

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.

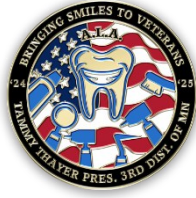
Our Mission

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

May 2025

President Tamara Thayer



May is a bustling month for the American Legion Auxiliary, marked by several significant events and celebrations. As the designated Poppy Month, it honors high school graduates entering the military and includes preparations for Memorial Day Services. It is always inspiring to see how each unit recognizes these special occasions.

Activities Since the Last Newsletter

Since the previous newsletter, I proudly represented the 3rd District by participating in a variety of notable events:

- March 22: Attended the Salad Luncheon in Faribault, which was a delightful occasion with many attendees from the 3rd District.
- March 22: Participated in the SAL Indoor Fishing Contest in Elysian, where I won a fishing pole! Both Faribault and Elysian hosted extensive silent auctions.
- April 5: Joined the annual steak and shrimp fundraiser in Elysian, benefiting local FFA students.
- April 6: Celebrated the 100th birthday in Mahtomedi with beautifully adorned decorations, food, historical displays, slide shows, door prizes, and more.
- April 9: Observed Veterans Day on the Hill, riding the bus from Mankato with Bonnie Walton from Unit 311. I announced the final Free Dental Clinic for Veterans and discussed the importance of dental care for veterans with politicians. We had lunch and heard great speakers at the Armory before proceeding to the Capitol for the concluding speeches.
- April 11-12: Enjoyed attending the Department Junior Conference in Anoka.
- April 13: Served omelets at Unit 311 in honor of military children.

Special Acknowledgements

A heartfelt thanks to Pat Kasell from Savage Unit, who suggested during my visit last month to the Savage Unit, that I host my final

Free Dental Clinic at Mission Outpost Dental Clinic in Burnsville. And thank you Pat for providing the lunch for the volunteers. Thank you to Marcie Bassinger for 4 beautifully hand crocheted baby blankets for veterans in need at my clinics. This is a perfect example of how networking and sharing ideas can be beneficial. A detailed report of the clinics will be provided in the next newsletter.

Top 3 Ideas on “Bringing Smiles to Veterans” 😊

1. Idea 1- “Showing that we care for the sacrifices that they made. Regardless of how big or small it may be, every veteran has given something for us.” – Brennan Cooney, SAL Post 311
2. Idea 2- “I do pet therapy for veterans at assistant living facilities such as; The Arbors in Burnsville; Ebenezer Ridges; and others. I go to Fort Snelling with the Patriot Guard especially when there is no family, or little family there, for a veteran’s funeral because no one should be buried without someone there. “ – Pat Kasell, Savage Unit 643
3. Idea 3- “We can fix the broken health care system so veterans can actually receive access to very needed care that they fought so hard for but most unfortunately do not receive or have access to. Oral health plays a major role in overall systemic health and when it’s neglected it has negative effects on not just the teeth and gums but your whole body.” – Andrea Nelson, Elysian Unit 311 member, and volunteer Dental Hygienist for the Free Dental Clinics.

In conclusion, May is a significant month for the American Legion Auxiliary, filled with activities, recognitions, and events that honor and support our veterans and military families. I look forward to hearing how each unit celebrates these special moments. I hope each of your units are sending several members to the 3rd District Convention May 17th in Forest Lake!



From left to right: Ashton Wright, Lynn Duffy, Adalyn Wright, Mae Wright, Honorary Junior President Teriana Richard's, Ireland Cooney, Alaina Wright, District Jr Activities Chairman Sally Strasser and Third District President Tamara Thayer.

PLEASE SEND THIS FORM TO THE DISTRICT SECRETARY TOO.

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

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

President: Name_____ Membership ID#_____
Address_____
City, State, Zip code_____ Phone _____
Email_____

Secretary: Name_____ Membership ID#_____
Address_____
City, State, Zip code_____ Phone _____
Email_____

Treasurer: Name_____ Membership ID#_____
Address_____
City, State, Zip code_____ Phone _____
Email_____

Membership Chairman:
Name_____ Membership ID#_____
Address_____
City, State, Zip code_____ Phone _____
Email_____

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

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

Please accept my resignation as Third District, 2nd Vice President for 2025-26. I appreciate the support, training and encouragement I have received. It has been a great opportunity to be associated with the Third District Leadership team of the Auxiliary.

Kelly Kauss
Unit #311 Elysian

American Legion Auxiliary Unit 2 of Shakopee, MN, department of Minnesota would like to endorse Tami Paul for the Third district executive committee.

Tami has made quite an impact since joining the Shakopee Unit 2 in May 2023. In just nine months, her fellow members recognized her potential and elected her as unit president – a testament to her natural leadership abilities, friendly demeanor and fresh ideas.

As a Head preschool teacher in Chanhassen, she's spent the last two decades shaping young minds. Her classroom of 3- and 4-year-olds light up when she brings here creative and crazy ideas into the classroom, along with the elements of patriotism and Americanism into her lessons. When she's not teaching or leading the Auxiliary, she spends her time with her Husband Adam and their two dogs, Chip and Goober. She also enjoys planning parties, celebrating the everyday moments and crafting of any kind.

Her commitment to growth shows in everything she does. She's invested in her leadership development by attending the Department of Minnesota Leadership Course, attending the Department Convention and Fall Conference, participating in multiple district events, and is currently taking a parliamentary course to serve herself and unit better.

Tami's presidency has been marked by creativity and success. The "Woody's Round-up" themed trunk-or-treat event she organized, with its slogan "Veterans have a Friends in us," reached over 1,600 children. She also helped coordinate a record-breaking Halloween bingo night that drew more than 150 people and helped organized a free Breakfast with Santa that served over 300 community members.

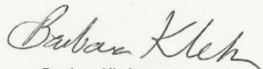
Her thoughtful gestures haven't gone unnoticed. The 48 flower bouquets she helped create and deliver to veterans brightened many days, and the 60 t-shirts distributed to local veterans and Legion members showed her appreciation for their service. Her innovative Sitcom Trivia Night wasn't just fun – it collected 145 pounds of food for the local food shelf and helped raised over \$2,100.

Tami has found that sweet spot between honoring traditions and embracing modern approaches to community engagement. Her hands-on leadership style and dedication to veterans' causes stem from a deep personal place – which is her desire to honor her father, Korean War veteran Harlow LeRohl. Through her work, she's hoping to help veterans share their stories, ensuring that families will always know and remember the sacrifices their veterans made.

Endorsed by:



Lisa Sellner
Past Unit President



Barbra Klehr
Past President/Unit Chaplin

Unit	Goal	Unit Name 4-15-2025	Paid		
1776	265	Apple Valley	227	85.66%	4
491	89	Bayport	76	85.39%	2
144	105	Belle Plaine	94	89.52%	7
143	19	Brownton	18	94.74%	
580	77	Chanhassen	71	92.21%	
57	158	Chaska	134	84.81%	5
207	41	Cleveland	38	92.68%	
594	13	Eagan	11	84.62%	
311	180	Elysian	169	93.89%	17
43	171	Faribault	145	84.80%	5
189	31	Farmington	28	90.32%	
225	202	Forest Lake	216	106.93%	7
433	55	Gaylord	52	94.55%	3
95	16	Glencoe	13	81.25%	
408	35	Green Isle	32	91.43%	
47	29	Hastings	25	86.21%	5
620	71	Hugo	60	84.51%	1
96	174	Hutchinson	160	91.95%	11
424	10	Inver Grove Hghts	6	60.00%	
380	14	Kilkenny	12	85.71%	
300	21	Lafayette	17	80.95%	
108	112	LeCenter	125	111.61%	10
586	79	Lonsdale	71	89.87%	5
507	51	Mahtomedi	43	84.31%	8
79	142	Montgomery	119	83.80%	10
149	89	Morristown	103	115.73%	9
601	21	New Germany	18	85.71%	1
45	68	New Prague	65	95.59%	1
510	60	Nicollet	48	80.00%	2
518	84	North Mankato	78	92.86%	1
84	36	Northfield	29	80.56%	4
343	24	Norwood	24	100.00%	3
184	89	Pine Island	86	96.63%	3
447	10	Prior Lake	8	80.00%	
54	172	Red Wing	161	93.60%	1
65	57	Rosemount	62	108.77%	2
643	56	Savage	49	87.50%	
2	78	Shakopee	71	91.03%	1
141	65	Silver Lake	60	92.31%	
98	127	St Paul Park	119	93.70%	7
37	76	St Peter	65	85.53%	1
125	38	Stewart	33	86.84%	2
150	80	Waconia	77	96.25%	
407	46	Winsted	32	69.57%	1
314	25	Winthrop	19	76.00%	
463	15	Lester Prairie Clsd	0	0.00%	
	3476		3169	91.17%	139

MEMBERSHIP

Hello Auxiliary members,

To all members and their family,
Happy Spring

Our 3rd District goal for units was
100% by March 15, 2025.

We had 5 units at 100%,
Congratulations and wonderful job
Forest Lake, Rosemount, Le Center,
Morristown, and Norwood. These 5
unit names were placed in a drawing
for \$50.00. Congratulations to
Rosemount, you are the winner.

The membership totals shown on
the left side of the page are the unit
totals as of 4-14-2025. We are in 2nd
place in Department. Only 23
members out of 1st place.

Please do not hold onto your
membership, membership is not
considered renewed until National
has received and processed their
dues.

If your unit has not contacted the
members that have not renewed,
please give them a call or stop in
and ask them to renew their
membership. Find those new
members by Remember Just Ask.
Gather the membership and support
our Veterans. Spread the word about
our programs and what the Auxiliary
does for our Veterans, children and
the communities. Let's keep
renewing and finding new members
to reach our goals.

Ann Bovy

3rd District Membership Chairman

Our last 3rd District goal was March 15th
Department and National Poppy Day May
23,2025 95%

Department July 4,2025 100%

From the Treasurer

Hello Everyone!

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

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

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

Please remember to file your taxes as well.

Please contact with me any questions!

Diane Albers - 3rd District Treasurer

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Per Capita Dues 2024-2055

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

Linda Kelly Poppy Chair

May is Poppy Month

Friday, May 23, 2025, is National Poppy Day.

Here are some suggestions for your poppy chairman and basically, for your entire unit.

Have you asked your mayor to sign a proclamation stating these facts? If so, don't forget to get a picture and submit it to your local newspaper. Maybe they would include an article about the poppy. If they agree to put an information article in their paper, consider purchasing an ad for donations. Remember how the funds are used.

Do you have your poppies ready for the month?

If you put poppies in your local businesses, do you have your cans ready? Remember we are giving our poppies away – not that we won't accept donations.

Many units mail donation requests to their membership and/or local businesses. If so, have you updated your letter and is the recipient list ready?

Do you have a poppy display in your post?

Is there a window in a local business that would accept a display for the month of May?

Do you put up posters in your local businesses – explain the who, what, where and how of the poppy?

If you participated in the poppy poster, do you have a business that would post the entries in their window or do you hang them in your post?

Do you have your poppy contest entries planned or maybe even ready for the May convention in Forest Lake? You still have time.

Remember, April showers, bring May flowers – suggest that some of your members plant poppy seeds.

Information from Linda Kelly

As one of your Past 3rd District Presidents, I have had the privilege to attend a few annual meetings of the Past Presidents Parley (PPP). We gather and catch up on what we've been doing, share new things in our own units.

At the last meeting I was given the paperwork for the 3rd District PPP – all kept in a suitcase. This is because I am in charge of the next meeting. I'm writing this article to ask you, what can we do for you and your unit? Is there information that we can provide for new members and those of us that have been around for a while. Please ask your members at your next meeting: is there a question a member has - is there something you would like clarified. No question is wrong – that's what we want to be here for: YOU. Answers can be in future newsletters or handled with a phone call if you prefer.

Our Department of Minnesota convention is coming up. I hope many of you will join us in Willmar in mid-July. I always have to think about how everything works. It's one of those things that you do once a year and have to pull that information from the back of your brain. I know that I had a number of those things at work and few at home, too.

For that reason, I would like to talk about the caucuses at Department Convention. Thursday morning each of our 10 districts hold their own caucus. Our District President will preside, with a secretary taking notes. This is an opportunity to bring a resolution up for discussion and make suggestions. The President will also appoint members to attend the afternoon sessions of each of the Auxiliary Programs. There are usually three different programs in the same room. Therefore, depending on how many members are in attendance at the caucus, some members may be asked to attend more than one program meeting.

Every program will meet Thursday afternoon. The Department Chairman will preside. The ten district representatives that were appointed in the morning caucus will sit in the front of the room. They will bring forth any resolutions or suggestions from the morning's meetings. Any awards given by the Department Chairman that are not given out at the convention will be given to the District representative.

Friday morning's caucus will summarize what happens on Thursday afternoon. They will pass out any awards that they received to the units in attendance.



Caucus 2024

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PILLOWS CAN BE
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FOR SALE: Custom Made New Pillows & Down Comforters

Date: Saturday, May 3

Time: 7am - 1pm

Place: Hutchinson Days Inn

Sponsored By: American Legion Auxiliary Unit 96

Groups interested in details or sponsoring this service contact:

Carlson's Pillow Service • 3103 Westview Road NW • Willmar, MN 56201 • 320-212-5811

Truths and Myths About the Vietnam War



A documentary viewing to honor and remember
the sacrifice of our Vietnam Veterans

Tuesday, April 29th, 2025

6:30 PM – 8:00 PM

Social Hour: 5:30 PM – 6:30 PM

Attendance open to the public

American Legion Post 43

112 5th St NE, Faribault, MN

Hosted by: American Legion Post 43, Unit #43 Auxiliary, Operation: 23 to Zero

**Tuesday is Wing Night at the Legion –
FREE Wings for all Veterans in attendance for the viewing!**

HAPPY 100TH BIRTHDAY UNIT 507

Kramer-Berg Unit 507 Mahtomedi

held a Birthday Celebration to celebrate the Legion Post and Auxiliary Unit's 100th Year. It was a great success. Many community members came to celebrate this milestone with the Legion, Auxiliary and Sons of the Legion. Door prizes donated from Legions, businesses and members were given out. A big Thank you to all that attended and to District President Tamara, Department Vice Commander Don Skow and 3rd District Vice Commander Wayne Beierman, 3rd District Chaplain Cindy Yanchury and 3rd District SAL Commander Dave Arend for stopping by.





At the April meeting, Hutchinson Unit 96 Junior Auxiliary member, Evelyn, and Unit President Donna Telecky presented the Military Child's Table ceremony to Legion Post 96 and Unit 96 members. Remember the Children. April is the month of military children.



Just a reminder Third District Convention is May 17th hope to see you there



Faribault Unit 43

4 Essay Contest winners presented check and certificate



Judy Ackerman with Unit 43 ladies after National Commander's Dinner

Our Salad Luncheon Salads Breads and Butters



Tammy describing her project with Gina Little who presented her with a donation

VP Kay Caron gave Natl Commander a donation for "Be the One" project with Post Commander Steve Walter in background

