promotes as these are all listed in our Unit Guide and National and Department of Minnesota websites.

Please keep track of all your Unit does throughout the year, it does matter how small you may think it is, it does impact a student or teacher and that is the rewarding part. I am excited to receive your stories told in your Annual Reports and pass them on to Department. If you can't wait to share till then, remember the 3rd District Newsletter is open to any Units wanting to share their events, pictures are welcomed. Send to Karla Otterness ALA Third District, t.d.news2share@gmail.com.

National Convention Highlights from New Orleans

Written by Tamara Thayer

What a fantastic week of bringing nearly 7,000 members of The American Legion Family together from August 23-29th in the Crescent City of New Orleans for the 104th convention for the Auxiliary and the 105th convention for The legion, the nation's largest veterans organization. It was a week of learning, networking, community outreach volunteering, and hearing the new national award winners as well as voting on several issues to benefit our veterans.

Registered members for the convention representing us were; Kelly Kauss, Wendy Arend, Linda Kelly, Judy Hanna, Sherry Hernandez, and myself. Third District had 6 Auxiliary, 16 Legion, and 3 SAL members registered to attend as delegates, alternates, and guests. There were a few other friends or family members who attended as non-registered guests from 3rd District.

Sherry Hernandez from Unit 225 surprised many of us by announcing she got married while in New Orleans with a few family and friends able to attend her wedding. Congratulations to the happy couple from 3rd District!

I was honored to be one of 2 pages for the Department of Minnesota. Linda Kelly, the Department 2nd VP, and I volunteered on the first day there for the annual Community Outreach Project. We helped repair two homes of local veterans. Both of us can be seen in the national promotional video made to promote this annual program that was posted on the national website and shown on the TV that week. It was so rewarding to be able to see the amount of work this group accomplished in a day. I believe all 6 auxiliary members from our district attended an optional training session for "Be The One." During this training we learned the details of the program, and how to respond to someone showing signs or reaching out for help with suicide prevention. It was an emotional and such a beneficial training to learn. All of our delegates attended all of the business sessions and participated in voting on the national issues. The national convention arranged for our very own 9th District American Legion Band from MN to perform at the WWII Museum during their nationally promoted event. Both the outgoing and incoming leadership of 3rd District planned 2 social events for 3rd District while at the convention. So I representing Deanna Meyer as the outgoing 3rd District Auxiliary President, and as myself the incoming president, I worked with the outgoing 3rd District Commanders Rod Reifsteck, and Joe Tapainer, and with Dave Arend who is both the outgoing and incoming SAL Detachment Commander. Our first event was to go as a group to the WWII Museum and support the band from Minnesota. Our second event was to go on the historic Natchez steamboat tour and hear New Orleans Jazz music while enjoying a wonderful buffet of New Orleans Cuisine. We took a group photo at the museum but smaller group photos on the cruise because our seating times were different for the meal. There was a very fun Mardi Gras themed States Dinner and 3rd District invited our Department outgoing and incoming leadership to join in our group photo. I hope you recognize the members of 3rd District in these photos.

Minnesota Auxiliary won 8 North West Division Department Program Awards, and Argyle and Hackensack from MN won National Unit Awards. Next year's National Convention will be held in Florida and details are posted on the national website, I hope you consider joining our 3rd District there!



Third District American Legion Auxiliary Member of the Year Award (Framed Certificate)

This award is for an outstanding American Legion Auxiliary Member of the Year. Each unit is eligible to submit one nomination per year (500 words or less) postmarked prior to March 1st. Information shall be included as to how this nominee has made continuous outstanding contributions to your Unit. No pictures, newspaper articles, or clippings are allowed. Only narratives will be accepted. Nomination letters must come from the nominee's own Unit with signatures of two Unit officers, including their names, phone numbers, addresses and signed and dated. Nomination letters will remain on file and active for three years. After three years, a Unit will need to re-submit an updated nomination letter. Please notify the District Secretary if the nominee becomes deceased during the three-year time frame and was not chosen prior to their death. The Award Recipient is determined by the vote of the previous recipients of the Elaine Hein Auxiliary Member of the Year Award and the Third District Auxiliary Member of the Year. The Award recipient will be announced at the Third District Convention in May and awarded a framed certificate.

It is up to each Unit to find a deserving member. Everyone knows there are many members that should be nominated for this award, whether they are working the programs of the Auxiliary in the background or leaders of your Unit. Please take the time to nominate someone in your Unit for this prestigious award.

Please mail/email nomination letters to:

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If you any questions, please contact any member of this committee: Betty Schlueter, Darlene Wondra, Lois Wenz, Suzette Maluchnik or Barbara Klehr

October is Constitution and By-Laws Month

National has a few basic questions for all units. Hopefully you will all review your Standing Rules this month and send me a copy. (Department would also like you to send them a copy) But when you do send a copy to me, maybe you can answer these questions when you send it.

1. Have you done an annual review of your Standing Rules?
2. How was your Unit inspired to review your Standing Rules?
3. Has your Unit sponsored a Standing Rules or Constitution and By-Laws activity? If so, what were those activities? (Might I suggest an open forum for members when you do review your Standing Rules instead of just having your Executive Committee go over them. You could do it at a regular meeting night, hand a copy of your last year's out and ask for comments and questions.)
4. Did your Unit participate in any virtual meetings or webinars on Constitution and By-Laws events? If so, were they helpful? (Yes, you can count it if you logged on to the pre-convention program meetings at National).

I have also attached to the article the three column amendment template that we are using at District and Department to use for resolutions and recommendations for changes to the Standing Rules. Quite a few people have asked for it. If you download this page from the newsletter, hopefully it is writable. If not send me a quick email and I can send you the writable version. It is really helpful when you are struggling on how to change the wording for some of your rules in your Standing Rules and if done ahead of time before a meeting, can explain to your members the purpose and reasoning for your changes.

Always, if you have questions, just ask. I am always available by email.

3rd District Parliamentarian
Barbara Klehr

Proposal # and Location in Constitution/Bylaws/Standing Rule		
Current Wording	Proposed Amendment	If Adopted, Will Read

Proposed by:

Rationale:



Leadership

Key number 2 Communication

Effective communication in leadership roles involves conveying ideas, listening actively, and ensuring mutual understanding. Leaders must articulate their vision, provide guidance, and listen to their team. When leaders communicate effectively, they minimize misunderstandings and ensure everyone is on the same page.

Leaders can improve communication by holding regular one-on-one meetings, providing constructive feedback, and encouraging open dialogue. By promoting open and honest communication, leaders build stronger relationships with their team members, enhancing overall team performance and morale.



*Leadership Workshop
October 19th
Bagley, MN*

Yay!!! Our first workshop is scheduled! We are starting in the northern part of the state, trying to go early enough in the year to avoid the "white stuff".

October 19th - 10AM till 3PM

Bagley American Legion Post #198

112 Main Ave N

Bagley, MN 56621



Lunch will be served by the Legion. Cost (TBD), pay at workshop.

To register, complete the form below and mail to Carol Kottom along with \$5 registration fee (covers costs). OR – you can contact Carol at ckakottom@gmail.com - cell: 763-360-6102 and pay at the workshop.

Juniors 10 years of age or older are invited to attend.

DEADLINE to register is October 12th (one person per form please)

Name _____ Unit _____

Contact phone _____

Special dietary requirements: _____

Carol Kottom, Department Leadership Chairman



2024-2025 ALA Mission Training

Nov. 16: Nashville, Tenn.

Nov. 16: Denver, Colo.

Jan. 25: Des Moines, Iowa

Feb. 1: Las Vegas, Nev.

Feb. 1: Boston, Mass.



HISTORY

Edna Thayer Chair

The best time to record history is as it happens when all the information is “fresh” and still available. All members need to record history. Members need it for their year- end individual member impact forms. Program chairs need it for their annual report forms and historians need it for the history summary and history scrapbook.

Record the “Who”, “What”, “Where”, “When” and “Why” for each event or activity. Use specifics for each category i.e. Who and how many volunteered, Who and how many benefitted/attended, how many miles and hours were given? What was the event/activity for, What finances were involved (cost, money raised, money donated), What impact did it have? Where and When did it occur? Why or what was the purpose?

Year-end prizes at the 3rd District level will be given in two categories. The first is 3rd District traveling plaques which are given for program excellence plus certificates of merit given for the most outstanding unit participation as reported on the Unit’s History Report, in four categories according to membership, which are: 10 to 50, 51 to 100, 101 to 200, and 201 and over. The second category is for the unit history scrapbook. A first-place prize of \$25 and a second place prize of \$15 will be awarded. The guidelines for the scrapbook, the same as last year, are:

UNIT HISTORY SCRAPBOOK RULES

Rules and Regulations for judging during the Third District Convention in May, 2025.
Judging occurs immediately following the morning session.

1. Scrapbook shall be of no particular size but should be of good quality.
2. Scrapbook shall have the American Legion Auxiliary Emblem, name of unit, Unit number, and year on cover.
3. On the first page shall be the name and location of the Unit, the number of members in the unit, and the date.
4. The following pages should have a list of officers, a list of chairpersons, and the Standing Rules.
5. Include a copy of your history report.
6. Your history may include newspaper clippings, photos with information about the photo (who, what, where, when, and why). Pamphlets, memorabilia must be firmly attached to the page.
7. Remember this is an American Legion Auxiliary scrapbook. You may include information that your Unit did alongside the American Legion, Sons of the American Legion, and Riders, but the Unit is the focal point.
8. The last page must be signed by the unit president and the History Chairperson.

A list of department history awards and criteria will appear in a future newsletter after the department prints the updated list for 2024-2025.

American Legion Auxiliary's Declaration

The American Legion Auxiliary's declaration —
the story of who we are, what we do, and why we matter

We are the American Legion Auxiliary.

We are called to serve.

We respect our country and the service of
those who defend our freedoms.

We are loyal to our United States Constitution
and to those who protect it.

We are humbled by the courage of our
veterans, and their families.

We are alone, yet we stand together.

We are spouses, daughters, brothers and
sisters, mothers and fathers. We are family.

We are of every color. We are of every faith.

We are of every age.

We are anyone and everyone.

We are common and extraordinary.

We are citizens.

We live in small towns.

We live in suburbs.

We live in cities.

We work in fields, in factories,
warehouses, offices, at home.

We are a community. We help one another.

We love our flag and all that it stands for.

We are many. We are one.

We are the American Legion Auxiliary.

A community of volunteers serving
veterans, military, and their families.

We commit ourselves to the ideal: **Service Not Self.**

Poppies by Linda Kelly

Things to remember:

Fall Conference Poppy Contest: Check out last month's unit mailing to read the contests that Lorinda is holding. (If you don't get the unit mailing, it can be found at our department's website at www.mnala.org under "downloads" found at the top.) There are two different contests – enter one or both as many times as your unit members can.

ALSO, at Fall Conference: Gather a team together and enter the poppy making contest. Each person on your team can make their own poppies or

make an assembly line and each can do one part of making each poppy. Let's see if District 3 can have the most teams and make the most poppies.

Remember that our ALA National President, Trisha Ward, will be at our Fall Conference.

Come and help us show her a warm Minnesota welcome.

Next month's District 3 newsletter will have the rules for our District 3 poppy contest at our District Convention in May.

On another note, in last month's newsletter, I asked you to find other ways to display poppies throughout the year. Our unit holds a monthly meal during the winter months, and we are starting in October (by the way, we're serving hot beef or hot turkey sandwiches). I decided that this event would be a great way to not only display poppies but tell people about them. We talked at our last meeting that there are still a lot of people – especially our youth – that don't know what a poppy stands for. This picture shows what I am going to use as a centerpiece at our October meal. It is made with a small 5" straw bale (Joanne's) with some poppy ribbon (Joanne's) and five small poppies. I plan to have a paper with poppy information alongside the straw bale.

Happy decorating.





In Memory of our Past Department President Dee Dee Buckley who passed away September 1st.

Dee Dee served the American Legion Auxiliary on all levels of the organization, from her unit Pequot Lakes Unit 49, Minnesota Department President 2006-2007, to Northwestern Division National Vice President 2021-2022. She was a great friend and mentor to many. ❤️

Details of her Celebration of Life are yet to be determined.

Cards can be sent to Matt Karvonen, 4710 40th Ave. SE #313, Seattle, WA 98116

Hi Juniors of District 3.

Your Honorary Junior president Evelyn would like you to join her in putting together dental care products for the Veterans. The event is October 19th from 11-3. At the Richard Dingle post 98 in St. Paul Park. Lunch is available at the post but will be your cost.

Please bring all the ORALHYGENE products you have collected with you please.

Hope to see you all there please call me at 612 791 9208 or email me at slstrass@hotmail.com by Oct 16th.

Thanks for all you do for our veterans.

Sally Strasser
District Junior Chairman



The Power of Prayer

All of my concerns, Lord,
I release unto You,
Trusting Your wisdom
In telling me what to do.

Sometimes, Dear Lord,
When I don't know what to say,
It's then in quiet stillness,
My heart begins to pray.

I'll never forget, Lord,
How much You really care,
And I'll always remember
To lean on the power of prayer.

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Chaplain Deanna Meyer

No matter what anybody says, we always have the power of prayer behind us. You can pray anywhere or anytime. God always is there to hear our prayers and listen to our problems. If you can't do much for the veterans for whatever reason, please remember that you can always pray. God is always listening.

Lord, we ask today that you watch over all our veterans and current military. Listen to my heart for all those that care about and help them. Thank you for always being there. We need our soldiers and veterans who care about this country. Give them the courage to continue doing the job of protecting our country. Thank you, Lord for caring for everyone. Amen



**2024 Fall Conference
Special Guest Speaker
2024-2025 National American Legion Auxiliary
President Trish Ward**



Fall Conference will once again be held at River's Edge Conference Center in St. Cloud October 24-26, 2024. Besides our annual Poppy Contests and the awesome AEF Silent Auction we are excited to announce ***Incoming 2024-2025 National President Trish Ward*** will be speaking Thursday, October 24 at 6:30 p.m. in the main auditorium of the Convention Center.

The Department of Minnesota American Legion Family is invited to hear Trish's message. Trish is an engaging and dynamic speaker. **You won't want to miss it!**

More details about Trish's presentation will be available the week of September 1, 2024.

Registration and hotel information for Fall Conference follows.

Unit	Goal	Unit Name	paid	Percent
2	78	Shakopee	1	1.28%
37	76	St Peter	0	0.00%
43	171	Faribault	1	0.58%
45	68	New Prague	1	1.47%
47	29	Hastings	1	3.45%
54	172	Red Wing	3	1.74%
57	158	Chaska	5	3.16%
65	57	Rosemount	3	5.26%
79	142	Montgomery	1	0.70%
84	36	Northfield	0	0.00%
95	16	Glencoe	0	0.00%
96	174	Hutchinson	2	1.15%
98	127	St Paul Park	4	3.15%
108	112	LeCenter	2	1.79%
125	38	Stewart	0	0.00%
141	65	Silver Lake	27	41.54%
143	19	Brownton	0	0.00%
144	105	Belle Plaine	8	7.62%
149	89	Morristown	1	1.12%
150	80	Waconia	10	12.50%
184	89	Pine Island	3	3.37%
189	31	Farmington	1	3.23%
207	41	Cleveland	0	0.00%
225	202	Forest Lake	3	1.49%
300	21	Lafayette	0	0.00%
311	180	Elysian	3	1.67%
314	25	Winthrop	0	0.00%
343	24	Norwood	0	0.00%
380	14	Kilkenny	0	0.00%
407	46	Winsted	0	0.00%
408	35	Green Isle	0	0.00%
424	10	Inver Grove Hghts	0	0.00%
433	55	Gaylord	7	12.73%
447	10	Prior Lake	0	0.00%
463	15	Lester Prairie	0	0.00%
491	89	Bayport	0	0.00%
507	51	Mahtomedi	13	25.49%
510	60	Nicollet	1	1.67%
518	84	North Mankato	2	2.38%
580	77	Chanhassen	2	2.60%
586	79	Lonsdale	1	1.27%
594	13	Eagan	0	0.00%
601	21	New Germany	0	0.00%
620	71	Hugo	1	1.41%
643	56	Savage	3	5.36%
1776	265	Apple Valley	36	13.58%
	3476		146	4.20%

MEMBERSHIP

Hello Auxiliary members,

I hope everyone is enjoying the nice weather. The information on the left is where the unit membership is as of the Department membership bulletin sent out on September 3, 2024.

The next District goal is 60% by October 26 at the Department Fall Conference. All units who reach the 60% goal will be put into a drawing for \$50.00. Remember if the membership is mailed in it should arrive at the Department office by Tuesday October 22nd or you can bring it to the Fall Conference. Those using ALAMIS please input by Wednesday. I know we can make our goals so keep on going with membership. Remember to keep gathering membership and make the membership grow.

**Ann Bovy
3rd District Membership
Chairman
Next goal: Department 75%
and 3rd District 80% Pearl
Harbor Rally December 7th.**

Happy Halloween



Per Capita Dues 2024-2025

Unit #	Unit Name	Membership as of 7/31/2024	Per Capita \$2 per member	Junior Assessment \$3 per Unit	Total Due by December 1, 2024
2	Shakopee	75	\$150.00	\$3.00	\$153.00
37	St Peter	72	\$144.00	\$3.00	\$147.00
43	Faribault	164	\$328.00	\$3.00	\$331.00
45	New Prague	65	\$130.00	\$3.00	\$133.00
47	Hastings	28	\$56.00	\$3.00	\$59.00
54	Red Wing	166	\$332.00	\$3.00	\$335.00
57	Chaska	153	\$306.00	\$3.00	\$309.00
65	Rosemount	56	\$112.00	\$3.00	\$115.00
79	Montgomery	137	\$274.00	\$3.00	\$277.00
95	Glencoe	14	\$28.00	\$3.00	\$31.00
96	Hutchinson	168	\$336.00	\$3.00	\$339.00
98	St. Paul Park	123	\$246.00	\$3.00	\$249.00
108	LeCenter	109	\$218.00	\$3.00	\$221.00
125	Stewart	36	\$72.00	\$3.00	\$75.00
141	Silver Lake	63	\$126.00	\$3.00	\$129.00
143	Brownston	18	\$36.00	\$3.00	\$39.00
144	Belle Plaine	101	\$202.00	\$3.00	\$205.00
149	Morristown	86	\$172.00	\$3.00	\$175.00
150	Waconia	78	\$156.00	\$3.00	\$159.00
184	Pine Island	93	\$186.00	\$3.00	\$189.00
189	Farmington	29	\$58.00	\$3.00	\$61.00
207	Cleveland	39	\$78.00	\$3.00	\$81.00
300	Lafayette	19	\$38.00	\$3.00	\$41.00
311	Elysian	174	\$348.00	\$3.00	\$351.00
314	Winthrop	23	\$46.00	\$3.00	\$49.00
343	Norwood	22	\$44.00	\$3.00	\$47.00
380	Kilkenny	12	\$24.00	\$3.00	\$27.00
407	Winsted	42	\$84.00	\$3.00	\$87.00
408	Green Isle	33	\$66.00	\$3.00	\$69.00
424	Inver Grove Heights	8	\$16.00	\$3.00	\$19.00
433	Gaylord	52	\$104.00	\$3.00	\$107.00
447	Prior Lake	8	\$16.00	\$3.00	\$19.00
463	Lester Prairie	13	\$26.00	\$3.00	\$29.00
510	Nicollet	58	\$116.00	\$3.00	\$119.00
518	North Mankato	81	\$162.00	\$3.00	\$165.00
580	Chanhassen	74	\$148.00	\$3.00	\$151.00
586	Lonsdale	76	\$152.00	\$3.00	\$155.00
594	Eagan	11	\$22.00	\$3.00	\$25.00
601	New Germany	19	\$38.00	\$3.00	\$41.00
620	Hugo	67	\$134.00	\$3.00	\$137.00
643	Savage	55	\$110.00	\$3.00	\$113.00
1776	Apple Valley	256	\$512.00	\$3.00	\$515.00

Hello 3rd District!

I want to send a **HUGE THANK YOU** to Teri Richardson for her knowledge, guidance and support as I take over as 3rd District Treasurer! I cherish your friendship and mentorship.

A huge shoutout to Northfield, Forest Lake, Bayport and Willernie as the first units to pay their Per Capita/Junior Assessment dues! Your promptness is greatly appreciated.

Below is the current list of Per Capita and Junior Assessment dues no later than December 1, 2024. The list is in Unit order. Please make your check out to American Legion Auxiliary or ALA and put in the memo line what the check is for. The mailing address is listed below under my Signature line.

I would also like to remind you that our newly appointed 3rd District President, Tamara Thayer's project is Bringing Smiles to Veterans. When sending in your donations for her project, once again, make the checks out to the American Legion Auxiliary or ALA and put in the memo line Presidents project.

Please contact with me any questions as I am here to serve you!

*Diane Albers - 3rd District
Treasurer*

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DISTRICT TRAVELING AWARDS

The following awards will be returned (in the protective cover) to the District Secretary at Midwinter Conference for engraving and then re-awarded at the District Convention, unless otherwise stated. If an award is lost or misplaced, the Unit that received it must be responsible for its replacement. At the discretion of the Executive Committee and the donor, damaged plaques could be replaced with a certificate, or the donor may replace the plaque. New awards must have the approval of the Executive Committee. Award donors may present the award. If they are not present at the Convention, the District President will present the award.

YOUTH AND DEVELOPMENT POD

A. SHIRLEY HAMRE CHILDREN AND YOUTH PLAQUE (Shirley Hamre, St. Paul Park, District President 1982-1983):

To the Unit reporting the best overall Children and Youth Program. A narrative must be sent to the District Chairman. At the request of Shirley Hamre, donor: when the plaque is full, it will be retired to St. Paul Park Unit 98.

B. LUVERNE B. MARIER PLAQUE (Luverne Marier, Hugo, District President 1968-1969): To the Junior Group having the best program. This plaque was first awarded in 1970.

C. PAT KERBER JUNIOR MEMBERSHIP PLAQUE (Pat Kerber, Chanhassen, District President 1993-1994): To the Unit signing up the highest percentage of new Junior members. Units apply for this plaque by sending in their total membership (Seniors & Juniors), plus the number of new Juniors signed up. **ENTRY FORM:** Number of Unit Membership (Seniors & Juniors), Unit name and number, Membership Chairman and number of new Juniors enrolled. The Honorary Junior President will present the Plaque to the winning Auxiliary Unit after they address the Convention body. If they do not present, the Junior Activities Chairman will present the plaque. Send to: Teri Richardson, 200 Hallam Avenue, Mahtomedi, MN 55155.

VETERAN/MILITARY SUPPORT AND ADVOCACY POD

D. BARBARA STUSSY NATIONAL SECURITY AWARD (Barbara Stussy, Pine Island, District President 1989-1990): To the Unit that submits the most outstanding narrative of 500 words or less to the District Chairman. The District National Security Chairman will judge and select the winner.

E. DOLORES FINK POPPY PLAQUE (Dolores Fink, Apple Valley, District President 1988-1989): To the Unit reporting the most outstanding Poppy Program.

F. SAVAGE POPPY PLAQUE AND CERTIFICATE: To the Unit who has the overall winning entry in the Poppy Contests at the Third District Convention with the decision made by the contest judges.

G. LOIS WENZ VETERANS AFFAIRS AND REHABILITATION PLAQUE (Lois Wenz, Chaska, District President 2003-2004): To the Unit (150 and over members) submitting the most outstanding narrative. The winner will be selected by the District Chairman.

H. LOIS WENZ VETERANS AFFAIRS AND REHABILITATION PLAQUE (Lois Wenz, Chaska, District President 2003-2004): To the Unit (under 150 members) submitting the most outstanding narrative. The winner will be selected by the District Chairman.

I. DOLLY HURON AND DARLENE WONDRA SERVICE TO VETERANS CERTIFICATE OF AWARD (Dolly Huron, Red Wing, District President 1984-1985 and Darlene Wondra, Montgomery, District President 2001-2002): To the Unit submitting the best Service to Veterans Program. A narrative report of no more than 500 words to be sent to the District Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation Chairman.

FAMILY SUPPORT POD

J. SIEG & ANN SCHMIDTKE AMERICANISM CERTIFICATE OF AWARD (Ann Schmidtke, Morristown, District President 1966-1967): To the Unit, regardless of size, contributing the most to an outstanding Americanism Program. This program of activities is identified in the Unit Guide. The final selection will take into consideration the use of the Girls State Representative and the Junior Members of the Unit in Unit, Post, and Community functions. It is the hope of

the donor that the Units will strive to seek a very well-rounded Americanism Program in a strong effort to better our America. The District Americanism Chairman will be the final judge of the Unit Program Summary. They may, if they wish, have a panel of selectors to aid in the final judgment. (This is not a traveling award)

K. EDUCATION CERTIFICATE OF AWARD (anonymous donor): To the Unit reporting the best overall Educational Program. A short narrative must be sent to the District Chairman. Pictures may be included.

L. JUANITA LUTZ COMMUNITY SERVICE CERTIFICATE OF AWARD (Juanita Lutz, Hugo, District President 1964-1965): To the Unit having the best Community Service Program.

M. LEMKE MEMORIAL CERTIFICATE OF AWARD (Nancy Lemke, St. Paul Park, District President 1995-1996): To the Unit reporting the best overall Memorial Program. A narrative to be sent to the District Chairman.

MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT POD

N. FORCIEA-DIXON MEMORIAL MEMBERSHIP PLAQUE (Viola Forciea, Stillwater, District President 1953-1954 and Lorraine Dixon, Stillwater, Past Unit President): To be presented by the Membership Chairman to the first Unit (in case of a tie) that shows the greatest member increase in membership using the final Department membership bulletin distributed in July of the previous year. In comparison to the Unit membership bulletin published on or before April 15th of the current year. This plaque will remain a plaque until the donated funds shown in the 3rd District funds from the Stillwater Unit run out.

O. AUDREY TOLZMANN LEADERSHIP AWARD (Audrey Tolzmann, Nicollet, District President 1987-1988): To the Unit Leadership Chairman reporting the best all around Leadership Program. Send a narrative to the District Leadership Chairman.

P. MARGARET LONERGAN COMMUNICATION CERTIFICATE OF AWARD (Margaret Lonergan, Bayport, District President 1973-1974): To the Unit who submits the most outstanding Press Book and Public Relations Program Summary at the District Convention and truly does transmit to the public the aims and accomplishments of the American Legion Auxiliary.

ORGANIZATIONAL SUPPORT POD

Q. CHARLES-HALE PAST PRESIDENTS' PARLEY PLAQUE (Ida Mae Charles, Hastings, District President 1974-1975 and Mary Ellen Hale, Hastings, District President 1986-1987): To the Unit submitting the best report of the Past Presidents Parley. Send a narrative to the District Past Presidents' Parley Chairman.

R. THIRD DISTRICT HISTORY PLAQUES FOR PROGRAM EXCELLENCE (anonymous donor): For the most Outstanding Unit participation as reported on the Unit's History Report. The categories are 10-50; 51-100; 101-200; 201 & over. The reports shall be judged, and plaques presented by the District Historian.

S. THIRD DISTRICT AUXILIARY MEMBER OF THE YEAR FRAMED CERTIFICATE (Past Presidents Parley 2015-2016): To an outstanding American Legion Auxiliary Member of the Year. Each Unit is eligible to submit one nomination per year (500 words or less) postmarked by March 1st. The nomination is required to have two signatures from Unit Officers from the nominee's Unit, personally signed and dated with phone numbers and addresses. Information is to include how this nominee has made continuous outstanding contributions to your Unit. No pictures, newspaper articles or clippings are allowed. A narrative only, will be accepted. Nomination letters will remain on file and active for three years. Please notify the District Secretary if the nominee is deceased. After three (3) years the Unit will need to re-submit an updated nomination letter. The Award recipient is determined by vote of the previous recipients of the Elaine Hein Auxiliary Woman of the Year Award and the recipients of the Third District Auxiliary Member of the Year. The administrative duties will be done by a committee of previous recipients. The name of the coordinator will be announced early in the year to receive the nominations.



3rd District Legion Bar Card Tour Sign up Form

Unit or Post Number: _____ Post name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Contact person: _____ Phone Number: _____

E-mail: _____

_____ We Agree to be a part of the Legion Tour buy 1, get 1 Free Bar Card Fundraiser

_____ We do not wish to participate in the Legion Tour buy 1, get 1 Bar Card Fundraiser

Please mail or e-mail completed forms to:

Tami Paul

725 Cobblestone Way

Shakopee, MN 55379

SHAKOPEEALA2@GMAIL.COM

We need to have at least 25 participating Posts to make this a Success.

Deadline to respond November 8th, 2024

What is the purpose of the 3rd District Auxiliary and Legion Bar Card Tour?

It is a Fundraiser for the 3rd District Auxiliary President Tamara Thayer from Elysian Unit 311 project, "Bringing Smiles to Veterans", which is providing 3 free Dental Clinics for the 3rd District this year. This is for any veteran who has served or is currently serving. Her goal is to raise \$5,000 from donations to provide dental care. Any additional money will be used to help pay for any required dental treatment that isn't provided in the clinics. And additional money will be used to pay dental bills for veterans in need of assistance.

The other goal of the bar card is to encourage members and others from different posts and units to visit and support other Legions in the third district.

When are the cards good until? You can purchase your cards January 1st to May 31st, 2025, but the card will be valid January 2nd - December 30th, 2025

What are the Card Rules & Disclaimers?

Must be 21 years of age or older. Establishments reserve the right to refuse service to anyone for any reason. By using this card, you agree to hold harmless the Third District American Legion and Auxiliary from all claims of personal injury and property damage. Only one card can be used per day, per person, per establishment. Offer good only on rail drinks and domestic beer. Offer not good with any other special. Only two specials per establishment, per card. (Card is non-transferable) Legion Post rules may apply. Cardholders buy one rail drink or domestic beer, and cardholder only receives one free rail drink or beer. *Rail drinks & domestic beer are at the discretion of the bar. Not valid on holidays.

What would be your cost? The cost to you would be the free beer that the card holder would receive after purchasing their first drink from your post. Also note that people also visit Legions to gamble and to eat a meal, so it may also create a different revenue in another capacity.

When does it expire? The Bar Card would be Good January 2nd to December 30th 2025, with the exception of Holidays.

How will we know who has used their punches? Each card holder will have a tri-fold card with a list of the Participating legions on it, which will have 3 circles where the bartenders will either punch or initial after the use.

If you have any immediate questions, you can call or text Tami Paul at 952-666-9036 or Tamara Thayer at 507-319-4349.



How do we carry out the President's Theme: Bringing Smiles to Veterans? I have challenged you in the first newsletter to think of the many ways we can bring smiles to veterans and I said I'd share some of those each month in the newsletter: Some ideas from the Montgomery Unit 79: "To bring Joy in their lives," "To call them and see how they are doing," "sending care packages," and "recognition". What ideas do you have? Send them in to me, they may make the next newsletter.



Waconia Unit 150 Girls State Nominee 2024.

Danika Gadiant represented Unit 150 in Waconia MN she attended Girls State 2024. She absolutely loved her time there and cherishes the memories and friends she made.

A quote from Danika: "I really enjoyed my time at Girls State. I have met a few girls who I know will be lifelong friends. I loved learning more about our government and listening to everyone's point of views. It was an incredible experience that I wish I could do again."



WACONA Unit 150.covering community spirit/ poppy/ leadership all in one day you Rock!



These are photos from when our Unit 150 partnered with MTS Systems Corp during our annual women's group event. We rolled over 800 poppies for the poppy program during our community outreach event. This event was about educating people on our Poppy Program and building relationships in the community.



On September 4, 2024, the Waconia American Legion Auxiliary Unit 150 made a \$2000 donation to the Carver County Veterans Council. The Holiday Gift Fund will utilize \$1000 to make the 2024 Christmas holiday season a little "Merrier and Brighter" for qualified veterans. Another \$1000 donation will be used for the Resiliency Program, a veteran suicide prevention and mental health program in Carver County.

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Tammy Sartwell, President of Waconia Unit 150, presented the donation to Mike Werner and Brett Lyons from the Carver County Veterans Council



Members of the Edward Born ALA Unit #343 in Norwood Young America, MN, gathered at the Peace Villa Community Room on Tuesday evening September 3rd, to kick-off their new auxiliary year.

Items on the agenda for the evening included: Approving the Unit Annual Budget, reviewing the standing rules, appointing committee/project assignments, American Education Week (AEW), and empathizing the importance of reporting our members valuable service to Veterans and the community.

Before adjourning the meeting, ALA members gathered around the new American flag that Unit #343 donated to the Peace Villa.



On Monday, August 12, the Elysian auxiliary unit joined the legion family and Thrivent in sponsoring a "good luck send-off" for Rose Hollerman before she left for Paris to compete with the USA women's wheelchair basketball team. Rose is from Elysian and her father is an active member of the post. This was the third paralympics for Rose. Her team won gold in 2016 in Rio, bronze in 2020 in Tokyo, and silver this year in Paris. This year she was the leading scorer for the USA team. Surrounding Rose at her party are some of the auxiliary and junior members who attended: Tammy Thayer, Ireland Cooney, Jan Evans, Edna Thayer, Bonnie Walton, Diane Munson, and Patty Whitehurst.



President Tamara would love to be invited to your Unit for either a meeting or special event. Pictured with Unit 79 of Montgomery is Tamara who was their guest speaker.