



5th District American Legion Convention 2015-2016

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FIFTH DISTRICT
AMERICAN LEGION
DEPARTMENT OF MINNESOTA
ANNUAL CONVENTION
June 3rd & 4th, 2016



Jim Kellogg

Commander

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American Legion Family, welcome to your district convention.

We have tried many new things this year, and some have been wildly successful and some we can work at. But as Vince Lombardi once said, “If you’re not moving ahead, you’re falling behind.”

We can’t let this great organization of our fall behind. We are too important to our state, to our communities and to our youth. Think of Boys and Girls State, Legionville, Baseball, and a dozen other programs. Think of the work we do in St. Paul and Washington to make sure our veterans get the benefits and rights they deserve. Think of the thousand acts of patriotism we do in our towns each year.

If we weren’t there, who would be?

Working together, we can accomplish great things. I want to thank you for all your work this year. Always remember, “Can’t never did anything,” and being nice is important.

We are the best service organization in Minnesota, and much of what we do starts right here. I’ve been involved in District organization for many years and, believe me, I know, this is where the rubber meets the road.

Sincerely,

Jim Kellogg
Department Commander



Gary Martin
Commander

2015 – 2016

5th District
Department of Minnesota

Gary Martin
Fifth District Commander 2015-2016

Commanders 2016 Convention Message

Fifth District American Legion,

I wish to thank the members of the Fifth District American Legion for allowing me to represent you as your District Commander this past year. Thank you to all the District officers, Executive Committee, committee chairs, committee members to all the volunteers and members for all your support and great efforts. And a special thank you to our District's Auxiliary Units, Sons of the Legion Squadrons, American Legion Riders and Juniors.

It is now time to move on, times have changed and we as an organization of Veterans must embrace change for the future of our organization, Change is the way of the future. What we did in the past is not what can continue do if we are to prosper and grow, or to even exist to be a viable voice in the halls of congress.

Going forward will be an uphill challenge, it will not be easy growing our membership let alone maintain it unless we can promote our programs, telling the story of our involvement supporting Veterans rights and entitlements and becoming more involved within our communities.

Today's Veteran is not the Veteran of old. We now have an all-volunteer force of active, guard and reserve military, second to no one. Many of our Veterans today have served multiple deployments to foreign lands and many have sustained injuries not known in former conflicts.

A large number of our younger Veterans have families. Today's younger families are very active. They are more family orienteered than ever before, involved in their children's school and outside activities, baseball, hockey, football, volleyball, dance, swimming, ice skating just to name a few. Joining a Veterans organization is not I believe high on their priority list at this time.

To get them involve we must take on an active involvement within our communities, become more visible, promote a positive image. We need to promote our Children and Youth programs, Boys State, Oratorical Contest, Boy Scouts and the youth programs of our Auxiliary, Girls State, Education, Community Service etc... our Sons of the Legion, American Legion Riders and Junior programs. We need to put emphasis on our involvement in Veterans programs and those programs involving the military serving our country both at home and abroad. High on the list is the need to teach responsible citizenship to the young encourage volunteerism by all.

It has been truly great serving this year with my wife Julie, the Fifth District Auxiliary President. We have shared many good times and traveled many miles. Thank you Julie, you for all your support and being my sounding board. And thank you to our Fifth District Auxiliary, Son of the Legion, American Legion Riders and Juniors for all do for our District and our Veterans. Again, Thank you!

In closing I ask all to tell the story of our involvement in Veterans Affairs, Children and Youth programs, our Auxiliary and the contributions we make to our communities.

As Always, "Keep Moving Forward and Keep It Positive". – "Embrace Change, it's our Future".

Gary Martin
Fifth District Commander 2015-2016



Past 5th 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 V
1949	Charles Espeseth * C	1981	James W. Lawson * V	2014	Robert H. Johnson
1950	Charles Williams *	1982	Virgil V. Persing* V C A N	2015	Wayne Glanton
1951	Robert E. Conn, Jr. *	1983	Steve A. George * V		

Deceased — *

Past National Executive Committeeman — N

Past Alternate National Executive Committeeman — A

Past Department Commander — C

Past Department Vice Commander — V

Past Department Chaplain — †

Past 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
2013	Wayne Glanton	Johnny Baker Post 291
2014	Gary Martin	Gopher Post 440
2015	Merv Becker	Mpls/Richfield Post 435

* Deceased

AWARDS COMMITTEE 2015-2016

Lynne Nottage
James Munson
Wayne Glanton
Gary Martin
Merv Becker



**Fifth District American Legion
Department of Minnesota
2015 - 2016**

District Officers

Commander	Gary Martin	Gopher Post 440
1 st Vice Commander	Ray Eiden	Falldin Post 555
2 nd Vice Commander	Walt Lyndsley	Courthouse Post 310
3 rd Vice Commander	John Austin	Joe Smith Post 468
Adjutant	Joe Bayer	Wold Chamberlain Post 99
Finance Officer	Lynne Nottage	Minneapolis Post No. 1
Junior Past Cmdr.	Wayne Glanton	Johnny Baker Post 291
Membership Director	Ray Eiden	Falldin Post 555
Sergeant At Arms	Paul Soderberg	Falldin Post 555
Chaplain	Andrew Rose	Johnny Baker Post 291
Judge Advocate	Curt Norenberg	University of MN Post 548
Historian	Dennis DeLong	Mpls/Richfield Post 435

Executive Committee

Donald Schroedl	2 year	Post Office Post 540
Jim Munson	1 year	Mpls/Richfield Post No. 435
Joe Bayer	1 year	Wold Chamberlain Post 99
Gary Heer	2 year	Courthouse Post 310
Richard Ward	2 year	Minneapolis Post No. 1



Fifth District American Legion Committees 2015 - 2016



Commander's Advisory

1 yr	Curt Norenberg	1 yr	Joe Bayer
1 yr	Richard Ward	1 yr	Lynne Nottage

Constitution and Bylaws

1 yr	Dennis DeLong	2 yr	Bob Johnson
3 yr	Robert Puckett	4 yr	Gary Martin
5 yr	Curt Norenburg		

Convention

1 yr	Ray Eiden		Julie Martin
2 yr	Andrew Rose Sr.		Shawn Davis (SAL)
3 yr	Walt Lyndsley		Lynne Nottage

Ethics

1 yr	Lynne Nottage	2 yr	Joe Bayer
3 yr	Donald Schroedl	4 yr	Virgil Pershing
5 yr	Andrew Rose Sr.		

Finance Committee

1 yr	James Munson	1 yr	Joe Bayer
1 yr	Curt Norenburg	1 yr	Gary Martin
1 yr	Lynne Nottage	1 yr	Ray Eiden
1 yr	Walt Lyndsley		

Post Development

1 yr	James Munson	2 yr	Ray Eiden
3 yr	Walt Lyndsley	4 yr	Joe Bayer
5 yr	Dennis DeLong		

Resolution

1 yr	Curt Norenburg	1 yr	Donald Schoedl
1 yr	Virgil Pershing	1 yr	James Munson

Convention Credentials Gary Heer

Nominating Committee



Fifth District American Legion Committee Chairs 2015 - 2016



American Education Week	Dick Tetzlaff	Northside Post 230
Americanism	Walt Lyndsley	Courthouse Post 310
American Legion Baseball	Jim Larson	Hellenic Post 129
American Legion Riders	Lee Davis	Mpls/Richfield Squadron 435
Armed Forces Center	Ted Hoeben	Aviation Post 511
Blood Program	Ray Eiden	Falldin Post 555
Boy Scouts	Tim Cagney	Mpls/Richfield Post 435
Boy's State	Jim Munson	Mpls/Richfield Post 435
Children and Youth	Gary Martin	Gopher Post 440
Employment	Gary Heer	Courthouse Post 310
Energy and Conservation	John Nelson	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	Falldin Post 555
Junior Shooting	Tim Cagney	Mpls/Richfield Post 435
Law and Order	Tom Eckhoff	Mpls/Richfield Post 435
Legionville	Dennis DeLong	Mpls/Richfield Post 435
Legislation		
National Security	Curt Norenberg	University of Minnesota Post 548
Oratorical Contest	Richard Ward	Minneapolis Post No. 1
Parade and Music	Lynne Nottage	Minneapolis Post No. 1
Public Relations	Gary Martin	Gopher Post 440
Recognition Event	Walt Lyndsley	Courthouse Post 310
Rehabilitation	Virgil Pershing	Falldin Post 555
State Fair	John Austin	Joe Smith Post 468
Sons of the American Legion Advisor	James Munson	Mpls/Richfield Post 435



Fifth District American Legion Post Commanders 2015 - 2016



Robert Mayer

Joe Freidlund

Nick Kakos

Dick Tetzlaff

Thomas Maley

Kevin Dicastri

Andrew Rose Sr.

Gary Heer

David Johnson

Wayne Bystrom

James Pung

Tom Eckhoff

Wade Larson

John Austin

Ronald Doetkott

Dave Roe

Raymond Seeman

Donald Schroedl

Norman Bennett

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**



**June 3 - 4, 2016
Holiday Inn Bloomington, Minnesota**

Friday, June 3, 2016

Registration 4:00 – 6:00 pm

Joint Memorial Service 7:00 pm
Reception to follow

Saturday, June 5, 2016

Registration 8:00 – 9:00 am

Call to Order 9:00 am Gary Martin, Commander
Presentation of Colors Gen. Colin L. Powell Leadership Academy
Opening Prayer Andrew Rose, Chaplain
POW/MIA Ceremony Paul Soderberg, Sgt-at-Arms
Pledge of Allegiance All
Recite Preamble American Legion All

Greetings Jim Kellogg, Department Commander
By Carroll “Bird” Partridge Department Vice Commander

Convention Call Joe Bayer, Adjutant
Roll Call of Posts Joe Bayer, Adjutant
Last Annual Meeting Minutes Joe Bayer, Adjutant
Presentation of “Rules of Order” Curt Norenberg, Judge Advocate
Constitution and Bylaws Curt Norenberg, Judge Advocate
Report of Resolutions for Action
Appointment of Credentials Committee Gary Martin, Commander

Introduction of Guests/Candidates Gary Martin, Commander

Committee Reports

Finance Report Lynne Nottage, Finance Officer
Membership Ray Eiden, Chairman
Legislation

Saturday, June 4, 2016(cont.)

Other Committee Chairs Notify Adjutant

Vice Commander's Reports Ray Eiden, 1nd Vice Commander
Walt Lyndsley, 2rd Vice Commander
John Austin, 3rd Vice Commander

Nomination of Candidates for District Offices and National Delegates Joe Bayer, Adjutant

Voting Procedures Joe Bayer, 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 Joe Bayer, Adjutant

Closing Remarks Gary Martin, Commander

Benediction Andrew Rose, Chaplain

Retire the POW/MIA Flag Paul Soderberg, Sgt-at-Arms

Retire the Colors Paul Soderberg, Sgt-at-Arms

Adjourn

Reconvene for Installation of Officers

Social 5:00 pm

Banquet 6:00 pm



FIFTH DISTRICT
AMERICAN LEGION
DEPARTMENT OF MINNESOTA
REPORTS



Fifth District American Legion Reports



Fifth District American Legion Children and Youth 2015 - 2016

Today's young people continue to face an array of social pressures. There is an alarming increase in bullying. This aided by the use of smart phones and social media sites on the internet.

As I have eluded to before, gone are the carefree days when children spent their summers playing baseball on vacant lots, lounging in tree houses, building forts from cardboard boxes and riding bikes and scooters around their neighborhoods.

The primary objectives of the National Commission on Children and Youth program is to strength the family unit, work with quality organizations that provide services for children and provide communities with well-rounded programs that meet the needs of our young people and to maintain programs that meet the physical, intellectual, emotional and spiritual needs.

The Americans Legions Children and Youth pillar's most critical issues are: Child Pornography, Child sexual Exploitation, Catastrophic Idleness, Intellectual Disabilities, Immunization for Needy Children, Media Violence, Drug Abuse and Temporary Financial Support.

The Fifth District will achieve 100% Children and Youth reporting again this year. The Posts Districts will be announced at the Department Convention in Rochester, Minnesota.

“The Children Of Today Are Our Leaders Of Tomorrow”.

Gary Martin
Chairman

American Legion Riders Report

The 5th District Family American Legion Riders had a successful year. Post 435 American Legion Riders Chapter 435 celebrated their 10 year anniversary. Post 1 and Post 99 have authorized Chapters in the District in addition to the existing Chapter 435. A District Constitution has been draw up and has been submitted to the 5th District Executive Committee. Riders from the District participated in the MN ALR Legacy Scholarship run, The National Legacy Run, and escorting the 983rd Medical Detachment to the Minneapolis St Paul Airport to be deployed.

Lee Davis



Fifth District American Legion Reports



Membership 2015 - 2016

Post	2016 Goal	% of Goal	Total
Joe Smith #468	14	157.143	22
Northside #230	69	113.043	78
MN Vets HM #581	16	112.500	18
Hellenic #129	84	103.571	87
Bainbridge #355	6	100.000	6
Gopher #440	58	96.551	56
Longton #618	35	94.286	33
Aviation #511	85	94.117	80
Richfield #435	1485	93.737	1392
Viking #493	68	92.647	63
Minneapolis Post #1	265	92.830	246
Giantvalley #234	94	91.489	86
Bearcat #504	23	91.304	21
Courthouse #310	45	91.111	41
Falldin #555	173	89.595	155
Fire and Police #396	25	88.000	22
Business and Prof. #33214		85.714	12
University of MN #548	49	83.673	41
Wold Chamberlain # 99	149	81.208	121
Johnnie Baker #291	35	80.000	28
Post Office #540	22	72.727	16
Totals	2828	92.96	2629

We had 5 Posts out of 21 reaching 100% of goal or greater. Congratulations to those Posts. As of this report we are in tenth place in the Department Membership standing. I want to thank all the Posts for their hard work in this year's membership drive. I look forward to another Revitalization program next year. We need to put forth a strong effort in recruiting new members as well as retaining the ones we have. The more members we have the stronger we will be. Let us "Keep Focused" and look to the future.

Ray Eiden
Chair



Fifth District American Legion Reports



Boys State 2015-2016

Minnesota American Legion Boys State is a weeklong experience of learning about Minnesota government at the local, county and state levels by "doing." It is a week of intensive study and involvement. The participants actually organize and participate in the various levels and branches of government in addition to participating in athletics, music, writing for the newspaper or holding leadership positions across all levels of the program. Every boy will participate in the process of city, county and state government. Minnesota Boys State is a program for young men who have just completed their junior year of high school. Highlights of the week include political speakers, mock trials, campaigning, elections, and announcement of the Boys State Governor and State Constitutional Officers.

Although few Posts were able to sponsor students for Boys State, the program is one of the ways that uphold our commitment to our Community, State and Nation.

Jim Munson
District Boys State Chairman

Consolidated Post Report 2015-2016

The Consolidated Post Report is the process of reporting the Post Activities that the American Legion considers vital to foster and perpetuating our organization on. It is a ideal checklist for our Posts to evaluate just what every Post does for the community, state and nation.

It is an important document as it will be summarized with all the Posts in the American Legion so our National Commander can report to Congress as to what the American Legion did during this past year.

As of the deadline for the convention book (May 9, 2016) 11 Posts have submitted and the remaining 12 have been and will continue to be contacted to have the 5th District again reach 100%

Jim Munson
Consolidated Post Report Chairman



Fifth District American Legion Reports



HOSPITAL VISITATION 2015 - 2016

Out of the 21 Posts in the 5th District ten participated in the Hospital Visitation this past year. Below is the attendance report for the participating Posts showing the number of months in attendance, the number of attendees and number of hours.

	# of months	# of attendees	# of hours
HELLENIC	12	56	112
RICHFIELD	12	56	112
FALLDIN	12	30	60
WOLD CHAMBERLAIN	12	27	54
JOE SMITH	11	25	50
JOHNNIE BAKER	12	22	44
GOPHER	9	22	44
POST #1	12	16	32
POST OFFICE	5	5	10
COURT HOUSE	3	4	8

There were 263 attendees for an average of 22 attendees per month.

I want to thank those Posts who did participate in the Hospital Visitation for their commitment in serving our Veterans. I invite anyone who has not attended to come and take part in this program. It is a wonderful experience.

The funding for the Hospital Visitation expenses come out of the American Legion Foundation Fund. Last year we were funded for \$1000.00. The expenses were as follows:

7/13/15	teardrop toothbrushes (4 cases)	- \$96.00
	bamboo backscratchers (1 gross)	- \$144.00
7/22/15	250 pens (5th district inscription)	- \$190.95
8/19/15	250 pens (5th district inscription)	- \$103.50
11/11/15	300 postcards (hospital complex)	- \$86.25
12/13/15	bamboo backscratchers (1 gross)	- \$144.00
	spiral bound memo pads (3 cases)	- \$72.00
4/13/16	bamboo backscratchers (1 gross)	- \$144.00
		\$980.70 total

Ray Eiden
Chair



Fifth District American Legion Blood Donation Report



We had ten Posts send in donation reports.

There were 50 members of the Legion, Auxiliary, SAL donating a total of 68 pints.

Richfield Post 435

Members donated – 29

Total Units donated - 29

Minneapolis Post 1

Members donated - 10

Total Units donated - 10

University of Minnesota Post 548

Members donated - 5

Total Units donated - 10

Viking Post 493

Members donated – 3

Total Units donated - 9

Gopher Post 440

Members donated - 1

Total Units donated - 5

Wold Chamberlain Post 99

Members donated - 1

Total Units donated - 3

Falldin Post 555

Members donated - 1

Total Units donated - 2

Three sent in reports but had no donations.

I would like to thank those from the seven Posts who donated blood. This is one way to serve the community. There is always a demand for blood and it helps those in need.

Ray Eiden

Fifth District Blood Chairman



Fifth District 2015-2016 Annual Report
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 2015 Department winners for the Army Reserve, Air Force Reserve, and Navy 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 that included \$750 from their Post to the winners at the University of Minnesota Army, Air Force, and Navy/Marine ROTC officer candidates. They also presented twenty-four (24) American Legion Department achievement metals to the three (3) services at the Annual April Awards Program ceremony. The Army ROTC unit was again selected in the top three as the most outstanding units from 267 units in the United States. The ROTC Faculty selects the awardees for these presentations.
3. **Civil Air Patrol**
Candidates for the Civil Air Patrol five \$100 Department Scholarships were selected as winners from the seventeen Squadrons that nominated them. The Senior CAP Air Wing selects the recipients.
4. **The JROTC Cadets from the Minnesota Transitions High School posted the colors at the 2015 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.
6. **Employee Support for the Guard and Reserve**
Fifth District members of the ESGR Metro Committee attended the Annual Awards Banquet recognizing employers of the Guard and Reserve members.



CONVENTION PLANNING REPORT 2016



I would like to thank the members of the Convention Committee and others for all their hard work in preparing for this year's convention. They are the reason for us having a successful convention. The members on this year's committee are:

Ray Eiden
Andrew Rose Sr.
Shawn Davis
Walt Lyndsley
Lynne Nottage

Others involved with the planning and convention preparation are:

Gary Martin
Julie Martin
Ramona Nack
Nick Kakos
Becky Nelson
Penny Becker
Patty Swanson
Paul Soderberg
John Austin
John Nelson
Jill Davis
Cari Lamb
Annette Bray

It takes many people to handle all the various facets of the convention. There are the attendee, hotel and banquet registrations. The Past Commander and Presidents Dinner. The Friday night Memorial Service with printed programs. The convention books must be put together with the book reports and ads. The grab bags that are given to each attendee. The hospitality room and entertainment. The menu and arrangements for the Saturday night banquet. Everyone doing their part enables us to put forth a successful convention. I again applaud all those for their efforts in giving the Fifth District a well organized convention.

Thank you for your support!
1st Vice Commander Ray Eiden



Junior Shooting Sports



The Junior Shooting Sports program had a good year.

Our smallbore competition last summer went well. One of our 14 years olds went to the National Legion match and she shot against all age groups through college and took 7th place.

The team has ranked 2nd or 3rd in the state for Air Rifle competition for the year.

One shooter is preparing for the NRA National Air Rifle competition in June. I was invited to shoot at the NRA Senior National, but declined. We are currently beginning the smallbore shooting season for the summer.

One student who graduated from our program and got a full sholarship based on his shooting skills, has been invited to try out for the Olympics and has been asked to join the Army Precision Unit when he graduates from West Virginia.

We are always looking for donations to defray the cost of the equipment and travel expenses for the junior shooter.

If you have any questions, please ask.

Tim Cagney
Coach
XMEN Junior Rifle Team/Venture Crew

No written reports received at time of printing

American Education Week
Americanism
Armed Forces Center
American Legion Baseball
Employment
Energy and Conservation
Law and Order
Legislation

Legionville
Memorial Day Minneapolis Vets Home
Oratorical
Parade and Music
Public Relations
Recognition Events
Rehabilitation
State Fair Volunteers



FIFTH DISTRICT
SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION
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Greetings to The American Legion, The American Legion Auxiliary, The Sons of The American Legion and The American Legion Riders from the Minnesota Detachment of The Sons of The American Legion.

It is indeed my pleasure to be a part of The American Legion Family and your Convention. It is with this Convention we can reflect on our last year's accomplishments and plan forward our goals and decision making to make this year better than the one just completed. The Sons are very strong in the District.

As with many Districts, decisions and sometimes adoptions are made and implementations go into effect along with a new slate of officers. This is how our Districts, with well-oiled machinery, run on a smooth straight course throughout the year.

Best wishes to your District on a meaningful and productive Convention.

Gene Olswold,
SAL Detachment Commander



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
2015-2016
District Officers**

Commander	Robert Bristo	Squadron 440
1 st Vice Commander	Bill Peters	Squadron 440
2 nd Vice Commander	John Austin	Squadron 99
Finance Officer	Bruce Kuiper	Squadron 99
Adjutant	Shawn Davis	Squadron 435
Chaplain	Pat Kiehl	Squadron 435
Sergeant at Arms		
Advisor	Jim Munson	Post 435

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
2009-2011	Shawn Davis	Squadron 435
2011-2013	Bruce Kuiper	Squadron 99
2013-2014	Robert Bristo	Squadron 440
2014-2015	Robert Bristo	Squadron 440
2015-2016	Robert Bristo	Squadron 440



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



June 3 & 4, 2016
Holiday Inn Bloomington, Minnesota

Friday, June 3, 2016

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

Saturday, June 4, 2016

Registration 10:00 am
8:00 – 10:00 am

Call to Order

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

Greetings & Introductions

Roll Call of Squadrons	Robert Bristo, Commander
Finance Report	Shawn Davis, Adjutant
Membership	Bruce Kuiper, Finance Officer
Squadron Reports	Bill Peters, 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	Robert Bristo, Commander
Benediction	Pat Kiehl, Chaplain
Retire the POW/MIA	Sergeant-At-Arms
Retire the Colors	Sergeant-At-Arms

Adjourn

Social

5:00 pm

Banquet

6:00 pm

Sons of the American Legion Membership Report

District	Squad	Name	2015 total	ATH	2016 Goal	2016 total as of 5/27	%
5	1	MINNEAPOLIS #1		102	60	48	80.00%
5	99	WOLD-CHAMBERLAIN		44	27	7	25.93%
5	234	GIANT VALLEY		60	50	41	82.00%
5	435	MPLS.-RICHFIELD		226	220	201	91.36%
5	440	GOPHER		74	42	36	85.71%
5	555	FALLDIN		116	19	18	94.74%
5 Total					418	406	83.97%

SAL Member of the Year

2013	Shawn Davis
2014	Bill Peters
2015	Robert Bristo

Squadron Commanders

Mike Krogan	Minneapolis Squadron 1
Trevor Dostal	Wold Chamberlain Squadron 99
Dale Newborg	V. L. Giantvalley Squadron 234
Nils Hudyma	Minneapolis/Richfield Squadron 435
Craig Carlson	Gopher Squadron 440
Doug Pershing	Falldin Squad 555

NOTES



The Fighting 5th
Thanks Our
Supporters and Advertisers

Johnnie Baker Post 291



Wishing the 5th District a harmonious and peaceful 2016 convention

Best wishes to 5th District Commander Gary Martin and all the officers of the 5th District, on a year of unselfish service to the American Legion.

Commander

1st Vice

2nd Vice

Adjutant

Finance

Judge Advocate

Chaplain

Sgt-at-Arms

Andrew Rose Jr.

Elton Johnson

Robert Johnson

Wayne Glanton

John Kinsey

Charles Wesley

Sam Reubens

Charles Wesley

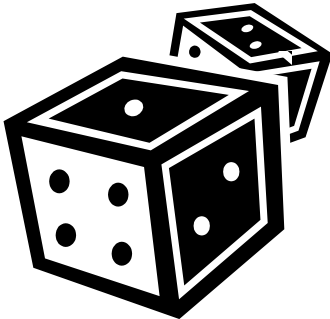
Minneapolis/Richfield
American Legion Post 435
6501 Portland Avenue South, Richfield, MN 55423



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Live Music

Monday – Willie Murphy 7:30PM
Tuesday – Paul Metsa & Willie Walker 5:00PM
Wednesday – Karaoke with Brian Harrell 8:30PM
Thursday – the Del Counts 7:00PM
Friday & Saturday – Various 8:30PM
Sunday – Rockin’ Woody 4:00PM

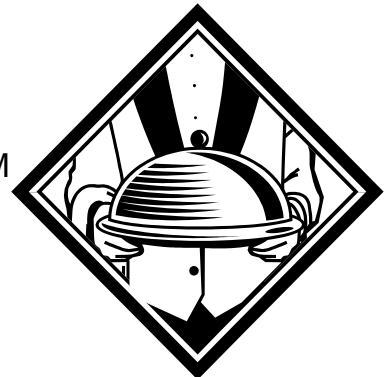


Other Fun

Meat Raffle Monday 5:00PM, Thursday 5:00PM
FREE Bar Bingo Monday & Thursday 5:00PM

Serving Lunch and Dinner

Lunch – Tues thru Sat 11:00AM – 2:00PM
Dinner Specials – Tues thru Thurs 5:00PM – 8:00PM
Dinner Menu – Fri & Sat 5:00PM – 8:30PM
Bar Menu available Mon 5:00PM – 8:00PM
and Tues thru Sat 11:00AM – 8:00PM



Banquet Rooms Available

Post 435 can handle any event from 20 to 200 guests

Arthur and Leonard Falldin Post #555



Home of
Virgil Persing

Past

Department Commander & National Executive Committeeman

Chair of the Fifth District Hospital Visitation

Veterans are our Number 1 priority!

Best Wishes for a Successful Convention

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From the member of
Wold-Chamberlain Post #99



Commander
Joe Freidlund



President
Bonnie Brenna



SAL Commander
Trevor Dostal

MINNEAPOLIS POST NO. 1

AMERICAN LEGION



Home Post of

Past Department Vice Commanders



Ward Jeffers



Dave Adam



Wayne Wright



Lynne Nottage

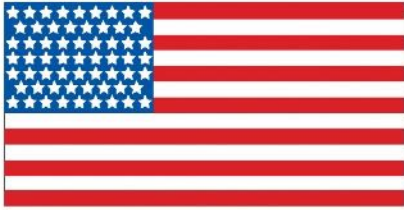
Post No. 1 Commander – Bob Mayer

Unit No. 1 President – Karen McNamara

SAL Commander - Mike Krogan

Wishing the 5th a Great 2015 Convention

*****Omelet Breakfast 2nd Sunday – Every Month*****



*... Serving Veterans
And supporting Legion
Programs through
Donations and Volunteers*

Best Wishes for a great year
To the 2016/2017 elected
Fifth District Officers

From the Members and Board of
Court House Post #310

Joe Smith Post 468

Wishes the 5th District

Best wishes for a great convention!

Congratulation on a great year!



Commander

John Austin



President

Pam Morgan



SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION SQUADRON 435 WISH THE 5TH DISTRICT FAMILY A GREAT CONVENTION

Shop For Veterans



Instructions

1. Register yourself as a client at amway.com/trustvets
2. Send an email to upward@wwdb.org with your client number
3. ALL retail revenue generate will go to Veterans programs directed by Unit 435
4. Any questions,
5. call Carol at 612-481-2148



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1st – Steak and Eggs

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Post Home of Fifth Districts

Commander

Gary Martin

Auxiliary President

Julie Martin

Sons of the Legion Commander

Robert Bristo

“Have a Successful Convention”

Gopher Post Commander-Wade Larson

Gopher Auxiliary Unit President-Mary Younkin

Gopher Sons of the Legion Squadron Commander-Craig Carlson



Commander
Bishop Dan Williams
and
the entire
4th District
wishes the 5th District
a successful convention
and
fantastic 2016-2017 Legion year

VOTE! ★ VOTE! ★ VOTE!



**Irvin Blix Post 16 of Bagley, Minnesota
and the
9th District, Department of Minnesota
Proudly endorse
Denise Milton
for the high office of
Department Commander
2016-2017**



**Your Support and Vote
are deeply appreciated**



**The 7th District
and Henderson Lewis Post 545
Spicer, Minnesota**

Proudly Endorses



*Wishing You
A Successful
Convention!*

*I would
appreciate
your vote!*

**RICHARD
WOG**

for **Department Commander 2016 - 2017**

For God and Country

University Of Minnesota Post 548



Nominates



Curtis Norenberg
For
Minnesota Department Vice Commander
Fourth and Fifth Districts



Squadron 1
Home of Past Detachment Commander
Bill Peters

Wishes the 5th District an enjoyable and
successful convention

47th Annual Legionville

CAMP-O-REE

September 7th through 11th

Brainerd MN

on North Long Lake

Pull-Tabs

BINGO

Raffles

Live Music

Fri & Sat

Thu

1st District Steak Fry Dinner

Fri

SAL Breakfast

SAL Lunch

10th District Pork Roast Dinner

SAT

SAL Breakfast

6th District Fish Fry Lunch

Harvest Rally Dinner (by ticket only)

SAL Hot Dogs & Hamburgers Dinner

Sun

SAL Omelet Breakfast

Harvest Rally

Kids Games

Membership

Camping Fees

RV, Camper, Tent on grounds, or lodging in the Dormitories. Bring your own linens & blankets

Days	On Arrival
Pre-Thursday	Free
On and After Thursday	\$10 per day, per person. \$75 Family maximum for event
Saturday	Active Military Reservists, Guardsman, & their families are complimentary
Ages 3 and under	Free

Wold-Chamberlain
American Legion
Unit 99
proudly endorses
Bonnie Brenna
For
5th District President
2016 – 2017



Have a successful
Convention

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LEGION **FAMILY**





FIFTH DISTRICT

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY

DEPARTMENT OF MINNESOTA





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State Veterans Service Building
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WOW-where did the year go?

Convention 2016!

You have done an outstanding job with your commitment and leadership to the American Legion Auxiliary. It is my hope your Units and District realize the time and effort you, “as their leader,” have put in to move the ALA forward!

On behalf of the Department of Minnesota, American Legion Auxiliary, we say “Thank you, for a job well done! You have responded to the call of your duties expected of you. You have promoted what we do, why we do it, and who we do it for! You have **“Served Those Who Served!”**

Wishing every member --- a most successful convention!

It is my hope you have all enjoyed your year. You have represented the greatest organization there is! You have instilled pride within our organization! You have promoted a “culture of good will” within your Units, District and Department!

Continue doing what you do. You **do** make a difference in the lives of our Veterans, their families, and our community!

So far we’ve had an awesome year! TEAMWORK has been wonderful!

The year isn’t over so, I encourage each and every member to continue working towards their goal with membership! I can’t wait to see who is drawn at Department Convention to see who wins the “PUFL” membership!

To the Districts that I am unable to attend; please know it is all in timing. Just because I am not attending, please realize **your District** and **especially your Units** mean just as much to the organization and “me” as any other District or Unit!! It is impossible to be two places or more at the same time!

God bless each of you, God bless our troops, and God Bless this awesome home, America!

Department President,
Sandy Fredrickson



To my American Legion Family,

We have tried to keep this year interesting and informative with joint openings and speakers as a Legion family.

Thanks to all the Unit Presidents, officers, committee chairs, committee members and volunteers. You ladies do not give yourselves enough credit for all your efforts and volunteerism. What you have done and will continue to do will make our District strong and viable for many years.

Thank you, for all you do for our Veteran's and our communities.

Congratulations to incoming Commander Ray and incoming Auxiliary President Bonnie. We wish you a very successful year.

“Be Kind, Take The Time, Thank A Vet”

Julie Martin
Fifth District President
2015-2016





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 2015 Convention Call

February 29, 2016

The Fifth District American Legion Family will hold its Annual District Convention **Friday June 3 and June 4, 2016** at the Holiday Inn in Bloomington off of I-35W, 1201 West 94th Street, Bloomington, MN 55431. Registration is \$15.00 before **Friday, May 20, 2016** and \$18.00 after **Friday, May 20, 2016** or at the Convention.

There will be a joint Memorial Service on **Friday June 3, 2016, 7:00 P.M.** All Posts and SAL Squadrons must have their Deceased Members list submitted to Gary Martin, 3552 25th Avenue South, Minneapolis, MN 55406 or email g.martin01@msn.com (Word Document) by **Wednesday, April 15, 2016**. Units must have their lists submitted to Penny Becker, 7237 Grand Avenue. South, Richfield, MN 55423, or email mapj_becker@q.com as (Word Documents) by **Wednesday, April 15, 2016**.

The Convention Sessions for the Legion and Auxiliary will begin **Saturday, June 4, 2016 at 9:00 A.M.** The Session for the SAL will begin **Saturday, June 4, at 10:00 AM.** The Convention meeting room assignment will be in your Convention book. The Convention Banquet will be **Saturday, June 4, 2016**, social / cash bar at 5:00 P.M. and banquet at 6:00 P.M. Cost is Honey Glazed Ham, \$X.00, Italian Herb Chicken, \$X.00, Walleye \$X.50. All prices include tax and gratuity.

Voting Strength

The cut-off date for figuring your delegate strength will be thirty-days prior to the Convention or **Wednesday, May 6, 2016**.

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 – 25 Members	Two Delegates
26 – 75 Members	Three Delegates
76 – 125 Members	Four Delegates

And so on.

Sons of the American Legion

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

Gary Martin
Commander
5th District American Legion

Julie Martin
President
5th District Auxiliary

Madison Sloves
Honorary Junior
5th District President

Robert Bristo
Commander
5th District SAL

Fifth District American Legion Family Convention – June 3-4, 2016

Holiday Inn Bloomington off of I-35W
1201 W 94th St., Bloomington, MN – 952-884-8211

Hotel Registration must be made by Friday, May 20, 2015

Regular Rooms – Call **952-884-8211** and request a room for the 5th District Convention.

Standard Rooms are \$89.00 + tax.

Poolside Rooms - MUST be made through Nick Kakos – Call **612-825-9709**. **Room Rate is \$99.00 + Tax.**

Convention Registration

\$15.00 on or before **Friday, May 20, 2015**

\$18.00 after **Friday, May 20, 2015** and at the **Convention**

Banquet Registration

Reservations will be taken for the first 120 people.

Register before **Friday, May 20, 2015**, as we must provide a count to the hotel. Meal choices are Honey Glazed Ham, \$23.00, Italian Herb Chicken, \$25.00, Walleye, \$29.50. All prices include tax and gratuity.

Banquet will be **Saturday evening, June 4, 2015**. 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,
3701 E 33rd Street, Minneapolis, MN 55406
Phone 612-220-7759**

Convention Reports

Convention Reports must be submitted by Wednesday, May 7, 2016

Legion and SAL Reports: Send to Shawn Davis, 2806 64th Ave. N, Brooklyn Center, MN 55430
- or - email salshawndavis@gmail.com as (Word Documents).

Auxiliary Reports: Send to Penny Becker, 7237 Grand Avenue. South, Richfield, MN 55423
- or - email mapj_becker@q.com as (Word Documents).

Convention Book Ads

We are asking everyone in the 5th District to try to sell ads.

Convention Book Ads must be in by **Wednesday May 7, 2016**. Send print ready ads to:
Shawn Davis, 2806 64th Ave. N, Brooklyn Center, MN 55430 – or – email salshawndavis@gmail.com as
(Word Documents).

For Cost of ads are \$115 for full page, \$85 for ½ page and \$55 for ¼ page.

Hospitality Funds

Donations for the Hospitality Fund cover the 5th District Convention, the Department Convention, and the Fall Conference. Donations should be sent to:

Lynne Nottage, 3701 E 33rd Street, Minneapolis, MN 55406



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

June 6, 2015

9:00 A.M.



9:00 A.M. Processional	LoAnn Grill
Presentation of Gavel	LoAnn Gril
Call to Order	Julie Martin
Invocation	Ramona Nack
Pledge of Allegiance National Anthem	All
Preamble	Bonnie Brenna
Welcome	Julie Martin
Convention Call (in book)	Penny Becker
Convention Minutes 15 (in book)	Penny Becker
Convention Rules (in book)	Becky Nelson
Treasurer's Report	Becky Nelson
Rules Governing Resolutions (in book)	Becky Nelson
Reading of Resolutions And Recommendations	Becky Nelson
Presentation of Past District Presidents	Patricia Swanson
Presentation of District Junior President	Julie Martin
Final Reports of District Chairmen	Julie Martin
Nominating Committee Report	Becky Nelson
Nominations and Introductions of Candidates	Julie Martin
Final Membership Report	Julie Martin

Recess 15 Minutes

Presentation of District Executive Committee Penny Becker

Presentation of Convention Committee Julie Martin

Report of Resolution Committee Becky Nelson

Credentials Report Sherry Wright

**Election of Officers and
Executive Committee** Julie Martin

Election of National Delegates Julie Martin

**Introduction of 2014-2015 and
2015-2016 Unit Presidents** Julie Martin

**Presentation of New District President
and New Officers** Julie Martin

Announcements Penny Becker

Retirements of Colors Jill Davis

Adjournment Julie Martin



Fifth District Officers and Executive Board Members



President
1st Vice President
2nd Vice President
Secretary
Treasurer
Parliamentarian
Sergeant-at-Arms
Executive Committee Member
Executive Committee Member
Junior Past President

Julie Martin
Bonnie Brenna
Pamela Morgan
Penny Becker
Becky Nelson

Jill Davis
Jill Davis
Sonja Dauphin
Cari Lamb

Fifth District Unit Presidents

Aviation Unit #511
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

Marie Frederickson
Mary Younkin
Mary T Kozak
Pamela Morgan

Karen MacNamara
Sherry Morris
Bonnie Brenna

Fifth District Honorary Junior President

Madison Slovos



**Fifth District American Legion Auxiliary
Department of Minnesota
Convention Minutes
May 31, 2014**



The 5th District Auxiliary Convention held at the Holiday Inn, 94th and 35W was opened by Penny Becker, at 9:00 AM on June 6, 2015. Sgt-at-Arms Jill Davis and the Color Bearers presented colors and escorted President Cari Lamb and her Executive Committee to the podium. Penny presented President Cari with her gavel and wished her a successful Convention.

Invocation was given by Chaplain Patricia Swanson; we were led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag by Patricia Swanson and were led by Bonnie Brenna in the Preamble to the Constitution of the American Legion Auxiliary.

President Cari welcomed and thanked all for attending the Convention.

First Vice President, Shirley Frederickson, was introduced. She told us that we need to work on Membership to achieve the one million strong by 2019 National Convention which will be our 100 year birthday.

It was moved and seconded that we dispense with the Call to Convention as they are in the Convention Book. Motion carried.

It was moved and seconded that we dispense with the reading of the 2010 Convention Minutes as they are in the book. Motion carried.

We dispensed with the reading of the Fifth District Rules Covering Resolutions and Recommendations as they are in the book.

President Cari presented to our assembly 5th District Honorary Junior President Madison Solves. She thanked for allowing her to be Honorary Junior President. She chose not to run for 2nd Vice President in the Department and will run next year. She was appointed as Department Secretary this year. She spoke of her project which is bags of color books, crayons, books or games to be used at the medical facilities while parent is waiting for a Dr. appointment.

The Treasurers report was given and we have a balance, as of June 5, 2015 of \$3112.99 in the bank. The Treasurers report was approved and will be placed on file for audit. A check in the amount of \$2114 will be presented to Sandy Larson from the Veterans Home for the American Legion Family Project.

The Past District Presidents were assembled and introduced to the assembly. Each told stories of the year they served and who the Commander was that year. Many talked about the training and education they received while serving as President.

The final reports from the chairman were dispensed with as they are all in the Convention Book.

Final Credentials were given by Barb Burkstrand. We had 39 delegates, ten Past Presidents and two guests.

Nominations of Officers were read and then we had election of officers. The new officers are as follow:

President:	Julie Martin, Gopher Unit #440
1 st Vice President:	Bonnie Brenna, Wold Chamberlain Unit #99
2 nd Vice President:	Pamela Morgan, Joe Smith Unit #468
Executive Committee:	Jill Davis, Mpls.-Richfield Unit #435
	Sonja Dauphine, Mpls.-Richfield Unit #435

Appointments were:

Treasurer:	Becky Nelson, Unit #1
Secretary:	Penny Becker, Mpls.-Richfield Unit #435

We had a five minute recess.

The Convention was reconvened by President Cari. The Officers and Executive Committee were presented. They all had poems and a gift for President Cari.

On June 14th at 1:00 PM an Executive Committee meeting will be held at the Mpls.-Richfield Post. Installation of Officers will be held at 2:00 PM and then cake and coffee will be served.

Jill Davis told us the Legacy Run Kick-off will be on July 30th in New Ulm.

Other announcements were read.

The Convention was adjourned at 10:30AM.

Penny Becker, Secretary



FIFTH DISTRICT
AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY
DEPARTMENT OF MINNESOTA

REPORTS

Fifth District Auxiliary Reports

2015-2016 Americanism

Deb Bayer

Fifth District

Chairman

Dept. Of MN

Eight Units reported this year on Americanism.

Flag Promotion & Protection:

Flag Education Program: 1 Unit for 1 hour.

Encourage Members & Local Businesses to Fly the Flag: 3 Units

Americanism/ Patriotism:

Patriotic Programs: 32 Units, 2 members for 10 hours

Patriotic Holiday Observances: 4 Units, 5 members, \$175 for 21 hours

Get Out the Vote: 2 Units, 4 members for 1 hour

Kids Vote: 1 Unit for 7 hours

Veteran/Military Family:

Blue Star/Gold Star Banners: 1 Unit

Support Legion Programs:

AL Oratorical Contest: 1 Unit

AL Baseball Program: 1 Unit, 20 members, \$800 for 9 hours

Promote Pride in Belonging to the American Legion Auxiliary:

Encouraged member to wear & display name badges: 3 units

Encouraged members to wear Legion Family clothing/jewelry: 5 Units

Encouraged members to wear "Honoring Their Service" button: 1 Unit

When volunteering, wear ALA logo clothing/jewelry: 5 Units

Carry blank Membership Applications for entire AL Family: 7 Units

Thank you Madam President for this chairmanship.



Fifth District Auxiliary Reports



2015 - 2016 HISTORY

LoAnn Grill
Chairman

Fifth District
Dept. of MN

The Auxiliary History reports document that the American Legion and American Legion Auxiliary Programs were carried out in the Fifth District with commitment.

Americanism: Units of the Fifth District display and pay proper respect to the American Flag at each meeting. The meetings open with a prayer by the Unit Chaplin, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. A moment of silence is observed in memory of the deceased, and the Preamble is recited. At the close of the meeting chaplain offers prayer and we salute the colors. One unit member worked with a Kids Voting project. The voting process and procedures were explained. Children in the 2nd grade and up are encouraged to participate in learning the voting process. Each child is given a ballot, vote and then they would take their ballot to the ballot box and receive an I Voted pencil and sticker. The ballots were brought to the District Office for tallying and checking for spoiled ballots. The final results were published in the local paper. There was a total of 976 students that voted and 100 volunteers at 16 polling places.

Auxiliary Emergency Fund: Units showed their support of this important program by making cash donations. Some units also participated in the Silent Auction at the Fall Conference.

Children and Youth: 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. 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, and Toys for Tots. 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 a program teaching youth how to fish. Another Unit donated food baskets for families of Guard members called to active duty. Two Units held a Children's Christmas Party. The event included a clown, face painter and Santa Clause appeared. Units reported purchasing school supplies for local schools for those students who could not afford to purchase their own school supplies. One Unit donated to their city's Fire and Police Day Safety Camp. One member donated 84 hours reading to 20 minority kindergarten

children. One unit donated money to their local Patrol Program to purchase winter/rain items.

Community Service: Members of two units volunteered numerous hours visiting with homebound people. One unit member donated 48 hours sending a newsletter to the homebound. 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, Cancer Fund Drive, Children's Cancer Fund, Diabetes Association, to name a few. Unit members also volunteered of their time to: Meals on Wheels, local food shelves, nursing home visitation, Veterans Clothing Distribution Center, and the Girl Scouts. Monetary donations were made to the Richfield Police Department Bulletproof Vest Fund, Special Olympics, ARC, the DAV's, and Fisher House. 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. One unit held three Blood Drives – 43 people attended and 43 units of blood was collected.

Education and Scholarship: Units reported members volunteering of their time and talent at local schools in a variety of ways. Some participated in reading programs, some helped with a number of school project fund raisers. 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. Another unit participated in the Give 10 to Education Program.

Field Service: 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 reading to veterans; One Unit sponsored a Corn Feed at the Minneapolis Veterans Home. One Unit participates in the Adopt-A-Vet program and one unit held an Easter egg hunt at the Mpls. Veterans Home. Several Units made monetary donations to support the Field Service Program of the American Legion Auxiliary. Donations were made to: Mpls. VA Home, Fisher House, and the Christmas Gift Shop.

Girls State: Two Units reported they sponsored girls for Girls State. One unit made a donation to the Fifth District Girl's State Fund. This is a week long experience which teaches the girls about each of the three branches of the government. The units invited their Girls Stater to come to a unit meeting and share their experience with the unit members. It's an enriching experience for the girls who attended and many of the girls form friendships for life.

Home Service: Unit members provided rides to the grocery store, church and the doctors. Some Unit members provided assistance to veterans by preparing meals or doing some sewing. One unit member found a homeless shelter for veterans in Minneapolis. It's called CRRC and is located in the heart of Minneapolis. It is connected with the VA and offers

veterans a place to shower, find employment, and receive needed clothing and gift cards and other help. Her unit donated over \$2,500 in clothing and gift cards

Legislation: Units encourage members to be informed on all levels of the governments and on matters concerning Veteran's issues. Units use the Minnesota Legionnaire, American Legion News and the Dispatch as well as the newspaper, radio and television to obtain their information.

Memorial: 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. 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. Three unit members place flowers and flags on various veterans graves at the Fort Snelling National Cemetery.

National Security: Donations were made by several units to the Armed Forces Center at the Mpls-St.Paul International Airport. Comfort items were provided to Military Units. Members of several units also participated in the National Night out.

Parliamentarian: Roberts Rules of Order is used as a guideline for questions or protocol and provides information needed to properly draft a resolution. Standing Rules and Unit-Buy-Laws were updated.

Past President's Parley: Unit Past Presidents are active in all units. They participate in Memorial Day Services, Volunteer at the Mpls. Veterans Home, etc. With their experience they are good mentors to new American Legion Auxiliary members.

Poppy: 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 used poppies for corsages when they initiate new members into their Unit. Poppies are also handed out at Memorial Day services and at parades. Donations from the Poppy Funds are used for Gift Shop, MN Veteran's Home recreational therapy, Fisher House, and in support of our Veterans.

Public Relations: Units and Posts keep their members and community informed through their Newsletters and flyers created to advertise special events like Scholarships, Omelet Breakfasts, and Craft Fairs. Articles are also published in the District e-Flash.

Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation: 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 - Creative Arts Festival, Dollar Bill Shower, American Legion Fund for Hospitalized Veterans, and Fisher House. Units supported the District Las Vegas events at the VA Medical Center and Veterans Home. Several unit members donated clothing to the MN Veterans Home residents. One Unit donated MVAMC Recreation Therapy Department, and the Legacy Scholarship. One unit reported having two Voluntary Service members who donated 1,158 hours to the VA. Another unit reported they have one members who volunteers as a Greater at the VA.

President Julie, 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.



Fifth District Auxiliary Reports



2015-2016 Past Presidents' Parley

**Patricia Swanson
Chairman**

**Fifth District
Dept. Of MN**

There are ten Units in the Fifth District and three Units only have an active Parley. Eight Units reported.

One Unit honored an active duty service member.

Another Unit reported that all of their Past Presidents are active in all Auxiliary programs.

Gopher Unit #440 renewed their Past Presidents Parley
A donation of \$10 was given by a Unit who does not have an active Parley and they did not say where it was donated.

We had two Past President's luncheons this year. One luncheon was held at Olive Garden and the other at Fongs. We initiated Cari Lamb as our newest member. We collected enough dues and fines for not wearing their Past President pin to our luncheon meetings to give \$100 to our District President's project. The District project is at the Minneapolis MN Veterans Home.

Every year our District holds a Spring Luncheon and most all of the District Past Presidents help out. This is our District fund raiser.

I wish each Unit whether they have an active Parley or not would write on the report what their Unit Past Presidents do in their Unit each year.

President Julie, thank you so much for this appointment. I have enjoyed this chairmanship.



Fifth District Auxiliary Reports



2015-2016 Auxiliary Emergency Fund

Mary Younkin
Chairman

Fifth District
Dept. Of MN

Seven Units of the Fifth District American Legion Auxiliary sent in reports this year. Of these Units only a few actually participated in the program.

Some Units donated money, another Unit donated a move basket for Fall Conference Auxiliary Emergency Fund.

This is a National grant assistance program that provides temporary emergency aid in the event of a financial crisis. A member's membership must be current and two immediate past years in order to apply.

I hope next year Units will consider giving to this worthy fund.

Thank you President Julie for this rewarding chairmanship.



Fifth District Auxiliary Reports



CONSTITUTION & STANDING RULES 2015 – 2016

**Annette Bray
Chairman**

**Fifth District
Dept. of MN**

For the first time in many years, the National Office is requiring a report of the Units Constitution and Standing Rules. Each year, the Department of MN American Legion Auxiliary requests a copy of these documents. Hopefully, more Units than reported did.

It is advised that each Unit choose, whether it be a Past President or a member in good standing, a Parliamentarian. She is the one who advises the President when having a meeting as to proper procedures referring to the book "Robert's Rules of Parliamentary Procedure".

Every Unit should have Standing Rules! They should include the following:

1. When holding a meeting; who are voting members, whether or not you are to have special speakers, etc.
2. Chairmanships
3. Finance: committee of ? many, when the budget is to be presented, what the dues will be, etc.
4. Elections: what officers are Unit needed – President, Vice President, etc.

Eight Units reported, one said they did not participate. Six Units have Standing Rules, 2 Units have a Parliamentarian, 4 have copies of the National Constitution and Bylaws, and only 7 recite the Preamble to the ALA Constitution. Each Unit President and the District President should have a copy of the Unit, District, Department and National Constitution and Bylaws plus the Standing Rules.

We, and I am including myself, are getting very lazy when it comes to proper protocol when running or participating in our meetings. Our predecessors are probably shaking their heads at us. Many of us remember the white gloves we had to wear when presenting the flags at conventions. Rules are rules.

Let's see if we can improve our Unit libraries with these documents.

Annette Bray



Fifth District Auxiliary Reports



2015 – 2016 Girls State

**Annette Bray
Chairman**

**Fifth District
Dept. of MN**

Girls State is one of the major programs of the American Legion Auxiliary.

It was a very sad year. The 5th District was represented by only 2 Units out of 10 at Minnesota Girls State; Hellenic and Mpls./Richfield. However, the 5 young ladies represented three different schools: Academy of Holy Angels, Bloomington Jefferson (?), and Benilde – St. Margarets. Technically, Benilde-St. Margarets School is within the 10th District, however, the Unit who sponsored girls there had no funds and fortunately Mpls./Richfield did.

One of the citizens from Benilde – St. Margarets, spoke at a District meeting. All who attended that meeting were impressed with this young lady.

This year, it has been suggested that we in the 5th District set up a fund within our treasury for Units to receive monetary help to send girls to Girls State. It is up to our District to help each other. So far, there have been 3 donations to this fund. Please consider donating to this fund when making out your budget for this coming year of 2016 – 2017.

Thank you President Julie for this chairmanship.

Annette Bray



Fifth District Auxiliary Reports



POPPY
2015-16

Annette Bray
Chairman

Fifth District
Dept. of MN

Eight Units reported Poppy activity from the distribution last May. No Unit reported contacting any Elected Official – city or state. One Unit increased their order of poppies over last year while 3 decreased their order. No Unit sponsored a Poppy Poster Contest.

Units totaled 5300 poppies ordered (small); NO numbers of how many were distributed. My question is: If Units wrote letters and included poppies in them, how could there be NO poppies distributed? (Question #6 on the annual report.) According to the reports received by this chairman, 4,546+ letters were sent out from 6 Units. (Question #22 “Total cost of postage” none was reported.) But, the total contributions according to what was reported, was \$10,391! Didn’t any Unit display any Poppy Cards and get donations for them? None was reported.

On the positive side, we in the 5th District AL Family had 28 members distributing poppies volunteering approximately 60 hours. Units gave out 1300 Certificates of Appreciation.

The Poppy Program **is** a financial backbone for funding our veterans programs. It is without a doubt necessary to keep complete accurate records of this program. These contributions must and can only be used to assist active-duty military, veterans, and their families. As a result of incomplete records, many important questions on the report go unanswered which gives a negative report to our Congressmen. When completing **all** reports, read all of the statements before filling in the blanks.

Start today with a special folder with fasteners in it; put a copy of the Unit Annual Report in with paper for notes. This will help when completing this “dreaded” report process.

Thank you President Julie for this appointment.

Annette Bray



Fifth District Auxiliary Reports



VA&R 2016

The veteran affair and rehabilitation program has decreased in support from the past year. A few units, reported they have members that volunteer at the VA Medical Center and Minneapolis Veterans home. Unit members also participate in hospital visitation. Few units reported making donations to the Creative Arts Festival totaling 150.00. One unit continues to support a Minneapolis homeless vet's home with \$2500 in clothing, gift and gas cards. Many units participated in the gift shop program with hours, and donations.

This coming year let's adopt a female veteran.

Thank You Julie for stretching me.
Pamela Morgan



FIFTH DISTRICT AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY



March 6, 2016

To: Chairman, 5th District American Legion Auxiliary

You are responsible for writing a report for the Convention booklet. This must be sent to the 5th District Secretary as soon as possible as the Legion wants them by May 7, 2016. I realize that we don't always get the reports until late in April, but please do the best you can. We need time to type the reports and then print them and have the books together by the Convention on June 3, 2016. If typing on a computer, please type report in Arial, font size 12. Set margins at: top 1", left 1.25", bottom 1" and right 1.25". I am enclosing a copy of a report with heading so when typing up use this as an example. You may e-mail this to me at my e-mail address listed below.

Thank you for your help.

Send report to Penny Becker
7237 Grand Ave. So.
Richfield, MN 55423 or
E-mail to MAPJ_Becker@q.com
Questions 612-866-2847

Penny Becker,
Secretary

Thank you,

President Julie Martin
5th District American Legion Auxiliary



Fifth District Auxiliary Reports



2015 – 2016 Public Relations

Jill Davis
Chairman

Fifth District
Dept. of MN

Seven units within the Fifth District sent reports in this year. The purpose of Public Relations reach out to members and the community about the American Legion Auxiliary and how the organization contributes to the community and American legion as a whole. Public Relations includes newsletters and electronic media such as websites and Facebook.

Within the 5th District there are three units that have a newsletter, there are four units that have a joint publication with the Post and two units report being active on Facebook. Units are also encouraged to promote themselves with their local media such as interviews with reporters or sending flyers out explaining and promoting our programs. One unit reported sending 12 letters of appreciation. Another unit reported reach out to the local media 12 times.

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



Fifth District Auxiliary Reports



Membership 2015-2016

Bonnie Brenna
Chairman

Fifth District
Dept. of MN

This year our theme was Renew–Recruit-Rejoin, “Soaring to the top with membership”.

Jean Walker is the Department Membership Chairman. As of March 23rd we were in 15th place with 76.45% of the National Numerical Goal and in 4th place in the Northwestern Division. In the Rejoin and Renew we are in 5th place at 87.36% and in 1st place in the Northwestern Division.

Listed below are the Districts percentages for membership goals as of April 26th:

Mpls – Aviation	=	92.31%
Mpls - Joe Smith	=	86.67%
Mpls - Hellenic	=	85.33%
Mpls - Richfield	=	78.09%
Mpls - Gopher	=	75.36%
Mpls - Wold Chamberlain	=	72.22%
Mpls - Giant Valley	=	71.11%
Mpls - Falldin	=	70.00%
Mpls - Unit 1	=	60.14%
Mpls - Johnnie Baker	=	40.00%

We have some work left to do before the 2015-2016 year is up. If you see someone new at your post, ask them if they are a member and if they are not, sign them up if you can.

Thank you to all who have worked hard to build up this membership.



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 Raffenspager *	1964-65
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 Bristol	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
Minneapolis-Richfield	Annette Bray	2013-2014
Mpls. Unit #1	Cari Lamb	2014 - 2015



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
2014		
2015	Annette Bray	Minneapolis-Richfield

