



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

2024 February

## AMERICAN LEGION

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Open

**3rd Vice Commander**

Open

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Dennis Delong

**Chaplain**

Andrew Rose Sr.

**Sergeant-At-Arms**

Open

## Fifth District American Legion meeting

**Saturday, February 10th**

**9:30 AM Executive Board**

**10 AM Fifth District 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>

### Join Zoom Meeting

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85788452974?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85788452974?pwd=VlhwK0NEK0puQ1JiQTJBMTBBVDB3Zz09)  
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## February is Americanism Month and Black History Month

### [Share your plans to celebrate Black History Month](#)

February is Black History Month. Nationwide, American Legion Family members commemorate by hosting or participating in events that honor Black servicemembers and educate the public about the roles they played in military history and today. Click the link above to learn more.

The American Legion wants to hear how your Legion Family is celebrating Black History Month, as well as see stories and photos from veterans and their loved ones. You can share on the Legiontown platform (<https://www.legiontown.org/categories>) under categories ranging from My Time in Uniform to Memories of Basic Training. These contributions honor the sacrifices of Black servicemembers such as the Buffalo Soldiers, the Harlem Hellfighters and the Tuskegee Airmen, as well as the men and women who honorably serve their nation today.

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# Next Fifth District ALA meeting

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9:30 AM Executive Board

10 AM Fifth District Meeting

Minneapolis Post 1

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2507 E 25th Street

Minneapolis, MN 55406

## 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



**District representative**

Joe Starr

## January Trivia Answers

1. What is the average age of an American Legion Member? 67 years old

2. When did the poppy become the official flower of the American Legion?  
September 27, 1920

For more information please visit <https://www.legion.org/poppyday/history>

## February Trivia

1. Who was the first black American whose actions resulted in the Medal of Honor?

2. What is the oldest program the American Legion recognizes under Americanism?



## Next Fifth District SAL meeting

Saturday February 10th

Join the Legion meeting at 10 AM, SAL meeting will follow the end of the Legion meeting

Minneapolis Post 1

(Shared with the Fraternal Order of Eagles)

2507 E 25th Street



Additional pictures from the 2024 Mid-Winter Conference are available on page 16.



## **Unit 435 Omelet Breakfast Fundraiser**

Sunday February 11  
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



## Daniel J. Seehafer to be keynote speaker at Veterans Day on the Hill

ST. PAUL — The national commander of The American Legion is coming to Veterans Day on the Hill.

American Legion Department of Minnesota Adjutant Mike Maxa coordinates the National Commander’s Tour with posts across the state. This year, the tour runs from northwest Minnesota through the center of the state and ends in the Cities. It stops in the 3rd, 4th, 7th, 9th and 10th districts.

The tour delivers National Commander Daniel J. Seehafer to Veterans Day on the Hill in St. Paul. Seehafer is slated to speak at the annual legislative gathering. The event launches from the St. Paul Armory and finishes at the Minnesota State Capitol. It brings together about 600 to 700 veterans from several veterans organizations.

“Never before has the schedules for the National Commander’s Tour and Veterans Day on the Hill matched up,” Maxa said. “We already know Seehafer likes to talk about legislative matters, so it couldn’t be a better combo. It will be good for Legion and non-Legion veterans to hear what we are about — helping veterans and strengthening America,” Maxa said.

Seehafer is a Midwest guy, too, said Department Membership Director Pam Krill.

“We haven’t had a national commander from our neck of the woods since Denise Rohan served back in 2017-18. She’s from Wisconsin, too,” Krill said. “Before that, we had Michael Helm of Nebraska in 2014-15.”

Seehafer’s home post is Post 157 in Horicon, Wis. He is a past American Legion national chaplain and a past Department of Wisconsin commander.

Maxa, Krill, Department Commander Paul Hassing and Communications Director Tim Engstrom will depart from Bloomington Post 550 on Sunday, April 14, in the Post 550 shuttle bus, and arrive at Hector International Airport in Fargo to pick up Seehafer and Commander’s Aide Mike Rohan. He is the husband of Past National Commander Denise Rohan.

The first stop is that evening, with dinner and a program at Moorhead Post 21.

On Monday, April 15, the tour visits the Fergus Falls Veterans Home, followed by a luncheon and a program at Fergus Falls Post 30. That evening, dinner and program will take place at Willmar Post 167.

Breakfast and a program on Tuesday, April 16, are at Howard Lake Post 145. Le Center Post 108 will host a lunch and a program. That evening, Golden Valley Post 523 hosts dinner and a program.

Veterans Day on the Hill is Wednesday, April 17. The national commander will spend time that morning with the Minnesota Department of Veterans Affairs staff at the Veterans Service Building, before heading over to the St. Paul Armory, where he is the keynote speaker after lunch.

Later in the day, the National Commander’s Tour stops at the Minneapolis VA Medical Center for a briefing and a tour.

Seehafer and Rowan fly out the morning of Thursday, April 18, to their next state tour.

### American Legion National Commander’s Tour

Please call or email to reserve your spot.

Location	Meal	Time	Contact
<b>Sunday, April 14</b> Moorhead Post 21	dinner*	6 p.m.	701-261-6973 (Tim Haugen)
<b>Monday, April 15</b> Fergus Falls Post 30 Willmar Post 167	lunch dinner*	noon 6 p.m.	218-736-2708 (Post) 320-235-8136 (Post)
<b>Tuesday, April 16</b> Howard Lake Post 145 Le Center Post 108 Golden Valley Post 523	breakfast lunch dinner*	8:15 a.m. noon 6 p.m.	320-543-2904 (Jean Schmidt) 507-357-4787 (Post) 480-695-6574 (Erika Fossen)

**Wednesday, April 17**  
Veterans Day on the Hill  
keynote speaker  
\* includes 5 p.m. social hour

doors open 10 a.m. Open to all veterans and their supporters, at St. Paul Armory  
lunch 11:30 a.m.

# ***Wold Chamberlain American Legion Post 99 Family Fundraiser***



## **Pancake & Sausage Breakfast Fundraiser**

**Sunday, February 25th, 2024**

8:00 am to Noon

Wold Chamberlain

American Legion Post #99

5600 34<sup>th</sup> 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





## CONVENTION ADVERTISING REQUEST 2024 American Legion Fifth District Convention

Greetings from the Fifth District American Legion Family!

Each year, the Fifth District of the American Legion Family holds a district convention bringing together members from around our district as well as members from around the state of Minnesota for a time of fellowship, training, and updates for the good of our American Legion Posts, Auxiliary Units, Sons of the American Legion Squadrons, and Legion Riders Chapters. We are reaching out as we prepare for our next convention with requests for advertising space within our convention booklet and would appreciate your consideration.

This convention booklet will be available to all attendees and will also be available on our website for those who are unable to attend. It is a great opportunity for our members to be able to see your support for the American Legion Family and to support veterans and their families through our many programs.

If you are not aware, the American Legion Family is the largest wartime veterans service organization with nearly 2 million members and more than 12,000 posts in communities throughout America. The American Legion, established by an act of Congress in 1919, was instrumental in getting the original GI Bill through Congress and the creation of the Department of Veterans Affairs.

Today, the organization is active throughout the United States, supporting current military personnel and veterans, sponsoring American Legion Baseball, Boys State, Oratorical Contests, and other activities for youth, and pushing for the adoption of a constitutional amendment to prohibit desecration of the U.S. flag. In 2022 alone, 1.1 million dollars was raised nationally for the American Legion Legacy Scholarship Fund for example. This scholarship provides college funding to children of post-9/11 veterans who have died on active duty or have a VA disability rating of 50% or higher. In addition to that, more than 8 million volunteer hours were spent nationally in 2022 specifically helping veterans, their families, and our communities.

Locally, our American Legion Family is involved in many activities including youth programs, honor guard and funeral honors for our veterans, support for veterans and their families through grants and emergency assistance, through visitation and fellowship during the holidays and throughout the year, as well as direct support for our communities that we are located in.

**Advertising information can be found on the attached form.** We also would be happy to design a professional quality ad for you (with your consultation and content) for an additional \$10 to the ad price.

As a veteran organization, the American Legion is recognized as a 501(c)19 organization. Your contribution to our convention book is therefore tax-deductible. Should you have any questions regarding your advertising donation or the American Legion Family, please feel free to reach out to the contact on the form.

Thank you for your consideration and support of the American Legion Family.

Fifth District American Legion Convention Committee



**CONVENTION ADVERTISING REQUEST**  
 2024 American Legion Fifth District Convention

Please complete this form for all advertising donations. A letter acknowledging this donation will be sent after the conclusion of the convention. Thank you for supporting the American Legion Fifth District and our programs!

**CONTACT INFORMATION**

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 Company Name

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- Full Page Ad (8" x 10") - \$150    
  Half Page Ad (8" x 5") - \$100    
  Quarter Page Ad (4" x 5") - \$75  
 Supporter Ad - \$25    
  Custom Ad Design – add \$10

Advertisements must be submitted no later than May 10 to be included in the program. If submitting your advertisement artwork via email, please submit in one of the following image file types: .ai, .eps, .psd, .pdf, .tif, .jpeg, .jpg, .png. All advertisements will be color in the online version and greyscale in the print version. The American Legion, Department of Minnesota Fifth District reserves the right to redesign any advertisement due to required formatting or licensing issues.

Please email artwork to: [convention@mnfightingfifth.org](mailto:convention@mnfightingfifth.org)

Should you have any questions regarding your advertisement or donation, please contact Matthew Verkuilen at (651) 336-1154 or by email at [convention@mnfightingfifth.org](mailto:convention@mnfightingfifth.org).

**PAYMENT METHOD**

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 The American Legion Fifth District, Attn: Dennis DeLong, 10514 Bloomington Fwy, Bloomington MN 55431

Received by: \_\_\_\_\_ Post/Auxiliary/Squad # \_\_\_\_\_

# From the 4th District

## The Winter Carnival Parade – Nailed It!!

The day started above zero – a LOT above zero, like 30! Arcade Phalen Post 577 filled up with enough marchers for 2 buses. Everyone was excited as we arrived at the parade route and at 2:00 the fun began. Carrying flags and banners, onlookers stood in respect to the colors, saluting or covering their hearts, and shouts of “Thank you!” were heard throughout. Also heard were shouts within the ranks of “God Bless America!” causing the entire group to reissue the phrase, it was special indeed! St. Paul Post 8 distributed over 1,000 (1,068 to be exact) small American Flags to the delight of the crowd. We returned to the post for a light hot lunch and the Master of Ceremonies Carroll Bird Patridge took us through the next couple of hours. Almost every post in the district was represented, with a LOT of 5th District members and special attendees 10th District Commander Matt Berens and 10th District President Anne Steffen. We were blessed by a large contingent of the Blue Star Mothers of America – Department of Minnesota who marched with us and carried large photos of their warrior sons and daughters. To say it was an overwhelming success would just not do it justice – this day was PERFECT!

For more pictures go to:  
<https://flic.kr/s/aHBqjBcwcd>



## Blood Drive Saturday March 9th

The Hellenic Squadron 129 blood drive is scheduled for Saturday March 9th from 11:00 to 4:00 at St Mary's Church.

The SAL will also provide a pancake breakfast to all donors who show up for their scheduled appointments. Please make your reservation here.

[https://www.mbcherohub.club/donor/schedules/drive\\_schedule/72914](https://www.mbcherohub.club/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/72914)



# CALLING ALL *LOCAL HEROES*

## Hellenic Squadron 129 Blood Drive

Saturday March 9

11 AM – 4 PM

St. Mary's Greek Orthodox Church

3450 Irving Ave S

Minneapolis, MN 55408

**NO TRAINING REQUIRED**



**Memorial  
BLOOD CENTERS**

#SaveLives    

Save time and complete your health history questionnaire online on the day of your donation at [MBC.ORG/DONATE](https://MBC.ORG/DONATE) • Bring ID • Eat before donating  
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# “House Veterans & Military Affairs Finance & Policy Committee Summary of MN Legislative 2023 Session”

This is your District #5 1<sup>st</sup> Vice commanders’ Summary on the Legislative Report for the House & Senate Veterans & Military Affairs Finance & Policy Committee for Legislative Session 2023.

## Submitted Bills Summary:

Number of 2023 House Bills submitted = 45

Number of 2023 Senate Bills submitted = 72

Number of Bills were Companion sets = 29

**NOTE:** My perspective with a reduced number of companion bill sets processed for the 2023 session, one reason few veterans bills were submitted to the Governor for signing.

## Summary of Bills:

### 1. Allied Charities Capitol Rally for E-TAB Games

a. Allied Charities conducted on April 26, 2023, endorsed by the American Legion, a Rally in the lower Rotunda for the 30 attendees to take this message to the legislators

#### [1] Key Legislation

[a] HF 1938 declaring pull tab games be illegal (the bill was discussed in the Senate Tax Committee

[b] SF 1811, (this was a 300+ page omnibus bill) which revealed the pull tab games language was deleted

#### [2] I attended this Rally and met with 12 legislators

[a] Met with 10 Senate legislators, one being a Democrat,

[b] Met with one Representative being a Democrat,

[c] All Legislators’ suggestion for bill passage, is for each Legionnaire to submit a written, letter or e-mail to their District Legislator, one named person only on each letter.

### 2. District #5 (Post #1) submitted Resolutions for approval at District #5 Convention

a. Stand Alone Veterans’ omnibus bill (13 April 2023) support, supporting the Constitution, Article IV “laws to embrace only one subject”,

b. Amend the Consolidated Post Report (CPR) (9 Jan 2024) by adding to the Internal Affairs & Membership Item 123 – members completing the on-line basic training course and Item 124 – members completing the Legion College class.

### 3. Strengthening the single subject requirement.

a. Bills: HF 1591 & companion bill SF 1543 strengthening the single subject bill to approve and place on the 2024 MN ballot to change the Constitution.

### 4. Combined Net Receipts Tax & Flat Tax rate expanded, eliminate combined net receipts gambling tax.

a. Bills include: HF 838 (Garofalo) – Expands the flat Tax rate and eliminates the combined net receipts tax.

b. HF 163 (Davids) - Expands the flat Tax rate and eliminates the combined net receipts tax.

c. SF 2930 (Drazkowski) - Expands the flat Tax rate and eliminates the combined net receipts tax.

d. SF 2931 (Drazkowski) - Expands the flat Tax rate and eliminates the combined net receipts tax.

e. HF 285 (Robbins) – Repeals the taxes on all lawful gambling receipts

f. SF 187 (Abeler) – Modifies combined net receipt taxes – Reduces the imposed tax for each revenue bracket.

- g. SF 1435 (Nelson) – modifies combined net receipts tax by modifying the calculation for the stadium reserve.
5. Property Tax Exemption
    - a. SF 121 (Nelson) submitted to establish a property tax exemption for congressionally chartered veteran service organizations.
    - b. HF 446 (Davids) - to establish a property tax exemption for congressionally chartered veteran service organizations.
  6. Use gross profits from lawful gambling for repair, maintenance or improvement of real property.
    - a. SF 1869 (Howe) – authorize use of gambling funds for repair, and maintenance.
  7. Veterans service organizations funding of \$2,000,000
    - a. HF 297 (Newton) – Veterans affairs commissioner to make grants to congressionally chartered veterans service organizations. For compliance to the American Disability Act (ADA), one time appropriation.
    - b. SF 2118 (Lang) - Veterans affairs commissioner to make grants to congressionally chartered veterans service organizations. For compliance to the American Disability Act (ADA), one time appropriation.

**COMMENT:** Legion Post’s #99, Post #129, Post #581 and other District #5 Posts; please contact the VA and apply for these grants.
  8. Use gross profits from lawful gambling for repair, maintenance or improvement of real property.
    - a. SF 1869 (Howe) – authorize use of gambling funds for repair, maintenance.
  9. Veterans Programs & services
    - a. SF 1509 (Mitchell) – Funds for Honor Guards compensation for honor guards at funerals of veterans.
  10. Use gambling receipts to pay for building rent
    - a. SF 3104 (Housley) – use gross profits for payment of rent to a business.

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## District and/or Department positions

Have you ever thought about getting more involved at the District or even Department Level of the American Legion?

If so, please talk to Lynn Nottage, Dick Ward, or Ray Eiden.

They can help you understand the various positions and how to move to the next level of leadership.

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## BUY ME SOME GIFT CARDS...NOT!!

Scam emails purporting to be from the Department of Minnesota American Legion Commander have been circulating recently asking for gift cards. Rest assured the real Commander Paul Hassing would never make such requests. To tell these scam emails apart from official emails, look at the **email address** rather than just the displayed sender name. Official Commander emails would come from an **@mnlegion.org** email account, not other domains like Gmail or Yahoo. Delete any suspicious message claiming to be from Commander Hassing requesting financial assistance or gift cards.



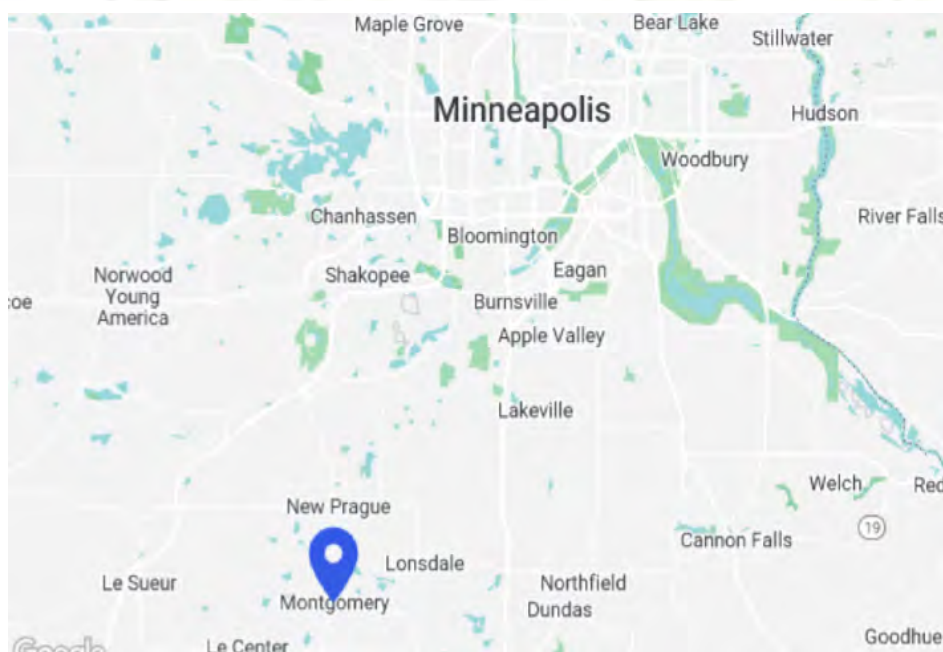
Saturday, March 2

# Minnesota American Legion Family Appreciation Rally 2024

The Appreciation Rally is a time for showing appreciation for membership efforts and to recharge our batteries through camaraderie.

## American Legion Post 79

102 Elm Ave. SW Montgomery MN 56069, MN 56069



## Date and time

 Saturday, March 2 · 4 - 7pm CST

4 p.m. social hour

4 p.m. membership turn-in

5 p.m. meal

The program follows meal. Meal cost is \$20. <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/minnesota-american-legion-family-appreciation-rally-2024-tickets-820104624007>

The meal is a three-meat Mexican meal buffet, with the ability to make tacos, burritos and salads. The meal is by Chef Dan of Taco Terco.



MINNESOTA STATE AMERICAN LEGION FAMILY  
BOWLING ASSOCIATION

78TH ANNUAL

**BOWLING**

*Tournament*



**APRIL 6TH - APRIL 28TH, 2024**

SCAN QR CODE  
FOR MORE INFORMATION



<https://mnlegion.org/bowling-tournament/>

# VETERANS DAY ON THE HILL 2024

**WHEN:**  
**APRIL 17TH, 2024**

**DAV of MN Presents:**  
**Free Veterans and Supporters Lunch**

**Doors Open @ 10:00AM FOR COFFEE  
LUNCH @ 11:30AM**

(One Block from Capitol at 600 Cedar Street, St. Paul)

**Veterans March to the Rally @ 1:00pm**

(Short Walk from Armory to State Veterans Service Building  
20 West 12th St, St. Paul )

**CTF, UVLC, and MACVSO Present:**  
**Rally in the Rotunda 1:15-2:00pm**



**ANY QUESTIONS PLEASE CONTACT-  
TRENT@DAVMN.ORG:**

**NO MEMBERSHIP IN  
ANY ORGANIZATION  
REQUIRED.  
ALL SUPPORTERS ARE  
WELCOME!**



**Topics Include:**

PASSING A CLEAN  
VETERANS OMNIBUS  
BILL

INCREASING THE  
AMOUNT OF THE PROP  
TAX VALUE EXCLUSION

**NEW THIS YEAR!!**

A MINIBUS RUNNING  
FROM THE ARMORY TO  
THE HOUSE AND  
SENATE OFFICE  
BUILDINGS 10-1130.

MAKE YOUR  
APPOINTMENTS TO SEE  
YOUR LAWMAKERS!



**DAV**  
OF MINNESOTA  
**BENEFITS  
PROTECTION**



# Fifth District American Legion Membership Report 01/31/24

By Gary Martin

We are currently at 1353 members or 88.09% of our goal of 1536 members. We currently have 1 more member in the District than last year at this time, the largest in the Department. Congratulations on all your hard work. Our next challenge is 90% by February 17<sup>th</sup>. Keep up the good work and stay positive. Below are the membership rallies and membership turn dates. Remember when a member transfers into your post please fill out the Membership Data Change Form found at [MNLEGION.ORG](http://MNLEGION.ORG). This will ensure their continued membership years and remove them from their previous posts' membership lists.

## DEPARTMENT MEMBERSHIP RALLIES AND CUT-OFF DATES

DATE	RALLY NAME	CUT-OFF DATE	TARGET % GOAL
February 3, 2024	Sweetheart Rally	January 20, 2024	85%
February 14, 2024		February 2, 2024	85%
March 2, 2024	Appreciation Rally	February 17, 2024	90%
April 10, 2024		March 29, 2024	95%

## Three-Year Membership is available!

The 3-year membership is available effective Dec 4. Anyone who HAS NOT renewed their membership for 2024 can renew for up to three years at the current membership rate. (Before the dues increase). You must go onto MyLegion to renew, you can not do it through your post (at this time). For those that have already renewed for 2024 please don't fret, your time is coming, National is doing a bit more testing and hopefully, they will have something for you early next year. Please share this with those members who have not renewed yet, encourage them to renew now!

## Annual Reports

Now is the time to start organizing the information for our annual reports. First and foremost are the Consolidated Post Report, the Children and Youth, Service Officers, Community Service, Blood reports. These reports are our report card to the nation as to what we do.

Renewals	Transfers	Total 1/17/2024	Goal	% Goal 2024	Standings	% Of Membership Goal 1/31/24	% Of Membership Increase 1/31/24
5235	16	6129	6894	88.90%	8	85.46%	3.44%
4221	24	4907	5403	90.82%	4	85.46%	5.36%
7028	102	8869	9609	92.30%	2	86.61%	5.69%
1248	11	1559	1711	91.12%	3	86.91%	4.21%
1030	5	1353	1536	88.09%	9	72.42%	15.67%
7475	71	8832	9430	93.66%	1	85.62%	8.04%
3858	14	4576	5044	90.72%	5	84.19%	6.53%
2408	16	2794	3128	89.32%	6	83.90%	5.42%
4060	14	4661	5339	87.30%	10	81.60%	5.70%
5532	65	6659	7466	89.19%	7	81.77%	7.42%
1544	0	1764	2654	66.47%		51.39%	15.08%
<b>43639</b>	<b>338</b>	<b>52103</b>	<b>58214</b>	<b>89.50%</b>			

5th District 2024 Membership Report 1/31/24													
Post Assignments	Post #	Post	New	PUFLS	% PUFLS	Renewals	Transfers	Total 2024	Goal	Need To Make Goal	% Goal	Total M'ship Same Week 2023	Comments
Andru Peters	1	Minneapolis 1	0	22	10.33%	173	0	195	213	18	91.55%	200	
Andru Peters	99	Wold-Chamberlain	3	12	14.46%	49	1	65	83	18	78.31%	74	
Andru Peters	129	The Hellenic	1	11	20.00%	39	0	51	55	4	92.73%	51	
Dick Ward	230	Northside	7	3	9.09%	27	0	37	33	-4	112.12%	29	Goal
Andru Peters	234	V. L. Giantvalley	0	6	12.00%	27	0	33	50	17	66.00%	31	
Andrew Rose	291	Johinnie Baker	1	3	12.50%	16	0	20	24	4	83.33%	21	
Gary Martin	310	Courthouse	0	2	25.00%	2	0	4	8	4	50.00%	7	**
Gary Martin	355	Bainbridge (PUFL)	0	3	100.00%	0	0	3	3	0	100.00%	4	Goal
Gary Martin	396	Fire and Police*	0	2	0.00%	0	0	2	0	-2	0.00%	11	*
Andru Peters	435	MPLS-Richfield	10	121	16.49%	511	3	645	734	89	87.87%	552	
Gary Martin	440	Gopher	0	12	35.29%	22	0	34	34	0	100.00%	32	Goal
Andru Peters	468	Joe Smith	0	3	100.00%	1	0	4	3	-1	133.33%	4	Goal **
Dick Ward	493	Viking	3	2	3.85%	47	0	52	52	0	100.00%	47	Goal
Gary Martin	504	Bearcat	0	4	30.77%	9	0	13	13	0	100.00%	13	Goal **
Dick Ward	511	Aviation	0	12	20.69%	32	1	45	58	13	77.59%	30	
Dick Ward	548	U of M	2	14	36.84%	18	0	34	38	4	89.47%	26	
Ray Eiden	555	Falldin	0	28	31.82%	48	0	76	88	12	86.36%	78	
Joe Bayer	581	Herb Gager (MVH)	4	2	9.09%	8	0	14	22	8	6.00%	14	
Gary Martin	618	Longton (PUFL)	0	24	100.00%	0	0	24	24	0	100.00%	24	Goal
Dick Ward	5222	Novack	0	1	100.00%	1	0	2	1	-1	200.00%	3	Goal **
<b>Totals</b>			<b>31</b>	<b>287</b>	<b>18.68%</b>	<b>1030</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>1353</b>	<b>1536</b>	<b>183</b>	<b>88.09%</b>	<b>1251</b>	
* Turned In Charter			** Relinquishing Charter										

The 2024 Midwinter conference was held on Saturday, January 6th. Our guest speaker was Col. (ret.) Martin Breaker, MN National Guard, US Army Reserves. He gave a great presentation on his experience in Iraq as Chief of Staff for Detainee Operations. We had discussions about the American Legion Family history and eligibility, being cyber-safe, and a presentation on poppies. We were also visited by numerous candidates for offices along with Department Leadership. Commander Hassing, President Cross, Detachment Commander Weiss, Department Director Hassing, and Alt-NEC Moon. We hope to see you attend next year as we learn together as a family!



(Above L to R) Col (ret.) Martin Breaker received a certificate of Appreciation From 5th Dist Cmdr Ward and 4th Dist Comdr Ash. Dept Commander Paul Hassing. Dept President Sharon Cross.



(Right) Dept Director Dr. Jody Hassing.

(Right top) Legionville President Carl Moon and Alt-NEC Peggy Moon.

(Right bottom) Department Leadership with the District Commanders and ALA Junior member Bree E..





As of February 2, 2024  
prior to Sweetheart Rally

Districts	2023 Results	2024 Goal	Current at Dept.	Percentage	Placing
1st District	1646	1683	1356	80.57%	7
2nd District	1150	1187	1055	88.88%	1
3rd District	2059	2095	1740	83.05%	4
4th District	348	354	306	86.44%	3
5th District	308	315	275	87.30%	2
6th District	1580	1611	1321	82.00%	5
7th District	869	889	661	74.35%	10
8th District	536	546	430	78.75%	8
9th District	882	902	734	81.37%	6
10th District	1593	1624	1250	76.97%	9
<b>Totals</b>	<b>10971</b>	<b>11206</b>	<b>9128</b>	<b>81.46%</b>	
<i>*The above goals are set by the District Leadership</i>					
<b>1982 MN SAL AT-LARGE</b>			<b>1</b>		

5th District								
Sqdrn.	Location	2023 Results (6/30/2023)	2024 Goal	Total at Dept		Grand Total	% of Goal	Date Goal Reached
1	Minneapolis	42	43	35	0	35	81.40%	
99	Wold-Chamberlain	18	19	18	0	18	94.74%	
129	Hellenic	0	14	0	0	0	#VALUE!	
234	GiantValley	21	22	24	0	24	109.09%	12/8/23
355	Bainbridge	0	14	0	0	0	#VALUE!	
435	Richfield	170	171	147	0	147	85.96%	
440	Gopher	43	44	38	0	38	86.36%	
511	Aviation	3	4	2	0	2	50.00%	
555	Falldin	11	12	11	0	11	91.67%	
<b>5th District Totals</b>		<b>308</b>	<b>315</b>	<b>275</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>275</b>	<b>87.30%</b>	

Date	What	Location
February 2024	Americanism Month	<a href="https://www.legion.org/events/2024/02/01/americanism-month">https://www.legion.org/events/2024/02/01/americanism-month</a>
February 2024	Black History Month	<a href="https://www.legion.org/events/2024/02/01/black-history-month">https://www.legion.org/events/2024/02/01/black-history-month</a>
Thursday February 1, 204	Be the One Day	<a href="https://www.legion.org/events/2024/02/01/be-one-dav">https://www.legion.org/events/2024/02/01/be-one-dav</a>
Saturday February 3rd	Sweetheart Membership Rally	Forest Lake American Legion
Saturday February 10th 9: 30 AM - Exec 10 AM Membership	5th District Meetings	Minneapolis Post 1
Sunday February 11th 8 AM until Noon	Unit 435 Omelet Breakfast Fundraiser	Wold Chamberlain Post 99
Sunday February 25th 8 AM until Noon	Post 99 AYCE Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser	Wold Chamberlain Post 99
Friday March 1st	Be the One Day	<a href="https://www.legion.org/events/2024/02/01/be-one-day">https://www.legion.org/events/2024/02/01/be-one-day</a>
Saturday March 2nd 9: 30 AM - Exec 10 AM Membership	5th District Meetings	Minneapolis Post 1
Saturday March 2nd 4 - 7 PM	Appreciation Rally - See registration information inside	Montgomery American Legion Post 79
Friday, March 9th 11 AM - 4 PM	Blood Drive	Hellenic Sq 129 at St. Marys Greek Orthodox Church
Sunday March 10th	Daylight Savings time begins	
Friday March 15th	Detachment Finance and Exec Board Meetings	Forest Lake American Legion
Saturday March 16th	Detachment Spring Conference	Forest Lake American Legion

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