



**5th District American Legion Family Convention
2021 - 2022**

Annual Reports



Blood Donation Report For 2021

We had ten Posts respond to the blood donation request.

There were four Posts that reported donations.

There were 7 members of the Legion, Auxiliary, SAL donating a total of 21 pints.

Minneapolis Post 1

Members donated - 3

Total Units donated - 7

Viking Post #493

Members donated – 1

Total Units donated -6

Gopher Post #440

Members donated - 2

Total Units donated – 5

Northside Post #230

Members donated – 1

Total Units 3

Six Posts sent in reports but had no donations. They were Falldin, Bearcat, Johnnie Baker, Richfield, Wold-Chamberlain and Hellenic.

I would like to thank those from the four Posts who donated blood. This is one way to serve the community. There is always a demand for blood and it helps those in need.

Ray Eiden

Fifth District Blood Chairman



Oratorical

The 2022 5th district was held February 5th at post one, the winner of the contest was Jonathan “Trent” Vickers,

He went on to compete February 26th at the department oratorical contest. Where he not only made it to the final round, he place 4th in the final competition.

Trent was sponsored by Falldin post #555

He is a finishing his junior year at Vickers home academy, in NE Minneapolis.

Jamie Woods

Legislative

Dear legionnaires,

We had a wonderful attendance on veterans day on the hill and had several VSO veterans organizations participating as a whole as well as several legislators, Governor Waltz , Commissioner of Veterans Affairs Herke, MACV COO John lovald, DAV legislator advocate and VA Chair Rep Bob Dettmer, from the house, a true champion for Veterans. We had been tasked with setting up chairs and tables , cloths for the event the day prior. Wade Larson GOPHER 440, Ray Eiden Post 555, Post 5222 Harry DeCrescenzo, Mike Novak, Anthony Hunt our newest Legionnaire member from their post. AKA volunteers of the 5th District.

Wade Larson

Legislative Chair 5th District

Minneapolis , MN



Junior Shooting Program

Current Shooters are:

Taylor Crane
Donar Heldebrant
Noland Cahow
Grigg Mauer
Kohl Walsh

Despite limitations from covid and permanent legion space to practice in, we had a very active season. We have 5 junior shooters that participated for the season.

Our most senior competitor Taylor Crane achieved several significant milestones, in addition to winning the CMP and Junior Olympic State championships in sporter air rifle she also qualified for the CMP regional championship at camp Perry where she won the entire match outright after a grueling final and taking home a gold medal and a 500\$ scholarship. She also achieved the milestone of distinguished shooter from the CMP for air rifle after this match, which is awarded only to a small group of shooters for excellence in competition.

She also qualified for the Junior Olympics and CMP national championships in June of 2022. She additionally qualified for the American Legion National Championship in Colorado in July of 2022 as one of the top 15 competitors in the United States after two rounds of postal matches. She also finished first in the NRA sectionals for 3p and standing air rifle. We may have missed one of her many victories this season in all of the excitement.

Donar Heldebrant took first place in the tyro age class at the Fergus Falls NRA 4p smallbore match. Noland Cahow took first for the tyro age class in the open match at Fergus Falls for 4p smallbore. Donar and Noland while still very early in their shooting careers are three year veterans and are beginning to rise up the ranks of the overall match competitors for state and local matches they compete in. They have earned numerous medals in the youngest age classes they compete in after three years of consistent practice. Stay tuned as they continue to mature as shooters for their accomplishments.

Grigg and Kohl have two and one years of practice respectively and are steadily increasing in skill.



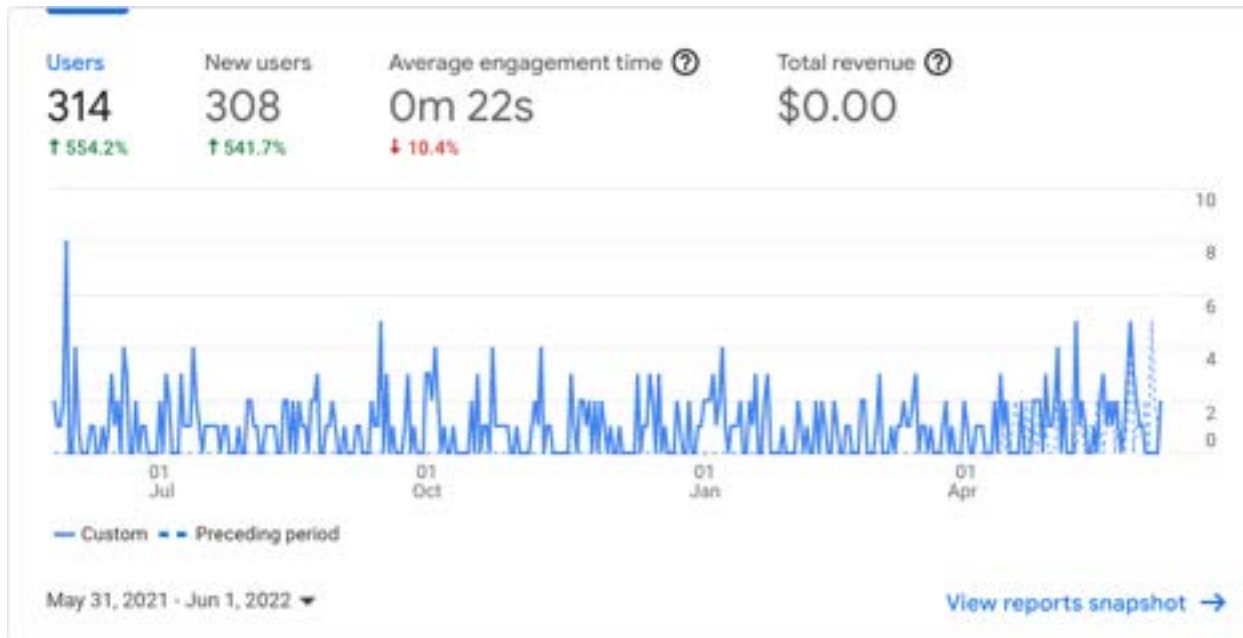
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July 2021 thru April 2022**

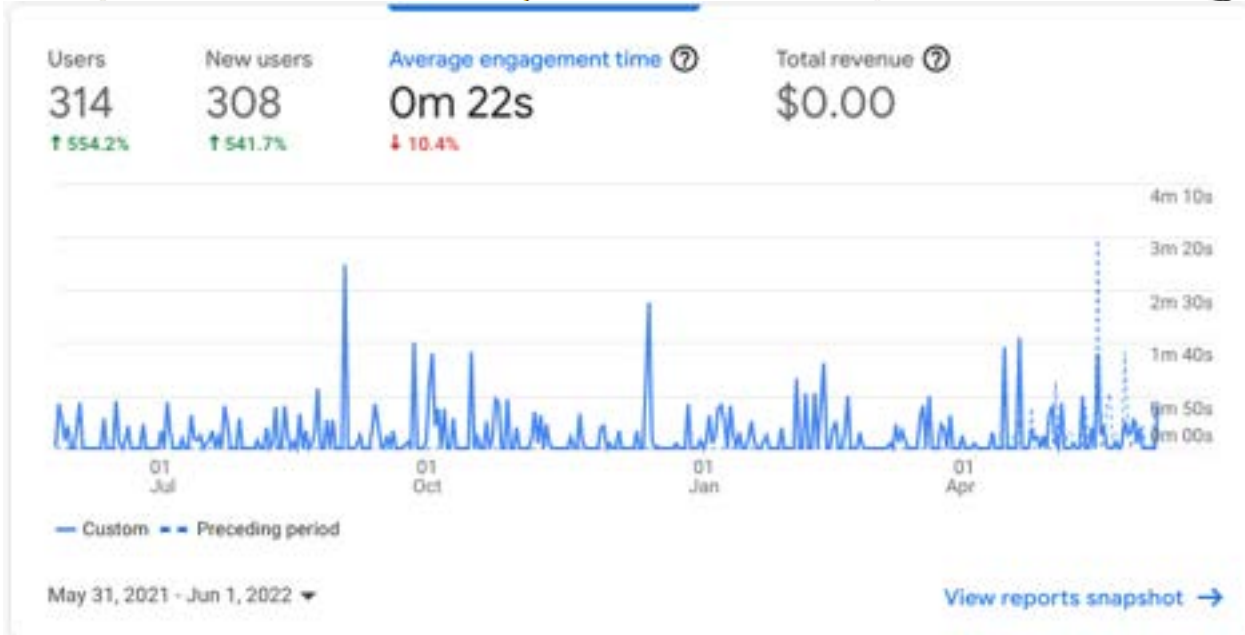
The 5th District currently has 147 subscribers on E-Flash. For the 10 month period between July 2021 and April 2022 the total E-Flash reports sent out were 97. There were 5,236 opens generated for an average of 54 opens per E-Flash. This means that on the average 36% of the subscribers open the E-Flash.

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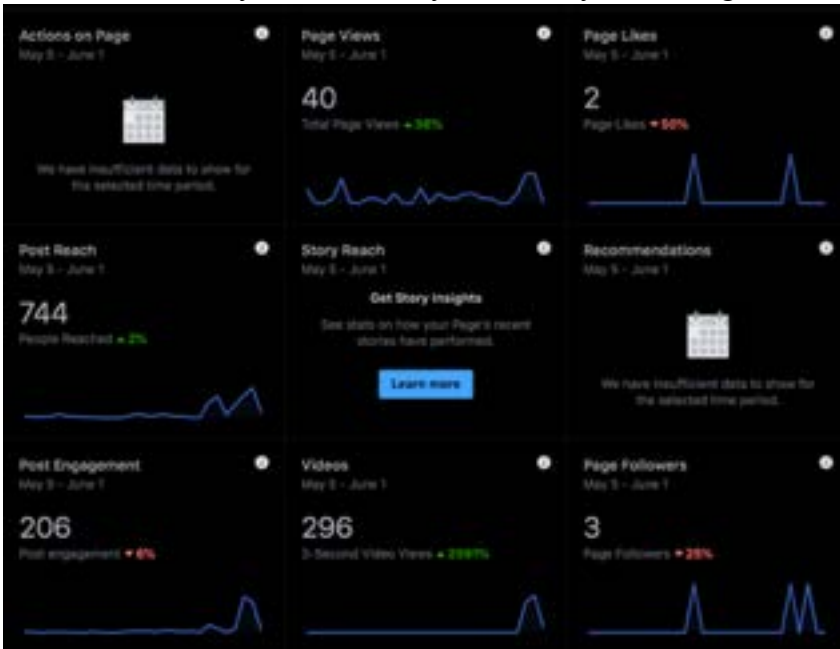
Ray Eiden
5th District Adjutant

The District Webpage over the past year (June 1, 2021 through May 31, 2022) had 314 users of which 308 were new.





Fifth District Facebook Page likes total 398.
 Facebook summary for last 29 days from May 4th through June 2nd.



Shawn Davis



Thank you Supporters For your Donations

We couldn't have done this convention
without your financial support.

- Hellenic Post 129
- Wold Chamberlin Post 99
- Aviation Post 511
- Viking Post 493
- Gopher Post 440
- Mike Bailey
- Minneapolis Post 1
- Arthur Leonard Falldin Post 555
- U of MN Post 548
- Johnny Baker Post 291
- Ready Meats
- Minneapolis-Richfield Unit 435
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