



The American Legion, Department of Minnesota, 5th District Family FLASH

2023 October 1

AMERICAN LEGION

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Open

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Fifth District American Legion Meeting Saturday October 9:30 AM Executive Board 10 AM American Legion Family Membership Meeting

Minneapolis Post 1 or via Zoom

(Shared with the Fraternal Order of Eagles)

2507 E 25th Street
Minneapolis, MN 55406

Click the link to view the map and directions: <https://goo.gl/maps/uqTTsm3NXtDtK1cLA>

Click link to join Zoom Meeting by
Computer, tablet or smartphone

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/>

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District Meetings will be on the first Saturday of the month. The dates are:

Saturday, November 4th

December Social

Saturday, January 20 Midwinter Conference

Saturday, February 10th

Saturday March 9th

Saturday, April 6th

Saturday May 4th

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MINNESOTA AMERICAN LEGION FAMILY FALL CONFERENCE

Friday October 27th and Saturday October 29th, 2023

Some committees meet on Thursday, October 26th!

Registration is open. Pre-purchase of meals (Friday Breakfast, Friday Lunch, and Saturday breakfast) is available as well. See the registration form on page



Next Fifth District ALA Meeting Saturday October 7th Minneapolis Post 1 or via Zoom

(Shared with the Fraternal Order of Eagles)
2507 E 25th Street
Minneapolis, MN 55406

Click to view map and directions: <https://goo.gl/maps/uqTTsm3NXtDtK1cLA>

Executive board meeting at 9:30 AM

General Membership Meeting at 10:00 AM with Fifth District American Legion Family
Questions, please contact Secretary Julie Martin at juliejmn@gmail.com

Topic: 5th District ALA Monthly Meeting for Executive board meeting, and **after** the Fifth District
American Legion Family meeting

Click to join Zoom Meeting with a computer, tablet, or smartphone

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88079759186?pwd=bDQ4aGczTzNIWW9rSTFjZ3ZJSUNTZz09>

Fifth District Officers

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2nd Vice President

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**MINNESOTA
AMERICAN LEGION
FAMILY
FALL
CONFERENCE**

The Detachment of Minnesota will have its Fall conference on:
Friday October 27th
Finance Board Meeting - 5:30 PM University Rm A
Grand March - 6:30 PM

Please bring donations for CWF Auction. All are welcome!



Department of MN ALR meeting
Saturday, October 28th, 2 PM
All are welcome!

Fifth District American Legion Family Meeting

All Sons of The American Legion and
American Legion Riders members
are invited to attend the Fifth District
Meeting on Saturday, October 7th at
10 AM at Post 1. See page 1 for
more information

Next District Riders Meeting Wednesday, October 11th at 7 PM

Knights of Columbus
Bloomington Event Center
1114 American Blvd W
Bloomington, MN 55431

5th District Family Meeting

Pull Tabs @ Noon



Great

New Agenda!

Kitchen Open - Full Bar



Oct. 7th 10am

Eagles Club

2501 E 25th Minneapolis



**MINNESOTA
AMERICAN LEGION
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2023 Fall Conference Official Registration

Mail to:

Minnesota American Legion Convention Corp.
P.O. Box 166
Princeton, MN 55371

Registration sliding fee:

Registration received by Oct. 14: \$15
Registration at mnlegion.org: \$15 + \$2.85 service fee
(Online registration is available until noon Oct. 25)
Registration at the door: \$25

Only the pre-registered will receive a booklet.

Registration fees are for each person attending, except for Junior SAL and Junior Auxiliary members. Please copy and send a separate form for each person attending. Everyone must pay the registration fee.

Checks only by mail; bank cards are accepted online. Please indicate "Fall Conference" on the memo line. Please make checks payable to:

Minnesota American Legion Convention Corp.

Conference dates:

Oct. 27-28, 2023
Various committees meet Oct. 26.

Contact the hotel directly for your reservations:

Headquarters hotel:
Best Western Plus Kelly Inn, St. Cloud
320-253-0606

Nearby hotels:
Courtyard by Marriott, St. Cloud
320-654-1661
Grand Stay Residential Suites St. Cloud
320-251-5400

District Post Unit Squadron

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Meals: Pre-purchased meals are available for \$15 each. The meals are breakfasts on Friday and Saturday and a lunch on Friday. Please indicate with your check which meals you desire. The deadline is Oct. 12. Meals are available to purchase at mnlegion.org until then, too.



Support our immigrant veterans

By Daniel J. Seehafer,
National Commander

September 20, 2023

Dear American Legion Family members and friends,

Every day, a group of 45,000 honorable servicemembers risk their lives to keep America safe. Their patriotism, selfless service and love for our country is no different than ours.

However, too often they find their path to U.S. citizenship a complicated, bureaucratic maze filled with uncertainty. And instead of becoming American citizens through their military service, these veterans are denied that opportunity and left to find a new homeland, or risk their life to return to their native country.

The American Legion supports H.R. 4569, the Veteran Service Recognition Act of 2023, which honors the sacrifices of our immigrant servicemembers by giving them enhanced opportunities to become U.S. citizens and preventing their unjust deportation from the country they swore an oath to defend.

Reps. Mark Takano, D-Calif., and Maria Elvira Salazar, R-Fla., are co-sponsoring the bipartisan legislation. In a letter I sent to them, I wrote, "Men and women who served honorably should not face undue barriers to citizenship or face deportation from the country they served or fought to defend. Congress must act to ensure our nation honors the service of non-citizen immigrants who have honorably served our nation."

As veterans, we owe it to our brothers and sisters who are caught in this quagmire. While our birthplaces may be different, our love of country is the same.

Join The American Legion in calling for Congress to streamline the process for immigrant veterans to more easily obtain their citizenship which they earned through their service to our country. [Sign up for our Grassroots Action Center](#) so you can easily contact your representative and encourage them to support this legislation.

Thank you for your support and your continued service to making this nation the greatest one on earth.

National Commander

Daniel J. Seehafer



Unit 435 Omelet Breakfast Fundraiser

Sunday October 8th
8 AM until we are out of food
or Noon,
whichever happens first!

\$13.00 for a custom made omelet,
hash-browns, toast, and drink
(coffee, juice, or milk)



New Location

Wold Chamberlain
American Legion Post 99
5600 S 34th Ave
Minneapolis, MN 55417

Wold Chamberlain American Legion Post 99 Family Fundraiser



Pancake & Sausage Breakfast Fundraiser

Sunday, October 22nd, 2023

8:00 am to Noon

Wold Chamberlain

American Legion Post #99

5600 34th Avenue South

Minneapolis, MN 55417

\$10.00 donation for adults

\$5.00 for children under 10 years of age

Eggs & Extra Sausage \$1.00 each





Fifth District American Legion Membership as of September 27, 2023

Department of Minnesota 2024 Membership
as of 9/27/23

District Summary Including all HQ Transfers

District	New	PUFL	Renewal	HQ Tran	Totals	Goal	% of Goal
1 MN Dist 0001 LGN	34	781	3,479	7	4,301	6,894	62.39
2 MN Dist 0002 LGN	38	571	2,738	7	3,354	5,403	62.08
3 MN Dist 0003 LGN	73	1,539	4,504	24	6,141	9,609	63.91
4 MN Dist 0004 LGN	9	256	858	4	1,127	1,711	65.87
5 MN Dist 0005 LGN	8	280	622	0	910	1,536	59.24
6 MN Dist 0006 LGN	88	1,057	4,901	29	6,075	9,430	64.42
7 MN Dist 0007 LGN	33	626	2,530	7	3,196	5,044	63.36
8 MN Dist 0008 LGN	25	301	1,536	7	1,869	3,128	59.75
9 MN Dist 0009 LGN	23	520	2,652	2	3,197	5,339	59.88
10 MN Dist 0010 LGN	57	907	3,481	39	4,484	7,466	60.06
11 MN Dist 0099 LGN	8	200	939	0	1,147	2,654	43.22
SUM:	396	7,038	28,240	126	35,801	58,214	61.5

MN Dist 0005 LGN

Post	Name	Location	New	PUFL	Renewal	HQ Tran	Totals	Goal	% of Goal
MN-0001	Minneapolis	Minneapolis	0	22	118	0	140	213	65.73
MN-0099	Wold-Chamberlain	Minneapolis	1	12	27	0	40	83	48.19
MN-0129	The Hellenic Inc	Minneapolis	0	11	22	0	33	55	60.00
MN-0230	North Side	Minneapolis	4	3	16	0	23	33	69.70
MN-0234	Vincent L Giantvalley	Minneapolis	0	4	0	0	4	50	8.00
MN-0291	Johnnie Baker	Minneapolis	0	3	13	0	16	24	66.67
MN-0310	Courthouse	Minneapolis	0	2	2	0	4	8	50.00
MN-0355	Bainbridge	Minneapolis	0	3	0	0	3	3	100.00
MN-0396	Minneapolis Fire And Po	Minneapolis	0	2	0	0	2	0	#DIV/0
MN-0435	Minneapolis-Richfield	Richfield	1	118	304	0	423	734	57.63
MN-0440	Gopher	Minneapolis	0	12	22	0	34	34	100.00
MN-0468	Joe Smith	Minneapolis	0	3	1	0	4	3	133.33
MN-0493	Viking Inc	Minneapolis	0	2	29	0	31	52	59.62
MN-0504	Bearcat Incorporated	Minneapolis	0	4	9	0	13	13	100.00
MN-0511	Aviation	Crystal	0	12	15	0	27	58	46.55
MN-0548	University Of Minnesota	Minneapolis	0	14	4	0	18	38	47.37
MN-0555	Arthur And Leonard Falk	Minneapolis	0	26	36	0	62	88	70.45
MN-0581	Herb Gager	Minneapolis	2	2	2	0	6	22	27.27
MN-0618	Longton	Minneapolis	0	24	0	0	24	24	100.00
MN-5222	Patrick M Novack	Minneapolis	0	1	2	0	3	1	300.00
SUM:			8	280	622	0	910	1,536	59.24



Fifth District American Legion Auxiliary Membership as of September 26, 2023

5TH DISTRICT								
	#	Unit Name	2024 DNO	2024 Period Gain Juniors	2024 Period Gain Seniors	2024 PUFL Members	2024 Paid Online Juniors	2024 Paid Online Seniors
5	1	Mpls-Unit #1	81					
5	99	Mpls-Wold Chamberlain	51		2			
5	129	Mpls-Hellenic	61					
5	234	Mpls-Giantvalley	63		3			
5	435	Mpls-Richfield	201					1
5	440	Mpls-Gopher	46					
5	511	Mpls-Aviation	19					
7		5th District Totals	522	0	5	0	0	1

5TH DISTRICT											
	#	Unit Name	2024 DNO	Period Gain Totals	Juniors To Date	Seniors To Date	To Date Totals	Percent	DNO/Date	ATH	Year
5	1	Mpls-Unit #1	81	0		4	4	4.94%		452	1989
5	99	Mpls-Wold Chamberlain	51	2		12	12	23.53%		355	1976
5	129	Mpls-Hellenic	61	0		1	1	1.64%		139	1974
5	234	Mpls-Giantvalley	63	3		13	13	20.63%		160	2004
5	435	Mpls-Richfield	201	1		10	10	4.98%		2203	1990
5	440	Mpls-Gopher	46	0		1	1	2.17%		204	1990
5	511	Mpls-Aviation	19	0			0	0.00%		39	2005
7		5th District Totals	522	6	0	41	41	7.85%			

Dues notices were issued from National recently so Units should see an increase in membership renewals being sent in very soon.



Fifth District American Sons of The American Legion Membership as of September 6, 2023

5th District								
Sqdrn.	Location	2023 Results (6/30/2023)	2024 Goal	Total at Dept	Rally Turn In	Grand Total	% of Goal	Date Goal Reached
1	Minneapolis	42	43	17		17	39.53%	
99	Wold-Chamberlain	18	19	0		0	0.00%	
129	Hellenic	0	1A	0		0	#VALUE!	
234	GiantValley	21	22	0		0	0.00%	
355	Bainbridge	0	1A	0		0	#VALUE!	
435	Richfield	170	171	42	1	43	25.15%	
440	Gopher	43	44	0	21	21	47.73%	
511	Aviation	3	4	0		0	0.00%	
555	Falldin	11	12	0		0	0.00%	
5th District Totals		308	315	59		59	18.73%	

Camp Ripley Open House - An open house for military families and people in the surrounding community. A great way of getting the American Legion Family name out into the community.



Harvest Membership Rally - Clockwise from right - Dist Commander Dick Ward, Dept Vice Commander Lynne Nottage, and Dept Membership Chair Pam Krill. Dept Commander Paul Hassing. SAL National Vice Commander Robert Bristo. Dept ALA Membership Chair Jenny Nelson. Dept Membership Chair Pam Krill. The Audience at the Rally.



Date	What	Location
Saturday October 7th	5th District Meetings	Minneapolis Post 1
Friday October 6th - Sunday, October 8th	SAL National Meetings	Indianapolis, IN
Monday October 9th - Thursday October 12th	TAL National Meetings	Indianapolis, IN
Saturday October 21st	Legionville Board Meeting	Legionville Education Center Brainerd
Friday October 27th - Saturday October 28th	Fall Conference	St. Cloud, MN
Saturday November 4th	5th District Meetings	Minneapolis Post 1
Saturday November 11 (1 PM)	Veterans Walk though Downtown St. Paul	Veterans Serice Building 20 West 12th Street
Saturday December 9th	Pearl Harbor Rall	Paynesville American Legion
December TBD	Fifth District Holiday Social	TBD
Saturday January 20th	Joint 4th and 5th District Midwinter Education Conference	Minneapolis Post 1
Saturday January 27th	St. Paul Winter Carnival Grand Day Parade	Gather at Arcade-Phalen American Legion before the parade.
Saturday February 3rd	Sweetheart Membership Rally	Forest Lake American Legion
Saturday February 10th	5th District Meetings	Minneapolis Post 1

Send in content that should be shared to
news@mnfightingfifth.org



Please have content sent to us by the 15th of each month. The plan will be to get the Fifth District Flash out 1 week prior to the next District Meeting.

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