



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

October 2025

AMERICAN LEGION

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, October 4
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>



Linda Dvorak Good morning!
Department Commander I just want to bring you up to date on some things happening in the Department. Don't keep this news to yourself, share it with the posts!

I know some of you have already received this from the Department Membership Director, but as of September 22 we are still sitting in 4th place Nationally for Membership. As of September 24th, we are at 63.3% membership and our retention
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Ray Eiden
District Adjutant

Our next District meeting will be Oct. 4 at Post 1. The Executive Committee will meet at 9:30am and the Assembly at 10:00 am.
The meeting will be carried on Zoom. Our 5th District roster is being finalized and I am

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hoping to have some printed copies available at the meeting. I also plan on sending out electronic copies to all the Posts.

The next Hospital Visitation is Sunday, Oct. 5. We are looking for more volunteers from the 5th District. We meet in the VA Hospital auditorium before 2:00 pm. Plan to come and visit with the veterans in the various wards. They look forward to having some companionship. It is a rewarding experience.

The 4th and 5th District Merge Committee will have their first organizational meeting on Sunday, Oct. 5 via Zoom. They will establish subcommittees for Finance and Constitution & Bylaws related to the potential new district. They will also select a committee secretary to record meeting notes and coordinate schedules/documents with members.

Fifth District American Legion Auxiliary Meeting

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10 AM Membership

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President
Becky Nelson

1st Vice President
Mary Younkin

2nd Vice President
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Secretary
LoAnn Grill

Treasurer
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Chaplain
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Matt Verkuilen

1st Vice Commander
Bill Hawkins

2nd Vice Commander
Mark Braley

Adjutant
Shawn Davis

Finance
Leroy Gonzales

Chaplain

SAA
Lee Davis



District Representative
Jill Davis

Fifth District SAL meeting

Tuesday, November 4 at 7 PM
Wold-Chamberlain Post 99.

Fifth District Chapter 435 ALR Meeting

Wednesday October 8, 7 PM
Wold Chamberlain American Legion Post 99

Linda Dvorak rate is 61.81%. This means we have already made the October 15th
Department cutoff and are close to the November 13th cutoff of 65%. We always
Commander seem to hit a wall come January and our membership seems to slide
Continued downward from there. We need to keep our momentum going all
through the year. Open Houses, Revitalizing posts that are struggling
are some ways to help stop this slide.

National has some great training opportunities! See attached for more information and spread the word!

Minnesota Legion College will be April 23-26 at Camp Ripley, register now to ensure you have a seat, we are already getting students registered and the maximum number of students is 24, don't miss your opportunity to gain valuable information.

Have you registered for the Fall Conference yet? I would like to see as many posts as possible at the Conference. This is a learning Conference, we have several classes lined up which are designed to help both Posts and Districts, this is also where we honor our Outstanding Military members. Also, we will be having a joint service project with the Auxiliary and SAL. Please see attached flyer and help make this project a success.

Pearl Harbor Rally will be December 6th in Buffalo. You can register by going to <https://mnlegion.org/pearl-harbor-rally/>. We will be having presentations on the Americanism and National Security Pillars!

Do you get the Legionnaire via Mail or Email? Do you get more than one copy mailed to your home? Mailing costs keep going up and it is getting more and more expensive to send out the Legionnaire. We have gone from a monthly Legionnaire to once every six weeks. Tim is working on some ideas to help, but if you would like to help defray the cost of mailing the Legionnaire, please send a donation to the Department Office, make checks out to The Legionnaire.

As always, please remember my project for this year, Fund 85 and also Tables and Benches at the new Military and Veterans Museum at Camp Ripley (checks need to be made out to Minnesota American Legion Foundation-in the memo line Fund 82).

Enjoy the fall weather, winter will be here before we know it!

Better Together/Back to the Basics-The Four Pillars
Linda Dvorak



**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
Registration online: \$20 + possible fees
Registration after Oct. 14 or at the door: \$30

Only the pre-registered will receive a booklet.

Registration fees are for each person attending, except for Junior SAL and Junior Auxiliary members. Please copy and send a separate form for each person attending. Everyone must pay the registration fee.

Checks only by mail; bank cards are accepted online. Please indicate "Fall Conference" on the memo line. Please make checks payable to:

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

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

The top web and social media hits of August



 **FACEBOOK**
150,141

Most impressions of the month from a post on the American Legion Baseball page about the regional field being set. There is a nonzero chance this is the most ever for the ALB Facebook page.

 **TWITTER**
39,329

Impressions of a tweet about the regional field for American Legion Baseball, most of the month, and double the number of the top tweet from the main TAL account.

 **INSTAGRAM**
21,493

Views of the championship celebration video at the American Legion World Series. Not only was it the best of the month, it was roughly the combined total of the next three best reels combined.

 **NEWSLETTER**
321,015

Opens of the August 7 Online Update, with the subject line, "Soldier linked to espionage with Russia," fourth best of 2025 so far.

 **WEBSITE**
22,391

Story with the most page views, "Field set for 2025 American Legion Baseball regionals." In fact, four of the top eight stories of August were related to ALB.

 **EXTERNAL MEDIA**
86,401,195

Potential audience size of press release announcing the election of Dan Wiley for national commander.

 **PODCAST**
812

Downloads of the episode, "A transgender service member speaks out about being forced out," best of the month and the third most among the previous 23 episodes.

 **YOUTUBE**
13,700

Hours of viewing time on our YouTube channel since the start of the year.

 **LINKEDIN**
71,885

Monthly impressions, about 16% higher than during July.



VOICES

"I can't imagine this is not something that these guys don't talk about the rest of their lives. And the way we won it with 13 guys banding together ... you could not ask for anything more from these guys. It's just special."

- Larry Bowles, coach of the 2025 American Legion World Series champions from Chesapeake, Va., after his Post 280 team defeated League City, Texas, 5-0 in the title game Aug. 19 in Shelby, N.C., capping a 27-4 season.



400,000

Sons of American Legion members, an all-time record, set on Aug. 10.



\$235,000

Amount presented in a check to The American Legion Veterans & Children Foundation from the American Legion Department of Maryland's Gold Star Legacy Run, bringing its 10-year total to \$1 million in support of the national Legacy Run. The check was presented at Post 8 in South Boston, Va., on the eve of the 2025 ride.



\$986,035

Amount raised by the American Legion Riders and American Legion Family for the organization's Veterans & Children Foundation, more than \$400,000 of which was collected on the five-day 2025 Legacy Run. All funds raised go directly to the VCF, which provides funding for American Legion service officers and the Temporary Financial Assistance grant program, which provides support in times of financial crisis for military/veteran families with children at home.



1,285

Miles pedaled across five states by six American Legion Family members who rode their bikes from Dallas to Tampa, arriving Aug. 23, for the 106th National Convention. Their mission: to promote the Legion's Be the One effort to reduce veteran suicide and to raise funds for PTSD treatment programs.



1,400+

Participants in the USA 250 Challenge in support of the Veterans & Children Foundation, The American Legion Family's three-tiered celebration – fitness, wellness and service – of the nation's 250th birthday.



2,295,365

Views of the American Legion World Series on the National Headquarters Facebook platform in August, with a total reach of 462,100 and more than 23,800 interactions.



\$1,995,917,901

Amount in VA benefits awarded to veterans receiving free American Legion claims and appeals assistance for the month of July.



\$342,000

Amount in American Legion Baseball All-Academic Team scholarships awarded to 126 players since 2012.



\$4,559,081

Amount in retroactive VA disability benefits awarded in August to veterans receiving free American Legion representation in their appeals claims.



15

Number of congressional hearings, out of 29 so far in the 119th Congress before the House and Senate Committees on Veterans' Affairs, in which The American Legion has delivered testimony.



869

VA Informal Hearing Presentations prepared in August free of charge by American Legion claims representatives assisting veterans appealing VA claims decisions.

VOICES

"What you have seen is that there has been no degradation in services. We have completed the most amount of disability claims completions ever, over 2.5 million, and we've exceeded last year's production way ahead of schedule."

- Margarita Devlin, Acting Principal Deputy Under Secretary for Benefits at the Veterans Benefits Administration, speaking before the American Legion Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation Commission Aug. 23 in Tampa, Fla.



973

Board of Veterans Appeals dispositions achieved in August for veterans appealing VA claims decisions, thanks to free assistance from national American Legion representatives. Of those, only 16.8% were denied.



117,000+

Messages to Congress sent through The American Legion Grassroots Action Center to weigh in on top legislative priorities between Sept. 1, 2024, and Aug. 31, 2025.



255+

Pieces of 119th Congress legislation reviewed so far in 2025 by The American Legion Legislative Division.



28

Number of American Legion services officers certified for accreditation for the month of August.



\$75,000

Amount presented Aug. 27 onstage at the 106th American Legion National Convention in Tampa, Fla., from Founding Fathers Brewery, 50% of profits from the company's line of coffee, snacks, coffee and other products.



812

Audio downloads of the Tango Alpha Lima episode featuring Col. Bree Fram, a transgender Space Force member, the third highest among the past 23 podcast episodes.



24

Number of Junior ROTC units that competed in the National American Legion Color Guard Contest Aug. 23 at the 106th National Convention, up from nine units in 2024.



2,492

American Legion posts that were registered through August for the Emblem Sales Flag Rewards Program, which provides purchasing credits for those that buy flags from Emblem Sales to help their communities, with more than 44,000 schools, businesses, churches and individuals participating as sponsors.



50

Number of employers who participated in the American Legion/Hiring Our Heroes Career Exploration & Career Fair – including Walt Disney Corp., BAE Systems and General Dynamics – Aug. 23 at the 106th National Convention in Tampa, Fla. The event drew 220 registrants.



18

U.S. Flag Code inquiries fielded by The American Legion's national Americanism Division in August.



137

American Legion national youth scholarships awarded in August, amounting to \$412,556.



7

Number of national American Legion Employment & Education Commission awards presented Aug. 23 during the 106th National Convention in Tampa, Fla., including: Large Employer of the Year; Medium Employer of the Year; Small Employer of the Year; Disabled Veterans Outreach Program Specialist of the Year; Employer of Older Workers; Local Veteran Employment Representative of the Year; and Enhance the Lives of the Disabled.



39

Eagle Scout recognition certificates disbursed in August from American Legion National Headquarters to go along with one Gold Star (Girl Scouts) certificate.



7,633

Downloads of The American Legion's 106th National Convention app during the gathering in Tampa, Fla., a record.



\$4,500

Amount in American Legion Temporary Financial Assistance grants awarded in August to stabilize the homes of veterans facing unexpected hardships, with minor children at home.



24,800

Rounds of ceremonial ammunition distributed in August from The American Legion's Military Surplus Loan Program, administered by the National Security Division. In addition, 15 rifles and 174 clips were distributed to 10 American Legion posts in seven departments.



\$2,828

Amount of one American Legion National Emergency Fund grant issued in August to an Oklahoma individual applicant who suffered a devastating natural disaster loss earlier in the year.



150

Veterans and spouses who registered for The American Legion and Small Business Administration Business Conference in Tampa during the 106th National Convention.

AMERICAN LEGION

Post #1, Minneapolis MN

Home of the Red Flag

Day of Service

October 4, 2025-10am-2pm

Pioneers and Soldiers Cemetery 2945 Cedar Ave, Mpls Mn

Participants will receive instruction on cleaning headstones and receive a short tour of this historic cemetery. Lunch will be provided by Post 1.

Participants will earn up to 4 hours of service credit under the Post 1 Volunteer Incentive Program.

post1mpls@gmail.com

Questions Call
612-721-3023

<http://www.mplspost1.org>

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%	

As of September 24, 2025

Post	Name	Location	New	PUFL	Renewal	HQ Tran	Totals	Goal	% of Goal
MN-0001	Minneapolis	Minneapolis	0	16	71	3	90	184	48.91
MN-0099	Wold-Chamberlain	Minneapolis	3	19	27	0	49	79	62.03
MN-0129	The Hellenic Inc	Minneapolis	0	8	26	0	34	53	64.15
MN-0230	North Side	Minneapolis	0	4	18	0	22	37	59.46
MN-0234	Vincent L Giantvalley	Minneapolis	0	6	3	0	9	33	27.27
MN-0291	Johnnie Baker	Minneapolis	3	3	9	0	15	19	78.95
MN-0355	Bainbridge	Minneapolis	0	3	0	0	3	3	100.00
MN-0435	Minneapolis-Richfield	Richfield	0	90	265	0	355	630	56.35
MN-0440	Gopher	Minneapolis	0	7	15	0	22	32	68.75
MN-0493	Viking Inc	Minneapolis	0	1	37	0	38	50	76.00
MN-0511	Aviation	Crystal	0	10	15	1	26	42	61.90
MN-0548	University Of Minnesota	Minneapolis	0	13	2	0	15	24	62.50
MN-0555	Arthur And Leonard Fallc	Minneapolis	1	24	28	0	53	75	70.67
MN-0581	Herb Gager	Minneapolis	3	3	1	0	7	22	31.82
MN-0618	Longton	Minneapolis	0	20	0	0	20	22	90.91
		SUM:	10	227	517	4	758	1,305	58.08

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 (**October 5**) assemble at **1:45 PM** at the **Minneapolis VA Auditorium**. Please bring your cover, or where something Legion Family related.



Department of Minnesota 2026 Membership

Including Encumbered HQ Transfers

MN Dist 0004 LGN

Post	Name	Location	New	Puff	Rnwls	HQ Tran	Total	Goal	% of Goal	Ret %
MN-0008	St Paul	St Paul	0	5	20	0	25	50	50.00	49.02
MN-0039	North St Paul	North St Paul	5	52	282	0	339	514	65.95	64.60
MN-0168	White Bear Lake	White Bear Lake	0	32	55	0	87	151	57.62	58.00
MN-0406	Christie-De Parcq	St Paul	1	5	37	0	43	52	82.69	80.77
MN-0418	Hamline	St Paul	0	15	23	0	38	51	74.51	74.51
MN-0450	Business And Professional	St Paul	0	6	14	0	20	38	52.63	52.63
MN-0474	North End	St Paul	0	11	50	0	61	79	77.22	78.21
MN-0515	Daytons Bluff	St Paul	0	3	0	0	3	4	75.00	75.00
MN-0542	Rosetown Memorial	Roseville	0	58	178	0	236	363	65.01	64.31
MN-0577	Arcade-Phalen	St Paul	5	17	79	0	101	171	59.06	55.49
MN-0599	3 M, Inc.	St Paul	1	20	15	0	36	49	73.47	72.92
MN-1975	3H	St Paul	0	0	3	0	3	16	18.75	18.75
MN-4444	Reginald Burt	St Paul	0	21	8	0	29	30	96.67	96.67
	Sum:		12	245	764	0	1021	1568	65.11479592	64.06349206

MN Dist 0005 LGN


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MN-0129	The Hellenic Inc	Minneapolis	0	8	26	0	34	53	64.15	69.39
MN-0230	North Side	Minneapolis	0	4	18	0	22	37	59.46	59.46
MN-0234	Vincent L Giantvalley	Minneapolis	0	6	3	0	9	33	27.27	27.27
MN-0291	Johnnie Baker	Minneapolis	3	3	9	0	15	19	78.95	70.59
MN-0355	Bainbridge	Minneapolis	0	3	0	0	3	3	100.00	100.00
MN-0435	Minneapolis-Richfield	Richfield	0	90	265	0	355	630	56.35	55.82
MN-0440	Gopher	Minneapolis	0	7	15	0	22	32	68.75	70.97
MN-0493	Viking Inc	Minneapolis	0	1	37	0	38	50	76.00	77.55
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MN-0548	University Of Minnesota	Minneapolis	0	13	2	0	15	24	62.50	53.57
MN-0555	Arthur And Leonard Fallin	Minneapolis	1	24	28	0	53	75	70.67	71.23
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MN-0618	Longton	Minneapolis	0	20	0	0	20	22	90.91	90.91
	Sum:		10	227	517	1	755	1305	57.85440613	57.01149425

The Sons of The American Legion Fifth District Membership

By Bill Hawkins

This membership report is as of September 28, 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	25		25	65.79%	
99	Wold-Chamberlain	15	20	19		19	95.00%	
129	Hellenic	24	29	6		6	20.69%	
234	GiantValley	18	23	10		10	43.48%	
435	Richfield	172	177	36		36	20.34%	
440	Gopher	43	48	1		1	2.08%	
511	Aviation	2	7	3		3	42.86%	
555	Falldin	11	16	11		11	68.75%	
5th District Totals		318	358	111	0	111	31.01%	
# of Sqdns - 8				NC		Off Goose Egg		9/21/25

 DETACHMENT OF MINNESOTA 2026 MEMBERSHIP GOALS Report Date: 9/28/25									
2025 Results as of 7/29/2025		11641							
Current Received as of 9/28/2025		2699		22.38%	*Includes traditional and online renewals				
2026 Detachment Goal		12060		12015	22.46%	set from national			
Vice Commanders	2025 Results	2026 Goal	Current at Dept.	Percentage	Placing	2026 Original Goal	Percentage	Ranking	
1st and 3rd	3992	4072	1132	27.80%	1	3992	28.36%	1	
2nd and 7th	2220	2300	348	15.13%	5	2315	15.03%	5	
4th and 5th	728	808	166	20.54%	4	787	21.09%	3	
6th and 9th	2594	2674	597	22.33%	2	2608	22.89%	2	
8th and 10th	2107	2186	456	20.86%	3	2208	20.65%	4	
Totals	11641	12040	2699	22.42%		<i>*The above goal set by the Detachment Membership Director</i>			
<i>*The above goals are set by the District Leadership</i>									
Districts	2025 Results	2026 Goal	Current at Dept.	Percentage	Placing	2026 Original Goal	Percentage	Ranking	
1st District	1745	1785	506	28.35%	2	1743	29.03%	2	
2nd District	1225	1265	234	18.50%	7	1377	16.99%	7	
3rd District	2247	2287	626	27.37%	3	2249	27.83%	3	
4th District	410	450	55	12.22%	8	422	13.03%	8	
5th District	318	358	111	31.01%	1	365	30.41%	1	
6th District	1643	1683	413	24.54%	4	1693	24.39%	4	
7th District	995	1035	114	11.01%	10	938	12.15%	9	
8th District	479	519	60	11.56%	9	509	11.79%	10	
9th District	951	991	184	18.57%	6	915	20.11%	6	
10th District	1628	1667	396	23.76%	5	1699	23.31%	5	
Totals	11641	12040	2699	22.42%		<i>*The above goal set by the Detachment Membership Director</i>			
<i>*The above goals are set by the District Leadership</i>									
1982 MN SAL AT-LARGE	4	3							

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.



2025 Fall Conference - Official Registration

Mail to:

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

Registration sliding fee:

Registration received by October 14: \$20
Registration at mnlegion.org: \$20
Registration at the door: \$30

Only the pre-registered will receive a booklet.

Registration fees are for each person attending, except for Junior SAL and Junior Auxiliary members. Please copy and send a separate form for each person attending. Everyone must pay the registration fee. Checks only by mail; bank cards are accepted online. Please indicate "Fall Conference" on the memo line.

Please make checks payable to:
Minnesota American Legion Convention Corp.

Conference dates:
October 24-25, 2025
Various committees meet October 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 _____

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 9/24/2024	Difference from Last Year
One	47	3,240	51	482	14.88%	533	-51
Two	68	3,230	22	508	15.73%	522	-14
Three	45	3,390	39	552	16.28%	473	79
Four	5	456	26	78	17.11%	65	13
Five	7	344	13	26	7.56%	43	-17
Six	57	4,370	105	738	16.89%	743	-5
Seven	49	2,427	67	319	13.14%	254	65
Eight	20	1,092	4	135	12.36%	124	11
Nine	43	2,786	162	483	17.34%	383	100
Ten	40	3,145	81	490	15.58%	564	-74
1982	1	408	9	77	18.87%	81	-4
Depart. Total	382	24,888	579	3,888	15.62%	3,785	103
Group 1 (Even)	190	12,292	238	1,949	15.86%	2,018	-69
<i>Jodi Hassing</i>							
Group 2 (Odd)	191	12,188	332	1,862	15.28%	1,767	95
<i>Linda Kelly</i>							

RANKINGS

1st	17.34%	17.11%	16.28%	15.73%	15.58%	14.88%	13.14%	12.36%	10th	7.56%
District 9	District 4	District 6	District 3	District 2	District 10	District 1	District 7	District 8	District 5	
										

UNIT NUMERIC OBJECTIVES 2026

If your percentages show NaN and/or Infinity please send us your Goals
This report updates once daily at midnight Eastern Time

UNIT	CITY	OBJECTIVE	JUNIOR	SENIOR	TOTAL	PERCENT	25% by 9/15	60% by 11/11	85% by 3/15/26	95% by 6/12/26	100% by 7/14/26	102% by 8/1/26
05	Minneapolis	50	0	5	5	10.00%						
0099	Minneapolis	31	0	9	9	29.03%	9/23/25					
0129	Minneapolis	52	0	0	0	0.00%						
0234	Minneapolis	38	0	0	0	0.00%						
0435	Richfield	135	0	8	8	5.93%						
0440	Minneapolis	25	0	1	1	4.00%						
0511	Aviation	13	0	3	3	23.08%						
Total		344	0	26	26	7.56%						

Wold Chamberlain American Legion Post 99 Family Fundraiser



Pancake & Sausage Breakfast Fundraiser

Sunday, October 26, 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
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
Saturday, October 4, 2025 10 Am - 2 PM	Minneapolis Post 1 Day of Service	Pioneers and Soldiers Cemetery 2945 Cedar Ave. Mpls
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
Sunday, October 12, 2025 8 am - Noon	Unit 435 Omelet Breakfast Fundraiser	Wold Chamberlain Post 99 5600 S 34th Ave. Mpls
October 23 - 25, 2025	American Legion Family Fall Conference	Rivers Edge Convention Center St. Cloud, MN
Sunday, October 26, 2025 8 am - Noon	Post 99 AYCE Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser	Wold Chamberlain Post 99 5600 S 34th Ave. Mpls
Saturday, November 1, 2025 9:30 Exec, 10 AM Membership	Fifth District Meeting TAL, ALA	Minneapolis Post 1 2507 E 25th St. Mpls, MN 55406
Sunday, November 2, 1:45 PM	5th District Minneapolis VA Hospital Visitation	Minneapolis VA Auditorium
Tuesday, November 4, 2025 7 PM	Fifth District Meeting SAL	Wold Chamberlain Post 99 5600 S 34th Ave. Mpls
Friday, June 26 - Saturday, June 27	Detachment Conventon	Crustal, MN
Wednesday, July 8 - Saturday July 11	Department Convention	Willmar, MN
August 28 - September 3	National Convention	Louisville, KY

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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.



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