

**3rd DISTRICT COMMANDER**  
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Greetings from the Thundering Third...It's hard to believe Halloween is just around the corner. Weren't we just at Legionville just the other day? My second year as commander has gotten off to a good start. I was a delegate to our National Convention and participated in the parade right down Nicollet Mall. I attended district membership rallies in Bayport, Silver Lake and Chaska. A few of our squads are off to a fantastic start but there are too many of them still on 0 or only have 1 turned in. I also attended an officers installation at Belle Plaine and a few weeks ago, went to their omelet breakfast. I also had the honor of attending the Fall N.E.C. meetings in Indianapolis, IN where I met some outstanding individuals and reacquainted myself with old friends. I went to the Homeland Security/Civil Preparedness commission meeting where they had several discussions. We had lunch at Post #500 which is right next to the race track. It sure is a sight to see. I was unable however to attend our 1st convention planning meeting held in Forest Lake. By the time you are reading this, our Fall Conference will be going on in Mankato. I would like to welcome our National Vice Commander from Missouri, John S. to Minnesota. My commanders project this year is to continue and build off of the one I had last year which is to solicit donations for next years Legacy Scholarship Fund. I am a firm believer in a higher education. You can't get a decent job nowadays without some kind of higher education so I'm going to continue and build off of my \$700 donation last year and see if I can get an even \$1,000. Until next time, for God and country.