



American Legion Auxiliary

Third District Newsletter

April 2026



Happy Easter to all 3rd District Members,

Please continue supporting my project for the Hasting Veterans Home (Landscaping) and St. Peter Treatment (Disc Golf Course). Let's keep the goal growing for our Veterans.

I visited the Norwood American Legion Auxiliary Unit 343 and had fun meeting the members. I also went to Browntown American Legion Auxiliary Unit 143 and attended a Legion Birthday party.

I have been busy going to District meetings and attending Zoom meetings with my District Sisters. It has been fun to spend time with them and share ideas.

I am very excited to be part of Shakopee American Legion Auxiliary Unit 2 bowling team on April 19th. There will be 2 teams attending the American Legion bowling tournament at (Sundance Lane) in Dayton. If anybody would like to come and cheer us on, we will be starting at 12pm. This will be a real fun time.

As part of the New Germany American Legion Auxiliary Unit 601. We will be visiting Hasting's Veterans Home and doing activities with the Veterans. Also going to check out where the President project money will be used.

I will be going to the St. Peter Treatment Center when they have completed the Disc Golf Course.

Just a reminder to please send your Year End Reports to the chairman and your Impact report to me by April 14th. Thank you for taking the time to fill out the reports.

Don't forget to save the following dates, April 10th will be the 3rd District Testimonial in Savage for the 3rd District Commander, President and Detachment Commander.

May 16th will be the 3rd District Convention in New Prague. I hope to see all our Auxiliary members at Convention.

April 5 is Golden Star Spouses Day. This is a day set aside to recognize the sacrifices of the Gold Star spouse organization that supports Gold Star Families.

April 15 is the day called Purple UP! Day. This means during this month to recognize some of the military's most unsung heroes-their children. The day encourages everyone to wear purple representing all branches of the military and showing unity with each other.

Sincerely yours, 3rd District President Ann Bovy

The Minnesota Third District American
Legion Family invites you to the joint

TESTIMONIAL DINNER

Honoring



ANN BOVEY
AUXILIARY PRESIDENT



AMY LARSON
COMMANDER



GREGG WILWERT
SAL COMMANDER

Let's Come together to celebrate a year filled with
outstanding achievements.

FRIDAY
APRIL 10TH
2026

TO BE HELD AT:
DAN PATCH AMERICAN
LEGION POST 643
12375 PRINCETON AVE,
SAVAGE, MN 55378

6PM
SOCIAL HOUR
7PM
DINNER

DINNER IS \$20 PER PERSON

DINNER INCLUDES: PASTA BAR, SALAD AND BREAD STRICKS

Please detach and mail registration to:

Lonsdale Post 586 P.O Box 66, Lonsdale, MN 55096

PLEASE REGISTER BY APRIL 7, SO WE KNOW HOW MUCH FOOD TO ORDER.
PAYMENT CAN BE MADE AT THE DOOR

NAME: _____ POST/UNIT/SQUAD

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Dinner is \$20 x _____ = \$ _____



Happy Easter everyone,

There are two things in April that all auxiliary members must know.

- **April 15th: Reports Due and purple up day**

Please remember that all reports are due to the district chairmen by April 15th. This was mentioned last month, but it bears repeating: regardless of the size or scope of your unit's activities, every contribution matters. Even if you believe your efforts were small, it is important to share what your unit has accomplished. Your input ensures that your unit is counted among those who responded and helps provide a complete picture of our collective impact.

Purple Up Day: Celebrating Military Children

April 15th is Purple Up Day! On this special day, we honor our Military children. These remarkable young people often move around the world, adapting to new environments and facing the challenge of making new friends wherever they go. Their unique experiences sometimes mean being far from grandparents and extended family, all because of where their parents are stationed. To show your support and appreciation for their resilience, please remember to wear a purple shirt on April 15th. I would like some photos of you or your unit wearing purple to put in May's Newsletter. Please send them to t.d.news2share@gmail.com



Website Update for the 2026–2027 Year

We are continuing our efforts to enhance the Website in preparation for the 2026–2027 year. If you have any suggestions to help, make our site more user-friendly, please share them with us.

One of our main goals is to develop a dedicated chairman section. This area will allow you to easily access information on each chairmanship's objectives, helpful tips, and details about the Third District awards associated with each chairmanship. Additionally, there will be a section that will keep you informed about current events and updates relevant to your interests.



Remember I need you to return your traveling plaques so they can be engraved for 2026 year.

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY

A COMMUNITY OF VOLUNTEERS SERVING VETERANS, MILITARY AND THEIR FAMILIES

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

Unit# _____ Unit _____ Location District _____

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

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

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

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

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

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

**MN COMMANDERS
TASK FORCE PRESENTS:**

VETERANS DAY ON THE HILL 2026

WHEN:
APRIL 23RD

**WHERE: CEDAR ST. ARMORY, ST.
PAUL MN & MN CAPITOL ROTUNDA**

**SAVE THE DATE! MORE DETAILS TO
FOLLOW**



**NO MEMBERSHIP IN
ANY ORGANIZATION
REQUIRED.**

**ALL SUPPORTERS ARE
WELCOME!**

**More Info @
MNCTF.org**



Topics Include:

For the first time ever
the CTF has agreed to
pursue just 1 priority
for this session!

**INCREASE THE
DISABLED
VETERANS
PROPERTY TAX
EXCLUSION
NOW!!**

**Additional details to
follow!**

**SAVE THE DATE: APRIL
23RD**

**Special Thanks to V4V
for supporting funds**



**Minnesota
Veterans 4 Veterans
Trust Fund**

Treasurer Report

I am asking these last two units to please send their Unit Dues to the 3rd District Treasurer as soon as possible. These dues were collected with the 2025 Unit dues and were due by Dec 1st of 2025.

District Dues for 2025-26 year		Amt Due by Dec 1st 2025		
Not Received as of March 15th 2026				
Membership	7/31/2025	\$2.00		
Unit #	Unit Name	Mbrshp	per mbr	amt
			amt due	paid
95	Glencoe	13	\$26.00	
447	Prior Lake	8	\$16.00	

	Donations as of	Pres	Pres	3rd Dist	St Peter
	3/15/2026	Project	Project	Honorary	Spring Fling
Unit #	Unit Name	Hastings	St Peters	Jr Pres Proj	Christmas Pty
1776	Apple Valley	\$175.00	\$175.00		\$300.00
144	Belle Plaine	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$100.00	
580	Chanhassen	\$150.00	\$150.00		
207	Cleveland			\$100.00	
311	Elysian	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$100.00	\$100.00
620	Hugo			\$200.00	
96	Hutchinson	\$125.00			
586	Lonsdale	\$300.00	\$300.00		
507	Mahtomedi	\$100.00	\$200.00		\$100.00
79	Montgomery	\$75.00	\$75.00		\$50.00
149	Morristown	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$100.00	\$100.00
601	New Germany	\$250.00	\$250.00		
45	New Prague	\$250.00	\$250.00		
84	Northfield	\$200.00			\$250.00
343	Norwood	\$35.00			
2	Shakopee	\$100.00	\$100.00		
141	Silver Lake	\$25.00			
98	St. Paul Park	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$100.00	
125	Stewart	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$20.00	\$30.00
150	Waconia	\$250.00	\$250.00		
	Cash Donations	\$5.00			
	Personal Cash donatior	\$100.00	\$100.00		
	Cash Donations			\$120.00	
	Cash Donations		\$40.00		
	Mr & Mrs Sauerbrey	\$200.00			
	Kim Carlander	\$50.00	\$50.00		
	Edna Thayer	\$50.00	\$50.00		
	Transfer	\$200.00			
	Total	\$2,890.00	\$2,240.00	\$840.00	\$930.00

Treasures continued

If you would like to donate to the 3rd District Presidents Project, the 3rd District Honorary Presidents Project or St Peter for the Veterans Spring Fling Party, Please make your donation for this year by May 31st, 2026. As we will be having the audit in July.

The donations for the year 2026-2027 will begin on August 1st, 2026, and continue thru May 31st, 2027.

Thank you for all you do to help our Veterans, their families and our communities.
Don't forget to send your Impact report to President Ann.

Hope you are making plans to attend the 3rd District Convention in May. It would be great to see everyone.

Happy Easter,
Teri Richardson
3rd District Treasurer

dist3auxiliaryfinance@outlook.com

RISK AND COMPLIANCE REPORT

Please send your Risk and Compliance Reports to the District Treasurer. Our District does not have a Risk and Compliance Chairman, but the Treasurer is the closest chairman we have. This should be discussed and possibly voted on at the 3rd District Convention in May.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to give me a call at 651-429-3885 or send me an email at dist3auxiliaryfinance@outlook.com

Third District Units Patriotic Quilt Block Challenge

Overview

Several members are issuing a challenge to all Third District Units to participate in creating patriotic quilt blocks. This initiative is in recognition of the upcoming 250-year celebration.

Quilt Block Guidelines

- Each quilt block should measure 10.5x 10.5 inches.
- Participants are free to select any style for their quilt blocks.
- All blocks must use the colors red, white, and blue.

Goal

The objective is to collect a total of 250 quilt blocks, symbolizing the 250-year milestone.

Submission Information

All completed quilt blocks will be collected at the Third District Convention scheduled for May 16th





THIRD DISTRICT
AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY
DEPARTMENT OF MINNESOTA

OFFICIAL CALL TO CONVENTION

I, Ann Bovy, Third District President, do hereby call a Convention of the Third District to convene at the Ne Prague Post 45 - 300 Lexington Ave S, New Prague, MN 56071 on Saturday May 16th, 2026, at 8:30am. We will have a Joint session to begin with and the Auxiliary session to follow immediately afterwards.

The purpose of this Convention is to:

- Receive reports from Unit President's and District Chairmen.
- Judge Contest entries and present awards.
- Conduct other business for the good of the Auxiliary.
- Elect District Officers for the year 2026 - 2027.
- Elect Delegates and Alternates to the National Convention

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

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

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

Ann Bovy
3rd District Auxiliary President

April is the time to plan ahead for a special event for the National Month of Prayer in May. Thursday, May 7th, 2026 is the 75th National Day of Prayer.

Tamara Thayer, 3rd District Chaplain, American Legion Auxiliary

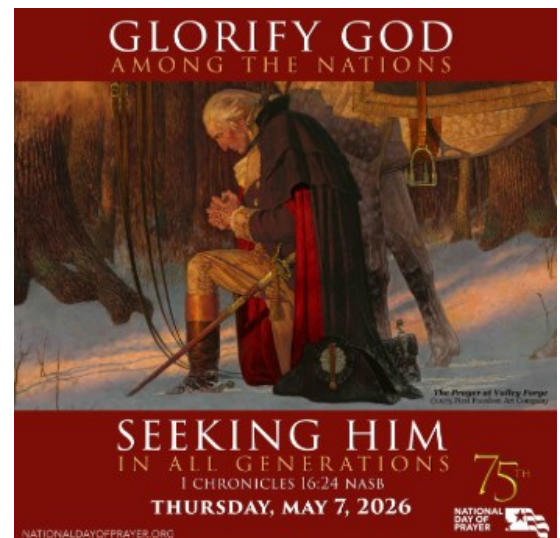
As we welcome the month of April, we also honor the month of the military child and offer prayers for the whole family. April is a time to set up the Military child table and explain the meaning at your monthly meeting or special event. April is also when we celebrate Easter, a chance for new beginnings and the promise of life everlasting. This month we have the Gold Star Mother's Day and our units should be lifting them up in prayer. April is a special time for reflection, gratitude, and unity through prayer. In these challenging times, the power of prayer is more important than ever, not only for our personal well-being but for the support and healing of our veterans, service members, and our beloved nation.

Our nation's foundation was built upon faith, hope, and the steadfast belief in divine guidance. As President George Washington once said, "It is the duty of all nations to acknowledge the providence of Almighty God, to obey His will, to be grateful for His benefits, and humbly to implore His protection and favor." His words remind us that in times of uncertainty, prayer strengthens our resolve and unites us as Americans.

Throughout history, countless military leaders have echoed the call to prayer. General Dwight D. Eisenhower, Supreme Commander of the Allied Expeditionary Force during World War II, understood the importance of faith, stating, "There are no atheists in foxholes." In those simple words, Eisenhower conveyed the deep need for prayer among our men and women in uniform, especially when facing adversity.

Does your unit acknowledge the President's proclamation declaring the 75th annual National Day of Prayer as Thursday, May 7th, 2026? The photo used this year is of George Washington kneeling in prayer and is titled, "The Prayer at Valley Forge." This year's theme is "Glorify God Among the Nations", and the Bible verse is: Seeking him in all generations 1 Chronicles 16:24

**Check out ways to celebrate this day at
NATIONALDAYOFPRAYER.ORG**



Washington's Prayer for America on June 8, 1783: I now make it my earnest prayer, that God would have the United States in His holy protection, that He would incline the hearts of the Citizens to cultivate a spirit of subordination and obedience to Government, to entertain a brotherly affection and love for one another, for their fellow citizens of the United States at large, and particularly for their brethren who have served in the field, and finally, that He would most graciously be pleased to dispose us all, to do Justice, to love mercy, and to demean ourselves with that Charity, humility and pacific temper of mind, which were the Characteristics of the Divine Author of our blessed Religion, and without an humble imitation of whose example in these things, we can never hope to be a happy Nation. Amen.

This April, let us come together as a community—lifting up our veterans, active-duty military, and our

country in prayer. May we find comfort, courage, and hope in our shared faith and commitment to one another. Let us never underestimate the power of prayer to heal, guide, and inspire.

Wishing you all a blessed National Prayer Month of May.

Poppy Tami Paul= Chair

When we were first asked to host a Poppy Palooza, we thought it might be a one-time challenge. Instead, our District rose to the occasion and turned it into four separate events, producing more than 4,500 poppies in the process. It's proof that when we work together, we're capable of more than any of us could do alone.

What's even better? Some of our newest members became experts overnight, and now they're passing along their skills to others. We had Legionnaires working side by side with Sons of the American Legion and even a Boy Scout troop. Every hand made a difference, and the spirit of teamwork was on full display.

Looking ahead to Poppy Day, now's the perfect time to reach out to local businesses about getting involved. Find spots with steady foot traffic and ask if your Unit can set up a display for a few hours. Businesses are often happy to support our veterans, active military, and their families by hosting a Poppy Donation jar or can. (A sealed Pringles container with the official wrapper works great in a pinch.)

Don't forget to spread the word beyond your storefronts—contact local media using the Poppy News Release form and reach out to your city or town with the Poppy Proclamation form. The more people know about the poppy's meaning, the bigger impact we can have together.

And as the seasons change, don't miss your chance to capture the perfect photo of the American Legion Auxiliary poppy for the district poppy contest in May. Every season is a reminder to honor both the symbol of remembrance and the community spirit behind each bloom. If you'd like your photo printed for the contest, just email it to tamipaul.ala@gmail.com and we'll make sure it's ready for judging.

Let's keep the momentum going—one poppy, one photo, and one act of service at a time.

VA&R by Linda Kelly

Please take a look at our poster for the silent auction at Department Convention in July in Willmar.

I am still looking for donations of your favorite baked goods or the prize for the "guessing game" we are having at the Silent Auction. Please give me a call, text, or e-mail if you can contribute to the prize.

Thanks in advance. Linda

VA&R SILENT AUCTION

Department Convention
Willmar Conference Center, 240 23rd St, SE, Willmar, MN
Friday, July 10, 2026

Items can be dropped off from 3 pm to 7 pm on Wednesday

Bidding will be on Thursday and Friday, 8 am to 4 pm.

Bring new or slightly used items, theme baskets, quilts, patriotic items, jewelry, jams, jellies, baked goods, munchies, pies & etc. \$2 Grab bags and more.

All money raised will go towards the Auxiliary VA&R program - **the program that touches the lives of so many Minnesota veterans.**

Bid high, bid often!



NEW THIS YEAR

Please make a donation and participate in our "guessing game". The question will be listed at the Silent Auction on Friday morning. The winner will receive a large tray of goodies, all made by the wonderful bakers of the American Legion Auxiliary. Donate high, donate often.

Children and Youth District 3 Program Chair Karen Rasmussen

The Children and Youth program emphasizes protecting, caring for, and supporting children and youth, particularly those of veterans and military families.

- April is the month to honor our children and youth. We pay tribute to the children in military families on April 15th which is "Purple Up Day," a day to wear purple, a combination of the various colors of our military. Another symbolism of the military child is the dandelion which can be spread by the wind, and they bloom where they land.
- Units can display a military child's table with such items as: a potted flowering plant symbolizes that a military child may flower and flourish where they are planted; a hand spade recognizes that they may be transplanted to a new place in the world at a moment's notice; a birthday hat and unlit candles, along with the baseball and glove, and ballet slippers represent special occasions that are missed; a family photo depicting a child with his/her uniformed parent demonstrates our country's strength. The final touch to the table setting is the American flag to remind us that families are united in their commitment to national service, at home or away.

Several other activities to support children and youth include:

- Sponsoring a coloring contest: select a page from one of the Emblem Sales three coloring books: Poppy, Halloween Safety, and America the Beautiful. Winners may be selected to ride in a Memorial Day Parade.
- Honor high school grads going into the military with a red, white and blue honor cord to wear at graduation and present parents with a Blue Star Banner (appointees to military academies, ROTC and National Guard students do qualify).
- Sponsor kids to attend Legionville Safety Camp.
- Encourage participation in the Poppy Poster Contest.
- Identify students under 18 who have performed an act of valor or a good deed for the National Young Hero Award or the National Good Deed award.
- Sponsor girls who are currently high school juniors to Girls State, and the Post to send boys to Boys State. If there is a Memorial Day program, have returning girls recite the poems "In Flanders Fields" and "We Shall Keep the Faith," and present a medal found in Emblem Sales.
- Promote Junior membership to qualify for several of the scholarship opportunities available. Provide information on how to apply for ALA scholarships.
- Remember children who go to the Armed Forces Service Center and Fisher House.

The Shirley Hamre Children and Youth Plaque will be presented to the Unit reporting the best overall Children and Youth Program. A narrative and the Unit Annual Report for Children and Youth must be sent to the District Chairman on or before April 15th.

🌸 🌿 Spring is on the way, Third District! 🌿 🌸

🌸 🌿 Kudos to our units that met or exceeded the 85% membership goal by March 14th—your dedication and hard work truly make a difference!

🌸 🗨️ Your efforts to help keep the Third District strong and moving forward have not gone unnoticed. Many other units are right on the verge of reaching 85% and above.

🌸 Let's keep the momentum growing by continuing personal outreach, enlisting help from your Unit, and sharing updates through social media and Department resources. Together, I know we can get there!

🌸 ✨ **And to the Units that have already reached or exceeded 100%—great work!** Don't stop there. Keep the momentum going by continuing to enroll new members and inviting others to join. Every new member helps strengthen our numbers, Units, our District, and our mission. 🌱 ❤️

🌸 The winner of the Third District \$50.00 drawing for the Units that reached 100% by March 14th Appreciation Rally 2026 will be announced in the May Newsletter.

🌸 📞 **Membership Outreach Tip:** As we keep working toward our goal of 100% membership by July 4th, those quick, friendly check-in calls really do make a difference. If you're calling a member about past-due dues, keeping it light and conversational can help open the door.

🌸 *"Hi [Name], this is [Your Name] with the Auxiliary. I was just checking in to see how you're doing—and wanted to make sure you got your renewal information."*

🌿 From there, the conversation usually flows easily into a dues reminder. Many of your units are so close to their goals, and sometimes a simple, friendly call is all it takes to get you there. 🌸 ✨

🌱 ✨ **Our next Department goal is 100% membership by July 4th**, and with the momentum we have right now, this goal is well within reach. Let's keep growing by continuing personal outreach, enlisting help from your Unit, and sharing updates through social media and Department resources. Together, I know we can get there! us 🌸

🌸 🌿 **PULF Update:** At this time, I have not received any information regarding a Unit adding a new PULF member. If your Unit has enrolled a PULF for the 2026 membership year, please let me know who your PULF is and the date they became one. This information is needed to ensure your Unit does not miss out on the opportunity for the monetary award, which will be presented at the May Third District Convention. 🌸 ✨ Thank you for helping us recognize and celebrate these dedicated members!

**With appreciation,
Jeorgia Cluckey**

Dakota/Washington		Wendy Arend & Sherri Hernandez			
UMIT	CITY	Department Member Goal	TOTAL	PERCENT	Dept 85% by 3/15/26
1776	Apple Valley	163	192	73.00%	
491	Bayport	88	60	68.18%	
584	Sagan	11	1	9.09%	
189	Farmington	29	31	106.90%	11/18/2025
225	Farret Lake	100	213	106.50%	12/9/2025
47	Hastings	28	25	89.29%	1/14/2026
620	Hugo	68	64	94.12%	1/28/2026
424	Inver Grove Heights	8	5	62.50%	
65	Rosemount	59	59	84.75%	
98	St Paul Park	130	130	100.00%	11/25/2025
587	Wadena	49	44	89.80%	11/18/2025
Team Total/Average		933	815	87.35%	

TEAM 2		Diane Mackenthun & Joanne Joachim			
UMIT	CITY	Department Member Goal	TOTAL	PERCENT	Dept 85% by 3/15/26
0144	Belle Plaine	102	80	78.43%	
0580	Chaska	75	59	78.67%	
0057	Chaska	158	115	72.79%	
0691	New Germany	19	19	100.00%	10/25/2025
0343	Norwood	22	25	113.64%	10/25/2025
0447	Prior Lake	8	3	37.50%	
0643	Savage	58	47	81.03%	
0002	Shokopee	76	68	89.47%	
0150	Waconia	79	90	113.92%	11/4/2025
Team Total/Average		597	506	84.76%	

TEAM 3		Karl Ottensm & Deanna Meyers			
UMIT	CITY	Department Member Goal	TOTAL	PERCENT	Dept 85% by 3/15/26
0143	Springdale	18	17	94.44%	11/25/2025
0433	Gaylord	52	39	75.00%	
0095	Glacoe	14	0	0.00%	
0408	Green Isle	33	23	69.70%	
0096	Hutchinson	170	119	70.00%	
0141	Silver Lake	64	56	87.50%	12/23/2025
0125	Stewart	36	29	80.56%	
0407	Winsted	42	27	64.29%	
0314	Winthrop	23	19	82.61%	
Team Total/Average		452	329	72.79%	

TEAM 4		Kelly Klaus			
UMIT	CITY	Department Member Goal	TOTAL	PERCENT	Dept 85% by 3/15/26

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0207	Cleveland	39	37	94.87%	3/4/2026
0311	Ellyton	176	166	83.52%	
0380	Kilkenny	12	8	66.67%	
0390	Lafayette	19	15	78.95%	
0108	Le Center	111	112	100.90%	12/16/2025
0079	Montgomery	138	110	79.71%	
0045	New Prague	67	68	101.49%	11/25/2025
0510	Nicollet	59	43	72.88%	
0518	North Mankato	82	64	78.05%	
0037	Saint Peter	73	55	75.34%	
Team Total/Average		776	658	84.79%	

TEAM 5		Gina Little			
UMIT	CITY	Department Member Goal	TOTAL	PERCENT	Dept 85% by 3/15/26
0043	Faribault	169	133	78.17%	
0586	Lowdale	77	64	83.12%	
0149	Morristown	89	80	89.89%	12/2/2025
0084	Northfield	34	29	85.29%	3/10/2026
0184	Pine Island	94	76	80.85%	
0054	Red Wing	170	150	88.24%	2/6/2026
Team Total/Average		632	532	84.18%	

Poppy Contests

District Convention

May 16th in New Prauge, MN

Contest 1 – Poppy Picture

We're holding a photo contest. Take a picture where the American Legion Auxiliary poppy is the star. Hold it up to the sky, weave a story into your photo, or capture a holiday moment. The 2 rules are to let the poppy be the main focus, and it must be your own photo, no internet photos

Contest 2 – Painted Poppy Rock

Paint a rock with a poppy on it to be able to place it somewhere after the district convention. (i.e. a garden, a park, a walking path) – so that it can inspire others after the convention is over. Every rock should feature a poppy, but everything else is up to you. Add anything that honors you veteran or helps spread the poppy's message of love, honor and remembrance.

Department of Minnesota Joint Testimonial Dinner

American Legion Commander Linda Dvorak

American Legion Auxiliary President Robin Dorf

Sons of the American Legion Commander Jeremy Copher



Saturday, June 27, 2026

New Prague American Legion Post

5pm Social ~ 6pm Dinner ~ 7pm Program ~ Band until 10pm

Menu will be turkey and brisket, sides, and dessert

\$25.00 per person

Purchase your tickets on the Department American Legion website OR send check to New Prague American Legion, PO Box 113, New Prague MN 56071

Reservations due by June 19, 2026

Block of rooms available at Quality Inn & Suites in New Prague.

(952)758-7300 ~ ask for the American Legion Block

Name _____ # of Guests _____

Phone Number _____ Email _____



Chanhassen Aux Unit 580 hosted a Red Cross blood drive on Feb. 17 at the Post Home. We had 47 whole blood donors and 11 Power Red. Angie Bialczyk, Sue Aune, Barb Boynton, and Joanne Joachim handled the check-in table.



Pictured is: Sharon Brandt, Darlene Carlson, Pat Nusbaum, Sonia Ziemer, Julaine Jacobsen, Louise Hager, and Karen Winkler.

from Unit 311:

March marks Women's History Month, a time to reflect on and celebrate the invaluable contributions women have made throughout our nation's history, from pioneering leaders to innovators and advocates, the women featured on the display board represent just a few of the many who have shaped our country and inspired generations. Included in this group are the women in the military whose dedication and sacrifice have ensured our freedoms and strengthened our communities.

Unit 311 began a tradition 2 years ago of honoring a local woman for outstanding service, The first two recipients were Pat Nusbaum and Joan Markytan, whose commitment exemplifies the spirit of service and leadership.

Honored at the omelet breakfast on March 8 in recognition of our country's 250th anniversary, were all past presidents of the Elysian unit, and the two female past commanders. Their enduring impact and dedication continue to enrich the community. A free omelet and a certificate of appreciation was given to those in attendance, There are 14 living past presidents who have served a total of 28 years as president out of the 89 years of Elysian's existence, We are grateful to them.



Shakopee Unit 2

We had our first participants in the poppy poster contest in over 10 years and were able to go into the classroom and present the awards! For Valentines Day we went to the nursing homes and handed out socks shaped as cupcakes and gave the staff a bucket of treats to thank them!




 THE SHAKOPEE AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY UNIT 2
 INVITE YOU TO A

KID'S KARAOKE & DANCE PARTY
SATURDAY, APRIL 18TH 1-3PM



Help us celebrate the month of the military and young child, and get Ready to take the stage and unleash your inner superstar? Grab the mic, gather your crew, and belt out your favorite hits at our Karaoke!

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