



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

September 2025



Fifth District Officers

Commander

Lynne Nottage

Adjutant

Ray Eiden

Finance

Dennis DeLong

Chaplain

Andrew Rose Sr.

Sergeant-At-Arms

Joe Bayer

Fifth District American Legion Meeting

Saturday, September 6
9:30 AM Executive Board
10 AM Membership

Live at **Minneapolis American Legion Post 1**

2507 East 25th Street
Minneapolis, MN 55406

(Click to view map) <https://maps.app.goo.gl/sz4XhPQxSSJ9eCXF9>

- or -

Online at:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83857752480?pwd=x1x2DqprwbfHHI8qdABw9Mvcl0a9Vl.1>

**Welcome our
2025 - 2026
Fifth District American
Legion Leadership**

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Commander	Lynne Nottage	1
Past District Commander	Ray Eiden	555
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Historian		
Membership		
Jr. Past Commander	Dick Ward	548

Fifth District American Legion Auxiliary Meeting

Saturday, October 4

Hello 5th District Members.

Fifth District Officers

President

Becky Nelson

1st Vice President

Mary Younkin

2nd Vice President

Deb Bayer

Secretary

LoAnn Grill

Treasurer

Cari Lamb

Chaplain

Mary Younkin

I'm Honored to be your 5th District President for 2025-2026. We have been busy getting ready for National Convention and the Workshop. I'm getting ready for a New Year and working with all of the Chairman. Our first Meeting will be on October 4th at 10:00am at Post #1. We will set up our Calendar of Events at meeting, so if any Units have anything you want on the Calendar, Please Bring them to the Meeting. I'm not sure what my Project is just yet, but it will be with the Minneapolis VA Home.

Thank You to Post #1 for the Fun Picnic, Lots of Food, and Drawings. Thank You to Chris for doing all the Grilling and the Donations for the Drawings.

So, Thank You Again.

I'm Hoping to see many of you at our first meeting. Let's all put our Heads together and Have a Productive Year. More to Follow.

Fifth District President Becky Nelson

Fifth District Officers

Commander

Matt Verkuilen

1st Vice Commander

Bill Hawkins

2nd Vice Commander

Mark Braley

Adjutant

Shawn Davis

Finance

Leroy Gonzales

Chaplain

SAA

Lee Davis



Fifth District SAL meeting

Tuesday, September 2 at 7 PM

Wold-Chamberlain Post 99.

Welcome to the 2025-2026 Administrative Year! We have a lot happening this year, and I look forward to working with all of you on these upcoming projects. The focus is still "Moving us forward by strengthening our foundation". This becomes even

more important this year as we look toward a possible merger with the 4th District. We as district officers want to be working alongside you to strengthen your squadrons, build our camaraderie, and ultimately work on our mission of supporting veterans, their families, and our community TOGETHER as one team.

To do this, and after discussion as our District Convention, we are expanding our Executive Committee to not only include district officers but also the Commander and Adjutant (or representative) from each squadron. **We will be meeting during every other month on the first Tuesday starting September 2nd.** This meeting will begin at 7pm at Wold Chamberlain Post 99 (5600 34th Ave S, Minneapolis, MN 55417). Please make plans to attend or have a representative at this meeting!

Officer Reporting Form for 2025-2026: If you haven't submitted your Officer Reporting Form for 2025-2026 (even if there are no changes), please do so asap. This is important so that we have contact information for your officers. A copy of this form can be found on our detachment website (<http://mnsal.org/subpg/forms/dnload/SALOfficerRptFILL.pdf>)

Again, I'm looking forward to working with you again this year! If you have events happening within your Legion Families, please let me know, I'd love to visit as I'm available. Let's have a great year!

Fifth District SAL Commander Matthew Verkuilen

Fifth District Chapter 435 ALR Meeting

Wednesday September 10, 7 PM

Wold Chamberlain American Legion Post 99



2025

MINNESOTA ROMP and RALLY

Legionville Education Center
Thursday, September 11
through Sunday, September 14

Food
Fun

\$75 per individual

\$125 for Family

\$10 for Saturday only

Bags Tournament

Other activities being
planned

RV hook up and dormitories
will be available.

American Legion Riders
Department of MN
Officer Installation and meeting
3 PM.

More information will
be posted on the
Department website and
facebook page.

Website:
mnalr.org



Facebook:



Good morning, Post leaders.

We're seeking feedback from Post leadership on how corporate partnerships can better support their needs. Your insights are important to us!

Please share this survey with your post leaders and encourage them to complete it. If you have thoughts on what would be most beneficial to our posts, you're welcome to fill out the survey as well.

For any questions, please contact Kristin Rushenberg, Marketing Specialist, Corporate Partner Services, at krushenberg@legion.org.

Thank you for helping us strengthen support for our posts!

[Post Partner Survey 2025](#)

Thanks so much,
Kristin



DELIVERING ON THE NATION'S PROMISE



NATIONAL POW/MIA RECOGNITION DAY



WORLD WAR II + COLD WAR + KOREAN WAR
VIETNAM WAR + PERSIAN GULF WAR

SEPTEMBER 19, 2025

WWW.DPAA.MIL





**MINNESOTA
AMERICAN LEGION
FAMILY
FALL
CONFERENCE**

**2025 Fall Conference
Official Registration**

Mail to:

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

Registration sliding fee:

Registration received via mail by Oct. 14: \$20
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Minnesota American Legion Convention Corp.

Conference dates:

Oct. 24-25, 2024
Various committees meet Oct. 23.

Contact the hotel directly for your reservations:

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

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

District Post Unit Squadron

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ **State** _____ **Zip** _____

Meals: Pre-purchased meals are available for \$15 each. The meals are breakfasts on Friday and Saturday and a lunch on Friday. Please indicate which meals you desire:

Breakfast Friday _____ Lunch Friday _____
Breakfast Saturday _____

Fall Conference is coming soon!

Early Registration is due October 14th to receive a Conference book. Use the form to the right or go to the following website and register there.

<https://mnlegion.org/fall-conference/>

Sessions include:

Legion Legal:

- By-Laws and Constitution – Post and District
- Four Rules of American Legion Programs and Subsidiary organizations
- Non-Profit vs For Profit
- Human Resources and Anti-Harassment
- Cannabis – Minnesota state Law

District Operations:

- District Officers Responsibilities
- Continuity of Officers
- Limits of Authority
- Running an effective meeting
- Parliamentary Procedure

Resolutions:

- Why
- How to Write a Resolution
- Process

Membership:

- Mylegion
- Legion + App
- Membership Retention
- Membership Recruitment

Strategic 5-Year Plan FAQs:

- Why a Five-Year-Plan
- How to Implement the Plan
- Goals of the Plan

Post Operations:

- Post Officers Responsibilities
- Continuity of Officers
- Limits of Authority
- Running an effective meeting
- Parliamentary Procedure
- Programs and Awards
- Annual Reports – Annual Post Data Form, CPR, Officer Reports

Legion Legislation:

- State Level
- Federal Level
- Voter Voice

Post/District Service Officer Responsibilities:

- Be The One – Buddy Checks
- Resources for Veterans
- Post Service Officer Reports

Columbia University/Be The One training
Blood Drive

The American Legion Fifth District Membership Membership Target Dates

Early Bird/NEF Kickoff - Sept 10 - 50%	Fall Meetings - October 15 - 55%
Veterans Day - November 13 - 65%	Pearl Harbor Day - December 10th - 75%
Mid-Winter - January 14 - 80%	Presidents Day - February 11 - 85%
American Legion Birthday- March 11 - 90%	Children and Youth Month - April 8 - 95%
Armed Forces Day - May 13 - 100%	

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As of August 27, 2025

Post	Name	Location	New	PUFL	Renewal	HQ Tran	Totals	Goal	% of Goal
MN-0001	Minneapolis	Minneapolis	0	16	60	3	79	0	
MN-0099	Wold-Chamberlain	Minneapolis	3	19	22	0	44	0	
MN-0129	The Hellenic Inc	Minneapolis	0	8	23	0	31	0	
MN-0230	North Side	Minneapolis	0	4	2	0	6	0	
MN-0234	Vincent L Giantvalley	Minneapolis	0	6	3	0	9	0	
MN-0291	Johnnie Baker	Minneapolis	3	3	8	0	14	0	
MN-0355	Bainbridge	Minneapolis	0	3	0	0	3	0	
MN-0435	Minneapolis-Richfield	Richfield	0	90	197	0	287	0	
MN-0440	Gopher	Minneapolis	0	7	15	0	22	0	
MN-0493	Viking Inc	Minneapolis	0	1	32	0	33	0	
MN-0511	Aviation	Crystal	0	10	6	1	17	0	
MN-0548	University Of Minnesota	Minneapolis	0	13	2	0	15	0	
MN-0555	Arthur And Leonard Falk	Minneapolis	1	24	26	0	51	0	
MN-0581	Herb Gager	Minneapolis	3	3	1	0	7	0	
MN-0618	Longton	Minneapolis	0	20	0	0	20	0	
		SUM:	10	227	397	4	638	0	

Fifth District Minneapolis VA Hospital Visitation

All are welcome to join in visiting our veterans who could use a visit at the VA.

On the **first Sunday** of the month (**September 7**) assemble at **1:45 PM** at the **Minneapolis VA Auditorium**. Please bring your cover, or where something Legion Family related.




The Sons of The American Legion Fifth District Membership

By Bill Hawkins

This membership report is as of August 31, 2025.

5th District

Sqdrn.	Location	2025 Results (7/29/2025)	2026 Goal	Total at Dept		Grand Total	% of Goal	Date Goal Reached
1	Minneapolis	33	38	19		19	50.00%	
99	Wold-Chamberlain	15	20	1		1	5.00%	
129	Hellenic	24	29	1		1	3.45%	
234	GiantValley	18	23	0		0	0.00%	
435	Richfield	172	177	11		11	6.21%	
440	Gopher	43	48	0		0	0.00%	
511	Aviation	2	7	0		0	0.00%	
555	Falldin	11	16	0		0	0.00%	
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2025-2026 American Legion Auxiliary Department of Minnesota President's Project



Honor Flight Network is a national nonprofit organization with independent hubs working together to achieve the Honor Flight mission.

The Honor Flight Mission

To celebrate America's veterans by inviting them to share in a day of honor at our nation's memorials.

The Honor Flight Vision

A nation where all of America's veterans experience the honor, gratitude, and community of support they deserve.

In 2021, the American Legion Auxiliary National Headquarters entered a formal partnership with Honor Flight Inc. to support their mission to celebrate America's veterans by inviting them to share in a day of honor at our nation's memorials by enabling our units and departments to directly donate funds generated from the distribution of our poppy — the symbol of the sacrifice of service made by our veterans, military, and their families.

Participation in an Honor Flight trip gives veterans the opportunity to share this momentous occasion with other comrades, remember the fallen, and share their stories and experiences with other veterans. Honored veterans always travel free of charge, thanks to generous donations.

While initially focused solely on America's World War II era veterans, Honor Flight Network has expanded its mission to include those who served during the Korean War and the Vietnam War eras. The Honor Flight TLC program also honors veterans of any service era who are critically ill.

20 years in operation

- ♥ Over 128 hubs across the country form Honor Flight Network.
- ♥ As of July 4th – 317,128 veterans honored since 2005
- ♥ As of July 4th - 46,380 veterans on waiting list
- ♥ 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization

Minnesota

- ♥ 87 counties with 295,703 Minnesota veterans
- ♥ 6 hubs that support Minnesota counties
- ♥ Lone Eagle - program of Honor Flight that serves veterans not served by a hub

Goal to raise \$35,000 to split evenly between the 7 so that each gets \$5,000

FREEDOM HONOR FLIGHT, INC.

Home City: La Crosse

Departing Airport: La Crosse Regional Airport (LSE)

Minnesota counties: Houston, Wabasha, and Winona

HONOR FLIGHT NORTHLAND

Home City: Duluth

Departing Airport: Duluth International Airport (DLH)

Minnesota counties: Koochiching, Itaska, Aitkin, St Louis, Carlton, Pine, Lake, and Cook

HONOR FLIGHT TWIN CITIES

Home City: Minneapolis/Saint Paul

Departing Airport: Minneapolis/ St Paul MN Airport (MSP)

Minnesota counties: Anoka, Benton, Carver, Chisago, Dakota, Hennepin, Isanti, Ramsey, Rice, Scott, Sherburne, Washington, and Wright.

MIDWEST HONOR FLIGHT

Home City: Sioux Falls, SD

Departing Airport: Sioux Falls Regional Airport (FSD)

Minnesota counties: Lincoln, Lyon, Redwood, Pipestone, Murray, Cottonwood, Rock, Nobles, Jackson

NORTH STAR HONOR FLIGHT

Home City: Adams, MN

Departing Airport: Rochester International Airport (RST)

Minnesota counties: Blue Earth, Dodge, Faribault, Fillmore, Freeborn, Mower, Olmsted, Steele, and Waseca

VETERANS HONOR FLIGHT OF ND/MN

Home City: Fargo

Departing Airport: Hector International Airport (FAR)

Minnesota counties: Kittson, Roseau, Marshall, Beltrami, Polk, Red Lake, Pennington, Clearwater, Norman, Mahnommen, Hubbard, Clay, Becker, Wilkin, Ottertail, Douglas, Grant, Traverse, Stevens, Swift, Big Stone, Pope, Todd, and Wadena

LONE EAGLE

Program of Honor Flight that serves veterans not served by a hub.

Departing Airport: Closest to Veteran

Minnesota counties: Brown, Cass, Chippewa, Crow Wing, Goodhue, Kanabec, Kandiyohi, Lac qui Parle, Lake of the Woods, Lesuer, McLeod, Martin, Meeker, Mille Lacs, Morrison, Nicollet, Renville, Sibley, Stearns, Watonwan, and Yellow Medicine.



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Contact the hotel directly for your reservations:

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

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

District Post Unit Squadron

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State ____ Zip _____

Meals: Pre-purchased meals are available for \$15 each.

The meals are breakfasts on Friday and Saturday and a lunch on Friday. Please indicate which meals you desire:

Breakfast Friday _____ Lunch Friday _____ Breakfast Saturday _____

Department of Minnesota American Legion Family Service Project at the 2025 Fall Conference



The St. Cloud StandDown assists veterans in Minnesota with resources and needed items free of charge. They provide food, clothing, accessories, footwear, job connections, and housing information and resources for veterans in need, at risk, or homeless. They are staffed by veterans and volunteers who donate their time. The St. Cloud StandDown location consists of multiple operations including the StandDown Warehouse, Lady Veterans Boutique, Clifford Beck Veteran Resource Center, Gentlemen's Quarters Barbershop, and the Frontline Food Pantry.

We will be collecting the following NEW items (no used items):

Men's underwear (boxers or briefs)

Women's underwear

Men's socks – much needed they distributed over 3,000 last year.

Women's socks

Men's thermal wear

Men's winter jackets

Women's winter jackets

Men's winter hats, scarves, and gloves

Women's winter hats, scarves, and gloves

Full size toiletries including body wash, deodorants, razors, lotions, brushes/combs, women's tampons, and sanitary pads (light/medium)

Please bring your items from Thursday, October 23rd to 9am on Saturday October 25th to the Glen Carlson Exhibit Hall where the Auxiliary session will be held.

Let's Fill the Room for Our Veterans!!

American Legion Commander Linda Dvorak

American Legion Auxiliary President Robin Dorf

Sons of the American Legion Commander Jeremy Copher

American Legion Riders Director Duane Mabon

American Legion Auxiliary Honorary Junior President Anastasia Donnelly

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY

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2026 Membership

Celebrating Members

"Finding Members in Everyday Places"

Leading the Celebration is Kollett Kaehlert



DISTRICT	# of Units	Goal	Period Gain	Membership To Date	Percent of Goal	Membership LY 8/8/2024	Difference from Last Year
One	47	3,240	203	221	6.82%	213	8
Two	68	3,230	163	164	5.08%	176	-12
Three	45	3,390	223	262	7.73%	146	116
Four	5	456	15	17	3.73%	37	-20
Five	7	344	5	5	1.45%	17	-12
Six	57	4,370	251	253	5.79%	323	-70
Seven	49	2,427	48	57	2.35%	55	2
Eight	20	1,092	61	80	7.33%	59	21
Nine	43	2,786	93	114	4.09%	96	18
Ten	40	3,145	154	201	6.39%	182	19
1982	1	408	10	13	3.19%	9	4
Depart. Total	382	24,888	1,226	1,387	5.57%	441	946
Group 1 (Even)	190	12,292	644	715	5.82%	777	-62
<i>Jodi Hassling</i>							
Group 2 (Odd)	191	12,188	572	659	5.41%	536	123
<i>Linda Kelly</i>							

RANKINGS

1st 7.73%	District 3	
2nd 7.33%	District 8	
3rd 6.82%	District 1	
4th 6.39%	District 10	
5th 5.79%	District 6	
6th 5.08%	District 2	
7th 4.09%	District 9	
8th 3.73%	District 4	
9th 2.35%	District 7	
10th 1.45%	District 5	

Wold Chamberlain American Legion Post 99 Family Fundraiser



Pancake & Sausage Breakfast Fundraiser

Sunday, September 28, 2025

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





Unit 435 Omelet Breakfast Fundraiser

Sunday October 12th
8 AM until Noon

\$13.00 donation for a
custom made omelet,
hash-browns, fruit cocktail, toast,
and drink

(coffee, juice, or milk)

Supporting American Legion
Auxiliary Charities



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

Date	What	Location
Tuesday, Sept 2, 2025 7 PM	Fifth District Meeting SAL	Wold Chamberlain Post 99 5600 S 34th Ave. Mpls
Thursday, Sept 4 - Sunday, Sept 7	Legionville Camporee	Legionville Education Center Brainard, MN
Saturday, Sept 6, 2025 9:30 Exec, 10 AM Membership	Fifth District Meeting TAL	Minneapolis Post 1 2507 E 25th St. Mpls, MN 55406
Sunday, Sept 7, 1:45 PM	5th District Minneapolis VA Hospital Visitation	Minneapolis VA Auditorium
Wednesday, Sept 10, 2025 7 PM	Fifth District Meeting ALR Chapter 435	Wold Chamberlain Post 99 5600 S 34th Ave. Mpls
Sunday, September 28, 2025 8 am - Noon	Post 99 AYCE Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser	Wold Chamberlain Post 99 5600 S 34th Ave. Mpls
Saturday, October 4, 2025 9:30 Exec, 10 AM Membership	Fifth District Meeting TAL, ALA	Minneapolis Post 1 2507 E 25th St. Mpls, MN 55406
Sunday, October 5, 1:45 PM	5th District Minneapolis VA Hospital Visitation	Minneapolis VA Auditorium
Wednesday, October 8, 2025 7 PM	Fifth District Meeting ALR Chapter 435	Wold Chamberlain Post 99 5600 S 34th Ave. Mpls
Tuesday, November 4, 2025 7 PM	Fifth District Meeting SAL	Wold Chamberlain Post 99 5600 S 34th Ave. Mpls
October 24 - 25, 2025	American Legion Family Fall Conference	Rivers Edge Convention Center St. Cloud, MN
Wednesday, July 8 - Saturday July 11	Department Convention	Willmar, MN
August 28 - September 3	National Convention	Louisville, KY

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A calendar of events can be found there.

Send in news and content to be shared to
news@mnfightingfifth.org

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

Please print and share this newsletter with members and anyone interested who is not online.



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