



THE 'MIGHTY 10th' DISTRICT

LEGION NEWSLETTER

January 20, 2016



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Greetings Mighty 10th,

As I write this article, we have completed our Mid-Winter conference. As part of our conference we had presentations from the Veterans Park in Ramsey, and Support the Troops, a small committee that holds an annual tournament, to raise money to support veteran's causes.

The Veterans Park in Ramsey is a year round facility with a lake stocked full of pan fish, which is only available to Veterans. It also features monuments to those that died in OEF/OIF, along with flower beds honoring those who received the Purple Heart, and honoring the last remaining person who raised the US Flag over Iwo Jima. The Park is looking for donations to erect six flag poles for each of the Armed Services, including the Merchant Marine. To contact them go on their website: <http://veteranslake.com>.

The support the troops group has an annual golf tournament in St Francis. If you would like to participate, shoot me an e-mail to billdtm@yahoo.com, and I will forward it to the sponsors.

Support the troops, gave me a check for my project, in the amount of \$5000. Along with that I received donations from the Wayzata Post for \$1,000, and \$10,000 from my home Post of Osseo. Together with a \$175 check from the Cokato, the district is off to a good start, raising money for the Fisher House at the VA facility in Minneapolis. This month I will be sending a letter to all the Posts asking for contributions to this vital project. Helping the families of our wounded warriors, is something we can all feel good about.

The final highlight of the conference was a report from Paul Hassing on what it would take to get younger veterans to join the American Legion. Paul talked about two different groups, those between 25 and 50 years of age, and the millennials, who are from 18 – 25 years of age. With each group he made recommendations as to what approach we can get them to join the American Legion. For the millennials we need to call on them to do their fair share in protecting the benefits, they enjoy now. Paul said that they are more than willing to let us do it for them. We need to sell this as an investment, a form insurance to protect those benefits. For the 25 – 50 year olds, we need to sell our programs, and all the good we do. We need to make our Post homes family friendly. As soon as Paul sends me an electronic copy, I will get the information out to the district.

Until next time, keep warm, and have a Happy Valentine's Day.

Bill Johnson
10th District Commander



How time flies when your having fun. Not much riding going yet, but a good time for planning for the riding season. Times for get together's in February, Feb 6th Department of MN Sweetheart Rally "Legionville 1pm" Feb 14th 10th District S.A.L. Sweetheart Rally " ST Francis 11am", Feb 27th " 8th & 10th District Rally "Anoka 2pm.

Hope to see all of you at all the upcoming Rallies. That's about all I got for now. O yeah, don't for get to keep an eye on the 10th District web site, www.mntenthdistrict.org, it'll keep you from saying "NOBODY TELLS ME NOTHING".

Until next month

Riding with a Smile

10th District ALR Director,

Steve "Sully" Sullivan



We had our mid-winter convention. and we had a good turn in. Our Vice Commanders need to get in their officer lists. If you have any questions, contact your membership director.

Well done Mike Clark our new Historian from the Mound squadron.

10th District SAL Commander

Larry Daml



Here I am writing my article on the coldest day of the year so far, lol. So I would like to first say "stay warm" and only go out unless you have to. It was nice seeing some of you at our Mid-Winter Conventions last Saturday. Maybe next one each Legionnaire can bring one with them, think how many we can fill the halls with.

As of the last bulletin #29, we have 6 posts that have reached their Goals and they are:

Bruno Post 563 Hamel Post 394

Stacy Post 312 Maple Plain Post 514

St Francis Post 622 Waverley Post 305

Congratulations to them. There are a bunch of Posts that are so close; let's see if we can do it when the Snowmobile Run comes through your area at the end of January. Membership chair people, when you do a submittal after today, use the right color Transmittal Forms which are the HOT PINK ones and not [the Lime Green ones. If you use the Lime Green transmittal, they will not be counted and returned to your Post.](#)

We also have the Sweetheart Rally coming up on February 6th up at Legionville; mark your calendars and bring your Ice Fishing Poles. Anyway, hope to see you and stay warm.

Bonnie Hanson

10th District Membership Director

Membership Report 2015-2016

Pine County Wally Sarvela 218-232-0941

	Turn-in	Goal	ATH	YTD	%	Members to reach goal
Pine City 51	0	252	430	201	80%	51
Sandstone 151	0	58	113	45	78%	13
Willow River 163	0	26	50	25	96%	1
Askov 243	0	38	121	31	82%	7
Beroun 347	0	32	86	28	88%	4
Denham 361	0	78	86	73	94%	5
Hinckley 388	0	98	145	80	82%	18
Bruno 563	0	49	43	49	100%	0
Total	0	631	1074	532	84%	99

Wright County Art Duran 763-568-6189

	Turn-in	Goal	ATH	YTD	%	Members to reach goal
Maple Lake 131	0	134	202	111	83%	23
Howard Lake 145	0	118	113	95	81%	23
Cokato 209	0	64	154	59	92%	5
Monticello 260	5	290	390	266	92%	24
Buffalo 270	0	257	388	233	91%	24
Waverly 305	1	35	89	39	111%	0
Clearwater 323	0	201	269	171	85%	30
Delano 377	0	260	339	222	85%	38
St. Michael 567	5	212	182	194	92%	18
Total	11	1571	2126	1390	88%	181

K.I.M. Counties Jerry Whitcomb 612-839-6410

	Turn-in	Goal	ATH	YTD	%	Members to reach goal
Milaca 178	0	212	308	205	97%	7
Mora 201	1	213	541	181	85%	32
Princeton 216	0	320	569	273	85%	47
Cambridge 290	0	344	718	308	90%	36
Onamia 395	-4	206	223	194	94%	12
Ogilvie 640	0	77	112	72	94%	5
Total	-3	1372	2471	1233	90%	139

North Hennepin Daryl Harmon 763-421-2317

	Turn-in	Goal	ATH	YTD	%	Members to reach goal
Wayzata 118	-2	507	594	443	87%	64
Osseo 172	4	676	674	624	92%	52
Robbinsdale 251	-1	568	5244	478	84%	90
Hamel 394	0	109	136	110	101%	0
Tri City 513	0	243	1081	202	83%	41
Maple Plain 514	3	42	113	44	105%	0
Golden Valley 523	0	320	552	255	80%	65
Dayton Rogers 531	0	23	70	22	96%	1
Champlin 600	0	214	524	160	75%	54
Brooklyn Center 630	9	215	292	176	82%	39
Total	13	2917	9280	2514	86%	403

Anoka/Chisago Paul Orson 612-325-2899

	Turn-in	Goal	ATH	YTD	%	Members to reach goal
Lindstrom 83	0	36	89	31	86%	5
North Branch 85	2	230	271	221	96%	9
Rush City 93	4	53	77	52	98%	1
Anoka 102	22	734	1035	673	92%	61
Harris 139	0	45	50	40	89%	5
Chisago City 272	0	60	65	55	92%	5
Fridley 303	23	410	472	401	98%	9
Stacy 312	0	26	52	26	100%	0
Coon Rapids 334	0	700	1212	614	88%	86
Taylor's Falls 392	0	10	42	7	70%	3
Lino Lakes 566	0	250	553	234	94%	16
St. Francis 622	0	176	215	193	110%	0
Ham Lake 2000	0	39	38	34	87%	5
Total	51	2769	4171	2581	93%	188

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Pine County	0	631	532	84%	99
South Hennepin	0	1632	1487	91%	145
Eagle Post	0	72	2	3%	70
Total	72	10964	9739	89%	1225

TOTAL TURN IN 92

South Hennepin Paul Hassing 651-329-7197 delete

612-598-0419	Turn-in	Goal	ATH	YTD	%	Members to reach goal
Excelsior 259	0	201	429	183	91%	18
St. Louis Park 282	0	188	428	183	97%	5
Hopkins 320	0	360	818	340	94%	20
Mound 398	0	219	358	199	91%	20
Edina 471	0	28	213	23	82%	5
Bloomington 550	0	600	2251	525	88%	75
St. Bonifacius 597	0	36	80	34	94%	2
Total	0	1632	4577	1487	91%	145



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Bonnie Hanson 763-477-5513
Membership Director
2015-2016

10th District Oratorical Con- test

The 10th District Oratorical Contest was held on Jan. 9th, 2016 at the Anoka American Legion. The contest winner: Erica Lynn Sundvall, 17 year old Senior from Cambridge Sr. High School. Sponsored by Cambridge American Legion Post 290. She was assisted in her oratorical training by Kelly Fahrni Cambridge Sr. High School. As with all the previous students from the Tenth District, Erica will represent the District Quite well.

Respectfully Submitted Cliff Newman

10th District Oratorical Chairman



HOSPITAL VISITATION MID-WINTER REPORT

January 16, 2016

PLEASE.....VETERNANS IN NEED.....PLEASE.....

As the Commander Bill & most chairmen have already said, take this information back to your Posts. I know I'm preaching to the choir, but this choir needs to keep singing. I have asked that the District Adjutant include this report in the next District Newsletter as an extra reminder for the Post Commanders & Adjutants that are not able to attend this Mid-Winter. Based on the numbers from the 2014 - 2015 reports 31 Posts donated time & or money totaling \$22,108.35 for hospital & nursing home visits. That is the same number of Posts reporting but was a decrease in the dollar amount from the 2013-2014 reports. Both of these numbers can be improved with just a little more effort.

As you all know & have been told, The American Legion was founded on the principals of helping veterans and their families that are in need. This is a very important report and it shows that many Posts are doing a great job & other either don't take the time to keep track of this information or even worse are not taking the time to visit or help the veterans that are most in need of our help. STAY POSITIVE!! I believe that every Post in the 10th District has some type of activity that could be reported as visiting veterans in hospitals or nursing homes. We just need to take the couple extra minutes to record it and then report it at the end of the year. Please make sure this an important part of your Post activities and take that extra time this year.

As I have said before, "SOMEDAY we may be that veteran in the hospital or nursing home waiting for a friendly face to stop in for a visit". This is WHO WE ARE VETERANS CARING for our fellow veterans.

Thank you Commander Bill, for allowing me to serve you and the Might 10th District.

**Respectfully submitted,
Chairman David Wendt,
Post 251 Robbinsdale East Branch.**

PUBLIC RELATIONS is described as the way we interact with the public. It is all about image; how we are perceived by the community.

That includes local civic leaders, businesses, media, the community and our members. That image – good, bad or indifferent – is created by the effort we put into it. If we go about our lives thinking “everybody knows about the Legion”, then we will reap what we sow. **THIS IS NOT YOUR FATHERS’ LEGION.**

First, our success or failure depends on us changing the thinking of all of the groups I mentioned. Second, we need to have a working, trusting relationship with them. Third, each and every one of us is an ambassador for the American Legion. And finally, this needs to be a coordinated effort on the post level, not by National or Department. They do, in fact, provide great resources, but there should be one person who is the “goto” person. This person should be the one that the community comes to for veterans’ information and has the relationship with the media and the other groups I mentioned.

In conclusion, nothing good is achieved without effort. Oh, by the way, if you look at posts that have this relationship with their community, they also somehow seem to attract more members. HMMMMMM.

Dick Juhl

PR Chairman

Past District Commander's

Past District President's

and Past District Director's Dinner Sunday,

May 15, 2016

Noon Social 12:30pm Lunch at

the Pine City American Legion 525

Main Street North, Pine City

Meatloaf, Mashed Potatoes and Gravy, Green Beans,

Salad and Dinner Roll, Dessert and Coffee ~ \$14.00



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Department Sweetheart Rally	Legionville	February 6, 2016	1 PM
SAL Sweetheart Rally	St Francis	February 14, 2016	11 AM
8th/10th District Rally	Anoka	February 27, 2016	2 PM
Department Appreciation Rally	Legionville	March 5, 2016	3 PM
District Saint Patrick's Day Rally	Delano	March 19, 2016	2PM
Department Commanders Testimonial	Adams	April 9, 2016	TBD
District ALR Rally	Maple Lake	April 16, 2016	2 PM
Department April Rally	TBD	April 30, 2016	TBD
District Commanders Testimonial	Osseo	May 1, 2016	Noon
District Convention	Osseo	May 21, 2016	