



8th District
American Legion Department of Minnesota
Fall Newsletter 2020

8th District American Legion, Auxiliary Department of Minnesota
District President, Sue Korhonen

August 17, 2020

RE: 8th District Membership Year 2021

Hello Everyone,

I hope this newsletter find you well. I know that 2020 has started off rough, between the COVID-19 outbreak and the civil unrest it can be difficult to stay upbeat. We will be having a fall meeting on September 26, 2020 beginning at 10:00 at West Duluth Post 71 – 5814 Grand Ave, Duluth, MN 55807. There will be Coffee and pastries for morning and lunch will be available to purchase for approximately \$11.00. Because we have not be able to have a in person District convention our agenda is full so please try to be on time. Masks are required upon entry into the post and can be removed while eating/drinking or while remaining seated at a table. The post will be set up for appropriate social distancing.

The district is always looking for members who are interest in leadership position for the coming 2021-2022 membership year. These positions include but are not limited to District President, 1st Vice President, 2nd Vice President along with various program and committee chairman. I will be appointing a nominating committee at this meeting so if you are interested in serving on it please let me know. If your unit needs assistance with membership, please contact our Membership Chairman and see will be happy to assist you. We will be arranging some Leadership classes this year, if you unit would like to host one please let our Leadership Chairman know and she will work with Department to get them arranged. (See the attached officers and committee chairman list for 2020-2021) There is also American Legion Auxiliary training available online through the ALA Academy - <https://www.alaforveterans.org/ala-academy/>. You will need to establish a sign on with the National American Legion Auxiliary Website to get the ALA Academy please reach out to the Leadership Chairman and she will be happy to assist you.

My project for 2021 membership year is \$800.00 for folding chairs for the Veterans Home in Silver Bay. Donations should be made out to the 8th District American Legion with District President Project in the memo line. They should be sent Sue Korhonen at 20 Village Dr. #101, Proctor, MN 55810. If your unit would like me to visit your unit, please let me know I would be delighted to come and chat with your members.

Last but by no means least the Department President Mary Hendrickson wants to thank the following 8th District units who contributed to the Department President's Project this year: Cloquet, Deer River, Keewatin, Grand Portage, Moose Lake, Northome and West Duluth. The two new golf carts were delivered to Veterans on the Lake Resort and a new large television screen and television projection device is currently being installed at Silver Bay Veterans Home. Donations from units, posts, SAL Squadrons and individuals totaled almost \$23,000.

I look forward to seeing all of you on September 26, 2020 at the American Legion Post 71 in West Duluth. If you have any question, concerns please feel free to contact me at 218-391-9269 or by email at suepshoes@aol.com and I will be happy to assist you.

Sincerely

Sue Korhonen, 8th District President

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Call to Meeting

8th District Fall Meeting
September 26, 2020
10:00 a.m.
Post 71 West Duluth
5814 Grand Ave, Duluth, MN 55807

8th District President, Sue Korhonen has requested that we meet in person for our Fall District Meeting. With the COVID-19 Pandemic, everything has been on hold and now we must get back to work for our veterans. It is requested that all Chairman be present at this meeting as well as all Officers. All Unit members are welcome to attend. If you have never been to a District meeting, now is your chance to see what we do, get information to bring back to your Units, share experiences, ask questions, and visit with old friends or perhaps make new friends!

Agenda:

1. Call to Order
2. Salute to colors
3. Prayer
4. Pledge
5. Preamble
6. Roll Call of District Officers
7. Roll Call of Units
8. Reading of Minutes from Previous Meeting (District Convention)
9. Charter Draping – Vicki Scardina Bibeau – Past 8th District President & Karen Thygeson – Past Department President.
10. Guests Speakers
11. Officer Reports
 - a. Treasurer Report
 - i. 2019-2020 Final Report
 - ii. 2020-2021 Budget
 - iii. District Dues 2022
 - b. Membership Report
 - i. New Charters and/or Charter Turn-ins
 - ii. Charter Turn-In Procedure (DRAFT)
12. Committee Chairman Reports
 - a. Leadership – Training Dates
13. Communications
14. Unfinished Business
15. New Business
 - a. District Dues amount 2022
 - b. Department Fall Conference – October 22-24, Breezy Point Resort, Pequot Lakes, MN Registration form available
 - c. Flag Bearers
16. Announcements
17. Closing Prayer
18. Salute to colors
19. Adjournment

Respectfully,
Sharon Voltz, 8th District Secretary

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Membership Chairman, Jennifer Havlick

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RE: 8th District Membership 2020 & 2021

Hello 8th District Legion Auxiliary President, Secretaries and Membership Chairman

I hope you are all well. I know that 2020 has brought many challenges, from the COVID-19 pandemic and civil unrest, both can make it difficult and sometimes impossible to operate. It is my hope that both the pandemic and the civil unrest will pass soon. On July 6, 2020 I sent 134 letters to our unpaid 2020 members in the 8th District encouraging them to renew and if they were not going to renew to please let me know why. As of the writing of this letter we still have 120 unrenewed 2020 memberships. Please reach out to your members who have not renewed and check on them. Hopefully, it is just an oversight. If you are having trouble contact those members, please let me know. Now onto 2021 membership year. By now all units should have their 2021 membership packet, if not please contact me **immediately**. The first email renewal notices have already gone out and the first snail mail renewal notice will go out on September 15, 2020. The district is currently processing membership for three units (Orr, Mt. Iron and Biwabik). We will be contacting those unit members to determine their unit's viability moving forward. If your unit is struggling please contact me so that we can help find the best way to revitalize or begin the process of turning in your charter. There is a process for both.

Unit Goals - Enclosed you will find a list of the 8th District Units and their closing 2020 membership numbers, along with their 2021 membership goals. Membership goals are determined by national. For units with 150 members and above on July 31st two shall be added as their goal for the following year. For units with 149 and below on July 31st one shall be added as their goal for the following year. Example If your unit has 130 members as of July 31st your unit's goal would be 131. If your unit has 160 members as of July 31st your unit goal would be 162.

I have also included a blank officers list for 2021, please complete the form and return it to me whether you have sent one to department or not. Officers list provide a line of communication between National, Department and District.

If you have any question please feel free to contact me at 218-834-4975 or by email at Jennifer.havlick@outlook.com.

Respectfully,

Jennifer Havlick, Membership and Leadership Chairman

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8th District Officers and Committee Chairman 2020-2021							
Position	Name	Unit#	Street Address	Town	State	Zip	Phone
President	Susan Korhonen	71	20 Village Dr. #101	Proctor	MN	55810	218-391-9269
1st Vice President	Jolynn Detlefsen	109	4368 Thomas Lake Rd	Two Harbors	MN	55616	218-834-2430
2nd Vice President	Dianna Oliver	71	2615 West 6th St	Duluth	MN	55807	218-461-5232
Executive Committee	Renee Snow	60	904 NW 10th Ave	Grand Rapids	MN	55744	218-326-1163
Executive Committee	Anna Eells	60	1029 SW 1st St.	Grand Rapids	MN	55744	218-326-8362
Jr. Past President	Zandra Kessler	109	P.O. Box 104	Atwater	MN	56209	218-830-0354
Secretary	Sharon Voltz	60	828 1st Ave NE	Grand Rapids	MN	55744	218-326-0410
Chaplain	Nancy Flynn	71	6305 Freemont St.	Duluth	MN	55808	218-624-7191
Treasurer	Phyllis Mealey	109	505 Laura Ln	Two Harbors	MN	55616	218-834-4379
Parliamentarian	Una Privette	71	20 Village Dr. #104	Proctor	MN	55810	218-624-6090
Sgt At Arms	Anna Eells	60	1029 SW 1st St	Grand Rapids	MN	55744	218-326-8362
Americanism	Jolynn Detlefsen	109	4368 Thomas Lake Rd	Two Harbors	MN	55616	218-834-2430
Aux. Emergency Fund	Mary Hendrickson	71	721 Hantz Rd	Cloquet	MN	55720	218-590-0344
Children & Youth	Lori Eftland	71	4901 Grand Ave Apt 1002	Duluth	MN	55807	218-221-6535
Community Service	Sharon Voltz	60	828 1st Ave NE	Grand Rapids	MN	55744	218-326-0410
Convention Rules Cmte					MN		
Resolution Cmte	Anna Eells	60	1029 SW 1st St	Grand Rapids	MN	55744	218-326-8362
Resolution Cmte	Phyllis Mealey	109	505 Laura Ln.	Two Harbors	MN	55616	218-834-4379
Education	Renee Snow	60	904 NW 10th Ave.	Grand Rapids	MN	55744	218-326-1163
Finance (1 Year) Chairman	Donna Gilmor	262	1206 Prospect Ave.	Cloquet	MN	55720	218-879-9664
Finance (2 Year)	Anna Eells	60	1029 SW 1st St	Grand Rapids	MN	55744	218-326-8362
Finance (3 Year)	Jolynn Detlefsen	109	4368 Thomas Lake Rd	Two Harbors	MN	55616	218-834-2430
Audit (1 year) Chairman	Una Privette	71	20 Village Dr. #104	Proctor	MN	55810	218-624-6090
Audit (2 Year)	Renee Snow	60	904 NW 10th Ave	Grand Rapids	MN	55744	218-326-1163
Audit (3 year)	Nancy Hopper	109	1303 Waldo Rd	Two Harbors	MN	55616	
Girls State	Zandra Kessler	109	1807 7th Ave.	Two Harbor	MN	55616	218-830-0354
Historian/History	Jill Simonson	109	1431 8th Ave	Two Harbors	MN	55616	
Junior Activities	Shelby Kessler Wiita	109	706 7th Ave.	TwoHarbors	MN	55616	218-3912327
Junior President					MN		
Leadership	Jennifer Havlick	60	2367 Hwy 3	Two Harbors	MN	55616	218-834-4975
Legislation	Barbara Slaviero	71	1031 86th Ave W.	Duluth	MN	55808	218-590-9798
Membership	Jennifer Havlick	60	2367 Hwy 3	Two Harbors	MN	55616	218-834-4975
Memorial	Nancy Flynn	71	6305 Freemont St	Duluth	MN	55808	218-624-7191
Memory Book					MN		
National Security	Jan Langenbrunner	262	1408 Robert Ave.	Cloquet	MN	55720	218-879-2705
Past President Parley	Zandra Kessler	109	1807 7th Ave.	Two Harbors	MN	55616	218-830-0354
Poppy	Una Privette	71	20 Village Dr. #104	Proctor	MN	55810	218-624-6090
Public Relations	Jennifer Havlick	60	2367 Hwy 3	Two Harbors	MN	55616	218-834-4975
Veterans Aff & Rehab	Phyllis Mealey	109	505 Laura Ln.	Two Harbors	MN	55616	218-834-4379
Service to Our Veterans	Dianna Oliver	71	2615 W. 6th St.	Duluth	MN	55806	218-464-2633
Nominating Comm. Chair							
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Standing Rules Chair	Sharon Voltz	60	828 1st Ave NE	Grand Rapids	MN	55744	218-326-0410
Standing Rules Comm	Jennifer Havlick	60	2367 Hwy 3	Two Harbors	MN	55616	218-834-4975
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c/o Jennifer Havlick, Membership Chairman

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2020-2021 UNIT OFFICERS' LIST

The 8th District is compiling a list of unit officers for 2020-2021 along with date, time, and location of your unit meetings. Please complete this form and return it to the above address

UNIT # _____ **UNIT LOCATION** _____ **DISTRICT #** _____

UNIT MEETING: DATE/TIME: _____

UNIT MEETING LOCATION: _____

President: Name _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip Code _____ Phone (____) _____

e-mail _____

Secretary: Name _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip Code _____ Phone (____) _____

e-mail _____

Treasurer: Name _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip Code _____ Phone (____) _____

e-mail _____

Membership Chairman:

Name _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip Code _____ Phone (____) _____

e-mail _____

Dues Remit to (if Different from Membership Chairman): _____

Please complete this form even if your 2020-21 officers are the same as your 2019-20 officers.
NO 2021 Membership cards will be sent to your Unit until we have received this list from you.

*****Unit mailing is to be sent to:** _____

Address: _____

Unit Mailing Preference: Mail _____ or Email _____

Unit	City	2020 Goal	2020 Ending Membership	2021 Membership Goals
241	Aurora	97	94	95
535	Babbitt	40	34	35
415	Barnum	12	10	11
494	Big Falls	12	11	12
160	Biwabik	10	8	9
562	Brookston	21	20	21
262	Cloquet	84	76	77
122	Deer River	40	37	38
71	Duluth - West	312	301	303
182	Effie	32	27	28
248	Ely	52	63	64
575	Goodland	19	17	18
413	Grand Marais	60	51	52
2009	Grand Portage	15	13	14
60	Grand Rapids	105	104	105
222	Hibbing	33	33	34
452	Keewatin	17	16	17
379	Moose Lake	27	32	33
220	Mt. Iron	40	29	30
307	Nashwauk	77	77	78
499	Northome	27	20	21
480	Orr	12	13	14
106	Proctor	41	42	43
109	Two Harbors	146	118	119
432	Warba	32	30	31
		1266	1276	1302