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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

10th 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 www.legionpost172.org. For this to be successful, I need you to volunteer. Please contact me at billdtm@yahoo.com 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 30th. The next event for the SAL is the campout and that will be at Legionville on June 26, 27 and 28th.

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 10th 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 6th 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 10th 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 29th 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
10th District ALR Director

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	NEW BRIGHTON	257	1
209	COKATO	61	1	514	MAPLE PLAIN	40	0
216	PRINCETON	301	17	523	GOLDEN VALLEY	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	BROOKLYN CENTER	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.

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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 1st 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
10th District Adjutant 2014-2015