



## **5<sup>th</sup> District American Legion Convention 2013-2014**

### **American Legion Family**

**Commander  
Robert Johnson**

**Auxiliary President  
Annette Bray**

**SAL Commander  
Robert Bristo**

**Junior Aux Honorary President  
Madison Sloves**





FIFTH DISTRICT  
AMERICAN LEGION  
DEPARTMENT OF MINNESOTA  
ANNUAL CONVENTION  
May 30 & 31, 2014



**Mike Ash**  
Commander  
2013 - 2014  
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American Legion Family:

Welcome to your district convention. The American Legion at Post, District and Department levels continues doing great things. The district convention is where we brag up what we've done over the past year, the goals we've met and exceeded, the shortfalls we've corrected and overcome and ideas for the coming year of the greatest veteran's organization in the world.

This convention is crucial to the way we do business, and it sets the stage for all the good work we do for our veterans, for our youth and for our communities throughout the year. This is where the older heads get a chance to mentor the newer guys. This is where the newer members should get a glimpse into the majority of Legion programs, how they work, what is needed to make them succeed and hopefully get interested in becoming part of particular program team.

By doing our work at these conventions, we honor the service and memory of so many veterans who have gone before us. The crucial thing is communication. We must let each other know of our programs, and we must let our communities and local media know about the many hours of volunteerism that comes from our posts and districts and the way the Legion directly affects the local economy through fund-raising and giving back to the community.

Work hard, enjoy getting back together with friends, and above all participate! Ask the questions! Stimulate the conversation! Let the speakers know you're listening and care! This convention is where you can compare with others what your post has accomplished and was reported in the Consolidated Post Reports. The fact that you are here demonstrates that you are one of the leaders or future leaders of this great organization.

We are the best service organization in Minnesota, and much of what we do starts right here.

Thank you again for your attendance.

Sincerely,

Mike Ash  
Department Commander



# **Mickey Ostrum**

2013 - 2014

Department Vice-Commander

Department of Minnesota

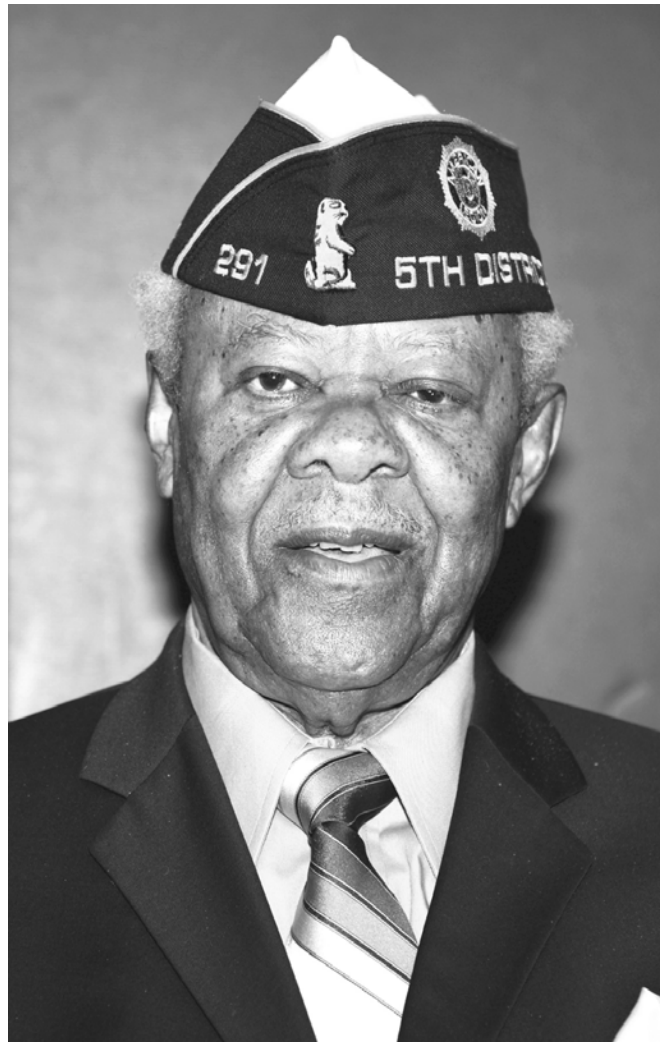
It's hard to believe that my year as your Department Vice Commander is near the end. I am sure that the 5<sup>th</sup> District American Legion Family will have a Convention that will inspire greatness in the coming years. Whenever I was in the 5<sup>th</sup> District I was made to feel like I was a member of the 5<sup>th</sup> District. It has been an honor and a pleasure representing the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Districts as your Department Vice Commander.

I believe in the American Legion Family. I believe that the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Districts function as a Family. I hope to see as many of the Legion Family at the 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> District Picnic at Veterans Campground on Big Marine Lake on the 21<sup>st</sup> of June. We have to have comradeship as well as working the programs of The American Legion.

I to thank Commander Bob Johnson for the outstanding job he did in leading the Department of Minnesota 5<sup>th</sup> District this year. I also want to thank 5<sup>th</sup> District President Annette Bray, 5<sup>th</sup> District SAL Commander Robert Bristo and 5<sup>th</sup> District Legion Riders Chapter President Shawn Davis for their outstanding service this year.

To the incoming Officers, all I can say is to do the best you can, remember there is help waiting in the wings if you need it.

Mickey Ostrum  
Department Vice Commander  
Department of Minnesota



**Robert Johnson**  
Commander

2013 – 2014

5<sup>th</sup> District  
Department of Minnesota

# 5<sup>th</sup> DISTRICT AMERICAN LEGION



## Commander Robert H. Johnson

Greetings to the 5<sup>th</sup> District American Legion Family:

On behalf of the Officers and Executive Board of the Fighting 5<sup>th</sup> District I wish to welcome each of you to the 2014 District Convention.

We gather to remember our Legion Family comrades who have gone before us and to look forward as our new District Officers begin their journey in shaping the future of our District. It is my fondest wish that you support them as you have supported me.

I have enjoyed working with President Annette Bray, Commander Robert Bristo and Honorary Junior President Madison Sloves. My sincere thanks to each of them for the outstanding manner in which they continued to serve our Veterans.

Thanks to every Post for their hospitality and comradeship extended to me in doing the Legion's work. The Officers, Committee Chairs, Post, Units and Squadrons have made the programs and activities of the Fighting 5<sup>th</sup> successful.

A special thank you to my home Post, Johnnie Baker Post # 291, for their support and assistance this past year.

***Robert H. Johnson***

5<sup>th</sup> District American Legion  
Department of Minnesota



## Past 5<sup>th</sup> District Commanders



1920	L.B. Roberts *	1952	Arthur Goebel *	1984	Reuben F. Mack V †
1921	Walter U. Hauser *	1953	Howard I. Moore *	1985	George Ashwood *
1922	Z.L. Begin *	1954	John Corcoran *	1986	David L. Mauritson *
1923	R.R. Rand * C, N	1955	Richard M. Grant *	1987	David B. Adam V
1924	Walter P. Quist *	1956	Ralph A. Olson *	1988	James C. Johnson
1925	E.C. Nicholson *	1957	Newton W. Speece *	1989	John R. O'Hearn *
1926	L.D. Hughes *	1957	Harvey P. Johnson * V	1990	Wayne A. Wright V
1927	J.F. Sutherland *	1958	David S. Goode * V	1991	Ronald G. Nack *
1928	Lester Badger *	1959	Michael A. Caligiuri * V	1992	K.R. Workcuff
1929	J.W. Nelson *	1960	John G. Torney *	1993	Rodney G. Logeland
1929	Ralph Comaford *	1961	Edward C. Salk * V, C	1994	Tony Kastanos *
1930	Oscar Youngdahl * C	1962	Bernard Conner *	1995	Mel Ohman V, H
1931	H.E. Haag *	1963	Morris E. Casperson * V	1996	W.F. Mausbach
1932	D.L. Sutherland *	1964	Glen H. Dornfeld * V, C, N	1997	Bernard Frerichs *
1933	Elmer F. Hillner *	1965	Lyle (Pat) O'Toole *	1998	William (Bill) L. Bray V
1934	F.T. Boquist *	1966	Samuel Goldman * V	1999	Edward Nyhus *
1935	Paul Dickensheet *	1967	George E. Evans *	2000	Tom Spaise * V
1936	John G. Alexander * V	1968	Donald R. Schroedl V, N	2001	Larry Anderson V
1937	Paul Preston *	1969	Phillip E. Ploumen * V	2002	Robert Silvagni
1938	John McHardy *	1971	Leonard V. Kuffel *	2003	Del Rose
1939	R.F. Bertelsen *	1970	Floyd W. Warnberg *	2004	Bill Lindboe
1940	Dr. Wm. E. Watson *	1972	William F. Lauck *	2005	Joe Bayer V
1941	Paul Koughan *	1973	Harry C. Springer * V	2006	Lynne Nottage V
1942	Frank J. Collin *	1974	Milo T. Cecka * V,C	2007	Richard Hegdahl
1943	Carl A. Lundgren * A,N,C,H	1975	John R. Matson	2008	Wayne Hegland * V
1944	Merle Kromer *	1976	James Jones *	2009	James Munson V
1945	Francis C. Hubbard *	1977	Alfred Barnes, Jr. * V	2010	Curtis Norenberg
1946	Ray Barker *	1978	Philip E. Dingman * V	2011	Gary Heer
1947	Hugh McDaniel *	1979	Ward K. Jeffers V	2012	Dick Ward
1948	Reynold Malmquist *	1980	William Tolle * V	2013	Dennis DeLong H
1949	Charles Espeseth * C	1981	James W. Lawson * V		
1950	Charles Williams *	1982	Virgil V. Persing V C A N		
1951	Robert E. Conn, Jr. *	1983	Steve A. George * 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



<b>YEAR</b>	<b>NAME</b>	<b>POST</b>
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
2013	Wayne Glanton	Johnny Baker Post 291

\* Deceased

### AWARDS COMMITTEE 2013-2014

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



**Fifth District American Legion  
Department of Minnesota  
2012-2013**

**District Officers**

Commander	Bob Johnson	Johnny Baker Post 291
1 <sup>st</sup> Vice Commander	Wayne Wessel	Wold Chamberlain Post 99
2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander	Gary Martin	Gopher Post 440
3 <sup>rd</sup> Vice Commander	Joyce Rose	Minneapolis Post 1
Adjutant	Dick Ward	Minneapolis Post 1
Finance Officer	Lynne Nottage	Minneapolis Post No. 1
Immediate Past Cmdr.	Dennis De Long	Mpls/Richfield Post 435
Membership Director	Wayne Wessel	Wold Chamberlain Post 99
Co-Sergeant At Arms	John Austin	VL Giant Valley Post 234
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	2 year	Post Office Post 540
Merv Becker	2 year	Mpls/Richfield Post No. 435
Joe Bayer	1 year	Wold Chamberlain Post 99
Del Rose	2 year	Minneapolis Post 1
John Austin	1 year	VL Giant Valley Post 234
Wayne Glanton	2 year	Johnny Baker Post 291



## Fifth District American Legion Committees 2012 - 2013



### Commander's Advisory

Curt Norenberg  
James Munson  
Dennis DeLong

### Constitution and Bylaws

1 yr	Gary Heer
2 yr	Dick Ward
3 yr	Dennis De Long
4 yr	Bob Johnson
5 yr	Wayne Wessel
6 yr	Joyce Rose

### Convention

Reuben Mack

Dennis De Long  
Wayne Glanton  
Gary Martin

Nick Kakos  
Bob Johnson  
Jim Munson

Lynne Nottage

### Ethics

1 yr	Nick Kakos
2 yr	Lyle Nelson
3 yr	Lynne Nottage
4 yr	Joe Bayer
5 yr	Wayne Wessel

### Finance Committee

Lynne Nottage  
Dick Ward

Joe Bayer  
Jim Munson

Wayne Wessel  
Curt Norenberg

### Post Development

Joe Bayer

James Munson

Dick Ward

### Resolution

Virgil Persing

Donald Schroedl

Dick Ward

### Convention Credentials

Wayne Wright

### Nominating Committee

Jim Munson  
Dan Cummings  
Dick Ward

Don Schroedl  
Gary Heer  
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 Riders	Shawn Davis	Mpls/Richfield Squadron 435
Armed Forces Center	Ted Hoeben	Aviation Post 511
Blood Program	Joyce Rose	Minneapolis Post No. 1
Boy Scouts	Tim Cagney	Mpls/Richfield Post 435
Boy's State	Tom Eckhoff	Mpls/Richfield Post 435
Children and Youth	Gary Martin	Gopher Post 440
Employment	John Nelson	Mpls/Richfield Post 435
Energy and Conservation	John Nelson	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	Ray Eiden	
Junior Shooting	Tim Cagney	Mpls/Richfield Post 435
Law and Order	Larry Anderson	Fire & Police Post 396
Legionville	Dennis DeLong	Mpls/Richfield Post 435
Legislation	Nick Kakos	Hellenic Post 129
National Security	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
State Fair	Marv Haas	Mpls Fire & Police Post 396
Sons of the American Legion Advisor	James Munson	Mpls/Richfield Post 435



## **Fifth District American Legion Post Commanders 2012-2013**



John Nelson

Joe Freidlund

Peter C. Boosalis

Dick Tetzlaff

Thomas Maley

Dale Newborg

Andrew Rose Sr.

Gary Heer

David Johnson

Wayne Bystrom

James Pung

Merv Becker

Daniel Cummings

Daniel Dowidat

Fred Buck

Dave Roe

Raymond Seeman

Donald Schroedl

Bill Knaak

Donovan O. Ortel

Steven Schults

All PUFL Post

Minneapolis Post 1

Wold-Chamberlain Post 99

Hellenic Post 129

Northside Post 230

Calhoun Post 231

VL Giantvalley Post 234

Johnny Baker Post 291

Courthouse Post 310

Business and Professional Post 332

Bainbridge Post 355

Minneapolis Fire and Police Post 396

Minneapolis-Richfield Post 435

Gopher Post 440

Joe Smith Post 468

Viking Post 493

Bearcat Post 504

Aviation Post 511

Post Office Post 540

University of Minnesota Post 548

Arthur and Leonard Falldin Post 555

Minnesota Veterans Home Post 581

Longton Post 618



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



**May 30-31, 2013  
Holiday Inn Bloomington, Minnesota**

**Friday, May 30, 2014**

Registration 4:00 – 6:00 pm

**Joint Memorial Service** 7:00 pm

**Saturday, May 31, 2014**

Registration 8:00 – 9:00 am

**Call to Order**

Presentation of Colors	Robert Johnson, Commander
Opening Prayer	Gen. Colin L. Powell Leadership Academy
POW/MIA Ceremony	Daniel Dowidat, Chaplain
Pledge of Allegiance	John Austin, Sgt-at-Arms
Recite Preamble American Legion	All

**Greetings**

Mike Ash, Department Commander  
Mickey Ostrum, Department Vice Commander

**Convention Call**

Roll Call of Posts	Dick Ward, Adjutant
Last Annual Meetings Minutes	Dick Ward, Adjutant
Presentation of “Rules of Order”	Dick Ward, Adjutant
Constitution and Bylaws	Curt Norenberg, Judge Advocate
Report of Resolutions for Action	Curt Norenberg, Judge Advocate
Appointment of Credentials Committee	Dick Ward, Chairman
	Robert Johnson, Commander

**Introduction of Guests/Candidates**

Robert Johnson, Commander

**Committee Reports**

Finance Report	Lynne Nottage, Finance Officer
Membership	Wayne Wessel, Chairman
Legislation	Nick Kakos, Chairman

**Saturday, June 1, 2013 (cont.)**

**Other Committee Chairs**

Notify Adjutant

**Vice Commander's Reports**

Wayne Wessel, 1<sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander  
Gerald Martin, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander  
Joyce Rose, 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice Commander

**Nomination of Candidates for  
District Offices and National Delegates**

Dick Ward, Adjutant

**Voting Procedures**

Dick Ward, Adjutant

**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**

Dick Ward, Adjutant

**Closing Remarks**

Robert Johnson, Commander

**Benediction**

Rueben Mack, Chaplain

**Retire the POW/MIA Flag**

John Austin, Sgt-at-Arms

**Retire the Colors**

John Austin, Sgt-at-Arms

**Adjourn**

**Reconvene for Installation of Officers**

3:00 pm

**Social**

5:00 pm

**Banquet**

6:00 pm

# NOTES



FIFTH DISTRICT  
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## **Fifth District American Legion Reports**



### **Fifth District American Legion Children and Youth 2013-2014 Gary Martin Chairman**

Today's young people continue face an array of social pressures.

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 and tag on vacant lots, lounging in tree houses and their riding bikes and scooters around town or even playing in their own back yards without a parent being present.

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.
- Provide communities with well-rounded programs that meet the needs of 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 Commission'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 District and Post winners will be announced at the Department Convention in Rochester, Minnesota July 17-19, 2014.

Thank you for supporting this outstanding American Legion program and look forward to your continued support in the future.

“The children of today are our leaders of tomorrow”.



## **Fifth District American Legion Reports**

### **American Legion Riders Chairman's Report**

**Shawn Davis**

The 5<sup>th</sup> District Family American Legion Riders had a successful year. We donated over a \$1,000 to the American Legion Legacy Scholarship. Thank you to the 5<sup>th</sup> District Family members who came to the kick off party and for your donation. We were involved in planning the 2013 MN ALR Legacy Run was scheduled for August 2 through 4 and 9 through 11 and are helping to plan the 2014 MN ALR Legacy run scheduled for August 1-3 & 8 – 10, 2014. The 2014 kick off party will be held on July 31 at Minneapolis Richfield Post 435

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

I would like to thank Commander Bob 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**

“Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise! Give thanks to him and bless his name. For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever and his faithfulness to all generations.” Psalm 100:4-5

This year after we had our monthly Hospital visitation, we would go over to Fort Snelling Home, where we joined another group where they would read about that month's national holiday and include hymns and songs that were appropriate for that month.

Co-Chairman Dan and myself still share the opening and closing prayer for the executive and General Assembly meetings and the different functions that show up during the year.

We and some other post chaplains also work with Stand Down where we hand out free bibles and other religious literature. We travel throughout the state to eight different vendors.

We wear our American Legion caps wherever we go so that the people will recognize whom we represent.

I thank Commander Robert Johnson for appointing me, Chaplain along with Dan Dowidat this past year.



## **Fifth District American Legion Reports**



### **Co-Chaplain Report, Daniel P. Dowidat**

At the end of this American Legion fiscal year, I will have served as the 5<sup>th</sup> District VA Hospital Visitation Chaplain for 30 years. I began serving these hospitalized vets at Fort Snelling VA Hospital the day after I returned to Christ and God's kingdom in February of 1983. In the summer of 1984 the 5<sup>th</sup> District appointed me to the office of Hospital Visitation Chaplain, which I have continued to perform in ever since. Time has taken its toll on my body, which is wasting away, while my spirit is renewed day by day (2 Cor 4:16). Over these thirty years I have led our group of volunteers going onto the hospital wards with encouragement through prayer. For the last two years I have not been able to go forth amongst these hospitalized friends myself mainly due to health problems within my own family at home. I plan on continuing as a Chaplain in the VA Hospital system as long as allowed by the VA, the 5<sup>th</sup> District of the American Legion, and my God through the strength of His Son, our Lord, Jesus Christ. As the new fiscal year begins, I would like to continue in this relay race for life by beginning the process of passing the baton onto a man of my choice currently running the race for God and Country with us fellow veterans at the Fort Snelling VA Hospital the first Sunday of each month. I must first consult this comrade and friend to determine his willingness to perform as well as District officers for their appointment. At the beginning of this arrangement, it would be a VA Hospital Co-Visitation Chaplaincy similar to what 5<sup>th</sup> District Co-Chaplain Reuben Mack and I have done over the years for the Minneapolis District.

As Co-Chaplain with Reuben Mack, we have been able to perform our Chaplain functions for the 5<sup>th</sup> District with almost complete success. When one of us was unable to attend a function, for reasons outside our control, the other was able to fill in. Duties conducted brought us to funerals, joyous celebrations amongst comrades, outreaches to the vets in Stand downs for the homeless in seven Minnesota cities, times of prayer for individuals in need, consultation, and remedial transformations all accomplished under the guidance of God through our Lord, Jesus Christ. For this privilege we are indebted to the American Legion who took their stand "For God and Country" at the time of their inception in 1919. May God be honored in all that we do and say as Legionnaires as we serve Him for the sake of the people of this Nation as long as we live.



## **Fifth District American Legion Reports**



### **National Security/Foreign Relations Curtis Norenberg, Chair**

#### **1. Outstanding Enlisted Guard and Reserve**

Applications were submitted from Posts 1, 99, and 548 for the Annual Military Achievement Award Program to recognize the Outstanding Enlisted persons from the six (6) Reserve Branches. They are the Army Guard, Army Reserve, Air Force Guard, Air Force Reserve, Marine Reserve, and Navy Reserve. The 2013 Department winners for the Army Reserve, Air Force Reserve, Navy Reserve and Marine Reserve were selected from the Fifth District Candidates.

#### **2. Senior ROTC Scholarships**

Fifth District Legionnaires from Post No. 548 presented the Department Scholarships for a total of \$3,000.00 and \$750 from their Post to the winners at the University of Minnesota Army, Air Force, and Navy/Marine ROTC officer candidates. They also presented the twenty-four (24) achievement medals to the three (3) services at the Annual May Awards program ceremony. Noteworthy is the Army ROTC unit that was again selected in the top three as the most outstanding units from 267 units in the United States.

#### **3. Civil Air Patrol**

Candidates for the Civil Air Patrol five Department scholarships were selected as winners from the seventeen Squadrons that nominated them.

#### **4. The ROTC Cadets from the Minnesota Transitions High School will be posting colors at the 2014 Fifth District Annual Convention.**

#### **5. Beyond the Yellow Ribbon**

The District is a member of the Minneapolis BTYR programs and Post 435 is recognized as a duly organized individual program.



**Fifth District American Legion  
Blood Donation Report  
May 1, 2013 through April 30, 2014**

We had seven Posts send in donation reports.

There were 119 members of the Legion, Auxiliary, SAL donating a total of 323 pints donated. One Post sponsored a blood drive.

Richfield Post 435

Members donated – 65

Total Units donated – 260

Minneapolis Post 1

Members donated – 48

Total Unites donated – 48

Viking Post 493

Members donated – 5

Total Units donated – 11

Gopher Post 440

Members Donated – 1

Total Units donated – 4

Three sent in reports but had no donations.

Joyce Rose

Fifth District Blood Chairperson



# NOTES





FIFTH DISTRICT  
SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION  
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## **Sons of the American Legion Preamble**

*Proud possessors of a priceless heritage, we male descendants of veterans of the Great Wars, associate ourselves together as "Sons of The American Legion" 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 true spirit of Americanism;  
to preserve the memories of our former members and the associations of our members and our forefathers in 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 masses;  
to make right the master of might;  
to promote peace and good will on earth;  
to safeguard and transmit to posterity the principles of justice, freedom and democracy;  
to consecrate and sanctify our friendship by our devotion to mutual helpfulness;  
to adopt in letter and spirit all of the great principles for which The American Legion stands;  
and to assist in carrying on for God and Country.



**Sons of The American Legion  
Fifth District, Detachment of Minnesota  
2013-2014  
District Officers**

Commander	Robert Bristo	Squadron 440
1 <sup>st</sup> Vice Commander	Craig Carlson	Squadron 440
2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander	Jon Bayer	Squadron 99
Finance Officer	Shawn Davis	Squadron 435
Co-Chaplain	Pat Kiehl	Squadron 435
Sergeant at Arms	Shawn Davis	Squadron 435
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
2012-2013	Bruce Kuiper	Squadron 99
2013-2014	Robert Bristo	Squadron 440



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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 Robert Bristo, Commander  
Opening Prayer Shawn Davis, Sergeant-At-Arms  
Pledge of Allegiance Pat Kiehl, Chaplain  
Recite Preamble All  
All

**Greetings & Introductions**

Roll Call of Squadrons Robert Bristo, Commander  
Finance Report Bill Peters, Adjutant  
Membership Shawn Davis, Finance Officer  
Squadron Reports Craig Carlson, First Vice-Commander  
Squadron Commanders

**Commander's Address**

Robert Bristo, 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

<b>District</b>	<b>Squad</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>2013 total</b>	<b>ATH</b>	<b>2014 Goal</b>	<b>2014 total as of 5/14</b>	<b>%</b>
5	1	MINNEAPOLIS #1	48	102	49	64	130.61%
5	99	WOLD-CHAMBERLAIN	21	44	22	25	113.64%
5	234	GIANT VALLEY	49	60	50	31	62.00%
5	435	MPLS.-RICHFIELD	199	226	200	203	101.50%
5	440	GOPHER	31	74	32	33	103.13%
5	555	FALLDIN	18	116	19	18	94.74%
<b>5 Total</b>			<b>366</b>		<b>372</b>	<b>374</b>	<b>100.54%</b>

### Squadron Commanders

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John Bayer	Wold Chamberlain Squadron 99
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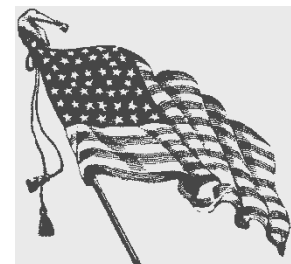


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*For 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice Commander*

*Fifth District American Legion*



# ELECT



## MIKE SCHAFFER

Department Commander  
2014-2015

I want to wish everyone a successful and productive convention, and I look forward to your support for the coming year. Together we can work to grow our membership numbers; meeting the needs of our veterans and their families; and reaching out to our veterans of the Iraq/Afghanistan era; and continue the work of the American Legion in our Communities, our State and our Nation.

Wishing you a Great  
“2014” District Convention



**Dennis De Long**  
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**2014-2015**



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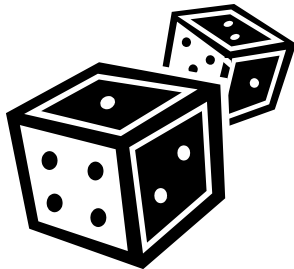


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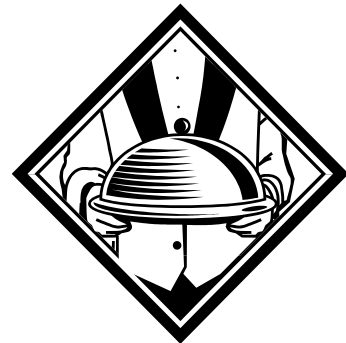
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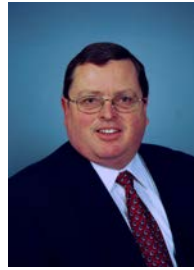
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*2013 - 2014 Roster*



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Here we are at District Convention time already. This past year has moved along way too fast. As each of you look back I hope you feel good about what you have accomplished in this great American Legion Family organization. Our veterans, military personnel, their children, our communities and our youth have all been helped in so many ways through your volunteering. May your convention run smoothly, you meet a new person and become friends, enjoy older friendships and please take back to your units the information gained today. Read and share your District Book of Annual Reports with your membership. In it you will find new ideas from other Units and that other units also do some of the same things you do.

District President, to you I say congratulations on a successful year of leadership and mentoring.

Always remember – PATRIOTISM, THANK OUR VETERANS – TEACH OUR CHILDREN

Shirley Frederick,

Department President

“Volunteers in Action” greetings!

This has been a challenging year for all of us and I thank each of you for the privilege of serving as your President.....again.

We have successfully completed our goal for our Legion Family Project, the EVA Electric Walker. Without your support and dedication, this project would not have been accomplished. We had a fun time at our “Old Fashioned Potluck and Silent Auction” raising funds for this project.

We are all getting to an age where we say – been there done that. All of the Units in the 5<sup>th</sup> District are having a hard time getting members to just plain volunteer much less take a position as a chairman of a program. However, our veterans still need our help.....especially the ones coming home. We need to band together and encourage more of our members to be involved. We have a great need to invite people to join this great organization.....be “volunteers in action”!

Vince Lombardi had the right idea when he said:

*“The price of success is hard work, dedication to the job at hand, and the determination that whether we win or lose, we have applied the best of ourselves to the task at hand.”*

Many heartfelt thanks to Commander Robert Johnson and all of the 5<sup>th</sup> District Legion members for their support and dedication to this organization. It was a pleasure serving with you. My thanks to SAL Commander Robert Bristo and the SAL members for all that they do for the veterans and the Auxiliary.

God bless each and every one of you, our veterans, and America!

Annette Bray, President  
Fifth District  
American Legion Auxiliary





Dear fellow Auxiliary Members, Legionnaires and Son's of The American Legion,

I am really proud to have served as the Honorary 5<sup>th</sup> District Auxiliary Junior President. I had a lot of fun this year, but also had some challenges. The few juniors that were involved were very busy. We started out the year joining the 4<sup>th</sup> District at the Saint's baseball game, where Honorary Junior 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Amber Paige and I were ball girls. We got to sit out by left field and chase foul balls. We also attended a joint picnic with the 4<sup>th</sup> District. We then went to the Junior Fun Weekend, Camp-O-Ree and the Harvest Rally at Fall Conference. It so much fun at Legionville.

During the year we helped at omelet breakfasts, helped the senior make tie blankets for the children's hospital, went to hospital visitation at the Minneapolis Vet's Hospital, and marched in the winter carnival parade and went to the rally afterwards. I also attended most of the membership rallies and some of the District Auxiliary and Legion meetings. I helped my Auntie take a lot of pictures for our District Facebook page while taking pictures of Honorary Department Auxiliary President Kaitlin as her Historian. My project this year is making tie blankets for the Minneapolis Vet's Home. We've make 27 blankets and plan on taking them to the Vet's home within the next month. At our District Junior Conference we held our elections and had a lot of fun. We tied blankets, made duct tape flowers and rainbow loom bracelets. We also had a great lunch and got to know each other better. Then at the Department Junior Conference I was elected as the Department Honorary Junior Sgt-at-Arms. I am so excited to be able to do this job. I plan on running for Honorary Department Junior President some day!

I want to thank everyone who helped me this year and all the Unit's, Posts and Squads that supported me. Special thanks to my unit, Minneapolis Unit #1, my Auntie Becky and Uncle John who are always there to support me and help me whenever I ask, and my Auntie Lynne who took me every place I needed to go and helped me know what to do. Thank you to President Annette – you are great!

We still have a lot of work to do on getting our Juniors stronger – I will keep working.

Thank you very much,

Madison Sloves  
Honorary 5<sup>th</sup> District Auxiliary Junior President



## 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.



**March 7, 2014**

The Fifth District American Legion Family will hold its annual District Convention Friday May 30th and Saturday May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2014 at the Holiday Inn Bloomington on I-35W, 1201 West 94<sup>th</sup> Street, Bloomington, MN. Registration is \$12.00 on or before **May 12<sup>th</sup>, 2014** and \$15.00 after **May 12<sup>th</sup>, 2014**.

There will be a joint Memorial Service on Friday May 30<sup>st</sup>, 2014 at 7:00 P.M. All Posts, Units and Squadrons need to have their deceased members list turned into the District Chaplains by **May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2014**.

The Convention Sessions for the Legion and Auxiliary will start Saturday May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2014 at 9:00 A.M. The Session for the SAL will start Saturday May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2014 at 10am. The Convention meeting room assignment will be in your convention book. The Convention Banquet will be Saturday May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2014, social/cash bar at 5:00 P.M. and banquet at 6:00 P.M. Cost is Steak \$27.50, Walleye \$27.50, Chicken \$22.

***Voting Strength***

The cut –off date for figuring your delegate strength will be thirty days prior to the Convention or **May 1st, 2014**.

***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

**Robert  
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5<sup>th</sup> District American Legion**

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5<sup>th</sup> District President**

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**Banquet Registration**

Reservations will be taken for the first 120 people.

Please register before May 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2014, as we must provide a count to the hotel. Meal choices are Sirloin Steak, Walleye, or Chicken. Cost is Steak \$27.50, Walleye \$27.50, Chicken \$22.

Banquet will be Saturday evening.

May 31st. Cash Bar from 5:00-6:00 P.M. Dinner at 6:00 P.M.

**Convention and Banquet registration should be sent to: Lynne Nottage,  
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**Convention Reports**

**Convention Reports must be in by Friday May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2014**

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**Auxiliary Reports:** Send to Penny Becker, 7237 Grand Ave. So., Richfield, MN 55423 – or – email [mapj\\_becker@q.com](mailto:mapj_becker@q.com) as (Word Documents).

**SAL Reports:** Email to [salshawndavis@gmail.com](mailto:salshawndavis@gmail.com) as (Word Documents)

**Convention Book Ads**

We are asking everyone in the 5<sup>th</sup> District to try and collect ads.

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## 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 Board 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 Board 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.

## **SECTION C – FINANCE (Cont.)**

- 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.
- 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.
- 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
- 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**

**May 31, 2014**

**9:00 A.M.**



<b>9:00 A.M. Processional</b>	Penny Becker
<b>Presentation of Gavel</b>	Penny Becker
<b>Call to Order</b>	Annette Bray
<b>Invocation</b>	Ramona Nack
<b>Pledge of Allegiance</b>	Cari Lamb
<b>National Anthem</b>	All
<b>Preamble</b>	Julie Martin
<b>Welcome</b>	Annette Bray
<b>Convention Call (in book)</b>	Penny Becker
<b>Convention Minutes 13 (in book)</b>	Penny Becker
<b>Convention Rules (in book)</b>	Becky Nelson
<b>Treasurer</b>	Becky Nelson
<b>Rules Governing Resolutions (in book)</b>	Becky Nelson
<b>Reading of Resolutions And Recommendations</b>	Becky Nelson
<b>Presentation of Past District Presidents</b>	Patricia Swanson
<b>Presentation of District Junior President</b>	Annette Bray
<b>Final Reports of District Chairmen</b>	Annette Bray
<b>Nominating Committee Report</b>	Pam Morgan
<b>Nominations and Introductions of Candidates</b>	Annette Bray
<b>Final Membership Report</b>	Cari Lamb

**Recess 15 Minutes**

<b>Presentation of District Executive Committee</b>	Cari Lamb
<b>Presentation of Convention Committee</b>	Annette Bray
<b>Report of Resolution Committee</b>	Becky Nelson
<b>Credentials Report</b>	Ramona Nack Barb Burkstrand
<b>Election of Officers and Executive Committee</b>	Annette Bray
<b>Election of National Delegates</b>	Annette Bray
<b>Introduction of 2013-2014 and 2014-2015 Unit Presidents</b>	Annette Bray
<b>Presentation of New District President and New Officers</b>	Annette Bray
<b>Announcements</b>	Penny Becker
<b>Retirements of Colors</b>	Jill Davis
<b>Adjournment</b>	Annette Bray



## **Fifth District Officers and Executive Board Members**

**President**  
**1<sup>st</sup> Vice President**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President**  
**Secretary**  
**Treasurer**  
**Parliamentarian**  
**Sergeant-at-Arms**  
**Executive Committee Member**  
**Executive Committee Member**

Annette Bray  
Cari Lamb  
Julie Martin  
Penny Becker  
Becky Nelson  
Ramona Nack  
Jill Davis  
Jill Davis  
Deb Gatto

### **Fifth District Unit Presidents**

**Aviation Unit #511**  
**Calhoun Unit #231**  
**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  
Sandra Arellano  
Jeannie Arbuckle  
Julie Martin  
Donnarae Louricas  
Pamela Morgan  
Carlene Lovelady  
Cari Lamb  
Joy DeLong  
Julie Storlie

### **Fifth District Junior Officers**

**President**  
**1<sup>st</sup> Vice President**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President**  
**Chaplain**  
**Sergeant-at-Arms**

Madison Sloves



**Fifth District American Legion Auxiliary  
Department of Minnesota  
Convention Minutes  
June 1, 2013**



The Fifth District American Legion Convention held at the Holiday Inn, 94<sup>th</sup> and 35W was called to order by Convention Chairman, Jan Kakos at 9:00 on June 1, 2013. The Sgt-at-Arms escorted the Unit Presidents, the Executive Committee and President Patricia Swanson to the podium. Chairman Kakos presented President Patricia her gavel and wished for her a successful Convention.

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

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

Lori Skallerud, a candidate for the office of Northwestern Division National Vice President, told us about herself and asked for our support for this office.

Sandy Frederickson, a candidate for the office of second Vice President of the Department of Minnesota and asked for our support for this office.

Donna Ahrens, a candidate for the office of second Vice President of the Department of Minnesota and asked for our support for this office.

Unit Presidents were presented and told us of highlights of their year as President.

The Treasurer's report was given. As of May 31, 2013 we had a balance of \$4587.48. A total of \$3483 was for the Legion Family Project leaving an actual balance of \$1278.86. This report will be placed on file for audit.

Annette spoke on the sweatshirt/polo shirt project. We are taking orders for royal blue polo shirts coming in both men and women sizes. The sweatshirt is \$28 and the polo \$20.

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 2012 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 rules Governing Resolutions were read.

The Past Fifth District Presidents were introduced and they told stories of things that happened during her year of service. We had a memorial service for two of our Past Presidents that passed away this year. They were Doris Lestersen and Marion Melin.

Madam Department President was introduced. She spoke about how the membership was coming in and also about her projects.

Shirley Frederick, a candidate for the office of President of the Department of Minnesota for the year 2013-2014 told us about herself and asked for our support.

Our incoming Honorary Junior President, Madison Slovos was introduced. Madison introduced the Vice President, Amber Paige and the second Vice President, Angelina Gatto. Madison talked about their trip to the Department Junior Conference. She was asked to serve as Historian for the Department next year and she accepted.

Marsha Bible, a candidate for the office of Northwestern Division National Vice President told us about herself and asked for our support for this office.

Chris Ronning, a candidate for the office of First Vice President of the Department of Minnesota told us about herself and asked for our support for this office.

President Patricia told us that the Legion Family Project had earned enough to purchase the two Clavino's and dollies. The remainder of the funds will go to the Corn Feed at the MN Veterans Home and Recreation Therapy Department.

Americanism report was given. Janet asked that people read their reports and fill out the information. Also we were asked to write asking to give more information so other can get ideas on what they might do.

Annette gave the percentages of all Unit memberships. We are in fifth place with 94.06%.

All other chairman reported that their reports were in the book, please read.

Annette read a new ruling from National regarding the disbursement of poppy funds. This information will be attached to these minutes.

Nominations for the officers for the year 2013-2014 were read. Nominations are as follows: President                      Annette Bray

1<sup>st</sup> Vice President                      Sonja Dauphine

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President                      Julie Martin

Executive Committee                      Cari Lamb and Debra Gatto

A motion was made and carried that we close nominations. Our candidates were introduced.

A resolution regarding poppies was read. This resolution will be attached to these minutes. It was moved and seconded to approve. This resolution will be sent to Department.

Final credential report was given. We had 17 Past Presidents, 22 Delegates, one Alternate and one guest and had a total voting strength of 59.

We were adjourned for a short break.

President Patricia reconvened the convention and the Executive Committee was presented. Poems and a small gift were given to Patricia.

President Patricia introduced Jan Kakos as the Convention Chairman.

Election was held. Since we had no opposition it was moved, seconded and passed that we vote by acclamation. Our officers as previously written were approved.

It was moved and seconded that Patricia Swanson be our Delegate to the National Convention, approved.

I was moved and seconded that Becky Nelson be the Alternate to the National Convention, approved.

Our last year and upcoming Unit President's were introduced. The District Officers were introduced.

Small announcements were read.

The Colors of our Country were retired.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 AM.

Penny Becker, Secretary

# NOTES



FIFTH DISTRICT  
AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY  
DEPARTMENT OF MINNESOTA

REPORTS

# Fifth District Auxiliary Reports

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## 2013-2014 Americanism

**Deb Bayer  
Chairman**

**Fifth District  
Dept. of MN**

We only had four units out of eleven report on Americanism this year. I'm not sure if the units are not practicing Americanism or it's because of the new forms used this year for annual reports. The new forms are basically interested in volunteer hours and dollars. One unit reported 100 volunteer hours and spent \$80 on various activities regarding Americanism. Programs were not specified for 30 volunteer hours, \$75 spent and ten veterans assisted.

Two units reported that they recite the Pledge of Allegiance with the flag displayed at their meetings for a total of 19 hours. One unit participates in the Blue Star banner program. Two units observed patriotic holidays: one for two hours and spending \$20; the other by hosting an outdoor community BBQ. One unit read and discussed American history for one hour. Home flags were flown daily, 365 days of the year. Flag etiquette was encouraged and demonstrated.

Looking back on previous reports, units participated in Americanism by their involvement in Flag education programs, Get out the Vote, Girls Scout Achievements, Gold Star banner, Yellow Ribbon programs, Oratorical contest. Hopefully next year programs such as these will be listed on the annual report forms and we'll see more participation in Americanism.

Thank you Madam President for the opportunity to serve as your Americanism chairman this year.



# Fifth District Auxiliary Reports



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## 2013-2014 Education

**Sandra Arellano  
Chairman**

**Fifth District  
Dept. of MN.**

There are eleven Units in the 5<sup>th</sup> District and five reporting this year.

Units in the 5<sup>th</sup> District thanked our teachers and staff at local schools with apples, coffee, candy and thank you notes in observance of National Education Week. They also participated in Ten for Ten donating school supplies for needy students totaling \$848.00.

One Unit donated \$200.00 to Holy Trinity Lutheran School for scholarships and \$50.00 was donated to the Department Auxiliary Scholarship Program.

We had Unit members volunteer in the class room as mentors and reading partners.

Units donated:

Box tops	863
Milk caps	78
Soup labels	410
Pop tabs	90 lbs



# Fifth District Auxiliary Reports



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## 2013-2014 Field Services

Field Service hours can be earned through work done on behalf of Veteran's in state and community based nursing homes, veteran's homes, halfway houses, hospices, homeless shelters, Stand Downs, Veteran's cemeteries, grave sites, transportation, snow removal, lawn care, assisting with tax preparation, anything done outside of a V.A M.C. or a volunteers home is considered Field Service.

Remember a Veteran must always benefit for your hours to count. No hours should be credited to Field Service for the service of a relative.

Find out where a Stand Down will be and participate in your community.

Work along with the American Legion family to assist more Veterans.

A Unit donated a case of Girl Scout cookies to the Armed Forces Servicemen's Center, made lap robes for the Veteran's and made 28 hygiene bags for the homeless.

Another unit did bell ringing, donations to food shelf, and to feed the starving children and nursing home visitation.

Also a Unit helped a Veteran with home repairs and transportation to places in the community. Also, offered a Veteran a Christmas tree, gift and made a meal. Offered fun, fellowship, Easter Eggs and smiles.

Thank you for helping Veteran's in need.

In total the Units volunteered 829 hours and spent \$1017.95.



# Fifth District Auxiliary Reports



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## 2013-2014 Leadership

**LoAnn Grill  
Chairman**

**Fifth District  
Dept. of MN**

This year the Fifth District partnered with the Fourth and Tenth District to conduct a Leadership School. The Leadership School was held on Saturday, January 18<sup>th</sup> at the Coon Rapids American Legion. Nine members of the Fifth District attended the Leadership School. The theme was One Step At A Time, Pass It On.

The Fourth, Fifth and Tenth District Presidents and Leadership Chairman along with the Department of MN Leadership Chairman, Carol Kottom presented valuable information on:

- History of the American Legion Auxiliary
- Meeting Protocol
- Annual Reports
- Finance
- Basic Parliamentary Procedures
- American Legion Auxiliary Structure

The morning session included a skit about Parliamentary Procedures and in the afternoon participants enjoyed playing a game of Leadership Bingo.

President Annette, it was my pleasure to serve as your Leadership Chairman. I want to Thank You for the opportunity to be a part of the joint Leadership School this year.



# Fifth District Auxiliary Reports



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## 2013-2014 Home Service

**Janet Brautigam  
Chairman**

**Fifth District  
Dept. of MN**

In April I waited for Auxiliary yearly reports to pour into my mailbox from Department, so I could write my annual District report. But alas only one report ever arrived – not even the one that my Auxiliary (Aviation 511) had submitted. So I will brag about the Falldin Auxiliary. Falldin has committed to membership 32 dedicated women, headed by Sandra Arrelino's committee. These members have devoted 145 hours volunteering for veterans. Twelve of these women are new to the Home Service Field and they assisted ten veterans during this time and donated \$60 to their project. Congratulations Falldin Unit.



# Fifth District Auxiliary Reports



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## 2013-2014 Memorial

**Ramona Nack  
Chairman**

**Fifth District  
Dept. of MN**

The Units opened and closed their meetings with prayer. Prayers were given at Installation and Memorial Day ceremonies. Units sent sympathy and get well cards to members.

Our District Meetings were opened and closed with prayer. An Inspirational devotion was read at each District Meeting by our District Chaplain. Inspirational devotion was published in the 5<sup>th</sup> District Flash.

We hold a Memorial Service at our District Convention for all Post and Units in the 5<sup>th</sup> District.

Fifty Volunteer hours were reported and a report of \$195.00 was spent.

We lost 25 members through death this past year.

We have 11 Units and six Units reported.

Thank you President Annette, for this chairmanship.



# **Fifth District Auxiliary Reports**



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## **2013-2014 National Security Armed Forces Service Center**

**Patricia Swanson  
Chairman**

**Fifth District  
Dept. of MN**

The ALA's mission statement along with our National Security Program's purpose is to maintain and promote a strong national defense by strengthening and supporting military service members and their families.

Our District has eleven Units and only three reported participation. One member attended meetings at the Armed Forces Center. A total of \$35.00 and ten hours were donated.

I do know there were Units who volunteered many hours and dollars to this program, but did not report any of it.

Thank you President Annette for this Chairmanship.

God Bless America.



# Fifth District Auxiliary Reports



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## 2013-2014 Past Presidents Parley

**Patricia Swanson  
Chairman**

**Fifth District  
Dept. of MN**

Past Presidents, whether you are Unit, District, Department or National are supposed to be there to advise and mentor all members.

Out of eleven Units in our District only two Units sent in a report. This makes me sad because I know every Unit has past presidents who do a lot to keep their Unit functioning. They reported two volunteer and assisted 50+ veterans in the VA&R program and donated a total of \$160.00

The Fifth District Past Presidents Parley had two luncheons this year. One was at Red Lobster and the other one was at Timberlodge. We held a meeting, collected dues and donated \$25.00 to Past President's Scholarship Fund.

President Annette, thank you for this appointment as chairman.



# Fifth District Auxiliary Reports



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## 2013-2014 VETERAN'S AFFAIRS AND REHABILITATION

**Julie Martin**  
**Chairman**

**Fifth District**  
**Dept. of MN**

Purpose Statement: To demonstrate gratitude for Veteran's military service to the nation by supporting military veterans and their families.

Veteran's Affairs and Rehabilitation is the oldest of the American Legion Auxiliary Programs. It is unique and rewarding program whose purpose is to initiate, sponsor and participate in programs and services that assist and enhance the lives of veteran's and their families, ensuring restoration and/or transition to normally functioning lives physically mentally, socially and vocationally.

The reason for our eligibility – the purpose our organization is to serve our veterans and their families recognize their needs and find away to meet those needs. It is the responsibility of every member to selflessly serve our veteran's. Volunteer.

Here in the Fifth District we have many "Great Volunteers". We had 498 volunteer hours and spent \$16,914.00 on the Veterans Programs and we assisted approximately 2,200 veterans.

Our service for the military families were 171 volunteer hours and \$3040.00 Spent and we assisted approximately 50 U.S. service members.

Our service to the active duty military personnel was 1,771 volunteer hours with expenditures of \$1572.00 serving 2350 service members.

Thanks to all the Units who continue to contribute to the VA&R. Programs, \$ Bill Shower, Gift Shop, Fisher House, Hospital Program, Creative Arts and Homeless Veterans.

Thanks also to the Units who supplied activity bags for the children visiting the VA Hospital. Thanks also to those who attend visitation at the VA Hospital.

All your **Volunteer Hours** are appreciated!

Thanks for your Patriotism and letting the veteran's know they are not forgotten.



# Fifth District Auxiliary Reports



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## 2013-2014 Community Service

**Donnae Louricas  
Chairman**

**Fifth District  
Dept. of MN**

Community Service is one of the programs that the Auxiliary members of the 5th District really embraced. It allowed us to participate in so many different ways with our community, as well as serving our veterans and their families.

The list of projects that we were involved in very impressive. They include: donating blood, honoring and serving coffee on Veteran's Day and Memorial Day which benefited our active military and our veterans. Girl Scout cookies were purchased and delivered to a homeless shelter for our veterans and to the Armed Force Center at the airport. This directed a focus on working with the community and serving our veterans. Pancake breakfasts, a fundraiser dinner and bake sales were also a part of our community efforts. Twenty cloth bags were donated to the Veteran's Hospital filled with color books, crayons, toys. etc. for children of veterans while the parent was treated at the hospital.

Our number of volunteer's hours were endless and we served with pride and joy serving our community.

# PAST FIFTH DISTRICT PRESIDENTS

(\* Deceased)

<b>Unit</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Year</b>
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
	<b>Department President 1951-1952</b>	
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
	<b>Department President 1960-1961</b>	
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
	<b>Department President 1972-1973</b>	
Post Office/Gopher	Fern Raffenspiger *	1964-65

<b>Unit</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Year</b>
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
<b>Department President 1991-1992</b>		
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
<b>Department President 2000-2001</b>		
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
Minneapolis-Richfield	Patricia Swanson	2012-2013



## 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 Rahrch	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
2013	LoAnn Grill	Gopher



## Fifth District Auxiliary



### 2013-2014 Membership

**Cari Lamb  
Chairman**

**Fifth District  
Dept. of MN**

“Pass It On” was our membership theme this year. Barbara Klehr was our membership chairman.

Department President Shirley Frederick’s theme was Patriotism-Thank Our Veterans-Teach our Children. Her symbol was the Statue of Liberty with an eagle and the flag.

As of May 7<sup>th</sup> 2014, Minnesota is in 16<sup>th</sup> place Nationally, 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the Northwestern Division, and 2<sup>nd</sup> place for membership renewals. 5<sup>th</sup> District is at 90.81% with 949 paid members. We have 3 units that are at or above goal. Congratulations Calhoun, Joe Smith, and Wold Chamberlain.

Falldin	86.44%
Aviation	82.35%
Calhoun	100.00%
Gopher	96.77%
Joe Smith	100.00%
Johnnie Baker	76.92%
Richfield	86.97%
Hellenic	95.59%
Unit #1	93.18%
Giant Valley	91.21%
Wold Chamberlain	102.74%

A big “Thank You” to all of you for getting your membership in and all the hard work.



# Fifth District Auxiliary Reports



Gopher Unit #440

We are a Unit of few but we are mighty. We try to do as many of the programs as possible.

- Education Week we do jointly with the Post, we provided a basket of goodies, coffee and thank you notes.
- Jointly donate to Legionville for a “Brick” in memory of “George Mital”.
- One of our members is a very active volunteer at her school.
- Another member volunteers weekly at the V. A. Hospital.
- Our Unit is active in the Fifth District with our many chairmanships
- LoAnn Grill did a great job at the Leadership School.
- We continue to give to our District and Department many projects
- We provide funds to the many V.A.R. projects.
- One of our members sewed many activity bags for the children visiting the V.A. Hospital. We will soon be filling them.
- We had to cancel a few of our meetings because of snow.
- We participated in the “Give 10 to Education” program, collected papers, pencils, erasers, scissors, glue, Kleenex, paper towels and Sani Wipes, Northrup School really appreciated the donation.
- We are all looking forward to the Gopher Post Family Picnic at Wabun Park. Where we get the chance to spend time with members and families.
- We still do Poppy Day with most donations coming thru our Poppy Letter.

All of us believe in helping the Veteran and working together to keep Gopher Family strong.

Julie Martin  
Julie Martin, President  
Gopher Unit #440



# Fifth District Auxiliary Reports



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Donnarae Louricas, President  
Hellenic 129 Auxiliary

2012 – 13 Auxiliary year has been a challenge for our Auxiliary as the Post has shortened their meeting schedule to four meeting a year. This has drastically made a difference in our ability to fulfill projects, etc.

As a Unit, we were able to obtain and make 18 bags for the children at the VAMC. Some of our members were responsible for the actual bags, and others were responsible for purchasing the contents. Then they were filled and delivered. Many of our members participated in this. The bags contained color books, Crayons, reading books, small games, and in each bag we put a beany baby.

This year we will be sending a girl to Girls State. Last year we sent a young lady to Girls State at Bethel. She had a very educational and enjoyable time. Her younger sister was so impressed with her older sister's experience that she is going to be our candidate for 2014 – 2015. She will be enjoying her stay at St. Thomas.

We also purchased and sent 96 boxes of Girl Scout cookies to a homeless center for Veterans. One of our Junior members is a Girl Scout and they were purchased from her. One of our Auxiliary members suggested finding a homeless center for the Veterans that she had read about. I am very grateful for the time that she spent finding this, which enabled us to donate them to the center.

Several of our Auxiliary members, including myself, go to the MN Veterans Home to assist in bingo with the veterans. We help with their bingo cards and serve rolls and coffee afterwards. About 75 veterans enjoy this on a Saturday.

In addition, we donate to the Fischer Houses and other veteran's causes in need.