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It's been a good year in the 8th District as far as membership for The Sons of The American Legion. They are leading all the districts in the Detachment of Minnesota in membership with over 90%! The better news is they will be chartering a new Squadron in Grand Portage. On my visit to Grand Portage to help get the Squadron organized I met some of the members and at least 4 dual members that will be helping the Squadron get started.

Along with me and my wife, Judy were the District Commander Carl Hendrickson and his wife, 8th District President Mary, Department 8th and 10th Vice Commander Willy Strom. We broke into three groups. Judy and Mary met with the Auxiliary, Willy and Carl met with the Legion and answered their questions and I met with the SAL and the Legion met with us afterwards.

Last week I received a call that they had now picked officers for the new Squadron and were going to be sending names in to charter the Squadron shortly. It's a great feeling to see a new and exciting group to be active in the Sons of The American Legion Programs.

The Squadron in Hibbing is taking somewhat longer because they are having trouble meeting because they are working different shifts. But Larry Pochrich is working very hard on getting this Squadron organized. I think things are looking up for the 8th District.

The 10th District actually surprised me by chartering two more squadrons in the past year, Rush City is aboard and online. The latest squadron to get on board and has already sent their names in is Bruno. In fact, Sunday, March 4th a group of Legionnaires went up to install both the Legion and the SAL officers for the upcoming year. Once again, it's great to see new people enthused with great ideas for our Legion Family. It makes be very proud to be a Detachment officer when we can have three Squadrons activated in one year although it may have taken and extra year to get things organized.

I think both districts are headed in the right direction. This year in chartering three new squadrons, it's really been enjoyable to serve as 8th and 10th Vice Commander. Both districts can hold their heads high!