

**5<sup>th</sup> District American Legion**  
**E- Flash**  
**March, 2017**

FROM OUR COMMANDER RAY EIDEN:

We are currently in 10<sup>th</sup> place according to the Membership Report dated February 22, 2017. We are at 86.08% of goal and our next target date is March 8<sup>th</sup> when we should be at 90% of goal. Please bring membership to our District Assembly. We need to step it up a bit to hit that goal but we can do it! Call or send mailing to your unpaid members to get those renewals in. Also remember to check on Commander's Membership Push on MY [LEGION.ORG](http://LEGION.ORG). We currently have \$1150 for our District Project. The cost of the Clavinovas is \$2000 so we have another \$850 to raise. We will have 2 more fundraisers. The first one is Tuesday, March 7 at Wold-Chamberlain Post 99. It will be a spaghetti dinner starting at 5:00PM. This will precede our District Assembly at 7:30PM. Half of the proceeds will go toward our District Project. The other fundraiser will also be at Wold-Chamberlain. It will be another pancake and sausage breakfast on April 2<sup>nd</sup> from 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM. Any donations from Posts are welcome. Go to our district website, [WWW.MNFIGHTINGFIFTH.ORG](http://WWW.MNFIGHTINGFIFTH.ORG) and click on District Project and Events Calendar for more information. Our Testimonial Dinner is scheduled for April 15<sup>th</sup> at Post 1. More details to follow. It will be posted on the Events Calendar. A preliminary Convention call letter will be mailed out soon. Look for it as it will have the dates for this year's convention.

FROM GARY MARTIN:

Children and Youth reports have been received by Post Commanders, Adjutants or Children and Youth Chairman. Please complete and send by April 30<sup>th</sup> to:

Gary Martin  
3552 25<sup>th</sup> Avenue South  
Minneapolis, MN 55406

If your Post did not have any Children and Youth activities, please fill out the bottom portion of the report and send to me. We have 100 reporting for the past four years and let's make five years running. If you need any help with the report please contact me at [612-724-2935](tel:612-724-2935).

Post Service Officer/Rehabilitation Reports have been received by Post Commanders, Adjutants or Post Service Officer. Please complete and send by April 30<sup>th</sup> to Gary Martin at the address above.

FROM JIM MUNSON, ADJUTANT:

The Consolidated Post Report was established in 1975 in order to assist departments in the documentation of the various activities a specific post has done during the twelve month reporting period, June 1 through May 31. The Consolidated Post Report (CPR) may be the most important document your post will complete this year. Your Post's information, combined with that of other posts, is used when the National Commander and others testify on Capital Hill on behalf of all veterans. Each post has a story to tell and when we speak collectively our strength is magnified. Report forms have been mailed to all Posts and returned to Department. Or posts can complete on line.

Nominating Committee: The District Executive Committee will appoint a Nominating Committee consisting of nine legionnaires in good standing from the District at the March Executive Committee meeting. Please contact these members to present your nomination or nominations of elective f=officers may be made from the floor of the assembly/convention at which the election is held, whether it is at an annual convention, a regular membership assembly or a section election.

Legionnaire of the Year: This year we request that Posts nominate the 5<sup>th</sup> District Legionnaire of the Year. Any member of the District who has been or is doing outstanding work in or for the District may be nominated. The only excluded member is the current District Commander. Please contact any of the members on the committee: Jim Munson (chairman), Wayne Glanton, Gary Martin, Merv Becker, and Will Philipson. Nominations must be in by May 1, 2017

Annual Post Date Report: The annual Post Data Reports have been mailed to the Post Adjutants and must be completed and returned to Department by April 15<sup>th</sup>. This report gives Department and National updates on Post home, mailing address, telephone numbers, email addresses, websites and post meeting dates and time. Most important is that it tells National the amount the 2018 dues will be so that the renewal notices are correct.

The American Legion will celebrate its 98<sup>th</sup> birthday on March 15. Legion posts that plan to host a private or public event to commemorate this anniversary are encouraged to share it on: [www.legiontown.org](http://www.legiontown.org). An American legion birthday speech is available for Legion post to use during their celebration and can be downloaded at [www.legion.org/publications](http://www.legion.org/publications).

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On Feb. 4, 2017, Col. Lewis L. Millett Memorial Post 38, Seoul, South Korea, hosted a community-wide ceremony honoring the..

Received the following letter showing that the American Legion is serving our Community, State and Nation:

Subject: Packages for Deployed Soldiers

My name is Adam Dealing. I am the platoon sergeant for 2<sup>nd</sup> Platoon, Bravo Company 2 – 135<sup>th</sup> Infantry, based out of Rochester, MN. We are currently deployed in support of the Multinational Force Observers in Sinai, Egypt. We are grateful and appreciative of the multiple packages we received from the 5<sup>th</sup> American Legion District. The package contents were outstanding and very well received. With so many posts assigned to your district, the collective organization of all the collection, packaging and mailing must have been immense. Please extend our heartfelt thanks to those responsible for their hard work, generosity and personal time sacrificed on our behalf.

On behalf of my platoon, I sincerely thank you for the packages and wish you all a happy and safe holiday season

Adam T Dealing  
SSG, USA

The Minnesota Assistance Council for Veterans is hosting a free legal clinic for Veterans March 14, 2017 from 9:00AM until 2:00PM at the Minneapolis VA Medical Center.

#### Osman Shrine Circus

Free tickets to the St. Paul Osman Shrine Circus are available to Veterans, Military and their families. The circus will take place Thursday March 30<sup>th</sup> at 7:00PM at the Minnesota State Fairground. For tickets, contact SPC Kesselly at the Family Programs Office in Cottage Grove by phone at [\(651\) 282-4284](tel:6512824284). Free tickets are available for service members, veterans and their families on a first come first serve basis.

#### Camp Ripley – Veterans Registry

The Minnesota Military Museum wants your story for their “Veterans Registry” The registry is a statewide database containing information about the military service of Minnesota Veterans. A qualified Veteran is anyone who once served or is serving in the US military and was either born in Minnesota or lived in Minnesota. The Registry is easy to use and anyone can submit a Veterans story and pictures of the Veteran. This service is also free and a great way to preserve a record of your service for your family

Interested Veterans and individuals should visit [www: Minnesota Military Museum.org](http://www.MinnesotaMilitaryMuseum.org) and click on Veterans Registry. The Minnesota Military Museum is open seven days a week from May through September and Thursday and Fridays from October through April, with special tours coordinated at any time.

Upcoming Events:

March 7	District Fundraiser @ Wold Chamberlain
Post 99 –Spaghetti	Dinner 5:00 PM to 6:30 PM
March 7	District Assemble @ Wold Chamberlain
Post 99@	7:30 PM
March 15	Legion Baseball kits will be mailed out
March	Officer Reporting forms will be mailed to
Post from Department	
March	Packets for Trophies and Awards Pictorial
Year Book and History, Gold and Silver Brigades, and Recruiter	
of the Years	
March 12	Day Light Savings time begins. Spring
ahead one hour	
March 12	Omelet Breakfast at Mpls Post 1 8:30AM to
12:30 PM	
March 17	St Patrick’s Day. Luck of the Irish to all
March 19	Omelet Breakfast at Minneapolis-Richfield
Post 435	8:00 AM to noon
March 26	Pancake and Sausage Breakfast at Wold
Chamberlain Post 99	8:00 AM to noon

Thank you all for serving the Community, State, and National

Ray Eiden  
Commander

Jim Munson  
Adjutant