



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

April 2026

AMERICAN LEGION

Fifth District Officers

Commander
Lynne Nottage

Adjutant
Ray Eiden

Finance
Dennis De Long

Chaplain
Andrew Rose Sr.

Sergeant-At-Arms
Joe Bayer

Fifth District American Legion Meeting

Saturday, April 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=x1x2DqprwbfHHI8qdABw9Mvcl0a9VI.1>



Fifth District Convention

Friday June 5th and Saturday June 6
Hotel reservations can be made now.

Use this link

[American Legion 5th District](#)

or call the hotel at 952-884-8211 and ask for the American Legion 5th District Room block.

Rooms are **\$149** for poolside, **\$109** for non-poolside.
Room block will close May 29.

Chairman, committees your reports are due before

May 15!

Deceased members lists are due to District Chaplains before

May 15!

Ray Eiden
District Adjutant

The next District Assembly will be Saturday, April 4 at Post 1. Executive Meeting at 9:30am

followed by the District Assembly at 10:00am. The meeting will be carried on Zoom.

Nominations of Officers and Legionnaire of the Year Award

I will be accepting nominations for the offices of Commander, Finance Officer, 1st Vice Commander and 2nd Vice Commander and for 3 new positions to the Executive Board. These positions would be for an interim period should we vote in favor of merging the 4th and 5th districts. If we merge new officers would be elected at a joint convention later on. I will also be accepting nominations for Legionnaire of the Year. All nominations should be in to me by **May 5, 2026**.

Ray Eiden - eydenr@aol.com

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Fifth District American Legion Auxiliary

Saturday, April 8. 10 AM Membership
Live at **Minneapolis American Legion Post 1**
2507 East 25th Street
Minneapolis, MN 55406



Fifth District SAL meeting

Tuesday, May 5 at 7 PM
Wold-Chamberlain Post 99.

Greetings all - we are at the point of the year where things get busy, reports are due, and planning for next year begins. That coupled with the time of year where we question the sanity of Mother Nature... will it snow, are we done with snow, is it summer this week? I personally think I'd have better luck with the lottery than predicting the weather.

Here are some of the important things to have on your radar:

- **Squadron Data Form (SDR)** were mailed to Squadron Commanders or Adjutants and is available on the mnsal.org website. This form ensures that we have the most current information about your squadron INCLUDING what your dues will be for the upcoming year. We are looking for 100% reporting on this.
- **Consolidated Squadron Report (CSR)**. This report tells what you have done as a squadron over the past year. EVERY SQUADRON needs to be submitting a report. If you need help filling out this document please reach out and we will be happy to help! At a minimum, EVERY SQUADRON contributes to the hospital fund via our dues which is reportable on the form. The work that we do as part of the SAL is important - let's make sure it's reported!
- **May SAL Executive Committee Meeting:** May 5 (7pm at Wold Chamberlain Post 99). We would like to have a representative at these meetings from each squadron. This meeting we will be doing training on MyLegion and looking at nominations for the next year officer lineup.
- **District Convention:** Information on this is included in this edition of the newsletter. Now is a great time to get your hotel reservation in if you will be staying overnight. Regardless if you are staying in the hotel or not, we would like to have 100% participation in the convention. Please plan to have at least one representative attending.

Thank you for all you do around our district! It takes a village... and we have a very good village. How can we help your squadron? Please do not hesitate to reach out... as they say... "operators are standing by.."

Fifth District Chapter 435 ALR Meeting

Wednesday, May 13 at 7 PM
No meeting in April
Wold Chamberlain Post 99



American Legion Riders to Launch 2026 FUND 85 RUN in New Ulm

The American Legion Riders will kick off the annual **FUND 85 Ride** on **Wednesday, July 22, 2026**, beginning in **New Ulm** and traveling through the southern half of Minnesota over four days. The ride will feature overnight stops in **Montevideo** and **St. Peter** before concluding with an ending celebration in **Waseca** on **Saturday, July 25**.

The New Ulm kickoff includes hotel blocks at the **Microtel Hotel** and **Best Western Hotel**, along with an optional **Schell's Brewery tour** for interested riders. For the brewery tour, contact **Kris Schneeberg** at 507-276-1717 or email kaschneeberg@gmail.com by July 20.

On **Thursday, July 23**, riders will depart New Ulm at **8:00 a.m.** and travel through Redwood Falls, Lamberton, Fulda, and Pipestone before continuing on to Montevideo for supper and overnight accommodations. Friday's route begins in Montevideo and includes stops in Olivia, Springfield, St. James, Fairmont, and Lake Crystal before ending in St. Peter.

The final day, **Saturday, July 25**, begins in St. Peter at 8:00 a.m. and includes stops in Faribault, Kasson, Adams, Austin, Glenville, and Albert Lea before the ride concludes in Waseca. Riders will gather at the **Waseca American Legion** for supper and the ending party.

Participants are encouraged to reserve rooms early, as each hotel block has a limited release date. This year's FUND 85 Ride promises a memorable journey, strong fellowship, and continued support for the American Legion mission.

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

Children and Youth Reports

The Children and Youth Reporting forms have been mailed out to all of the Posts in the 5th District. They need to be received by your District

chairperson, Ray Eiden, by March 31, 2026, to be eligible for District and Department awards.

Even if you did not do anything for Children and Youth you need to fill out the bottom portion of the reporting form and send the white copy to your district children and youth chairman. The address of your district chairman, Ray Eiden, is listed on one of the pages in your packet. Call your district chairman or department chairman if you need help. I would like to get 100% reporting from our Posts.

Ray Eiden
5th District Children and Youth Chairman

Blood Reports

The Blood Reports are due to me by May 1, 2026.

This is for blood that was donated between January 1, 2025, and Dec. 31, 2025, by Legionnaires, SAL or Auxiliary.

Refer to following blood report form (found on Page 5). I need to get your report even if no blood was donated. Send me your form or at the least email me with the number of donors and pints donated.

Ray Eiden - 5th District Blood Chairman (eidenr@aol.com)

Post Service Officer Training

Post Service Officer Training is set for May 4 at 1 PM. The goal is to expand

on the Service Officers knowledge and to provide support for those in need. This will be a virtual call.

Virtual Link for Monday May 4 at 1 PM: <https://smumn.zoom.us/j/82600358455?pwd=P89mYVz2uz3luGzOYcAyjwrtgqXk5N.1>

If you have questions, please contact Department Assistant Adjutant Janet Lorenzo.
jlorenzo@mnlegion.org 612-468-6279

Save the date: **Saturday May 16**

District Fundraiser

The Auxiliary is planning a fundraiser to benefit President Becky's project and the 5th District Auxiliary.

More details will be forthcoming.

Legionville is accepting Registrations for the 2026 Season!

We have all donated to Legionville in the past, and they will always accept donations to help with the facility. But there is one thing they really need...

KIDS!

Legionville needs us to recruit youth to attend the camp this year! The fifth District (prior to 2021 (Covid shut down) paid for **73** children to attend in 2019. Since then we have paid for **13** in 2022, **7** in 2023, **16** in 2024, **14** in 2025 (all from one Post). We need to share this camp with anyone we are in touch with. Schools, community groups, other businesses, anyone we (as an organization) interacts with.

Legionville Safety Camp is open to ANY child aged 9-13. They will have fun in the great Minnesota outdoors while also learning about safety, including first aid, intro to CPR, swimming, canoeing, online safety, intro to gun safety, and much more! The registration fee is \$550 per camper. They can be sponsored by a Post, Squadron, Unit, Parent/ Grandparent, or any other organization willing to sponsor a child., We also have scholarships available through the Legionville General Scholarship Fund. You can find all registration information on the "registration" tab of our website. We are excited for another great summer at Legionville, and we hope to see your kids back this year!

Please spread the word and let me know if you have any questions. Thank you!
Shawn Davis
Fifth District Legionville Representative



**SAFETY
SUMMER
CAMP**

ON NORTH LONG LAKE, BRAINERD, MN

2026 DATES

All sessions run Sunday to Friday

1	June 14 – June 19
2	June 21 – June 26
3	July 5 – July 10
4	July 12 – July 17
5	July 19 – July 24
6	July 26 – July 31

2026 Registration Fee:
\$550.00 per camper



**REGISTER ONLINE
TODAY!**



LEGIONVILLE
The American Legion
20 W 12th Street, Room 300A
St. Paul, MN 55155-2000
Phone: 651-291-1800
Email: mlregionville@gmail.com



SAFETY SUMMER CAMP

ON NORTH LONG LAKE, BRAINERD, MN



Legionville Educational Center was established by the Minnesota American Legion in 1956 for the purpose of training young people in the correct school patrol procedures. School safety patrol crossing and bus training have always been the primary focus of the camp, but this has been expanded to include additional safety classes and tons of fun in the great Minnesota outdoors.

WHO: Open to all students who will be between 9-13 years old by September 1st

WHAT: Learn school patrol safety from Safety Education Officers of the Minnesota State Patrol along with First Aid, CPR, Canoeing, Swimming, Online Safety & much more!

WHERE: Located on North Long Lake in Brainerd, MN

WHEN: Sessions are Sunday thru Friday, beginning the second week of June.

REGISTRATION: Register online at legionville.org

Campers may be sponsored and tuition paid by an American Legion Post, School, other Community Organization, or an individual such as a parent/guardian. Contact your local post for more information or visit www.legionville.org.

**ENROLL YOUR STUDENTS NOW!
SPACE IS LIMITED!
OUR SESSIONS BEGIN IN JUNE!**

**REGISTER ONLINE
TODAY!**



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Email: mnlegionville@gmail.com

**2026 AMERICAN LEGION
POST BLOOD DONATION REQUEST**

TO: Post Adjutants or Post Blood Chairman

This report is for dates January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025. Please answer the following questions and return by May 1, 2026 to your District Blood Chairman.

1. Number of Legionnaires, Auxiliary and SAL members donating blood during this time period _____.
2. Total number units of blood donated by Legionnaires, Auxiliary and SAL members during this time period _____.
3. Did your Post sponsor a Bloodmobile/Blood drive? YES _____ NO _____.
If yes, total of units donated through your efforts _____.
4. Are these totals estimated? YES _____ NO _____.
5. Total Units of Blood Donations _____

Please take the time to fill this out and get credit for what your Post is doing. Also, please fill in the Blood Donor Program section on the yearly Consolidated Post Report. Last year it was item 14 & 15 under National Security.

POST NUMBER _____ DISTRICT _____

POST NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ ZIP _____

YOUR NAME _____

SIGNATURE _____ TITLE _____

YOUR ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ ZIP _____

**PLEASE RETURN TO DISTRICT BLOOD CHAIRMAN BY MAY 1, 2026.
CHAIRMAN ARE LISTED ON THE BACK OF THIS PAGE.**

OPTIONAL PAGE

This is an optional second page of the blood program report. Please fill out this page if the number of units of blood has, or could in the future, increase. Keep in mind that, with all the injured service men and women coming back from Iraq and Afghanistan, we will need more blood.

Does your Post participate in a blood program? YES _____ NO _____

If so, do you think an additional drive
per year (or more) would be possible? YES _____ NO _____

If not, would you be interested in
starting a new location? YES _____ NO _____

If not, would you be interested in helping
with a drive in your community? (Such
as providing space for the drive or helping
with the refreshments) YES _____ NO _____

A suggestion for any Post/Unit/SAL that is interested in some expansion of their activity would be to contact the County Health Nurse. Also let your District Blood Program Chairman know of your interest.


**AMERICAN
LEGION**
DEPARTMENT OF MINNESOTA
20 WEST 12TH STREET • ROOM 300A
ST. PAUL, MN 55155-2000

December 2025

TO: District National Security/Foreign Relations Chairmen
Department National Security/Foreign Relations Committee
District Commanders
Department Commander

FROM: Jim Kellogg, National Security/Foreign Relations Chairman

SUBJECT: Annual Military Achievement Awards Applications &
Military Achievement Awards

Enclosed with this memo are copies of the applications for “Outstanding Enlisted Man/Woman of the Year”. These applications will no longer be sent to every Post in Minnesota. Applications will be available on the Department website: mnlegion.org, under Programs, National Security.

Please have applications available at your District functions, as well. Also enclosed is the Time Line for the Military Achievement Awards Program.

We hope you will make every effort to get each Post and Military Unit located within your District involved in the Military Achievement Awards Program in 2026.

We thank you in advance for your assistance in continuing the success of the 2026 Awards Program.

Enclosure

**NATIONAL SECURITY/FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE
DEPARTMENT OF MINNESOTA**

TIME LINE for 2026 "Outstanding National Guard/Reserve Enlisted of the Year"

December 2025

1. Applications on-line for the 2026 "Outstanding Enlisted of the Year" program.

January-February 2026

1. **DISTRICT CHAIRMEN/**Department Committee Members make presentations at Mid-Winter Conferences; stressing this and other committee programs (R.O.T.C.; Dept Vice Cmdrs; Civil Air Patrol; Foreign Relations, etc.)

April 2026

1. Reminder letter to Posts concerning "Outstanding of the Year" program. Stress **DEADLINE** for applications.
A. Copy to **DISTRICT CHAIRMEN**.

May - June 2026

1. **DISTRICT CHAIRMEN** presentations at District Conventions.

June - July 2026

1. **DISTRICT CHAIRMEN** review applications; complete section IX of the application form. (If District chooses to do so, make selections in each category) Submit ALL applications received to the Department Committee.
***Send **ALL APPLICATIONS** (after review by District Chairmen) to:

**National Security/Foreign Relations Committee
The American Legion, Dept of Minnesota
20 West 12th Street, Room 300A
St. Paul, MN 55155**

2. Receipt of all applications will be acknowledged to each applicant and to District Chairman.
3. Department National Security/Foreign Relations Committee meets at the Department Convention to review progress of program.

July 1, 2026 DEADLINE

1. July 1, 2026, **FINAL DEADLINE** for submission of applications by **DISTRICT CHAIRMEN**. (If at all possible, **DISTRICT CHAIRMEN** should submit reviewed applications at or before Department Convention.)

September - October 2026

1. Department Committee meets to make selections for the 2026 year.
2. **MEETING** with **DISTRICT CHAIRMEN** and other **DISTRICT OFFICERS** to outline plans for 2026-2027. Date and location of this meeting to be announced probably in late August.
3. Following selection by Department Standing Committee, all **WINNERS** will be notified about Fall Conference presentations, etc. All applicants will be sent a certificate of appreciation.
4. **DISTRICT CHAIRMEN - CONTACT** Winner(s) in their District who have been selected for a 2026 Award regarding the winner's attendance at the Fall Conference. **PROVIDE ASSISTANCE**, if possible, with travel or housing details. (**GET ACCURATE COUNT** for Fall Conference coffee and rolls attendance).
5. **DISTRICT CHAIRMEN - Contact** sponsoring Post(s) of any winner(s) in their District. **ENCOURAGE** Post to assist winner and family to attend Fall Conference Awards Presentation. **STRONGLY SUGGEST** that sponsoring Post also be represented.
6. Department Committee Members (just prior to Fall Conference) make phone contact with District Chairmen. Determine **FINAL COUNT** for **COFFEE** and **ROLLS**. Assist with any problems.
7. **PRESENTATION OF 2026 AWARDS** during the Annual Department Fall Conference.

APPLICATION FORM
"OUTSTANDING ENLISTED MAN/WOMAN OF THE YEAR"

I. GENERAL INFORMATION

Name (Give Complete Name) _____

Home Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email: _____

Home Phone Number _____ / _____ Work Phone Number _____ / _____

Date of Birth _____ Place of Birth _____

Education:

Name of High School _____ City _____

Date of High School Graduation _____

Post High School Education (Give names of colleges and years attended. Also Degree(s) received and year received) _____

II. EMPLOYMENT INFORMATION

Employer _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Job Title _____ Month/Year Started _____

Immediate Supervisor _____

Brief explanation of duties _____

Previous Employer(s) - Within last five years _____

III. NATIONAL GUARD/RESERVE UNIT INFORMATION

Branch of Service _____

Candidate is a member of: (Give official designation of Unit) _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Current Rank _____

Current Duties _____

Number of Years that Candidate has been a member of the National Guard/Reserve _____

Previous **Active Service** Experience (List briefly or attach copy of DD-214 or information from DD-214)

Special Schools Attended (Give name, location and year completed) EXAMPLE: Helicopter Mechanics - Pensacola, FL, 1982

(Use additional sheets if necessary)

IV. COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

List Community organizations, groups, etc. with which candidate has been or is currently active:

American Legion Member ? _____ If so, Post Name and Number _____

V. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Please attach photocopies of service commendations, awards, decorations, news articles, etc. concerning Military or Civilian activities. PLEASE ATTACH COLOR PHOTO IN UNIFORM TO APPLICATION.

VI. LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION

Please attach at least two (2) letters of recommendation - one from your Unit **COMMANDING OFFICER**; one from another individual whom you feel knows you well. Also attach a letter from American Legion Post Commander.

VII. APPLICATION

Do you require this application to be returned? YES _____ NO _____

VIII. AMERICAN LEGION POST - Information should be filled out by Post.

This application is submitted by Post _____ of The American Legion located at Address _____

City _____ Zip _____

SIGNATURE (Post Commander or Adjutant) _____

IX. DISTRICT - National Security/Foreign Relations Chairman should fill out this portion.

This Application was reviewed by _____

National Security/Foreign Relations Chairman for the _____ District.

Date _____

Submitted for Department consideration (DATE) _____
* * * * *

X. DEPARTMENT COMMITTEE

Acknowledgment Sent (Date) _____

Completed applications should be sent to your District Chairman or to The American Legion, 20 West 12th Street, Room 300A, St. Paul, MN 55155. All applications are due by July 1 of each year. If you have questions, please call 651-291-1800.

RELEASE AUTHORIZATION

"I HEREBY AUTHORIZE RELEASE OF MY THREE MOST RECENT MILITARY EFFICIENCY REPORTS TO THE AMERICAN LEGION. THIS IS IN SUPPORT OF MY NOMINATION AND CONSIDERATION FOR RECOGNITION AS AN OUTSTANDING ARMED FORCES RESERVIST BY THE AMERICAN LEGION. I UNDERSTAND THAT DISCLOSURE IS VOLUNTARY BUT THAT THE INFORMATION WILL BE USED TO EVALUATE MY CANDIDACY FOR RECOGNITION AND FAILURE TO RELEASE THE REPORTS MAY AFFECT MY CANDIDACY. IN CONSIDERATION OF THE FOREGOING PURPOSE, I HEREBY WAIVE ANY AND ALL CLAIMS OR CAUSES OF ACTION IN ANY WAY ARISING FROM THE DISCLOSURE OF THIS INFORMATION."

DATE _____

SIGNATURE _____

Motorcycle Road Guard Class

April 11-12, 2026 April 25-26, 2026

Held at: Monticello American Legion Post 260 , 304 Elm Street,
Monticello, MN 55362



Up to Twelve Sessions:

April 11 th 0900-1200	April 11 th 1300-1600	April 11 th 1700-2000
April 12 th 0830-1130	April 12 th 1200-1500	April 12 th 1530-1830
April 25 th 0900-1200	April 25 th 1300-1600	April 25 th 1700-2000
April 26 th 0830-1130	April 26 th 1200-1500	April 26 th 1530-1830

Must Prepay (Sorry No refunds): First Come, First Served for session choice
Cost: \$45.00 (If unable to attend, a substitute attendee with certificate will be allowed)

To participate in this training ,

A **Motorcycle Road Guard Certificate Application** must be completed and sent to Driver and Vehicle Services (DVS).
The application must be received three weeks before the training session the applicant wants to attend.
Applicants must bring the letter to training to be eligible to participate in the class .

<https://assets.dps.mn.gov/files/ots/mc-road-guard-certificate-application.pdf>

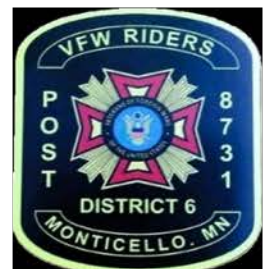
Co-Sponsored by:

American Legion Riders Post 260

VFW Riders Post 8731

We Welcome You and Thank You for Your Support
For More Information and Reservations Please Call

Point of Contact **Jamie "Papa Bear" Albrecht (763) 607-0759**



Department Convention 2026 Information

The 2026 Department Convention will be held **July 8-11, 2026** in **Willmar, Minnesota**. The actual convention will start July 9, but many committee meetings will start on July 8 around 4:00 P.M. Registration and reservation information is listed below. The convention sessions for the Legion and Auxiliary will be held at the Willmar Conference Center.

REGISTRATION is \$20.00, until **June 25**, per person and **MUST** accompany each registration form. Registration will be **\$30.00** per person **after June 25** and at the door. Checks should be made payable to: **AMERICAN LEGION POST 167**. All delegates, alternates and guests **MUST** pay the registration fee. You may also register and pay at mnlegion.org/events/calendar.

The official hotels for The American Legion Family are the Best Western Plus & Holiday Inn Express. You must make your own housing reservations directly with the hotel. The phone number to make reservations at the Best Western Plus is 320-235-6060. To make reservations at the Holiday Inn Express, please call 320-231-2601. When making your reservation, ask for The American Legion Block. Please see the enclosed pages for more information.

RESERVATIONS: For the 2026 Department Convention, hotel reservations will be done "on your own". Please call the hotel listed below to make your reservation. When making your reservation, please ask for **The American Legion Block**.

Best Western Plus: 320-235-6060
Holiday Inn Express: 320-231-2601
Country Inn & Suites: 320-214-0300
AmericInn: 320-365-1995



2026 Dept. Convention Official Registration

Convention dates and location:
July 9-11, 2026, Willmar Conference Center
Various committees meet July 8

Register online with no fees via Zeffy at:
mnlegion.org/department-convention

Or make check out to:
American Legion Post 167

Write on memo line:
Dept. Convention

Mail to:
Carrie Werner
36898 County Hwy. 6
Redwood Falls, MN 56283

Registration fees:
Registration received by mail
or online via Zeffy by June 25: \$20
Registration received by mail
or online via Zeffy after June 25: \$30
Registration at the door: \$30
(cards not accepted at the door
after noon Friday, July 10)

Register before June 25 to receive a booklet.

Registration fees are for each person attending, whether a delegate, alternate or a guest. Please copy and send a separate form for each person attending. A single check is fine. Junior SAL and Junior Auxiliary are not charged a fee but must send in a form.

About you:

Check one:

Legion **Auxiliary** **SAL**

Enter numbers:

District **Post/Unit/Squadron**

Check one:

Delegate **Alternate** **Guest**

(Auxiliary only) Delegate at-large: _____
(Choose Past Dept. President or Dept. Exec. Cmte.)

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

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 March 25, 2026

Post	Name	Location	New	PUFL	Renewal	HQ Tran	Totals	Goal	% of Goal
MN-0001	Minneapolis	Minneapolis	2	16	144	3	165	184	89.67
MN-0099	Wold-Chamberlain	Minneapolis	5	19	46	0	70	79	88.61
MN-0129	The Hellenic Inc	Minneapolis	0	8	35	0	43	53	81.13
MN-0230	North Side	Minneapolis	1	4	30	0	35	37	94.59
MN-0234	Vincent L Giantvalley	Minneapolis	0	6	6	0	12	33	36.36
MN-0291	Johnnie Baker	Minneapolis	3	3	14	0	20	19	105.26
MN-0355	Bainbridge	Minneapolis	0	3	0	0	3	3	100.00
MN-0435	Minneapolis-Richfield	Richfield	4	92	449	4	549	630	87.14
MN-0440	Gopher	Minneapolis	0	7	17	0	24	32	75.00
MN-0493	Viking Inc	Minneapolis	0	1	45	0	46	50	92.00
MN-0511	Aviation	Crystal	0	10	25	1	36	42	85.71
MN-0548	University Of Minnesota	Minneapolis	0	13	8	0	21	24	87.50
MN-0555	Arthur And Leonard Falk	Minneapolis	1	24	43	0	68	75	90.67
MN-0581	Herb Gager	Minneapolis	10	3	10	0	23	22	104.55
MN-0618	Longton	Minneapolis	0	20	0	0	20	22	90.91
		SUM:	26	229	872	8	1,135	1,305	86.97

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 (**April 5**) 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 March 21, 2026. Now is the time to push for those renewals. Reach out to your members. Call them. Send a letter. Do what you can for membership. The follow Squadrons need this many renewals to match their results in 2025:

Hellenic 129: 7, GiantValley 234: 1, Richfield 435: 27, Gopher 440: 3

And remember your goal is ore that what you did last year.

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	3	0	23	0	26	130.00%	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	4	0	145	0	149	84.18%	
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	14	0	290	0	304	84.92%	
# of Sqdns - 8									Off Goose Egg	9/21/25



DETACHMENT OF MINNESOTA

2026 MEMBERSHIP GOALS

Report Date: 3/21/26

2025 Results as of 7/29/2025	11654				
Current Received as of 3/21/2026	10684	88.59%	*Includes traditional and online renewals		
2026 Detachment Goal	12060	12015	88.92%	set from national	

Vice Commanders	2025 Results	2026 Goal	Grand Total	Percentage	Placing	2026 Original Goal	Percentage	Ranking
1st and 3rd	3992	4072	3481	85.49%	3	4072	85.49%	3
2nd and 7th	2220	2334	2254	96.57%	1	2334	96.57%	1
4th and 5th	728	808	671	83.04%	4	808	83.04%	4
6th and 9th	2594	2668	2443	91.57%	2	2668	91.57%	2
8th and 10th	2120	2209	1825	82.62%	5	2209	82.62%	5
Totals	11654	12091	10674	88.28%				
<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	1582	88.63%	4	1785	88.63%	4
2nd District	1225	1269	1334	105.12%	1	1269	105.12%	1
3rd District	2247	2287	1899	83.03%	8	2287	83.03%	8
4th District	410	450	367	81.56%	9	450	81.56%	9
5th District	318	358	304	84.92%	7	358	84.92%	7
6th District	1643	1683	1516	90.08%	3	1683	90.08%	3
7th District	995	1065	920	86.38%	6	1065	86.38%	6
8th District	479	529	462	87.33%	5	529	87.33%	5
9th District	951	985	927	94.11%	2	985	94.11%	2
10th District	1641	1680	1363	81.13%	10	1680	81.13%	10
Totals	11654	12091	10674	88.28%				
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1982 MN SAL AT-LARGE	4	4	10	250.00%				

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Membership Bulletin 33 as of 3-25-2026

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 3/25/2025	Difference from Last Year		
One	47	3,240	15	2,835	87.50%	2989	-154		
Two	68	3,229	15	2,826	87.52%	2980	-154		
Three	45	3,390	44	2,917	86.05%	3133	-216		
Four	5	456	1	373	81.80%	404	-31		
Five	7	344	5	269	78.20%	303	-34		
Six	57	4,370	39	3,893	89.08%	4061	-168		
Seven	49	2,427	19	2,112	87.02%	2213	-101		
Eight	20	1,092	0	943	86.36%	922	21		
Nine	43	2,786	8	2,478	88.94%	2545	-67		
Ten	40	3,146	12	2,738	87.03%	2830	-92		
1982	1	404	2	253	62.62%	249	4		
Depart. Total	382	24,884	160	21,637	86.95%	22629	-992		
Group 1 (Even) <i>Jodi Hassing</i>	190	12,293	67	10,773	87.64%	11,197	-424		
Group 2 (Odd) <i>Linda Kelly</i>	191	12,187	91	10,864	89.14%	11,432	-568		
RANKINGS									
1st 89.08% District 6	2nd 88.94% District 9	3rd 87.52% District 2	4th 87.50% District 1	5th 87.03% District 10	6th 87.02% District 7	7th 86.36% District 8	8th 86.05% District 3	9th 81.80% District 4	10th 78.20% District 5

UNIT NUMERIC OBJECTIVES 2026

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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
0001	Minneapolis	50	3	34	37	74.00%	10/30/25	12/16/25	3/15/26	6/12/26	7/4/26
0099	Minneapolis	31	0	28	28	90.32%	9/23/25	11/11/25	12/23/25		
0129	Minneapolis	52	0	50	50	96.15%	10/25/25	11/18/25	12/5/25	3/25/26	
0234	Minneapolis	38	0	32	32	84.21%	10/15/25	11/4/25			
0435	Richfield	135	1	93	94	69.63%	10/15/25	12/23/25			
0440	Minneapolis	25	0	17	17	68.00%	10/7/25	12/9/25			
0511	Aviation	13	3	8	11	84.62%	9/30/25	2/17/26			
Total		344	7	262	269	78.20%					

Wold Chamberlain American Legion Post 99 Family Fundraiser



Pancake & Sausage (and Bacon) Breakfast Fundraiser

Sunday, April 26, 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
Tournament
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, April 4, 2026 9:30 Exec, 10 AM Membership	Fifth District Meeting TAL, ALA	Minneapolis Post 1 2507 E 25th St. Mpls, MN 55406
Sunday, April 5, 2026, 1:45 PM	5th District Minneapolis VA Hospital Visitation	Minneapolis VA Auditorium
Sunday April 19 - Thursday April 23	National Commander Dan Wiley Tour of Minnesota	Various Posts
Sunday, April 26, 2026 8 AM - Noon	Post 99 AYCE Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser	Wold Chamberlain Post 99 5600 S 34th Ave. Mpls
May 1 - 3	SAL National Meetings	Indianapolis, IN
Saturday, May 2, 2026 9:30 Exec, 10 AM Membership	Fifth District Meeting TAL, ALA	Minneapolis Post 1 2507 E 25th St. Mpls, MN 55406
Sunday, May 3, 2026, 1:45 PM	5th District Minneapolis VA Hospital Visitation	Minneapolis VA Auditorium
May 3 - 7	American Legion National Meetings	Indianapolis, IN
Tuesday, May 5 7 PM	Fifth District Meeting SAL	Wold Chamberlain Post 99 5600 S 34th Ave. Mpls
Friday, May 15	District Convention Reports Due	
Saturday, May 16	Fifth District Fundraiser	TBD
Friday, May 15 - Sunday May 17	Work and Play Weekend	Legionville Safety Camp
Friday, June 5 - Saturday June 6	Fifth District Convention	Holiday Inn Bloomington, MN
Friday, June 26 - Saturday, June 27	Detachment Conventon	Crystal VFW 5222 Bass Lake Rd. Crystal, MN 55429

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