



Department of Minnesota Call to the 2026 Department Junior Conference

The 62nd Annual Junior Conference of the American Legion Auxiliary, Department of Minnesota is hereby called to be held at the Stewartville American Legion Post 164 1100 2nd Ave NW Stewartville, MN 55976 at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, April 11th for the purpose of:

1. Presentation and judging of awards
2. Reports from the District Honorary Junior Presidents
3. Election of Department Honorary Junior Officers
4. Other business for the good of the Junior Auxiliary

Conference Schedule

All events will be held at the Stewartville American Legion Post 164, 1100 2nd Ave NW, Stewartville, MN

Registration	Friday, April 10 th 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Saturday, April 11 th 8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.
Advisory Committee Meeting (See below for who attends)	Friday, April 10 th 7:30 p.m.
Processional Practice Senior Advisor/Senior	Saturday, April 11 th 8:00 a.m.
Judges Meeting (All Senior members are requested to attend)	Saturday, April 11 th 8:00 a.m.
Conference Call to Order	Saturday, April 11 th 9:00 a.m.

The Advisory Committee is comprised of the Department Junior Activities Chairman, Honorary Department Junior President, Secretary, First Vice President, Second Vice President, District Junior Presidents, and District Junior Activities Chairmen. Also included are the Department Junior Conference Parliamentarian and Senior Secretary.

Processional - Each district is encouraged to bring their District Colors. Per the Standing Rules, Junior Color bearers should wear navy skirt or navy slacks and white blouses or appropriate attire.

Conference Location

The Department Junior Conference will be held at the Stewartville American Legion Post 164. The conference is hosted by the 1st District. Housing information for the Junior Conference is attached to this Call to Conference.

Registration Fee

The registration fee for the Department Junior Conference is \$15.00 per person and should be paid when you arrive at the Stewartville American Legion check in for the Conference. To prepay please send your check along with your registration form. Checks should be made payable to Tenth District American Legion Auxiliary.



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Delegates

Each organized group shall be represented by two delegates with two votes at the Department Junior Conference, plus one additional delegate for each fifteen members or major fraction thereof. (Standing Rules) Delegate strength is determined 30 days prior to Department Junior Conference.

Junior Membership	Number of Delegates
1-7	2 delegates
8-22	3 delegates
23-37	4 delegates
38-52	5 delegates
53-67	6 delegates
68-82	7 delegates
83-97	8 delegates
98-120	9 delegates

Only Junior Members will be allowed to speak on the Conference floor. Please remember that Senior members are advisors only and this is the Juniors Conference. Juniors will be seated by District with one advisor per District. If space allows one advisor per Unit may also sit with the Juniors. The District Junior Activities Chairman will be the Senior Advisor for her District if she is present.

Eligibility to hold office (Standing Rules)

1. No officer shall succeed herself in the same office.
2. Any Junior officer must be classified as a junior member the year she holds office.

Endorsements

Endorsements for Department Honorary Junior Officers shall be sent to the Department Office as soon as possible. The Department Office will send them to the District Junior Activities Chairmen, District Honorary Junior Presidents, Department Honorary Junior President, and the Department Junior Activities Chairmen prior to the Department Junior Conference (Standing Rules).

Endorsements should state the candidate's name, age, district, offices held in the Unit and District and years of membership.

Send endorsements to: American Legion Auxiliary
State Veterans Service Building
20 W. 12th Street- Room 314
St. Paul, MN 55155
or email to deptoffice@mnala.org



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Friday Evening Activities

On Friday evening, April 10th a fun evening is planned for the Juniors beginning at 6:00 p.m. at the Stewartville American Legion Post 164. The 1st District is busy planning so that the Juniors can make new friends, rekindle friendships they already have, and have lots of fun together. Food and beverages will be provided for Friday evening and is included in the registration fee. Food will be served from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. This will be a fun time for everyone. Registration begins at 6:00 p.m. and the Advisory Committee's meeting begins at 7:30 p.m.

Department Honorary Junior President's Project

Department Honorary Junior President Anastasia and the Juniors of Minnesota's project this year is raising funds to repair the plumbing for the cabins at Legionville.

Completed forms needed:

Please complete the enclosed forms and return them as noted on each form. It is important that attendees register (both Junior and Senior members) including their names, addresses, phone numbers and email address.

1. Pre-registration form (in duplicate) so that our Department Honorary Junior President can make tentative committee appointments prior to the Conference. Due date is Friday, March 13, 2026.
2. A Media Release Consent Form must be completed for each Junior member and signed by their parent or guardian.
3. The registration form for the local committee indicating the number attending from your Unit is also attached. This helps the local committee to plan supplies for activities and food that is needed. Deadline for registration is Friday, March 13, 2026.
4. The registration fee for the conference is \$15.00 per person and will need to be prepaid or at the conference when you arrive. Checks should be made payable to 10th District American Legion Auxiliary.

Any questions regarding the Department Junior Conference please contact me at 763-843-0875 or brandichristensen21@gmail.com

**Brandi Christensen
Department Junior Activities Chairman**

Poppy Contests

It is the responsibility of the District Junior Activities Chairman to see that all District entries are brought to the Department Conference.



There is no limit to the number of entries per Unit for the contests



Only one entry per Junior per contest



All entries must include a large or small, or a combination of the Poppies.



All white tags must be removed from the Poppies



All entries must be at the Department Junior Conference by 9:00am on Saturday, April 11th 2026, for judging.

All entries must have a sealed envelope attached with the contest name and class number on the envelope.

Inside of the envelope must have the Juniors name, Unit number, location, and District number on a card inside

Classes for each contest

Class I	Ages 6 years and under
Class II	Ages 7 - 12 years
Class III	Ages 13 - 18 years

Awards

1st Place	\$10 cash award for each class
2nd Place	\$5 cash award for each class

Small Poppy Table Display

To the Junior member in each class with the best Small Size Poppy Table Display using Honorary Department Junior President Anastasia's theme ***"Be the SUN in Veterans Lives"*** using the Sunflower

Poppy Corsage/Boutonniere Contest

To the Junior member in each class with the best Poppy corsage or boutonniere using Honorary Department Junior President Anastasia's theme ***"Be the SUN in Veterans Lives"*** Her symbol is the Sunflower.

Poppy Memorial Day Wreath

To the Junior member in each class with the best Poppy Memorial Day Wreath with the poppy as the focus of the wreath.



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MEDIA RELEASE CONSENT FORM

1. I, the undersigned, hereby authorize American Legion Auxiliary, Department of Minnesota to photograph me, take motion pictures of me, take video footage of me and/or make electronic sound recordings of me (herein referred to as photographic or electronic reproductions) as well as use my name and likeness.
2. I authorize the use of any such photographic or electronic reproductions and my name and likeness for any purpose, including, but not limited to, educational and other public media as may be deemed appropriate by the American Legion Auxiliary, Department of Minnesota. I understand that I may be identifiable from such photographic or electronic reproductions for non-profit public purposes.
3. I understand that I will not be compensated financially for such uses.

Print Name _____

Title _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Phone _____

Email Address _____

PARENTAL CONSENT

I certify that I am the parent and/or guardian of the individual above, a minor under the age of eighteen years. I hereby agree to assume legal responsibility for his/her authorization referred to in this General Media Release.

Signature of Applicant's Parent/Guardian

Date

Address of Parent/Guardian (if different)

Cell Phone Number

City, State, Zip Code

Email Address



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Please complete this form so that the local committee can make their plans and have an accurate count of people to expect for food and activities.

Friday Evening Activities - April 10, 2026

of Junior members _____ # of Senior members/guests _____

Saturday Noon Lunch at the Conference - April 11, 2026

of Junior members _____ # of Senior members/guests _____

Please list any special dietary needs or allergies for Junior and/or Senior members:

Unit# _____ Unit Location _____ District# _____

Motel where group is staying _____

CONFERENCE RESERVATIONS MUST BE MADE BY FRIDAY, MARCH 13, 2026

Mail Reservations to:
American Legion Auxiliary Department Office
20 W 12th Street #314
St. Paul, MN 55155

2026 DEPARTMENT JUNIOR CONFERENCE PRE-REGISTRATION

NOTE: It is important that we have all of the information requested below. Please print legibly!

JUNIOR MEMBERS

NAME	AGE	COMPLETE MAILING ADDRESS	EMAIL ADDRESS	PHONE NUMBER	COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENT PREFERRED

SENIOR MEMBERS

NAME	COMPLETE MAILING ADDRESS	EMAIL ADDRESS	PHONE NUMBER	COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENT PREFERRED

UNIT# _____	UNIT LOCATION _____
DISTRICT# _____	MOTEL WHERE GROUP IS STAYING _____
SUBMITTED BY _____	
POSITION _____	
ADDRESS _____	
PHONE NUMBER _____	
EMAIL ADDRESS _____	

Please send one copy to both of the following:

Anastatia Donnelly, Honorary Jr President
701 3rd Street North
Swea City, IA 50590

Brandi Christensen
Junior Activities Chairman
15780 30th Street
Watertown, MN 55388

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**HOUSING ACCOMMODATIONS
2026 DEPARTMENT JUNIOR CONFERENCE**

**Comfort Inn Suites
7320 Airport view Drive
Rochester, MN 55902**

507-218-7903 to make reservations under American Legion Auxiliary block.

\$89.00 plus tax

Check-in time: 3:00 pm (no early check-ins)

Cutoff Date for block reservations: March 28, 2026