

CHARLES HEEMER
10th District Commander

In May, I attended the 10th District Convention in Fridley and was installed as Commander.

In June, I attended and rode in the Midsummer Parade in North Branch. I also went to Headquarters in St. Paul and helped to assemble Membership Packets for Legionville. I attended the S.A.L. Convention at Legionville.

July was a busy month for parades. Delano, Robbinsdale and Hopkins were a few that I rode in. St. Michaels had their Post dedication and ribbon-cutting ceremony. I attended a S.A.L. meeting at Lino Lakes to promote membership and the PUFL program. My home Post of Anoka had a Welcome Home party for Tim Hathaway who returned from Afghanistan. He is a Dual-Member.

The month of August kept me close to home with a picnic for Members at Coon Rapids on the 6th and Membership Rally on the 7th. The rest of the month I was at the University of Minnesota Fairview Hospital having surgery and recuperating. While recuperating, I phoned several Squadrons to make sure they stayed on top of membership and sent in their Officer's Report to Headquarters.

I returned home from the hospital in September. The 11th found me at the Coon Rapids High School football field for "A Day of Remembrance" ceremony. I was deeply touched by the turnout of the community and participation of many people. This was not a S.A.L. event, but being an American I had to be there to remember the people that lost their lives to terrorism. I also went to Clearwater for their Membership Party.

In October, I attended the 8th & 10th District Rally in Mora, the Early Bird Dinner in Fridley, Pheasant Dinner at St. Cloud VA Medical Center and Fall Conference in Mankato.

November was the Auxiliary Veterans Day Rally at Monticello, the Veterans Day Dinner at Anoka and the Veterans Day Dinner at Buffalo.

December included the Department Pearl Harbor Rally in St. Paul, as well as our 10th District Christmas Rally in Fridley. I also attended the Veterans Wild Game Feed at Anoka and the Bingo Christmas Party held at St. Cloud VA Medical Center.

On February 11, I attended the Department Sweetheart Rally at Post 255 in Brainerd. I attended the 10th District Sweetheart Rally at Anoka Post 102 on February 18, which was well attended.