



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

2024 May

## AMERICAN LEGION

### Fifth District Officers

#### Commander

Dick Ward

#### 1st Vice Commander

Open

#### 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 May 4th 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>

#### Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87003166171?pwd=Y25idlhqUEE3RVhwWkVBanZtWXZFQT09>

Meeting ID: 870 0316 6171

Passcode: 312409

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## The 2024 Convention Call has been sent to the Post, Unit, Squadron, and Chapter leadership. A copy can be found inside.

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, May 4

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**



### 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



**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](https://legion.org/renew)  
Links to the renewal sites for the SAL and Auxiliary are available on this site as well

### Important information for Squadrons:

**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.

Save the Dates:

Fund 85 Run - To benefit the Veterans Assistance Fund at Department

- Kick-off party Wednesday, July 24th at 5 PM at the Pipestone American Legion
- Hotel: Grandstay - Pipestone 507-562-1100 under American Legion Riders
- Kickstands up Thursday, July 25th. We go from Pipestone to Montevideo (stops being developed). Hotel: Grandstay - Montevideo 320-269-8000
- Friday, July 26th. We go from Montevideo to Austin. Hotel pending.
- Saturday, July 27th. We go from Austin to La Crescent. Hotel Pending.
- Sunday, July 28th. We go from La Crescent and end the run in Bayport.

More information is coming, but please save the dates.

**District Representative**  
Joe Starr



*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



# 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](mailto:soderberg.paul@yahoo.com) or telephone 612-272-6991.

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

# District Officer and Chair Nominations

Please send all legionnaire nominations for officer and chair positions for 2024-2025 to Ray Eiden at [eydenr@aol.com](mailto:eydenr@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.

# 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 **May 5, 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.

## Virtual Training on Membership

The Training Tuesday session on May 30 at 7 p.m. will welcome Brian Mohlman, membership committee chairman from SSG Michael A. Dickinson II Post 257 in Battle Creek, Mich. Brian will discuss how posts can make an impact in their community by engaging with creative solutions and adapting to changing circumstances. Don't miss this opportunity to gain valuable insight on how to increase membership in your post. Join the training here ( <https://events.teams.microsoft.com/event/303defe4-bdd7-4d16-b099-30fbf19dcf67@dd9d243c-8688-470f-8812-4ceb7ac50b6c> ).



## 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)



**The American Legion Family  
5th District  
Department of Minnesota  
Box 111002  
5001 Northwest Drive  
St. Paul, MN 55111**

**www.mnfightingfifth.org  
218-382-5044 (voicemail only)  
mnfightingfifthAmericanLegion@gmail.com**

April 2024

Name

«Address»

«City», «State» «Zip»

Hello ,

Enclosed please find the 5th District Family 2024 Convention Call.

The 5th District Convention will be held on Friday June 7th through Saturday June 8th at the Holiday Inn Bloomington West. This facility is located at 5120 American Blvd, Bloomington, MN 55437.

A joint Memorial Service will be held on Friday at 7 PM, with a social to follow. Saturday the session will start at 9:30 AM for The American Legion and the American Legion Auxiliary. The Sons of The American Legion will meet at 10 AM. The American Legion Riders will meet at 1 PM. Installation for the new 5th District Officers will be held later that day, and a banquet to celebrate the past year will be held that evening.

All members of the American Legion family are invited to the Convention whether a delegate or not. However, all must register using the enclosed form. If you do not register by the deadline, there is no guarantee to get a convention program. Please feel free to make copies of the convention call and share with any who are interested in going. Also, anyone interested in attending the banquet should fill out that form. You do not have to have attended the convention to attend the banquet.

Please note the various dates on the convention call related to convention preparation as well.

One thing we ask is that each of you reach out to businesses and organizations in your community and see if they would be willing to buy an ad to support our great organization. Ad information is enclosed.

If you have any questions about the convention feel free to contact a member of the Convention Committee, or using our general contact information above.

Thank you, and we look forward to seeing you at our convention!

5th District Convention Committee for

**The American Legion**

Commander Dick Ward

**The American Legion  
Auxiliary**

President Cari Lamb

**The Sons of  
The American Legion**

Commander Matthew Verkuilen

April 2024



## 5<sup>th</sup> District Convention Call

The Fifth District American Legion Family will hold its Annual District Convention **Friday, June 7<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, June 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024**, at the Holiday Inn Bloomington West. The Convention Sessions for the Legion and Auxiliary will begin **Saturday June 7<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 AM**. The Session for the SAL will begin **Saturday June 3<sup>rd</sup> at 10:00 AM**. The session for the District ALR will begin

**Saturday June 8<sup>th</sup> at 1 PM**. The convention meeting room assignments will be in your convention book. Installation will be at 2:00 PM sharp. The Convention Banquet will have the social start at 5 PM, banquet at 6:30 PM, program to follow.

### Memorial Service

There will be a joint Memorial Service on **Friday June 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM**. All Posts, Units, and Squadrons are asked to have their organization flag there as part of the service. All Posts and Squadrons must have their Deceased Members list submitted to **Matt Verkuilen (mverkuilen@aviation511.org)**. All Units must have their lists submitted to Auxiliary Chaplain **Mary Younkin (mary.younkin440@gmail.com)**. All lists must be received by **Wednesday, May 8, 2024**.

### Fifth District American Legion Family Convention

Holiday Inn Bloomington West  
5120 American Blvd, Bloomington, MN 55437 – (612) 452-5510

**Hotel - Hotel Reservations must be made by Friday, May 24<sup>th</sup>, 2024**: Call the hotel at **612-452-5510** and request a room for the American Legion 5<sup>th</sup> District Convention. 2 queen beds will be \$119 per night. 1 King bed suite is \$139 per night.

**Convention Registration – \$15.00 per person on or before Friday, May 24<sup>th</sup>, 2024**. All who register on or before this date will get a convention book. Registrations after this date cannot be guaranteed a convention book. **\$18.00 after Friday, May 24<sup>th</sup>, 2024**, and at the Convention. Mail to: **Dennis De Long 10514 W Bloomington Freeway, Bloomington, MN 55431 (Questions? Contact Dennis at Grumpy371@comcast.net)**

**Banquet Registration - Reservations will be taken for the first 75 people.**

Register before **Friday, May 24<sup>th</sup> 2024**, as we must provide a count to the hotel. The banquet will be **Saturday evening, June 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024**. Social with cash bar from 5:00-6:00 P.M. Dinner at 6:30 P.M, Program to follow including a speaker. Mail to Dennis at the above address.

**Convention Reports – All chairs are expected to submit a convention report either written or at convention**. Written convention reports must be submitted by **Wednesday, May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2024**.

**Legion, SAL, ALR Reports:** Send to Shawn Davis, 2806 64<sup>th</sup> Ave. N, Brooklyn Center, MN 55430 - or - email [salshawndavis@gmail.com](mailto:salshawndavis@gmail.com)

**Auxiliary Reports:** Send to Jill Davis 2806 64<sup>th</sup> Ave. N, Brooklyn Center, MN 55430 or email [alajilldavis@gmail.com](mailto:alajilldavis@gmail.com).

**Convention Book Ads - We are asking everyone in the 5<sup>th</sup> District to try to sell ads**. Convention Book Ads must be in by **Friday May 10<sup>th</sup>, 2024**. Additional ad flyers and order forms are available on the District website ([mnfightingfifth.org](http://mnfightingfifth.org)). Cost ranges from a full page at \$150.00 to 2 lines for \$25.

**Hospitality Funds** - Donations for the Hospitality Fund to cover the 5<sup>th</sup> District Convention should be made out to the Fifth District American Legion and be sent to: Dennis at the address located above.

**Member of the Year** - Nominations for the Legionnaire, Auxiliary, and Sons of The American Legion Member of the Year should be sent to the following people prior to :

<b>Legion (by May 5th)</b> Paul Soderberg <a href="mailto:Soderberg.paul@yahoo.com">Soderberg.paul@yahoo.com</a> (612) 272-6991	<b>Auxiliary (by May 1st)</b> Bonnie Brenna <a href="mailto:grammabonnieb@aol.com">grammabonnieb@aol.com</a> (612) 695-5359	<b>SAL (by May 5th)</b> Matthew Verkuilen <a href="mailto:mverkuilen@aviation511.org">mverkuilen@aviation511.org</a> (651) 336-1154
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**Voting Strength**

The cut-off date for figuring your delegate strength will be thirty-days prior to the Convention or **Wednesday, May 8th, 2024. ALR Chapters please have your rosters mailed to Joe Starr by Monday, May 13th.**

**Legion:** Each Post will have two (2) delegates for the first fifty (50) members and one (1) more delegate for each one hundred (100) more members or fraction thereof. The Past District Commanders shall have a vote. The Past District Commander may vote on their own or with their Post, but only one (1) vote per person is allowed, not two (2).

***Post Membership/Number of Delegates***

- 1 – 50 Members                      Two Delegates
- 51 – 150 Members                  Three Delegates
- 151 – 250 Members                Four Delegates

And so on.

**Auxiliary:** Each Unit will have two (2) delegates for the first twenty-five (25) members and one (1) more delegate for each fifty (50) more members or fraction thereof. The Past District Presidents shall have a vote. The Past District Presidents may vote on their own or with their Unit, but only one (1) vote per person is allowed, not two (2).

***Unit Membership/Number of Delegates***

- 1 – 25 Members                      Two Delegates
- 26 – 75 Members                    Three Delegates
- 76 – 125 Members                  Four Delegates

And so on.

**Sons of the American Legion:** Each Squadron will have one (1) delegate for each ten (10) members.

**American Legion Riders:** Each Chapter will have one (1) delegate for each eligible member as determined by the May 17th roster.

Thank you.

Dick Ward  
Commander

Cari Lamb  
President

Matthwe Verkuilen  
SAL Commander

Joe Starr  
American Legion  
Riders

Website: [mnfightingfifth.org](http://mnfightingfifth.org)

Email: [convention@mnfightingfifth.org](mailto:convention@mnfightingfifth.org)

Voicemail: (612) 356-2554

**Convention Registration**  
**\*\*ONE FORM PER PERSON\*\***

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
 Complete Post # \_\_\_\_\_ Unit # \_\_\_\_\_ Squad # \_\_\_\_\_ Chapter # \_\_\_\_\_

Circle One:	Delegate	Alternate	Guest
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Past District Commander \_\_\_\_\_ President \_\_\_\_\_

**\$15.00 prior to Friday, May 25th, \$18 on or after**  
**Make Check(s) Payable to 5<sup>th</sup> District American Legion**  
 Send to Dennis De Long  
 10514 W. Bloomington Freeway  
 Bloomington, MN 55431

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**\*\*ONE FORM PER PERSON\*\***

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
 Complete Post # \_\_\_\_\_ Unit # \_\_\_\_\_ Squad # \_\_\_\_\_ Chapter # \_\_\_\_\_

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 Bloomington, MN 55431





## 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

<b>8.5 Full Page Advertisement</b> 8" x 10" \$150.00	<b>Half Page Advertisement</b> 8" x 5" \$100.00	<b>Quarter Page Advertisement</b> 4" x 5" \$75.00	<b>Quarter Page Advertisement</b> 4" x 5" \$75.00
	<b>Half Page Advertisement</b> 8" x 5" \$100.00	<b>Quarter Page Advertisement</b> 4" x 5" \$75.00	<b>Quarter Page Advertisement</b> 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](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**

- 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 04/25/2024

By Gary Martin

	Post	New	PUFLS	% PUFLS	Renewals	Transfers	Total 2024	Goal	Need To Make Goal	% Goal	Comments
1	Minneapolis 1	1	21	9.86%	177	1	200	213	13	93.90%	
99	Wold-Chamberlain	4	12	14.46%	59	1	76	83	7	91.57%	
129	The Hellenic	1	11	20.00%	39	0	51	55	4	92.73%	
230	Northside	9	3	9.09%	27	0	39	33	-6	118.18%	Goal
234	V. L. Giantvalley	0	6	12.00%	26	0	32	50	18	64.00%	
291	Johinnie Baker	1	3	12.50%	18	0	22	24	2	91.67%	
310	Courthouse	0	2	25.00%	2	0	4	8	4	50.00%	
355	Bainbridge (PUFL)	0	3	100.00%	0	0	3	3	0	100.00%	Goal
396	Fire and Police*	0	2	0.00%	0	0	2	0	-2	0.00%	
435	MPLS-Richfield	13	121	16.49%	554	6	694	734	40	94.55%	
440	Gopher	0	12	35.29%	22	0	34	34	0	100.00%	Goal
468	Joe Smith**	0	3	100.00%	1	0	4	3	-1	133.33%	Goal
493	Viking	3	2	3.85%	47	0	52	52	0	100.00%	Goal
504	Bearcat**	0	4	30.77%	9	0	13	13	0	100.00%	Goal
511	Aviation	0	12	20.69%	34	1	47	58	11	81.03%	
548	U of M	3	14	36.84%	18	0	35	38	3	92.11%	
555	Falldin	0	28	31.82%	54	1	83	88	5	94.32%	
581	Herb Gager (MVH)	8	2	9.09%	11	0	21	22	1	95.45%	
618	Longton (PUFL)	0	24	100.00%	0	0	24	24	0	100.00%	Goal
5222	Novack**	0	1	100.00%	1	0	2	1	-1	200.00%	Goal
<b>Totals</b>		<b>43</b>	<b>286</b>	<b>18.62%</b>	<b>1099</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>1438</b>	<b>1536</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>93.62%</b>	
* Turned In Charter					** Relinquishing Charter						

	Post	CPR	C & Y	Blood Report	Deceased List	24/25 Post Officers Report
1	Minneapolis 1		X	X		
99	Wold-Chamberlain			X		
129	The Hellenic		X	X		
230	Northside			X		
234	V. L. Giantvalley					
291	Johinnie Baker		X	X		
310	Courthouse		X			
355	Bainbridge (PUFL)	X	X			
396	Fire and Police*					
435	MPLS-Richfield					
440	Gopher	X	X	X	X	X
468	Joe Smith**	X	X			
493	Viking		X	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			
<b>Totals</b>		<b>6</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>

District	New	PUFLS	% PUFLS	Renewals	Transfers	Total 04/24/2024	Goal	% Goal 2024	Standings
1st District	108	792	11.49%	5498	27	6425	6894	93.20%	9
2nd District	120	575	10.64%	4411	28	5134	5403	95.02%	5
3rd District	256	1552	16.15%	7439	147	9394	9609	97.76%	1
4th District	54	256	14.96%	1316	18	1644	1711	96.08%	3
5th District	43	286	18.62%	1099	10	1438	1536	93.62%	8
6th District	282	1066	11.30%	7756	114	9218	9430	97.75%	2
7th District	99	632	12.53%	4067	20	4818	5044	95.52%	4
8th District	81	306	9.78%	2525	37	2949	3128	94.28%	7
9th District	90	526	9.85%	4298	20	4934	5339	92.41%	10
10th District	211	920	12.32%	5875	72	7078	7466	94.80%	6
11th District	25	202	7.61%	1672	0	1899	2654	71.55%	
<b>Totals</b>	<b>1369</b>	<b>7113</b>	<b>12.22%</b>	<b>45956</b>	<b>493</b>	<b>54931</b>	<b>58214</b>	<b>94.36%</b>	

## "Cruising the Sea for Members!"

DISTRICT	# of Units	Goal	Period Gain	Membership To Date	Percent of Goal	Membership Last Year 4/15/2023	Difference from Last Year
One	47	3,762	28	3,110	82.67%	3,275	165
Two	71	3,890	26	3,156	81.13%	3,296	140
Three	46	3,882	45	3,242	83.51%	3,348	106
Four	7	579	7	445	76.86%	470	25
Five	7	522	7	307	58.81%	412	105
Six	61	5,031	38	4,164	82.77%	4,342	178
Seven	53	2,955	15	2,399	81.18%	2,507	108
Eight	19	1,185	8	1,033	87.17%	1,064	31
Nine	46	3,348	36	2,668	79.69%	2,881	213
Ten	42	3,812	28	3,054	80.12%	3,126	72
1982 Dept	1	332	4	267	80.42%	236	-31
<b>District Totals:</b>	<b>400</b>	<b>29,298</b>	<b>242</b>	<b>23,845</b>	<b>81.39%</b>	<b>24,957</b>	<b>1,112</b>

### 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	0	5			
5	99	Mpls-Wold Chamberla	51	0	0			
5	129	Mpls-Hellenic	61	0	0			
5	234	Mpls-Giantvalley	63	0	1			
5	435	Mpls-Richfield	201	0	0			
5	440	Mpls-Gopher	46	0	0			
5	511	Mpls-Aviation	19	1	0			
7		<b>5th District Totals</b>	<b>522</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

### 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	5	3	42	45	55.56%		452	1989
5	99	Mpls-Wold Chamberla	51	0		30	30	58.82%		355	1976
5	129	Mpls-Hellenic	61	0		49	49	80.33%		139	1974
5	234	Mpls-Giantvalley	63	1		38	38	60.32%		160	2004
5	435	Mpls-Richfield	201	0	2	111	113	56.22%		2203	1990
5	440	Mpls-Gopher	46	0		22	22	47.83%		204	1990
5	511	Mpls-Aviation	19	1	1	9	10	52.63%		39	2005
7		<b>5th District Totals</b>	<b>522</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>301</b>	<b>307</b>	<b>58.81%</b>			

## As of April 22, 2024



### DETACHMENT OF MINNESOTA

2024 MEMBERSHIP TOTALS

Report Date: 4/22/24



2023 Results as of 6/30/2023	10906		
Current Received as of 4/22/2024	10660	95.70%	*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	3532	93.49%	3
2nd and 7th	2081	2122	2099	98.92%	2
4th and 5th	675	689	696	101.02%	1
6th and 9th	2462	2512	2340	93.15%	4
8th and 10th	2129	2170	1993	91.84%	5
<b>Totals</b>	<b>11052</b>	<b>11271</b>	<b>10660</b>	<b>94.58%</b>	

\*The above goals are set by the District Leadership

Districts	2023 Results	2024 Goal	Current at Dept.	Percentage	Placing
1st District	1646	1683	1491	88.59%	9
2nd District	1212	1235	1244	100.73%	2
3rd District	2059	2095	2041	97.42%	4
4th District	348	354	367	103.67%	1
5th District	327	335	329	98.21%	3
6th District	1580	1610	1473	91.49%	8
7th District	869	887	855	96.39%	5
8th District	536	546	457	83.70%	10
9th District	882	902	867	96.12%	6
10th District	1593	1624	1536	94.58%	7
<b>Totals</b>	<b>11052</b>	<b>11271</b>	<b>10660</b>	<b>94.58%</b>	

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2024 Original Goal	Percentage	Ranking
3996	88.39%	4
2273	92.36%	1
761	91.40%	2
2707	86.43%	5
2209	90.20%	3

\*The above goal set by the Detachment Membership Director

2024 Original Goal	Percentage	Ranking
1795	83.06%	10
1302	95.52%	1
2201	92.74%	3
390	94.14%	2
372	88.53%	6
1715	85.91%	9
970	88.12%	7
509	89.83%	5
993	87.33%	8
1701	90.31%	4

\*The above goal set by the Detachment Membership Director

#### 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	36	0	83.72%	
99	Wold-Chamberlain	18	19	20	0	105.26%	2/22/24
129	Hellenic	19	20	20	0	100.00%	2/22/24
234	GiantValley	21	22	30	0	136.36%	12/8/23
355	Bainbridge	0	14	0	0	#VALUE!	
435	Richfield	170	171	165	0	96.49%	
440	Gopher	43	44	43	0	97.73%	
511	Aviation	3	4	4	0	100.00%	3/29/24
555	Falldin	11	12	11	0	91.67%	
<b>5th District Totals</b>		<b>327</b>	<b>335</b>	<b>329</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>98.21%</b>	

**Welcome Back Hellenic Squadron 129!**



# 50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY VIETNAM WAR COMMEMORATION

## Save the Date!

**Minnesota remembers: 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Vietnam War**

**June 13 - 15, 2024**

The Minnesota Department of Veterans Affairs is honored to host a commemoration of the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the end of the Vietnam War. Our vision for this event is that Minnesota's Vietnam Veterans feel honored, respected and appreciated, and actively make use of the resources available to them improve their quality of life. The commemoration will:

- Provide an opportunity for healing by thanking and honoring Minnesota Vietnam-era Veterans wherever they served
- Highlight the service of the Armed Forces during the Vietnam War
- Recognize the contributions and sacrifices made by allies of the United States during the Vietnam War, especially those who have made Minnesota their home

**Who:** Vietnam Veterans and their families, allies of the United States during the Vietnam War (especially those who have made Minnesota their home) and all Minnesotans to thank our Veterans

**When:** Thursday, June 13 - Saturday, June 15, 2024

**Time:** 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.

**Where:** Mall of America, North Entrance and Atrium, Bloomington, MN

**What:**

- Resource Fair/Information Tables providing a "one-stop shop" for Vietnam Veterans and their families seeking information on VA and MDVA benefits and community services
- Historical displays from the Minnesota Military and Veterans Museum
- American Veterans Traveling Tribute Wall
- **Commemorative Program on Friday, June 14 at 11 a.m.** in the Mall of America Huntingdon Bank Rotunda followed by a complimentary brunch for Vietnam Veterans and their families

No RSVP required.

We are seeking organizations to participate in the Resource Fair. Please let us know if your organization would like to reserve a space.

We are currently working on transportation plans for those in greater MN. Hotel accommodations at your own expense will also be reserved for those interested in staying for multiple days. Watch for more details!

For more information, visit [MinnesotaVeteran.org/Vietnam50](https://MinnesotaVeteran.org/Vietnam50) or contact:

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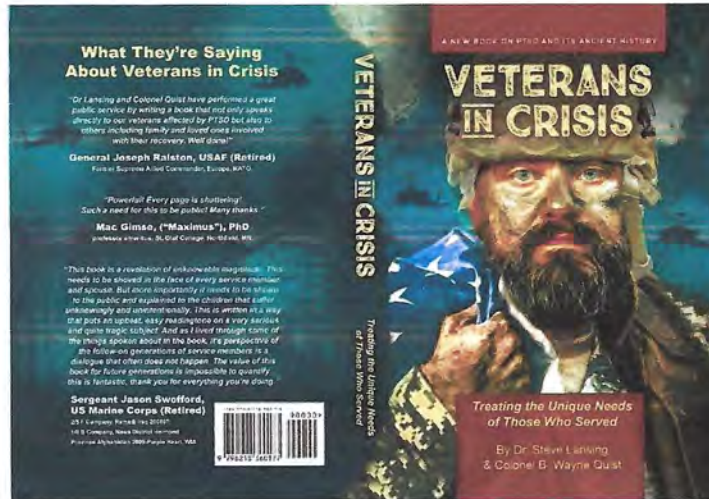
**American Legion Post #54  
and  
Hiawatha Valley Family  
Beyond the Yellow Ribbon**



*Present the authors of a new book on the history of PTSD  
from ancient times to the present*

# VETERANS IN CRISIS

*Treating the Unique Needs of Those Who Served*  
By Dr. Steve Lansing and Colonel B. Wayne Quist



**Friday, June 21, 2024 – 4:00-6:00 pm**

**American Legion Post #54**

218 W 4th St. Red Wing, MN 55066 ★ (651) 388-6223

**Support Resources Available**  
**Appetizers Provided - Cash Bar**  
*For veterans, families & caregivers*



*Please consider registering:* <https://forms.office.com/g/hSUQNi1dtD>

**4:00 pm Social Hour – Meet the Authors**  
**5:00 pm – Book Presentation**  
**6:00 pm – Discussion & Book Signing**

Date	What	Location
Wednesday May 1st	Be the One Day	<a href="https://www.legion.org/events/2024/05/01/be-one-day">https://www.legion.org/events/2024/05/01/be-one-day</a>
Saturday, May 4th 9: 30 AM - Exec, 10 AM Membership	5th District Meetings	Minneapolis Post 1
Sunday, May 5th, 2 PM	VA Visitation	VA Medical Center, meet in the auditorium
Saturday, May 11th, 11 AM	Fifth District ALA Fundraiser	Wold Chamberlain Americal Legion
Friday, May 24th	National Poppy Day	<a href="https://www.legion.org/events/2024/05/24/national-poppy-day">https://www.legion.org/events/2024/05/24/national-poppy-day</a>
Friday, May 24th 7:10 PM	American Legion Day at Target Field	Target Field - Purchase tickets by May 3 <a href="https://fevo-enterprise.com/event/">https://fevo-enterprise.com/event/</a>
Monday, May 27	Memorial Day	Various locations in the AM Mpls Veterans Home at 2 PM
Saturday June 1st	Be the One Day	<a href="https://www.legion.org/events/2024/06/01/be-one-day">https://www.legion.org/events/2024/06/01/be-one-day</a>
Sunday, June 2nd	VA Visitation	VA Medical Center, meet in the auditorium
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
Saturday June 22nd	Department Commander Testimonial	
Thursday, July 11 - Saturday July 13th	Department Convention	Willmar, MN

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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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