

5th District American Legion
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TO ALL 5TH DISTRICT AMERICAN LEGION FAMILY MEMBERS

We are currently in 9th place for our membership % of goal. After our latest membership turn in at the Sweetheart Rally we are just under 85% which is the Department goal for February 8th. Contact your members to get them to renew. Go to WWW.MYLEGION.ORG and click on Reports/Labels and then click Post Reports. Then click on Commanders Membership Push. You will be able to print out a roster of those that haven't renewed along with pre-formatted letters and labels. I've used this feature and it works really well. Check it out. Also check out our district website: WWW.MNFIGHTINGFIFTH.ORG. Click on Events Calendar and go to February. It will show all the upcoming events for the month. Also click on District Project. It tells about our upcoming fundraisers for the Veterans's Home. Any Post donations would be welcome. You can either bring them to one of our District Assemblies or contact me at [612-378-2725](tel:612-378-2725). The National Commander will be visiting the 5th District at Mpls-Richfoeld Post 435 on Thursday, February 9th. Social hour is 11:00 AM to 11:45 followed by lunch. Call the Post if you want to attend the lunch. Tickets are \$8.00 in advance or \$10.00 at the door. The Oratorical contest is February 18th at Richfield Post starting at 9:00. Remember to register your Post on the Centennial website: WWW.LEGION.ORG/CENTENNIAL. Check on Post Index and look for Minnesota, then look for your Post.

Ray Eiden
5th District Commander

TO ALL LEGIONAIRES, AUXILIARY MEMBERS AND SONS OF AMERICAN LEGION MEMBERS

It gives me great pleasure to cordially invite you and all any guests to Minneapolis Richfield American Legion Post 435 on February 9, 2017 to welcome our National Commander Charles E. Schmidt.

This event will take place at our Post which is located at 6501 Portland Avenue South in Richfield. Social hour will begin at 11:00 AM with a lunch to follow at 11:45.

Tickets for the Luncheon are \$8.00 presale and \$10.00 at the door Lunch will be a nice selection of soups and sandwich's. I encourage you to make a reservation by calling the Post at [612-915-0435](tel:612-915-0435). Please leave your name, telephone number and number of lunches you wish to reserve. This will be your only local opportunity to hear the National Commander speak and to hear his updates on Veteran's 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 at [612-915-0435](tel:612-915-0435) and I hope to see you there.

Thomas Hendrickson

Post 435 Commander

The 5th District Oratorical Contest will be held at Mpls-Richfield on February 18th at 9:00AM. This is an excellent opportunity to observe and listen to some of our best and brightest high school students and their knowledge of the U.S. Constitution.

Our next District Assembly will be February 7th at Minneapolis-Richfield. The Executive Committee meets at 6:45 PM and Assembly at 7:30.

- A reminder to all that the blood reports have been mailed to the Posts as well as the Boy's State Reservations and Legionville Reservations. Please look for them and get them turned into Department as soon as possible

- Membership Directors and Adjutant: The Membership Award Pins applications have been mailed. This is a great opportunity to reward your members for "keeping us a growing organization" and serving our Community, State and Nation.
- National will be sending out Continuous Years Certificates
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- Department will be mailing out Baseball Kit order forms.
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- UPCOMING EVENTS:
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 - February 7th District Assembly at 7:30 at Mpls-Richfield Post 435
 - February 9th National Commander's Luncheon at Mpls-Richfield Post 435
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 - February 12th Legion Day at Timberwolves 2:30PM
 - February 12th Omelet Breakfast at Minneapolis Post 1
 - February 18th District Oratorical Contest at Mpls-Richfield
 - February 19th Omelet Breakfast at Post 435
 - February 26th Pancake Breakfast at Wold Chamberlain Post 99

Ray Eiden
Commander

Jim Munson
Adjutant