



5th District American Legion Convention 2016 - 2017

American Legion Family

**Commander
Ray Eiden**

**Auxiliary President
Bonnie Brenna**

**SAL Commander
Bill Peters**

**Honorary Junior President
Madison Sloves**



FIFTH DISTRICT
AMERICAN LEGION
DEPARTMENT OF MINNESOTA
ANNUAL CONVENTION
June 2nd & 3rd, 2017



Denise Milton

Commander

2016 - 2017

The American Legion

Department of Minnesota



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American Legion Family, welcome to your district convention.

This has been a great year for the Minnesota American Legion, and, as I travel the state, I can see and feel the excitement at our posts. Minnesota is gearing up to host the 2018 national convention, the 100th annual convention. Minneapolis also hosted the very first American Legion convention in 1919.

One of our themes this year is that the “Spirit of the Doughboy Lives on in The American Legion.” We have been a critical and positive part of Minnesota for nearly a century, and we’re looking forward to another century of service to our veterans, our families, our community, our youth and our state.

That’s why these district meetings are so important. This is where the rubber really meets the road. This is where we elect new officers and get a solid start on the coming year.

We do so many things, and we must stay strong. If we aren’t there, who will be?

Working together, we can accomplish great deeds. I want to thank you for all your work this year. Remember: “Victory for Veterans.”

Sincerely,

Denise Milton
Department Commander



Ray Eiden

Commander

2015 – 2016

5th District

Department of Minnesota

Commanders 2017 Convention message

Fifth District American Legion,

It was a privilege to serve as your District Commander this past year. I would like to thank all the members of our District, the officers, those serving on the executive committee as well as the various other committees and the volunteers for all their support. Without you our District could not have accomplished the things we did. All the other members of our family have also made contributions; The Auxiliary, SAL, Legion Riders and Juniors. I thank them all for their efforts.

This past year has been a challenging experience for me and I have learned a lot. The mentoring I received from various members helped me and I hope I represented the District well. One of the highlights this year was the visit by the National Commander, Charles Schmidt, to the Richfield Post. It was an honor for me to meet him and I know our District represented Minnesota well.

The Shop, Ship and Share event with the 4th District was most memorable. I was proud of all the volunteers we had there to help support our Veterans overseas. The Winter Carnival was a good social event with the 4th District and it was a great experience for us to take part in the parade. Our District has a history of supporting the Mpls. Veteran's Home and we did so again this year. Thanks to the efforts of many volunteers, three fundraising events and Post donations we met our goal for purchasing a clavino for the Veterans Home.

Our strong Hospital Visitation program and support of the Veteran's Home are examples of our commitment to serving our Veterans. Our Hospital Visitation had good participation month after month and the Veterans enjoyed the camaraderie and good conversation during the visits. We developed a new website that should serve our District well for years to come. It will give our District more exposure and hopefully entice new members to join.

We must continue to strive to increase our membership and find ways to entice our younger Veterans to join. We should continue to do our Membership Revitalization but we must do more. We need to look at ways to be more involved with the community and educate them on the programs that make up the American Legion.

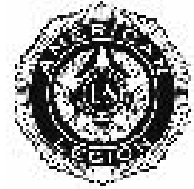
In closing I would like to thank my wife for her encouragement and support especially when I was away from home a lot. I enjoyed working with Bonnie and the Auxiliary. We made a great team. Again I thank the Auxiliary, SAL, Legion Riders and Juniors for their support.

Remember, "Keep Focused and Look to the Future".

Ray Eiden
Fifth District Commander 2016-2017



Past 5th District Commanders



1920	L.B. Roberts *	1953	Howard I. Moore *	1986	David L. Mauritson *
1921	Walter U. Hauser *	1954	John Corcoran *	1987	David B. Adam V
1922	Z.L. Begin *	1955	Richard M. Grant *	1988	James C. Johnson
1923	R.R. Rand * C, N	1956	Ralph A. Olson *	1989	John R. O'Hearn *
1924	Walter P. Quist *	1957	Newton W. Speece *	1990	Wayne A. Wright V
1925	E.C. Nicholson *	1957	Harvey P. Johnson * V	1991	Ronald G. Nack *
1926	L.D. Hughes *	1958	David S. Goode * V	1992	K.R. Workcuff
1927	J.F. Sutherland *	1959	Michael A. Caligiuri * V	1993	Rodney G. Logeland
1928	Lester Badger *	1960	John G. Torney *	1994	Tony Kastanos *
1929	J.W. Nelson *	1961	Edward C. Salk * V, C	1995	Mel Ohman V, H
1929	Ralph Comaford *	1962	Bernard Conner *	1996	W.F. Mausbach
1930	Oscar Youngdahl * C	1963	Morris E. Casperson * V	1997	Bernard Frerichs *
1931	H.E. Haag *	1964	Glen H. Dorrnfeld * V, C, N	1998	William (Bill) L. Bray V
1932	D.L. Sutherland *	1965	Lyle (Pat) O'Toole *	1999	Edward Nyhus *
1933	Elmer F. Hillner *	1966	Samuel Goldman * V	2000	Tom Spaise * V
1934	F.T. Boquist *	1967	George E. Evans *	2001	Larry Anderson V
1935	Paul Dickensheet *	1968	Donald R. Schroedl V, N	2002	Robert Silvagni
1936	John G. Alexander * V	1969	Phillip E Ploumen * V	2003	Del Rose
1937	Paul Preston *	1971	Leonard V. Kuffel *	2004	Bill Lindboe
1938	John McHardy *	1970	Floyd W. Warnberg *	2005	Joe Bayer V
1939	R.F. Bertelsen *	1972	William F. Lauck *	2006	Lynne Nottage V
1940	Dr. Wm. E. Watson *	1973	Harry C. Springer * V	2007	Richard Hegdahl
1941	Paul Koughan *	1974	Milo T. Cecka * V,C	2008	Wayne Hegland * V
1942	Frank J. Collin *	1975	John R. Matson	2009	James Munson V
1943	Carl A. Lundgren * A,N,C,H	1976	James Jones *	2010	Curtis Norenberg
1944	Merle Kromer *	1977	Alfred Barnes, Jr. * V	2011	Gary Heer
1945	Francis C. Hubbard *	1978	Philip E. Dingman * V	2012	Dick Ward
1946	Ray Barker *	1979	Ward K. Jeffers* V	2013	Dennis DeLong V
1947	Hugh McDaniel *	1980	William Tolle * V	2014	Robert H. Johnson
1948	Reynold Malmquist *	1981	James W. Lawson * V	2015	Wayne Glanton
1949	Charles Espeseth * C	1982	Virgil V. Persing* V C A N	2016	Gary Martin
1950	Charles Williams *	1983	Steve A. George * V		
1951	Robert E. Conn, Jr. *	1984	Reuben F. Mack V †		
1952	Arthur Goebel *	1985	George Ashwood *		

Deceased — *

Past National Executive Committeeman — N

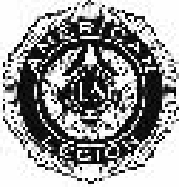
Past Alternate National Executive Committeeman — A

Past Department Commander — C

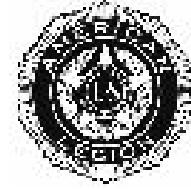
Past Department Vice Commander — V

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
2016	Will Philipson	University of MN Post 548

* Deceased

AWARDS COMMITTEE 2016-2017

James Munson
Wayne Glanton
Gary Martin
Merv Becker
Will Philipson



**Fifth District American Legion
Department of Minnesota
2016 - 2017**

District Officers

Commander	Ray Eiden	Falldin Post 555
1 st Vice Commander	Walt Lyndsley	Courthouse Post 310
2 nd Vice Commander	John Austin	Joe Smith Post 468
3 rd Vice Commander	John Nelson	Minneapolis Post No. 1
Adjutant	Jim Munson	Mpls/Richfield Post 435
Finance Officer	Gary Martin	Gopher Post 440
Junior Past Cmdr.	Gary Martin	Gopher Post 440
Membership Director	Walt Lyndsley	Courthouse Post 310
Sergeant At Arms	Paul Soderberg	Falldin Post 555
Chaplain	Wade Larson	Gopher Post 550
Judge Advocate	Curt Norenberg	University of MN Post 548
Historian	Dennis DeLong	Mpls/Richfield Post 435

Executive Committee

Andrew Rose Sr	2 years	Johnnie Baker Post 291
Tom Henrisckson	2 years	Mpls/Richfield Post No. 435
Joe Bayer	2 years	Wold Chamberlain Post 99
Gary Heer	1 year	Courthouse Post 310
Richard Ward	1 year	Minneapolis Post No. 1
Donald Schroedl	1 year	Post Office Post 540



Fifth District American Legion Committees 2016 - 2017



Commander's Advisory

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

Constitution and Bylaws

1 yr	Curt Norenburg	2 yr	Dennis DeLong
3 yr	Dick Ward	4 yr	Ray Eiden
5 yr	Gary Martin		

Convention

Ray Eiden	Julie Martin
Andrew Rose Sr.	Shawn Davis (SAL)
Walt Lyndsley	Nick Kakos

Ethics

1 yr	Andrew Rose Sr.	2 yr	Lynne Nottage
3 yr	Joe Bayer	4 yr	John Nelson
5 yr	Wade Larson		

Finance Committee

1 yr	Joe Bayer	2 yr	Curt Norenburg
3 yr	Gary Martin	4 yr	Lynne Nottage
5 yr	Dennis DeLong	6 yr	James Munson
7 yr	Walt Lyndsley		

Post Development

1 yr	John Austin	2 yr	Jim Munson
3 yr	Ray Eiden	4 yr	Walt Lyndsley
5 yr	Joe Bayer		

Resolution

1 yr	Curt Norenburg	1 yr	Dick Ward
1 yr	Gary Martin	1 yr	James Munson

Convention Credentials	Gary Heer	Nominating Committee	Appointed March 2017
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Public Relations

Dennis DeLong	Ray Eiden	Tom Hendrickson	Shawn Davis (SAL)
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Fifth District American Legion Committee Chairs 2016 - 2017



American Education Week	Dick Tetzlaff	Northside Post 230
Americanism	Joe Bayer	Wold Chamberlain Post 99
American Legion Baseball	Jim Larson	Hellenic Post 129
American Legion Riders	Lee Davis	Mpls/Richfield Post 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	Gary Martin	Gopher Post 440
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 Hendrickson	Mpls/Richfield Post 435
Legionville	Dennis DeLong	Mpls/Richfield Post 435
Legislation	Nick Kakos	Hellenic Post 129
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	Dennis DeLong	Mpls/Richfield Post 435
Recognition Event	Walt Lyndsley	Courthouse Post 310
Rehabilitation	Gary Martin	Gopher Post 440
State Fair	John Austin	Joe Smith Post 468
Sons of the American Legion Advisor	James Munson	Mpls/Richfield Post 435
Web/Social Media	Shawn Davis	Mpls/Richfield Squad 435



Fifth District American Legion Post Commanders 2016 - 2017



Larry Schoppe

Norman Petrik

Nick Kakos

Dick Tetzlaff

Kevin Dicastri

Elton Johnson

Gary Heer

David Johnson

Wayne Bystrom

James Pung

Tom Hendrickson

Gary Martin

David Stodola

Jack Kamm

Dave Roe

Theodore Hoeben

Donald Schroedl

Norman Bennett

Donovan O. Ortel

Steven Schult

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 2 - 3, 2017
Holiday Inn Bloomington, Minnesota**

Friday, June 2, 2017

Registration 4:00 – 6:00 pm

Joint Memorial Service 7:00 pm
Reception to follow

Saturday, June 3, 2017

Registration 8:00 – 9:00 am

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

Greetings Denise Milton, Department Commander
By Curt Norenberg Department Vice Commander

Convention Call Jim Munson, Adjutant
Roll Call of Posts Jim Munson, Adjutant
Last Annual Meeting Minutes Jim Munson, 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 Ray Eiden, Commander

Introduction of Guests/Candidates Ray Eiden, Commander

Committee Reports
Finance Report Gary Martin, Finance Officer
Membership Walt Lyndsley, Chairman
Legislation Nick Kakos

Saturday, June 3, 2017(cont.)

Other Committee Chairs Notify Adjutant

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

Nomination of Candidates for District Offices and National Delegates Jim Munson, Adjutant

Voting Procedures Jim Munson, 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 Jim Munson, Adjutant

Closing Remarks Ray Eiden, Commander

Benediction Wade Larson, 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 2016 - 2017

"To Help All Children Realize Their Full Potential"

Again the Fifth District had 100% Children and Youth reporting this year. Thank you for all your efforts supporting today's youth and our leaders of tomorrow.

As a District we donated a total of \$28125.00 in cash, goods and voluntary hours. I realize all Posts do not have an active Children and Youth program. This program is one of the Four Pillars of The American Legion. The bulk of the cash, goods, volunteer hours and building use was done by four Posts, they will be recognized at the Department Convention in July. Thank you to all the Posts who submitted reports.

On the National front, The American Legion Child Welfare Foundation made the following grants for 2017. This is a rather length report but I feel it necessary that you be informed of the work of the Post's, District's and National efforts supporting our outstanding Children and Youth Program.

The American Legion Child Welfare Foundation, in its 62nd year, has awarded \$618,606 to twenty nonprofit organizations. The following is a brief summary of the grants awarded for 2017.

Minnesota Organization on Fetal Alcohol Syndrome of Saint Paul, Minnesota, \$54,000, Angels & Doves of Indianapolis, Indiana, \$19,900, Angel Flight West of Santa Monica, California, \$10,000, Bethany Christian Services of Grand Rapids, Michigan, \$25,000, Books Aloud of San Jose, California, \$10,000, Building Better Days of Edgewater, Maryland, \$11,230, Child Find of America, Inc. of New Paltz, New York, \$40,500, Childhood Domestic Violence Association of New York, New York, \$20,750, Childhood Leukemia Foundation of Brick, New Jersey, \$60,000, Children's Brain Tumor Foundation of New York, New York, \$20,000, Children's Hospital of The King's Daughters, Inc. of Norfolk, Virginia, \$31,000, CureSearch for Children's Cancer of Bethesda, Maryland, \$22,250, Depression and Bipolar Support Alliance (DBSA) of Chicago, Illinois, \$25,000, KEYS of Sherrill, New York, \$5,362, Mercy Medical Angles of Virginia Beach, Virginia, \$45,000, National Autism Association of Portsmouth, Rhode Island, \$59,375, National Meningitis Association, Inc. of Fort Myers, Florida, \$29,000, Our Military Kids of McLean, Virginia, \$56,055, Shwachman-Diamond Syndrome Foundation of Avon, New York, \$4,449, The American Legion National Headquarters of Indianapolis, Indiana, \$69,000 for " American Legion National Oratorical Contest 2017."

The children of today are the leaders of tomorrow, support them.

Gary Martin
Chairman

Fifth District American Legion Reports

MEMBERSHIP REPORT 2016 - 2017

Post	2017 Goal	% of Goal	Total
Joe Smith #468	14	100.000	14
Bainbridge #355	6	100.000	6
Giantvalley #234	88	100.000	88
University of MN #548	41	97.561	40
Longton #618	33	96.970	32
Hellenic #129	83	96.386	80
Viking #493	64	95.313	61
Richfield #435	1410	94.468	1332
Aviation #511	77	93.506	72
Wold Chamberlain #99	130	92.308	120
Gopher #440	56	91.071	51
Minneapolis Post #1	249	89.157	222
Fire and Police #396	23	86.957	20
Northside #230	78	84.615	66
Johnnie Baker #291	30	83.333	25
Bearcat #504	22	81.818	18
Falldin #555	158	80.380	127
Vets HM #581	21	66.667	14
Courthouse #310	40	57.500	23
Post Office #540	17	47.059	8
Business and Prof. #332	12	41.667	5
At Large #5555	27	0.000	0
Totals	2679	90.97	2437

We had 3 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. Let's look forward to increasing our membership next year. Department is raising their dues \$3.00 effective July 1, 2017. District is planning to raise their dues \$1.00. The total sent to Department this coming membership year will be \$36.25.

Walt Lyndsley
Membership Chairman

Fifth District American Legion Reports

Blood Donation Report

We had nine Posts send in donation reports.

There were 57 members of the Legion, Auxiliary, SAL donating a total of 76 pints.

Richfield Post 435

Members donated - 52

Total Units donated - 52

Total Platelet Units donated - 18

Viking Post 493

Members donated - 3

Total Units donated - 11

Minneapolis Post 1

Members donated - 0

Total Units donated - 5

Gopher Post 440

Members donated - 1

Total Units donated - 4

Falldin Post 555

Members donated - 1

Total Units donated - 4

Four sent in reports but had no donations.

I would like to thank those from the five 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 American Legion Reports

Oratorical

The 5th District held its 2016 – 2017 High School Oratorical contest at Minneapolis/Richfield Post #435. We had a nice turnout of friends, families, Legionnaires and Auxiliary members.

Some of the dignitaries attending this year's contest included, Department Vice Commander Curt Norenberg, Past Department Vice Commanders Joe Bayer, Dennis DeLong, Jim Munson and Several Past 5th District Commanders.

The day started off with a welcome to all from Commander Ray Eiden. Commander Eiden outlined the purpose and goals of the Oratorical Contest and congratulated all contestants. He also took a moment to thank Post # 435 for their generous hospitality in hosting this year's event.

The ceremonies commenced with the posting of the Colors by the 'Award Winning' JROTC Color Guard from the General Colin L Powell Leadership Academy. The Color Guard team looked very sharp and added a genuine sense of patriotism and pageantry.

There are three (3) awards at the 5th District High School Oratorical Contest. The first place winner receives \$300.00 in scholarship money and represents the 5th District at The Department competition, January 29, 2010. The 2nd Place Winner receives \$200.00 in scholarship money and 3rd Place receives \$100.00 in scholarship money.

All contestants were presented with The American Legion "***Certificate of Distinction***" for their participation in this year's contest. The certificates were presented by 5th District Commander Ray Eiden.

The 5th District would have been well served by any one of our top two (2) contestants. The scoring seemed to be close and the competition was very keen.

At the end of the day The 5th District will be represented, in the Department Oratorical Contest by Hunter Holzer, a freshman at General Colon L Powell Leadership Academy. Hunter competed and took the 1st Place Finish. Hunter will represent the Fighting 5th in Department competition March 11 in Osseo Minnesota. We look forward to Hunter competing in next year's contest. Hunter was sponsored by Minneapolis Post No. 1.

In a close 2nd Place was Anthony Key, another freshman from General Colin L Powell Leadership Academy. Anthony's 2nd Place finish is further evidence that the General Colin L Powell Leadership Academy is a perennial competitor in our High School Oratorical Contest. Anthony was sponsored by Minneapolis/Richfield post #435.

Third was no third place award.

Fifth District American Legion Reports

The success of this year's contest would not be possible if it hadn't been for all of the assistance provided by our volunteers. Thanks to you all!

A Special "Thank You" goes out to:

Judges: Legionnaires Curt Norenberg, Gary Martin, Joe Bayer, Andrew Rose, and Jim Munson, and to Past Auxiliary Presidents Deb Bayer and Julie Martin, for their great help.

Dick Ward
Oratorical Chairman

Junior Shooting Sports

Many of you may or may not know, there is a competitive youth Air Rifle team that meets in the basement of the American Legion Post 435. We are called the X-Men. Currently, there are approximately 15 members on our air rifle team -12 girls and 3 boys. The X-Men practice two nights per week, currently on Monday and Thursday. We use Air Rifles which are rifles which use pressurized air or other gases to propel the pellets. When we practice each week, we shoot in the three positions, prone, standing, and kneeling. We also participate in matches where we shoot 20 shots in each of the three positions. The scoring is based on accuracy on each of the 60 bulls that are worth 10 points each, with a perfect score being 600 points. These matches take place in different places across the state.

This past winter has been especially successful for our team. On February 18, most of us attended a match hosted in Forest Lake that was a qualifier for the NRA National Air Rifle Championships. In order to qualify for this national championship match an individual needs to shoot at least 500/600 points or 500/600 as an average for a team of four. Many of us met our goals and some of us qualified both as individuals and as a team.

The next match we participated in was on February 25 where we also qualified for the Three-Position Air Rifle Junior Olympic Championships to be held at Camp Perry in Port Clinton, Ohio. To qualify for this match we had to score 525 as an individual or 2025 as an average for a team of four people. Once again we reached the level they were looking for in order to qualify. Here we will compete against other youth from all across the nation. We are so very excited to have these wonderful opportunities.

The American Legion Post 435 X-Men team is important to each of us for a variety of different reasons. But for many of us it has taught us how to treat guns with respect, how to care for guns properly, leadership, and most importantly brought unity from our passion for air rifle. We would like to give a special thank you to Tim Cagney, the best coach we could ever ask for, all of our parents, and to the American Legion, who continues to support our passion for competitive shooting.

Lizzy Carson for Tim Cagney
Coach
XMEN Junior Rifle Team/Venture Crew

Social Media

The 5th District authorized a website (www.mnfightingfifth.org) which was set up, and analytics was applied to website. The results are below for January 01 through April 30.

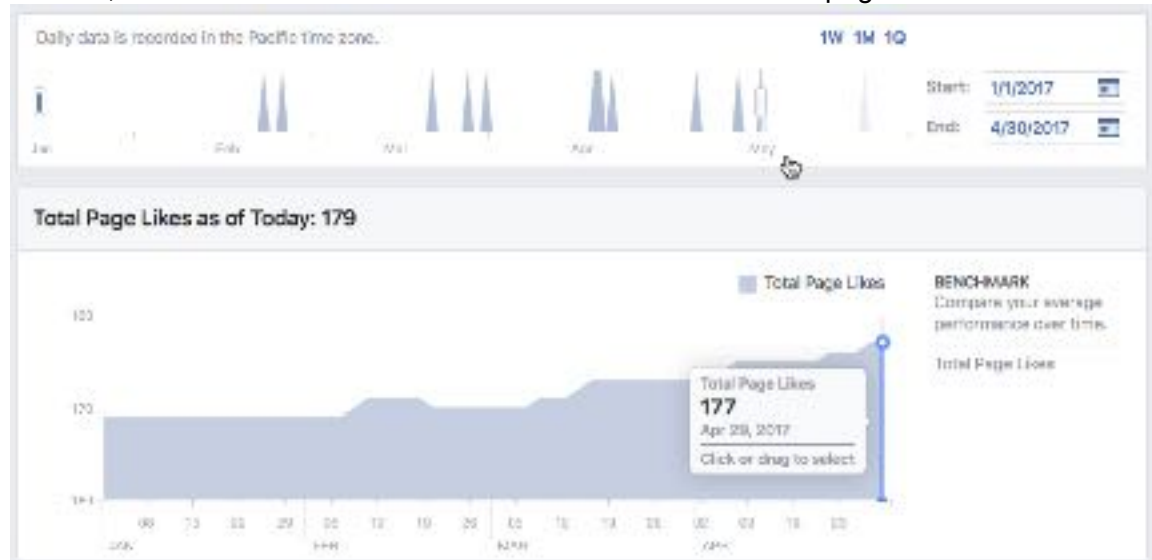
The image below shows how many web sessions there has been per week.



The image below shows the over amount of sessions, users, how many pages were viewed, how many were viewed per session, how long each session was. The pie chart to the right shows that we had 41.9% returning visitors in this period.



For Facebook, the image below shows we have a total of 179 likes for our District page. That is not bad, which is the smallest like amount out of all the District pages. 4th District has 247.



Post Reach is how many people did our posts to Facebook reach.



Lastly, this is our demographics based on who has liked our page.

The people who like your Page



More needs to be done to get our District, Post, Unit, Squadron, and Chapter activity shared. That should increase the numbers on our website and Facebook page.

Thank you.
Shawn Davis

www.mnfightingfifth.org



5th District Facebook Page



Fifth District 2016-2017 Annual Report
National Security Foreign Relations
Curtis Norenberg Chair

1. **Outstanding Enlisted Guard and Reserve**
Applications were submitted from Posts 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 2016 Department winners for the Air Force Guard, Air Force Reserve, and Navy Reserve were selected from the Fifth District Candidates.
2. **Senior ROTC Scholarships**
Fifth District Commander and National Security Chair presented the Department Scholarships for a total of \$3,000.00 that included \$750 from Post 548 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 ROTC Faculty selects the awardees for these presentations. The Tri-Service rifle drill team presented an excellent demonstration.
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 2016 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. Two new nominees were submitted from the Fifth District and were added to the committee.

Fifth District American Legion Reports

No written reports received at time of printing

American Education Week
Americanism
Armed Forces Center
American Legion Baseball
American Legion Riders
Employment
Energy and Conservation
Finance
Hennepin County Service Officer

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



FIFTH DISTRICT
SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION
DEPARTMENT OF MINNESOTA
ANNUAL CONVENTION
June 2 & 3, 2017



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
2016-2017
District Officers**

Commander	Bill Peters	Squadron 1
1 st Vice Commander	Robert Bristo	Squadron 440
2 nd Vice Commander		
Finance Officer	Bruce Kuiper	Squadron 99
Adjutant	Shawn Davis	Squadron 435
Chaplain	Pat Kiehl	Squadron 435
Sergeant at Arms	Craig Carlson	Squadron 440
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
2016-2017	Bill Peters	Squadron 1



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



Fifth District Annual Convention
Sons of the American Legion
 Detachment of Minnesota

June 2-3, 2017
Holiday Inn Bloomington, MN

Order of Business

Friday, June 2, 2017

Registration

4-6:30 PM

Joint Memorial Service

7:00 PM

Saturday, June 3, 2017

10:00 AM

Call to Order

-

Bill Peters, Commander

Presentation of Colors

-

Craig Carlson, Sergeant-At-Arms

Opening Prayer

-

Pat Kiehl, Chaplain

POW/MIA

-

Craig Carlson, Sergeant-At-Arms

Pledge of Allegiance

-

All

Recite Preamble

-

All

Greeting and Introductions

-

Bill Peters, Commander

Roll Call of Squadrons

-

Shawn Davis, Adjutant

Finance Report

-

Bruce Kuiper, Finance Officer

Membership Report

-

Robert Bristo, First Vice Commander

Squadron Reports

-

Squadron Commanders

Commander's Address

-Bill Peters, Commander

Old Business

New Business

Nominations of Candidates for District Office

Voting Procedures

Nominations

Voting

Closing

Announcements

Closing Remarks

-

Bill Peters, Commander

Benediction

-

Pat Kiehl, Chaplain

Retire POW/MIA Flag

-

Craig Carlson, Sergeant-At-Arms

Retire the Colors

-

Craig Carlson, Sergeant-At-Arms

Adjourn

Reconvene for Banquet and Installation of Officers

To be announced

Sons of the American Legion Membership Report

District	Squad	Name	ATH	2017 Goal	20167 total as of 5/17	%
5	1	MINNEAPOLIS #1	102	49	53	80.00%
5	99	WOLD-CHAMBERLAIN	44	19	24	25.93%
5	234	GIANT VALLEY	60	42	69	82.00%
5	435	MPLS.-RICHFIELD	226	206	206	91.36%
5	440	GOPHER	74	38	43	85.71%
5	555	FALLDIN	116	19	18s	94.74%
5 Total				418	406	83.97%

SAL Member of the Year

2013	Shawn Davis
2014	Bill Peters
2015	Robert Bristo
2016	Pat Kiehl

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



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Proudly endorse

Gary H. Olson
for the high office of
Department Commander
2017-2018



***Your Support and Vote
are deeply appreciated***

We the American Legion have much to be proud of, but I am concerned for its future. Together we must bring back the family events that first attracted you and I to join. It's what the next generation of veterans wants to see from us. Help me accomplish this for a strong future.

Elect Mike Schaffer



**Minnesota
Department Commander
2017-2018**

AMERICAN LEGION FAMILY





Johnnie Baker Post 291

Commander

Elton J. Johnson

1st Vice

Robert J. Johnson

2nd Vice

Dale H. Lyons

3rd Vice

Charles Wesley

Service Officer

Charles Wesley

Adjutant

Andrew Rose Sr.

Finance

John Kinsey

Chaplain

Sam Reubens

Sgt-at-Arms

Dale H. Lyons

*Our Wishes for a Blessed and Prosperous
2017 5th District Convention*

*Wishing the best to Commander Ray Eiden
and the officers of the district.*

Andrew Rose Sr. nominated for 5th District Vice Commander

*Johnnie Baker Post 291 was successful in their 7th year with their youth
baseball program. This year we were blessed to send 600 youth.*

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Fun

Meat Raffle Sunday 3pm to 5pm and Monday 5pm to 7pm
 Free BARGO on Monday and Thursday at 5:00 pm

Food

Sunday 11 – 4
 Monday 5 – 8
 Tuesday 11 – 8
 Wednesday 11 – 8
 Thursday 11 – 8

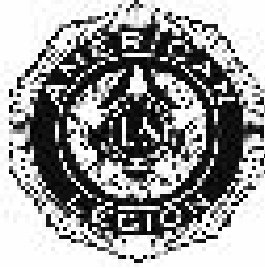
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 AYCE Fish Fry
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 Saturday 11 – 8:30
 Prime Rib Special



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Department Commander & National Executive Committeeman

Chair of the Fifth District Hospital Visitation

Veterans are our Number 1 priority!

Best Wishes for a Successful Convention

***Congratulations to 5th District President Bonnie
on a successful year!***

***Best wishes for a good convention to the 5th District!
From the members of
Wold-Chamberlain Post #99***



***Commander
Norm Petrik***

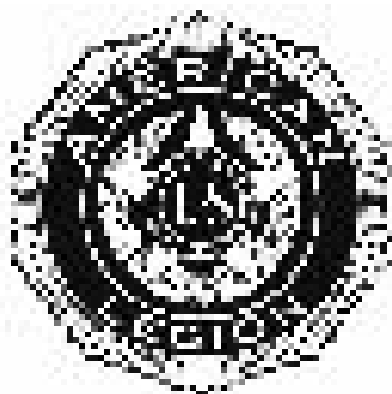


***President
Bridget Bradley***



***SAL Commander
Trevor Dosta***

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 – Larry Schoppe

Unit No. 1 President – Karen McNamara

SAL Commander - Mike Krogan

Wishing the 5th a Great 2017 Convention

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Wishes the 5th District

Best wishes for a great convention!



Congratulation on a great year!



Commander

John Austin

President

Pam Morgan

Minneapolis Richfield Unit 435

Proudly endorses Shawn Davis

SAL Detachment commander 2017-2018

Good Luck in the upcoming year Shawn!!

Minneapolis Richfield Unit 435

Congratulates 5th District President

BONNIE BRENNAN

On a Job Well Done This Year!



Court House Post #310
Wishes the 5th District
A Great Convention
and a Great Year

**The Members of Post #310 Are Proud
to Endorse**



Walt Lyndsley

For 5th District Commander 2017-2018

Minneapolis-Richfield Unit 435 proudly endorses
Sonja (Sunny) Dauphin



for 5th District President for 2017-2018

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Third Vice Commander for
2017 – 2018!



Chapter 435 Proudly Endorses
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position of Detachment
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Have a great convention!

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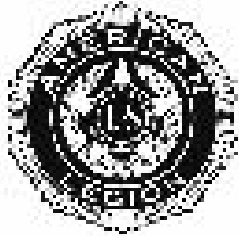
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“With Pride and Honor” Our Flag



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Minneapolis, Minnesota
Chartered September 3, 1919**

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Second Vice
Adjutant
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Minneapolis-Richfield Squadron 435

Proudly endorses



Shawn Davis

For the position of

Commander

Detachment of Minnesota

The Sons of The American Legion for 2017 – 2018

And wish the entire 5th District
a successful Convention!



FIFTH DISTRICT

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY

DEPARTMENT OF MINNESOTA





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Website - www.mnala.org

Congratulations on the success your District has had in 2016-2017. Your President has done a fantastic job for the Department of Minnesota and we thank you for sharing her with us this year.

The chairman and officers have spent the year serving the members of the American Legion Auxiliary. Hopefully everyone in the units has received the information needed to have a successful year and accomplish the goals desired working our programs.

The convention is the only business session of the year. It is the time to amend or write new standing rules, accept the final chairmen's report and elect new officers. I know new records were set by your members.

It is the Department's hope that your membership went up this year in comparison to previous years. If that hasn't happened, you still have some time to work on it. We can't let our organization die – so please step up and sign up members. Both renewals and new. Think of our veterans and their families and all that our members do for them. Think of the many hours our volunteers serve – especially in the VA facilities. Think of the cost that would be to the government, and in turn, to you. Think how much our veterans would lose. Please “just ask” the people you meet in your travels if they belong. If not and they are eligible, sign them up. Thanks for your continued efforts to grow our organization.

Even after our year is over keep handing out the pocket angels. There are so many wonderful stories the girls have sent me. Thank you for being a part of this story.

Have a successful convention and

“Thank a Veteran – all gave some, some gave all”

Carol Kottom

2016-17 Department President



Welcome to the Fifth District 2016-2017 Convention. Time has really flown by. One year has passed since I was elected to this position and now it is already time to elect a new president. It has been a very busy and exciting year. I have met so many wonderful and fun loving Legionnaires, Auxiliary, SAL, and ALR members. I sure have learned a lot more about the American Legion Organization this year from being involved in so many things. We really have a lot of fun loving and hard working people in this organization.

We have successfully completed our goal for our American Legion Family Project. We are purchasing a Clavinova for the Veterans Home. I would like to thank everyone who helped raise the funds to make this possible.

I have enjoyed working with our Legion Commander Ray Eiden. It has been a busy year for us. I would also like to say thanks to the Legionaries, Bill Peters our SAL Commander, the SAL members, and Lee Davis and the American Legion Riders for all you do for the veterans.

I would like to thank my Executive Board, Committee Chairman, and Committee members for all you have done through the year.

Bonnie Brenna
Fifth District President
American Legion Auxiliary 2016-2017





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

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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 Convention Program

June 3, 2017

9:00 A.M.



9:00 A.M. Processional	Deb Bayer
Presentation of Gavel	Deb Bayer
Call to Order	Bonnie Brenna
Invocation	Ramona Nack
Pledge of Allegiance National Anthem	All
Preamble	Sonja Dauphin
Welcome	Bonnie Brenna
Convention Call (separate copy available)	Deb Bayer
Convention Minutes (separate copy available)	Deb Bayer
Convention Rules (separate copy available)	Becky Nelson
Treasurer's Report	Becky Nelson
Rules Governing Resolutions (separate copy available)	Becky Nelson
Reading of Resolutions And Recommendations	Becky Nelson
Presentation of Past District Presidents	Cheri Wright
Presentation of District Junior President	Bonnie Brenna
Final Reports of District Chairmen	Bonnie Brenna
Nominating Committee Report	Becky Nelson
Nominations and Introductions of Candidates	Bonnie Brenna
Final Membership Report	Bonnie Brenna

Recess 15 Minutes

Presentation of District Executive Committee	Deb Bayer
Presentation of Convention Committee	Bonnie Brenna
Report of Resolution Committee	Becky Nelson
Credentials Report	Julie Martin
Election of Officers and Executive Committee	Bonnie Brenna
Election of National Delegates	Bonnie Brenna
Introduction of 2016-2017 and 2017-2018 Unit Presidents	Bonnie Brenna
Presentation of New District President and New Officers	Bonnie Brenna
Announcements	Deb Bayer
Retirement of Colors	Jill Davis
Adjournment	
Bonnie Brenna	



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**

**Bonnie Brenna
Sonja Dauphin
Pam Morgan
Deb Bayer
Becky Nelson
Colleen Grill
Jill Davis
Sherry Morris
Karen McNamara
Julie Martin**

Fifth District Unit Presidents

**Aviation Unit #511
Falldin Unit #555
Giant Valley Unit #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 #99**

**Madeline Seeman

Jeannie Arbuckle
Mary Younkin
Mary T Kozak
Pamela Morgan
Joanne Yates
Karen McNamara
Sherry Morris
Bridget Bradley**

Fifth District Honorary Junior President Madison Sloves

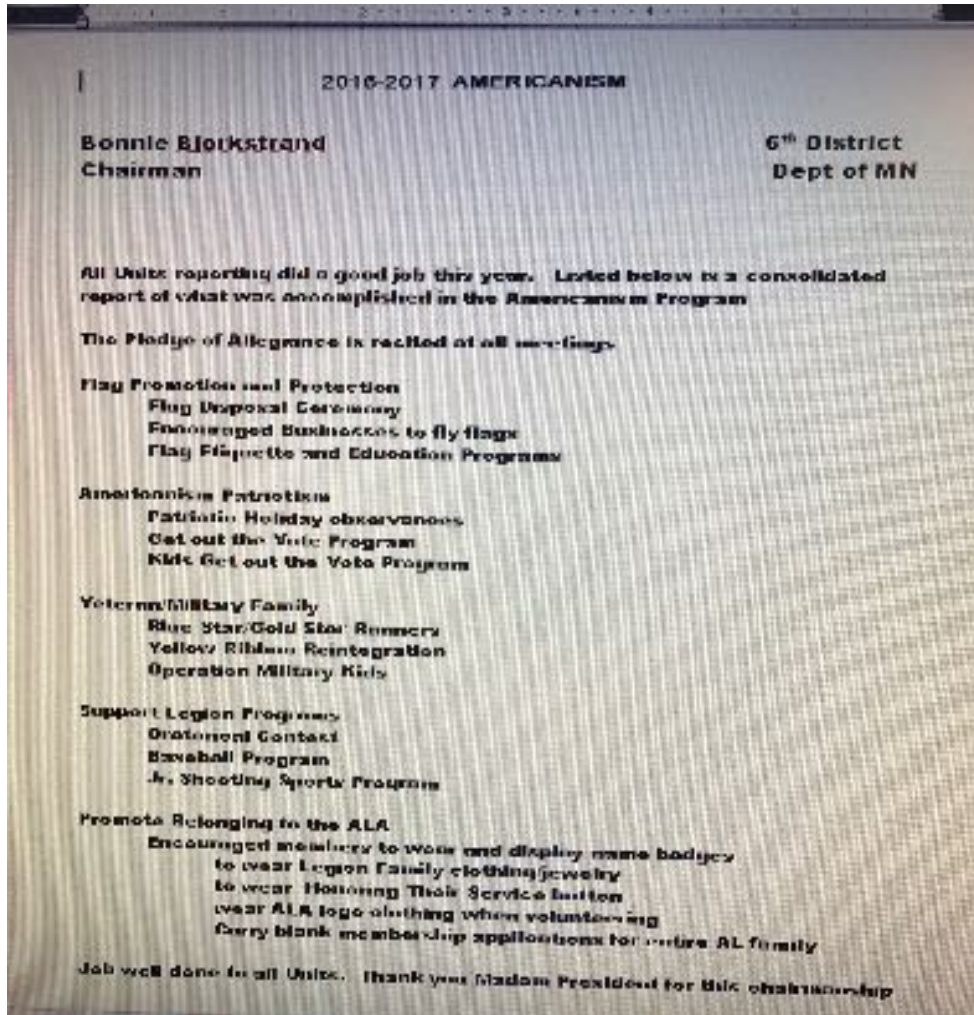


FIFTH DISTRICT
AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY
DEPARTMENT OF MINNESOTA

REPORTS



Fifth District Auxiliary Reports





Fifth District Auxiliary Reports



2016-2017 HISTORY

LoAnn Grill
Chairman

Fifth District
Dept. of MN

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 sticker and a small American flag. 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 1871 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. One Unit delivered Christmas stockings to children staying at the Harriet Tubman Shelter. Units reported purchasing school supplies for local schools for those students who could not afford to purchase their own school supplies. Members for a Unit donate new underwear to the St. Joseph's Home for Children. A member from one Unit assisted the STEM program in

her community serving as a road guard for a walkathon held hoping to raise money to purchase updated and new library books. The unit also made a cash donation to the project.

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, Arthritis Foundation, 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. One Unit collected food for the food shelf, donated cartons of milk and juice and money to St. Vincent de Paul Food Shelf and the food shelf at VEAP. Two units held a blood drive. One of these units held four Blood Drives and donated 52 units of blood and 18 platelets.

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 fundraisers. 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. Two units participated by either making a donation or helping at a fundraiser for the American Legion Legacy Scholarship Fund. One unit awarded 2 Outstanding Schools Citations. One Unit member volunteered 70 hours at local school helping students improve their reading skills, while another member donated 45 volunteer hours at a local school with their Spring Carnival, School Family Fun Night and Teacher Appreciation Event.

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. 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 weeklong 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 \$400 in hygiene articles, backpacks 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. Units encouraged their members to "Get Out & Vote".

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. Units participated in local Veterans Day Services and some units also helped serve funeral luncheons for families of a member who passed away.

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. Two members of one unit serve on the Beyond the Yellow Ribbon committee and attend monthly meetings and other functions they sponsor.

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 and they actively support all aspects of the programs of the American Legion Auxiliary.

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 and their families.

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 658 hours to the VA and another member who volunteered 390 hours participating in Shop, Ship and Share. Another unit reported they have one members who volunteers as a Greeter at the VA.

President Bonnie, it has been my privilege to serve as your History Chairman and document that the American Legion and American Legion Auxiliary Programs are carried out in the Fifth District with commitment. Unit members of the Fifth District continue to actively support our Veterans, active military personnel, veteran's families and our community.



2016-20176 Community Service



Colleen Grill
Chairman

Fifth District
Dept. of MN

The Units of the Fifth District displayed their commitment to helping all those in need.

Units performed over 1161 volunteer hours assisting veterans and their communities with a wide variety of projects. Some of these projects included yard work, painting, housework, preparing meals, organizing blood drives and food drives, collecting toys, assisting at community centers and homeless shelters, and donating crocheted winter scarves for veterans. In order to help fund some of these projects, Units donated \$300 of materials and monetary donations of \$1,170.

These are just ways Units participated in helping people in their communities. When I read the annual reports and the many accomplishments of the Units, I know why I am proud to be a member of the Fifth District. Thank you to all Units for your devotion to serving others.



Fifth District Auxiliary Reports



National Security Julie Martin-Chairman

Please check your District Report form. There are many programs that fit under this chairmanship.

The Gold Star and Blue Star Banner program, ROTC/JRROTC, POW/MIA, blood drives and many more.

I know many of you support these programs but don't take credit for it. There are many websites in your unit Guide for these and many more programs.

The Armed Forces Service Center still needs financial support and volunteer hours. This is a way of honoring those who are serving and who have served.

Please consider this in your budget next year.



Fifth District Auxiliary Reports



2016-17 5th District Auxiliary Emergency Fund Mary Younkin – Chairman

Six 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 monies, one Unit donated a movie basket at the fall Conference for the Emergency Fund. It was a great success with many baskets, items and grab bags.

Thanks for all the volunteer hours.

The Auxiliary Emergency Fund is our program that is there for us when we need it. It is not just for disasters.

If you have a financial setback, check out how the AEF might be able to help you. Do you need additional education? You may qualify for assistance.

If you need an application go to www.legion-aux.org or contact Department Auxiliary headquarters.

Thanks you President Bonnie for this rewarding chairmanship.



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Service to Veterans Patti Thompson

Looking at the 2016-2017 Service to Veterans volunteer hours there were some pretty impressive numbers, however there are some areas that could use improving.

We have welcomed and surveyed veterans at the VA Hospital, visited the homebound, did some gardening and lawn care as well as donated blood and even collected commemorative stamps – awesome.

One unit did quite a variety of volunteering from selling poppies to Community Service to Veterans, Children and Youth Education, Americanism Community Service, Education Memorial and Historian. Very impressive.

While another unit collected new hygiene products and bought new backpacks for the homeless. They also purchased gas, food, clothing and cards for the veterans. Great job gang.

Just remember what the meaning “Service to Veterans” means: It’s volunteering your time/hours to helping the homebound, sick and injured in any way possible. Remember they fought for us so let’s fight for them.

Thank you all units for a great job volunteering and keep up the good work.

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to be part of this family and helping anyway I can.



Fifth District Auxiliary Reports



Legislation Julie Martin-Chairman

The legislative program provides information and assistance to American Legion Auxiliary members to advocate for the legislative agenda of the American Legion. Every day service members are fighting for our freedom across the globe. As Auxiliary members, we can never stop thinking about what they face being deployed and then what their needs maybe when they return home. We need to be strong advocates for all Veterans yesterday, today and days to come.

As Auxiliary members, we follow the mandates set forth by the American Legion. It is important that we are aware of these issues and address them in a timely manner. We must remain positive and non-partisan. We must remember the key to working together as Auxiliary members is that we are neither liberal or conservative, neither Republican or Democrat, but a Patriotic Veteran's organization.

We have a couple of Units who have kept up with emails to their US. Representatives and U.S. senators and receive a reply. Get to know them.

Subscribe to the Legion Legislative Action Alerts and Legion Legislative Update. Sign up at www.capwiz.com/legion/mlm/signup to subscribe and stay informed

Let your Legislator know how you feel about bills important to Veteran's.

Let us hope that the bills for Legionville and the Veteran's Home Bridge were passed.



Fifth District Auxiliary Reports



2016 – 2017 GIRLS STATE

**Annette Bray
Chairman**

**Fifth District
Dept. of MN**

What can be said in this report? Units in the 5th District are struggling; struggling financially, in membership and importantly, struggling with the lack of enthusiasm.

But.....

The Girl State Program goes on! This chairman is proud to say that the 5th District had 6 young ladies participate in MN Girls State. They ran for offices, participated in debates, made new friends – some will be lifetime. They enjoyed the whole week at Bethel University in St. Paul. Those citizens also represented 3 of our school in Minneapolis and Richfield: Benilde-St Margarets, Academy of Holy Angels, and Richfield High.

Units, the Legion and SAL contributed \$1800 to sponsor the 6 girls. Units contributed to the Department Girls State Program and to the 5th District Girls State Fund. Two Units were the sponsors and they encourage them to become members of the ALA and to apply for the ALA scholarships.

All six of the citizens were invited to speak at a District meeting; one from Benilde – St Margaret's School came and was very enthusiastic.

The 5th District was represented by an Auxiliary member, a Legion member, and a Legion Rider. They met the buses and helped the citizens with their baggage to their respective dorms. They returned at the end of the week to help with the same.

The Mighty 5th District Auxiliary does have a Girls State Fund that is set up with our treasurer. Please, if you do not have the funds to sponsor a girl (\$300), contribute what you can to our fund. But also, do not forget the Department Fund also can use our dollars.

Thank you President Bonnie for this chairmanship!

Annette Bray



Fifth District Auxiliary Reports



**POPPY
2016 - 2017**

**Annette Bray
Chairman**

**Fifth District
Dept. of MN**

The Poppy Program is the main source of acquiring funds to support our veterans whether they are homebound, in nursing homes, VA facilities, Veterans Home or homeless. These funds from poppy distributions can and must be used only for this purpose.

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

Total money in contributions was \$8,756.36. Total poppies distributed was 3200. Eighteen Family Members contributed 111 volunteer hours setting up 63 Poppy Posters in their Post and 1 at a business. They used the cards from National Emblem Sales.

Three Units sent out 2365 letters seeking donations, but 2 could not report what they spent on postage! Amount collected from these letters is unknown as many members paid their donations at their Posts. Volunteer hours promoting and collecting funds was 143.

One Unit distributed poppies at the Fort Snelling Memorial Chapel on Memorial Day. Another Unit used poppies to educate their importance in the American Legion organization. The poppies were proudly displayed along with a copy of "In Flanders Field" on a community board. Poppies were used in MIA/POW table decorations.

Thank you President Bonnie for this chairmanship.

Annette Bray



Fifth District Auxiliary Reports



2016-2017 Veteran Affairs And Rehabilitation

Pam Morgan
Chairman

Fifth District
Dept. of MN

This year we had (5) half of our units reporting on VA&R.

We have 23 VA Voluntary Service volunteer members in our district, with 3 new volunteers.

Totaling hours 5,294, serving at less one homeless veteran with other units not counting .

There were no units reporting on assisted veterans in attaining benefits.

Homeless veteran facilities received \$500 of in-kind donations.

One unit's member participated in 11 Stand Downs in the state at the Bible and religious book table and giving out Angels.

We supported veterans through arts, crafts and hobbies with \$335 and two participating in the MN Creative Arts festival.

There wasn't assistance with Job fairs for veterans or volunteering with Habitat for Humanity. Wasn't any helping of veterans in pursue of additional education.

We had 3 veterans helped and 3 caregivers supported from our units.

The Gift shop Program had three units volunteering 12 hours with a total \$770 donated.

Thank you, Madam President, for the opportunity to serve as your Veteran Affairs and Rehabilitation chairman this year.



Fifth District Auxiliary Reports



2016 – 2017 Public Relations

**Jill Davis
Chairman**

**Fifth District
Dept. of MN**

Seven units within the Fifth District sent reports in this year. Public Relations includes newsletters and electronic media such as websites and Facebook. Public Relations reaches out to members and the community to promote the American Legion Auxiliary and how the organization helps our veterans, contributes to the community, and works with the American Legion.

There are five units that have a newsletter, there are five 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 upgrades to the exterior of the Post Home which shows a Patriotic theme and provides more visibility within the community. Another unit reported being in the community with poppies and ringing the Salvation Army bell during the Christmas season.

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



Fifth District Auxiliary Reports



2016-2017 Education

Sunny Dauphin
District

Fifth

Chairman

Dept. of MN

There were five units who submitted education reports this year. There were two scholarships for a total of 550.00 under the American Legion Legacy Scholarship,) along with 1,000.00 for other scholarship funds.

85.00 was received for box tops and labels for education. 50.00 was donated for American education week. In the amount of 117.97 was donated for educational supplies. These supplies included notebooks, folders, pencils, colored pencils, paper towels, and cleaning wipes.

Thank you Madam President for the opportunity to serve as your Education chairman this year, it was a great learning experience.



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
Gopher	Julie Martin	2015-2016



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 Rahrich	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 Unit
2012	Gerda Erickson	Calhoun Unit
2013	LoAnn Grill	Gopher Unit
2014		
2015	Annette Bray	Minneapolis-Richfield
2016	Colleen Grill	Gopher Unit

Hellenic Chairman Another volunteer
members Department Auxiliary Commanders
Committee Johnson donations Eiden James Martin
Order Membership organization University
Minnesota team food Veteran's Memorial American
donation Sons Joe program Fifth Reports SAL
school Youth Total Walt Minneapolis Nelson Fund
Calhoun Call programs Finance Squadron Family blood Relations
like Service poppies Business State support great Brenna
Kakos time week each Vice Norenberg donated new John
Executive well Richfield Vice One Ray Units Unit Jim Shawn
Paul made MN Post pm District active Day Several
yr th Wold all Public Falldin Presentation Becky VA Lyndsley
Gary Girls Children Contest hours Officer need Ward
year other local Commander Robert Rose Deb
Home reported Legion Bonnie House Posts
Mrs Chaplain Two Officers June serve Education
Past Mpls/Richfield Report Bayer Scholarship Wayne
Gopher National Adjutant many Thank funds
Oratorical Convention President
Veterans member community Minneapolis-Richfield

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