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Happy New Year American Legion Family and Greetings,

Here we are into another month and a brand year. As I write this month’s column for the “Mighty” Tenth District and the Great Department of Minnesota, I want to wish you and yours the best of luck throughout this year 2015.

The month of December was very busy and a little chaotic. I want to thank all the Post’s that I was invited to and I want to apologize to the Post’s that I could not make it to your dinners. As your District Commander, I realized that sometimes you just can’t be in two places at the same time, but wished you could.

As we float along like a snowflake, the “Mighty“ Tenth District will have completed its’ Mid-Winter Conference, Jan 3rd at Anoka Post #102. I hope the information that you received, will give you some insight on The American Legion Family and all its’ great programs and our combined project “Helping Paws”.

I am looking forward to the “Mighty” Tenth Districts’ 44th Annual Snowmobile Rally the 23rd and 24th of January, 2015. Go get ‘em teams- Brrrrrrrrr Cold, Frosty Cold, Shivery Cold, Ice Cold and Freezing Cold. The Rally covers the entire Tenth District and will end up at Hopkins Post #320, at 6pm Saturday evening. This will be our chance to talk with all the Posts of the District and get those membership dues that are due before they go delinquent.

As always I want to thank all you “Blue Cappers” for what you do and for what you do for our Veterans. Until next month, For God and Country.

Tom Sanders
10th District Commander
My project is: **“Helping Paws”**



Greetings Legion Family Members,

Here we are at the start of a New Year, leading us into the most critical period we have for membership. After January, anyone who is a Legion Member, and has not renewed their dues, will be dropped from the Legion roles. This will deny them the benefits that come from being a Legion Member. We should do everything in our power to prevent this from happening. We as a District, all of us, need to start contacting our members who have not renewed.

The first thing you can do is to mail red alerts to those who have not renewed. This is a time tested method to get your remaining members to renew. After that if you can contact your members, either by visiting them, or by phone, to ask them to renew. Nothing works better than personal contact. It shows that you care enough to do so.

For those Posts that are at goal, or near to goal, keep going. Once you reach goal, use the At-Large Post transmittal form in your packet to send your membership. That way you will be bank membership for next year that will not be counted when setting next year's goal. We call the At-Large Post, Eagle Post: so think of it as the Eagle Membership Bank, which will pay dividends next year.

Finally I want to thank everyone who helped with our District Revitalization. Hats off to Bob Locker, Orv Otterness, Rich Rollins, Gloria Burt, Daryl Harmon, Marland Ronning, and everyone else who helped. We were able to transfer 123 National At-Large Members into 10th District Posts. I also want to thank, our Department Membership Director Pat Logan, our Department Vice-Commander Carl Hendrickson, along with members of the 3rd, 4th, and 5th Districts for participating. If I missed someone, I apologize. We will be doing this again, this spring because of an unfortunate mistake. We failed to bring in the lists for our 554 Posts, due to an error in communication.

Until then, I want to wish everyone a Happy New Year, and to tell you to keep up the good work.

Bill Johnson, Member Director



Happy New Year to all. This past weekend we had our mid-winter and at mid-winter we had helping paws to talk to us about how they train the dogs and they place the dogs with the vets. we had 61 memberships turn in that make us 74.89% i like to see a lot of SAL member at the next rally is the snowmobile rally it will be in Hopkins it start at 6pm on the 24th of Jan. The next Department rally is the sweetheart rally on feb 1st in Chanhassen MN

**Jeremy Copher
10 District SAL Commander**



HAPPY NEW YEAR! It sure was great seeing everyone at the Mid-Winter earlier this month. We had a great joint meeting in the morning with Helping Paws as our guest and then an excellent turnout for the American Legion Riders meeting in the afternoon.

The Riders (and the rest of the Legion family) have several activities to look forward to the next month, The Tenth District Snowmobile Rally will be held on January 23rd and 24th, I hope to see many of the riders along the way. We have a booth at the Donny Smith Bike show in March and still need volunteers to help man the booth. Also, this month we will begin planning the sixth annual Minnesota Legacy Run.

Membership in the Legion, Auxiliary, or Sons is required to be a member of the Riders and is due by the 31st of January. Take the time now to make sure you are up to date.

Calendars are available; please contact me to get yours. Remember, these are a fundraiser for the 10th District Legion Riders.

Jody Hassing, ALR 10th District Director

NATIONAL COMMANDER MIKE HELMS WILL
BE IN MINNESOTA FROM
February 2 - 5 2015.

HE WILL BE STOPPING IN THE 10TH DISTRICT
AT NORTH BRANCH POST 85 ON Tuesday
February 3.

SOCIAL HOUR IS AT 5 PM AND DINNER IS AT
6 PM. FOR RESEVATIONS
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Upcoming Events 2015

Date	Event	Time and Place
January 23-24, 2015	Snowmobile Rally	Start Friday Jan. 23 check your Post when they will be there. Turn it on Sat. Jan. 24 at Hopkins Post 320 at 6 pm
January 31, 2015	Mound Bean Bag Tournament , Fundraiser for "Helping Paws" call Harry Hurley, 952-250-7372	Check in: 10 AM Start: 10:30 AM
February 7, 2015	Department Sweetheart Rally	Chanhassen- 3-4 turn-in
February 13, 2015	Oratorical Contest	
February 14, 2015	Sweetheart Rally SAL	Delano – turn-in 3:00 pm

Adjutants Thoughts

****HELP WANTED AT MPLS VA HOSPITAL****

They are asking for help from anyone who might be interested in volunteering as van driver like himself. There is a need of about 40 drivers, two in each van, to transport veterans, some are homeless, some have psychological problems along with physical, from St. Paul to the VA hospital. Karl says, "There are two shifts. One leaves the hospital at 0700 and goes to St. Paul to the Union Gospel Mission and the Salvation Army. The guys are taken to the hospital for their appointments. The afternoon shift transports Vets leaving the hospital at 1430 and goes to the drop-in center at 13th & LaSalle and then to St. Paul to Union Gospel Mission." "You sign in for 4 hours and get a meal ticket worth \$6.00. Actual working time is about 2 1/2 Hours." If you are interested in helping out at the VA Hospital and would like some information, you can call at the hospital and talk with Jennet Kratt at [612-313-3245](tel:612-313-3245).

Mid-Winter January 3rd, 2015 Anoka Post 102

Preparations began in October 2014 with an agenda setting meeting with District Legion, Auxiliary, SAL & Legion Riders, Adjutants & Secretaries. The Anoka Family went into action - planning for hall setup, registration, coffee & rolls, lunch & silent auction. The auxiliary served 150 Legion, Auxiliary, SAL, Jr Auxiliary & Legion Riders. The post is very fortunate to be able to provide meeting rooms for each group. Lunch, cookies & bars were provided by the post Auxiliary, Hurray for Minnesota Hot Dishes. The District Silent Auction went well. Thanks to all for their donations.

There are so many Post, Auxiliary, SAL & Riders to name for all their help & time on Friday & Saturday.

Thank You Thank You Anoka Post 102 Family.

Chairpersons: Cliff Newman & Sandy Phillips

