



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

2023 October 30

AMERICAN LEGION

Fifth District Officers

Commander
Dick Ward

1st Vice Commander
Andru Peters

2nd Vice Commander
Open

3rd Vice Commander
Open

Adjutant
Ray Eiden

Finance
Dennis Delong

Chaplain
Andrew Rose Sr.

Sergeant-At-Arms
Open

Fifth District American Legion Meeting Saturday October

9:30 AM Executive Board

10 AM Fifth District American Legion Family Membership Meeting Joint Opening

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>

Join Zoom Meeting by clicking this link on you computer, tablet, or smartphone: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84026099828?pwd=EyAcGXIBHe9INQSZV6orsSa5FsVV70.1>

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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. Click link below if attending remotely for the joint session.

Questions, please contact Secretary Julie Martin at juliejmn@gmail.com

Join the Joint Opening Zoom Meeting by clicking this link on you computer, tablet, or smartphone: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84026099828?pwd=EyAcGXIBHe9INQSzV6orsSa5FsVV70.1>

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If you plan on attending the Fifth District ALA General session remotely, please contact Jill Davis (alajilldavis@gmail.com, 612-968-1172) to request a link.

Fifth District Officers

President
Cari Lamb

1st Vice President
Jill Davis

2nd Vice President
Deb Bayer

Secretary
Julie Martin

Treasurer
Becky Nelson

Chaplain
Mary Younkin



Fifth District Officers

Commander
Matt Verkuilen

1st Vice Commander
Robert Bristo

2nd Vice Commander
Scott Singleton

Adjutant
Shawn Davis

Finance
Leroy Gonzales

Chaplain
Pat Kiehl

SAA
Bob Stevens

The picture below is from the National ALR website. Do you see anyone familiar in the picture?



District representative
Joe Starr



Commander's Note Book



The Fighting 5th District of Minnesota

Family Meeting - November 4, 2023 10:00am
Minneapolis Post No. 1

This Month's Speakers



We'll learn about VSOs, The Minneapolis Vets Home and a presentation on Girl's State. Bring your Juniors!

Ray Kane
Veteran Service Officer
Department of Minnesota



Taylor McElroy
Honorary Jr. President
Department of Minnesota



Cheryl Garrison
Public Affairs Director
Minneapolis Veterans Home



Delta Air Lines MSP Veterans Business Resource Group Event

This annual Delta Air Lines event recognizes veterans, and, this year, is inviting Minnesota American Legion volunteers to help out.

Thursday, November 9 · 10am - 10:30pm CST
7500 Airline Drive Minneapolis, MN 55450

Click the link to reserve your volunteer stime slot, or scan the QR code:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/delta-air-lines-msp-veterans-business-resource-group-event-tickets-741528841727>



This is Delta's annual event to recognize its many employees who are veterans and servicemembers. The American Legion has been invited to assist. We seek Legion Family volunteers to assist with on Nov. 9. This also is an opportunity to grow our membership and have a very enjoyable experience behind the scenes of an airline.

There are four shifts available:

- 9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.: need 5 volunteers
- 1:30 p.m.-6 p.m.: need 5 volunteers
- 6 p.m.-11 p.m.: need 5 volunteers

The more volunteers, the merrier. The main point of contact for American Legion volunteers is Pam Krill. Register with Eventbrite to sign up as a volunteer. It's free. There are food trucks on site. We hear there is free cake involved, too. Each shift is at 11am (1st) 5pm (2nd) 10pm(3rd).

This event takes place at Hangars 5 & 6 Delta MX Facility, 7500 Airline Drive, Minneapolis. Review the map above for location.



Our gravest threat since World War II

By Daniel J. Seehafer, National Commander

October 25, 2023

Dear American Legion Family members and friends,

America is facing its most significant threats since World War II.

That isn't simple conjecture, or a political talking point. Multiple ongoing crises — compounded by the brutal Hamas terrorist attack against innocent men, women and children in their Israeli homes — bear this out.

While we continue to pray for Israel and especially for our fellow Americans who have lost their lives or are still being held hostage by terrorists, it's become increasingly clear that the world requires leadership to prevent these crises from spiraling into a world war. Among the threats:

- The heartbreaking crisis in Israel created by Hamas terrorists. More than 30 Americans have been killed. American hostages are still fighting for their freedom. And let us not forget the innocent Israeli lives lost in the most barbaric and reprehensible of circumstances.
- The role of Iran and Hezbollah. Iran's role in the Hamas terrorist attack is somewhat unclear but there are likely ties. Hezbollah, a stronger and more dangerous terrorist group than Hamas, is funded by Iran. The implications of Hezbollah and other terrorist organizations becoming more engaged in the war is extremely troubling as it could spread into a larger conflict. "Iran is supporting Russia in Ukraine, and it's supporting Hamas and other terrorist groups in the region," President Biden said last week.
- The targeting of U.S. troops. Anti-American sentiments and threats are growing in the Middle East just as there is an increase in U.S. troops in harm's way abroad.
- The Russia-China alliance. Russian President Vladimir Putin recently met with Chinese President Xi Jinping to further strengthen their anti-America alliance. In a new Foreign Affairs article, former Defense Secretary Robert Gates argues that both leaders believe America and other big democracies "are past their prime and have entered an irreversible decline." It doesn't take a defense expert to understand that when enemies sniff a weakness, they attack.
- The uncertainty of North Korea. Kim Jong Un, the volatile leader of North Korea, often orders testing of long-range, nuclear-capable missiles. Consider this from the article by Gates: in just two years, Russia, China, Iran and North Korea combined will have twice as many nuclear weapons as America.

Let me be clear: we are not in the business of fear-mongering. America remains the safest nation on earth, and we have your service to thank for that.

While the United States plays an important role in deterring the next world war, America needs steadfast leadership from its elected representatives in Washington, D.C., to ensure our nation's security from overseas threats.

These volatile situations are coalescing at a time when our Congress is engaged in politics over working for the good of the nation. The failure of the U.S. House to elect its speaker and the potential for a government shutdown in a matter of weeks is deeply troubling. It is imperative that the House of Representatives immediately push aside politics and elect a speaker so they may act against these threats.

Let's be steadfast in our support for America. Lend our voices to the chorus of those voicing support for our military. Call on Congress to lead, not squabble. And, most of all, join me in praying for the safety of our servicemembers — and their families — who are defending our nation as this cacophony of alarm bells grows even louder.

The Department of Minnesota Legion College – October 2023

Andru Peters
1st Vice Commander

From my perspective, one of the best-kept secrets of the American Legion is that Legion veterans not attending the Legion College held at Camp Ripley twice a year. When I first saw the “Call to attend the Legion College”, I had little interest in attending this educational event. With the strong suggestion from Commander Ward and members of the E-Board and strong urging I do consider attending this event, stating this would be a valuable forum to learn more about the American Legion and what the organization has to offer.

In short, WOW, I am glad I heeded their urgings by attending and did discover a fantastic forum in learning from the 12 concise, well-prepared educational sessions offered on how to manage and control a Legion Post.

In the opening “ice breaker event” I learned quickly and was pleasantly surprised that there were 22 participants, with 19 Legionnaires having ten (10) years or less membership in the Legion. Thinking with my 57 years of membership (greater than the combined time of the 19), maybe it is time for this ole’ timer to sit back and let these younger members speak out with their ideas and concerns. The other surprising statistic was this College was the first time there were participants from the Auxiliary, Sons of American Legion (SAL), Legion Riders (ALR), and of course the Legion.

From the first session, which Department speakers started to talk about the “Heart & Soul of the Legionnaire”? The major messages included: Give back to the Legion and fellow veterans; share your abilities; become involved in the Legion if you choose to; with emphasis of the Post to recognize, appreciate, and be accountable to our fellow Legionnaires.

The remaining eleven (11) subjects included: [1] Officer roles & responsibilities/leadership & mentorship; [2] Non-profit vs. for profit, code of conduct; [3] Post/District evaluation & revitalization, Consolidated Post Report (CPR); American Legion Programs; Resolutions; Parliamentary procedures, meeting protocol; Human resources-discrimination & harassment & relationships; conflict resolution; media & communications; Post Service Officer Training; and Fundraising w/o a Bar or gambling.

Of these eleven topics, the section on resolutions was well worth the time. Upon arrival, each attending received one of four colored packets which identified the team members. The session discussed the elements in writing a resolution, what to include, and formatting. Then the teams met and identified an issue the team would like to see changed and prepared a resolution to present to the class and if approved

sent up to respective departments. The four resolutions that were presented by each team to the attendees and the Department instructors were all approved to move forward. (NOTE: This is the first class to have ALL resolutions submitted and approved to move to Department). The four resolutions that may come out in future conventions include:

1. To Legion Dept – Endorsing the “Green Lite program” which authorizes to display an outdoor green light bulb one week preceding Veterans Day.
2. To Auxiliary Dept – Change in the cap colors to show member levels, like the Legion: (blue, “skunk cap”, white cap & red cap).
3. To SAL Dept – At all National conferences have an honor guard present to post & retire the colors.
4. To Legion Dept – Have National certificates with the pre-printed signature of the current National Commander to send out to Departments & Districts to use.

My final recommendation and thoughts to all Legion Posts in District #5, consider budgeting and sending one family member to the annual Legion College, the Legionnaire will learn more about what the Legion is all about. Another thought is to urge all Legionnaires to go online and take the Basic Training Class offered by the American Legion Education Institute. This certificate is a pre-requisite for attending the college.

. . . . and hopefully each of you, like myself will learn and echo, the “best-kept secret of the American Legion”.

Remember that The American Legion is a Non-Partisan Organization

If you want to address your legislators in Washington, DC and Saint Paul, MN about something like the government shutdown! – you should do so without addressing the fact that they are of one party or another.

Use only the facts, such as the national security of our country is jeopardized by the fact this group of individuals REFUSE to work together for the good of ALL Americans as they were elected to do. You can certainly say that you are a registered voter, a veteran and/or that you’re disappointed in the way this elected group is conducting themselves. Comparing them to a classroom of kindergartners may be true and/or amusing – it may be better to just let them know WE WILL NOT FORGET THIS AT THE NEXT ELECTION.

Volunteer registration opens for the National Oratorical Contest

Nov 1, 2023

The American Legion is looking for volunteers to help with the 2024 National High School Oratorical Contest Finals in April in Indianapolis. Needed volunteer positions include judges, escorts, and holding room and assigned topic room monitors. The National Oratorical Contest brings more than 53 high school youth from across the country deliver a speech on the U.S. Constitution. The support of many volunteers is needed to conduct the contest, which will provide more than \$203,500 in college scholarships. [To volunteer, fill out the form online here.](#)

Volunteers will be provided with specific contest details, a job responsibility and training. All expenses related to volunteering with the contest, such as travel, housing and food, are paid for by the volunteer.

Conduct Buddy Checks

Nov 11, 2023

[Download the Buddy Check Toolkit](#) to help you connect with Legionnaires and veterans in your community. As a way to reach out to members and former members who may need help, the National Executive Committee passed Resolution 18 during Spring Meetings in May 2019. The resolution calls for Buddy Checks to be conducted Legion-wide on the weeks of The American Legion’s birthday, March 15, and Veterans Day, Nov. 11.

How to safely file for and claim your PACT Act benefits

VA wants you to know there are some predatory companies, not recognized by VA, that are targeting you by offering to assist you with your VA benefit claim. These companies charge absurd fees or require you to pay a portion of your VA benefits. VA will never charge you to apply for the benefits you may be entitled to. If you think you're entitled to benefits, please review the following preventive measures to help guard against fraud and scams.

Apply directly to VA. If you plan to file a claim, you may submit your claim in person at any regional office or online. VA will help you gather the evidence you need to support your claim. There are no costs or hidden fees to file a claim for benefits.

Be cautious of media advertisements from companies who provide information about the recent changes in law for toxic-exposure benefit claims and suggest Veterans can only obtain VA benefits with their help. These companies may not be recognized with VA and may be trying to charge Veterans illegal fees. Use the VA Office of General Counsel (OGC) Accreditation Search (<https://www.va.gov/ogc/apps/accreditation/index.asp>) to confirm and validate the credentials of anyone offering claims assistance.

Do not sign a contract agreeing to pay an unauthorized company a fee to help you with your VA claim. There are accredited Veterans Service Organizations, agents and attorneys who may assist you.

Only VA-accredited agents and attorneys may charge Veterans for assistance on their VA claim, and only when they provide assistance in connection with a proceeding after VA has made an initial decision on a Veteran's claim. No individual or organization may charge a claimant a fee for filing an initial VA claim.

Be cautious of companies claiming to be contacting you on behalf of VA. Contact VA directly at 1-800-827- 1000 if you are unsure about the authenticity of a message you've received.

Review all documents thoroughly. Never sign a blank form for someone else to complete later. They should always review the completed form before signing and retain a copy of the completed form for their records.

Veterans and survivors who think they might be eligible should apply for PACT Act benefits right now. Go to www.va.gov/PACT or call 1-800- MYVA411 for more information.

If you are ever uncertain about a contact or believe you or someone you know is a victim of VA benefits scams, please contact the VA Office of Inspector General at (OIG) Hotline (www.va.gov).

If you suspect a company is using predatory practices, file a complaint with the Federal Trade Commission and the Better Business Bureau. For more information on how to avoid scams, go to <https://www.fcc.gov/veterans-targeted-benefits-scams>

Election Day Nov 7, 2023

Election Day is Nov. 8, a time when American Legion Family members and other voters will head to the polls to uphold a constitutional right and civic responsibility. The American Legion's [Get Out the Vote program](#) encourages all Americans to register and vote in each election, as well as for Legion Family members to be involved in the electoral process. You can do this by registering voters, volunteering at the polls, using social media to share information about poll locations and times, and hosting or participating in



Unit 435 Omelet Breakfast Fundraiser

Sunday November 12
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, November 26th, 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



S.A.V.E.: Teaching communities how to help Veterans at risk for suicide

S.A.V.E. will help you act with care and compassion if you encounter a Veteran who is in suicidal crisis.

- **S**igns of suicidal thinking should be recognized
- **A**sk the most important question of all
- **V**alidate the Veteran's experience
- **E**ncourage treatment and Expedite getting help

Who: American Legion family and community members

What: VA S.A.V.E. Suicide Prevention training

Where: Post 172: Osseo/Maple Grove, 260 4th Ave. SE., Osseo, MN

When: Thursday Nov. 30, 2023, from 5:00 - 6:00 pm

Bonus: Wings will be provided. You will have the option to buy an adult beverage at the bar.

Everyone has a role to play in preventing suicide

Veteran's Coffee Talk

Do you need someone who will listen?

BE THE ONE

TO **ASK** VETERANS IN YOUR LIFE HOW THEY ARE DOING.

Veteran to Veteran!

TO **LISTEN** WHEN A VETERAN NEEDS TO TALK.

TO **REACH** OUT WHEN A VETERAN IS STRUGGLING.

We are here to support
veterans and their families!



Connect!

We Listen!

We meet every Tuesday at 9:00 am
Veteran's Resource and Empowerment Center
(aka ETS)
Meeting is in the gym on the 2nd floor
5402 43rd Ave S, Minneapolis, MN 55417

Free!

Engage!

Need more info? Send questions to CoffeeTalk.TwinCities.MN@gmail.com



Veteran's Walk

Saturday
November 11, 2023
1:00 PM



Saint Paul Post 8, American Legion, invites ALL VETERANS and their friends & family to join us for a Veteran's Day walk.



We will depart at 1:00 pm from under the Veteran's Service Building, [20 West 12th Street](#). This is at the south end of the "Mall" at the Minnesota State Capitol.



The walk will be on the sidewalks of downtown Saint Paul.

We will walk down St Peter Street to Kellogg Boulevard and then back up Wabasha Street to return to the Veterans Service Building.

Walkers are encouraged to bring a flag of any size to carry while walking.

Call friends and invite them to walk with you!

Honor all veterans – living and dead!

Department of Minnesota 2024 Membership
as of 10/18/23

District Summary Including all HQ Transfers

	District	New	PUFL	Renewal	HQ Tran	Totals	Goal	% of Goal
1	MN Dist 0001 LGN	43	781	3,773	7	4,604	6,894	66.78
2	MN Dist 0002 LGN	45	572	3,189	9	3,815	5,403	70.61
3	MN Dist 0003 LGN	92	1,541	4,977	26	6,636	9,609	69.06
4	MN Dist 0004 LGN	14	255	917	4	1,190	1,711	69.55
5	MN Dist 0005 LGN	14	281	674	0	969	1,536	63.09
6	MN Dist 0006 LGN	119	1,057	5,524	38	6,738	9,430	71.45
7	MN Dist 0007 LGN	43	627	2,790	9	3,469	5,044	68.77
8	MN Dist 0008 LGN	30	302	1,643	8	1,983	3,128	63.40
9	MN Dist 0009 LGN	28	520	2,977	3	3,528	5,339	66.08
10	MN Dist 0010 LGN	71	907	3,851	43	4,872	7,466	65.26
11	MN Dist 0099 LGN	15	200	1,070	0	1,285	2,654	48.42
	SUM:	514	7,043	31,385	147	39,089	58,214	67.15

MN Dist 0005

Post	Name	Location	New	PUFL	Renewal	HQ Tran	Totals	Goal	% of Goal
MN-0001	Minneapolis	Minneapolis	0	22	120	0	142	213	66.67
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	15	0	19	50	38.00
MN-0291	Johnnie Baker	Minneapolis	0	3	15	0	18	24	75.00
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	7	118	330	0	455	734	61.99
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	33	0	35	52	67.31
MN-0504	Bearcat Incorporated	Minneapolis	0	4	9	0	13	13	100.00
MN-0511	Aviation	Crystal	0	12	17	0	29	58	50.00
MN-0548	University Of Minnesota	Minneapolis	0	14	4	0	18	38	47.37
MN-0555	Arthur And Leonard Falk	Minneapolis	0	27	37	0	64	88	72.73
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
			14	281	674	0	969	1,536	63.09

"Cruising the Sea for Members!"

DISTRICT	# of Units	Goal	Period Gain	Membership To Date	Percent of Goal	Membership Last Year	Difference from Last Year
One	47	3,762	364	1,124	29.88%	10/18/2022 1287	163
Two	71	3,890	286	1,086	27.92%	1028	-58
Three	46	3,882	228	1,006	25.91%	1127	121
Four	7	579	91	197	34.02%	196	-1
Five	7	522	3	55	10.54%	177	122
Six	61	5,031	553	1,669	33.17%	1633	-36
Seven	53	2,955	167	635	21.49%	604	-31
Eight	19	1,185	243	445	37.55%	452	7
Nine	46	3,348	375	902	26.94%	1205	303
Ten	42	3,812	378	1,082	28.38%	987	-95
1982 Dept	1	404	61	164	40.59%	146	-18
District Totals:	400	29,370	2,749	8,365	28.48%	8842	477

Group 1 (Even)	200	14,497	1,551	4,479	30.90%	4,296	-183
<i>Robin Dorf</i>							
Group 2 (Odd)	199	14,469	1,137	3,722	25.72%	4,400	678
<i>Judy Ackerman</i>							



RANKINGS

1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th	10th
37.55%	34.02%	33.17%	29.88%	28.38%	27.92%	26.94%	25.91%	21.49%	10.54%
District #8	District #4	District #6	District #1	District #10	District #2	District #9	District #3	District #7	District #5



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					
5	129	Mpls-Hellenic	61					
5	234	Mpls-Giantvalley	63					1
5	435	Mpls-Richfield	201					2
5	440	Mpls-Gopher	46					
5	511	Mpls-Aviation	19					
7		5th District Totals	522	0	0	0	0	3

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	5	5	5	6.17%		452	1989
5	99	Mpls-Wold Chamberlain	51	0	12	12	12	23.53%		355	1976
5	129	Mpls-Hellenic	61	0	1	1	1	1.64%		139	1974
5	234	Mpls-Giantvalley	63	1	18	18	18	28.57%		160	2004
5	435	Mpls-Richfield	201	2	16	16	16	7.96%		2203	1990
5	440	Mpls-Gopher	46	0	3	3	3	6.52%		204	1990
5	511	Mpls-Aviation	19	0			0	0.00%		39	2005
7		5th District Totals	522	3	0	55	55	10.54%			



NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION

October 19, 2023

TO: NATIONAL OFFICERS, DETACHMENT COMMANDERS & ADJUTANTS
FROM: ANTHONY W. WRIGHT (PA), NATIONAL ADJUTANT
SUBJECT: 25% - MEMBERSHIP TARGET DATE

“CONGRATULATIONS”

Thank you for all your efforts so far this membership year. Our standings as of our 25% membership target date (10-18-2023) are posted below:

2024 Membership Goal: **382,111**
Total Membership: **101,756**
Percentage of Goal: **26.63%**
Detachments making Goal: **40**

ALABAMA	GEORGIA	LATIN AMERICA	NEBRASKA	OREGON	UTAH
ARKANSAS	HAWAII	LOUISIANA	NEVADA	PUERTO RICO	VERMONT
CALIFORNIA	IDAHO	MARYLAND	NEW HAMPSHIRE	RHODE ISLAND	VIRGINIA
COLORADO	ILLINOIS	MINNESOTA	NEW JERSEY	SOUTH CAROLINA	WISCONSIN
CONNECTICUT	INDIANA	MISSISSIPPI	NORTH CAROLINA	SOUTH DAKOTA	WYOMING
FLORIDA	IOWA	MISSOURI	NORTH DAKOTA	TENNESSEE	
FRANCE	KANSAS	MONTANA	OKLAHOMA	TEXAS	

GREAT JOB!!

The remaining detachments should achieve this membership goal soon!

NEXT SCHEDULED RENEWAL NOTICE MAILED: **MARCH 25 - 29, 2024 (2 OF 3)**

NEXT MEMBERSHIP TARGET DATE: **NOVEMBER 15, 2023 (35%)**

RENEWAL IS THE KEY TO MEMBERSHIP SUCCESS
MEMBERSHIP IS EVERYONE'S RESPONSIBILITY



DETACHMENT OF MINNESOTA

2024 MEMBERSHIP TOTALS

Report Date: 10/18/2023

2023 Results as of 6/30/2023	10906
Current Received as of 10/18/2023	987
2024 Detachment Goal	11139

8.86% *Includes traditional and online renewals
0 #DIV/0! set from national

Vice Commanders	2023 Results	2024 Goal	Current at Dept.	Percentage	Placing
1st and 3rd	3705	3778	1098	29.06%	1
2nd and 7th	2010	2067	270	13.06%	5
4th and 5th	656	669	150	22.42%	2
6th and 9th	2462	2513	533	21.21%	3
8th and 10th	2073	2114	322	15.23%	4
Totals	10906	11141	2373	21.30%	

*The above goals are set by the District Leadership

Districts	2023 Results	2024 Goal	Current at Dept.	Percentage	Placing
1st District	1646	1683	424	25.19%	4
2nd District	1150	1187	157	13.23%	7
3rd District	2059	2095	674	32.17%	2
4th District	348	354	43	12.15%	9
5th District	308	315	107	33.97%	1
6th District	1580	1611	295	18.31%	5
7th District	860	880	113	12.84%	8
8th District	480	490	25	5.10%	10
9th District	882	902	238	26.39%	3
10th District	1593	1624	297	18.29%	6
Totals	10906	11141	2373	21.30%	

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2024 Original Goal	Percentage	Ranking
3996	27.48%	1
2273	11.88%	5
761	19.70%	2
2707	19.69%	3
2209	14.57%	4

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2024 Original Goal	Percentage	Ranking
1795	23.62%	4
1302	12.06%	7
2201	30.62%	1
390	11.03%	9
372	28.79%	2
1715	17.20%	6
970	11.65%	8
509	4.91%	10
993	23.97%	3
1701	17.46%	5

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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	21		21	48.84%	
99	Wold-Chamberlain	18	19	14		14	73.68%	
129	Hellenie	0	1A	0		0	#VALUE!	
234	GiantValley	21	22	1		1	4.55%	
355	Bainbridge	0	1A	0		0	#VALUE!	
435	Richfield	170	171	68	1	69	40.35%	
440	Gopher	43	44	1	21	22	50.00%	
511	Aviation	3	4	1		1	25.00%	
555	Falldin	11	12	1		1	8.33%	
5th District Totals		308	315	107		107	33.97%	

Date	What	Location
Saturday November 4th	5th District Meetings	Minneapolis Post 1
Thursday November 9th	Delta Airlines Veteran Event	MSP Airport Hangers 5 & 6
Saturday November 11 (1 PM)	Veterans Walk though Downtown St. Paul	Veterans Serice Building 20 West 12th Street
Sunday November 12th	Unit 435 Omelet Breakfast	Wold Chamberlain Post 99
Sunday November 26th	Post 99 AYCE Pancake Breakfast	Wold Chamberlain Post 99
Thursday November 30th	SAVE Training	Osseo-Maple Grove Post 172
Saturday December 9th	Pearl Harbor Rally	Paynesville American Legion
December TBD	Fifth District Holiday Social	TBD
January TBD	Joint 4th and 5th District Midwinter Education Conference	TBD
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

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