



5th District American Legion Family Convention 2017 - 2018

American Legion Family

Commander
Walt Lyndsley

President
Sonja Dauphin

SAL Commander
Bill Peters

Honorary Junior
President
Madison Sloves



FIFTH DISTRICT
AMERICAN LEGION
DEPARTMENT OF MINNESOTA
ANNUAL CONVENTION

June 1st and 2nd, 2018



MIKE SCHAFFER
Commander
2017 - 2018
The American Legion
Department of Minnesota



Walt Lindsey
Commander

2017 - 2018

5th District
The American Legion
Department of Minnesota



Fifth District Commanders Message



Thank you so much for electing me to be your commander for the 2017-2018 year. I had the pleasure of traveling throughout the state by attending meetings, dinners and conventions. Legionville is always a welcome ticket and the workshop at Camp Ripley provided necessary support services to aid in developing a successful district. I wish to thank all the members of the District as well as the officers and executive committee. First Vice John Austin was extremely resourceful when called upon, willingly volunteered for extra work and excels in visionary thinking. Dick Ward was a true mentor in every sense of the word and possesses a high level of mental retention.

The Shop, Ship and Share event with the 4th district is always a wonderful experience as well as our participation in the St. Paul winter carnival parade. President Sunny and I attended their testimonial and they are always so gracious for the support they receive from our district. Our testimonial was not so well attended since it was the biggest snowfall of the season on that night. Many thanks to those who braved the storm to be there. I received an American eagle statute which I will always treasure. It stands to remind me of my wonderful year and the support I received from the executive committee and members. The State Convention is slated for July 19-21 in Rochester. The official hotels are the Kahler Grand, the Kaler Inn and the Marriott. Please show your support for the 5th district by attending this convention. And of course the National Convention is in August. It will be the 100th birthday of the American Legion.

The 5th District is in charge of the Memorial Day program at the Mpls Veterans home. This is always a moving experience for the veterans as well as visitors. President Sunny and I hope to meet our goal of donating money for artwork for the newly opened wing. I appreciate all the fund raising events and the profits from the pancake breakfast as well as the spaghetti dinner. Thank you Joe Bayer for your preparing these great recipes.

Thank you to all for your participation in the visiting of patients in the Mpls Veterans hospital. Once a month we engage in conversation and fun with our veterans and our Chaplain always supplies cookies and coffee to the volunteers.

I wish to thank Sunny for her ability to deal with my thick headedness and at times, steer me in the right direction. I have had an amazing year and have enjoyed working with Becky and the auxiliary, SAL, Legion Riders and Juniors.

Semper fi

Walt Lyndsley,
Fifth District Commander 2017-2018



Past Fifth District Commanders



1920	L.B. Roberts *	1961	Edward C. Salk * V, C	2004	Bill Lindboe
1921	Walter U. Hauser *	1962	Bernard Conner *	2005	Joe Bayer V
1922	Z.L. Begin *	1963	Morris E. Casperson * V	2006	Lynne Nottage V
1923	R.R. Rand * C, N	1964	Glen H. Dorrnfeld * V, C, N	2007	Richard Hegdahl
1924	Walter P. Quist *	1965	Lyle (Pat) O'Toole *	2008	Wayne Hegland * V
1925	E.C. Nicholson *	1966	Samuel Goldman * V	2009	James Munson V
1926	L.D. Hughes *	1967	George E. Evans *	2010	Curtis Norenberg V
1927	J.F. Sutherland *	1968	Donald R. Schroedl V, N	2011	Gary Heer
1928	Lester Badger *	1969	Phillip E Ploumen * V	2012	Dick Ward
1929	J.W. Nelson *	1971	Leonard V. Kuffel *	2013	Dennis DeLong V
1929	Ralph Comaford *	1970	Floyd W. Warnberg *	2014	Robert H. Johnson
1930	Oscar Youngdahl * C	1972	William F. Lauck *	2015	Wayne Glanton
1931	H.E. Haag *	1973	Harry C. Springer * V	2016	Gary Martin
1932	D.L. Sutherland *	1974	Milo T. Cecka * V,C	2017	Ray Eiden
1933	Elmer F. Hillner *	1975	John R. Matson		
1934	F.T. Boquist *	1976	James Jones *		
1935	Paul Dickensheet *	1977	Alfred Barnes, Jr. * V		Deceased — *
1936	John G. Alexander * V	1978	Philip E. Dingman * V		Past National Executive
1937	Paul Preston *	1979	Ward K. Jeffers* V		
1938	John McHardy *	1980	William Tolle * V		
1939	R.F. Bertelsen *	1981	James W. Lawson * V		Committeeman — N
1940	Dr. Wm. E. Watson *	1982	Virgil V. Persing* V C A N		Past Alternate National Executive
1941	Paul Koughan *	1983	Steve A. George * V		Committeeman — A
1942	Frank J. Collin *	1984	Reuben F. Mack * V †		Past Department Commander — C
1943	Carl A. Lundgren * A,N,C,H	1985	George Ashwood *		Past Department Vice Commander — V
1944	Merle Kromer *	1986	David L. Mauritson *		Past Department Chaplain — †
1945	Francis C. Hubbard *	1987	David B. Adam V		Past Department Historian — H
1946	Ray Barker *	1988	James C. Johnson		
1947	Hugh McDaniel *	1989	John R. O'Hearn *		
1948	Reynold Malmquist *	1990	Wayne A. Wright V		
1949	Charles Espeseth * C	1991	Ronald G. Nack *		
1950	Charles Williams *	1992	K.R. Workcuff		
1951	Robert E. Conn, Jr. *	1993	Rodney G. Logeland		
1952	Arthur Goebel *	1994	Tony Kastanos *		
1953	Howard I. Moore *	1995	Mel Ohman V, H		
1954	John Corcoran *	1996	W.F. Mausbach		
1955	Richard M. Grant *	1997	Bernard Frerichs *		
1956	Ralph A. Olson *	1998	William (Bill) L. Bray V		
1957	Newton W. Speece *	1999	Edward Nyhus *		
1957	Harvey P. Johnson * V	2000	Tom Spaise * V		
1958	David S. Goode * V	2001	Larry Anderson V		
1959	Michael A. Caligiuri * V	2002	Robert Silvagni		
1960	John G. Torney *	2003	Del Rose		



Outstanding Legionnaire 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*	Falldin 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	Johnnie Baker Post 291
2014	Gary Martin	Gopher Post 440
2015	Merv Becker	Mpls/Richfield Post 435
2016	Will Philipson	University of MN Post 548
2017	Milton "Milt" Schoen	Minneapolis Post 1

AWARDS COMMITTEE 2017-2018

James Munson
Wayne Glanton
Gary Martin
Merv Becker
Milt Shoen



Fifth District American Legion Department of Minnesota 2017 - 2018



District Officers

Commander	Walt Lyndsley	Courthouse Post 310
1 st Vice Commander	John Austin	Joe Smith 468
2 nd Vice Commander	Tom Hendrickson	Mpls/Richfield Post 435
3 rd Vice Commander	Andrew Rose Sr	Johnnie Baker Post 291
Adjutant	Gary Heer	Courthouse Post 310
Finance Officer	Gary Martin	Gopher Post 440
Junior Past Cmdr.	Ray Eiden	Falldin Post 555
Membership Director	John Austin	Joe Smith 468
Sergeant At Arms	Lee Davis	Mpls/Richfield Post 435
Chaplain	Ray Eident	Falldin Post 555
Judge Advocate	Curt Norenberg	University of MN Post 548
Historian	Dennis DeLong	Mpls/Richfield Post 435

Executive Committee

Richard Ward	2 years	Minneapolis Post 1
Dick Tetzlaff	2 years	Northside Post 230
Paul Soderberg	2 years	Falldin Post 555
Joe Bayer	1 year	Wold Chamberlain Post 99
Mike Bailey	1 year	Bearcat Post 504
Gary Heer	1 year	Courthouse Post 310



Fifth District American Legion Committees 2017 - 2018



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	Richard Ward	4 yr	Gary Martin
5 yr	Jim Munson		

Convention

Gary Martin	Shawn Davis (SAL)
John Austin	Walt Lyndsley
Andrew Rose Sr.	Sonja Dauphin

Ethics

1 yr	Andrew Rose Sr.	2 yr	Joe Bayer
3 yr	Richard Ward	4 yr	Wade Larson

Finance Committee

1 yr	Joe Bayer	2 yr	Curt Norenburg
3 yr	Gary Martin	4 yr	Tom Hendrickson
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	Richard Ward
1 yr	Gary Martin	1 yr	John Austin

Convention Credentials Gary Heer **Nominating Committee** Appointed March 2017

Public Relations

Dennis DeLong	Ray Eiden	Tom Hendrickson
Shawn Davis (SAL)	Becky Nelson (Auxiliary)	



Fifth District American Legion Committee Chairs 2017-2018



American Education Week	Dick Tetzlaff	Northside Post 230
Americanism	John Austin	Joe Smith Post 468
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	James Munson	Mpls/Richfield Post 435
Children and Youth	Gary Martin	Gopher Post 440
Employment	Gary Heer	Courthouse Post 310
Energy and Conservation	Tom Hendrickson	Minneapolis Post No. 1
Finance	Joe Bayer	Wold Chamberlain Post 99
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	OPEN	
Membership Director	Ray Eiden	Falldin Post 555
Memorial Day Mpls Vet's Home	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 Heer	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 2017-2018



Larry Schoppe	Minneapolis Post 1
George Hawkins	Wold-Chamberlain Post 99
Nick Kakos	Hellenic Post 129
Dick Tetzlaff	Northside Post 230
Kevin Dicastri	VL Giantvalley Post 234
Elton Johnson	Johnny Baker Post 291
Gary Heer	Courthouse Post 310
David Johnson	Business and Professional Post 332
Wayne Bystrom	Bainbridge Post 355
James Pung	Minneapolis Fire and Police Post 396
Tom Hendrickson	Minneapolis-Richfield Post 435
Gary Martin	Gopher Post 440
John Austin	Joe Smith Post 468
Jack Kamm	Viking Post 493
Mike Bailey	Bearcat Post 504
Joseph Yenkosky	Aviation Post 511
Donald Schroedl	Post Office Post 540
Norman Bennett	University of Minnesota Post 548
Donovan O. Ortel	Arthur and Leonard Falldin Post 555
Steven Schult	Minnesota Veterans Home Post 581
All PUFL Post	Longton Post 618



Fifth District American Legion Department of Minnesota Annual Convention



June 1-2, 2018
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 Walt Lyndsley, Commander
Presentation of Colors Gen. Colin L. Powell Leadership Academy
Opening Prayer Ray Eiden Chaplain
POW/MIA Ceremony Lee Davis, Sgt-at-Arms
Pledge of Allegiance All
Recite Preamble American Legion All

Greetings Mike Schaeffer, Department Commander
By **Honorable Bishop** Dan Williams, Department Vice Commander

Convention Call Gary Heer, Adjutant
Roll Call of Posts Gary Heer, Adjutant
Last Annual Meeting Minutes Gary Heer, 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 Walt Lyndsley, Commander

Introduction of Guests/Candidates Walt Lyndsley, Commander

Committee Reports
Finance Report Gary Martin, Finance Officer
Membership John Austin, Chairman



Saturday June 2, 2018 (cont.)



Other Committee Chairs

Notify Adjutant

Vice Commander's Reports

John Austin, 1st Vice Commander

Tom Hendrickson, 2rd Vice Commander

Andrew Rose Sr., 3rd Vice Commander

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

Gary Heer, Adjutant

Voting Procedures

Gary Heer, 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

Gary Heer, Adjutant

Closing Remarks

Walt Lyndsley, Commander

Benediction

Ray Eiden, Chaplain

Retire the POW/MIA Flag

Lee Davis, Sgt-at-Arms

Retire the Colors

Lee Davis, 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



Blood Donation Report For 2017

We had nine Posts send in donation reports.

There were 58 members of the Legion, Auxiliary, SAL donating a total of 77 pints.

Richfield Post 435

Members donated	54
Total Units donated	54

Viking Post 493

Members donated	2
Total Units donated	15

Gopher Post 440

Members donated	1
Total Units donated	5

Falldin Post 555

Members donated	1
Total Units donated	3

Five sent in reports but had no donations.

I would like to thank those from the four 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



HOSPITAL VISITATION 2017 - 2018

Out of the 21 Posts in the 5th District nine participated in the Hospital Visitation this past year. Below is the attendance report for the participating Posts.

	# of months	# of attendees	# of hours
HELLENIC	12	51	102
RICHFIELD	11	46	92
FALLDIN	11	36	72
WOLD CHAMBERLAIN	11	36	72
JOHNNIE BAKER	10	28	56
POST#1	11	23	46
JOE SMITH	9	19	38
GOPHER	7	13	26
COURTHOUSE	8	10	18

There were 262 attendees for an average of 23 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 \$1500.00. The expenses were as follows:

7/10/17	bamboo backscratchers (1 gross)	\$144.00
	spiral notepads (1 case)	\$30.00
8/10/17	nail clippers (1 case)	\$72.00
11/18/17	bamboo backscratchers (1 gross)	\$144.00
	teardrop toothbrushes (2 cases)	\$48.00
	nail clippers (2 cases)	\$72.00
	eyeglass cleaners (250)	\$230.50
2/21/18	bamboo backscratchers (1 gross)	\$144.00
	translucent squiggle pens (310)	\$192.84
4/12/18	VA hospital postcards (300)	\$82.56
	\$1159.90 Total	

Ray Eiden
5th District Hospital Visitation Chairmen



Fifth District American Legion Reports



Fifth District Children and Youth Report

Gary Martin, Chair

From the Greatest Generation to the Latest Generation, the American Legion continues to advocate for our military, our veterans and for a strong America. Since the American Legion has fought for each generation through the four pillars of service. And now Community Service as well. Mentoring youth is one of the four pillars of The American Legion. We like to sponsor opportunities for youth to excel, develop skills, experience team work, and grow as leaders.

Baseball - Thousands of youth play baseball to across Minnesota thanks to the American Legion Posts who sponsor teams. Competition and good sportsmanship invite youth to try out for one of the most successful and respected amateur athletic leagues. American Legion Baseball contributes to the development of good sportsmanship and citizenship and provides recreation for our youth. Many former players are now playing in the major leagues thanks to their participation in Legion baseball.

Boys State- My grandson said it was one of the most rewarding experiences of his life. He spent a week preparing for championship competitions in a variety of sports, learning about government at all levels, and running for office. He was mentored by American Legion counselors from business, education and legal fields.

Junior ROTC-The American Legion is a strong supporter of Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (JROTC) and ROTC across the state.

Junior Shooting Sports-The Junior Shooting Sports program provides a structured outlet for youth ages 14 to 21, up to and including high school seniors. They participate in 10-meter air rifle competition in a well-supervised environment. Each year, the top shooters in the state are given the opportunity to compete in the National Finals at the Olympic Training Center in Colorado Springs, where scholarships are awarded to the winners. Minneapolis-Richfield American Legion Post #435 has a Junior Shooting Sports program.

Junior Law Cadet-The American Legion's Junior Law Cadet Program educates youth about law enforcement and instills a respect for law enforcement professions.

Oratorical Contest-The program challenges our high school youth to improve their speaking skills and to develop an appreciation for the Constitution of the United States. Winners at all levels – local, regional and state receive scholarships. At the District level, the first place winner gets \$300.00 scholarship.

Scholarships-The American Legion has a number of scholarships and other resources to assist young people to pursue higher education. There are opportunities for everyone, including kin of wartime veterans and participants in Legion programs.

Scouting

Your post can be a sponsor or supporter of the Boy Scout program.

This year again, the Fifth District had 100% Thank you.

Last year Johnnie Baker Post took first place in the Department Children and Youth reporting for category 1 and The Hellenic Post took second place in category 1. Congratulations to both Posts for their dedication supporting our nation's future leaders. I look at the Fifth District to have another Department winner this year.



Fifth District American Legion Reports



Junior Shooting Sports

Tim Cagney, Chair

Minneapolis-Richfield American Legion Post 435 is proud that their Junior Shooting program, Post 435 X-men Air Rifle Team will be going to the Junior Olympics National Championships, and the NRA Championships in June for the second year in a row. Led by Coach and SAL member Tim Cagney, the program has continued to excel and grow the skills of the team members. Lizzy C. placed 3rd and Ruby P. was 4th in the American Legion state postal match. They were not among the the top 25 individual shooters in the country or the top 10 teams overall in order to be invited to the American Legion National Championships. For more information, or to contact them about donations to offset the cost of the trip, please visit, www.post435gunclub.org/juniors





Fifth District American Legion Reports

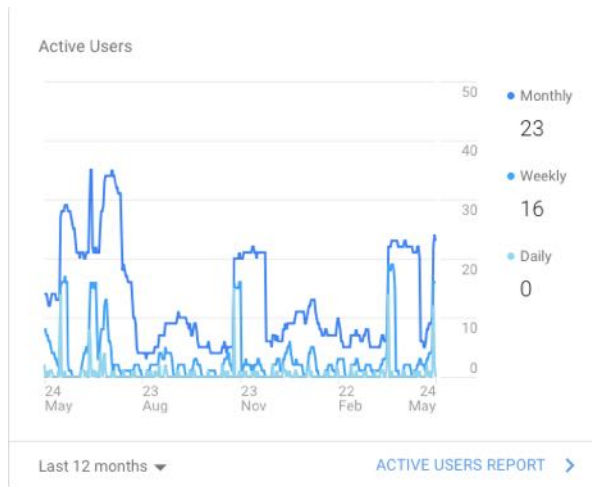
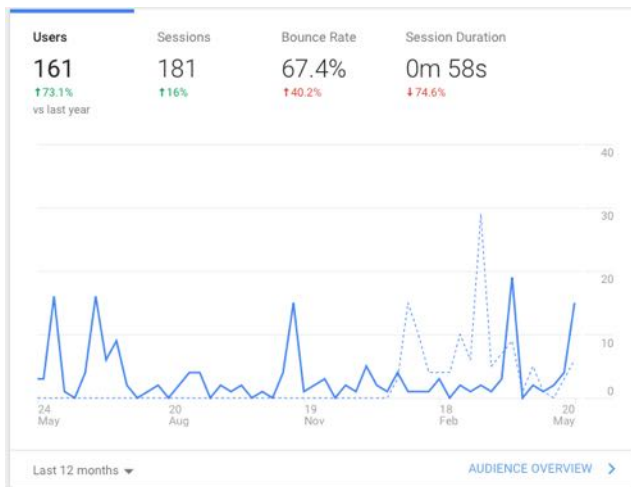


Social Media
Shawn Davis

5th District Website

www.mnfightingfifth.org

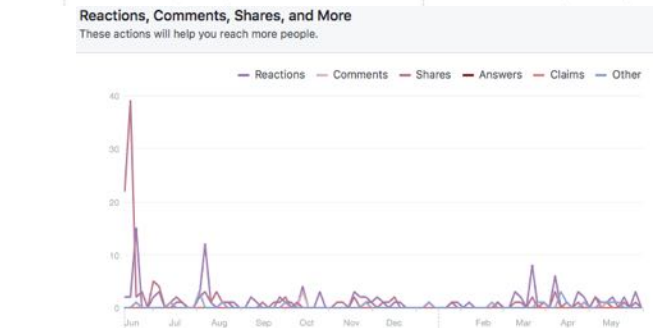
Visitors to the website: 161, an increase of 71% from last year. 162 were new to the website. Avg about 23 visitors to the site per month.



Facebook

www.facebook.com/MNFifthDistrict/

12 months ago we had 170 followers. We now have 208. Page likes went from 179 to 219. Our reach did well, hitting over 50 people regularly, and up to 150 occasionally. Reactions were rather minimal, other than immediately after the District Convention.





FIFTH DISTRICT
SONS OF THE AMERICAN
LEGION
DEPARTMENT OF MINNESOTA
ANNUAL CONVENTION
June 1 & 2, 2018



Shawn Davis

2017 – 2018

Commander
Detachment of Minnesota

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
2017-2018
District Officers**



Commander	Bill Peters	Squadron 1
1 st Vice Commander	Robert Bristo	Squadron 440
2 nd Vice Commander		
Finance Officer	Shawn Davis	Squadron 435
Adjutant		
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



June 1 & 2, 2018 Holiday Inn Bloomington Minnesota

Order of Business

Friday, June 1, 2018

Registration **4-6:30 PM**
 Joint Memorial Service **7:00 PM**

Saturday, June 3, 2017

10:00 AM

Call to Order	-	<i>Bill Peters, Commander</i>
Presentation of Colors	-	<i>Craig Carlson, Sergeant-At-Arms</i>
Opening Prayer	-	<i>Pat Kiehl, Chaplain</i>
POW/MIA	-	<i>Craig Carlson, Sergeant-At-Arms</i>
Pledge of Allegiance	-	<i>All</i>
Recite Preamble	-	<i>All</i>
Greeting and Introductions	-	<i>Bill Peters, Commander</i>
Roll Call of Squadrons	-	<i>, Adjutant</i>
Finance Report	-	<i>Shawn Davis, Finance Officer</i>
Membership Report	-	<i>Robert Bristo, First Vice Commander</i>
Squadron Reports	-	<i>Squadron Commanders</i>
Commander's Address		<i>-Bill Peters, Commander</i>

Old Business

New Business

Nominations of Candidates for District Office

Voting Procedures
 Nominations
 Voting

Closing

Announcements		
Closing Remarks	-	<i>Bill Peters, Commander</i>
Benediction	-	<i>Pat Kiehl, Chaplain</i>
Retire POW/MIA Flag	-	<i>Craig Carlson, Sergeant-At-Arms</i>
Retire the Colors	-	<i>Craig Carlson, Sergeant-At-Arms</i>

Adjourn

Reconvene for Banquet and Installation of Officers *To be announced*



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



District	Squad	Location	2017 result	2018 Goal by %	Current Total	Total	% of Goal
5	1	MINNEAPOLIS #1	54	57	40	40	70.18%
5	99	WOLD-CHAMBERLAIN	24	25	20	20	80.00%
5	234	GIANT VALLEY	69	72	41	41	56.94%
5	435	MPLS.-RICHFIELD	206	216	213	213	98.61%
5	440	GOPHER	43	45	38	38	84.44%
5	555	FALLDIN	18	19	11	11	57.89%
5 Total			414	434	363	363	83.64%

SAL Member of the Year

2013	Shawn Davis
2014	Bill Peters
2015	Robert Bristo
2016	Pat Kiehl
2017	John Nelson (posthumously)

Squadron Commanders

Jon Lucas	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 Fifth
Thanks Our
Supporters and Advertisers

Edward B. Cutter, Anoka Post 102
and the Mighty 10th District
Proudly Endorse-



Darrel Redepenning
For Department Commander 2018-2019



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



Congratulations to
Commander
Walt Lyndsley
on a great year

Joe Smith Post 468

Proudly endorses

**John Austin for District
Commander 2018 - 2019**

**Best wishes for a great
convention and congratulation on
a great year!**



**Commander
John Austin**



**President
Pam Morgan**

Minneapolis-Richfield Unit 435 Congratulates Sonja (Sunny) Dauphin



On a job well done as 5th District President

Auxiliary Unit 435 Meat Raffle

Mondays and Thursdays from 5pm to
7pm (during Bargo).

Come out and support the
Auxiliary and have a chance to
win some tasty meat!!



6501 Portland Ave S
Richfield, MN 55423
Lawful Gambling License - 02574

Omelet Breakfast

**COME OUT AND ENJOY A GREAT
BREAKFAST AT POST 435.**

Made to order omelets, biscuits and gravy,
American fries, cheesy hash browns, toast,
homemade salsa, juice, milk, and coffee.



All for just \$9.00

Third Sunday of the month starting
Sunday October 21st
8 am until Noon

Proceeds benefit Unit activities and programs



Minneapolis-Richfield Squadron 435

Congratulates Shawn Davis on a great year and proudly endorses



Shawn Davis

For the position of
Commander

Detachment of Minnesota

The Sons of The American Legion
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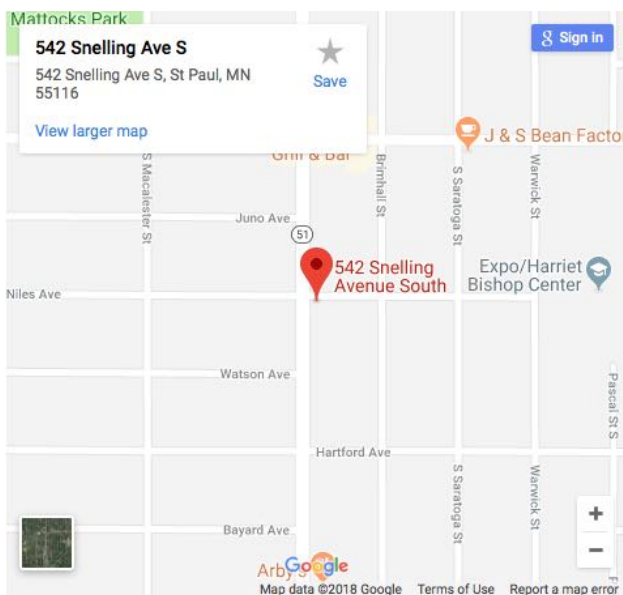
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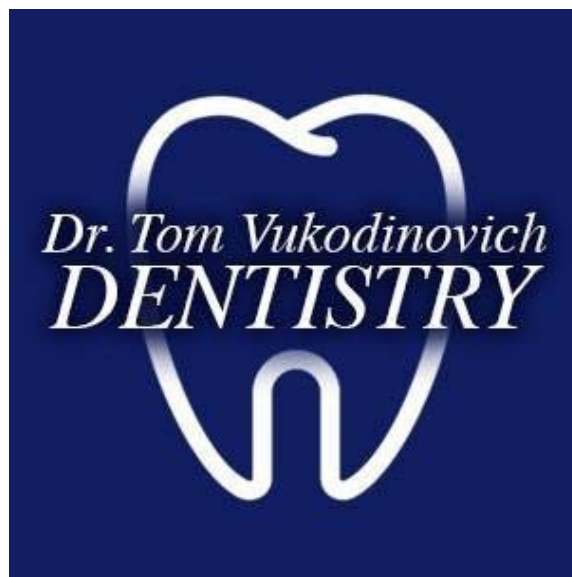
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Tuesday 11 - 8	Taco Tuesday Specials
Wednesday 11 - 8	
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Satyrday 11 - 8:30	Prime Rib



FIFTH DISTRICT
AMERICAN LEGION
AUXILIARY
DEPARTMENT OF MINNESOTA



Donna Arends
President
2017 - 2018

The American Legion Auxiliary
Department of Minnesota



This year has so far been one that only those that have walked in my shoes can truly understand, from my first official visit, the day after I was sworn in, the Raspberry Festival in Hopkins, to today as I write this. Everyone on my path has been a God sent blessing.

All of the District Presidents have become very sincere, close friends and will carry that with me the rest of my life. The Department Chairmen are doing a terrific job and also have become very close friends.

The Department Staff has been very instrumental in helping me through this year. Please, everyone give them a pat on the back – they are fantastic– and thank them.

Now for the rest of the Official Family, Commander Mike, what a pure treasure he is and a joy it has been to work with his always smiling face and of course the Commanders Boss Nina as well. Honorary Junior Auxiliary President Courtney, again always a smiling face and kind, kind attitude towards all. Along with your family I am so very proud of you. Department Sons of The American Legion Detachment Commander Shawn, you and I think along the same wave lengths on passion for this organization. The difference is that you can verbalize it so much more eloquently than I can – thank you and Jill as well. As far as American Legion Riders Director Chuck, you my friend are not off the hook for the hair raising motorcycle ride in Mahnomen! I have truly enjoyed being around you all year and hopefully many more to come. Tonia, Kassie and Cline are true examples of our American Legion Family – thanks to you as well.

To the entire American Legion Family, thank you seems so inadequate for allowing me to serve as President of the American Legion Auxiliary this year. There is no way I could begin to repay you sufficiently for the experiences, memories and friends I have made – thank you from deep in my heart.

Donna Arends
President
2017 - 2018



I thoroughly enjoyed being auxiliary president for the year 2017-2018 and I welcome you to the convention. As I overlook the year, it seems like one month has passed since our last convention.

I believe one of the best parts of being president is having the opportunity to explore parts of Minnesota that I was not familiar with and meeting new friends along the way. It's over way too soon. The American Legion is such a vast organization and there is so much yet to learn concerning the well being of our veterans. I played bingo at the Mpls Veterans home and although I had a blast, the veterans at my table asked me to leave due to the fact that because they weren't winning, I was bad luck.

We had many fundraisers to help accomplish our goal of \$2500 for artwork for the newly opened wing at the Mpls Veterans Home. We sold community days books for Herbergers as one of our fundraisers. We had great success with that venue but with the closing of their stores we have to move in another direction. A huge thankyou to our Chaplin Bonnie Brenna who held a spaghetti dinner and pancake breakfast with the profits going to the project.

I enjoyed attending the luncheons and dinners, conventions with Commander Walt. The members of the Department auxiliary as well as the Legion amaze me with their wealth of information. I thank Julie Martin so much for her well versed knowledge of the district and making me aware of what comes next. She was my go to girl and a saint. Thank you Jill Davis for working hard to make sure our meetings were well scripted by making effective use of secretarial support as well as sgt-at-arms. Becky Nelson is such a vital member of our organization and I thank her so much for setting up the hospitality rooms and preparing the menu as well as district treasurer.

Thank you to all Legionaries, the SAL and Legion Riders for making the Legion so successful and everything you do for our veterans. Without you, there would be no Legion.

I appreciate the accomplishments of my Executive Board, Committee Chairman and committee members. Thank you for making our district the success it is.

Sonja (Sunny) Dauphin
American Auxiliary President, 2017-2018



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 Convention Program June 2, 2018



9:00 A.M. Processional

Presentation of Gavel

Call to Order Sonja Dauphin

Invocation Bonnie Brenna

Pledge of Allegiance All

National Anthem

Preamble Cari Lamb

Welcome Sonja Dauphin

Convention Call (separate copy available) Jill Davis

Convention Minutes (separate copy available) Jill Davis

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 Sonja Dauphin

Final Reports of District Chairmen Sonja Dauphin

Nominating Committee Report Becky Nelson

**Nominations and
Introductions of Candidates** Sonja Dauphin

Final Membership Report Cari Lamb

Recess 15 Minutes



Fifth District Convention Program June 2, 2018



Convention program continued

Presentation of District Executive Committee	Cari Lamb
Presentation of Convention Committee	Sonja Dauphin
Report of Resolution Committee	Becky Nelson
Credentials Report	????
Election of Officers and Executive Committee	Sonja Dauphin
Election of National Delegates	Sonja Dauphin
Introduction of 2017-2018 and 2018-2019 Unit Presidents	Sonja Dauphin
Presentation of New District President and New Officers	Sonja Dauphin
Announcements	Jill Davis
Benediction	Bonnie Brenna
Retirement of Colors	
Adjournment	Sonja Dauphin



5th District American Legion Auxiliary Officers



President	Sonja Dauphin
1st Vice President	Cari Lamb
2nd Vice President	Sherry Morris
Secretary	Jill Davis
Treasurer	Becky Nelson
Parliamentarian	LoAnn Grill
Sargent – At- Arms	Open
Executive Committee	Joanne Davis
Executive Committee	Julie Martin
Chaplain	Bonnie Brenna
Jr. Past President	Bonnie Brenna

Committee Chairman

Americanism	Karen McNamera
Auxiliary Emergency Fund	Joanne Davis
Children & Youth	Penny Becker
Community Service	Julie Martin
Education	Deb Bayer
Girls State	Annette Bray/Sherry Morris
Historian	Colleen Grill
Junior Activities	Becky Nelson
Leadership	Ramona Nack
Legislation	Jill Davis
Membership	Cari Lamb
Memorial	Bonnie Brenna
National Security	Mary Youkin
AFC & Foreign Relations	Jill Davis
Past President's Parley	Cheri Wright
Poppy	Cathy Ritter/Sherry Morris
Public Relations	Becky Nelson
VA&R	Sherry Morris



Past Fifth District Presidents



(*deceased)

Unit	Name	Year
Mark Hamilton	*Mrs. E. N. Johnston	1921
Mark Hamilton	*Mrs. George Osborne	1922
Wm Peck	*Mrs. Robert Saxton	1923
Lawrence Wenell	*Mrs. Sidel Swenson	1924-25
Wm Peck	*Mrs. Dean Meeker	1926-27
Wm Peck	*Mrs. Levi Hall	1927-28
Wm Peck	*Mrs. C. O. Bemies	1928-29
Wm Peck	*Mrs. A. A. Schaal	1929-30
Lawrence Wenell	*Mrs. Norman Rebney	1930-31
Lawrence Wenell	*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 1951-52		
Honeywell, Calhoun	*Martha Helgeson	1948-49
Lawrence Wenell	*Mrs. Frank Lamson (Mrs. Bert Karr)	1949-50
Wold Chamberlain	*Mrs. H. H. Rosenwald	1950-51
Wold Chamberlain	*Mrs. E. G. Cole	1951-52
Preston Crichton	*Mrs. Peter Skurdalsvold	1952-53
Wold Chamberlain	*Dorothy Christensen	1953-54
Department President 1960-61		
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 1972-73

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 1991-92

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 2000-01

Gopher	LoAnn Grill	1993-94
Mpls. Unit #1	Cheri Wright	1994-95
Hellenic	June Hegdahl	1995-96
Gopher	*Dorothy Swanson	1996-97
Mpls. Unit #1	*Doris Lestersen	1997-98
Mpls. Unit #1	Kathie Adam	1998-99

Minneapolis-Richfield	Colleen Hendrickson	1999-2000
Hellenic	Barbara Burkstrand	2000-01
Falldin	*Dolores Duffee	2001-02
Mpls. Unit #1	Becky Nelson	2002-03
Mpls. Unit #1	Sue Bristor	2003-04
Falldin	Sandra Arellano	2004-05
Hellenic	Carol Whitmore	2005-06
Minneapolis-Richfield	Terry Cruzen	2006-07
Gopher	Mary Younkin	2007-08
Hellenic	Jan Kakos	2008-09
Calhoun	Theresa Gundlach	2009-10
Mpls. Unit #1	Becky Nelson	2010-11
Wold Chamberlain	Deb Bayer	2011-12
Minneapolis-Richfield	Patricia Swanson	2012-13
Minneapolis-Richfield	Annette Bray	2013-14
Mpls. Unit #1	Cari Lamb	2014-15
Gopher	Julie Martin	2015-16
Wold Chamberlain	Bonnie Brenna	2016-17



Fifth District Unit Presidents 2017 - 2018



Minneapolis Unit 1
 Wold Chamberlain Unit 99
 Hellenic Unit 129
 Giant Valley Unit 234
 Minneapolis - Richfield Unit 435
 Gopher Unit 440
 Joe Smith Unit 468
 Aviation Unit 511

Karen McNamra
 Bridget Bradley
 Mary Kozak
 Jenny Caprod
 Sherry Morris
 Julie Martin
 Pamela Morgan
 Madeline Seeman



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 Berkstand	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
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
2017	Julie Martin	Gopher Unit



FIFTH DISTRICT
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REPORTS



2017 - 2018 HISTORY



Colleen 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 Chaplain, 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 handed out small American Flags during a 4th of July Parade and conducted a flag raising ceremony during a Memorial Day Service at a local cemetery.

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 – stamps, box tops for education, and pop tabs. One Unit donated funds to a program teaching youth how to fish. Another One Unit made a monetary donation to a City Fire and Police Safety Camp. One Unit donated money to the Harriet Tubman Home for a Christmas party for the children. Units reported purchasing school supplies for local schools for those students who could not afford to purchase their own school supplies. One Unit made and donated No Sew Fleece Blankets for Gillette Children's Hospital. One Unit supports a group of young men financially who teach under privileged boys how to fish and spend a complete day with them mentoring. They also provide these boys with needed school supplies.

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, Red Cross, 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, stuffing back-packs for student's reading program, and one unit participated in Sole Care providing foot care for the

homeless and poor. Monetary donations were made to the Richfield Police Department Bulletproof Vest Fund, ARC, the DAV's, and Fisher House. One unit held four Blood Drives – 54 units of blood was collected. One Unit donated milk, juice, and money to St. Vincent de Paul food shelf and the food shelf at VEAP.

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 Ten For Ten Education Program. One Unit had a Unit member volunteer three hours at the Oratorical Contest. One unit has members that are part of the American Legion Riders and they worked one week-end to at a Brat Stand to raise funds for the American Legion Legacy Scholarship Fund.

Field Service: Unit members from one Unit visited shut-in Veterans and provided treats to these veterans.

Girls State: One Unit reported they sponsored six girls for Girls State. Two Units made a donation to the Fifth District Girl's State Fund. One unit member helped direct the girls to their dorms and when they departed helped with the luggage and getting them on the right bus. This is a week long experience which teaches the girls about each of the three branches of the government. The unit 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.

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. One unit donated food and money for the funeral lunch of a deceased 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. Some Unit members participated in the Shop, Ship and Share Program. Members of one Unit presented a Chaplain with Thank You cards to give to the Troops.

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: Though no Units have an Active Past Presidents Parley, 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 also handed out at Memorial Day services and at parades. One Unit displayed Poppy Christmas Tree in their Post Home. An ornament was given to participants to write a remembrance or a military person's name on it, a poppy was attached and hung on the tree. Donations from the Poppy Funds are used for Gift Shop, MVAMC, Brain Science Fund, 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. One Unit donated MVAMC Recreation Therapy Department, and the Legacy Scholarship. One Unit provided hand-made Valentines made by first graders from two local schools to the residents at the MN Veterans Home. One Unit member participated in Stand-Down and distributed Bibles and other inspirational materials. One Unit adopted a group of homeless veterans identified as CRRC (which is part of the VA) providing homeless veterans assistance in finding jobs, housing and overcoming barriers. The same Unit also serves dinner to homeless veterans. In addition they also provide them with back-packs containing personal items, gas and food cards.

Service to Veterans: One Unit member housed a homeless veteran temporarily. One Unit sponsors bingo parties. A couple of Units had members who assisted with the Auxiliary Christmas Gift Shop at the Veterans Home wrapping gifts for residents and their families. Two Unit members from one Unit prepare and deliver meals to veterans weekly. One Unit provided Christmas Dinner for Veterans and their Families.

President Sunny, 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.



Armed Forces Service Center
Julie Martin, Chairman



The Armed Forces Service Center (AFCS) is an “all free” stop located at the Minneapolis-Saint Paul International Airport, for active duty military personnel and their dependents. Reservists and National Guardsmen are in travel status and military retirees and their dependents, if space is available and in travel status.

Unique to Minnesota the AFSC is a one of a kind facility. It is supported by a volunteer staff and contributions financial and in-kind product donations received from Veterans organizations, corporate and personal contributions. No USO affiliation or funds. Thanks to all in our organization for volunteering and monetary donations. Both of these are needed to support the AFSC.

Community Service
Julie Martin, Chairman

The Units of the Fifth District are indeed committed to helping and serving the community, especially the Veteran.

Keep track of your hours spent on community involvement projects. Your hours do not have to specifically involve Veterans or service members..

When volunteering in the community remember to wear Auxiliary apparel. The magnetic Auxiliary badge works well.

Blood drives, breakfasts, fund raisers, helping with athletic teams and poppy sales are advertised in local papers, schools and business places.

Members help in the community with meals on wheels, school readings programs, backpack for students on the weekends, toys for tots, children’s programs at church and many more. Thank you.



National Security Mary Younkin - Chairman

Eight units of the Fifth District American Legion Auxiliary sent in reports. Three units participated in the National Security programs in various ways.

\$50.00 Dollars was donated to the Armed Forces Serviceman center at the Mpls / ST Paul airport.

\$50.00 Dollars was spent for POW / MIA Activities with 2 Volunteers serving 4 hours and serving 50 Veterans

ROTC / JROTC Program one unit invited students to participate in events. 10 volunteers served 130 Veterans volunteering 6 1/2 Hours and spending \$150.00 Dollars.

\$150.00 Dollars spent for Blood Drive with 2 volunteers and 4 volunteer hours.

Thank You President Sunny for this Chairmanship.

Auxiliary Emergency Fund Joanne Davis - Chairman

The Auxiliary Emergency Fund provides temporary financial assistance to eligible members during times of financial crises or weather related emergencies and national disasters. To be eligible a person must have been a member of the American Legion Auxiliary for at least the immediate past two consecutive years and current membership.

There have been no requests during the past year for assistance from the Auxiliary Emergency Fund. One unit made a donation of \$76.00 to the fund, which were tips from an omelet breakfast and also made a \$100.00 donation. Another unit made a \$25.00 donation and one individual made a person donation of \$5.00. A total of eight units reported.

Thanks you Madam President for the opportunity to serve as your Auxiliary Emergency Fund Chairman this year.



Service to Veteran's Julie Martin, Chairman

Service to Veterans is the combining of the volunteer programs Home Service and Field Service.

The Home Service Program are the activities volunteers do in their own homes for the benefit of homebound sick or injured service members and their families, for Veterans such as time spent sewing, knitting, cooking and other services.

The Field Service Program are activities volunteers perform in the community for Veterans and their families. This includes hospice, Stand Downs, providing transportation, yard work, volunteering at homeless centers etc... The combining of these two programs into Service to Veterans allows volunteers to keep track of hours spent volunteering less than one program. The program also allows them to keep track of their cost of materials and other items for Veterans. Keeping track of the costs and hours are very important as they are reported to Congress.

We need to continue to volunteer for a better future for our Veterans and their families. Our volunteer services are estimated at a value of \$23.56 an hour. Saving and cutting stamps are still part of this program and should be sent to the Department office.

We have 99 Service to Veterans volunteers in the 5th District, donating 16, 842 volunteer hours. Over a thousand Veterans were helped with a value of over \$5000.00 in goods and services.

Thanks to all who help at Stand Downs. A special thanks to those who help the homeless Veterans at the CRRC.

An overview of the program is proof that many hands together can accomplish great things, bringing joy and comfort to our Veterans and gratification to our volunteers.

Keep volunteering.



Legislation Jill Davis - Chairman



Within the 5th District we had 8 units reporting – great job by everyone for providing a report, even it was to indicate no participation. Thank for doing that.

Legislation is important because it shows how we as Auxiliary members are participating in our governmental process at the grass roots level. Participating in this type of activity can mean communicate with a member of the Senate or House of Representatives either at a National or State level (we had one unit report doing this activity). It can also mean interacting with smaller government agencies such as your city council or local school board (we had one unit report contacting their city council. Interactions include sending letters, emails, phone calls and personal contacts with these leaders. All of this is part of Legislation.

There are three units that are subscribing to the Dispatch and one unit that is receiving the Minnesota Weekly or Senate Briefly to keep up on what is occurring within our state legislative arena. The Veterans on the Hill event was promoted by the Units and also at the district level.

Our units indicated the areas of concern facing our veteran on the legislative agenda are funding of benefits – both protecting current ones and getting more funding for mental health needs.

Thank you madam president for this appointment.

Poppy Cathy Ann Ritter - Chairman

We had 100% participation this year. Poppies were used for everything from luncheons, meetings and dinner decorations. Children from 5 years old up to 75 participated. In one unit a friendly competition took place between member of Auxiliary and Legionnaires about who distributed more poppies and who took in more donations.

Poppies were distributed throughout the year, from Memorial Day at a cemetery, a monument and stores to end of the year. Some units mailed Poppies and letters to members with return envelopes for donations and Poppy Cards were signed.

A Fourth of July parade route was walked handing out flags and poppies collecting donations and spreading the Legion name. On Veterans Day poppies were handed out in honor of our veterans.

One unit had a Poppy Christmas tree and Garland that was filled with Red Poppies. An ornament was given to a member to write a remembrance of a Military person's name on and a Poppy was attached to the ornament and hung on the tree and garland. They were filled with poppies.



Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation
Sherry Morris – Chairman



What a fast and fun year. Our units got involved with our Veterans. We were involved with Shop, Ship and Share for 6 hours. One unit donated \$400 to assist a veteran with his house. \$100 was donated to the Fischer House and \$600 was donated to the District President's project for artwork for the new wing at the Minneapolis Veteran's Home. Three Bingo nights, games night and a Christmas gift card drawing at the Minneapolis Veteran's Home were enjoyed by all with \$1000 total given as prizes.

We have 4 units that have VA Voluntary Service volunteers with a total of 21 volunteers who volunteered a total of 240 hours and assisted 440 veterans. There were three new volunteers that participated.

Our homeless veterans benefited from our district's activities including monetary donations and three individuals assisting at Stand downs.

Our units contributed to arts, crafts and hobbies activities for our veterans and in total donated \$2000.

Caregivers of veterans were supported by our units. There were nine members in the 5th district that assisted 19 veterans.

Finally, we had three units participated in the annual Gift Shop program at the Veteran's Home and Veteran's Hospital. We volunteered for 194 hours and donated \$300 to this program.



2017-2018 Education
Deb Bayer - Chairman

Eight Units participated in the Education program this year.

Two Units made donations to the American Legion Legacy Scholarship with a combined total of \$600. One Unit made another donation of \$500 to the Vicki Jo Springer Scholarship. One school was served with a \$100 donation to the "Give 10 to Education." Gift cards were given to a High School by soliciting donations from members.

Two schools were served in the Classroom Reading Program, donating 108 hours.

Three schools were served by giving assistance to a needy student, donating a total of 114 hours.

Ten schools were served with Box Tops and Labels for Education, valued at \$670. Five Units participated in this program.

Six military children were served.

Two Units gave five volunteer hours for American Education Week, serving five schools & spending \$40. The Oratorical Contest had one Unit participate, serving one school with three volunteer hours.

Thank you Madam President for this chairmanship.



MINNESOTA GIRLS STATE REPORT FOR 2017 – 2018



The Fifth District of Minnesota American Legion Auxiliary had nine Units reporting their year in the MN Girls State Program. However, they did not all actually participate. It is safe to say many Units do not have sufficient funds to sponsor a girl.

With that in mind, as chairman, may I remind the Units that our District will take donations towards a special Girls State fund to be used to sponsor girls.

Five Units actively participated in this program. Eight girls representing 4 schools attended the Girls State session in June of 2017. Registration for these girls was \$2,400 which were the result of budget allowances, bake sales, dinners, and other fundraising efforts. These citizens were either chosen by the Unit or the Unit chairman. Each of the citizens were invited to speak at a Unit/District meeting. The girls were given information regarding the American Legion Auxiliary, encouraged to apply for the many scholarships offered, and encouraged to join the organization if qualified.

If I may, I would like to say that I have enjoyed being the chairman for MN Girls State of many, too many years. It is time for someone else to take on this responsibility. With the handicap situation that I am in, I cannot chair a program and do it justice.

Thank you, members of the great Fifth District, for the many wonderful times we have had together, the downfalls in membership, and most of all, the fantastic friendships.

Annette Bray

Chairman



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