



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

November 2025

AMERICAN LEGION

Fifth District Officers

Commander
Lynne Nottage

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Ray Eiden

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Dennis De Long

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Andrew Rose Sr.

Sergeant-At-Arms
Joe Bayer

Fifth District American Legion Meeting

Saturday, November 1
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=x1x2DqprwbfHHI8qdABw9Mvcl0a9VI.1>

Ray Eiden
District Adjutant

The next District Assembly will be this **Saturday, Nov.1** at **Minneapolis Post 1**. Executive Meeting at 9:30am followed by the District Assembly at

10:00am. The meeting will be carried on Zoom.

The dates are set for the Oratorical Contest and the Mid-Winter Conference. The Oratorical Contest will be held on January 17, 2026 at Wold-Chamberlain Post 99 starting at 9:00am. We have 2 contestants thus far and looking for more. I did receive information from Department concerning this event. Contact me if you have any contestants that are interested. Ray Eiden: **612-378-2725** or email me at eyden@aol.com. I will be looking for judges, tabulators, timekeepers, etc. when the time comes.

The Mid-Winter Conference will be held at the Crystal VFW on Jan. 10 starting at 9:00am. We will start planning for this event soon. If you have any suggestions for topics or guest speakers let Lynne Nottage or myself know.

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Ray Eiden
5th District Adjutant

Department Leadership at Legionville for Camp O Ree.
Left to Right:



SAL Detachment
Commander Jeremy
Copher,
ALA Department
President Robin Dorf,
American Legion
Department
Commander Linda
Dvorak, ALR
Department Director
Duane Mabon

Fifth District American Legion Auxiliary Meeting



Saturday, November 1
9:30 AM Executive Board
10 AM Membership

Minneapolis American Legion Post 1

2507 East 25th Street
Minneapolis, MN 55406

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



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



District Representative

Jill Davis

Fifth District SAL meeting

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



With Fall Conference behind us, the work continues on building and strengthening our Squadrons and the American Legion Family while supporting our veterans, their families, and our community. THANK YOU for all of your work in this!

Our next SAL District meeting will be held **Tuesday, November 4**

(7pm) at Wold-Chamberlain Post 99 (5600 S 34th Ave, Minneapolis, MN 55417). Please plan to attend to get the recap from Fall Conference and new things coming up for the future!

As we start to prepare for the holiday season, please remember our service personnel who are deployed, our community members having a rough time and families who may be missing someone at their family gatherings and keep them in your thoughts.

Finally, there are several service projects or initiatives happening right now in our communities, if you have time - please consider chipping in and helping or consider getting your squadron together to help on a project. Every hour spent, every dollar donated... makes a huge difference!

Matthew Verkuilen, 5th District SAL Commander

mverkuilen@aviation511.org

Department Leadership at Fall Conference. L to R: ALR Department Director Duane Mabon, ALA Department President Robin Dorf, American Legion Department Commander Linda Dvorak, SAL Commander Jeremy Copher, Honorary Department Junior President Anastasia Donnely



Fifth District Chapter 435 ALR Meeting

We are on Winter break!



New American Legion Riders Chairman David Heredia shares vision for the future

A man who has been a fixture on the National American Legion Legacy Run for years has been tasked with leading the organization's fastest-growing program.

Maryland Legionnaire David Heredia was appointed National American Legion Riders chairman during the National Executive Committee's Fall Meetings earlier this month.

After serving as the Legacy Run's chief tail gunner, Heredia has served as assistant chief road captain since 2022. He's also the immediate past commander of The American Legion Department of Maryland and a member of Bernard L. Tobin Post 128 in Aberdeen.

Heredia, who spent more than 22 years in the U.S. Army, talked with American Legion Social Manager Steven B. Brooks about what it feels like to be appointed as chairman, his vision for the Legion Riders and the importance of continuing their legacy of service.

Steven B. Brooks: How does it feel knowing that national American Legion leadership has the faith in you to appoint you to this position?

David Heredia: I'm deeply humbled and honored to serve as the fourth national chairman for The American Legion Riders. I'm grateful for National Commander Dan Wiley and the leadership of The American Legion for their trust and confidence. I take this position seriously, because the Riders are a focus in the community. We're a force to be reckoned, especially when we ride in large numbers.

Question: What is your vision for the Riders? What do you think is working, and how would you like to see the Riders continue to evolve?

Heredia: As chairman of The American Legion Riders, I'll have a simple focus. We're going to ride for the veterans and their families like we've done in the past. We're going to continue to uphold the Legion's Four Pillars and strengthen the Veterans & Children Foundation (VCF). We're going to live Be the One. We're going to continue checking in, connecting, working to prevent veteran suicide and ensuring no one feels forgotten or alone. And as I said throughout my year as department commander, we're going to do this as "Champions of Hope." The reason why I say that is in the heart of "Champions of Hope," we save lives, we change lives. We ride for those who can no longer ride. For those who are suffering in silence and anyone who feels forgotten. So, for every mile, every handshake, and every salute and smile that carry our message forward, we're going to let them know that they're not alone. Wherever there is a family or veteran in need, we'll be there.

Question: How do you accomplish these goals?

Heredia: We have to have a family first culture that reflects the values of The American Legion, which will inspire new members to join. We have to enhance collaboration across the Legion Family, because not everybody sees the Riders as a force for good. I'm going to work with the Internal Affairs Commission, the National Executive Committee and our national commander to strengthen the ties between the Auxiliary and the Sons at the post so that the Riders are a bridge and not a silo within the Legion Family.

Question: How valuable are the Riders in raising awareness about The American Legion's mission and programs?

Heredia: When communities see our vests and our unity, they're going to see compassion in motion. It's promoting awareness and understanding of what The American Legion Riders' mission is across posts,

districts and departments.

Question: How would you like to see the Riders participate in the Legion's USA 250 Challenge?

Heredia: The USA 250 Challenge is important for many reasons. It gets us visible out there in the community. What I would ask the Riders across our nation is think of ways that they can contribute to this. What it's doing is not just helping the VCF at the national level. It's creating awareness down in the local communities. Bringing awareness to the general public of why The American Legion is here. We're a veterans organization, but that doesn't mean that we can't help our local brothers and sisters in the community. By getting involved in the USA 250 Challenge, they're not only helping the VCF, but they're bringing awareness to The American Legion. We can get people who have never served or are not members of our Legion Family to participate in this somewhere, either by donations or spreading the word.

Question: Is there anything else you'd like to say to the Legion Riders?

Heredia: It's important to continue the work and vision of those who came before more. This all started with the vision of Past National Chairman Terry Woodburn and continued through Bob Sussan after that. Both of those two are in Post Everlasting now, and their work was continued by (Immediate Past Chairman Mark Clark). They're they ones that started and then built this, and now it's my responsibility to keep that going.

National Regional Information Conference

- **When & Where:** Indianapolis, Indiana – Saturday, January 31, 2026 | Atlanta, Georgia – Saturday, February 7, 2026 [Register here!](#)
- **Topics Covered:** Constitution & Bylaws, Post Operations, Legal, and other leadership essentials
- **Why attend:** Gain insights needed to drive member engagement, compliance, and effectiveness in your post.

✓ Why Training Matters

- Helps new and experienced officers stay sharp and effective
- Builds uniform understanding of organization-wide expectations
- Offers ready-to-go resources to use in your post's operations
- Fosters networking, idea exchange, and mentorship among Legionnaires

Want to Learn More?

Explore key training opportunities now available:

- [Basic Training](#) – a foundational course for all members and officers
- [Training Tuesdays](#) – meal-sized sessions from national HQ tackling relevant post leadership topics
- [Service Officer Training](#) – designed for those working with veterans on benefit claims. Questions regarding this training would go to Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation.
- ["Training in a Box"](#) – a digital repository of workshop presentations and materials you can feast upon and adapt locally

Visit [American Legion Training](#) at the Information Center on the national website to browse courses, register, and access resources.



Upside Down Posts


When a Post is upside down, it means that their published dues are below the combined national and department per-capita. When this happens:

- **Members cannot renew online** at legion.org/renew or through myLegion.
- The post **receives no post per-capita** to invest in programs and operations.
- The post's dues line on renewal notices will not reflect a positive, accurate amount until corrected with National.

This is a problem for the post and members. When this happens, members cannot renew online and posts get \$0 in per capita from each renewal.

To prevent this from happening, be sure to file your Post Data Report (PDR) with our Department when ever your post information changes. Be sure your Post dues are in the positive side rather than being upside down as part of that filing.

If you have any questions, please reach out to District Leadership.

**THE AMERICAN LEGION**
POST DATA REPORT (PDR) - UPDATES ONLY
MEMBERSHIP YEAR _____

Department _____ Post No. _____ District/County _____

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

THIS FORM SHOULD ONLY BE SUBMITTED IF UPDATES ARE REQUIRED TO THE INFORMATION BELOW

UPDATES:

1) Post Home (Physical) Address: _____

2) Post Mailing Address: _____

3) Post Dues Mailing Address: _____

Note: If the post dues mailing address contains a member name or is being sent to a member's home address as the contact, provide the member's ID number. Member No. _____

4) Post Dues Update: _____ Dues will be \$ _____
Note: All dues rates will be effective as of July 1st unless an alternate date is entered. This is the amount shown on annual renewal notices. Effective Date: ____ / ____ / ____
Month Day Year

5) Post Telephone Number: _____

6) Post Email Address: _____

7) Post Website or Facebook Page: _____

8) Post Meeting Date & Time Schedule: _____
(Example: 2nd Wednesday of each month @ 7:00 PM)

9) Post has an SAL Squadron 12) Smoking permitted No Smoking

10) Post has an Legion Riders Chapter 13) Post has a Club Room (food/drink)

11) Facilities are available to rent for events

Name _____ Date _____
Type your First and Last Name to serve as your digital signature Format: mm/dd/yyyy (select date by clicking in box)

Title _____
Authorized Representative

If emailing this form to Department HQ after completion, send to: forms@ohiolegion.com

NOTICE

It is requested that you submit any updated Post Data Reports (PDRs) through the American Legion Department Headquarters in your state. Explore our website if you want more information or need to find how to contact your state www.legion.org/about/organization/departments

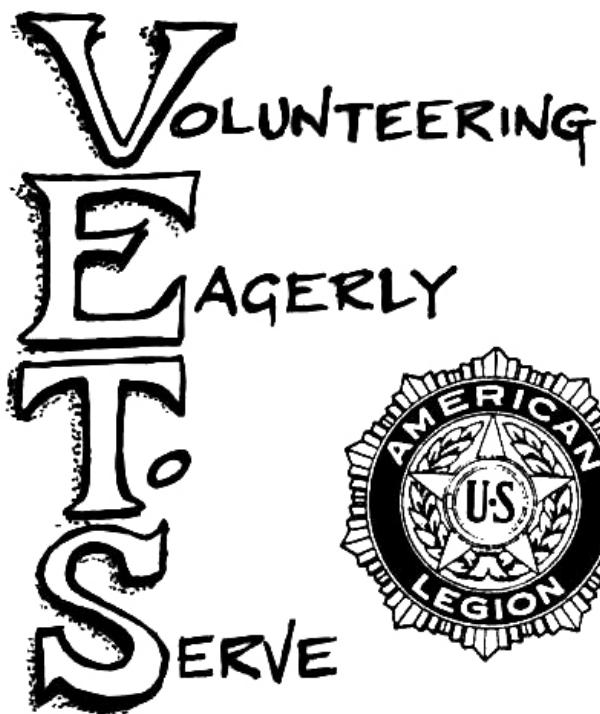
Important updates regarding future dates!

Fifth District Holiday Party
Thursday, January 1 at Crystal VFW.
All are welcome. Registration details are forthcoming.

No Fifth District Meeting on
Saturday, January 3rd.

Midwinter Conference will be on
Saturday, January 10 at 9 AM.
All are welcome. Registration details are forthcoming.

Oratorical Contest will be on
Saturday, January 17 at 9 AM.
Volunteers needed.



The top web and social media hits of September



WEBSITE

27,215

Story with the most page views, "NORAD tracks Russian bombers in Alaska air defense zone." That total was more than double the second-most clicked story.



NEWSLETTER

180,471

Opens of the September 1 Be the One newsletter, with the subject line, "Join me to Be the One," best of 2025 so far.



FACEBOOK

75,074

Most impressions of the month from a post about American Legion Day.



TWITTER

8,439

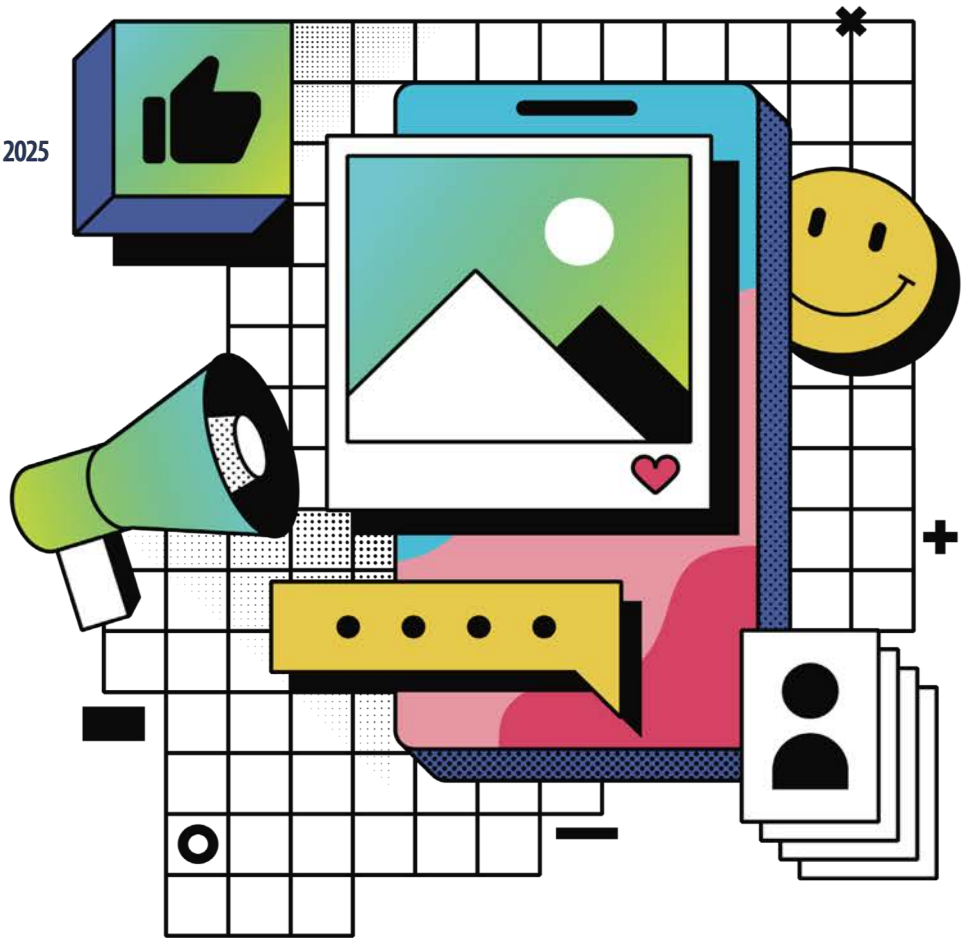
Impressions of a tweet promoting the Ken Burns podcast appearance on Tango Alpha Lima.



INSTAGRAM

45,016

Views of the carousel featuring images for the Sept. 11 anniversary. Not only was it the best of the month, it was roughly 12,000 more than the next five best performers combined.



PODCAST

755

Downloads of the Ken Burns podcast episode, best of the month and the fourth most among the previous 30 episodes.



LINKEDIN

73,331

Monthly impressions, higher than August, which was about 16% higher than during July.



YOUTUBE

15,400

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



EXTERNAL MEDIA

51,100,000

Potential audience size of press release of National Commander Dan Wiley calling for Congress to pass a CR and avoid the government shutdown.

REVENUE PER CATEGORY YEAR TO DATE			
	ACTUAL	BUDGETED	DIFFERENCE
Magazine	\$4,459,714	\$5,579,000	\$(1,119,286)
Magazine Production	\$25,825	\$6,875	\$18,950
Online Update	\$107,480	\$74,997	\$32,483
Website	\$57,044	\$22,500	\$34,544
Dispatch	\$0	\$-	\$-
Convention Program	\$11,460	\$15,000	\$(3,540)
Thank You Thursday	\$264,000	\$-	\$264,000
Podcast	\$1,020	\$0	\$1,020
	\$4,926,543	\$5,698,372	\$(771,829)

Registrations

The Internet group and the Media & Communications team works with other American Legion divisions to create and promote easy-to-use registration forms for various programs. These forms also help collect fees for various programs such as Legion Baseball and the Legacy Run.

Legion Extension Institute fee: **\$90**

Baseball registration fees: Insurance: **\$10,600**

Collected for Departments: **\$99,905**

Collected for National: **\$38,550**

Legacy Run registration fees: **\$32,235**

ONLINE MEMBERSHIP JOINS



	SEPTEMBER	AUGUST	Membership YTD
Renews	10,965	14,874	64,701
Unique Legion.org/Join Visitors	71,471	41,061	-
New members acquired	2,366	2,706	7,575

WEBSITE CONTRIBUTION TO EMBLEM SALES



While not tallied as part of Media and Communications' revenue, there are direct merchandise sales, joins and donations that come from Legion.org.

EMBLEM SALES REVENUE

	SEPTEMBER	AUGUST
Orders	967	1,226
Gross Sales:	\$100,626.67	\$103,580.97
Gross Profit:	\$40,791.13	\$42,018.91



TOP STORIES ON LEGION.ORG FOR THE MONTH



	CLICKS
NORAD tracks Russian bombers, fighters in Alaska air defense zone	27,215
Five Things to Know 09/08	13,239
Five Things to Know 09/29	12,654
Remembering those lost on 9/11	9,449
Five Things to Know 09/22	7,463
Five Things to Know 09/01	7,189
Five Things to Know 09/15	6,708
Lawmakers seek to guarantee troop pay in case of a government shutdown	6,603
Germany recommits to European global security	5,083
Join me in our USA 250 challenge	4,651



E-NEWSLETTER

The Legion's e-newsletter program not only continues to increase subscribers but its open rate far outpaces the industry standard of 14 percent.

E-NEWSLETTER	SUBSCRIBERS	OPEN %
Online Update	1,036,264	31%
Dispatch	28,843	34%
Commander's Message	610,669	25%
Podcast	6,010	38%
Legion Riders	17,989	30%
Dugout	67,573	38%
Flag Alert	43,570	41%
SAL	79,827	28%
Be the One	673,538	27%



WEBSITE

Key metrics, which had been growing, are down since the website overhaul.

	SEPT 2025	SEPT 2024	SEPT 2023
Users	559,956	534,361	412,822
Page Views	891,417	1,079,614	938,360



PODCAST

The "Ashley Effect" grew our downloads when she was host. The strategic plan will address the decline.

	2025	2024	2023	2022	2021
SEPT	5,306	6,886	34,871	5,990	12,091
YTD	45,490	61,451	97,661	68,456	39,038



SOCIAL MEDIA

The Media & Communications Division continues to use various forms of social media to promote our programs, drive visitors to our website and engage audience members.

SOCIAL MEDIA	FOLLOWERS	IMPRESSIONS
Facebook	190,193	7.4 million reach
Twitter	121,276	142,268
Instagram	38,870	9,300 interactions
LinkedIn	54,178	73,331



PODCAST VIEWS

SUBJECT	VIEWS	IMPRESSIONS
Ken Burns	356	7,700
National convention, part two	253	2,600
Robert Edsel	122	6,000



YOUTUBE

SEPT Total views	25,800
YTD Total views	284,400
YTD Viewing Time	15,400 hours
YTD Impressions	2.7 million
YTD Views from impressions	92,200



MOBILE APPS

The number of American Legion audience members using mobile technology continues to increase, as does the number of Legion apps that are downloaded.

APP	SEPT 2025	SEPT 2024
Membership app	85,757	84,715
Sons of TAL	12,545	11,403
Baseball	19,798	18,341
Convention	2,157	2,294



EXTERNAL MEDIA

NAME	POTENTIAL AUDIENCE	VIEWS/PICKUPS
Congress must avoid the shutdown	51,100,000	5,825 / 206

SEPTEMBER 2025



Facebook — highest reach in the month

	Reach
American Legion Day	75,074
POW-MIA Table	71,794
SAL birthday	45,694
Legion-supported bills pass	40,024
Legionnaire finishes sixth in Mrs. America	34,971



LinkedIn — top posts in the month

	Impressions
9/11 timeline of events	7,365
American Legion Day	5,860
POW/MIA Recognition Day	5,678
VIDEO: Ken Burns on podcast	2,674
9/11 flags at half-staff reminder	2,550
Commander Wiley: Join me to Be the One	2,255



Twitter — top posts in the month

	Impressions
Ken Burns podcast promo	8,439
SAVES Act call for support	8,367



Instagram — top posts in the month

	Interactions
9/11 carousel	45,016
American Legion Day carousel	9,974
POW-MIA Day carousel	8,208

Instagram — top reels in the month

	Interactions
Ken Burns podcast promo	8,365
National convention, second episode promo	1,971
GWOT podcast intro promo	1,771
Monica Fullerton podcast promo	1,638

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 October 15, 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	31	0	53	79	67.09
MN-0129	The Hellenic Inc	Minneapolis	0	8	26	0	34	53	64.15
MN-0230	North Side	Minneapolis	0	4	19	0	23	37	62.16
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	281	0	371	630	58.89
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	29	0	54	75	72.00
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	539	4	780	1,305	59.77

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 (**November 2**) assemble at **1:45 PM** at the **Minneapolis VA Auditorium**. Please bring your cover, or where something Legion Family related.



2025 - 2026 NATIONAL MEMBERSHIP TARGET DATES

EARLY BIRD/NEF KICKOFF	SEPTEMBER 10, 2025	50%
FALL MEETINGS	OCTOBER 15, 2025	55%
VETERANS DAY	NOVEMBER 13, 2025	65%
PEARL HARBOR DAY	DECEMBER 10, 2025	75%
MID-WINTER	JANUARY 14, 2026	80%
PRESIDENT'S DAY	FEBRUARY 11, 2026	85%
LEGION BIRTHDAY	MARCH 11, 2026	90%
CHILDREN & YOUTH	APRIL 8, 2026	95%
ARMED FORCES DAY	MAY 13, 2026	100%
DELEGATE STRENGTH	30 DAYS PRIOR TO NATIONAL CONVENTION	

Target dates fall on the second Wednesday of the month unless there is a holiday on that day or at the beginning of that week.

The October Target Date is moved a week to allow departments to participate in Fall Meetings without affecting membership processing for that week.

Since Veterans Day falls on a Monday, the November target date will be on a Thursday.

THE AMERICAN LEGION 2026 MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL SCHEDULE

<u>CUTOFF DATES</u>	<u>RENEWAL MAIL DATES</u>
MAY 14, 2025	JULY 1-8, 2025
SEPTEMBER 10, 2025	OCTOBER 4-10, 2025
OCTOBER 15, 2025	NOVEMBER 8-14, 2025
DECEMBER 10, 2025	JANUARY 3-9, 2026
FEBRUARY 11, 2026	MARCH 1-8, 2026
APRIL 8, 2026	MAY 2-8, 2026

Transmittals not received by the cutoff date may not prevent a subsequent renewal notice from being delivered at or around the renewal date.

Please note, renewals transmitted and received by the cutoff (which is also a National Target Date) will be updated prior to printing renewal notices, assuming they can be successfully scanned. Membership that must be hand-keyed (new members and renewals that can't be scanned) will take longer to process. Please transmit as early and as often as possible in advance of the Target Dates to help avoid delays in processing.

The Sons of The American Legion Fifth District Membership

By Bill Hawkins

This membership report is as of October 27, 2025.

5th District										
Sqdrn.	Location	2025 Results (7/29/2025)	2026 Goal	New	PUFL	Renewal	HQ Tran	Grand Total	% of Goal	Date Goal Reached
1	Minneapolis	33	38	0	0	28	0	28	73.68%	
99	Wold-Chamberlain	15	20	2	0	18	0	20	100.00%	10/6/25
129	Hellenic	24	29	0	0	6	0	6	20.69%	
234	GiantValley	18	23	4	0	11	0	15	65.22%	
435	Richfield	172	177	1	0	38	0	39	22.03%	
440	Gopher	43	48	0	0	18	0	18	37.50%	
511	Aviation	2	7	0	0	3	0	3	42.86%	
555	Falldin	11	16	0	0	11	0	11	68.75%	
5th District Totals		318	358	7	0	133	0	140	39.11%	
# of Sqdns - 8								Off Goose Egg		9/21/25



DETACHMENT OF MINNESOTA

2026 MEMBERSHIP GOALS

Report Date: 10/27/25

2025 Results as of 7/29/2025	11654				
Current Received as of 10/27/2025	4042	33.52%	*Includes traditional and online renewals		
2026 Detachment Goal	12060	12015	33.64%	set from national	

Vice Commanders	2025 Results	2026 Goal	Grand Total	Percentage	Placing	2026 Original Goal	Percentage	Ranking
1st and 3rd	3992	4072	1466	36.00%	2	4072	36.00%	2
2nd and 7th	2220	2300	626	27.22%	5	2300	27.22%	5
4th and 5th	728	808	232	28.71%	4	808	28.71%	4
6th and 9th	2594	2668	1006	37.71%	1	2668	37.71%	1
8th and 10th	2120	2199	712	32.38%	3	2199	32.38%	3
Totals	11654	12047	4042	33.55%				
<i>*The above goals are set by the District Leadership</i>						<i>*The above goal set by the Detachment Membership Director</i>		
Districts	2025 Results	2026 Goal	Grand Total	Percentage	Placing	2026 Original Goal	Percentage	Ranking
1st District	1745	1785	647	36.25%	4	1785	36.25%	4
2nd District	1225	1265	423	33.44%	7	1265	33.44%	7
3rd District	2247	2287	819	35.81%	5	2287	35.81%	5
4th District	410	450	92	20.44%	9	450	20.44%	9
5th District	318	358	140	39.11%	2	358	39.11%	2
6th District	1643	1683	612	36.36%	3	1683	36.36%	3
7th District	995	1035	203	19.61%	10	1035	19.61%	10
8th District	479	519	143	27.55%	8	519	27.55%	8
9th District	951	985	394	40.00%	1	985	40.00%	1
10th District	1641	1680	569	33.87%	6	1680	33.87%	6
Totals	11654	12047	4042	33.55%				
<i>*The above goals are set by the District Leadership</i>						<i>*The above goal set by the Detachment Membership Director</i>		
1982 MN SAL AT-LARGE	4	4	3	75.00%				

2025 - 2026

**SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION
NATIONAL MEMBERSHIP
TARGET DATES**



2025 - 2026

**SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION
MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL
SCHEDULE**



SEPTEMBER 10, 2025	10%
OCTOBER 15, 2025	25%
NOVEMBER 13, 2025	35%
DECEMBER 10, 2025	45%
JANUARY 14, 2026	60%
FEBRUARY 11, 2026	75%
MARCH 11, 2026	80%
APRIL 8, 2026	90%
MAY 13, 2026	100%
** JULY 29, 2026	105%

**** DELEGATE STRENGTH TARGET DATE -
30 DAYS PRIOR TO NATIONAL CONVENTION**

CUT-OFF DATE

RENEWAL MAIL DATE

1st NOTICE:

SEPTEMBER 10, 2025

SEPT 27 - OCT 3, 2025

2nd NOTICE:

FEBRUARY 11, 2026

FEB 21 - 28, 2026

3rd NOTICE:

APRIL 8, 2026

APRIL 25 - 30, 2026

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY

Bulletin #9 as of 10-7-2025

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 10/8/2024	Difference from Last Year
One	47	3,240	186	775	23.92%	766	9
Two	68	3,230	228	825	25.54%	711	114
Three	45	3,390	158	791	23.33%	760	31
Four	5	456	20	100	21.93%	102	-2
Five	7	344	24	53	15.41%	63	-10
Six	57	4,370	469	1,411	32.29%	1,206	205
Seven	49	2,427	199	589	24.27%	421	168
Eight	20	1,092	139	334	30.59%	189	145
Nine	43	2,786	198	716	25.70%	468	248
Ten	40	3,145	347	965	30.68%	933	32
1982	1	408	40	165	40.44%	158	7
Depart. Total	382	24,888	2,008	6,724	27.02%	5,777	947
Group 1 (Even) <i>Jodi Hassing</i>	190	12,292	1,203	3,635	29.57%	3,141	494
Group 2 (Odd) <i>Linda Kelly</i>	191	12,188	765	2,924	23.99%	2,636	288



RANKINGS	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th	10th
32.29%	30.59%	30.67%	25.70%	25.55%	24.27%	23.92%	23.33%	23.33%	21.93%	15.41%
District 6	District 8	District 10	District 9	District 2	District 7	District 1	District 3	District 4	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
05	Minneapolis	50	0	10	10	20.00%		
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	17	17	12.59%		
0440	Minneapolis	25	0	13	13	52.00%	10/7/25	
0511	Aviation	13	0	4	4	30.77%	9/30/25	
Total		344	0	53	53	15.41%		



Unit 435 Omelet Breakfast Fundraiser

Sunday November 9th
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



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

Text OMELET435 to 84483 to receive Omelet Breakfast alerts

Wold Chamberlain American Legion Post 99 Family Fundraiser



Pancake & Sausage Breakfast Fundraiser

Sunday, November 23, 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



Are now
available!

HALLOWEEN



Friday Night Bags Are Back! Costumes Optional

But highly recommended!

October 31st • 6:30pm • American Legion Post 99

Bags at the Legion are back!

And we're kicking off the season this Halloween. Come on down, throw a few, and wear your best (or spookiest!) costume.

Here's how we play:

\$5 per person (cash only)

Blind Draw (players are randomly paired into teams)

Double Elimination (everyone gets to play at least 2 games)

Prizes awarded to top 3 teams.

Costumes are optional, but highly recommended!

Date	What	Location
Friday, October 31 6:30 PM	Bags Tournament (every Friday, except holidays)	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
Sunday, November 9, 2025 8 am - Noon	Unit 435 Omelet Breakfast Fundraiser	Wold Chamberlain Post 99 5600 S 34th Ave. Mpls
Sunday, November 23, 2025 8 am - Noon	Post 99 AYCE Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser	Wold Chamberlain Post 99 5600 S 34th Ave. Mpls
Thursday, January 1	Fifth District Holiday Party	Crystal VFW 5222 Bass Lake Rd. Crystal, MN 55429
Saturday, January 10 9 AM - 3 PM?	Fouth & Fifth District Joint Midwinter	Crystal VFW 5222 Bass Lake Rd. Crystal, MN 55429
Saturday, January 17 9 AM	Fifth District Oratorical Contest	Crystal VFW 5222 Bass Lake Rd. Crystal, MN 55429
Friday, March 20; Saturday, March 21	Detachment Spring Conference	Arcade-Phalen American Legion Post 577, 1129 Arcade St. St. Paul MN
Friday, June 26 - Saturday, June 27	Detachment Conventon	Crystal VFW 5222 Bass Lake Rd. Crystal, MN 55429
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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