



5th District American Legion Convention 2012-2013

American Legion Family

**Commander
Dennis De Long**

**President
Patty Swanson**

**Commander
Bruce Kuiper**

Alicia Arellano –Juniors



FIFTH DISTRICT
AMERICAN LEGION
DEPARTMENT OF MINNESOTA
ANNUAL CONVENTION
May 31 & June 1, 2013



Donald Pancake

Commander

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American Legion Family:

Welcome to your district convention. The fact that you are here demonstrates that you are one of the leaders or future leaders of this great organization.

The district convention is where the rubber meets the road. This is where everybody gets a chance to catch up on the year gone by and plan for the new year. This is where the older heads get a chance to mentor the newer guys.

By doing our work at these conventions, we honor the service and memory of so many veterans who have gone before us. "Every Day is Veterans Day." We have to earn it every day by what we do and what we pass on to the next generation.

Work hard, enjoy getting back together with some of your friends, and participate well in the meetings and programs. This convention is where you can compare with others what your post has accomplished and was reported in the Consolidated Post Reports.

We make Minnesota a better place to live, and much of what we do starts right here.

Thank you again for your attendance.

Sincerely,

Don Pankake
Department Commander



Jim Munson

2012 - 2013

Department Vice-Commander

Department of Minnesota

I hope the 5th District American Legion Family has a wonderful and educational Convention. The hospitality and friendship extended from the District and Posts to me and my wife is amazing. It really makes one feel at home.

It has been a pleasure representing the 4th and 5th Districts as your Department Vice Commander. There have been a lot of activities which can be called highlights in both my term of office as well as Commander DeLong's term. Attending the dinner for the National Vice Commander Glenn Hickman attending the dinner for the National Commander James Koutz and the brunch with the National Auxiliary President Peggy Thomas were noteworthy events.

The work of the 5th District is best described by the Legion's Four Pillars. Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation: The turnout to the Minnesota Vet's Home hosting Memorial Day and the VA Medical Center visiting our fellow veterans is outstanding. National Security: The work that is done in the Outstanding Enlisted Servicemen awards shows the support the district and its post gives to our military families. Also the leadership the district is providing in getting Minneapolis designed as a "Beyond the Yellow Ribbon City" is worthy of mention. Americanism: The mass flag presentation at the St. Paul Winder Carnival is enjoyed by all the participants and also the thousands of spectators. Both the 4th and the 5th District make this happen. Children and Youth: The 5th District participated in the Legacy run helping to raise money for college tuition for children of fallen warriors since 9/11. The Christmas baskets to families of deployed troops shows what the American Legion Family does for our Community

Let's not forget the social activities that have brought the two districts together. There was Legion Day at the Minnesota Twins, Target Field, Legion Day at the Minnesota Gophers Football Game and the enjoyable time at the St Paul Saints game.

I commend Commander DeLong on his outstanding year leading the Department of Minnesota 5th District and wish to applaud Patricia Swanson for her leadership in the Auxiliary as District President. Bruce Kuiper, I applaud you on your direction you gave to the 5th District SAL.

Jim Munson

Department Vice-Commander

Department of Minnesota



Dennis De Long

Commander

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Dennis J. De Long

Commander, 5th District, Department of Minnesota

Greetings to the Fifth District American Legion Family:

On behalf of the Officers and Executive Board of the 5th District I wish to extend, to each of you, a warm welcome to this year's annual 5th District Convention. ***"Fighting Fifth"***.



Our convention is more than our annual business meeting. It is a time to gather with friends and reflect back on the many things that took place in the past year and to build on that for the future of the 5th District. This is a time to remember our fallen comrades and Legion family members. It is my sincere hope that you support and guide your new officers and program chairman, as you have helped and guided me this past year. You have truly blessed me this year with a great privilege to be your Commander during the last twelve months, and I will treasure it all the rest of my life.



It has been my pleasure to be able to serve with President Patty of the Auxiliary who is also from #435 and Commander Bruce of the Sons of the American Legion. Thank you for your help and support this year as our American Legion Family performed its duties to our utmost abilities.

At the Convention we will learn of our accomplishments this past year. We will know which programs we do well and which ones we need to review. The efforts of each of you are greatly appreciated as we continue ***"Every Day is Veterans Day"*** Don't forget the four pillars of the American Legion, Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation, National Security, Americanism and Children & Youth.



I thank every Post for their hospitality and comradeship extended to me this past year in doing Legion work. To the Officers, Committee Chairmen, Posts, Units, and Squadrons of the 5th District have made the programs and activities of the Fifth District a true success.

A special thanks to my home Post, Minneapolis-Richfield #435 for their support and assistance this past year.

Dennis J. De Long, Commander
Fifth District America Legion
Department of Minnesota



Past 5th District Commanders



1920	L.B. Roberts *	1951	Robert E. Conn, Jr. *	1982	Virgil V. Persing V,C, A, N
1921	Walter U. Hauser *	1952	Arthur Goebel *	1983	Steve A. George * V
1922	Z.L. Begin *	1953	Howard I. Moore *	1984	Reuben F. Mack V, †
1923	R.R. Rand * C, N	1954	John Corcoran *	1985	George Ashwood *
1924	Walter P. Quist *	1955	Richard M. Grant *	1986	David L. Mauritson
1925	E.C. Nicholson *	1956	Ralph A. Olson *	1987	David B. Adam V
1926	L.D. Hughes *	1957	Newton W. Speece *	1988	James C. Johnson
1927	J.F. Sutherland *	1957	Harvey P. Johnson * V	1989	John R. O'Hearn
1928	Lester Badger *	1958	David S. Goode * V	1990	Wayne A. Wright V
1929	J.W. Nelson *	1959	Michael A. Caligiuri * V	1991	Ronald G. Nack *
1929	Ralph Comaford *	1960	John G. Torney *	1992	K.R. Workcuff
1930	Oscar Youngdahl * C	1961	Edward C. Salk * V, C	1993	Rodney G. Logeland
1931	H.E. Haag *	1962	Bernard Conner *	1994	Tony Kastanos *
1932	D.L. Sutherland *	1963	Morris E. Casperson * V	1995	Mel Ohman V, H
1933	Elmer F. Hillner *	1964	Glen H. Dorrnfeld * V, C, N	1996	W.F. Mausbach
1934	F.T. Boquist *	1965	Lyle (Pat) O'Toole *	1997	Bernard Frerichs
1935	Paul Dickensheet *	1966	Samuel Goldman * V	1998	William (Bill) L. Bray V
1936	John G. Alexander * V	1967	George E. Evans *	1999	Edward Nyhus *
1937	Paul Preston *	1968	Donald R. Schroedl V, N	2000	Tom Spaise V
1938	John McHardy *	1969	Phillip E. Ploumen * V	2001	Larry Anderson V
1939	R.F. Bertelsen *	1971	Leonard V. Kuffel *	2002	Robert Silvagni
1940	Dr. Wm. E. Watson *	1970	Floyd W. Warnberg *	2003	Del Rose
1941	Paul Koughan *	1972	William F. Lauck *	2004	Bill Lindboe
1942	Frank J. Collin *	1973	Harry C. Springer * V	2005	Joe Bayer V
1943	Carl A. Lundgren * A,N,C,H	1974	Milo T. Cecka * V,C	2006	Lynne Nottage V
1944	Merle Kromer *	1975	John R. Matson	2007	Richard Hegdahl
1945	Francis C. Hubbard *	1976	James Jones *	2008	Wayne Hegland * V
1946	Ray Barker *	1977	Alfred Barnes, Jr. * V	2009	James Munson V
1947	Hugh McDaniel *	1978	Philip E. Dingman * V	2010	Curtis Norenberg
1948	Reynold Malmquist *	1979	Ward K. Jeffers V	2011	Gary Heer
1949	Charles Espeseth * C	1980	William Tolle V	2012	Dick Ward
1950	Charles Williams *	1981	James W. Lawson * V		

Deceased — *

National Executive Committeeman — N

Alternate National Executive Committeeman — A

Department Commander — C

Department Vice Commander — V

Department Chaplain — †

Department Historian — H



OUTSTANDING LEGIONAIRE AWARD



YEAR	NAME	POST
1987	Merrell Hansen *	Mpls/Richfield Post 435
1988	Walter Hobat *	Bearcat Post 504
1989	Leonard Grill *	Gopher Post 440
1990	George Mital *	Gopher Post 440
1991	Kenneth Erickson	Gopher Post 440
1992	Kym Workcuff	Mpls. Fire & Police Post 396
1993	Donald Schroedl	Mpls. Post Office Post 540
1994	Milo Cecka *	Bearcat Post 504
1995	Virgil Persing	Faldin Post 555
1996	Ward Jeffers	Minneapolis Post 1
1997	Reuben Mack	Gopher Post 440
1998	Steve George *	The Hellenic Post 129
1999	Richard Hegdahl	The Hellenic Post 129
2000	Melvin Ohman	North Side Post 230
2001	Nick Kakos	The Hellenic Post 129
2002	Richard Berg	Aviation Post 511
2003	Larry Anderson	Mpls. Fire & Police Post 396
2004	Joe Bayer	Wold-Chamberlain Post 99
2005	Joyce Rose	Minneapolis Post 1
2006	Delbert Rose	Minneapolis Post 1
2007	Curt Norenberg	University of Minnesota Post 548
2008	John Nelson	Minneapolis Post 1
2009	Wayne Hegland *	Gopher Post 440
	Robert Skogquist	Faldin Post 555
2010	Emil Milacek	University of Minnesota Post 548
2011	Lynne Nottage	Minneapolis Post 1
2012	James Munson	Mpls/Richfield Post 435

* Deceased

AWARDS COMMITTEE 2012-2013

Chairman: John Nelson
Robert Skogquist
Emil Milacek
Lynne Nottage
James Munson



**Fifth District American Legion
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2012-2013**

District Officers

Commander	Dennis De Long	Mpls/Richfield Post No. 435
1 st Vice Commander	Bob Johnson	Johnny Baker Post 291
2 nd Vice Commander	Wayne Wessel	Wold Chamberlain Post 99
3 rd Vice Commander	Gary Martin	Gopher Post 440
Adjutant	James Munson	Mpls/Richfield Post 435
Finance Officer	Lynne Nottage	Minneapolis Post No. 1
Immediate Past Cmdr.	Dick Ward	Minneapolis Post 1
Membership Director	Bob Johnson	Johnny Baker Post 291
Co-Sergeant At Arms	Gerald Martin	Mpls/Richfield Post 435
	Tom Eckhoff	Mpls/Richfield Post 435
Co Chaplains	Reuben Mack	Gopher Post 440
	Dan Dowidat	Joe Smith Post 468
Judge Advocate	Curt Norenberg	University of MN Post 548
Historian	Merv Becker	Mpls/Richfield Post 435

Executive Committee

Donal Schroedl	2011 - 2013	Post Office Post 540
Merv Becker	2011 - 2013	Mpls/Richfield Post No. 435
Vacant	2011 - 2013	
Joyce Rose	2012 - 2014	Minneapolis Post 1
John Austin	2012 - 2014	
Wayne Glanton	2012 - 2014	



Fifth District American Legion Committees 2012 - 2013



Commander's Advisory

Virgil Persing
James Munson

Curt Norenberg

Dick Ward

Constitution and Bylaws

1 yr	James Munson
2 yr	Virgil Persing
3 yr	Gary Heer
4 yr	Dick Ward
5 yr	Dennis De Long
6 yr	Bob Johnson

Convention

Dick Ward
Lynne Nottage
Dan Dowidat

Dennis De Long
Reuben Mack
Jim Munson

Nick Kakos
Bob Johnson
Wayne Glanton

Ethics

1 yr	Dan Dowidat
2 yr	Nick Kakos
3 yr	Lyle Nelson
4 yr	Lynne Nottage
5 yr	Joe Bayer

Finance Committee

Lynne Nottage
Dick Ward

Joe Bayer
Jim Munson

Vern Teichroew
Dennis De Long

Post Development

Virgil Persing
Dick Ward

Joe Bayer

James Munson

Resolution

Virgil Persing

Donald Schroedl

Dick Ward

Convention Credentials

Wayne Wright

Nominating Committee

Virgil Persing
Dan Cummings
Dick Ward

Jim Munson
Curt Norenberg

Don Schroedl
Dennis DeLong



Fifth District American Legion Committee Chairs 2012-2013



American Education Week	Dick Tetzlaff	Northside Post 230
Americanism	Robert Skoquist	Falldin Post 555
American Legion Baseball	Mike Karnes	Mpls/Richfield Squadron 435
American Legion Baseball Assistant		
American Legion Riders	Shawn Davis	Mpls/Richfield Squadron 435
Armed Forces Center	Ted Hoeben	Aviation Post 511
Blood Program	Mike Krogan	Minneapolis Post No. 1
Boy Scouts	Tim Cagney	Mpls/Richfield Post 435
Boy's State	Bob Brautigam	Aviation Post 511
Children and Youth	Gary Martin	Gopher Post 440
Employment	John Nelson	Mpls/Richfield Post 435
Energy and Conservation	Joyce Rose	Minneapolis Post No. 1
Freedom Car	John Rannow	Minneapolis Post No. 1
Finance	Lynne Nottage	Minneapolis Post No. 1
Hennepin County Service Officer	Milt Schoen	Minneapolis Post No. 1
Hospital Visitation	Virgil Persing	Falldin Post 555
	Robert Skogquist	Falldin Post 555
Junior Shooting	Tim Cagney	Mpls/Richfield Post 435
Law and Order	Larry Anderson	Fire & Police Post 396
Legionville	Joe Bayer	Wold-Chamberlain Post 99
Legislation	Nick Kakos	Hellenic Post 129
National Security/Foreign Relations	Curt Norenberg	University of Minnesota Post 548
Oratorical Contest	Craig Deneen	Minneapolis Post No. 1
Parade and Music	Lynne Nottage	Minneapolis Post No. 1
Pheasant Dinner	Michael Gripne	Courthouse Post 310
Poppy Day Posters	Dennis DeLong	Mpls/Richfield Post 435
Public Relations	Dick Ward	Minneapolis Post No. 1
Recognition Event	Joe Bayer	Wold-Chamberlain Post 99
Service Officer	Virgil Persing	Falldin Post 555
Sons of the American Legion Advisor	James Munson	Mpls/Richfield Post 435



Fifth District American Legion Post Commanders 2012-2013



John Nelson	Minneapolis Post 1
Roger Fahrenkrug	Wold-Chamberlain Post 99
Peter C. Boosalis	Hellenic Post 129
Dick Tetzlaff	Northside Post 230
Thomas Maley	Calhoun Post 231
Dale Newborg	VL Giantvalley Post 234
Andrew Rose Sr.	Johnny Baker Post 291
Walter Lyndsley	Courthouse Post 310
David Johnson	Business and Professional Post 332
Wayne Bystrom	Bainbridge Post 355
James Pung	Minneapolis Fire and Police Post 396
Merv Becker	Minneapolis-Richfield Post 435
Daniel Cummings	Gopher Post 440
Daniel Dowidat	Joe Smith Post 468
Jack Kamm	Viking Post 493
Dave Roe	Bearcat Post 504
Theodore Hoeben	Aviation Post 511
Donald Schroedl	Post Office Post 540
Bill Knaak	University of Minnesota Post 548
Robert Skogquist	Arthur and Leonard Falldin Post 555
Herb Gager	Minnesota Veterans Home Post 581
All PUFL Post	Longton Post 618



**Fifth District American Legion
Department of Minnesota
Annual Convention**



**May 31-June 1, 2013
Holiday Inn Bloomington, Minnesota**

Friday, May 31, 2013

Registration 4:00 – 6:00 pm

Joint Memorial Service 7:00 pm

Saturday, June 1, 2013

Registration 8:00 – 9:00 am

Call to Order

Presentation of Colors

Opening Prayer

POW/MIA Ceremony

Pledge of Allegiance

Recite Preamble American Legion

Dennis De Long, Commander

Gen. Colin L. Powell Leadership Academy

Davis Dowidat, Chaplain

Gerald Martin, Sgt-at-Arms

All

All

Greetings

Donald Pancake, Department Commander

James Munson, Department Vice Commander

Convention Call

Roll Call of Posts

Last Annual Meetings Minutes

Presentation of “Rules of Order”

Constitution and Bylaws

Report of Resolutions for Action

Appointment of Credentials Committee

James Munson, Adjutant-Dept. Vice-Commander

James Munson, Adjutant-Dept. Vice-Commander

James Munson, Adjutant-Dept. Vice-Commander

Curt Norenberg, Judge Advocate

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Dick Ward, Chairman

Dennis De Long, Commander

Introduction of Guests/Candidates

Dennis De Long, Commander

Committee Reports

Finance Report

Membership

Legislation

Lynne Nottage, Finance Officer

Bob Johnson, Chairman

Nick Kakos, Chairman

Saturday, June 1, 2013 (cont.)

Other Committee Chairs	Notify Adjutant
Vice Commander's Reports	Bob Johnson, 1 nd Vice Commander Wayne Wessel, 2 rd Vice Commander Gerald Martin, 3 rd Vice Commander
Nomination of Candidates for District Offices and National Delegates	James Munson, Adjutant-Dept. Vice-Commander
Voting Procedures	James Munson, Adjutant-Dept. Vice-Commander
Unfinished Business	
Awards and Presentations	
Resolutions to be Acted On	
Credentials Committee Report	
New Business	Report of Nomination Committee and Election (Roll Call – Vote – Counting of Ballots)
Announcements	James Munson, Adjutant- Dept. Vice-Commander
Closing Remarks	Dennis De Long, Commander
Benediction	Rueben Mack, Chaplain
Retire the POW/MIA Flag	Gerald Martin, Sgt-at-Arms
Retire the Colors	Gerald Martin, Sgt-at-Arms
Adjourn	
Reconvene for Installation of Officers	3:00 pm
Social	5:00 pm
Banquet	6:00 pm

NOTES



FIFTH DISTRICT
AMERICAN LEGION
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REPORTS



Fifth District American Legion Reports



Legionville, Chairman Joe Bayer

Much has happened this past year at Legionville Camp in Brainerd, MN. The new barn is up, but not finished. The Shell of the building will be finished by late April and the floor soon after. Interior walls, sheet rocking, electricity and plumbing still need to be taken care of. At the Spring board meeting Commander Dennis accompanied me to Legionville where we toured the barn and adjoining buildings, including the handicapped accessible cabin. It was great to have him attend the Spring board meeting with me. The new barn is both longer and wider than the old barn it's replacing. It looks very impressive.

The dorms are looking at having new windows very soon, along with the dining hall. The new windows are on site, though I'm not sure who will be installing them or when. These windows are here due to the efforts of the 3rd District Commander, Pat Logan. They came from Andersen Windows. This was his project for this membership year. There will also be new mattresses in the dorms thanks to 6th District Commander, Jim Lucas. Over \$5,000.00 was raised for the new mattresses.

The paver project is coming along as well. Over \$7,000.00 has been raised so far. The space needed for the pavers sold so far is approximately 4 feet by 4 feet. Anyone can purchase a paver, possibly to honor a 'Veteran' or maybe alumni of the camp or even a trooper. There are three sizes of pavers. 4"x 8" is \$100.00, 8"x 8" is \$250.00 and 12"x 12" is \$500.00. The pavers will be in stalled on the side of the barn.

The American Legion is looking into required background checks on all adults involved in youth activities, including Legionville, starting this year.

May is 'work & play' month at Legionville. If you have some time please help get the camp ready for sessions. Just contact Roy Kruger @ cell 651- 491-5510 if you can help. Camporee is September 5, 6, 7 and 8, 2013. Come up for a good time and look the camp over. The SAL will hold their Disabled Veterans Deer Hunt at Legionville the first weekend in October.

In case I forget to mention it, approximately 800 students were providing safe passage for their peers this year with their flags and performance. They will be attending Nickolodean Universe at the Mall of America as a thank you for their efforts. They should all be commended on their performance. "Good Job!" Thank you also to Agent Antoine Berryman from the Minneapolis Police for all of your hard work. Agent Berryman doesn't believe that the job is over after the school year is finished. He attends the summer camp with the students from the Minneapolis schools. For many of these children this is their first time away from home and Agent Berryman helps make it easy for them to enjoy themselves. "Thank You, Agent Berryman!"

Commander Dennis, Thank You for your help and friendship this year. It's been a pleasure to serve.



Fifth District American Legion Reports



American Legion Riders Chairman's Report, Shawn Davis

The 5th District Family American Legion Riders had a successful year. We rode in or assisted with over 13 rides, including the MN ALR Legacy Scholarship Run, The PTSD run and the Autism Run. We donated over a \$1,000 to the American Legion Legacy Scholarship. Thank you to the 5th District Family members who came to the kick off party and for your donation. We are involved in planning for the 2013 MN ALR Legacy Run which is scheduled for August 2 through 4 and 9 through 11. The kick off party will be on August 1 at the North Branch American Legion.

We current have 15 members in our group, and are always looking for more. We meet the 2nd Wednesday of the month, and you are welcome to join us.

I would like to thank Commander Dennis for appointing me to this position and for all the assistance throughout the year.

Officium Patriae Honori



Fifth District American Legion Reports



Co-Chaplain's Report, Reuben F. Mack

"Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, gentleness and patience. Bear with each other and forgive whatever grievances you may have against another. Forgive as the Lord forgives you." Colossians: 12:13

Co-Chaplain Dan Dowidat and myself covered every District function where we were asked to appear. Chaplain Dan and myself split the meeting nights. He would take the Executive Board and I would do the Main Assembly meeting. I attended forty different assemblies throughout the year.

Co-Chaplain Dan and myself worked eight Minnesota Assistance Council for Veterans programs, better known as Minnesota Stand Downs. This is not an American Legion function, but we go anyway since we are helping needy veterans. WE give the Fifth District credit. We purchase all of the items that we give away out of our own pockets. The largest item that we give away is Bibles. We also give away religious bookmarks, tracts and various other materials. Last year we attended eight Stand-downs at, Mankato, Rochester, St. Cloud, Bemidji, Thief River Falls, International Falls and Minneapolis - St. Paul.

I thank Fifth District Commander for appointing me to this high office of being Co-Chaplain along with Dan.

Father, forgive us for those times we worry and fret over things we cannot control. Remind us, Lord, that You and You alone are in control of every given situation. Our security is in your hands. In the precious name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.



Fifth District American Legion Reports



Co-Chaplain Report, Daniel P. Dowidat 5th District Chaplain's Report

Acts 10:4 (NASB) And fixing his gaze on him and being much alarmed, he said, "What is it, Lord?" And he said to him, "Your prayers and alms have ascended as a memorial before God.

As a district chaplain I am not called on very frequently for prayer except at a formal function like the District Memorial Service, hospital visitation, and some varied American Legion gatherings and meetings like the monthly district programs.

At these functions we are called upon to attend, I see a lot of post chaplains in attendance along with many volunteers who would make good chaplains. When called upon to pray, it becomes a formality, which we joyously perform. The ones that fall between the crack are post members who are sick, have family problems and those who are struggling in a myriad of ways. The Bible say to bear one another's burdens for this is pleasing unto the Lord (Galatians 6:2). As leaders attending this District convention we are missing out on a lot of goodness in fulfilling this Scripture. All posts either have or should have, a post chaplain to direct prayer to our Creator. It isn't just flipping one up to God the most high, but directing our prayers towards the doctors, nurses, counselors and people that can help our members out of the dilemma that besets them. A chaplain should know the direction he or she desires their prayers to be answered by God. The main thing is to ask God in prayer whatever is your desire with reservations and care (James 4:2-3). God desires to hear from each of us individually. When a person is struggling as to how to make a prayer petition to God, get help from your post chaplain, he's the best bet when it comes to directing prayer.



Fifth District American Legion Reports



Children and Youth, Chairman Gary Martin

Today's young people face an array of societal pressures. The dissolution of the traditional American family, illegal drug use, TV shows and movies filled with obscenities and indecencies. There is an alarming increase in bullying, aided by the spread of smart phones and social media.

Gone are the carefree days when children spent their summers playing baseball on vacant lots, lounging in tree houses and riding bikes around town.

The American Legion's National Commission on Children & Youth is guided by three main objectives: to strengthen the family unit, work with quality organizations that provide services for children and provide communities with well-rounded programs that meet the needs of young people.

The primary objectives of the Children and Youth program is to strengthen the family unit; to support quality organizations that provide services for children and youth; and to maintain a well-rounded program that meets the physical, intellectual, emotional and spiritual needs of today's young people.

Some of the programs supported by the Children and Youth Commission are: Children's Miracle Network, Ronald McDonald House, Special Olympics Operation Military Kids, Boy Scouts of America, Girl Scouts of the USA Campfire USA, National 4-H Council and Youth Suicide Prevention

The American Legion's Children & Youth pillar's most critical issues are: Child Pornography, Catastrophic Illness, Intellectual Disabilities, Immunization for Needy Children, Family Integrity, Media Violence, Drug Abuse, Child Sexual Exploitation and Temporary Financial Support.

The Fifth District achieved 100% Children and Youth reporting this year.

The District and Post winners will be announced at the Department Convention in Mahanomen, Minnesota July 18-20, 2013.



Fifth District American Legion Reports Boy Scouts/Junior Shooting, Tim Cagney



Post 435 Marksmen Excel

Courtney L'Heureux will represent Post 435 at the 2013 American Legion 3 Position Jr. Air Rifle National Championship in August. After shooting the 2nd highest score in the country in the preliminary Postal Match, she went on to qualify in a 2nd round match. Only the top 15 marksmen in Sporter and Precision class are invited to this prestigious event at the Olympic Training Center in Colorado Springs. In addition to bragging rights, the winner in each class will receive a \$2500 scholarship from the American Legion. As the only Minnesotan at the championship, Courtney will strive to represent well her state, Post 435 "X-Men" club, and herself. We wish her the best!

The "X-Men" Precision team qualified to represent Minnesota at the 2013 Junior Olympic 3 Position Air Rifle National Championship in Anniston, Alabama, at the end of June. The team is coached by Ross Ewert and consists of Shelby Sandstrom 17, Sam Ewert 16, Elizabeth Ewert 14, and Sarah McInerney 16. Since the Air Rifle program started at Post 435 in 2000, the club has qualified almost every year for Nationals in the Sporter class, but this is the 1st year we have a full precision team. The team has won nearly all state and local matches this year and was invited to the Army Marksmanship Unit National Championship in Ft. Benning in February where they finished 4th, missing a medal by only 1 point.



Courtney L'Heureux



Left to right
Elizabeth Ewert
Sam Ewert
Shelby Sandstrom
Sarah McInerney



Fifth District American Legion Reports



Membership, Chairman Robert Johnson

We got off to a great start and received an Award for “Off The Goose Egg”. Thanks to all who helped the Fighting Fifth get that one.

The 5th District currently ranks 9th out of ten Districts. We lead only the 4th District. We have five (5) Posts that have met or exceeded their 2013 goals. Giantvalley Post 234, Falldin Post 555, Viking Post 493, Bainbridge Post 355 and Johnnie Baker Post 291. Congratulation to each of those Posts for their hard work and dedication.

Place	Post #	Post Name	2013 Goal	Actual	%
1	234	GIANTVALLEY	87	91	104.6
2	555	FALLDIN	183	185	101.1
3	493	VIKING	70	70	100.0
4	355	BAINBRIDGE	8	8	100.0
5	291	JOHNNIE BAKER	33	33	100.0
6	1	MINNEAPOLIS	312	297	95.2
7	129	THE HELLENIC	95	90	94.7
8	435	RICHFIELD	1735	1636	94.3
9	548	UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA	59	55	93.2
10	618	LONGTON	41	38	92.7
11	440	GOPHER	71	65	91.5
12	230	NORTHSIDE	78	71	91.02
13	99	WOLD-CHAMBERLAIN	155	141	91.0
14	504	BEARCAT	32	29	90.6
15	396	FIRE & POLICE	28	25	89.3
16	511	AVIATION	110	97	88.2
17	231	CALHOUN	27	23	85.2
18	310	COURTHOUSE	60	49	81.7
19	540	POST OFFICE	38	31	81.6
20	468	JOE SMITH	24	19	79.2
21	581	MN. VETERANS HOME	19	9	47.4
22	332	BUSINESS & PROFESSIONAL	35	11	31.4

Thanks to everyone for his or her efforts this past year. I thank Commander Dennis for selecting me as the membership chairmanship for 2012-2013.

NOTES



FIFTH DISTRICT
SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION
DEPARTMENT OF MINNESOTA
ANNUAL CONVENTION
May 31 & June 1, 2013



On behalf of the Detachment of Minnesota, I bring greetings to the 5th District American Legion Family and offer my sincere hope that you will have a very successful 2013 Convention. I know that each and every one of you has worked hard this year to carry out and work the programs to take the 5th District to a higher level of excellence.

I would especially like to thank Commander Bruce Kuiper, all of his officers, and every Squadron in the District for their hard work and contributions that have made 2012-2013 a successful year and be the first District to exceed the 100% membership goal.

I would also like to thank the entire 5th District American Legion Family for all they have done to support the SAL. Everyone in the District should feel very proud.

Once again, have a great Convention and continue to put forth the efforts that help our Veterans, their families, and our communities.

Respectfully,

Gary Semmel, Commander

Detachment of Minnesota



Dear American Legion Family:

Welcome to the Conventions of the 5th District, American Legion, American Legion Auxiliary and Sons of the American Legion for 2012-2013.

This convention is our opportunity to reflect and finish what we started this past year, and to look forward to prepare for all we have to do the next. We have been challenged this past year, but we have risen to the challenge. We have succeeded in many, but membership continues to be a challenge. Throughout this convention, we should look around at the entire family, give greetings and welcome to all and reach out to each other to see how we as a family can support one another.

It has been an honor to serve the 5th District Sons of the American Legion, Detachment of Minnesota this past year. I wish to thank the Officers, Posts, Units and Squadrons that have worked together to make the programs and activities of the 5th District a success.

A Special thanks to Commander Dennis, President Patti, Junior President Alicia and all the officers of our family for their help and support this past year. I am proud of our American Legion Family.

A final thanks to my home family, Wold Chamberlain Post 99, Unit 99, Squadron 99 and all Juniors for their help. It will be good to come home.

Bruce Kuiper
Commander
5th District Sons of the American Legion



**Fifth District Sons of The American Legion
Detachment of Minnesota
2012-2013
District Officers**

Commander	Bruce Kupier	Squadron 99
1 st Vice Commander	Craig Carlson	Squadron 440
2 nd Vice Commander		Squadron 435
Finance Officer	James Munson	Squadron 99
Co-Chaplain	Pat Kiehl	Squadron 435
Co-Chaplain	Matt	Squadron 1
Sergeant at Arms	John Bayer	Squadron 99
Advisor	Jim Munson	Post 440

Past District Commanders

1996-1998	Robert Mayer	Squadron 1
1998-2000	Wayne Hintz	Squadron 440
2000-2002	Robert Bristo	Squadron 440
2002-2004	Scott Singleton	Squadron 440
2004-2007	Bill Peters	Squadron 1
2007-2008	Vic Anderson	Squadron 435
2008-2009	Robert Davis	Squadron 435
2009-2010	Shawn Davis	Squadron 435
2010-2011	Shawn Davis	Squadron 435
2011-2012	Bruce Kuiper	Squadron 99

Squadron Commanders

Woody Anderson	Minneapolis Squadron 1
John Bayer	Wold Chamberlain Squadron 99
Loren Nelson	V. L. Giantvalley Squadron 234
Jim Hanchett	Minneapolis/Richfield Squadron 435
Craig Carlson	Gopher Squadron 440
Doug Pershing	Falldin Squad 555



Fifth District Annual Convention
Sons of The American Legion
Department of Minnesota



May 31 & June 1, 2013
Holiday Inn Bloomington, Minnesota

Friday, May 31, 2013

Registration 4:00 – 6:30 pm
Joint Memorial Service 7:00 pm

Saturday, June 1, 2013

Registration 10:00 am
8:00 – 10:00 am

Call to Order

Presentation of Colors	Bruce Kuiper, Commander
Opening Prayer	John Bayer, Sergeant-At-Arms
POW/MIA Ceremony	Pat Kiehl, Chaplain
Pledge of Allegiance	John Bayer, Sergeant-At-Arms
Recite Preamble	All
	All

Greetings & Introductions

Roll Call of Squadrons	Bruce Kuiper, Commander
Finance Report	Bill Peters, Adjutant
Membership	Shawn Davis, Finance Officer
Squadron Reports	Craig Carlson, First Vice-Commander
Detachment Report	Squadron Commanders
	Gary Semmel, Detachment Commander

Commander's Address

Bruce Kuiper, Commander

Old Business

New Business

Nomination of Candidates for District Office

Voting Procedures
Nominations
Voting

Closing

Announcements	
Closing Remarks	Bruce Kuiper, Commander
Benediction	Pat Kiehl, Chaplain
Retire the POW/MIA	John Bayer, Sergeant-At-Arms
Retire the Colors	John Bayer, Sergeant-At-Arms

Adjourn

Reconvene for Installation of Officers

3:00 pm

Social

5:00 pm

Banquet

6:00 pm

Sons of the American Legion Membership report as of May 22, 2013

District	Squad	Name	2012 total	ATH	2013 Goal	2013 total as of 5/22	%
5	1	MINNEAPOLIS #1	48	102	49	62	126.53%
5	99	WOLD-CHAMBERLAIN	21	44	22	28	127.27%
5	234	GIANT VALLEY	49	60	50	50	100.00%
5	435	MPLS.-RICHFIELD	199	226	200	197	98.50%
5	440	GOPHER	31	74	32	29	90.63%
5	555	FALLDIN	18	116	19	18	94.74%
5 Total			366		372	384	103.23%

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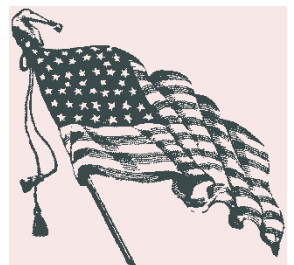
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For Commander

Fifth District American Legion

2013 – 2014



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Dennis De Long
Candidate for
Department Historian
2013-2014



2012 - 2013

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Unit No. 435

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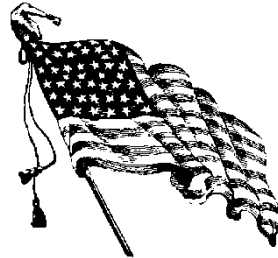


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James Munson

*For Fourth & Fifth Districts
Department Vice Commander*

2012 - 2013

Squadron 435

would like to congratulate
**Shawn Davis, Detachment
Membership Director**
On 2012 - 2013 membership drive



Good luck for 2013 – 2014!

**Wold-Chamberlain Endorses
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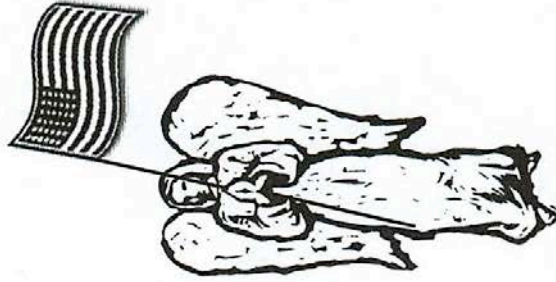
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Fifth District Convention

May 31st and June 1, 2013

Fifth District American Legion Auxiliary



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Congratulations!

I know that you have had a very successful year and have accomplished many things and now is the time to find out just how much. I want to thank each one of you for all of these things successful.

This year my theme was "Working Together, Making a Difference For our Veterans, Their Families and Our Communities", and you have certainly done that. The Flag was my symbol this year and many of you have that Flag flying proudly at your homes.

It has been a privilege to be able to work with your District President and all the Units as your Department President this year. I cannot thank each of you enough.

I wish you a very successful convention!

Department of Minnesota
American Legion Auxiliary President
Raleen Tolzmann



"Hello" Fifth District American Legion Family:

It has been an honor to serve as your 5th District Auxiliary President for 2012-2013. My theme was "Volunteers - Our Veterans Angels" and I wish to say "Thank you" to all Legion Family member for your hard work and dedication as volunteers to our great organization.

This year we had a joint Legion Family project at the Mpls-MN Veteran Home. Our goal is to be able to purchase two Yamaha Clavinova pianos with digital piano dollies for \$4,494.00. We with to thank all members of our Legion Family for generous donations. The Hawaiian Luau was a great success for this project and a lot of fun.

Thank you Legion Commander Dennis and SAL Commander Bruce for a great year. I with to thank my Minneapolis-Richfield Post/Unit/SAL for all of your support for Denny & me.

God Bless Everyone.

Patricia Swanson
Fifth District President
2012-2013





Pledge of Allegiance

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America and to the Republic for which it stands, one Nation, under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

Preamble

For God and Country, we associate ourselves together for the following purposes;

To uphold and defend the Constitution of the United States of America;

To maintain law and order;

To foster and perpetuate a one hundred percent Americanism;

To preserve the memories and incidents of our associations during the Great Wars;

To inculcate a sense of individual obligation to the community, state and nation;

To combat the autocracy of both the classes and the masses;

To make right the Master of Might;

To promote peace and goodwill on earth;

To safeguard and transmit to posterity the principles of Justice, Freedom and Democracy;

To participate in and to contribute to the accomplishment of the aims and purposes of the American Legion;

To consecrate and sanctify our association by our devotion to mutual helpfulness.



Fifth District American Legion Family

2013 Convention Call

March 20, 2013

The Fifth District American Legion Family will hold its annual District Convention Friday May 31st and Saturday June 1st, 2013 at the Holiday Inn Bloomington, I-35W, 1201 West 94th Street, Bloomington, MN. Registration is \$12.00 on or before May 11th, 2013 and \$15.00 after May 11th, 2013.

There will be a joint Memorial Service on Friday May 31st, 2013 at 7:00 P.M. All Posts, units and Squadrons need to have their Deceased Members list turned into the District Chaplains by **May 7th, 2013**.

The Convention Sessions for the Legion and Auxiliary will start Saturday June 1st, 2013 at 9:00 A.M. The Session for the SAL will start Saturday June 1st, 2013 at 10:00 A.M. The Convention meeting room assignment will be in your convention book. The Convention Banquet will be Saturday June 1st, 2013, social/cash bar at 5:00 P.M. and banquet at 6:00 P.M. **The cost is \$22 - 27.**

Voting Strength

The cut –off date for figuring your Delegate Strength will be Thirty days prior to the Convention or **May 2nd, 2013**.

Legion

Each Post will have two (2) Delegates for the first fifty (50) members and one (1) more Delegate for each one hundred (100) more members or fraction thereof. The Past District Commanders shall have a vote. The Past District Commander may vote on their own or with their Post, but only one (1) vote per person is allowed, not two (2).

Post Membership/Number of Delegates

1 – 50 Members	Two Delegates
51 – 150 Members	Three Delegates
151 – 250 Members	Four Delegates

And so on.

Auxiliary

Each Unit will have two (2) Delegates for the first twenty-five (25) members and one (1) more Delegate for each fifty (50) more members or fraction thereof. The Past District Presidents shall have a vote. The Past District Presidents may vote on their own or with their Unit, but only one (1) vote per person is allowed, not two (2).

Unit Membership/Number of Delegates

1 – 50 Members	Two Delegates
51 – 150 Members	Three Delegates
151 – 250 Members	Four Delegates

And so on.

Sons of the American Legion

Each Squadron will have one (1) Delegate for each ten (10) members.

Dennis De Long, Commander

Patricia Swanson, President

Bruce Kuiper, Commander

5th District American Legion

5th District Auxiliary

5th District SAL



Fifth District Convention Rules



1. A quorum at a District Convention shall exist when 25% of the units are wholly or partially represented by duly elected delegates or alternates.
2. All delegates, alternate delegates, Executive Board members and Past Fifth District Presidents must register and wear their badges.
3. Elected members of the District Executive Committee shall be seated as delegates to the District Convention and are entitled to vote.
4. All Past Fifth District Presidents, as long as they remain in good standing in a Unit in the Fifth District, shall be delegates-at-large to the District Convention and entitled to vote.
5. Alternate delegates may speak, but may not make a motion or vote if Unit delegates are present.
6. When a delegate desires to make a motion or address the convention, she shall rise, address the chair, and state her name and name of her Unit.
7. The maker of a motion shall be permitted to open and close the debate. No delegate except the maker of the motion shall speak more than once upon the motion, without the consent of the convention body.
8. Chairman of the Standing Rules Committee shall have the privilege of the floor, but shall not make motions unless they have the privilege of the delegates.
9. Each delegate shall be entitled to one vote. No delegate shall have two votes; that is a delegate may vote with her Unit as a Unit delegate, or she may vote as a member of the Fifth District Executive Board Committee, or she may vote as a Past President, but she may not vote in more than one capacity. Once the final credential report is given, no one shall change their registration status.

10. Voting shall be by acclamation except when roll call is demanded and except in the election of District officers and members of the Executive Committee. On all roll call votes, the chairman or acting chairman of each delegation shall respond after polling the delegates.
11. When voting by ballot, the vote of any Unit delegates absent and not represented by an alternate delegate shall be cast by majority of delegates present from the Unit. There shall be no voting by proxy except as herein provided.
12. The election of District officers and members of the Executive Committee shall be by secret ballot, except that, if there is no opposition, voting shall be by acclamation.
13. The Chairman of the Nominating Committee shall present the names of endorsed candidates for the Fifth District Office at the morning session of the convention. Nominations of each candidate will follow and further nominations may be made from the floor. Nominations shall then be closed. Nomination speeches shall be limited to three minutes. There shall be no seconding speeches.
14. Elections of officers shall take place during the afternoon session of the convention. In the event there are more than two candidates for President, First Vice President or Second Vice President, the balloting shall continue until one candidate shall have received a majority of the votes cast. In the event there are more than two candidates for the Executive Board Committee, balloting shall continue until two candidates shall have received the majority of votes.
15. "Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised" shall be parliamentary authority on all points not otherwise covered by these rules.



**FIFTH DISTRICT
AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY
DEPARTMENT OF MINNESOTA**



STANDING RULES

SECTION A - OPERATIONS

- 1) The number of delegates to the Fifth District monthly meetings shall be based on the June 1st membership of the Unit. A quorum at a District meeting shall exist when 25% of the Units are represented.
- 2) The Fifth District Executive Committee shall hold a monthly meeting previous to the monthly business meeting. There shall be two elected members-at-large of the Executive Committee. The voting members shall be the President, First Vice President, Second Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, retiring President and two elected members-at-large. Any member of the Executive Board absenting herself from three (3) consecutive Executive Meetings meetings for cause other than illness shall be asked to resign. The District Secretary shall notify the officers of the Unit represented by such member and the District President shall appoint a replacement with the approval of the Executive Committee.
- 3) The Fifth District Standing Rules Committee shall consist of three Past District Presidents, each appointed for a three-year term; the incoming District President making a three-year appointment. Should a vacancy occur due to the resignation or death of the chairman or a member, the rotation system shall apply. The Fifth District President shall appoint a third member to the Committee with the approval of the Executive Committee. This committee shall keep the rules up-to-date. Copies shall be given to each Fifth District Unit President for the use of the Unit, to the District Officers and District Chairmen at the October meeting.
- 4) The Fifth District President shall be responsible for maintaining an adequate level of office supplies. The President shall submit an inventory from the Secretary, Treasurer and herself of supplies on hand as of June 30th, to the president-elect, a copy to be placed on file with the Secretary's minutes.
 - a) The President shall be responsible for placing a copy of the Annual Roster, Convention Book of Annual Reports, Minutes and Treasurer's Reports in the permanent file.
 - b) District records should not leave the file. They may be reviewed and copies of pertinent information made, if necessary.
- 5) The Fifth District may have two meetings each year with special speakers or entertainment, selection to be left to the discretion of the President with the approval of the Fifth District Executive Committee. Guest speakers shall be allowed 15 minutes, questions and answers shall be limited to 10 minutes. The President shall advise speaker and enforce this rule. The above rule does not apply to American Legion representatives who are privileged to speak at any meeting.
 - a) Any candidate for office in the Department Auxiliary shall be permitted to address the District delegates once only during the year of their campaign. This one time appearance may be at a District meeting or at the District Convention.
- 6) The Fifth District shall not participate in solicitations for any fund raising organizations, nor shall any member obligate the District in any way. The names of the members of the Fifth District are not to be released to any outside organization. No solicitation of funds shall be made between Units without the approval of the Executive Committee.

SECTION A – OPERATIONS (Cont.)

- 7) It is customary for Executive Committee members to contribute \$1.00 each at the end of the year to be presented to the District President at the District Convention. Other than this, neither Officers, Executive Committee members nor Chairmen shall be asked to contribute to specific gifts for anyone.
- 8) The Fifth District President shall report from the Department Executive Committee meetings to the District delegates on matters pertinent to the District.
- 9) The Fifth District President shall make no nominations or second a nomination for a nominee to any Department office without the consent of the District at either a regular District meeting or Department Convention caucus.
- 10) Standing Rules may be amended at any regular District meeting by a two-thirds vote without previous notice or by a majority vote with such notice.
- 11) All elected members of the Fifth District Executive Committee shall be entitled to vote at all Fifth District monthly meetings and the annual Convention. They may not then vote as a Unit Delegate. No person is allowed two votes.

SECTION B - CHAIRMANSHIPS

- 1) District Chairman shall attend all regular monthly District meetings and shall report all pertinent information from Department and National. Any chairman absenting herself from three consecutive meetings for causes other than illness shall be asked to resign. The District President shall appoint a replacement with the approval of the Executive Committee.
- 2) Chairman shall limit their reports to the membership to three (3) minutes; additional time may be granted with prior approval of the President.
- 3) When a District Chairman has a contest involving her program for the Junior Auxiliary, she is then responsible to provide judges for said contest at the Annual District Junior Conference.

SECTION C - FINANCE

- 1) The Fifth District Finance Committee shall consist of three Past District Presidents, each appointed for a three-year term. The Chairman shall be the senior member of the committee. Should a vacancy occur due to the resignation or death of the chairman or a member, the rotation system shall apply. The Fifth District President shall appoint a third member to the Committee, with the approval of the Executive Committee. This committee has the responsibility of preparing the annual budget.
- 2) The annual budget shall be read and discussed at the September meeting and acted upon at the October meeting, with current expenses to be taken care of until the budget is accepted.
- 3) Fifth District dues shall not exceed \$1.00 per capita and shall be paid to the District from the Unit general funds. These dues shall be used for operating expenses.
- 4) The Fifth District Finance Chairman shall be authorized to perform the duties of the Treasurer, should the District Treasurer be incapacitated.
- 5) Requests for any unbudgeted expenditures in excess of \$100.00 shall be approved by the Finance Committee and recommended by the Executive Committee. Bids shall be taken for purchases in excess of \$200.00.
- 6) The Fifth District Savings Account shall not be available for use unless approved by the Finance Committee, the Executive Committee and 2/3 vote of delegates present at a regular District Meeting. The amount shall be announced at a regular meeting and voted on at the next regular meeting. This rule is not to be waived.

SECTION C – FINANCE (Cont.)

- 7) All matured investments shall be re-invested. These funds shall not be available for use unless approved by the Finance Committee, the Executive Committee and 2/3 vote of delegates present at a regular District Meeting. The amount shall be announced at a regular meeting and voted on at the next regular meeting.
- 8) The Treasurer's books of the Fifth District shall be closed on July 31st of each year.
- 9) The Fifth District Auditing Committee shall consist of three members, each appointed for a three-year term. The chairman shall be the senior member of the committee. Should a vacancy occur, the rotation system shall apply. The Fifth District President shall appoint a third member to the Committee. Books shall be audited at the close of the fiscal year. The outgoing President and the outgoing Treasurer shall be ex-officio members of the Committee.
- 10) No Chairman shall be reimbursed for any expense, except postage, incurred by her during her year as Chairman, unless she has the approval of the District Executive Committee. No one may charge anything to the Fifth District American Legion Auxiliary, except the President, Secretary or Treasurer, and these charges may be made only with the prior approval of the Executive Committee. Any bills are to be presented to the District Treasurer for payment as budgeted.

SECTION D - PAST DISTRICT PRESIDENTS

- 1) All Past District Presidents, as long as they remain members in good standing in a Unit of the Fifth District, shall be given the privileges of Delegates-at-Large at all Fifth District monthly meetings and the annual Fifth District Convention and be entitled to vote. A Past District President voting as an elected delegate from her Unit relinquishes her vote as a Past President. She may vote in only one capacity.
- 2) The Fifth District Initiation team shall be a permanent organization, available without remuneration, to any Unit in the District wishing such service. The personnel of the team shall be composed of District Presidents, appointed by the Initiation Chairman. Said chairman to be appointed yearly by the District President.
- 3) A memorial in the amount of \$25.00 shall be given by the Fifth District upon the death of a Past District President, provided that she is a Unit member in good standing at the time of her death. The memorial is to be used at the discretion of the family.

SECTION E - NOMINATION AND ELECTIONS

- 1) In case of death or resignation of the District President, the First Vice President shall automatically become President, and the Second Vice President automatically becomes First Vice President. A vacancy existing on the District Executive Committee from any other cause, than the expiration of a term, shall be filled by a majority vote of the District Executive Committee.
- 2) A District Nominating Committee of three members shall be appointed by the District President. This Committee shall include at least one (1) Past District President. Names of the Committee shall be announced at the January District meeting.
- 3) The Nominating Committee shall present to the District Convention the names of at least two candidates, if feasible, for each office for which an election is to be held.
- 4) Letters of endorsement for District Office shall be read at the April District meeting in the order they are received. Those received after the April meeting will be read at the May District meeting. Endorsements are read only once. Nominations can be made from the floor at District Convention in June. No endorsement letters will be read at the Convention.
- 5) Candidates for District Office shall be presented in the morning of the District Convention, and voting shall be done after recess.

SECTION E - NOMINATION AND ELECTIONS (Con't.)

- 6) The election of District Officers shall be by secret ballot, and where there is no opposition, voting shall be by acclamation.
- 7) No elected officer shall succeed herself, in the same capacity, after serving one full year.
- 8) The following officers shall be elected annually at the District Convention by a plurality vote of the delegates present and voting. Elected officers are as follows, District President, District First Vice President and two members to the Executive Committee.

SECTION F – CONVENTIONS

- 1) The District President shall have the privilege of appointing the Chairman of the District Convention, Chairman of Rules, Chairman of Credentials, a Committee of Resolutions with Chairman designated, and Election Tellers for the Convention. All of the above must have approval of the Executive Committee.
- 2) The Fifth District delegates, who have served during the current Auxiliary year, shall be delegates at the annual meeting, known as the Fifth District Convention. Once final Credentials report is given, no one shall change their registration status.
- 3) The District Convention minutes shall be approved by the Executive Committee within thirty (30) days following the Convention. Minutes of regular Fifth District meetings shall be permanently kept in the approved minute book provided by National Headquarters.
- 4) The Fifth District Book of Annual Reports shall be made available to all Past District Presidents who attend the Annual Convention.
- 5) The retiring District President shall send all necessary courtesy notes after the Annual Convention.
- 6) The newly elected Fifth District President shall be the second delegate to National Convention, if she wishes this privilege.
- 7) The Fifth District delegate to the National Convention, financed by the Department, shall make a report on the Convention no later than the second Fifth District meeting following the Convention.

SECTION G - POPPY

- 1) Each Unit of the Fifth District shall be responsible for the distribution of their own poppies, keeping all proceeds collected.
- 2) Proceeds from the distribution of poppies shall be used only for rehabilitation and children and youth work among veterans and their families, and shall be kept separate from general fund. This is a National mandate.

SECTION H - FIFTH DISTRICT AUXILIARY MEMBER OF THE YEAR AWARD

- 1) An active member of the Fifth District (excluding the current District President)
- 2) Does not need to have been a District President.
- 3) Nominations can come from an individual or from a Unit.
- 4) Award to be given out at the Fifth District Convention Banquet.
- 5) If no nominations are received this award will not be given out; the committee does not pick a recipient

SECTION H - FIFTH DISTRICT AUXILIARY MEMBER OF THE YEAR AWARD (Con't.)

- 6) The committee will be rotating with three (3) members; the third member will be the recipient of the current year award.
- 7) Nominations must be sent to committee three (3) weeks prior to the Fifth District Convention.

Revised: September, 2001

October, 2003

March, 2005

November, 2009

September, 2012

Standing Rules Committee:

Jan Kakos, Chairman

Becky Nelson

Deb Bayer



Fifth District Rules

Covering Resolutions and Recommendations



1. Resolutions and recommendations to the Fifth District Convention shall be passed by the Units or by the Fifth District Executive Committee and sent to the Resolutions Committee Chairman prior to the convention.
2. Resolutions and recommendations, if signed by two qualified delegates, may be presented from the floor when there is no other business before the meeting and shall be referred without discussion to the proper committee.
3. All resolutions and recommendations shall be presented in writing.
4. The Resolutions Committee shall report to the convention all matters properly presented and within their jurisdiction, except such as may be rejected. The Committee may amend a resolution or recommendation before reporting it. Resolutions requiring joint action with the Legion shall be given precedence over others.
5. All resolutions and recommendations presented to any committee and rejected by the committee shall be marked "rejected", signed by the chairman and returned to the District Secretary, and proponents notified of such action. A resolution or recommendation presented to the committee and rejected by the committee may be presented from the floor by a duly qualified proponent of such resolution or recommendation, following the report of the Resolutions Committee.



Fifth District Convention Program

June 1, 2012

9:00 A.M.



Processional	Jan Kakos
Presentation of Gavel	Jan Kakos
Call to Order	Patricia Swanson
Invocation	Jan Kakos
Pledge of Allegiance	Annette Bray
National Anthem	All
Preamble	Liz Crawford (Julie Martin)
Welcome	Patricia Swanson
Convention Call	Penny Becker
Convention Minutes (in book)	Penny Becker
Convention Rules	Becky Nelson
Treasurer	Becky Nelson
Rules Governing Resolutions	Becky Nelson
Reading of Resolutions And Recommendations	Becky Nelson
Presentation of Past District Presidents	Cheri Wright
Presentation of District Junior President	Patricia Swanson
Presentation of President's Project	Patricia Swanson
Final Reports of District Chairmen	Patricia Swanson
Nominating Committee Report	Becky Nelson
Nominations and Introductions of Candidates	Patricia Swanson
Final Membership Report	Annette Bray

Recess 15 Minutes



Reconvene



Presentation of District Executive Committee	Annette Bray
Presentation of Convention Committee	Patricia Swanson
Report of Resolution Committee	Becky Nelson
Credentials Report	Cheri Wright Barb Burkstrand
Election of Officers and Executive Committee	Patricia Swanson
Election of National Delegates	Patricia Swanson
Introduction of 2012-2013 and 2013-2014 Unit Presidents	Patricia Swanson
Presentation of New District President and New Officers	Patricia Swanson
Announcements	Penny Becker
Retirements of Colors	Cari Lamb
Adjournment	Patricia Swanson



Fifth District Officers and Board Members

President

1st Vice President

2nd Vice President

Secretary

Treasurer

Parliamentarian

Sergeant-at-Arms

Executive Committee Member

Executive Committee Member

Patricia Swanson

Annette Bray

Liz Crawford

Penny Becker

Becky Nelson

Jan Kakos

Cari Lamb

Sonja Dauphin

Julie Martin

Fifth District Unit Presidents

Aviation Unit #511

Calhoun Unit #231

Courthouse Unit #310

Falldin Unit #555

Giant Valley #234

Gopher Unit #440

Hellenic Unit #129

Joe Smith Unit #468

Johnnie Baker Unit #291

Minneapolis Unit #1

Minneapolis-Richfield Unit #435

Wold Chamberlain Unit

Madeline Seeman

Debra Gatto

Sonja Dauphin

Cheri Lloyd

Marie Fredrickson

Colleen Grill

Ann Boosalis

Pamela Morgan

Carlene Lovelady

Cari Lamb

Joy DeLong

June Anderson

Fifth District Junior Officers

President

1st Vice President

Alicia Arellano

Madison Sloves



**Fifth District American Legion Auxiliary
Department of Minnesota
Convention Minutes
June 2, 2012**



The Fifth District American Legion Convention held at the Holiday Inn, 94th and 35W was called to order by Convention Chairman, Sharon Jeffers at 9:00 on June 2, 2012. The Sgt-at-Arms escorted President Deb Bayer and the Executive Committee to the podium. Chairman Jeffers presented President Deb her gavel and wished for her a successful Convention.

Invocation was given by Chaplain Ramona Nack and we recited the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of our country and the Preamble to the American Legion Auxiliary.

President Deb welcomed everyone to the convention and thanked them for coming.

It was moved and seconded to dispense with the reading of the Call to Convention as they are in our Convention Book. Motion carried.

It was moved and seconded to dispense with the reading of the Minutes of the 2011 Convention Minutes as they are in the book. Motion carried

It was moved and seconded to dispense with the reading of the Convention Rules as they are in the book. Motion carried.

The treasurer read the report for the last month. The report was approved and will be placed on file for audit.

We dispensed with the reading of the rules Governing Resolutions as there were no resolutions.

The Past Fifth District Presidents were introduced and they told stories of things that happened during her year of service. At the Past Presidents luncheon it was voted to give \$25 to President Deb's project and she was presented the check. We had a memorial service for two of our Past Presidents that passed away this year. They were Dolores Duffy and Dorothy Swanson.

President Deb reported on her project. There is \$2100 toward her project and the check will be presented at the banquet this evening.

Jan Brautigam, Americanism Chairman reported that she did not receive many reports from Unit Chairman, but had some ideas for things people could do for next year. Pick some presidents and report on accomplishments while they were in office. Also learn and share the story of the writing of the Star Spangled Banner.

Chris Ronning, a candidate for 2nd Vice President for the Department of Minnesota, was presented and asked for our support.

The Nominating Committee gave their report. Letters of nomination were read. The following people were nominated:

President: Patricia Swanson
1st Vice President: Annette Bray
2nd Vice President: Elizabeth Crawford
Executive Committee: Sonja Dauphine
Julie Martin

The nominees were introduced.

We had a final membership report. We are still in the 10th place.

We recessed for 15 minutes.

The meeting reconvened at 10:45. The Executive Committee was introduced and we read a poem or something that was supposed to be a poem and presented President Deb with a guitar on a stick. We thanked her for her leadership over the year.

As there were no Resolutions there was no final report.

Cheri Wright gave the credentials report. We had 24 delegates, 17 Past District Presidents and 10 Units represented with a voting strength of 46.

We held our election of new officers. As there was no opposition voting was held by acclamation. All were elected.

Election was held for National Delegates. President Deb is not able to attend, so our newly elected President, Patricia Swanson will be our Delegate. Our Alternate Delegate will be Becky Nelson.

We had the introduction of 2011-2012 Presidents and they in turn introduced the incoming Unit Presidents for 2012-2013.

The newly elected officers were introduced.

Announcements were given.

The Colors were retired and the meeting was adjourned at 11:30.

Penny Becker, Secretary

NOTES



FIFTH DISTRICT

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Fifth District Auxiliary Reports

2012 – 2013 Americanism

**Janet Brautigam
Chairman**

**Fifth District
Department of MN**

District 5 Americanism committees/Units participated in several activities, but were limited by lack of knowledge on how more of the activities could be entered into. 775 members volunteered during the year \$210 were spent and 197 hours were donated.

Missing: How many hours were spent on each activity? How many hours were missed in the count? (Pledge of Allegiance, reading facts and informative articles on patriotism and values in American life at Unit meetings flying the flag at your home, etc.)

Tell me: What did you do to get out the vote, to teach flag etiquette, to celebrate patriotic holidays, to honor blue star and gold star families? Your written stories will be very helpful to other Units. We would all benefit from your ideas and efforts Please help us.

I believe that there are many more Americanism categories that should be on the report sheet.

Two Units participated in Flag Education Program for 50 hours; two Units participated in the Flag Etiquette Program for 20 hours. One Unit participated in Patriotic Program's; five Units participated in Patriotic Holiday Observances donating \$120 and 52 hours. Four Units participated in the Get Out the Vote for 43 hours. One Unit participated in the Girls Scout Achievement Award donating \$90 and two hours. Members participated in the Blue Star/Gold Star banners and one Unit participated in the Yellow Ribbon Reintegration Program. One Unit attended the American Legion Oratorical Contest.

Thank you for allowing me to serve as Americanism chairman and to have the opportunity to share the ideas of several Units.



Fifth District Auxiliary Reports



2012 – 2013 Auxiliary Emergency Fund

**Colleen Grill
Chairman**

**Fifth District
Department of MN**

The Auxiliary Emergency Fund program was founded to provide assistance to members in the following way:

- Provide financial assistance to members who have suffered a financial setback.
- Provide emergency assistance to members affected by disaster or weather-related occurrences. The money provides food, shelter and utility payments in time of emergency.
- Provide educational assistance to members re-entering the workforce or to upgrade skills necessary to be competitive in the job market.

The maximum amount of any grant is \$2,400 and may be disbursed in one, two or three monthly increments as determined by the National Grant committee.

Any member of the American Legion Auxiliary who has maintained membership for the immediate past two years and who has paid their dues for the current year is eligible to apply for a financial grant.

Each year at the Fall Conference a Silent Auction is held as a means of raising additional funds for the program. “Theme Baskets” are always a popular item at the auction. This year, the Fifth District donated a “Kitchen Basket” to the Silent Auction. Thank you to all Units who donated money or provided items for the Fifth District “Kitchen Basket” at the Fall Conference. In addition to the popular Theme Baskets, there was also a Cookie Sale and a Dollar Bag Sale.

The Auxiliary Emergency Fund raised \$2,144.51 from the Silent Auction, \$356.65 from the Cookie Sale, and \$111.00 for the Dollar Bag Sale. Minnesota’s donation to the Auxiliary Emergency Fund at the end of October was \$1,945. With the silent auction monies, the fund was close to \$6,000.

Thank you to all Units for your contributions to this worthwhile program.
Thank you, President Patricia for allowing me to serve as chairman.



Fifth District Auxiliary Reports



2012 – 2013 Children & Youth

**Sonja Dauphin
Chairman**

**Fifth District
Department of MN**

Our Fifth District participated in the following programs:

Halloween Safety one Unit donated \$50 for a total of 10 hours; Children & Youth Month two Units, \$50 and four hours; Operation Military Kids two Units and \$70 and Temporary Financial Assistance one Unit and \$200 and five hours.

Total Unit contributions to the following programs:

Forgotten Children's Fund four Units \$100; American Legion Child Welfare Foundation two Units and \$20; Christmas Party for children one Unit and \$105 and pop tabs for Ronald McDonald House six Units and 1,141 pounds.



Fifth District Auxiliary Reports



2012-2013 Education

**Ramona Nack
Chairman**

**Fifth District
Department of MN**

There were nine Units in the 5th District American Legion Auxiliary that filled out reports in Education. One Unit contributed \$20.00 to the National President's Scholarship Fund. One of the Units within the 5th District offers a scholarship within their Unit.

Three "Need a Lift" books were distributed and three Guide for Parents and Students were distributed.

Monies for scholarship were given to Holy Trinity Lutheran \$300.00 and \$250.00 for the Legacy Scholarship Fund. Box top for Education was collected and apples were delivered to the teachers.

One Unit participated in the Adult Literacy Program, one Unit participated in the Classroom Reading Program and one Unit participated in the "Give 10 to Education program. A total of 25 plus hours were recorded.

There were three Juniors that participated in the Literacy Program as an organized group. Two Units participated in the Veterans in the Classroom with a total of 14 hours and four schools were served.

There were five Units that participated in American Education Week. A total of 15 schools were served with a total of \$325.00.

A Unit member donated books, games and flash cards to Kids Club at a local school. One member volunteered forty two hours for the Fall and Spring Fund Raisers and another volunteer donated twelve hours at the Book Fair. A member volunteered twenty four hours for Parent Teachers Organization. A member volunteered five hours at the School Science Fair. A member volunteered four hours at the Ice Cream Social.

Thank you, President Patricia for this appointment.



Fifth District Auxiliary Reports



2012-2013 Field Services

**Carol Fasching
Chairman**

**Fifth District
Department of MN**

The Units of the 5th District volunteered and contributed monies to the MN Veterans Home, VA Medical Center, nursing homes, Regional Treatment Center, Stand Down for homeless veterans, Christmas Gift Shop, Fisher House and Adopt a Veteran for Christmas. Members made afghans, volunteered at Bingo games at the MN Veterans Home donating money to the winner and serving refreshments. We donated to District Legion Family Project, Base Camp Hope and volunteered and donated to a Corn Feed at MN Veterans Home.

The Unit members assisted veterans by taking them shopping and furnishing transportation to Legion functions, doctor appointments and church. Some members spent time reading to residents at the MN Veterans Home and nursing homes.

Members volunteered hours reported by the Units were 1,144 and monies donated were \$5547 and value of donated items \$1652.

Thank you President Patricia for this chairmanship.



Fifth District Auxiliary Reports



2012-2013 Girls State

**Annette Bray
Chairman**

**Fifth District
Department of MN**

The American Legion Auxiliary Minnesota Girls State Program in the 5th District had representation of seven girls from different high schools at Bethel University last June.

They were very active in the governmental processes that took place during the week. They had several positions from Judge of Elections to Senators and Representatives, performed mock trials, and participated in political conventions, chorus, and debates.

As chairman of Girls State for our District, I need to say however, that Unit chairmen need to remember that the reports are from last April until now. That means, when completing the number of girls sponsored, the number needs to reflect how many attended MN Girls State the year before, i.e. 2012 for this years report, and also the fee amounts plus additional funds sent.

The citizens were asked to bring socks to Bethel University as a project for MN Girls State. I am pleased to say that there were almost 5,000 pairs of sock brought. These socks were donated to the Minnesota Stand Down portion of MACV to be distributed throughout the state of Minnesota. A Wal-Mart store in St Paul graciously donated about \$200 worth of socks also.

As District Chairman of MN Girls State, I strongly urge all Units to get involved with this program. If you do not have enough funds to send a girl, there is a fund in the Department of MN Girls State that you can apply to sponsor a girl. We have so many high schools in Minneapolis that are not being represented at MN Girls State. If you have questions about this, I would be happy to visit with you.

Thank you, President Patricia for this appointment.



Fifth District Auxiliary Reports



2012 – 2013 History

LoAnn Grill
Chairman

Fifth District
Department of MN

This Auxiliary year Units in the Fifth District actively supported President Patricia's theme of "Volunteers – Our Veterans Angels". Auxiliary members gave of their time, talent, and money to serve our veterans, their families, and their communities.

Six Units and One Junior Unit submitted an Auxiliary History. The Auxiliary History reports document that the American Legion and American Legion Auxiliary Programs were carried out in the Fifth District with commitment and dedication.

Unit meetings were opened with a salute to the colors, the Pledge of Allegiance, singing of the Star Spangled Banner, reciting the Preamble of the Constitution of the American Legion Auxiliary, and a prayer. One Unit conducts a flag etiquette program at local schools. Several Units participated in Memorial Day services at local cemeteries to honor those who paid the ultimate price for our freedoms. One Unit supported the USO and several Units supported the Armed Forces Service Center. One Unit purchased and shipped boxes to service personnel that contained personal care items, reading materials and snacks. One Unit reported their members proudly carried flags at a 4th of July Parade and the St. Paul Winter Carnival.

The Children and Youth Program was well served by members of Units within the Fifth District. Numerous hours were donated to support the children and youth in our communities. Hours were donated to schools, children's hospitals, local food shelves, helping with spring and fall yard clean up, and to Meals on Wheels. Units were generous in their monetary donations to organizations in support of Children and Youth. Examples of where these donations were made are Legionville, Forgotten Children's Fund, Operation Military Kids, Mentally Retarded and Handicapped Children, the VA Day Care Center, and Minnesota Home School. Unit members were also very active in collecting and donating to schools - box tops for education, Kemp milk caps, ink cartridges, Campbell soup labels and pop tabs for The Ronald McDonald House. One Unit donated funds to Prior Lake Fish Setters, a program teaching youth how to fish. With the help of their Legion Family, one Unit donated over \$9,000 worth of food, toys and gift cards to the families of deployed troops. Another Unit donated food baskets for families of Guard members called to active duty. Two Units held a Children's Christmas Party and Santa appeared with his bag of goodies. The children received a gift, animal shaped balloons, received face painting and were treated to a magic show. Two Units made monetary donations to sponsor children to Legionville. Units reported purchasing school supplies for local schools. One Unit donated to their city's Fire and Police Day Safety Camp.

The Fifth District Unit members were very active in their community with monetary donations and volunteering their time and talents. Members volunteered their time collecting money for March of Dimes, the Salvation Army, Alzheimer's Association, Cancer Fund Drive, Children's Cancer Fund, Diabetes Association, to name a few. Unit members also volunteered of their time to: Meals on Wheels,

Loaves and Fishes, local food shelves, nursing home visitation, Veterans Clothing Distribution Center, and the Girl Scouts. Monetary donations were made to a local high school for their Senior Class Party, Richfield Police Department Bulletproof Vest Fund, VEAP, a Head Start Class, Special Olympics, ARC, the DAV's, Marie Sandavik Center and Fisher House. One Unit collected puzzles, magazines, jewelry and other items to be donated to a local Nursing Home in their community to be used as prizes for their Life Enrichment Program. At Christmas sweatshirts were given to all the veteran residents in the Nursing Home. Two members of one Unit were part of a steering committee to set up a Beyond the Yellow Ribbon. Many hours were donated and as a result of their efforts their City became a Beyond the Yellow Ribbon Community. Two Units reported members participated in a blood drive in their local community.

Several Units promoted American Education Week by presenting teachers and staff at a number of local schools with apples and other treats to thank them for their dedicated service to children. Need A Lift books were donated to a number of schools and libraries in our communities. Many members participated in Adult Literacy programs in their community. Another Unit participated in the Give 10 to Education Program. Numerous hours were donated in mentoring programs, assisting teachers in the classroom, helping at ice cream socials, Spring and Fall fund raisers and Book Fairs.

Auxiliary members volunteered of their time and talents sponsoring bingo parties at the Mpls. Veterans Home and assisted with the Auxiliary Christmas Gift Shop. Unit members volunteered teaching veterans how to use the computer, reading to veterans, driving veterans to appointments at the VA Medical Center, shopping and to attend Legion functions. One Unit sponsored a Corn Feed at the Minneapolis Veterans Home. One Unit participates in the Adopt-A-Vet program. One Unit filled 100 Easter Eggs with \$3.00 in quarters. One member dressed up as an Easter Bunny and two members wore bunny ears as they handed out the Easter Eggs. The residents loved it! Several Units made monetary donations to support the Field Service Program of the American Legion Auxiliary. Donations were made to the Mpls. VA Home including the donation of coffee, stamps, candy and teas, Fisher House and the Christmas Gift Shop. Members from one Unit visited with a WWII veteran and his wife at Christmas and presented them with a treat basket.

Two Units reported they sponsored girls for Girls State. In addition to paying the registration fees, these units provided the girls with spending money to be able to purchase a souvenir to remember their Girls State experience or use the money for their personal use. A couple of Units held a meeting with their Girls State candidates and their parents to explain the Girls State program and to answer their questions. One Unit's Girls Stater spoke at a 5th District Meeting and told of her experience at Girls State. One local school produces a pamphlet listing several options for students such as MN Boys State and MN Girls State, Oratorical Contest, etc. Each student receives a copy of the pamphlet. The Fifth District Chairman held an Old Fashion Tea to earn extra money for Units to use to help defray the cost of sponsoring girls to Girls State.

Units reported that at all their meetings minutes are read, approved and kept in a permanent file. Annual Reports are also retained in a permanent file. Units reported they enjoy talking with Past Presidents, as they are the greatest resource for the history of their Unit.

Members saved stamps, foreign and commemorative, as well as picture post cards. Unit members cooked meals and baked cookies and cakes for veterans confined to their homes. A couple of Units reported members did sewing projects for homebound veterans. A couple of Units participated in the Buddy Basket Project.

While most Units no longer have an active Junior group, Junior members were still active in their Units, attending meeting and events. One Junior group donated food and volunteered at a local food shelf, collected school supplies, box tops and soup labels and did spring and fall yard clean up for veterans.

Legislative issues and concerns were reported at Unit membership meetings and are written in Unit and Post Newsletters. Members are encouraged to write to their representatives about matters that concern the veterans, our nation's flag, concerns about the health of our veterans and their families, funds needed for the VA Hospitals, the Fisher House and Veteran's Homes.

Units take an active role in Memorial Day Services at local cemeteries. Post and Units present wreaths at these services to remember and honor deceased members and veterans. Cards and a memorial donation are sent to family members of the deceased. Units have held memorial services during their monthly meeting for deceased members of their Unit. A couple of Units reported conducting a prayer service at the funeral of a deceased member if requested by the family. One Unit gives a Memorial Scholarship each year to a child of a veteran. The Memorial Scholarship was established in memory of a Junior member. One Unit made a memorial donation to the Mpls VAMC Canteen Fund in memory of four members who were active volunteers at the Medical Center. A memorial donation was also made to the MN Veterans Home in memory of another deceased member who was an active volunteer there. One Unit donated money to the Creative Art Festival/MN to purchase a new Unit Banner and the National Commander's Project "Operation Comfort Warriors".

Several Units made monetary donations to the Armed Forces Service Center. Unit members were encouraged to update emergency car kits and to support the USO. Members hosted Neighborhood Night Out parties for crime prevention. A new member from one Unit started a project – Mission Project. In addition to sending Christmas packages (as well as packages year round) she sent Valentine cards to the troops in a Unit of a soldier killed in action to show his death did not go unnoticed.

Units and Posts jointly participate in the distribution of poppies and poppy cards during April and May. Several Units do a mailing to Unit and Post members with a poppy and request a donation. Poppies are a part of the décor at various events throughout the year and one Unit uses poppies for corsages when they initiate new members into their Unit. Poppies are also handed out at Memorial Day services and at parades. One Unit donated left over poppies to a Senior Community group to use as decorations at their monthly luncheons. Donations from the Poppy Funds are used for Gift Shop, MN Veteran's Home recreational therapy, Fisher House, and in support of our Veterans.

Units and Posts publish a newsletter monthly or bi-monthly to keep their members informed of upcoming events and important dates. Information is also included about veterans programs and veterans issues/concerns. When possible, flyers and yard signs are placed at local businesses to help promote Post and Unit events.

The veteran affair and rehabilitation program has received a lot of support from Unit members of the Fifth District. Several Units reported they have members that volunteer at the VA Medical Center and the Minneapolis Veterans Home. Unit members also participate in hospital visitation. Units were very generous with their donations to several projects - Dollar Bill Shower, American Legion Fund for Hospitalized Veterans, and Fisher House. Several Unit members donated clothing to the MN Veterans Home residents. One Unit donated MVAMC Recreation Therapy Department, and the Legacy Scholarship. Many Units reported making a financial donation to the Creative Arts Festival. One Unit sponsors a Saturday Bingo event each month at the MN Veterans Home.

President Patricia, it has been my privilege to serve as your History Chairman. Unit members of the Fifth District still continue to actively support our Veterans, active military personnel, veteran's families and our community. Thank You to all Units of the 5th District for your dedicated service to our Veterans.



Fifth District Auxiliary Reports



2011 – 2012 Initiation

Gerda Erickson

Fifth District

Chairman

Department of MN

It was an exciting and enlightening road to travel as your chairman of Initiations. Through our Unit Presidents we attempted to contact anyone across the District who had not experienced a formal initiation. We were pleasantly surprised to see 15 members come forward.

The setting was inviting as the Initiation was performed just prior to our District President's Luncheon in April.

I had great cooperation from our Past District Presidents.

The breakdown of the Initiation was as follows

- 1 Calhoun
- 4 Giant Valley
- 1 Joe Smith
- 7 Minneapolis-Richfield
- 2 Wold Chamberlain

Thank you, Madam President for this assignment.



Fifth District Auxiliary Reports



2012 – 2013 Leadership

**Becky Nelson
Chairman**

**Fifth District
Department of MN**

One Unit had a leadership meeting. One Unit had a Leadership training course. Ten Units taught about the programs of the Auxiliary.

There were two Units in the District that held Spring and Fall clean up for veterans.

Resources used were face book and Unit page.



Fifth District Auxiliary Reports



2012 – 2013 Legislation

**Pat Bjur-Johnson
Chairman**

**Fifth District
Department of MN**

Out of 12 Auxiliary Units nine reported. Auxiliary members were kept informed on current issues from the Dispatch, Minnesota Legionnaire, Sessions Weekly, radio, television and newspaper.

38 members communicated with Legislators;
24 members sent letters, e-mails or made phone calls;
One member subscribes to the National ALA e-news;
Eight members receive the Dispatch;
One member subscribes to Sessions Weekly.

The American Legion Auxiliary was well attended at Legislation Day at the Capital in March. We all need to keep informed and fight for our veterans rights.



Fifth District Auxiliary Reports



2012 – 2013 Home Service

**Debra Gatto
Chairman**

**Fifth District
Department of MN**

Scarves and afghans were made and cakes, cookies and bars were baked.

There were 35 items made at a value of \$1120, 198 items baked for a cost of \$150. Two Units participated in the “Buddy Basket” project. There were two baskets made at a cost of \$120.52. One Unit participated in the “Adaptive Clothing Project”. There were 125 items donated at a value of \$300.

There were 13 Seniors that volunteered 493.5 hours, six Juniors volunteering 100 hours, three Legion members volunteering 50 hours and six SAL members volunteering 50 hours



Fifth District Auxiliary Reports



2012 – 2013 Memorial

Jan Kakos
Chairman

Fifth District
Department of MN

There were ten Units out of twelve reporting this year. We had 25 Senior members who left us this year, two were Charter members.

Units held Memorial Services and one Unit draped their Charter in memory of their deceased members.

The Units of the Fifth District Auxiliary opened and closed their meetings with prayers for peace and our deployed military personnel. Opening and closing prayers are given at all Fifth District meetings.

Prayers are given at all Legion and/or Auxiliary functions; such as installations, luncheons, dinners, testimonials and initiations.

Sympathy cards, birthday, get well and thinking of you cards were sent to the American Legion Family and members.

Some Units provided refreshments and hosted pot luck luncheons for the family of the deceased.

The Fifth District sponsors and hosts a Memorial Service at the Minnesota Veterans Home on Memorial Day. We hold a joint Legion Family Memorial Service at our District Convention. Many Units hold Memorial Services at local cemeteries to honor our deceased veterans.

Hope that can shine like a Holy Light,
And brighten the spirit's blackest night,
When earthly help is of no avail,
There is one friend, who will never fail,
Just lift your eyes – the answer is there.
For nobody knows the power of prayers.

President Patricia, thank you for this appointment.



Fifth District Auxiliary Reports



2012-2013 National Security

**Deb Bayer
Chairman**

**Fifth District
Department of MN**

The National Security program insures our ability to handle emergency situations in our homes and in our communities. Nine of twelve Units of the Fifth District reported, but only three Units participated.

This year one Unit adopted seven military Units, giving support to them & their families in the amount of \$250 and donating 940 volunteer hours.

This same Unit donated \$650 to Operation Comfort Warriors and \$25 for POW/MIA activities.

30 volunteer hours were given for the Yellow Ribbon Reintegration Program.

\$120 was given to the Armed Forces Servicemen Center @ Mpls/St. Paul Airport.

Our National Security Chairman gives us tips on fire protection/prevention, crime prevention and winter survival. She also kept us updated on three amendments that passed in the Senate to help fight sexual assault in the Military.

Thank you President Patty for this chairmanship.



Fifth District Auxiliary Reports



2012-2013 Past Presidents Parley

**Cheri Wright
Chairman**

**Fifth District
Department of MN**

Although only eight Units reported, the Past Presidents from these Units have been very busy by helping their Units in every capacity.

Unit Past Presidents are very active in all the Auxiliary programs; assisting with Christmas baskets and distributing poppies. Volunteering at both the Minnesota Veterans Home and at the VA Hospital, hosting bingo parties, Las Vegas nights and visiting with the patients. They participate in Memorial Day services, collect pop tabs, and box tops for education.

Several Units have gotten together, with their Past Commanders, to have dinner and catch up with each other.

The Past District Presidents only met once for this year. We went to Teppanyaki Grill, in October. At that time we initiated, Deb Bayer, as the latest member of the Past Presidents. She told us what an honor it would be to be accepted into such an elite group of women. The vote was unanimous, Deb is our newest member.

Due to crappy weather and lack of participation, we didn't have a Spring Luncheon.

With the dues that have been collected and the fines for not having their Past District Presidents' pin, we are able to donate \$25.00 to the District President's project this year.

I am saddened to write that we did lose two of our Past Presidents this past year, Doris Lestersen and Marion Melin. Marion was District President in 1971-72 and was a member of Wold Chamberlain Unit #99. Doris was District President in 1997-98. At the time of her death, Doris was a member of the Aitkin Unit. Both of these great ladies will be missed by their Unit and the District.

President Patricia, thank you so much for this appointment and the opportunity to serve as the Past President's Parley Chairman again (and again and again) this year.



Fifth District Auxiliary Reports



2012-2013 Poppy

**Mary Younkin
Chairman**

**Fifth District
Department of MN**

There were nine Units reporting at the time of this report Our Units ordered a total of 8512 Poppies, 169 Members Distributed Poppies and received contributions totaling \$9,507.73. Total number of poppies our Units distributed was 6720.

Our Units have used Poppies throughout the year by distributing Poppies at Fort Snelling Memorial Chapel , Minnesota Veterans's Home on Memorial Day and Memorial Services for our deceased Members. Poppies were used for decorations & Center-pieces at Unit Meetings.

Units also included one or two Poppies with their Units Newsletter or bulletins. We have a great response from our members.

Thank You, President Patricia, for this Chairmanship.

2012-2013 Juniors

**Sandra Arellano
Chairman**

**Fifth District
Department of MN**

The Fifth District American Legion Auxiliary has 12 Units, nine reporting this year. The 5th District Juniors are a small group, but are very active working with the Auxiliary on all Auxiliary programs. This year they collected food for the food shelf, donated school supplies to local schools, help with annual yard clean up for older veterans, collected pop tops, soup labels and box tops for education. Some were mentors for younger students at their schools.

Our District Junior Conference was held in March. At the Conference they elected new officers for the coming year. Plans were also made for some Juniors to attend the Department Junior Conference. Our small group of Juniors work hard with the Auxiliary making a difference in our communities, schools and most of all for our veterans and their families



Fifth District Auxiliary Reports



2012 – 2013 Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation

Theresa Gundlach
Chairman

Fifth District
Department of MN

The American Legion Auxiliary of the 5th District had many volunteers **“Working Together, Making a Difference for Our Veterans, Their Families and Our Communities”** this year 2012-2013, shown by all the hours and dollars they have spent supporting the veterans under the Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation Programs.

Total Cash Donations	Total Value of Donated Items	Total # of Veterans served
\$12,050.00	\$280.52	36
Total hours 497		

I want to thank all of our Auxiliary members for their sense of individual obligation to God, Country, State, Nation and Community. To participate in and contributing to the accomplishment of the aims and purposes of The American Legion.

United, our Auxiliary members with devotion to mutual helpfulness have accomplished the goals of the American Legion and our veterans this year 2012-2013.

“Working Together, Making a Difference for Our Veterans, Their Families and Our Communities”.

Thank you, Patricia Swanson, for this opportunity to serve as 5th District Chairman of the Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation.



Fifth District Auxiliary Reports



2012 – 2013 Community Service

Julie Martin
Chairman

Fifth District
Department of MN

That the main object is to develop, implement and monitor community-wide service projects that aid Veterans, service members and their families.

Units can find information on how to help Veterans and their families through Beyond the Yellow Ribbon (beyondtheyellowribbon.org) and Homefront Connection (homefrontconnection.org).

Don't forget our long time commitment to assist with blood drives, first aid, CPR training, child safety programs, support for women in shelters and supporting shelters for homeless Veterans.

Another great Community Service project is donating and helping out at Stand Downs. Stand Downs were started in 1988 by two Vietnam Veterans. Named for a military term for a combat unit's time to rest and recover while at war, today it is a grassroots effort to offer the same services to homeless Veterans according to the Department of Veterans Affairs. There are about 131,000 homeless Veterans on the street on any given night.

Another Community Service activity is Operation: Military Kids (operationmilitarykids.org/public/heropacks.aspx) OMK School-Age & Youth Program Delivery System.

Off-Post Partnerships (Such as, National Guard & Army Reserves, 4-H Clubs, Boys & Girls Clubs, the American Legion, Schools, Child Care Aware© of America, the American Red Cross, YMCA's, etc.) for children and youth whose parents are deployed. Backpacks are filled with stamps, stationary, cameras, teddy bears, thank you notes and etc...

In programs of assisting and helping the veteran and families in the community, The Fifth District Auxiliaries have: Volunteered 2731 hours, spent \$575.00 and assisted 60 Veterans.

Helping the homeless Veterans with hygiene, comfort kits and donating to Stand Down, The Fifth District Auxiliaries have done well: Volunteered 127 hours, spent \$1,308.00, requested donations, \$1,200.00 and served 20 Veterans and donated 10 units of blood.

Community Service is all about “Working Together-Making A Difference” for our Veterans, their families and our communities.

PAST FIFTH DISTRICT PRESIDENTS

(* Deceased)

Unit	Name	Year
Mark Hamilton	Mrs. E. N. Johnston *	1921
	Mrs. George Osborne *	1922
Wm Peck	Mrs. Robert Saxton *	1923
Lawrence Wenell	Mrs. Sidel Swenson *	1924-25
Wm Peck	Mrs. Dean Meeker *	1926-27
	Mr. Levi Hall *	1927-28
	Mrs. C. O. Bemies *	1928-29
	Mrs. A. A. Schaal *	1929-30
Lawrence Wenell	Mrs. Norman Rebney *	1930-31
	Mrs. Raymond T. Schneider *	1931-32
Giant Valley	Mrs. Leslie Hardy *	1932-33
Wm Peck	Mrs. C. F. Moore, Jr. *	1933-34
Lawrence Wenell	Mrs. Frank Bush *	1934-35
North Side	Mrs. John Fredin *	1935-36
Minneapolis-Richfield	Mrs. C. E. Danielson *	1936-37
Navy Marine	Mrs. Donald McLeod *	1937-38
Wm Laidlaw	Mrs. Carleton Boeke *	1938-39
Calhoun	Mrs. Franklin Butson *	1939-40
Lake Harriet	Mrs. Donald Jenkins *	1940-41
Preston Crichton	Mrs. Horace Hutto *	1941-42
North Side	Mrs. Henry Borman *	1942-43
Wm Laidlaw	Mrs. R. H. Anderson *	1943-44
Lawrence Wenell	Mrs. Paul Sleeper *	1944-45
Wold Chamberlain	Mrs. Claude Morrill *	1945-46
Navy Marine	Mrs. Ray Barker *	1946-47
Calhoun	Betty Count *	1947-48
Department President 1951-1952		
Honeywell, Calhoun	Martha Helgeson *	1948-49
Lawrence Wenell	Mrs. Frank Lamson *	1949-50
Lawrence Wenell	Mrs. Bert Karr	1949-50
Wold Chamberlain	Mrs. H. H. Rosenwald *	1950-51
	Mrs. E. G. Cole *	1951-52
Preston Crichton	Mrs. Peter Skurdalsvold *	1952-53
Wold Chamberlain	Dorothy Christensen *	1953-54
Department President 1960-1961		
Bearcat	Mrs. Harold Fretag *	1954-55
Lawrence Wenell	Mrs. George Thompson *	1955-56
Northside	Irene Condo *	1956-57
Northside	Mrs. Ray T. Holman *	1957-58
Paul Revere	Mrs. John L. Corcoran *	1958-59
Southtown	Mrs. Richard Grant *	1959-60
Falldin	Grace Kellerman *	1960-61
Court House	Val Zemple *	1961-62
Bearcat	Mrs. Marie Sparrow *	1962-63
Wm Laidlaw	Peg McCarty *	1963-64
Department President 1972-1973		
Post Office/Gopher	Fern Raffenspiger *	1964-65

Unit	Name	Year
Falldin	Mrs. Michael Cain	1965-66
Calhoun	Mrs. Gertrude I. Olson *	1966-67
Bainbridge/Falldin	Vi Rahrlich *	1967-68
Minneapolis-Richfield	Maggie Deml *	1968-69
Post Office/Gopher	Eileen Schroedl *	1969-70
North Side	Agnes Dingman *	1970-71
Wold Chamberlain	Marion Melin	1971-72
Johnnie Baker	Carolyn Greene *	1972-73
Minneapolis-Richfield	Eleanor Johnson *	1973-74
William Laidlaw/Unit #1	Violet Gomberg *	1974-75
Northside/Gopher	Myrtle Thielen *	1975-76
Falldin	Emily Duffee *	1976-77
Gopher	LuVerne Warnberg	1977-78
Minneapolis-Richfield	Dorothy Hathaway *	1978-79
Lawrence Wenell/Unit #1	Irene Lauck *	1979-80
Giant Valley	Idella DeLosier *	1980-81
Calhoun	Gerda Erickson	1981-82
William Laidlaw/Unit #1	Sharon Jeffers	1982-83
Department President 1991-1992		
Minneapolis-Richfield	Penny Becker	1983-84
Falldin	Billie Mae Lindgren	1984-85
Gopher	Ramona Nack	1985-86
Navy Marine/Unit #1	Kathy Moen	1986-87
William Laidlaw/Unit #1	Carol Fasching	1987-88
Minneapolis-Richfield	Patricia Swanson	1988-89
Wold Chamberlain	Shirley Rickard	1989-90
Hellenic/Unit # 1	Doris Anfinson	1990-91
Falldin	Sandra Hawk	1991-92
Minneapolis-Richfield	Annette Bray	1992-93
Department President 2000-2001		
Gopher	LoAnn Grill	1993-94
Mpls. Unit #1	Cheri Wright	1994-95
Hellenic	June Hegdahl	1995-96
Gopher	Dorothy Swanson*	1996-97
Mpls. Unit #1	Doris Lestersen	1997-98
Mpls. Unit #1	Kathie Adam	1998-99
Minneapolis-Richfield	Colleen Hendrickson	1999-2000
Hellenic	Barbara Burkstrand	2000-01
Falldin	Dolores Duffee*	2001-02
Mpls. Unit #1	Becky Nelson	2002-03
Mpls. Unit #1	Sue Bristor	2003-04
Falldin	Sandra Arellano	2004-05
Hellenic	Carol Whitmore	2005-06
Minneapolis-Richfield	Terry Cruzen	2006-07
Gopher	Mary Younkin	2007-08
Hellenic	Jan Kakos	2008-2009
Calhoun	Theresa Gundlach	2009-2010
Mpls. Unit #1	Becky Nelson	2010-2011
Wold-Chamberlain	Deb Bayer	2011-2012



Fifth District Auxiliary



Member of the Year Recipients

1995	Dorothy Hathaway	Minneapolis-Richfield
1996	Sharon Jeffers	Minneapolis Unit #1
1997	Peg McCarty	Minneapolis Unit #1
1998	Betty Count	Calhoun Unit
1999	Vi Rahrlich	Bainbridge/Falldin
2000	Emily Duffee	Falldin Unit
2001	Joyce Williams	Minneapolis-Richfield
2002	Ramona Nack	Gopher Unit
2003	Mary Persing	Falldin Unit
2004	Barb Burkstrand	Hellenic Unit
2005	Eleanor Johnson	Minneapolis-Richfield
2006	Patricia Swanson	Minneapolis-Richfield
2007	Becky Nelson	Minneapolis Unit #1
2008	Jan Kakos	Hellenic Unit
2009	Penny Becker	Minneapolis-Richfield
2010	Elizabeth Crawford	Court House Unit #310
2011	Mary Younkin	Gopher
2012	Gerda Erickson	Calhoun



Fifth District Auxiliary



2012-2013 Deceased Members

We have come to that time, to pay tribute to the memory of those members of the American Legion Auxiliary who have answered the Masters all during the past year.

Mary Norman

Joyce Dosen

Martha Gates

Darlene Holt

Nettie Mealman

Georgia Kootsikis

Joyce Hagen

Charlene Briscoe

Marjorie Tendall

Betty Els Becker

Caroline Boyes

Marilyn Carnis

Helen Colton

Gertrude Fischer

Bonnie Hanson

Jean Klarquist

Carol Mortenson

Lavon Nelson

Carol Ryan

Elizabeth Samuelson

Marilyn Vogelgesang

Agnes Widga

Dorothy Braaten

Janet Gregerson

Margaret Martinson