



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

January 2026

AMERICAN LEGION

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Commander

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Chaplain

Andrew Rose Sr.

Sergeant-At-Arms

Joe Bayer



From all of the Fifth District Leadership to all of our members, Happy New Year! May this year be a year of happiness, joy, success, love, healing, stability, and good health for all of you.

No Fifth District Meeting on January 3.

Our next event is the Midwinter Conference on Saturday January 10.

Please RSVP for this event. Information is found on page 3

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Fifth District Oratorical Contest Saturday January 17 Wold Chamberlain American Legion

Fifth District Oratorical Contest will be on **Saturday, January 17** at 9 AM at Wold Chamberlain American Legion Post 99 5600 S 34th Ave. If you know any any eligible child interested in this competition please reach out to Ray Eiden at eidenr@aol.com, or 612-378-2725. Volunteers are needed to run the event as well.

Please consider stepping up and helping out with one of the premier programs for American Legion!

Fifth District American Legion Auxiliary

No Meeting in January!

See you at the Midwinter on January 10!

Please RSVP! more information can be found on Page 3.

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, 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
651-336-1154

mverkuilen@aviation511.org

Fifth District Chapter 435 ALR Meeting

Wednesday, January 14 at 7 PM.

Wold Chamberlain Post 99

The Fund 85 Run and the MN Legacy Run are being planned. Fund 85 will be in Southern MN this year. If you know of any location that would like to be a atop, reach out and let us know.

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.

4TH AND 5TH DISTRICT AMERICAN LEGION FAMILY *Midwinter Conference*

**Saturday, January 10, 2026
8:30 AM - 3:00 PM**

Charles Knaeble VFW #494
5222 Bass Lake Rd, Crystal, MN 55429

Keynote Speaker



Rev. Dr. Mary Whitney
Aka Sunny Love

“Operation Heartbeat:
Reigniting the Fire Within”

Operation Heartbeat invites members of the American Legion family into a shared space of reflection and renewal. Through spoken word and guided conversation, participants explore how service, legacy, and education intersect to strengthen future generations. This experience honors the past while building bridges toward collective impact.

Topics Covered

Community Impact: The Reason
Consolidated Reports and Annual Reports
are needed!

Honor Flight Network
Armed Forces Service Center
Be The One
Membership Updates
Merger Updates



REGISTER ONLINE

**<https://4th5thDistrictLegionFamily.short.gy/P7xqjX>
or by calling (612) 356-2554**

Registration Fee: \$20.00 per person which includes lunch

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.

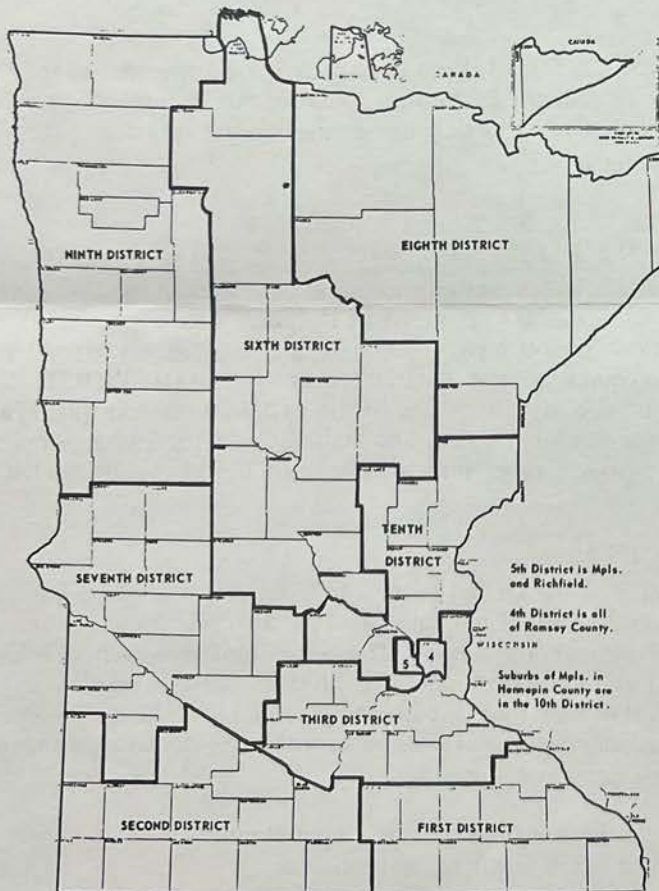
Article IV

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



DISTRICT ORATORICAL CONTEST CHAIRPERSONS

First	Sylvan Fix	507-313-3376	papafixone@gmail.com
Second	Tom Behrends	507-360-3057	thomas.behrends@gmail.com
Third	Diane Jankowski	612-227-6506	diane@onehawk.com
Fourth	Jennifer Havlick	218-834-4975	jennifer.havlick@outlook.com
Fifth	Ray Eiden	612-790-8519	eidenr@aol.com
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Seventh	Rueben Nathe	320-593-8654	ruebenn@hutchtel.net
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Tenth	Cliff Newman	612-298-7259	cancnewman226@gmail.com

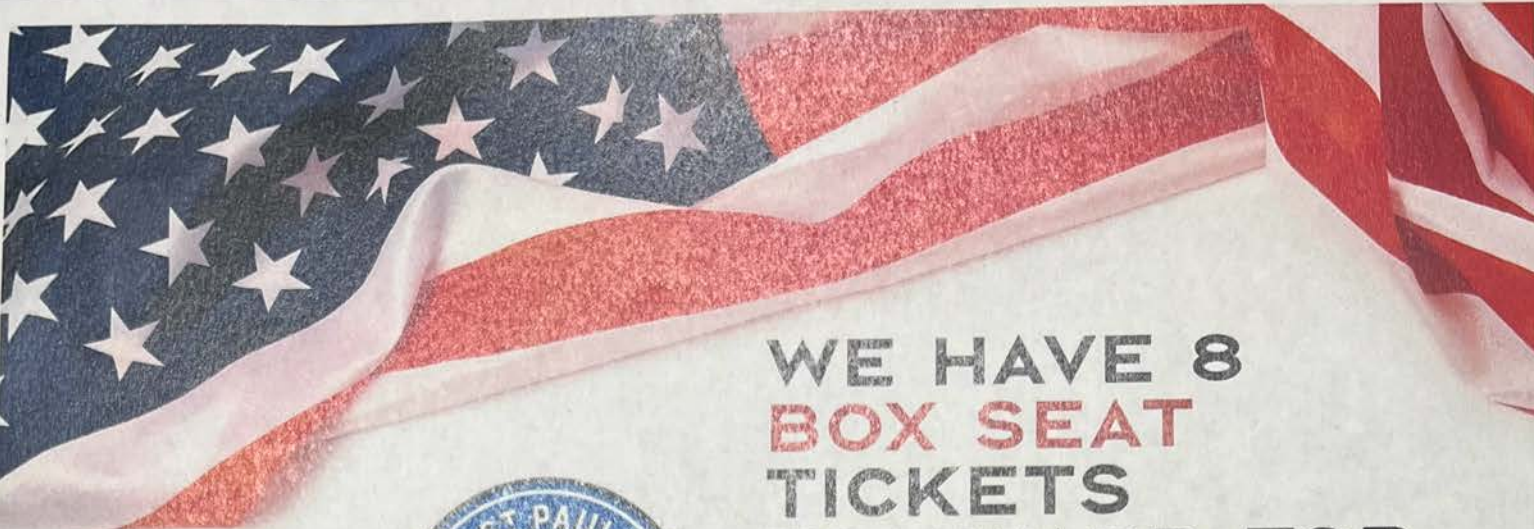
Other

State Chair	Jamie Brooks	317-666-1702	jamiewoods79@gmail.com
Vice Chair	Lori Belschner	636-751-1856	loribelschner@yahoo.com
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
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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 December 17, 2025

Post	Name	Location	New	PUFL	Renewal	HQ Tran	Totals	Goal	% of Goal
MN-0001	Minneapolis	Minneapolis	1	16	119	3	139	184	75.54
MN-0099	Wold-Chamberlain	Minneapolis	5	19	37	0	61	79	77.22
MN-0129	The Hellenic Inc	Minneapolis	0	8	34	0	42	53	79.25
MN-0230	North Side	Minneapolis	1	4	24	0	29	37	78.38
MN-0234	Vincent L Giantvalley	Minneapolis	0	6	6	0	12	33	36.36
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	3	91	363	1	458	630	72.70
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	18	1	29	42	69.05
MN-0548	University Of Minnesota	Minneapolis	0	13	8	0	21	24	87.50
MN-0555	Arthur And Leonard Fallc	Minneapolis	1	24	39	0	64	75	85.33
MN-0581	Herb Gager	Minneapolis	10	3	8	0	21	22	95.45
MN-0618	Longton	Minneapolis	0	20	0	0	20	22	90.91
		SUM:	24	228	726	5	983	1,305	75.33

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 (**January 4, February 1**) assemble at **1:45 PM** at the **Minneapolis VA Auditorium**. Please bring your cover, or where something Legion Family related.



The Sons of The American Legion Fifth District Membership

By Bill Hawkins

This membership report is as of December 28, 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	1	0	34	0	35	92.11%	
99	Wold-Chamberlain	15	20	2	0	18	0	20	100.00%	10/6/25
129	Hellenic	24	29	0	0	17	0	17	58.62%	
234	GiantValley	18	23	6	0	17	0	23	100.00%	12/14/25
435	Richfield	172	177	3	0	86	0	89	50.28%	
440	Gopher	43	48	0	0	40	0	40	83.33%	
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	12	0	226	0	238	66.48%	
# of Sqdns - 8									Off Goose Egg	9/21/25



DETACHMENT OF MINNESOTA

2026 MEMBERSHIP GOALS

Report Date: 12/28/25

2025 Results as of 7/29/2025	11654			
Current Received as of 12/28/2025	8051	66.76%	*Includes traditional and online renewals	
2026 Detachment Goal	12060	12015	67.01%	set from national

Vice Commanders	2025 Results	2026 Goal	Grand Total	Percentage	Placing	2026 Original Goal	Percentage	Ranking
1st and 3rd	3992	4072	2669	65.55%	4	4072	65.55%	4
2nd and 7th	2220	2330	1533	65.79%	3	2330	65.79%	3
4th and 5th	728	808	532	65.84%	2	808	65.84%	2
6th and 9th	2594	2668	1982	74.29%	1	2668	74.29%	1
8th and 10th	2120	2199	1335	60.71%	5	2199	60.71%	5
Totals	11654	12077	8051	66.66%				
<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	1200	67.23%	4	1785	67.23%	4
2nd District	1225	1275	973	76.31%	1	1275	76.31%	1
3rd District	2247	2287	1469	64.23%	7	2287	64.23%	7
4th District	410	450	294	65.33%	6	450	65.33%	6
5th District	318	358	238	66.48%	5	358	66.48%	5
6th District	1643	1683	1260	74.87%	2	1683	74.87%	2
7th District	995	1055	560	53.08%	10	1055	53.08%	10
8th District	479	519	307	59.15%	9	519	59.15%	9
9th District	951	985	722	73.30%	3	985	73.30%	3
10th District	1641	1680	1028	61.19%	8	1680	61.19%	8
Totals	11654	12077	8051	66.66%				
<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	9	225.00%				



SONS OF THE
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MIDWEST REGION GATHERING

MARCH 13-14, 2026
American Legion Post 112
8904 Military Rd.
Omaha, Nebraska 68134

Join Us for a Weekend of Brotherhood and Purpose!

The Midwest Region Gathering brings together Sons of The American Legion members for a weekend of learning, connection, and forward momentum. Come share ideas, build new partnerships, and strengthen the mission of supporting our veterans, their families, and our communities.

Highlights Include:

**Leadership Development Sessions
Membership & Training Workshops
Regional Collaboration Meetings
Fellowship, Networking, and Social Events**

Schedule of Events:

Friday 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM - Meet & Greet at American Legion Post #112. National Vice Commander Chris Casey

Saturday 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM - Leadership Development and Training Workshops. There will be a working lunch provided to those who register. Snacks will be available throughout the day.

TECHNOLOGY AND THE USE OF AI - SHAWN DAVIS
FIVE STAR AND TEN IDEALS - TODD KABELLA
SAL AWARDS - CASEY HANSON
NEC/COMMITTEES/COMMISSIONS/NVC EXPECTATIONS ROUNDTABLE - MIKE MONSERUD, TERRY HARRIS, CHRIS CASEY

Saturday evening - Take advantage of Omaha restaurants/sites. Safe travels!

For those flying into Omaha, utilize Eppley Airfield (OMA) Hotel Accomodations:

Holiday Inn Express & Suites Cherry Hills; 6939 N 102 Cir. Omaha 68122; 402-505-8181

Fairfield by Marriott Inn & Suites Omaha NW; 7101 N 102 Cir. Omaha 68122; 402-999-8089

Please reserve your spot and include **\$20 per person** to cover lunch, drinks, and snacks.

Registration deadline: March 1, 2026

Mail or email completed form to:

Chris Casey
2239 Meadow Dr.
Blair, NE 68008
aproudpatriot1776@gmail.com



Venmo payment to: **@FlagProfessor** or make checks payable to: **Chris Casey**

Name(s) of people attending: _____

Detachment: _____

Total amount: \$ _____

Save your Holiday Cards and Donate them!

Did you get Christmas cards and don't know what to do with them? DON'T throw them away!

Family and friends please save and donate them! Bring them to your meetings, and they will be collected at the midwinter conferences, or the Appreciation Rally in March. The cards are used to make gift tags for the MN Veterans homes and hospitals Gift Shops next December that the American Legion Auxiliary Department of MN sponsors.



Bulletin #20 as of 12-23-2025

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 12/25/2024	Difference from Last Year
One	47	3,240	72	2,500	77.16%	2638	-138
Two	68	3,229	79	2,545	78.82%	2588	-43
Three	45	3,390	19	2,488	73.39%	2647	-159
Four	5	456	14	318	69.74%	324	-6
Five	7	344	4	237	68.90%	257	-20
Six	57	4,370	23	3,460	79.18%	3540	-80
Seven	49	2,427	49	1,861	76.68%	1930	-69
Eight	20	1,092	13	782	71.61%	770	12
Nine	43	2,786	72	2,223	79.79%	2237	-14
Ten	40	3,146	18	2,227	70.79%	2397	-170
1982	1	408	4	229	56.13%	222	7
Depart. Total	382	24,888	427	18,870	75.82%	19550	-680
Group 1 (Even) <i>Jodi Hassing</i>	190	12,292	147	9,332	75.92%	9,619	-287
Group 2 (Odd) <i>Linda Kelly</i>	191	12,188	216	9,309	76.38%	9,931	-622

RANKINGS

Rank	Unit	Membership	Percent	Rank	Unit	Membership	Percent
1st	79.79% District 9	9,332	75.92%	6th	70.79% District 10	2,397	70.79%
2nd	79.18% District 6	2,223	71.61%	7th	71.61% District 8	2,227	69.74%
3rd	78.82% District 2	2,545	73.39%	8th	73.39% District 3	2,488	68.90%
4th	77.16% District 1	3,180	69.74%	9th	69.74% District 4	324	68.90%
5th	76.68% District 7	3,460	68.90%	10th	68.90% District 5	257	68.90%

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 7/4/26	102% by 8/1/26
0001	Minneapolis	50	2	28	30	60.00%	10/30/25	12/16/25				
0099	Minneapolis	31	0	28	28	90.32%	9/23/25	11/11/25	12/23/25			
0129	Minneapolis	52	0	47	47	90.38%	10/25/25	11/18/25	12/5/25			
0234	Minneapolis	38	0	31	31	81.58%	10/15/25	11/4/25				
0435	Richfield	135	0	81	81	60.00%	10/15/25	12/23/25				
0440	Minneapolis	25	0	16	16	64.00%	10/7/25	12/9/25				
0511	Aviation	13	0	4	4	30.77%	9/30/25					
Total		344	2	235	237	68.90%						



Unit 435 Omelet Breakfast Fundraiser

**Sunday January 11th
8 AM until Noon**

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

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

**Pull
Tabs
Available**

Text OMELET435 to 84483 to receive Omelet Breakfast alerts

Wold Chamberlain American Legion Post 99 Family Fundraiser



Pancake & Sausage Breakfast 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!

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
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?	Fourth & 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, January 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
Sunday, February 1, 1:45 PM	5th District Minneapolis VA Hospital Visitation	Minneapolis VA Auditorium
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

Visit our Website: MNFightingfifth.org
A calendar of events can be found there.
or

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<https://teamup.com/ksvvhn5e4e7ce5ag9w>
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