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When I was Unit president, I had to write a column every month until we changed to every-other-month. The timing didn't matter because we didn't have any program chairmen. Everyone did their own thing and made reports when they went through their notes on the back of their grocery lists or gas receipts. And I never got the information in time for annual reports. I spent my time telling the members about Halloween safety, Education Week, Girls State and changing batteries in smoke/fire alarms when they changed their clocks for daylight saving time.

Now there are chairmen for every program and they are on top of it. It feels like "empty nest syndrome" in a strange way.

I really am enjoying visiting the 10th District Units/Posts. Delano had an evening of presenting Valor Quilts to World War II veterans. At the Fridley early bird dinner, another Valor quilt was presented. (Note: waterproof mascara)

Speaking of the Fridley early bird dinner, the company was fantastic, the program was flawless and the food was delicious, as usual. Whatever badge the Boy Scout troop is earning is well deserved; they were first class.

If anyone cares, I am not a pheasant fan. The program and lunch at St. Cloud was fun. There was a lot of information regarding changes and personnel—all aimed at improvement.

The Anoka rally was very well attended. Philesha won the costume contest. The young will prevail!

And that reminds me -- What do I need to do to prepare myself for the Junior lock-in on November 14? I'm pretty sure I can find a sleeping bag and I have PC pajamas. Is there a designated team to get me off the floor in the morning or do we stay awake all night?

I have a lot of questions and I think as I get answers I'm going to put a list together on what is needed to know as President and what the Commander needs to know. It is a work in progress. This, too, shall pass.

I look forward to seeing everyone at Fall Conference. It will definitely feel different to not present deceased National President Colors. I can't say I'll miss the skit at the end of the membership turn-in.

Dawne Juhl
10th District President 2015-16

Prayer for November



Heavenly Father, let us take time to truly enjoy the many blessing you have granted us. Let us be thankful for our families and those people around us. As the season to give thanks let us not forget there are many that need a special blessing. Take our Teachers and Educators, give them strength to get through all the chaos that is so rampant in our schools across the world. Watch over our Police and keep them safe.

We must be thankful and pray that you guide our Servicemen and Servicewomen who are doing everything in their power to make this Country safe. We would not be enjoying these precious moments of life and freedom if not for these Veterans and those who served years gone by.

We ask that you guide us to be open minded and open hearted to comfort those in need. Father hear our prayers. Amen

Cheryl Pfeifer
10th District Chaplain



AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS

Well just about that time of year again to put the bike away. But not to worry, we still have some days we can sneak out for that “what the heck was I thinking ride”.

We just had our 10th District Membership Rally in Anoka and even though the ALR does not have to turn in membership it is still a Legion Family get together to collect membership for The American Legion, American Legion Auxiliary, and the Sons of The American Legion. It’s a good way to find out what happening with other Posts, Units, Squadrons, and ALR Chapters. If

you never been to a District Membership Rally before, I suggest you check it out. You can find info and all the good stuff that is happening around the 10th District at <http://www.mntenthdistrict.org>. You can also put your events on the district web site, it’s a great tool for everyone. There is information and stuff out there for you to use and keep others informed about what’s happening at your Post, Unit, Squadron and ALR Chapter. Find it! Use it! It helps from others saying “No one tells me anything”, “I didn’t know anything about it”. One more thing and then I’ll shut up. When you have your meeting or are just talking at the Post Home with others, ask them if they are getting the District News Letter. If not, send them to the web site above or get one sent to them! Communication is what makes the world go round!

Riding with a Smile
10th District ALR Director,
Steve “Sully” Sullivan

EDUCATION

American Education Week (November 16-20). Remember to recognize all school personnel, not just teachers. Many Units give flowers, plants, apples and thank you notes to recognize these people dedicated to education our youth.

The Education Program promotes the American Legion Auxiliary's role in providing quality education for children and adults through classroom activities, literary programs, scholarship promotion and support of education beyond high school, especially for military children. We, as American Legion Auxiliary members, can promote quality education for our children by endorsing the ***Give 10 to Education*** program. Collect and donate school supplies for local schools in increments of 10. A form for recording these items was included with the latest unit mailing. If anyone needs a copy, I can forward to you. Also ask your local schools how you can donate your time and talents to help the school. Keep track of your hours.

There are many National and Department scholarships available. Check their web sites for requirements. I will have more information on these scholarships at Mid-Winter.

Anita Costello
Education Chairman
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Past President's Parley

The Tenth District Past President's Parley recently met in Delano for their fall luncheon. It was held at Dave's Town Club and 13 past district presidents were there along with Dawne Juhl, Tenth District President.

It was a beautiful day and everyone had a good time.

We would like to wish Sandy Phillips, 2005-2006 District President, a speedy recovery and hope to see you soon at one of the district functions. Cards and get well wishes can be sent to her at: 3012 127th Lane NW, Coon Rapids, MN 55448.

Once again this year the past president's parley will be honoring a unit member of the year. More details to follow in upcoming newsletters. We will also be honoring Service Women of the Year from the different branches of the military. There will be more information coming out in future district newsletters as well.

Pam Hoshal
2015-2016 Tenth District Past President's Parley Chairman

Service To Veterans

When we do anything for a veteran who is not a family member we should keep track of the time we do any of a number of things. Turn these hours in when you do reports in April. You may drive a veteran to a clinic, church, dentist, shopping, etc. You may sew or cook for them. Each of these things is: SERVICE TO VETERANS.

The American Legion Auxiliary stamp program is continuing. Funds from the sale of stamps and post cards stay in the Department of Minnesota for our Auxiliary Hospital Program and are available to our hospitalized/home representatives to help our hospitalized veterans obtain items they need. Express mail, duck hunting stamps, commemorative and foreign stamps and picture post cards can be used.

Commemorative stamps are usually larger than our regular stamps. They commemorate people or events. You may ask at your local Post Office or go to: <https://www.usps.com> and search for commemoratives. Stamps should be trimmed 1/4 in. around and sorted into 2 categories, foreign and commemorative. Picture post cards should be left in one piece, do not cut the stamp off of them.

10th Dist. Rep.
Jo Huhne

CHILDREN AND YOUTH



One of the resources for the Children and Youth program this year is the GI Josh Project that the American Legion Family has partnered with Josh the Dog. This program was developed to provide comfort to children of service members who are leaving their homes to defend our country. This book, which comes with a stuffed Josh dog, chronicles the journey of Josh and a young girl whose father is sent abroad to the Middle East. The book helps as they find coping tools that help the young girl. The love and

comfort of Josh brings help during this difficult time and leads up to his return. Your unit can purchase the GI Josh I'll be OK Gift Set (pictured) for \$39.95. Also available is just the book for \$14.95. You can also pass this information on to families you feel will benefit and they can order it themselves at www.johandfriends.com.

Robin Dorf, Chairman

Membership Report

CHALLENGE ACCEPTED.....AND MET!

At Fall Conference we(the 10th District) were put up against the 1st District to see who would have the highest percentage of membership to our goal. I'm proud to say the WE were the winners by about 5 percentage points. Cindy Nelson, the membership chairman of the 1st District, looks ever so lovely in the Poppy hat I presented her with to wear at all future Department rallies. She insists that she will be giving it back to me when they beat us at the Pearl Harbor Day rally.....help me, ladies!!! I made the hat but it's not one I would want to wear.

We are still in need of a Co-captain for membership in Pine County and South Wright Counties. It is not a difficult job, just keeping in touch with our Sisters in the Units; giving them support in getting those renewals, rejoins, and recruits. There are many past membership chairs that can help you, all you have to do is ask! Please contact me at 612-242-6682 or deschenelinda@yahoo.com if you or someone you know would be will to help.

Hope to see you all at the Membership Rallies and other events throughout the year!!

God bless!

Linda

Secretary's Notes

Please get articles, upcoming events or FYI's that you would like included in the monthly newsletters to me by the 15th of the month for the next month's newsletter.

If you have not received your chairmanship folder, I will have them at the rallies, if you would like to have it mailed or meet with me, please email me and I will facilitate you getting it.

Jessie Pfeifer

10th District American Legion Auxiliary Secretary

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2015-16 10TH DISTRICT & DEPT. IMPORTANT DATES

<u>DATE</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>RALLY TIME</u>
November 14	10 th District Veterans Day Rally	Mound	11:00 AM
December 5	Department Perl Harbor Rally	Faribault	3:00 PM
December 12	10 th District Christmas Rally	Osseo	3:00 PM
January 16	10 th District Mid-Winter Conference	Anoka	9:00 AM
May 21	10 th District Convention	Osseo	TBD

Please visit the 10th District Web site at: mntenthdistrict.org