

# Mighty 10<sup>th</sup> District



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Greetings American Legion Family from the "Mighty" Tenth District.

I can't believe it is May already. This year has gone so quick as we head into another month. With Testimonials and now District Conventions coming up the time has really flown by

The combined District Project "Helping Paws" has gone over our expectations that all of us are so tickled. We want to thank again all of the American Legion Family that have been so generous in donations to our project. We can help out quite a few veterans with PTSD with these well trained canines. Donations are still being accepted for our project.

I want to thank all the "Bluecappers" in the "Mighty" Tenth District for getting us to second place in membership at Department at this time. We can still get those members out there that have not renewed just by asking, calling, or the "personal" touch, face to face. Keep up the good work and let us remember all that have gone to the post everlasting before us.

For God and Country

Tom Sanders

10<sup>th</sup> District Commander

Greetings 10th District Posts and Legion Family Members,



Welcome to May, as the membership year starts drawing to a close at the end of June. Right now we are in third place, with the 4th District in 1st and the 6th District in 2nd. There is not much separating us from the top two.

The reason the 4th is in 1st can be contributed to the District revitalizations they have conducted in the last few years. We have the opportunity to add to this year's membership, but to start building for next year, with the upcoming membership events. On May 16th from 9 AM – 4:30 PM and May 17th from Noon – 8:30 PM we will be conducting a second district revitalization, to cover posts missed in the first one.

What we will be doing is transferring members from the National and Department at large Posts into local posts, in Anoka and Hennepin counties. This will allow us to jump start the next membership years, by adding members to our base. Following that on May 18th to 21st, from 5:30 – 9 PM we will be doing a follow up event to contact members from the National at large posts, along with expired members from our regular post, to try to get them to rejoin again. All of this will take place at the Osseo/Maple Grove American Legion, located at 230 4th Ave SE, in Osseo. Information on how to get to the post can found in the web at <a href="www.legionpost172.org">www.legionpost172.org</a>. For this to be successful, I need you to volunteer. Please contact me at <a href="mailto:billdtm@yaoo.com">billdtm@yaoo.com</a> or at 763-424-2229.

To close my article I need to talk about membership that you will be receiving in May and early June. A lot of Posts I have talked to feel they are doing a new member a favor by holding onto it and submitting it for the next membership year. But are they really? Once a membership is entered in to National Database, the member becomes eligible for a number of different benefits. If they were to have an emergency they could not receive any assistance from the National Emergency fund. Also they would not be entitled to any member discounts. I just purchased a freezer from the Sears Purchase program, where I saved \$80. That's enough to pay for my membership for the next two year. Also you should be aware that they will not receive any renewal notices until October. At least do them a favor by explaining to them what they may give up, so they can make the choice on what to do. That's only fair.

Again, thank you for all you hard work, for you the members and the Posts, you have made all the difference in the world. Keep up the good work.

Yours in service, Bill Johnson Membership Director



Well this is my last article. First off I would like to thank all of you for making my 2nd year as your commander the best year as of right now we sit at 105%. If anybody has membership just send them in to department. I am counting down the days till the District Convention I would like to see as many SAL members in North Branch on May 30<sup>th</sup>. The next event for the SAL is the campout and that will be at Legionville on June 26, 27 and 28<sup>th</sup>. Jeremy Copher 10th District SAL Commander



This has been a great year! I want to congratulate President Robin, Commander Tom, and Commander Jeremy on their year. It has been a pleasure working them this year. I also want to thank all the members of the 10<sup>th</sup> District ALR for all their hard work this year.

I wish all the Rider chapters a successful, fun, and safe riding season. Hope to see everyone during the summer – remember the first two weekends of August we will be holding the 6<sup>th</sup> annual Legacy Run. Join us for as much of the ride as you can; we have a great time raising money for the kids! Also, don't forget the Romp in September at Legionville.

Thank you for all your support during the past 2 years. I have had a wonderful time representing the 10<sup>th</sup> District Riders throughout the District. We have grown and will continue to grow. The changes occurring in the Legion and with the Road Guard Certification will challenge the Riders, but we do great things for the Veterans, their families, and the Legion and

we will continue to do great things.

I look forward to seeing everyone at the ALR District Convention on May 29<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM at the North Branch American Legion.

Thank you to all the Veterans and their families – We ride for you!

Jody Hassing 10<sup>th</sup> District ALR Director

## Membership Report 2014-2015

Pine County	Wally S	See Note				
	Turn-in	Goal	АТН	YTD	%	Members to reach goal
Pine City 51	0	270	430	268	99%	2
Sandstone 151	0	55	113	53	96%	2
Willow River 163	0	27	50	25	93%	2
Askov 243	0	37	121	49	132%	0
Beroun 347	0	32	86	31	97%	1
Denham 361	0	75	86	75	100%	0
Hinckley 388	0	96	145	96	100%	0
Bruno 563	0	39	43	48	123%	0
Total	0	631	1074	645	102%	0

Wright County Tom Allen 320-558-6626						See Note		
	Turn-in	Goal	АТН	YTD	%	Members to reach goal		
Maple Lake 131	0	148	202	130	88%	18		
Howard Lake 145	0	117	113	112	96%	5		
Cokato 209	0	70	154	62	89%	8		
Monticello 260	0	283	390	289	102%	0		
Buffalo 270	0	277	388	252	91%	25		
Waverly 305	0	39	89	34	87%	5		
Clearwater 323	0	220	269	202	92%	18		
Delano 377	0	256	339	258	101%	0		
St. Michael 567	0	208	182	211	101%	0		
Total	0	1618	2126	1550	96%	68		

K.I.M. Counties	Dean Be		See Note			
	Turn-in	Goal	ATH	Υπο	%	Members to reach goal
Milaca 178	0	225	308	211	94%	14
Mora 201	0	222	541	215	97%	7
Princeton 216	0	337	569	318	94%	19
Cambridge 290	1	373	718	344	92%	29
Onamia 395	0	216	223	220	102%	0
Ogilvie 640	0	77	112	76	99%	1
Total	1	1450	2471	1384	95%	66

North Hennepin	Gloria	See Note				
	Turn-in	Goal	АТН	YTD	%	Members to reach goal
Wayzata 118	0	505	594	509	101%	0
Osseo 172	1	657	674	667	102%	0
Robbinsdale 251	0	604	5244	570	94%	34
Hamel 394	0	107	136	108	101%	0
Tri City 513	0	218	1081	258	118%	0
Maple Plain 514	0	41	113	40	98%	1
Golden Valley 523	3	336	552	315	94%	21
Dayton Rogers 531	0	24	70	22	92%	2
Champlin 600	0	215	524	226	105%	0
Brooklyn Center 630	0	224	292	213	95%	11
Total	4	2931	9280	2928	100%	3

Anoka/Chisago	Ron Ro		See Note			
	Turn-in	Goal	ATH	YTD	%	Members to reach goal
Lindstrom 83	0	37	89	35	95%	2
North Branch 85	0	227	271	229	101%	0
Rush City 93	0	52	77	51	98%	1
Anoka 102	1	728	1035	736	101%	0
Harris 139	0	45	50	44	98%	1
Chisago City 272	0	59	65	58	98%	1
Fridley 303	0	423	472	399	94%	24
Stacy 312	0	29	52	24	83%	5
Coon Rapids 334	0	729	1212	693	95%	36
Taylors Falls 392	0	5	42	9	180%	0
Lino Lakes 566	0	249	553	244	98%	5
St. Francis 622	0	165	215	175	106%	0
Ham Lake 2000	0	37	38	38	103%	0
Total	1	2785	4171	2735	98%	50

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	Turn In	Goal	ΥTD	%	reach goal
Anoka Chisago	1	2785	2735	98%	50
K.I.M. Counties	1	1450	1384	95%	66
North Hennepin	4	2931	2928	100%	3
Wright	0	1618	1550	96%	68
Pine County	0	631	645	102%	0
South Hennepin	0	1665	1636	98%	29
Eagle Post	1	158	34	22%	124
Total	7	11238	10912	97%	326

TOTAL TURN IN

South Hennepin	Paul Hassing 651-329-7197	See Note
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	Turn-in	Goal	ATH	YTD	%	Members to reach goal		
Excelsior 259	0	212	429	202	95%	10		
St. Louis Park 282	0	193	428	193	100%	0		
Hopkins 320	0	354	818	364	103%	0		
Mound 398	0	219	358	220	100%	0		
Edina 471	0	28	213	28	100%	0		
Bloomington 550	0	622	2251	595	96%	27		
St. Bonifacius 597	0	37	80	34	92%	3		
Total	0	1665	4577	1636	98%	29		



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Bill Johnson 763-424-2229 Membership Director 2014-2015

Post	Name	3/13/2015	Increase	Post	Name	3/13/2015	Increase
51	PINE CITY	259	9	320	HOPKINS	359	5
83	LINDSTROM	34	1	323	CLEARWATER	198	4
85	NORTH BRANCH	222	7	334	COON RAPIDS	676	17
93	RUSH CITY	50	1	347	BEROUN	31	0
102	ANOKA	716	20	361	DENHAM	75	0
118	WAYZATA	497	12	377	DELANO	257	1
131	MAPLE LAKE	129	1	388	HINCKLEY	94	2
139	HARRIS	44	0	392	TAYLORS FALLS	9	0
145	HOWARD LAKE	99	13	394	HAMEL	107	1
151	SANDSTONE	52	1	395	ONAMIA	164	56
163	WILLOW RIVER	25	0	398	MOUND	219	1
172	OSSEO	667	0	471	EDINA	28	0
178	MILACA	193	18	509	EAGLE	16	18
201	MORA	214	1	513	<b>NEW BRIGHTON</b>	257	1
209	COKATO	61	1	514	MAPLE PLAIN	40	0
216	PRINCETON	301	17	523	<b>GOLDEN VALLEY</b>	301	14
243	ASKOV	49	0	531	DAYTON-ROGERS	22	0
251	ROBBINSDALE-CRYSTAL	549	21	550	BLOOMINGTON	582	13
259	EXCELSIOR	201	1	563	BRUNO	48	0
260	MONTICELLO	283	6	566	LINO LAKES	236	8
270	BUFFALO	251	1	567	ST. MICHAEL	210	1
272	CHISAGO CITY	56	2	597	ST. BONIFACIUS	34	0
282	ST. LOUIS PARK	191	2	600	CHAMPLIN	226	0
290	CAMBRIDGE	331	13	622	ST. FRANCIS	173	2
303	FRIDLEY	385	14	630	<b>BROOKLYN CENTER</b>	202	11
305	WAVERLY	34	0	640	OGILVIE	75	1
312	STACY	24	0	2000	HAM LAKE	37	1

This week's bulletin finds us in 3rd place, behind the 4th and 6th Districts. Besides the membership bulletins, I have attached an advanced copy of my membership article. I would like to have read it. It talks about our revitalization and follow up event, and talks about holding onto membership.

I hope you take the time to read it. I would be grateful if you would. As, always keep up the good work. You are the best.

Tenth District American Legion

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### **Upcoming Events 2015**

Date	Event	Time and Place
May 25, 2015	Memorial Day	Check your Posts for Time and Place
May 30, 2015	District Convention	Memorial program @8 am and 9 am for Call to Order North Branch Post 85
July 16-18, 2015	Department Convention	Red Wood Falls
Aug. 28-Sept. 3	National Convention	Baltimore, Maryland

### **Adjutants Thoughts**

May is also "Military Appreciation Month"

Just a reminder that we are having the 1<sup>st</sup> one Day Convention and hope to see more Post there.

I can't believe it is almost the end of my year also. Can I just say this has been a very interesting year and I wouldn't have traded it for anything.

I also wanted to let you all know that I am a Candidate for your District Commander this year 2015-16 and would appreciate your support. As you all know I have been the Wright County Vice Commander, your Membership Chairman and this year your Adjutant.

Respectfully

Bonnie Hanson 10<sup>th</sup> District Adjutant 2014-2015