

## 5<sup>TH</sup> DISTRICT E-FLASH JANUARY 2017

From 5<sup>th</sup> District Commander Ray Eiden,

Happy New Year to everyone!!! I hope you all have a healthy and prosperous New Year. Now that the holidays are over we can get back to business as usual. As of the January 4, 2017 Membership Report we are in 9<sup>th</sup> place with a 82.3% of goal. We met our target of 80% of goal by January 19<sup>th</sup>. Keep after those renewals. It would be nice to top last year when we had 92.6% of goal. Our next Hospital Visitation will be on January 15<sup>th</sup> when we join with the 4<sup>th</sup> District. We will meet in the auditorium at 12:30 p.m. and go to the wards at 1:00 p.m. Take note this is 1 ½ hours earlier than we normally start. The St. Paul Winter Carnival will be held on January 28<sup>th</sup>. We will meet at the Arcade-Phalen Post 577 at noon. The bus is due to leave the Post at noon for the parade so try to get there earlier if you can. The parade will start at 2:00 p.m. A meal and program will follow. The Sweetheart Membership Rally will be in New Prague on February 4<sup>th</sup>. The membership turn in will be from 1:30 – 3:00 p.m. with dinner at 3:30 p.m. and a program to follow. If you can't make it and have memberships to turn in at that time give them to Walt or myself and we will submit them. Anyone who wants to attend the dinner needs to notify Lynne Nottage before January 25<sup>th</sup>. For those that need to buy their tickets the cost is \$16.00. The next District Assembly will be on February 7<sup>th</sup> at Minneapolis-Richfield hosted by Court House

From Mpls-Richfield Post 435 Commander Tom Hendrickson,  
Dear Commander and Post Adjutant:

It gives me great pleasure to cordially invite you and all your members to Minneapolis-Richfield American Legion Post 435 on February 9, 2017 to welcome our National Commander Charles E. Schmidt. Social hour will begin at 11:00 AM with a lunch to follow at 11:45 AM. Tickets for the Luncheon will be announced soon. Lunch will be a nice selection of soups and sandwich's. I encourage you to make your

Reservation by calling the Post at [612-915-0435](tel:612-915-0435). Please leave the event name, your name, telephone number, and the number of lunches you wish to reserve. The National Commander will be touring 12 Legion Posts during his visit to Minnesota. Post 435 will be the only metropolitan Post that he will be visiting on this tour so you won't want to miss this event. This will be your only local opportunity to hear the National Commander speak and to hear his updates on Veterans Issues along with the latest developments of what is happening in Washington. In addition, our Department Commander Denise Milton and several other State Officers will be in attendance as well.

So, pick up the phone, give us a call and I hope to see your there.

New Membership Tool:

Post can now receive a report of active and expired members that recently moved to a targeted area. Project Stay Active, available on [www.mylegion.org](http://www.mylegion.org), allows posts to search for members who moved to their area within a 45 day period. The report will

provide a list with names, new and old addresses, phone, email, and current or last post for membership. To access the report, log on to [www.mylegion.org](http://www.mylegion.org) and on the lefthand side click on "Reports/Labels", then click on "Post reports" and then locate "Project Stay Active by Area."

The Legion Family Day at the Timberwolves this year is February 12 in a game against the Chicago Bulls at 2:30 PM. The Department Color Guard from Waite Park Post 428 will present the colors during the National anthem. To order, go to [timberwolves.com/group](http://timberwolves.com/group) offers and use the promo code MNLegion. All tickets must be purchased by at least one day prior to the game

Watch in the Mail:

In January:

- Legionville Reservation form will be mailed
- Boys State Reservation form will be mailed
- Blood Reports will be mailed
- Membership Award Pins applications will be mailed.

Events coming Up:

- January 8, Omelet Breakfast at Mpls Post 1 8:30 to 12:30
- January 15, Omelet Breakfast at Mpls-Richfield Post 8:00 – 12:00
- January 22, Pancake Breakfast at Wold Chamberlain Post 99 8:00 - noon
- February 4, Sweetheart Rally, New Prague 1:30 – 3:00 membership turn-in.  
Dinner to follow.
- February 7, District Assembly at 7:00 PM at Minneapolis-Richfield Post 435  
sponsored by Court House Post 310
- February 9, National Commander Charles Schmidt visits Minneapolis-Richfield  
Post 11:00 to 1:00PM
- February 12, Legion Day at Wolves. 2:30 PM
- February 18<sup>th</sup>, District Oratorical Contest at Mpls-Richfield Post 435

RAY EDEN  
COMMANDER

JIM MUNSON  
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