



5th District American Legion Family Convention 2018 - 2019

American Legion Family

Commander
Joe Bayer

President
Cari Lamb

SAL Commander
Leroy Gonzales

Honorary Junior
President
Madison Sloves



Preamble to the constitution of The American Legion

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 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 the 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 comradeship by our devotion to mutual helpfulness.



FIFTH DISTRICT
AMERICAN LEGION
DEPARTMENT OF MINNESOTA
ANNUAL CONVENTION

May 31 and June 1st, 2019



Darrel Redpenning
Commander
2018 - 2019
The American Legion
Department of Minnesota



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American Legion Family,

I'd like to welcome to your district convention.

These district conventions across the state are really where the rubber meets the road in The American Legion. This is where the district leaders and the future leaders can gather to see what's new, what's working, and what's important for our veterans, our families, our youth and our communities. This year is our Centennial year, and I hope you all will be looking at our proud past and making plans to ensure that we carry that legacy forward into the next century.

You who are attending this convention are the heart and soul of The American Legion. You are giving up your precious time to make sure this organization does it right.

And we do so much. Our Boys and Girls State programs are the premiere government programs in the state. Our baseball program is the largest in the nation. Legionville is a unique program that teaches school patrol safety and provides a great camp atmosphere for hundreds of kids each year. And that's in addition to the things your post does in your community such as scouting, scholarships, and helping veterans.

We have been a positive part of Minnesota for over a century, and we're looking forward to another century of service. One hundred years of making a difference.

Sincerely,

Darrel Redepenning
Department Commander



Joe Bayer
Commander

2018 - 2019

5th District
The American Legion
Department of Minnesota



Fifth District Commanders Message



Thank you to the 'Fighting Fifth' for allowing me to serve a second term as District Commander. Thanks to our District Officers and District committee chairs. You've done a terrific job this year. Without our dedicated volunteers nothing would be accomplished and our programs would fall to the wayside. Thank you as well to the rest of the Legion Family, our Auxiliary, Sons of The American Legion and Legion Riders. Your support is greatly appreciated.

This past year has been an unusual one as I wasn't planning on being Commander again.

With this change came new faces to the District. Our new 5th District Chaplain, Joe Yenkosky graciously stepped up to fill this position. Thanks, Joe! Past 5th District Commander Gary Martin stepped up to make sure our relationship with the hotel stayed in place and Nick Kakos made sure our Memorial Program at the Minnesota Veterans Home goes as planned. The people behind the scenes are phenomenal. Thank you all!

We worked well this year with the 4th District in having a combined midwinter program as well as Shop, Ship, and Share and the one I'm looking forward to the 4th/5th District picnic in June. The Mississippi River doesn't seem to be much of a barrier for our two Districts. Of this I'm glad. It's always good to work with the 4th District. We're 'Veterans helping Veterans'.

The Legion and Auxiliary have two different projects this year. My project 'Every Third Saturday' is a program that helps homeless veterans with meals, clothing, counseling and other ways to get them back on their feet. We've had a fundraiser and donations from the Posts and I'm looking forward to handing them a good size check. The Auxiliary has the Minnesota Veterans Home as its project.

Our membership team has done a terrific job this year. We had six Posts reach goal with several others close behind. We need to continue to work membership it is the life blood of our great organization. Without programs there is no membership. We have to have some reason for 'veterans' to join. As in the past this organization has evolved as needs changed. We need to look outside the box and find ways to challenge our younger veterans to want to be members.

Thank you to my wife for her understanding as I stepped in this year to fill a vacancy. She knows my passion for this organization. President Cari and Commander LeRoy, it's been a pleasure working with you this year. I look forward to working with you in the future.

We are 'Team 100'.

Joe Bayer
Fifth District Commander 2018-2019



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. Dornfeld * 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, H
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	2018	Walt Lyndsley
1934	F.T. Boquist *	1976	James Jones *		
1935	Paul Dickensheet *	1977	Alfred Barnes, Jr. * V		
1936	John G. Alexander * V	1978	Philip E. Dingman * V		Deceased — *
1937	Paul Preston *	1979	Ward K. Jeffers* V		
1938	John McHardy *	1980	William Tolle * V		
1939	R.F. Bertelsen *	1981	James W. Lawson * V		Past National Executive Committeeman
1940	Dr. Wm. E. Watson *	1982	Virgil V. Persing* V C A N		— N
1941	Paul Koughan *	1983	Steve A. George * V		Past Alternate National Executive
1942	Frank J. Collin *	1984	Reuben F. Mack * V †		Committeeman — A
1943	Carl A. Lundgren * A,N,C,H	1985	George Ashwood *		Past Department Commander — C
1944	Merle Kromer *	1986	David L. Mauritson *		Past Department Vice Commander — V
1945	Francis C. Hubbard *	1987	David B. Adam V		Past Department Chaplain — †
1946	Ray Barker *	1988	James C. Johnson		Past Department Historian — H
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	Falldin 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
2018	Ray Eiden	Falldin Post 555

AWARDS COMMITTEE 2018-2019

Wayne Glanton
Gary Martin
Merv Becker
Will Philipson
Milt Shoen



Fifth District American Legion Department of Minnesota 2018 - 2019



District Officers

Commander	Joe Bayer	Wold Chamberlain Post 99
1 st Vice Commander	Andrew Rose Sr.	Johnnie Baker Post 291
2 nd Vice Commander	Wade Larson	Gopher Post 440
3 rd Vice Commander	Herb Hastings	Minneapolis Post 1
Adjutant	Ray Eiden	Falldin Post 555
Finance Officer	Dennis DeLong	Mpls/Richfield Post 435
Junior Past Cmdr.	Walt Lyndsley	Courthouse Post 310
Membership Director	Andrew Rose Sr	Johnnie Baker Post 291
Sergeant At Arms	Lee Davis	Mpls/Richfield Post 435
Chaplain	Joe Yenkosky	Aviation Post 511
Judge Advocate	Curt Norenberg	University of MN Post 548
Historian	Dennis DeLong	Mpls/Richfield Post 435

Executive Committee

Jim Munson	2 years	Mpls/Richfield Post 435
Joe Yenkosky	2 years	Aviation Post 511
Mike Bailey	2 year	Bearcat Post 504
Richard Ward	1 years	Minneapolis Post 1
Dick Tetzlaff	1 years	Northside Post 230
Paul Soderberg	1 years	Falldin Post 555



Fifth District American Legion Committees 2018 - 2019



Commander's Advisory

1 yr	Curt Norenberg	1 yr	Jim Munson
1 yr	Richard Ward	1 yr	Ray Eiden

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)	Becky Nelon (ALA)
Wade Larson	Leroy Gonzales (SAL)	Cari Lamb (ALA)
Andrew Rose Sr.		

Ethics

1 yr	Andrew Rose Sr.	2 yr	Dennis DeLong
3 yr	Richard Ward	4 yr	Wade Larson

Finance Committee

1 yr	Wade Larson	2 yr	Curt Norenburg
3 yr	Andrew Rose Sr	4 yr	Ray Eiden
5 yr	Dennis DeLong	6 yr	James Munson
7 yr	Walt Lyndsley		

Post Development

1 yr	Joe Bayer	2 yr	Jim Munson
3 yr	Ray Eiden	4 yr	Walt Lyndsley
5 yr	Andrew Rose Sr		

Resolution

1 yr	Curt Norenburg	1 yr	Richard Ward
1 yr	Gary Martin	1 yr	Wade Larson

Convention Credentials Gary Heer **Nominating Committee** Appointed March 2019

Public Relations

Dennis DeLong	Ray Eiden	Richard Ward
Shawn Davis (SAL)	Becky Nelson (Auxiliary)	



Fifth District American Legion Committee Chairs 2018-2019



American Education Week	Dick Tetzlaff	Northside Post 230
Americanism	Herb Hastings	Minneapolis Post 1
American Legion Baseball	Casey Ludwig	Mpls/Richfield Post 435
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	Wade Larson	Gopher Post 440
Finance	Dennis DeLong	Mpls/Richfield Post 435
Hennepin County Service Officer	Lynn Lyons	Mpls/Richfield Post 435
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	Wade Larson	Gopher Post 440
Membership Director	Andrew Rose Sr	Johnnie Baker Post 291
Memorial Day Mpls Vet's Home	Joe Bayer	Wold Chamberlain Post 99
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	Andrew Rose Sr	Johnnie Baker Post 291
Rehabilitation	Wade Larson	Gopher Post 440
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 2018-2019



Larry Schoppe	Minneapolis Post 1
George Hawkins	Wold-Chamberlain Post 99
Nick Kakos	Hellenic Post 129
Dick Tetzlaff	Northside Post 230
Ron Strunk	VL Giantvalley Post 234
John R. Kiney	Johnny Baker Post 291
Gary Heer	Courthouse Post 310
Turned in charter	Business and Professional Post 332
Wayne Bystrom	Bainbridge Post 355
James Pung	Minneapolis Fire and Police Post 396
Mark Barthel	Minneapolis-Richfield Post 435
Gary Martin	Gopher Post 440
John Austin	Joe Smith Post 468
Donald Nix	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



May 31 - June 1, 2019
Holiday Inn Bloomington, Minnesota

Friday, May 31, 2019

Registration 4:00 – 6:00 pm

Joint Memorial Service 7:00 pm
Reception to follow

Saturday, June 1, 2019

Registration 8:00 – 9:00 am

Call to Order 9:00 am Joe Bayer, Commander
Presentation of Colors Gen. Colin L. Powell Leadership Academy
Invocation Joe Yenkosky Chaplain
POW/MIA Ceremony Lee Davis, Sgt-at-Arms
Pledge of Allegiance All
Recite Preamble American Legion All

Greetings Darrel Redpenning, Department Commander
By Richard Ward, Department Vice Commander

Convention Call Ray Eiden, Adjutant
Roll Call of Posts Ray Eiden, Adjutant
Last Annual Meeting Minutes Ray Eiden, 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 Joe Bayer, Commander

Introduction of Guests/Candidates Joe Bayer, Commander

Committee Reports
Finance Report Dennis DeLong, Finance Officer
Membership Andrew Rose Sr., Chairman



Saturday June 1, 2019 (cont.)



Other Committee Chairs	Notify Adjutant
Vice Commander's Reports	Andrew Rose Sr.. 1st Vice Commander Wade Larson, 2nd Vice Commander Herb Hastings, 3rd Vice Commander
Nomination of Candidates for District Offices and National Delegates	Ray Eiden Adjutant
Voting Procedures	Ray Eiden 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	Ray Eiden, Adjutant
Closing Remarks	Joe Bayer, Commander
Benediction	Joe Yemkosky, 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	Time to be announced
Social	5:00 pm
Banquet	6:00 pm



FIFTH DISTRICT
AMERICAN LEGION
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REPORTS



Fifth District American Legion Reports



Blood Donation Report For 2018

We had eight Posts send in donation reports.

There were 52 members of the Legion, Auxiliary, SAL donating a total of 72 pints.

Richfield Post 435

Members donated - 39

Total Units donated - 39

Viking Post 493

Members donated - 3

Total Units donated – 16

Minneapolis Post #1

Members donated – 7

Total Units donated -7

Gopher Post 440

Members donated - 1

Total Units donated - 4

Falldin Post 555

Members donated - 1

Total Units donated -4

Wold Chamberlain Post #99

Members donated – 1

Total Units donated - 2

Two Posts sent in reports but had no donations.

I would like to thank those from the six 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



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FIFTH DISTRICT

ORATORICAL CONTEST

2018 – 2019

Chairman's Report

Our Oratorical Contest was greeted with our first sub-zero day of the year. The competition inside, Minneapolis Post No. 1 however, was as hot as it has ever been with our top two candidates surging neck and neck. At the final curtain it was almost too close to call. When the scores were tallied, comments were reviewed, only then did we realize how close it really was.

Johnathon Vickers, sponsored by Falldin Post 555, was determined to be this year's 5th District Champion. Johnathon will represent the 5th District in state finals to be held in March. Last year's 5th District Champion, Zavion Dillard, sponsored by Johnnie Baker Posts 291, came in a very close second. The 5th District would have been very well represented with either contestant.

Johnathon attends Vickers Home Academy and Zavion attends FAIR School Downtown Minneapolis. Both are underclassmen and we expect to see compete them again. Jonathon went onto place third in the 2019 Minnesota High School Oratorical. We are very proud of Jonathon's accomplishments.

Falldin Post 555 was represented by 5th District Adjutant Ray Eiden and Past 5th District Sgt-At-Arms Paul Soderberg. Johnnie Baker Post 291 was represented by 5th District 1st Vice Commander Andrew Rose and Past 5th District Commander Wayne Glanton.

A big THANK YOU goes out to all who worked our contest on this frigid January morning:

Judges: Andrew Rose, Curt Norenberg, Jim Munson, Dennis DeLong and Ray Eiden

Timekeeper: Paul Soderberg

Tabulator: Bob Mayer

Hosting Facility: Minneapolis Post No.1 (Bob Mayer) and Eagles Aerie #34 (Sue Hutterer)

Thank you,

Dick Ward

5th District Oratorical Chairman



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HOSPITAL VISITATION 2018 - 2019

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

	# of months	# of attendees	# of hours
HELLENIC	12	56	112
FALLDIN	12	44	88
RICHFIELD	12	43	86
JOHNNIE BAKER	11	26	52
JOE SMITH	11	26	52
WOLD CHAMBERLAIN	12	23	46
GOPHER	12	19	38
POST#1	7	11	22
COURTHOUSE	6	6	12
AVIATION	4	4	8

There were 258 attendees for an average of 21.5 attendees per month. The total hours of Visitation was 516.

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:

5/15/18	nail clippers (2 cases)	\$72.00
	spiral notepads (2 cases)	\$60.00
6/18/18	bamboo backscratchers (4 cases)	\$144.00
9/10/18	bamboo backscratchers (2 cases)	\$72.00
	raindrop toothbrushes (2 cases)	\$48.00
	nail clippers (1 case)	\$36.00
	grey men's combs (1 case)	\$24.00
11/19/18	bamboo backscratchers (4 cases)	\$144.00
	raindrop toothbrushes (1 case)	\$24.00



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	spiral notepads (1 case)	\$30.00
	nail clippers (2 cases)	\$72.00
12/18/18	squiggle pens (330)	\$203.35
	led flashlight keychains (100)	\$138.17
3/11/19	eye glass cleaners (250)	\$240.00
	spiral notepads (1 case)	\$30.00
3/11/19	nail clippers (2 cases)	\$72.00
	raindrop toothbrushes (1 case)	\$24.00
	bamboo backscratchers (4 cases)	\$144.00
		\$1,577.52 Total

Ray Eiden
5th District Hospital Visitation Chairmen



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 went to the Junior Olympics National Championships, and the NRA Championships for the third 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.

Taylor won the sub junior 3P match. Both Taylor and Meghand shot personal bests. Taylor won her age class with a 254.

For more information, or to contact them about donations to offset the cost of the trip, please visit, www.post435gunclub.org/juniors





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SONS OF THE AMERICAN
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Shawn Davis

2018 – 2019

Commander
Detachment of Minnesota

On behalf of myself and your Sons of The American Legion, I bring you greetings to your District Convention!

District Conventions are the opportunity for squadrons and the membership of the District to come together:

- review the work that has been done at the local level,
- plan for the upcoming year,
- elect the officers the District needs to support the Squadrons in the district to continue the journey to success.

And yes, the District CAN help the Squadrons find success, share that success with others, and help the overall organization. This is also the time where you elect the next generation of leaders to help the organization, and make the Detachment even more successful than before.

To the other members of the American Legion Family, I hope you have a successful and fun convention.

Enjoy the convention. Learn something new. Participate and make a new connection to help us grow.

Remember, we are just stories in the end. Make it a good one.

Shawn Davis

Shawn Davis
Commander
Detachment of Minnesota
Sons of The American Legion



Leroy Gonzales

2018 – 2019

SAL Commander
5th District
Detachment of Minnesota

Hello to Everyone,

Welcome to the 5th District American Legion Convention. Looks like Spring is here, and Summer is right around the corner. Make Sure to Stay Hydrated during the Warm Days and Keep a Hoodie Close for the Cool nights that are ahead of us.

Hope You All Enjoy this Year's Convention. SAL will Meet at 10am, Hope to See New Members this Year.

This Past Year, I have Learned as Well as Had Fun Attending Different Legion Family Functions with Commander Joe Bayer, and President Cari Lamb. Not Only Have we Had Fun, But Also Want to Congratulate Them Both on their Year as Well.

It has been in Honor to Serve as your 5th District SAL Commander this year. Hopefully, I did You My 5th District Family Proud. Special Thanks to The American Legion Post #1, Unit #1, & Squadron #1 for their Support.

LeRoy Gonzales

SAL Commander

5th District

Sons of the American Legion



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
2018 - 2019
District Officers**



Commander	Leroy Gonzales	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	Patrick Hahn	Squadron 1
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
2013-2016	Robert Bristo	Squadron 440
2016-2018	Bill Peters	Squadron 1



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



May 31 and June 1, 2019 Holiday Inn Bloomington Minnesota

Order of Business

Friday, May 31, 2019

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

Saturday, June 1, 2019

10:00 AM

Call to Order	Leroy Gonzales, Commander
Presentation of Colors	Patrick Hahn Sergeant-At-Arms
Opening Prayer	Pat Kiehl, Chaplain
POW/MIA	Patrick Hahn, Sergeant-At-Arms
Pledge of Allegiance	All
Recite Preamble	All
Greeting and Introductions	Leroy Gonzales, Commander
Roll Call of Squadrons	, Adjutant
Finance Report	Shawn Davis, Finance Officer
Membership Report	Robert Bristo, First Vice Commander
Squadron Reports	Squadron Commanders
Commander's Address	Leroy Gonzales, Commander
Old Business	
New Business	
Nominations of Candidates for District Office	
Voting Procedures	
Nominations	
Voting	
Closing	
Announcements	
Closing Remarks	Leroy Gonzales Commander
Benediction	Pat Kiehl, Chaplain
Retire POW/MIA Flag	Patrick Hahn, Sergeant-At-Arms
Retire the Colors	Patrick Hahn, Sergeant-At-Arms



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



Membership as of May 22, 2019

District	Squad	Location	2018 Results	Department 2019 Goal	Detachment 2019 Goal	Total At Dept	Rally Turn in	Grand Total	% of Department Goal	% of Detachment Goal
5	1	MINNEAPOLIS #1	43	44	47	45		45	102.27%	95.74%
5	99	WOLD-CHAMBERLAIN	21	22	24	21		21	95.45%	87.50%
5	234	GIANT VALLEY	62	63	63	48		48	76.19%	76.19%
5	435	MPLS.-RICHFIELD	221	223	231	210		210	94.17%	90.91%
5	440	GOPHER	38	39	42	37		37	94.87%	88.10%
5	555	FALLDIN	11	12	13	11		11	91.67%	84.62%
District 5 Total			396	403	420	372	0	372	92.31%	88.57%

SAL Member of the Year

2013	Shawn Davis
2014	Bill Peters
2015	Robert Bristo
2016	Pat Kiehl
2017	John Nelson (posthumously)
2018	Jim Munson

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Trevor Dostal	Wold Chamberlain Squadron 99
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Enjoy a Successful Convention and Terrific 2019-2020 Legion Year!

Dick Ward



**Court House
American Legion
Post #310**



**Wishes the 5th
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Home of

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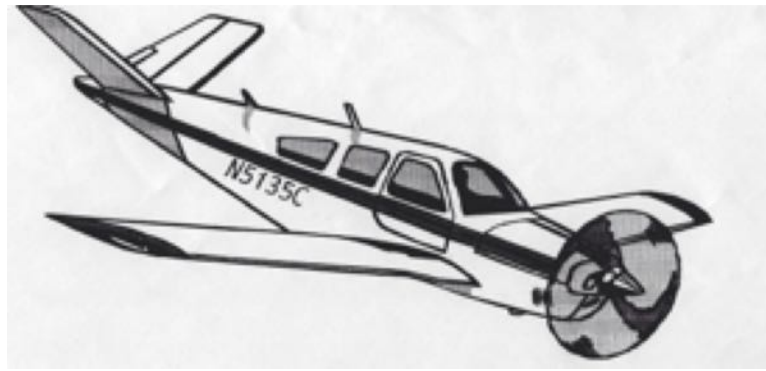
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Ted Hoeben	Adjutant
Ray Waszut	Sgt. At Arms
Donald Peerson	Chair, National Security Committee
Everett Love	Service Officer
Jim Johns	Historian
Rev. Michael Wallman	Senior Chaplain
Steve Marks	Chaplain

Auxiliary Officers

Maddy Seeman	President
Carol Grimes	Vice President
Janet Brautigam	Membership Chair & Chaplain
Joy Berg	Secretary
Patricia Yenkosky	Treasurer
Patricia Peerson	Chair, Americanism Committee

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Post #99***



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Jean Walker
President
2018 - 2019

The American Legion Auxiliary
Department of Minnesota



I would like to congratulate you a successful year in your District. Your President has done a wonderful job for the Department of Minnesota. I would like to take the time to thank every member in this District for all they do for our American Legion Auxiliary. You took the time to take care of our Veterans, their families and also our communities. You are all very much appreciated and no matter how big of a project was done or how small it means a lot to our American Legion Family.

I want to wish you a very successful convention and thank you again for all you do for our American Legion Family and remember ***“Veterans are Our Stars and Our Heroes”*** and that is why we do what we do!

God Bless each and every one of you and God Bless our Troops!

American Legion Auxiliary Department President
Jean Walker



To All of My Family and Friends in the 5th District:

What a good year I had thanks to all of the hard work by the 5th District. Thank You to the Executive Committee, Committee Chairman, And Units for Flipping for Veterans.

My project this year raised \$827.00. Thank You Legion, Aux, and Sons for all your generosity. A Big Thank you goes out to my Mother Becky Nelson for all you did to make this a good year.

Thank You Commander Joe Bayer and SAL Commander LeRoy Gonzales for sharing this year with me.

Cari Lamb

5th District President

2018 - 2019



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 1, 2019

9:00 A.M. Processional

Presentation of Gavel

Call to Order

Cari Lamb

Invocation

Bonnie Brenna

Pledge of Allegiance

All

National Anthem

Preamble

All

Welcome

Cari Lamb

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

Presentation of District Junior President

Cari Lamb

Final Reports of District Chairmen

Cari Lamb

Nominating Committee Report

Bonnie Brenna

Nominations and Introductions of Candidates

Cari Lamb

Final Membership Report

Mary Younkin



**Fifth District Convention Program
June 1, 2019**



Convention program continued

Recess 15 Minutes

Presentation of District Executive Committee	Mary Younkin
Presentation of Convention Committee	Cari Lamb
Report of Resolution Committee	Becky Nelson
Credentials Report	
Election of Officers and Executive Committee	Cari Lamb
Election of National Delegates	Cari Lamb
Introduction of 2018-2019 and 2019-2020 Unit Presidents	Cari Lamb
Presentation of New District President and New Officers	Cari Lamb
Announcements	Jill Davis
Benediction	Bonnie Brenna
Retirement of Colors	Joanne Davis
Adjournment	Cari Lamb



5th District American Legion Auxiliary Officers



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2nd Vice President
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Joanne Davis
Joanne Davis
Julie Martin
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Sunny Dauphin

Committee Chairman

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Auxiliary Emergency Fund
Children & Youth
Community Service
Constitution & Standing Rules
Education
Girls State
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Junior Activities
Leadership
Legislation
Membership
Memorial
National Security
Past President's Parley

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Joanne Davis
Penny Becker
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Bonnie Brenna
Julie Martin
Sherry Morris
Colleen Grill
Jill Davis
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Pat Bjor Johnson
Mary Younkin
Bonnie Brenna
Sheri Rhodes
Becky Nelson &
Julie Martin
Cathy Ritter
Becky Nelson
Deb Bayer

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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
Minneapolis-Richfield	Sonja "Sunny" Dauphin	2017-18



Fifth District Unit Presidents 2018 - 2019

Minneapolis Unit 1	Karen McNamra
Wold Chamberlain Unit 99	Bridget Bradley
Hellenic Unit 129	Mary Kozak
Giant Valley Unit 234	Jenny Caprod
Minneapolis - Richfield Unit 435	Jill Davis
Gopher Unit 440	Julie Martin
Joe Smith Unit 468	Pamela Morgan
Aviation Unit 511	Madeline Seeman



Fifth District Auxiliary Member of the Year Recipients



1995	Dorothy Hathaway	Minneapolis Richfield Unit 435
1996	Sharon Jeffers	Minneapolis Unit 1
1997	Peg McCarty	Minneapolis Unit 1
1998	Betty Count	Calhoun Unit 239
1999	Vi Rahrlich	Bainbridge/Falldin Unit 355/555
2000	Emily Duffee	Falldin Unit 555
2001	Joyce Williams	Minneapolis Richfield Unit 435
2002	Ramona Nack	Gopher Unit 440
2003	Mary Persing	Falldin Unit 555
2004	Barb Berkstand	Hellenic Unit 129
2005	Eleanor Johnson	Minneapolis Richfield Unit 435
2006	Patricia Swanson	Minneapolis Richfield Unit 435
2007	Becky Nelson	Minneapolis Unit 1
2008	Jan Kakos	Hellenic Unit 129
2009	Penny Becker	Minneapolis Richfield Unit 435
2010	Elizabeth Crawford	Court House Unit 310
2011	Mary Younkin	Gopher Unit 440
2012	Gerda Erickson	Calhoun Unit 239
2013	LoAnn Grill	Gopher Unit 440
2014	No nominations	
2015	Annette Bray	Minneapolis Richfield Unit 435
2016	Colleen Grill	Gopher Unit 440
2017	Julie Martin	Gopher Unit 440
2018	Elaine Rider	Joe Smith Unit 468



FIFTH DISTRICT
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2017 - 2018 HISTORY



Colleen Grill
Chairman

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

Americanism: Units of the Fifth District display and pay proper respect to the American Flag at each meeting. The meetings open with a prayer by the Unit Chaplin, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. A moment of silence is observed in memory of the deceased, and the Preamble is recited. At the close of the meeting chaplain offers prayer and we salute the colors. One unit 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. Poppies and small hand flags were distributed to Veterans Day Residents from the Presbyterian Home, Beacon Hill in remembrance of the 100th anniversary of the end of World War One. On Election Day students at a local area school were given the opportunity to go to the polls with their parents and cast a vote using the same process and ballot slate as the adults. The voting process and procedures was explained to the children who came to vote. A total of 1,327 children participated in this program.

Auxiliary Emergency Fund: Units showed their support of this important program by making cash donations. Some 5th District unit members also participated in the Silent Auction at the Fall Conference helping to set up and man the room where the Silent Auction was held.

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 active in collecting and donating to schools – stamps, box tops for education, and pop tabs. One Unit donated \$200 to financially support a group of young men 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. Another One Unit made a monetary donation to a City Fire and Police Safety Camp.

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, and stuffing back-packs for student's reading program. Monetary donations were made to the Bridging, ARC, the DAV's, and a \$50 donation was given to Fisher House. One unit held four Blood Drives – 39 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 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 Ten Education Program by donating \$100. One Unit had a Unit member volunteer three hours at the Oratorical Contest. Auxiliary members from one unit who belong to the Legion Riders serve active parts in the planning of the week-end tours throughout the State for the MN Legacy Scholarship run.

Girls State: One Unit reported they sponsored six girls for Girls State. Other units made a \$300 donation to the Fifth District Girl's State Fund. One unit member assisted in the setting up and taking down of equipment in the office. This is a week long experience which teaches the girls about each of the three branches of the government.

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

Memorial: Units take an active role in Memorial Day Services at local cemeteries. Post and Units present wreaths at these services to remember and honor deceased members and veterans. Cards and a memorial donation are sent to family members of the deceased. Units have held memorial services during their monthly meeting for deceased members of their Unit. One unit gives a Memorial Scholarship each year to a child of a veteran. The Memorial Scholarship was established in memory of a junior member. One unit made a memorial donation to the Mpls VAMC Canteen Fund in memory of four members who were active volunteers at the Medical Center. Three unit members place flowers and flags on various veterans graves at the Fort Snelling National Cemetery.

National Security: Donations were made by several units to the Armed Forces Center at the Mpls-St.Paul International Airport. Members of several units also participated in the National Night out. Some Unit members participated in the Shop, Ship and Share Program.

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. Donations from the Poppy Funds are used for Gift Shop, VAMC, 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 and lawn signs were 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 \$50, American Legion Fund for Hospitalized Veterans, and Fisher House \$50. One Unit donated VAMC Recreation Therapy Department, and the Legacy Scholarship. Units provided the MN Veteran Home with t-shirts, socks, gift cards and stamps valued at \$300. In addition \$150 was donated to provide treats for Veteran's Home Children. One unit donated, cooked and served both Thanksgiving and Christmas dinner for homeless veterans at CRRC. They donated, bought and wrapped Christmas gifts for children of homeless veterans and donated winter boots and backpacks for veterans. A monetary donation of \$400 was made to a dog kennel in Northfield MNA that trains dogs for veterans suffering from PTSD.

Service to Veterans: 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 members of one unit cook and deliver meals to veterans weekly. One member has done some sewing for a veteran and another member has done some quilting for veterans.

President Cari, 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.



LoAnn Grill
Chairman

2018-2019 Americanism



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The Americanism Program promotes patriotism and responsible citizenship. This year seven units reported on what their units did in support of this program.

Two units participated in the Flag Education Program and one of these units presented 1,327 flags to local schools and 100 flags in their community.

Four units participated in Patriotic Programs and five units participated in Patriotic Holiday Observances. One unit participated in a Veterans Day Program and donated flags and poppies for the program. Members of the unit explained about the color of the poppy, what it symbolized and how it was the first bloom on the battlefields in France and Belgium. Members spoke about our American Flag as the symbol of our Nation's strength and unity, and explained some of the acts of Congress that changed the shape, design and arrangement of the flag which we honor today, including addition of stars and stripes symbolizing new states added to the union. They also explained about what the colors and stars meant.

Two units promoted "Get out the Vote. One unit member worked with students in grades 3 to 12 at a local school and explained the voting process and procedures. She distributed flags to the students in all districts.

Members of one unit donated their tips totaling \$411 from working at an omelet breakfast to the AL Jr. Shooting Sports Program.

Units promoted membership to the ALA by wearing and displaying name badges, Legion Family clothing/jewelry, wearing "Honoring Their Service" buttons, and carrying blank membership applications for the entire AL Family.

Thank you President Cari for allowing me to serve as your Americanism Chairman this year and to the Units of the Fifth District for promoting patriotism and responsible citizenship.



Joanne Davis
Chairman



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Auxiliary Emergency Fund – 2018-2019

The Auxiliary Emergency Fund provides temporary financial assistance to eligible members during times of financial crisis or weather related emergencies and natural 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 be a current member. They must also apply from within the district where they are a member. We had one request this past year but had to turn it over to Department of Minnesota as she was not in our district. 5th District has 7 units and all 7 units responded for the Annual Reports. Three units made monetary donations totaling \$311.00 and 55 hours. Also three units donated items for the Fall Conference Silent Auction valued at \$142.00 and 17 volunteer hours. There were 7 District volunteers helped raise funds for AEF and 8 Department volunteers. Great job 5th District! Thank you all for your support. Thank you President Cari for the opportunity to serve as your Auxiliary Emergency Fund Chairman.

2018-2019 Children & Youth

Penny Becker
Chairman

Fifth District
Dept. of MN

Six Units reported this year.

One Unit volunteered 20 hours and donated \$100 to Boys and Girls Clubs Military mentoring program. Two Units donated a total of \$110 to the Ronald McDonald House. One Unit donated \$204 supporting homeless veteran's children and another \$50 to National Family Week. Donations of \$210 went to the American Legion Child Welfare and \$335 went to Legionville. One Unit donated \$150 to the city of Richfield for the Fire and Police Safety Camp. Richfield Junior Shooters helped the Unit with their omelet breakfast and \$250 was donated to their program.

Thank You, Madam President for this Chairmanship.



Julie Martin
Chairman

Community Service



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The American Legion Auxiliary Community Service Program promotes visibility in our local communities. Our Community Service Program also promotes and follows the American Legion Auxiliaries mission to take care of our Veterans, active duty service members and their families. Our units are very active in the Fifth District communities. Our members wear their apparel and badges. A unit does a joint fundraiser with Fort Snelling Lion Club. This unit also promotes the American Legion and Auxiliary by marching in a church parade and setting up a membership table at a local grocery store. Units help in the communities with blood donations, bell ringing, perform acts of kindness, donate to "Toys for Tots" food shelves, deliver "Meals on Wheels", donate to the "Salvation Army" both in volunteer hours and monies.

Another unit has a neighborhood picnic, a Christmas event and a bake sale. Advertising with signs and newspaper ads.

Our units donated over forty units of blood, with more than eighty volunteer hours.

Food shelves in our district received over six hundred dollars in donations in addition to four hundred dollar's worth of milk and juices.

Our Fifth District units volunteered more than thirteen hundred and fifty-eight hours and spent twenty-one hundred and fifty dollars.

Thanks for all that you do. Thanks for your omelet and pancake breakfasts promoting our origination in your communities.



Constitution & Standing Rules 2018 & 2019



Bonnie Brenna
Chairman

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Six out of seven Units sent in the annual report

4 units have a Constitution & Standing Rules Chairman.

4 units have a Parliamentarian.

5 units have Standing Rules.

4 units reviewed their standing rules this year.

6 units sent a Standing Rules report to the District Chairman.

6 units have a copy of the National Constitution and Bylaws.

6 units recite the Preamble to the American Legion Auxiliary Constitution at each meeting.

0 resolutions were written by our district this year.

1 unit said all their meetings are conducted with parliamentary procedure and 5 aren't.

Girls State – 2018-2019

Sherry Morris
Chairman

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The district had 4 unit participate in the 2018 Girls State program. There was one school that participated and the district had six citizens attend the program. Donations to the program totaled \$2800. District members volunteered a total of 24 hours at Girls State. There were 3 attendees of Girls State that attended a Unit meeting.





Membership 2018-2019



Mary Younkin
Chairman

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Together we shine for membership. Robin Dorf was our Department membership chairman.

Department President Jean Walker's Theme was Veterans are our stars. Her symbol was the star. For fall conference each District family were Hollywood stars from the 1950's - 2000 era. 5th District's Era was 1960. We walked the red carpet as the Adam's Family.

As of April 24, 2019 we are at 73.60% with 580 Members paid. We have one unit above goal
Congratulations to Giant Valley.

I'm sorry to report Joe Smith is in the process of turning in their charter.

Aviation 78.57%	Joe Smith 0.0%
Giant Valley 110.61%	Mpls Unit #1 73.00%
Gopher 88.89%	Mpls Richfield 66.08%
Hellenic 90.91%	Wold Chamberlain 69.44%

I'd like to thank everyone for their effort and hard work getting membership turned in.

President Cari I had a Great Time as your membership chairman this year.

Memorial Report 2018-2019

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Chairman

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We have two deceased members in our 5th District.

One unit has a joint Memorial Service with the legion family. One unit mentioned them at their meeting.
One unit donated \$20.00 to the wife of the deceased veteran.

Listed here are some of the things that were done in the Memorial Program.

1. Cards were sent.
2. Luncheon was served to a family who needed help with food.
3. Prayers at the meetings, joint services, and memorial service.
4. Visitation at VA each month.
5. Joint service with Legionaries each month and Memorial Day.
6. Visit shut ins and sick members.
7. Gave cards to the sick and bereaved.

We had 6 out of 7 Units send in forms completed.



Education Report



Julie Martin
Chairman

Fifth District
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The American Legion Auxiliary's education program is promoting education for children and adults through classroom activities, literacy programs, scholarship promotion and support of education beyond high school especially for military children. Also, there is special emphasis on the women veteran offering scholarships that can change their lives.

Our units in the Fifth District are very active in schools and scholarships. One of our units gave two five hundred-dollar scholarships and donates to the department scholarship program. They also participate in the "Give 10 to Education Program" donating one hundred dollars to each of two schools.

A unit member reads to preschooler and buys books to read. Another unit supplies treats and drinks for the "Intergenerational Story Hour" at the Minneapolis Veterans Home. A unit gave five-hundred dollars in clothing helping fifty needy military children.

Units continue to give to the "Box Tops for Education", a value of one hundred and nineteen dollars benefiting two schools.

Units continue to sponsor American Education Week, our way of thanking teachers and staff. Seven schools were served, ten hours volunteered for a value of four hundred and ninety-five dollars.

Thanks to all who continue supporting the Education Program.



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