



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

2024 April

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1st Vice Commander
Andru Peters

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Open

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Open

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Ray Eiden

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Dennis Delong

Chaplain
Andrew Rose Sr.

Sergeant-At-Arms
Open

Fifth District American Legion Meeting Saturday April 6th 9:30 AM Executive Board 10 AM 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>

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2024 Convention set!

5th District Convention Friday June 7th and Saturday June 8th, 2024.

New Location!

Holiday Inn Bloomington West
5120 American Blvd W
Bloomington, MN 55437

Rooms can now be reserved by calling 612-452-5510 and mentioning the American Legion 5th District Convention.

We are asking **everyone** to try to sell an ad to a local business. Look for ad information inside this issue on page 13.



Fifth District ALA Meeting

Saturday, April 6

9:30 AM Executive Board

10 AM General Membership

Minneapolis Post 1/ Fraternal Order of Eagles

2507 E 25th Street

Minneapolis, MN 55406

Don't forget your Annual Reports!

Fifth District ALA Fundraiser

Italian Feast - Spaghetti Lunch

Games and Social

Saturday, May 11th

11 AM Social, Noon Meal

Wold Chamberlain American Legion Post 99

5600 South 34th Ave

Minneapolis, MN 55417

Silent Auction Donations are needed. Please Contact Becky Nelson at 612-968-6179 -or- mnnplsn@aol.com

March Trivia Answers

1. The American Legion led an effort to create the U.S. Veterans Bureau. What year did this happen?
Answer: 1921

2. What is the motto of the American Legion Auxiliary?
Answer: Service, Not Self

Matthew Verkuilen, 5th District SAL Commander

Greetings to all, welcome to... Sprinter? Wintring? Whatever the heck we want to call this season, I hope you all are remaining safe and well.



We are rounding out the second half of our year and before we know it, District

Convention will be upon us. In the coming months, I challenge you to ensure that you have delegates to this convention and encourage your members to attend. This will be especially important for your officers as we will be looking at having an officer training session as part of the convention as well. It would be great to have 100% of our squadrons represented at this event.

Annual reports are coming due. I cannot stress enough on how important these forms are. This is the primary way that we ensure we have the correct information for your squadron and well as celebrate the impact that each of you make in the communities we serve. If you have not received your Squadron Data Form from Department Headquarters, please contact myself or Shawn Davis for a copy. This form in particular is due to Department Headquarters by April 12th. Those forms not received by this data will not have their information updated at National in time for the 2025 dues mailings.

THANK YOU for all that you do within our squadrons and within the community. Know that you are appreciated. Please reach out if there is any way we can help support you.

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



ANNUAL REPORTS DUE SOON

Post and Squadrons are advised that the Annual Data Reports and Annual Officer Reports are due soon. These reports are critical to ensuring that we have the correct information for your post and squadron and to show the impact we have in the communities we serve.

Post Reports Due

CHILDREN AND YOUTH REPORTS	March 31, 2024
ANNUAL DATA REPORTS	April 1, 2024
POST SERVICE OFFICER REPORTS	May 1, 2024
BLOOD REPORTS	May 1, 2024
CPR REPORTS	June 1, 2024
COMMUNITY SERVICE REPORTS	June 1, 2024
OFFICER REPORTING FORMS	July 13, 2024
NOTIFICATION OF POST/SQUADRON COMMANDER AND	July 13, 2024

Squadron Forms Due:

- Squadron Data Form - Due to Department Headquarters by April 12, 2024
- Squadron Officer Reporting Form - Due by June 8, 2024 (District Convention)
- Consolidated Squadron Form - Due by June 29, 2024 (Detachment Convention)

Legionnaire of the Year Award

Nominations for the Legionnaire of the Year award should be sent to Paul Soderberg at soderberg.paul@yahoo.com or telephone 612-272-6991.

The cutoff date is **May 5, 2024**.

District Elected Officer Nominations

Please send all legionnaire nominations for elective officer positions for 2024-2025 to Ray Eiden at aidenr@aol.com The cutoff for nominations is **May 5, 2024**.

The elective officer positions are:

- Commander
- 1st Vice Commander
- 2nd Vice Commander
- 3rd Vice Commander
- Finance Officer

We also need 3 new members elected to our Executive Board for a 2-year term.



Congratulations on 70 Continuous Years of Membership!

On March 11th, SAL District Commander Matt was honored to help present Chris Kalogerson a certificate celebrating his 70 years of continuous membership and service to the American Legion and to Hellenic Post #129. Chris continues to be very active with the Hellenic Post and its Executive Board. Congratulations and thank you for your service and leadership!

Pictured Left to Right: Anthony Forchas, Hellenic Post

Commander, Chris Kalogerson, Matthew Verkuilen, 5th District SAL Commander, Greg Kalogerson, Hellenic SAL Squadron Commander

VA Visitation is BACK!

The 5th District Hospital Visitation has started up again. The Hellenic Post has taken it over. The next visitation will be **April 7, 2024**. The visitations will be on the same schedule as before on the first Sunday of the month at **2:00 pm**. We will be meeting in the auditorium. We will be visiting nine wards as before and the wards will be divided up according to the number of people present from the various Posts. No mask is required but if you feel comfortable wearing one do so. This visitation is for all members of the legion family; Legionnaires, Auxiliary and SAL. The 5th District has been doing these visitations for many years and have always had good support. We hope this continues in the future.



**YOUR
MEMBERSHIP
MATTERS**



Your continuous membership is important and very much appreciated! If you haven't paid your 2024 dues yet, please do so as soon as possible. It helps our posts and squadrons but also more importantly keeps you eligible for your benefits through the American Legion.

Contact your Post, Squadron, or Unit or renew online at: legion.org/renew
Links to the renewal sites for the SAL and Auxiliary are available on this site as well

Important information for Posts and Squadrons:

Posts: Please be aware that membership for 2024 not submitted to national by **April 10, 2024** will result in the member's card for 2025 being printed with the continuous years reset to 1. Posts should make sure they have transmitted any members who have paid them by that date to avoid membership cards being printed with the incorrect continuous years. The national data pull to print the 2025 cards will take place on April 13, 2024.

Squadrons: Please be aware that membership for 2024 not submitted to national by **May 15, 2024** will result in the SAL member's card for 2025 being printed with the continuous years reset to 1. Squadrons should make sure they have transmitted any members who have paid them by that date to avoid membership cards being printed with the incorrect continuous years. The national data pull to print the 2025 SAL membership cards will take place on May 18, 2024.

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**





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
Sunday, April 14 Moorhead Post 21	dinner*	6 p.m.	701-261-6973 (Tim Haugen)
Monday, April 15 Fergus Falls Post 30 Willmar Post 167	lunch dinner*	noon 6 p.m.	218-736-2708 (Post) 320-235-8136 (Post)
Tuesday, April 16 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

Read the story to find out about non-public-oriented stops on the tour.

Sign up to help a veteran in crisis

As part of The American Legion Be the One mission to end veteran suicide, the Legion has partnered with Columbia University to develop training for those who want to learn more about interacting and responding to veterans who may be in crisis. Members of the American Legion Family are encouraged to take part in this training and share the training with their communities.

After the training, participants will be able to:

- Use the Columbia Suicide Severity Rating Scale to determine at-risk individuals.
- Identify risk factors and warning signs
- Outline the types of suicidal ideation and four behaviors that indicate imminent risk.
- Communicate effectively with an individual who may be at risk of hurting themselves.

For a list of upcoming online sessions and future sessions, both in person and virtual, [click here \(https://www.legion.org/betheone/training#%20\)](https://www.legion.org/betheone/training#%20).

April 17, 2024 2:00pm - 3:30pm Eastern (1:00PM - 2:30PM Central)

April 30, 2024. 2:00pm - 3:30pm Eastern (1:00PM - 2:30PM Central)

May 16, 2024. 2:00pm - 3:30pm Eastern (1:00PM - 2:30PM Central)

May 30, 2024. 2:00pm - 3:30pm Eastern (1:00PM - 2:30PM Central)

American Legion Family Day

Saturday April 27

Is your post hosting an American Legion Family Day event?

The last Saturday of April is American Legion Family Day per [Resolution No. 7 \(https://archive.legion.org/node/14045\)](https://archive.legion.org/node/14045), which encourages posts to open their doors to members of their community for the day to recognize and celebrate the accomplishments of Legionnaires, Sons of The American Legion members, Legion Riders and American Legion Auxiliary. The day is also an opportunity to bring awareness to the organization's [Be the One \(http://betheone.org/\)](http://betheone.org/) mission to reduce the rate of veteran suicide and destigmatize the need to ask for help.

This year, American Legion Family Day is April 27. American Legion posts are encouraged to share details on their Legion Family Day events, either in advance or afterward, at [legiontown.org \(http://www.legiontown.org/\)](http://www.legiontown.org/). A Legion Family Day press release template is available [here \(https://www.legion.org/family/261373/legion-family-day-press-release-template\)](https://www.legion.org/family/261373/legion-family-day-press-release-template). Download the document, update it with your post's details, and submit it to your local media.

Last year, American Legion Post 24 in Lake Geneva, Wis., held a successful Legion Family Day event. [Read more about it \(https://www.legion.org/membership/258884/legion-family-day-brings-community-awareness-wisconsin-post#\)](https://www.legion.org/membership/258884/legion-family-day-brings-community-awareness-wisconsin-post#).

“We have never done an open house before, so Resolution 7 was the spark for that,” said Post 24 Adjutant Bob Miller last year during the event. “We were like, ‘we have to do it.’ People have seen the building coming for fish fries and fundraisers but not a real formal come in, learn about the post history, learn what our Legion Family does, learn that we are more than just a veteran’s group. Yes, we help veterans and support local veterans, but we also support the community at large.”



Greetings, Mr. Chair and members. My name is Dr. Kristy Janigo, and I am The American Legion Department of Minnesota Legislative Chair. Before I go any further, I want you to know that this bill HF 4038 is wholeheartedly supported by the eight organizations of the Minnesota Commander's Task Force, which represents tens of thousands of Minnesota veterans in our combined memberships: The American Legion, the VFW, Disabled American Veterans, Paralyzed Veterans of America, Military Order of the Purple Heart, Amvets, Marine Corps League, and Jewish War Veterans. They have been working on this issue for years.

Representative Wiens and this impressive slate of 13 bipartisan authors, thank you for introducing this bill. In my opinion, it is one of the most important issues on both the CTF and the Legion's platform this year because we have seen a disturbing trend of our organizations losing their buildings. You will make tens of thousands of veterans very happy if this bill is successful. Furthermore, hundreds of communities across Minnesota will directly benefit from continuing to have veteran service organizations with brick and mortar buildings.

Many 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations received property tax exemptions after qualifying through their county assessor and going through a three-year assessment review. Veterans service organizations often have other designations such as 501(c)(4) and 501(c)(19). We are asking for access to the same nonprofit property tax exemptions provided to 501(c)(3) nonprofits. Congressionally chartered veterans organizations have a federal requirement of reporting their volunteer and charitable efforts directly to Congress annually, and because of that accountability, it makes sense for them to pay zero property taxes. There are a handful of states that provide this same benefit as a recognition of the good veteran service organizations do for their communities, and Minnesota needs to be among them. As a side benefit, a zero-tax measure would clear up much of the confusion city and county assessors statewide have regarding veteran posts and tax laws. This also would halt what we see as unfair treatment and prevent more posts from going under.

People make assumptions about our buildings, that they are just bars or restaurants or places to gamble. That's not true. So much more happens in our buildings. We have our post meetings there where our membership decides which local organizations to donate proceeds from charitable gambling. In this manner, we prop up small, local nonprofits providing important community services including youth sports, addressing food insecurity and homelessness, and funding public safety equipment for our cities, such as fire trucks. These are important gaps filled that federal, state, and local government cannot address.

Most of you have heard my story, of how I grew up in rural North Dakota having an American Legion post in my hometown where my granddad was a member. That said, my post in Osseo, Minnesota is not my granddad's post, although we always work to respect the legacy of all wars and honor the military service of all veterans. Our posts are increasingly diverse, as veterans seek places of refuge where they can relax in the camaraderie of like minded people who have shared experiences. Veterans tend to be slow to trust other people, and that can lead to isolation.

Contact: Kristy Janigo, The American Legion Department of Minnesota Legislative Chair
Phone: 612-708-9029 **Email:** Kristy.janigo@gmail.com

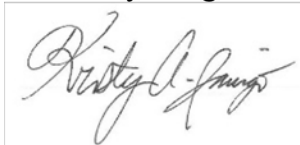
We need social connection as much as other people do, perhaps more because many do not understand what some of us have been through protecting this country and its freedoms.

Our halls are places where people gather for birthday parties, celebrations of life, and weddings. In small towns, our posts are the only option for such gatherings. We hold veteran suicide prevention trainings with VA partners so that people recognize the signs of suicidal ideation and know how to get someone help. Every year, my post in Osseo holds a Santa event where area children can come to have a free breakfast, receive a free toy, and get their picture with Santa and Mrs. Claus. Hundreds of children came this year, and it was clear to me this event has become a public service.

Post homes can be important meeting places. For my day job, I am an assistant county veteran service officer, and I've met homeless veterans to counsel them on housing programs, calm an anxious spouse of a veteran and make an application to veterans homes, or met veterans to discuss VA benefits claims at American Legion posts.

Thank you for hearing this bill today and I am happy to answer any questions.

-Dr. Kristy Janigo

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Kristy A. Janigo". The signature is written in a cursive style and is contained within a rectangular box.

The American Legion Department of Minnesota Legislative Chair

Contact: Kristy Janigo, The American Legion Department of Minnesota Legislative Chair
Phone: 612-708-9029 **Email:** Kristy.janigo@gmail.com



Chair Newton and members,

Thank you to this long list of bipartisan authors and chief author, Representative Wiens. What you are doing today with introducing HF4038 is so important.

I write urging you all to support and pass this bill. Exorbitant property taxes have had a negative impact on our not-for-profit neighborhood Legion Posts. One of our Fifth District Posts, permanently chartered in 1935, faces imminent demise as a direct result these property tax expenses.

The Fifth District currently has twenty Posts on our roster and two Post homes; Vincent Giantvalley Post 234 and Wold-Chamberlain Post 99. Giantvalley has a solid business model, good clientele for retail, charitable gambling profits and a clean and up to date facility.

Wold-Chamberlain is a great example of volunteering efforts sustaining a neighborhood club. The Post welcomes Sunday Pancake and Omelet breakfasts, Fifth District events including monthly meetings and annual Oratorical Contests. They are terrific hosts and Post 99 is capable of continuing operation while meeting ordinary expense levels.

A recent vandalism event, approximates \$15,000 in damages, presents an extraordinary expense that should be mitigated, in some part via insurance, but deductibles etc. need to be addressed from existing Post funds. The ongoing property tax burden is unmanageable.

Immediate property tax relief is indispensable to the future of our American Legion in Minnesota.

We are available for any questions you may have.

Sincerely,

Dick Ward

The American Legion 5th District Commander

Contact: Dick Ward, The American Legion 5th District Commander
Phone: 612-656-9150 **Email:** rgward49@gmail.com

Wold Chamberlain American Legion Post 99 Family Fundraiser



Pancake & Sausage Breakfast Fundraiser

Sunday, April 28, 2024

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



Festa
ITALIANA
Saturday May 11

11 AM Social

Noon Meal

Tickets \$15.00

Food Fun Silent Auction

**A fundraiser for the Fifth District
American Legion Auxiliary Project**

**Benefiting
Every Third Saturday (ETS)**



Contact Becky Nelson for
Tickets to this event
612-968-6179 or
mnnplsn@aol.com

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



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

 Company Name

 Contact Person Title

 Address

 Phone Email

8.5 Full Page Advertisement 8" x 10" \$150.00	Half Page Advertisement 8" x 5" \$100.00	Quarter Page Advertisement 4" x 5" \$75.00	Quarter Page Advertisement 4" x 5" \$75.00
	Half Page Advertisement 8" x 5" \$100.00	Quarter Page Advertisement 4" x 5" \$75.00	Quarter Page Advertisement 4" x 5" \$75.00

- 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

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.

PAYMENT METHOD

- Credit Card via <http://mnfightingfifth.square.site/>
 Check # _____ Please make checks payable to
 The American Legion Fifth District, Attn: Dennis DeLong, 10514 Bloomington Fwy, Bloomington MN 55431

Received by: _____ Post/Auxiliary/Squad # _____

Fifth District American Legion Membership Report 03/27/2024

By Gary Martin

We currently have 1411 members in our District which represents 91.86% of our goal of 1536. Our next challenge is 95% by March 29th. If you are having issues processing membership please contact me at 612-201-2175 or g.martin01@msn.com.

5th District 2024 Membership Report 03/27/2024												
	Post	New	PUFLS	% PUFLS	Renewals	Transfers	Total 2024	Goal	Need To Make Goal	% Goal	Total M'ship Same Week 2023	Comments
1	Minneapolis 1	0	21	9.86%	176	1	198	213	15	92.96%	205	
99	Wold-Chamberlain	4	12	14.46%	49	1	66	83	17	79.52%	78	
129	The Hellenic	1	11	20.00%	39	0	51	55	4	92.73%	52	
230	Northside	9	3	9.09%	27	0	39	33	-6	118.18%	32	Goal
234	V. L. Giantvalley	0	6	12.00%	27	0	33	50	17	66.00%	31	
291	Johinnie Baker	1	3	12.50%	18	0	22	24	2	91.67%	21	
310	Courthouse	0	2	25.00%	2	0	4	8	4	50.00%	7	**
355	Bainbridge (PUFL)	0	3	100.00%	0	0	3	3	0	100.00%	4	Goal
396	Fire and Police*	0	2	0.00%	0	0	2	0	-2	0.00%	11	*
435	MPLS-Richfield	12	121	16.49%	540	6	679	734	55	92.51%	668	
440	Gopher	0	12	35.29%	22	0	34	34	0	100.00%	34	Goal
468	Joe Smith	0	3	100.00%	1	0	4	3	-1	133.33%	4	Goal **
493	Viking	3	2	3.85%	47	0	52	52	0	100.00%	50	Goal
504	Bearcat	0	4	30.77%	9	0	13	13	0	100.00%	13	Goal **
511	Aviation	0	12	20.69%	33	1	46	58	12	79.31%	49	
548	U of M	3	14	36.84%	18	0	35	38	3	92.11%	30	
555	Falldin	0	28	31.82%	54	1	83	88	5	94.32%	83	
581	Herb Gager (MVH)	8	2	9.09%	11	0	21	22	1	95.45%	14	
618	Longton (PUFL)	0	24	100.00%	0	0	24	24	0	100.00%	24	Goal
5222	Novack	0	1	100.00%	1	0	2	1	-1	200.00%	3	Goal **
Totals		41	286	18.62%	1074	10	1411	1536	125	91.86%	1413	
* Turned In Charter					** Relinquishing Charter							

	Post	Reports Received			
		CPR	C & Y	Blood Report	24/25 Post Officers Report
1	Minneapolis 1				
99	Wold-Chamberlain			X	
129	The Hellenic			X	
230	Northside			X	
234	V. L. Giantvalley				
291	Johinnie Baker			X	
310	Courthouse		X		
355	Bainbridge (PUFL)	X	X		
396	Fire and Police*				
435	MPLS-Richfield				
440	Gopher	X	X	X	X
468	Joe Smith	X	X		
493	Viking		X		
504	Bearcat				
511	Aviation				
548	U of M			X	
555	Falldin		X	X	
581	Herb Gager (MVH)	X	X		
618	Longton (PUFL)	X	X		
5222	Novack	X	X		
Totals		6	9	7	1

District	New	PUFL	Renewal	HQ Tran	Totals	Goal	% of Goal
1 MN Dist 0001 LGN	100	792	5,431	24	6,347	6,894	92.07
2 MN Dist 0002 LGN	109	575	4,370	26	5,080	5,403	94.02
3 MN Dist 0003 LGN	239	1,550	7,333	139	9,261	9,609	96.38
4 MN Dist 0004 LGN	50	256	1,301	18	1,625	1,711	94.97
5 MN Dist 0005 LGN	41	286	1,074	10	1,411	1,536	91.86
6 MN Dist 0006 LGN	257	1,066	7,705	93	9,121	9,430	96.72
7 MN Dist 0007 LGN	93	631	4,012	19	4,755	5,044	94.27
8 MN Dist 0008 LGN	79	306	2,500	29	2,914	3,128	93.16
9 MN Dist 0009 LGN	83	526	4,240	18	4,867	5,339	91.16
10 MN Dist 0010 LGN	182	918	5,795	70	6,965	7,466	93.29
11 MN Dist 0099 LGN	23	202	1,659	0	1,884	2,654	70.99
SUM:	1,256	7,108	45,420	446	54,230	58,214	93.16

"Cruising the Sea for Members!"

DISTRICT	# of Units	Goal	Period Gain	Membership To Date	Percent of Goal	Membership Last Year 3/13/2023	Difference from Last Year
One	47	3,762	41	3,009	79.98%	3,211	202
Two	71	3,890	20	3,057	78.59%	3,213	156
Three	46	3,882	55	3,108	80.06%	3,218	110
Four	7	579	13	426	73.58%	435	9
Five	7	522	2	283	54.21%	404	121
Six	61	5,031	38	4,049	80.48%	4,250	201
Seven	53	2,955	39	2,335	79.02%	2,462	127
Eight	19	1,185	12	1,012	85.40%	1,047	35
Nine	46	3,348	40	2,590	77.36%	2,795	205
Ten	42	3,812	34	2,899	76.05%	3,020	121
1982 Dept	1	332	2	260	78.31%	230	-30
District Totals:	400	29,298	296	23,028	78.60%	24285	1,257

5TH DISTRICT

	#	Unit Name	2024 DNO	2024 Period Gain Juniors	2024 Period Gain Seniors	2024 PUEL 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					
5	435	Mpls-Richfield	201					1
5	440	Mpls-Gopher	46		1			
5	511	Mpls-Aviation	19					
7		5th District Totals	622	0	1	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		33	33	40.74%		452	1989
5	99	Mpls-Wold Chamberlain	51	0		26	26	54.90%		355	1976
5	129	Mpls-Hellenic	61	0		47	47	77.05%		139	1974
5	234	Mpls-Giantvalley	63	0		37	37	58.73%		160	2004
5	435	Mpls-Richfield	201	1	2	110	112	55.72%		2203	1990
5	440	Mpls-Gopher	46	1		18	18	39.13%		204	1990
5	511	Mpls-Aviation	19	0		8	8	42.11%		39	2005
7		5th District Totals	622	2	2	281	283	54.21%			

As of March 29, 2024



DETACHMENT OF MINNESOTA	
2024 MEMBERSHIP TOTALS	
Report Date:	3/29/2024

2023 Results as of 6/30/2023	10906		
Current Received as of 3/29/2024	10256	92.07%	*Includes traditional and online renewals
2024 Detachment Goal	11139	0	#DIV/0! set from national

Vice Commanders	2023 Results	2024 Goal	Current at Dept.	Percentage	Placing
1st and 3rd	3705	3778	3361	88.96%	4
2nd and 7th	2081	2122	2020	95.19%	2
4th and 5th	675	689	676	98.11%	1
6th and 9th	2467	2512	2287	91.04%	3
8th and 10th	2129	2170	1912	88.11%	5
Totals	11052	11271	10256	90.99%	

**The above goals are set by the District Leadership*

Districts	2023 Results	2024 Goal	Current at Dept.	Percentage	Placing
1st District	1646	1683	1448	86.04%	9
2nd District	1212	1235	1233	99.84%	1
3rd District	2059	2095	1913	91.31%	5
4th District	348	354	351	99.15%	2
5th District	327	335	325	97.01%	3
6th District	1580	1610	1439	89.38%	7
7th District	869	887	787	88.73%	8
8th District	536	546	451	82.60%	10
9th District	882	902	848	94.01%	4
10th District	1593	1624	1461	89.96%	6
Totals	11052	11271	10256	90.99%	

**The above goals are set by the District Leadership*

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2024 Original Goal	Percentage	Ranking
3996	84.11%	5
2273	88.88%	1
761	88.78%	2
2707	84.47%	4
2209	86.54%	3

**The above goal set by the Detachment Membership Director*

2024 Original Goal	Percentage	Ranking
1795	80.67%	10
1302	94.68%	1
2201	86.92%	5
390	90.04%	2
372	87.45%	4
1715	83.92%	8
970	81.11%	9
509	88.65%	3
993	85.41%	7
1701	85.90%	6

**The above goal set by the Detachment Membership Director*

5th District

Sqdm.	Location	2023 Results (6/30/2023)	2024 Goal	Total at Dept		Grand Total	% of Goal	Date Goal Reached
1	Minneapolis	42	43	36	0	36	83.72%	
99	Wold-Chamberlain	18	19	18	0	18	94.74%	
129	Hellenic	19	20	19	0	19	95.00%	<Awesome!! Welcome back!
234	Giant Valley	21	22	30	0	30	136.36%	12/8/2023
355	Bainbridge	0	14	0	0	0	#VALUE!	<Status unknown as of 2023/2024
435	Richfield	170	171	164	0	164	95.91%	
440	Gopher	43	44	43	0	43	97.73%	
511	Aviation	3	4	4	0	4	100.00%	3/29/2024
555	Falldin	11	12	11	0	11	91.67%	
5th District Totals		327	335	325	0	325	97.01%	

Welcome Back Hellenic Squadron 129!

Date	What	Location
Monday April 1st	Be the One Day	https://www.legion.org/events/2024/02/01/be-one-day
Month of April	April is Children and Youth Month	
Tuesday, April 2st Doors open at 4 and Ceremony at 7 PM	Free Admission to the Auto Show to all Active Duty and Veterans	Minneapolis Convention Center
Saturday, April 6th 9:30 AM - Exec, 10 AM Membership	5th District Meetings	Minneapolis Post 1
Sunday, April 7th, 2 PM	VA Visitation	VA Visitation, meet in Auditorium
Wednesday, April 17th 10 AM - 2 PM	Veterans Day On The Hill 2024	St. Paul Armory State Capital
Sunday, April 28th 8 AM - Noon	Post 99 AYCE Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser	Wold Chamberlain American Legion
Wednesday May 1st	Be the One Day	https://www.legion.org/events/2024/02/01/be-one-day
Saturday, May 4th 9: 30 AM - Exec, 10 AM Membership	5th District Meetings	Minneapolis Post 1
Saturday, May 11th, 11 AM	Fifth District ALA Fundraiser	Wold Chamberlain Americal Legion
Saturday June 1st	Be the One Day	https://www.legion.org/events/2024/02/01/be-one-day
Friday June 7th, 4:30 PM	Past Commanders and Presidents Social	Holiday Inn Bloomington West
Friday June 7th, 7 PM	5th District Memorial Service	Holiday Inn Bloomington West
Friday June 7th, After the Memorial Service	5th District Social	Holiday Inn Bloomington West
Saturday June 8th	District Convention, Installation, Banquet	Holiday Inn Bloomington West

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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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