



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

December 2025



Fifth District Officers

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Lynne Nottage

Adjutant
Ray Eiden

Finance
Dennis De Long

Chaplain
Andrew Rose Sr.

Sergeant-At-Arms
Joe Bayer

Fifth District American Legion Meeting

Saturday, December 13
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>

Ray Eiden District Adjutant

The next District Assembly will be Saturday, Dec 13 at 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**. (Flyer available on Page 8) 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 eydenr@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.

A fillable PDF for the **2025–2026 Consolidated Post Report** is available and included in the email, website and MyLegion.org. Please make your posts and squadrons aware. Should a post/squadron choose to submit their consolidated report using this method, it is recommended that they continue to work in "draft mode" until we get closer to the submission window (April through June).. Please distribute it to your Posts.

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The Department will also receive hard copies of the report to send out. If needed, CPR/CSR refresher training can be accessed from the [Training Tuesday page](#). We did a session on this topic on May 27, 2025 and the video, PowerPoint and recap are available there.

Ray Eiden
5th District Adjutant

Trivia Question:

How many kids from the Fifth District went to Legionville Education Center Camp this past summer?

The answer is found later in the newsletter.

Can you find it?



Fifth District American Legion Auxiliary

No Meeting in December!



Fifth District Officers

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Mary Younkin

2nd Vice President

Deb Bayer

Secretary

LoAnn Grill

Treasurer

Cari Lamb

Chaplain

Mary Younkin

Fifth District Officers

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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, January 6 at 7 PM
Wold-Chamberlain Post 99.



Greetings and happy holidays to all of you that celebrate the upcoming holidays! It's hard to believe that we are already in December and almost ready to welcome 2026. While it goes without saying 2025 has been...interesting... to say the least. In that same vein, I'm encouraged and excited to see what 2026 holds for us all. THANK YOU for all that you do as part of the Sons of the American Legion and the American Legion Family!

A couple of things to direct your attention to:

- **January 1:** 5th District Holiday Party (2pm -5pm) @ Crystal VFW (hosted by the 5th District Sons of the American Legion)
- **January 6:** 5th District SAL Meeting (7pm) @ Wold-Chamberlain Post #99. Open to everyone. Squadron Officers are HIGHLY encouraged to attend.
- It is also the time of year to think about participants for our upcoming Oratorical Competition, Boys State and Girls State Programs, and Outstanding Eagle Scout Awards. If there is anyway I can help you with this, please don't hesitate to reach out.

And finally: **Have you Considered Starting A New Squadron? We Can Help!**

SAL Squadrons are a great way to involve more of your family into our family, as well as preserving and honoring the legacy of the veterans that came before us. If you are a post interest in getting this started, please reach out! We would be happy to help you get started.

I hope this E-Flash finds you and your families well and I look forward to seeing you at our upcoming events!

Matthew Verkuilen, 5th District SAL Commander

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mverkuilen@aviation511.org



Fifth District Chapter 435 ALR Meeting

We are on Winter break!

The American Legion
Department of Minnesota
wishes you a very
Merry Christmas and
a blessed New Year!

Linda Dvorak, Department Commander
Mike Maxa, Department Adjutant
Department Staff





Department of Minnesota American Legion Family

Help support our troops in Qatar during the Holiday Season

For decades, sending care packages has been a popular way American Legion Family members and volunteers have shown support and love for our nation's military servicemembers deployed abroad. Getting goodies, necessities, and kind messages from back home can be a comfort to them.

Goal: 283 Care Packages

Let's team together to deliver some holiday



3 easy ways to donate:

- 1) Drop cash in the packing box
- 2) Write a check to ALA Department of MN then drop in the packing box
- 3) Use the QR Code below to donate through ZEFFY





THE AMERICAN LEGION | CONSOLIDATED POST REPORT

2025 - 2026

Department of (1)		Post No. (2)	District No. (3)
Final 2024-2025 Membership (4)	City (5)	State (6)	

VETERANS AFFAIRS AND REHABILITATION

- 7 _____ no. of cases handled by service officer(s)
- 8 \$_____ emergency aid given to veterans from post funds
- 9 _____ no. of volunteer hours recorded at VA hospitals
- 10 \$_____ contributions to **VA Voluntary Service** program
- 11 has a **VA Voluntary Service** coordinator
- 12 _____ no. of **VA Voluntary Service** volunteers
- 13 participated in the **Be The One** program
- 14 _____ no. of members participated in **Be The One** training
- 15 _____ no. of **Be The One** events held by post

NATIONAL SECURITY

- 16 _____ no. of units donated via **Blood Donor Program**
- 17 _____ no. of blood donors via **Blood Donor Program**
- 18 _____ no. of **ROTC Medals** presented by post
- 19 has a **National Security** chairperson
- 20 has a **Crime Prevention/Law and Order** program
- 21 has a **Fire Prevention/Protection** program
- 22 participated in **Homeland Sec/Disaster Relief**
- 23 has a **POW/MIA** chairperson
- 24 has Law Enforcement of the Year program
- 25 has **Fire Fighter of the Year** program
- 26 post has color guard / rifle team
- 27 _____ no. of wake, funeral or memorial honors provided for veterans
- 28 \$_____ cost to post for wake, funeral or memorial services
- 29 post has ceremonial rifles or static display
- 30 _____ no. of static displays (guns, cannons, etc.)

MEDIA AND COMMUNICATIONS

- 31 has media relations/PR officer
- 32 produced a post publication
- 33 maintained a website
- 34 distributed a post e-newsletter
- 35 has post social media accounts (Facebook, Instagram, X, etc.)
- 36 _____ no. of times post mentioned on radio
- 37 _____ no. of times post mentioned on TV
- 38 _____ no. of times post mentioned in newspaper (stories)

NATIONAL SECURITY

- 39 has employment chairperson
- 40 has **Homeless Veterans** chairperson
- 41 _____ no. of career fairs participated
- 42 _____ no. of veterans referred to **LVER** or **DVOP**
- 43 _____ no. placed in employment
- 44 _____ no. placed in job training program
- 45 promoted programs such as **Employer of the Year**
- 46 post submitted **Homeless Veterans Outreach** award
- 47 post submitted **Employer of the Disabled** award
- 48 post submitted **Employer of Older Workers** award
- 49 award to **Local Veteran' Employment Representative (LVER)**
- 50 award to **Disabled Veterans' Outreach Program (DVOP)**
- 51 award to local office
- 52 award for Employer of veterans, large cat/+200 employees
- 53 award to Employer of veterans, med cat/50-200 employees
- 54 award for Employer of veterans, small cat/less than 50 emp

AMERICANISM

- 55 _____ no. of boys sponsored for **Boys State**
- 56 \$_____ cost to post for Boys State
- 57 \$_____ amount donated for **Legacy Scholarship**
- 58 participated in citizenship/naturalization activities
- 59 sponsored **American Legion Baseball** team(s)
- 60 \$_____ cost to post for **American Legion Baseball** sponsorship
- 61 other athletic teams sponsored
- 62 \$_____ cost to post for other teams sponsored



THE AMERICAN LEGION | CONSOLIDATED POST REPORT

2025 - 2026

AMERICANISM

- 63 sponsored *Scouting* unit(s)
- 65 \$ _____ amount donated to scouting activities
- 67 _____ no. of local *Oratorical* contestants
- 69 participated in *School Award* program
- 71 participated in *American Education Week*
- 73 _____ no. of scholarships awarded
- 75 participated in *Vets in the Classroom*
- 77 participated in *Flag Day* event(s)
- 79 participated in *Veterans Day* event(s)
- 81 participated in *American Legion Birthday* event(s)
- 83 _____ no. hours of *Community Service* (estimated)
- 85 _____ no. of *Jr Shooting Sports Program Clubs* supported
- 87 \$ _____ cost to post for *Jr Shooting Sports Program Clubs*
- 89 _____ no. of youth involved in *Youth Cadet* program
- 91 participated in *National Day of Prayer* event(s)
- 64 _____ no. of youths in post-sponsored *Scouting* unit(s)
- 66 sponsored local *Oratorical Contest(s)*
- 68 \$ _____ cost to post for *Oratorical Contest*
- 70 _____ no. of awards presented
- 72 \$ _____ cost to post for *American Education Week*
- 74 \$ _____ cost to post for scholarship awards
- 76 \$ _____ cost to post of *Vets in Classroom*
- 78 participated in *Get Out The Vote* event(s)
- 80 participated in *Memorial Day* event(s)
- 82 participated in Four *Chaplains Sunday* event(s)
- 84 \$ _____ cost to post for *Community Service* project(s)
- 86 _____ no. of youth involved in *Jr Shooting Sports Program Clubs*
- 88 participated in *Youth Cadet Law Enforcement*
- 90 \$ _____ cost to post for *Youth Cadet* program

CHILDREN & YOUTH (C&Y)

- 92 _____ no. of *C&Y activities* held
- 94 \$ _____ value of goods given to children (reasonable estimate)
- 96 _____ no. of volunteer hours for *C&Y* programs and activities
- 98 participated in *Health & Child Safety*
- 100 participated in *National Family Week*
- 102 participated in *Temporary Financial Assistance (TFA)*
- 104 \$ _____ administrative costs (paper, equipment, etc.)
- 106 \$ _____ contributions to all other child-servicing/youth organizations
- 93 \$ _____ cash aid given to benefit children
- 95 _____ no. of children given aid (cash or goods)
- 97 participated in *Halloween Safety*
- 99 participated in *April is C&Y Month*
- 101 \$ _____ cost to post for parties, dinners, prizes and gifts
- 103 \$ _____ cost to post for *TFA*
- 105 \$ _____ cost of all other child service charities
- 107 \$ _____ cost to post for *Veterans & Children Foundation* activities

INTERNAL AFFAIRS & MEMBERSHIP

- 108 has an *American Legion Riders (ALR)* chapter
- 110 \$ _____ donations made through *ALR* events
- 112 _____ no. of miles through *ALR* events
- 114 _____ no. of *SAL* squadron members
- 116 \$ _____ cost to post for *NEF* operations
- 118 has a *American Legion Amateur Radio Club*
- 120 participated in *Buddy Check*
- 122 participated in *Legion Family Days*
- 124 sponsored veteran or organization for *Operation Comfort Warriors* grant
- 126 _____ any volunteer hours not captured above
- 109 _____ no. of Legion family members in *ALR* chapter
- 111 \$ _____ cost to post for *ALR* operations
- 113 has a *Sons of American Legion (SAL)* squadron
- 115 participated in *National Emergency Fund (NEF)* program
- 117 \$ _____ amount of *NEF* donations made by post
- 119 \$ _____ cost to post for *American Legion Amateur Radio Club*
- 121 _____ no. of members contacted through *Buddy Checks*
- 123 _____ no. of *Legion Family Days* hosted
- 125 \$ _____ all other fund raising not captured above

Signature	Title	Date
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Old newsletters (and other historical items) wanted!

The Minnesota Military & Veterans Museum is requesting donations of Minnesota Legionnaire newsletters and Minnesota Legion post newsletters.

The mission of their Archive office is to preserve the legacy of the Legion and Minnesota veterans.

Their modest Legion collection needs your contribution. If you can help by donating your back issues of The Minnesota Legionnaire, post newsletters, or other historical materials, please contact their Archivist, Daniel Ewer, at dewer@MnMilitaryMuseum.org.

Trivia answer!

14 from Kenny Community School.

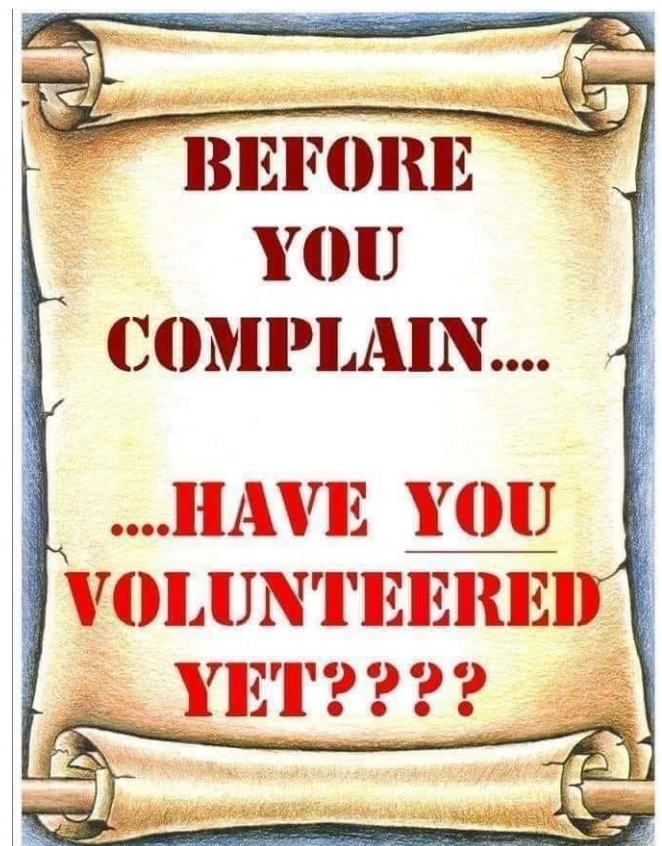
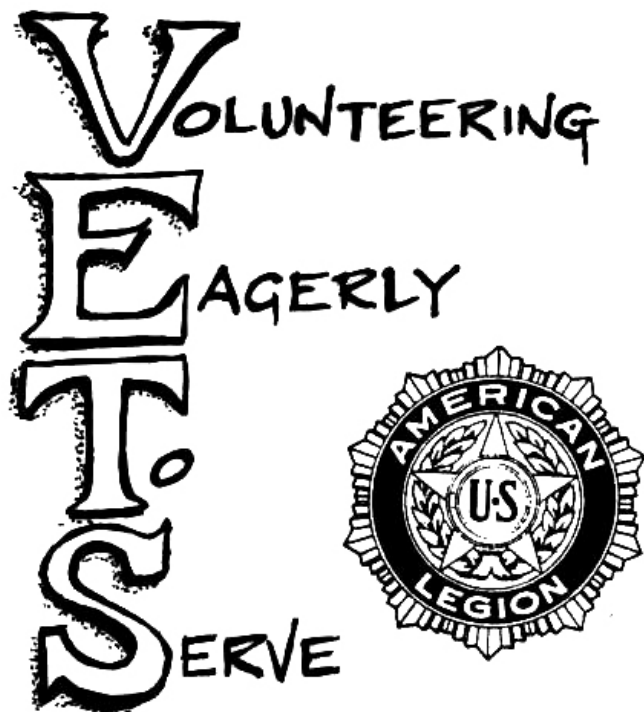
Reminder:

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

No Fifth District Meeting on
Saturday, January 3rd.

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

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





FIFTH DISTRICT
AMERICAN LEGION FAMILY

HOLIDAY
Party



SPONSORED BY THE 5TH DISTRICT
SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION

January 1, 2026
2 PM - 5PM

Charles Knaeble
VFW #494
5222 Bass Lake Road
Crystal MN 55429

COST: \$20 PER ADULT/\$10 PER CHILD
RSVP BY DECEMBER 15

DINNER - FELLOWSHIP - MUSIC - PRIZES
FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY

RSVP BY CALLING (612) 356-2554 OR BY EMAIL:
MNFIGHTINGFIFTHAMERICANLEGION@GMAIL.COM



High School Oratorical Scholarship Program

★ 2026 ★
MINNESOTA CONTEST RULES

Sponsored by
DEPARTMENT OF MINNESOTA
20 West 12th St., Room 300A
Saint Paul, Minnesota 55155

THE AMERICAN LEGION
National Americanism Commission
P.O. Box 1055
Indianapolis, Indiana 46206



Approved by
**The National Association of
Secondary-School Principals**
Since 1943

**HIGH SCHOOL ORATORICAL
CONTEST**

The purpose of The American Legion's National High School Oratorical Contest is to develop a deeper knowledge and appreciation of the Constitution of the United States on the part of High School Students, and to win Scholarship money. Other objectives of the contest include the development of leadership qualities, the ability to think and speak clearly and intelligently, and the preparation for acceptance of the duties and responsibilities, rights and privileges of American citizenship.

The State semi-finals and finals will both be held at Anoka American Legion Post 102 on Saturday, February 28. The semi-finals will be in the morning and the finals will be in the afternoon. All District Contestants should be certified to Department Headquarters no later than February 13, 2026.

SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

The four finalists in the American Legion Department of Minnesota Contest receive scholarships to be used to attend any post-secondary educational institution in the United States. First place receives \$1,500; 2nd place \$1,000; 3rd place \$700; 4th place \$500.

NATIONAL LEVEL COMPETITION

The 2026 National Oratorical Contest will be held at Hillsdale College May 15–17, 2026, in Hillsdale, Michigan. Quarter-final and semi-finals are scheduled for Saturday, May 16, with the Championship round on Sunday, May 17. May 15th will be a travel day for contestants.

Scholarship awards in the amount of 1st place - \$25,000; 2nd place - \$22,500; 3rd place - \$20,000 are presented to the three finalists in the Final Round. Each Department (State) winner who participates in the first round of the National Contest will receive a \$2,000 Scholarship. Each first round winner who advances to and participates in the second round, but does not advance to the Final Round, will receive an additional \$2,000 scholarship.

DEPARTMENT OF MINNESOTA CONTESTS

ALL CONTESTS TO CONFORM TO NATIONAL CONTEST RULES

POST: Local Post contests should be held prior to December 31, 2025. Notes and prompting is permitted at the Post level if all are treated in a like manner. **The extemporaneous (assigned topic) is not required at the local contest.** Each Post is encouraged to send a Post winner to the District level competition. If you have more than 1 competitor, you will need to hold a local contest to determine your winner who will advance to the District competition. **DISTRICT:** Each District Chairperson will notify the Posts within their District of the site, date and time of their District contest, **preferably before February 13th.** This contest will be conducted using the National rules, and will include the extemporaneous (assigned topic) feature. Winner must be certified in writing, and your winner information must be on the **2026 District Winner Form.**

ELIGIBILITY

Eligible participants must be citizens of or lawful permanent residents of the United States. All contestants must be bona fide students herein described as any student under the age of 20 years on the date of the national contest who is presently enrolled in a high school or junior high school (public, parochial, military, private or home school). The curriculum of the school must be considered to be of high school level, commencing with grade 9 and terminating with grade 12. Students must be enrolled in high school or junior high school during the time of participation at any level of The American Legion National High School Oratorical Contest. Contestants must either be legally domiciled within or attend an educational institution within the department that they enter competition. Contestants can enter competition through only one department.

High school students that graduate early during the school year are eligible to compete if they are not enrolled in a college, university, trade school or other institution of higher learning at the time of the department finals contest.

The three finalists of the national contest are ineligible for further participation at any level.

Assigned Topics for 2026 Oratorical Contest

Amendment IV

The right of the people to be secure in their persons, houses, papers, and effects, against unreasonable searches and seizures, shall not be violated, and no Warrants shall issue, but upon probable cause, supported by Oath or affirmation, and particularly describing the place to be searched, and the persons or things to be seized.

Article III

Section 3. Treason against the United States, shall consist only in levying War against them, or in adhering to their Enemies, giving them Aid and Comfort. No Person shall be convicted of Treason unless on the Testimony of two Witnesses to the same overt Act, or on Confession in open Court.

The Congress shall have Power to declare the Punishment of Treason, but no Attainder of Treason shall work Corruption of Blood, or Forfeiture except during the Life of the Person attainted.

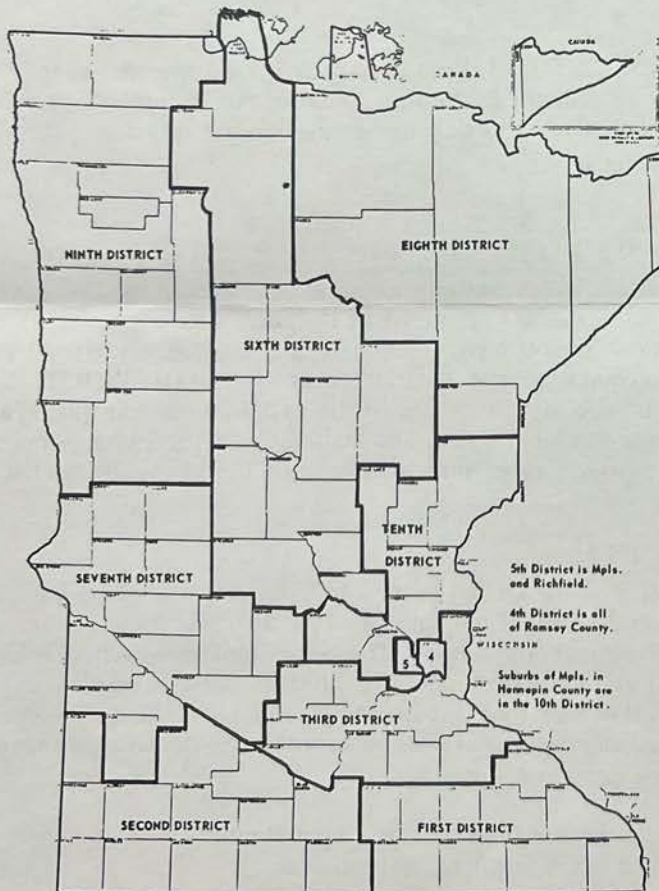
Article IV

Section 4. The United States shall guarantee to every State in this Union a Republican Form of Government, and shall protect each of them against Invasion; and on Application of the Legislature, or of the Executive (when the Legislature cannot be convened) against domestic Violence.

Article VI

Clause 3. The Senators and Representatives before mentioned, and the Members of the several State Legislatures, and all executive and judicial Officers, both of the United States and of the several States, shall be bound by Oath or Affirmation, to support this Constitution; but no religious Test shall ever be required as a Qualification to any Office or public Trust under the United States.

The 10 Districts American Legion Department of Minnesota



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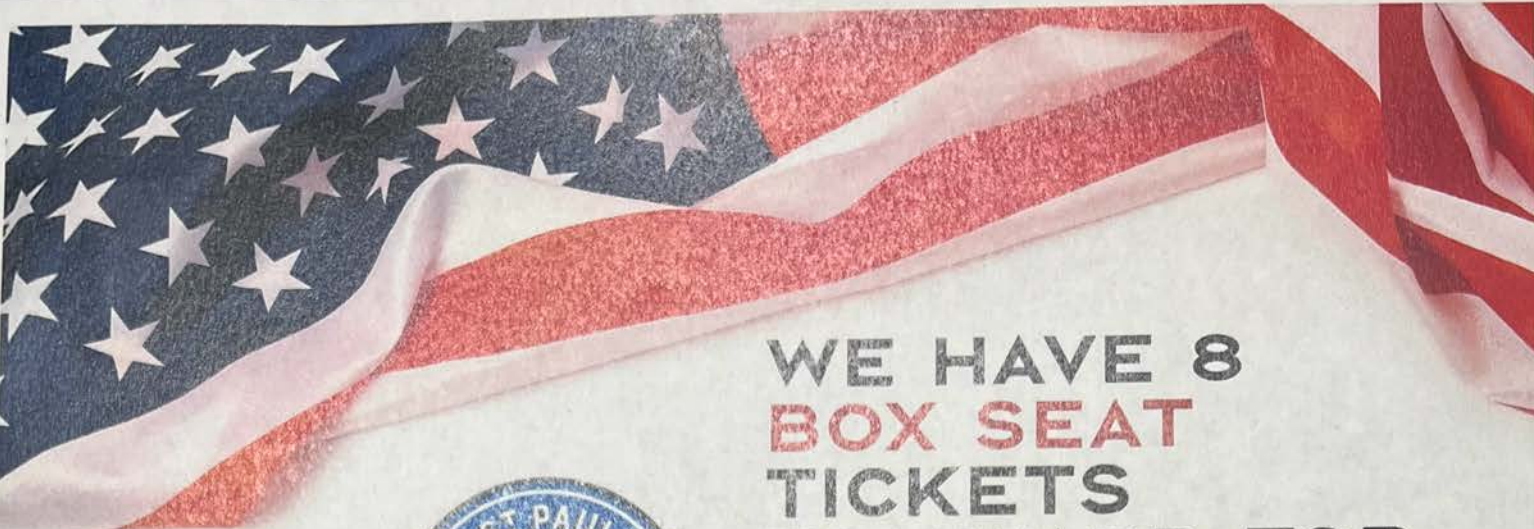
Other

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Dept Office	Jennifer Kelley	651-291-1800	jkelly@mnlegion.org

Provisions are made for the contestants to be accompanied by a chaperon at the Department, and National Contest Finals. One or both parents may chaperon the contestant. Meals, lodging and transportation costs are paid for both the contestant and chaperon at the Department and the National levels of competition.

**If you need any further assistance
please contact one of the following:**

- 1 - District Chairman (names listed above)
- 2 - Jamie Woods: 317-666-1702 • jamiewoods79@gmail.com or
Jennifer Kelley: 651-291-1800 • jkelly@mnlegion.org



**WE HAVE 8
BOX SEAT
TICKETS
TO AWARD FOR
LEGION NIGHT
AT CHS FIELD!**



**AMERICAN
LEGION**

American Legion Night at CHS Field is Friday, May 22. Commander Linda Dvorak is tossing out the first pitch, and the New Prague Area Honor Guard is presenting the colors during the national anthem.

**THE CHALLENGE:
TOP 4 RECRUITERS
OF NEW MEMBERS
BETWEEN JAN. 1 & MAR. 1
WILL EACH RECEIVE
2 BOX SEAT TICKETS,
WHICH COMES WITH FREE
FOOD AND REFRESHMENTS.**



Winners will be announced March 14 at the Appreciation Rally in Bloomington.

Winners to sit with the department commander during the game.

Minimum qualification: recruit at least 3 new members.

To enter, submit the full names and member IDs of the new members to Membership Director Joe Bares by 5 p.m. March 12 via email at jebares@yahoo.com or via mail to 843 Lodge Drive, Jordan, MN 55352.

(Any transportation, lodging or additional expenses are not included.)

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%	

MN Dist 0005 LGN

As of November 26, 2025

Post	Name	Location	New	PUFL	Renewal	HQ Tran	Totals	Goal	% of Goal
MN-0001	Minneapolis	Minneapolis	1	16	105	3	125	184	67.93
MN-0099	Wold-Chamberlain	Minneapolis	4	19	32	0	55	79	69.62
MN-0129	The Hellenic Inc	Minneapolis	0	8	31	0	39	53	73.58
MN-0230	North Side	Minneapolis	0	4	20	0	24	37	64.86
MN-0234	Vincent L Giantvalley	Minneapolis	0	6	5	0	11	33	33.33
MN-0291	Johnnie Baker	Minneapolis	3	3	10	0	16	19	84.21
MN-0355	Bainbridge	Minneapolis	0	3	0	0	3	3	100.00
MN-0435	Minneapolis-Richfield	Richfield	2	91	323	1	417	630	66.19
MN-0440	Gopher	Minneapolis	0	7	16	0	23	32	71.88
MN-0493	Viking Inc	Minneapolis	0	1	44	0	45	50	90.00
MN-0511	Aviation	Crystal	0	10	16	1	27	42	64.29
MN-0548	University Of Minnesota	Minneapolis	0	13	8	0	21	24	87.50
MN-0555	Arthur And Leonard Falk	Minneapolis	1	24	35	0	60	75	80.00
MN-0581	Herb Gager	Minneapolis	4	3	3	0	10	22	45.45
MN-0618	Longton	Minneapolis	0	20	0	0	20	22	90.91
		SUM:	15	228	648	5	896	1,305	68.66

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 (**December 7, January 4**) 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 November 2, 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	13	0	13	44.83%	
234	GiantValley	18	23	4	0	11	0	15	65.22%	
435	Richfield	172	177	1	0	47	0	48	27.12%	
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	149	0	156	43.58%	
# of Sqdns - 8								Off Goose Egg		9/21/25



DETACHMENT OF MINNESOTA

2026 MEMBERSHIP GOALS

Report Date: 11/2/25

2025 Results as of 7/29/2025	11654				
Current Received as of 11/2/2025	4258	35.31%	*Includes traditional and online renewals		
2026 Detachment Goal	12060	12015	35.44%	set from national	

Vice Commanders	2025 Results	2026 Goal	Grand Total	Percentage	Placing	2026 Original Goal	Percentage	Ranking
1st and 3rd	3992	4072	1536	37.72%	2	4072	37.72%	2
2nd and 7th	2220	2320	651	28.06%	5	2320	28.06%	5
4th and 5th	728	808	255	31.56%	4	808	31.56%	4
6th and 9th	2594	2668	1072	40.18%	1	2668	40.18%	1
8th and 10th	2120	2199	744	33.83%	3	2199	33.83%	3
Totals	11654	12067	4258	35.29%				

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

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

Districts	2025 Results	2026 Goal	Grand Total	Percentage	Placing	2026 Original Goal	Percentage	Ranking
1st District	1745	1785	676	37.87%	4	1785	37.87%	4
2nd District	1225	1265	445	35.18%	7	1265	35.18%	7
3rd District	2247	2287	860	37.60%	5	2287	37.60%	5
4th District	410	450	99	22.00%	9	450	22.00%	9
5th District	318	358	156	43.58%	1	358	43.58%	1
6th District	1643	1683	658	39.10%	3	1683	39.10%	3
7th District	995	1055	206	19.53%	10	1055	19.53%	10
8th District	479	519	149	28.71%	8	519	28.71%	8
9th District	951	985	414	42.03%	2	985	42.03%	2
10th District	1641	1680	595	35.42%	6	1680	35.42%	6
Totals	11654	12067	4258	35.29%				

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1982 MN SAL AT-LARGE	4	4	3	75.00%	
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**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

1st NOTICE:

SEPTEMBER 10, 2025

2nd NOTICE:

FEBRUARY 11, 2026

3rd NOTICE:

APRIL 8, 2026

RENEWAL MAIL DATE

SEPT 27 - OCT 3, 2025

FEB 21 - 28, 2026

APRIL 25 - 30, 2026

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY

Bulletin #17 as of 12-2-2025

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 12/09/2024	Difference from Last Year
One	47	3,240	16	2,318	71.54%	2460	-142
Two	68	3,229	43	2,309	71.51%	2374	-65
Three	45	3,390	152	2,346	69.20%	2380	-34
Four	5	456	10	298	65.35%	292	6
Five	7	344	1	220	63.95%	238	-18
Six	57	4,370	58	3,276	74.97%	3374	-98
Seven	49	2,427	56	1,717	70.75%	1778	-61
Eight	20	1,092	5	731	66.94%	737	-6
Nine	43	2,786	41	2,058	73.87%	2045	13
Ten	40	3,146	54	2,131	67.74%	2235	-104
1982	1	408	3	220	53.92%	217	3
Depart. Total	362	24,888	439	17,624	70.81%	18130	-506
Group 1 (Even) <i>Jodi Hassling</i>	190	12,292	170	8,745	71.14%	9,012	-267
Group 2 (Odd) <i>Linda Kelly</i>	191	12,188	266	8,659	71.05%	9,118	-459



RANKINGS	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th	10th
District 6	74.97%	73.87%	71.54%	71.51%	70.75%	69.20%	67.74%	66.94%	65.35%	63.95%
District 9	District 9	District 1	District 2	District 7	District 3	District 10	District 8	District 4	District 5	

UNIT NUMERIC OBJECTIVES 2026

If your percentages show NaN and/or Infinity please send us your Goals
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UNIT	CITY	OBJECTIVE	JUNIOR	SENIOR	TOTAL	PERCENT	25% by 9/15	60% by 11/11
0001	Minneapolis	50	2	26	28	56.00%	10/30/25	
0099	Minneapolis	31	0	25	25	80.65%	9/23/25	11/11/25
0129	Minneapolis	52	0	41	41	78.85%	10/25/25	11/18/25
0234	Minneapolis	38	0	30	30	78.95%	10/15/25	11/4/25
0435	Richfield	135	0	78	78	57.78%	10/15/25	
0440	Minneapolis	25	0	14	14	56.00%	10/7/25	
0511	Aviation	13	0	4	4	30.77%	9/30/25	
Total		344	2	218	220	63.95%		



Unit 435 Omelet Breakfast Fundraiser

Sunday December 14th
8 AM until Noon

\$13.00 donation for a custom made
omelet, hash-browns, fruit cocktail,
toast, and drink
(coffee, juice, or milk)

Wold 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

No December Fundraiser

Sunday, January 25, 2026

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

Bags
every
Friday
Night



are now
available!

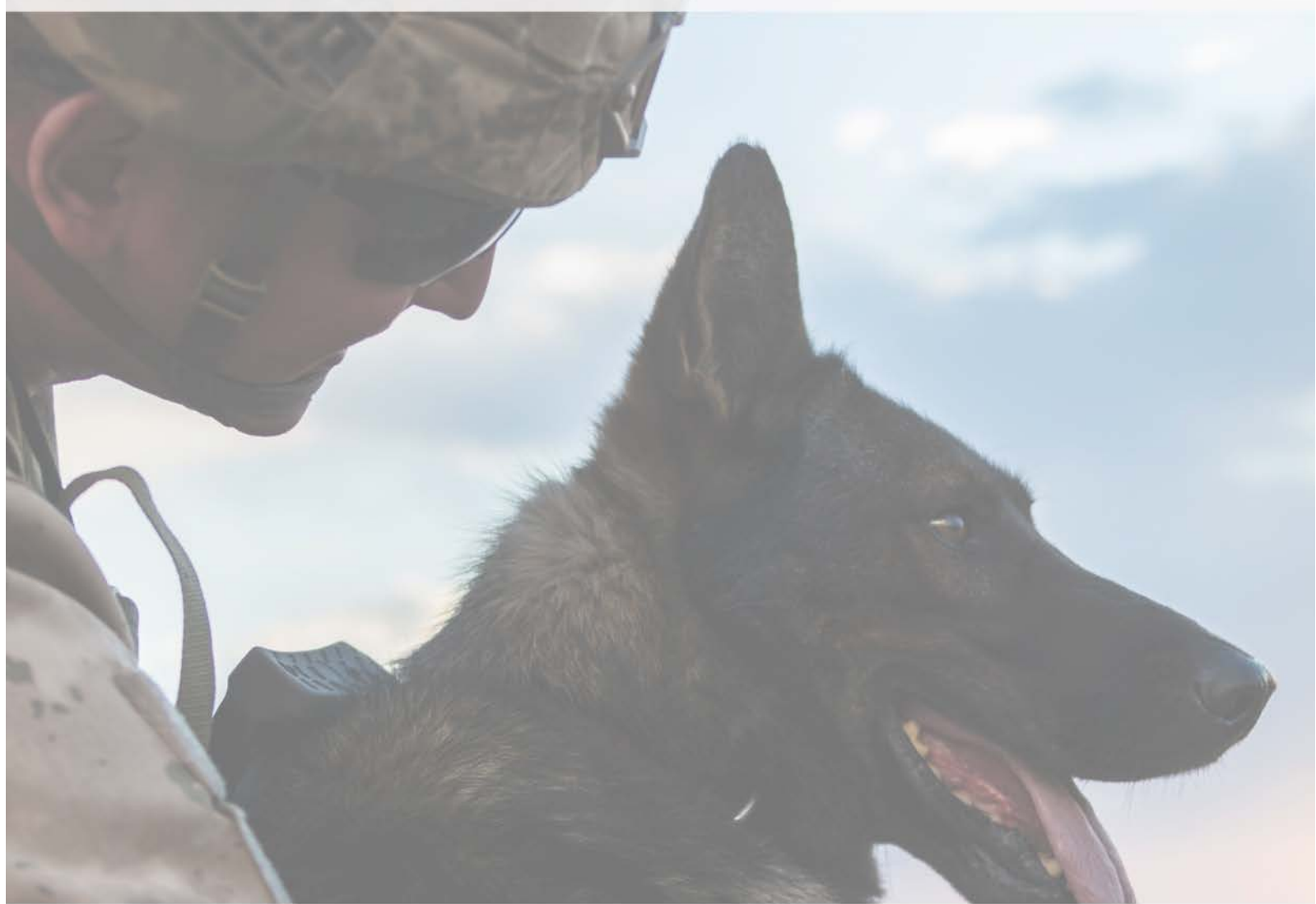


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Date	What	Location
Fridays 6:30 PM	Bags Tournament (every Friday, except holidays)	Wold Chamberlain Post 99 5600 S 34th Ave. Mpls
Saturday, December 13, 2025 9:30 Exec, 10 AM Membership	Fifth District Meeting TAL. No ALA Meeting	Minneapolis Post 1 2507 E 25th St. Mpls, MN 55406
Thursday, January 1	Fifth District Holiday Party	Crystal VFW 5222 Bass Lake Rd. Crystal, MN 55429
Saturday, January 3	No Fifth District Meetings	
Sunday, January 4, 1:45 PM	5th District Minneapolis VA Hospital Visitation	Minneapolis VA Auditorium
Tuesday, January 6, 7 PM	Fifth District Meeting SAL	Wold Chamberlain Post 99 5600 S 34th Ave. Mpls
Saturday, January 10 9 AM - 3 PM?	Fouth & Fifth District Joint Midwinter	Crystal VFW 5222 Bass Lake Rd. Crystal, MN 55429
Sunday, January 11, 2026 8 AM - Noon	Unit 435 Omelet Breakfast Fundraiser	Wold Chamberlain Post 99 5600 S 34th Ave. Mpls
Wednesday, Janaury 14, 2026 7 PM	ALR Chapter 435 Meeting	Wold Chamberlain Post 99 5600 S 34th Ave. Mpls
Saturday, January 17 9 AM	Fifth District Oratorical Contest	Wold Chamberlain Post 99 5600 S 34th Ave. Mpls
Sunday, January 25, 2026 8 AM - Noon	Post 99 AYCE Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser	Wold Chamberlain Post 99 5600 S 34th Ave. Mpls
Saturday, February 7, 2026 9:30 Exec, 10 AM Membership	Fifth District Meeting TAL, ALA	Minneapolis Post 1 2507 E 25th St. Mpls, MN 55406
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

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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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