



5th District American Legion Family Convention 2021 - 2022

American Legion Family

Commander
Wade Larson

President
Jill Davis

SAL Commander
Shawn Davis

ALR Director
Lee Davis



Preamble to the constitution of The American Legion

For God and Country we associate ourselves together for the following purposes:

To uphold and defend the Constitution of the United States of America;

To maintain law and order;

To foster and perpetuate a one hundred percent Americanism;

To preserve the memories and incidents of our associations in all wars;

To inculcate a sense of individual obligation to the community, state and nation;

To combat the autocracy of both the classes and the masses;

To make right the master of might;

To promote peace and good will on earth;

To safeguard and transmit to posterity the principles of justice, freedom and democracy;

To consecrate and sanctify our comradeship by our devotion to mutual helpfulness.



FIFTH DISTRICT
AMERICAN LEGION
DEPARTMENT OF MINNESOTA
ANNUAL CONVENTION

JUNE 3RD AND 4TH, 2022



Tom Fernland
Commander
2021 - 2022
The American Legion
Department of Minnesota



2022

American Legion Family,

I'd like to welcome you to your District convention.

These District conventions across the state are really where the rubber meets the road in The American Legion. This is where the District leaders and the future leaders can gather to see what's new, what's working, and what's important for our veterans, our families, our youth and our communities.

You who are attending this convention are the heart and soul of The American Legion. You are giving up your precious time to make sure this organization does it right. Thank you.

My theme this year is "Veterans, Family, Community." Think of the veterans who don't know they are eligible for membership. Bring them into our family so we can join forces. When there is an active American Legion Family, it is good for the community.

Our objective this year is to connect with veterans and their families and help them discover the life-changing opportunities that our organizations present.

Thank you for your dedicated work and volunteer spirit.

Sincerely,

Tom Fernlund
Department Commander



Wade Larson
Commander

2021 - 2022

5th District
The American Legion
Department of Minnesota



Fifth District Commanders Message



Welcome 5th District Legionnaires, Auxiliary, Sons of the American Legion, and Riders members.

After two years we are back and a huge thanks to the convention committee for their extraordinary efforts in getting this accomplished. Most likely our last Convention at the hotel. Enjoy the comradeship and fellowship after two years of Covid restrictions. Let us always remember it takes a team of large and small contributors collectively coming together to accomplish great things. Would like to extend gratitude to the following committee members Shawn Davis, Jill Davis, Becky Nelson, Gary Martin, Wade Larson, Ray Eiden, Andrew Rose, Leroy Gonzalez, Carey Lamb, and Robert Bistro.

Extending thanks as well to Julie Martin and Ramona Mack in the help with Gary Martin for our joint memorial service that is usually well attended.

Please give us your feedback as we continue to improve comments and suggestions. Or reach me at wdealarson@yahoo.com.

Wade Larson
Fifth District Commander
2020 - 2022



Past Fifth District Commanders



1920	L.B. Roberts *	1961	Edward C. Salk * V, C	2004	Bill Lindboe *
1921	Walter U. Hauser *	1962	Bernard Conner *	2005	Joe Bayer V
1922	Z.L. Begin *	1963	Morris E. Casperson * V	2006	Lynne Nottage V
1923	R.R. Rand * C, N	1964	Glen H. Dornfeld * V, C, N	2007	Richard Hegdahl *
1924	Walter P. Quist *	1965	Lyle (Pat) O'Toole *	2008	Wayne Hegland * V
1925	E.C. Nicholson *	1966	Samuel Goldman * V	2009	James Munson V
1926	L.D. Hughes *	1967	George E. Evans *	2010	Curtis Norenberg V
1927	J.F. Sutherland *	1968	Donald R. Schroedl * V, N	2011	Gary Heer
1928	Lester Badger *	1969	Phillip E Ploumen * V	2012	Dick Ward
1929	J.W. Nelson *	1971	Leonard V. Kuffel *	2013	Dennis DeLong V, H
1929	Ralph Comaford *	1970	Floyd W. Warnberg *	2014	Robert H. Johnson *
1930	Oscar Youngdahl * C	1972	William F. Lauck *	2015	Wayne Glanton
1931	H.E. Haag *	1973	Harry C. Springer * V	2016	Gary Martin
1932	D.L. Sutherland *	1974	Milo T. Cecka * V,C	2017	Ray Eiden
1933	Elmer F. Hillner *	1975	John R. Matson	2018	Walt Lyndsley *
1934	F.T. Boquist *	1976	James Jones *	2019	Joe Bayer V
1935	Paul Dickensheet *	1977	Alfred Barnes, Jr. * V	2020	Andrew Rose Sr.
1936	John G. Alexander * V	1978	Philip E. Dingman * V	2021	Wade Larson
1937	Paul Preston *	1979	Ward K. Jeffers* V		
1938	John McHardy *	1980	William Tolle * V		
1939	R.F. Bertelsen *	1981	James W. Lawson * V		
1940	Dr. Wm. E. Watson *	1982	Virgil V. Persing* V C A N		Deceased — *
1941	Paul Koughan *	1983	Steve A. George * V		Past National Executive Committeeman
1942	Frank J. Collin *	1984	Reuben F. Mack * V †		— N
1943	Carl A. Lundgren * A,N,C,H	1985	George Ashwood *		Past Alternate National Executive
1944	Merle Kromer *	1986	David L. Mauritson *		Committeeman — A
1945	Francis C. Hubbard *	1987	David B. Adam V		Past Department Commander — C
1946	Ray Barker *	1988	James C. Johnson		Past Department Vice Commander — V
1947	Hugh McDaniel *	1989	John R. O'Hearn *		Past Department Chaplain — †
1948	Reynold Malmquist *	1990	Wayne A. Wright * V		Past Department Historian — H
1949	Charles Espeseth * C	1991	Ronald G. Nack *		
1950	Charles Williams *	1992	K.R. Workcuff *		
1951	Robert E. Conn, Jr. *	1993	Rodney G. Logeland		
1952	Arthur Goebel *	1994	Tony Kastanos *		
1953	Howard I. Moore *	1995	Mel Ohman V, H		
1954	John Corcoran *	1996	W.F. Mausbach *		
1955	Richard M. Grant *	1997	Bernard Frerichs *		
1956	Ralph A. Olson *	1998	William (Bill) L. Bray V		
1957	Newton W. Speece *	1999	Edward Nyhus *		
1957	Harvey P. Johnson * V	2000	Tom Spaise * V		
1958	David S. Goode * V	2001	Larry Anderson * V		
1959	Michael A. Caligiuri * V	2002	Robert Silvagni		
1960	John G. Torney *	2003	Del Rose		



Outstanding Legionnaire Award



YEAR	NAME	POST
1987	Merrell Hansen *	Mpls/Richfield Post 435
1988	Walter Hobat *	Bearcat Post 504
1989	Leonard Grill *	Gopher Post 440
1990	George Mital *	Gopher Post 440
1991	Kenneth Erickson	Gopher Post 440
1992	Kym Workcuff *	Mpls. Fire & Police Post 396
1993	Donald Schroedl	Mpls. Post Office Post 540
1994	Milo Cecka *	Bearcat Post 504
1995	Virgil Persing*	Falldin Post 555
1996	Ward Jeffers*	Minneapolis Post 1
1997	Reuben Mack *	Gopher Post 440
1998	Steve George *	The Hellenic Post 129
1999	Richard Hegdahl *	The Hellenic Post 129
2000	Melvin Ohman *	North Side Post 230
2001	Nick Kakos*	The Hellenic Post 129
2002	Richard Berg	Aviation Post 511
2003	Larry Anderson	Mpls. Fire & Police Post 396
2004	Joe Bayer	Wold-Chamberlain Post 99
2005	Joyce Rose	Minneapolis Post 1
2006	Delbert Rose	Minneapolis Post 1
2007	Curt Norenberg	University of Minnesota Post 548
2008	John Nelson *	Minneapolis Post 1
2009	Wayne Hegland *	Gopher Post 440
	Robert Skogquist	Falldin Post 555
2010	Emil Milacek	University of Minnesota Post 548
2011	Lynne Nottage	Minneapolis Post 1
2012	James Munson	Mpls/Richfield Post 435
2013	Wayne Glanton	Johnnie Baker Post 291
2014	Gary Martin	Gopher Post 440
2015	Merv Becker	Mpls/Richfield Post 435
2016	Will Philipson	University of MN Post 548
2017	Milton "Milt" Schoen	Minneapolis Post 1
2018	Ray Eiden	Falldin Post 555
2019	Paul Soderberg	Falldin Post 555
2020	Steven Smith	Gopher Post 440
2021	Mike Wybierala	University of MN Post 548

AWARDS COMMITTEE 2021-2022

Milt Shoen, Ray Eiden, Paul Soderberg, Steven Smith, Mike Wybierala



Fifth District American Legion Department of Minnesota 2021 - 2022



District Officers

Commander	Wade Larson	Gopher Post 440
1st Vice Commander	Andrew Rose Sr.	Johnnie Baker Post 291
2nd Vice Commander	Andrew Keller	Mpls/Richfield Post 435
3rd Vice Commander	Steven Burston	Johnnie Baker Post 291
Adjutant	Ray Eiden	Falldin Post 555
Finance Officer	Dennis Delong	Mpls/Richfield Post 435
Junior Past Cmdr.	Andrew Rose Sr.	Johnnie Baker Post 291
Membership Director	Andrew Rose Sr	Johnnie Baker Post 291
Sergeant At Arms	Don Gustafson	Aviation Post 511
Chaplain	Harry DeCrescenzo	Patrick M. Novack Post 5222
Judge Advocate	Curt Norenberg	University of MN Post 548
Historian		

Executive Committee

Jim Munson	2 years	Mpls/Richfield Post 435
Lynn Nottage	2 years	Minneapolis Post 1
Mike Wybierala	2 year	University of MN Post 548
Gary Martin	1 years	Gopher Post 440
Milt Schoen	1 years	Minneapolis Post 1
Paul Soderberg	1 years	Falldin Post 555



Fifth District American Legion Committees 2021 - 2022



Commander's Advisory

1 yr	Curt Norenberg	1 yr	Jim Munson
1 yr	Ray Eiden		

Constitution and Bylaws

1 yr	Curt Norenburg	2 yr	Dennis DeLong
3 yr	Open	4 yr	Gary Martin
5 yr	Jim Munson		

Convention

Wade Larson	Shawn Davis (SAL)	Jill Davis (ALA)
Andrew Rose Sr.	Leroy Gonzales (SAL)	Becky Nelon (ALA)
Gary Martin	Robert Bristo (SAL)	Cari Lamb (ALA)

Ethics

1 yr	Paul Soderberg	2 yr	Dennis DeLong
3 yr	Open	4 yr	Wade Larson

Finance Committee

1 yr	Wade Larson	2 yr	Curt Norenburg
3 yr	Joe Bayer	4 yr	Ray Eiden
5 yr	Dennis DeLong	6 yr	James Munson
7 yr	Open		

Post Development

1 yr	Joe Bayer	2 yr	Jim Munson
3 yr	Ray Eiden	4 yr	Open
5 yr	Andrew Rose Sr		

Resolution

1 yr	Curt Norenburg	1 yr	Ray Eiden
1 yr	Jim Munson	1 yr	Wade Larson

Convention Credentials Lynn Nottage **Nominating Committee** Appointed March 2022

Public Relations

Dennis DeLong	Ray Eiden	Joe Bayer
Shawn Davis (SAL)	Becky Nelson (Auxiliary)	



Fifth District American Legion Committee Chairs 2021-2022



American Education Week	Dick Tetzlaff	Northside Post 230
Americanism	Paul Soderberg	Falldin Post 555
American Legion Baseball	Ted Hoeben	Aviation Post 511
American Legion Riders	Lee Davis	Mpls/Richfield Post 435
Armed Forces Center	Ted Hoeben	Aviation Post 511
Blood Program	Ray Eiden	Falldin Post 555
Boy Scouts	Jim Munson	Mpls/Richfield Post 435
	Andy Keller	Mpls/Richfield Post 435
Boy's State	Jim Munson	Mpls/Richfield Post 435
	Andy Keller	Mpls/Richfield Post 435
Children and Youth	Mike Wybierala	University of Minnesota Post 548
Employment	Dennis DeLong	Mpls/Richfield Post 435
Energy and Conservation	Wade Larson	Gopher Post 440
Finance	Dennis DeLong	Mpls/Richfield Post 435
Hennepin County Service Officer	Lynn Lyons	Mpls/Richfield Post 435
Hospital Visitation	Ray Eiden	Falldin Post 555
Junior Shooting	Tim Cagney	Mpls/Richfield Post 435
Law and Order	Tom Eckhoff *	Mpls/Richfield Post 435
Legionville	Dennis DeLong	Mpls/Richfield Post 435
Legislation	Wade Larson	Gopher Post 440
Membership Director	Andrew Rose Sr	Johnnie Baker Post 291
Memorial Day Mpls Vet's Home	Joe Bayer	Wold Chamberlain Post 99
National Security	Curt Norenberg	University of Minnesota Post 548
Oratorical Contest	Richard Ward	Minneapolis Post No. 1
Parade and Music	Jamie Woods	Johnnie Baker Post 291
Public Relations	Joe Bayer	Wold Chamberlain Post 99
Rehabilitation	Wade Larson	Gopher Post 440
Sons of the American Legion Advisor		
	James Munson	Mpls/Richfield Post 435
Web/Social Media	Shawn Davis	Mpls/Richfield Squad 435
	Ray Eiden	Falldin Post 555



Fifth District American Legion Post Commanders 2021-2022



Larry Schoppe	Minneapolis Post 1
George Hawkins	Wold-Chamberlain Post 99
Anthony Forchas	Hellenic Post 129
Dick Tetzlaff	Northside Post 230
Ron Strunk	VL Giantvalley Post 234
Andrew Rose Sr.	Johnny Baker Post 291
Gary Heer	Courthouse Post 310
Wayne Bystrom	Bainbridge Post 355
James Pung	Minneapolis Fire and Police Post 396
Adam Seamans	Minneapolis-Richfield Post 435
Wade Larson	Gopher Post 440
Wanda Cardinal	Joe Smith Post 468
Donald Nix	Viking Post 493
Mike Bailey	Bearcat Post 504
Don Gustafson	Aviation Post 511
Gary Cook	Post Office Post 540
Catherine Bauer	University of Minnesota Post 548
Donovan O. Ortel	Arthur and Leonard Falldin Post 555
Steven Schultz	Minnesota Veterans Home Post 581
Joel Duffina	Patrick M Novack Post 5222



Fifth District American Legion Department of Minnesota Annual Convention



**June 3rd and 4th, 2022
Holiday Inn Bloomington, Minnesota**

Friday, June 3rd, 2022

Registration 4:00 – 6:45 pm

Joint Memorial Service 7:00 pm
Reception to follow

Saturday, June 4th, 2022

Registration 8:00 – 9:00 am

Call to Order 9:00 am	Wade Larson, Commander
Presentation of Colors	Don Gustafson, Sgt-at-Arms
Invocation	Harry DeCrescenzo, Chaplain (Uncover)
POW/MIA Ceremony	Don Gustafson, Sgt-at-Arms
Pledge of Allegiance	All
Recite Preamble American Legion	All (Recover)

Introduction of Guests/Candidates	Wade Larson, Commander
Greetings	Tom Fernland, Department Commander
	Tim Weaver, Detachment Commander
	Ray Eiden as Department 4th and 5th Vice Commander
	Others who running for state office.

Convention Call	Ray Eiden, Adjutant
Roll Call of Posts	Ray Eiden, Adjutant
Training - VA Suicide Awareness	Ray Eiden, Adjutant
Last Annual Meeting Minutes	Ray Eiden, Adjutant
Presentation of “Rules of Order”	Curt Norenberg, Judge Advocate
Constitution and Bylaws	Curt Norenberg, Judge Advocate
Report of Resolutions for Action	
Appointment of Credentials Committee	Wade Larson, Commander
Committee Reports	
Finance Report	Dennis DeLong, Finance Officer
Membership	Andrew Rose Sr., Chairman



Saturday June 4th, 2022 (cont.)



Other Committee Chairs
Vice Commander's Reports

Notify Adjutant
Andrew Rose Sr., 1st Vice Commander
Andrew Keller, 2nd Vice Commander
Steven Burston, 3rd Vice Commander

**Nomination of Candidates for
District Offices and National
Delegates**

Ray Eiden Adjutant

Voting Procedures

Ray Eiden Adjutant

Unfinished Business

Awards and Presentations

Resolutions to be Acted On

Credentials Committee Report

New Business

Report of Nomination Committee and Election
(Roll Call – Vote – Counting of Ballots)

Announcements

Ray Eiden, Adjutant

Closing Remarks

Wade Larson, Commander

Benediction

Harry DeCrescenzo, Chaplain (Uncover)

Retire the POW/MIA Flag

Don Gustafson, Sgt-at-Arms

Retire the Colors

Don Gustafson, Sgt-at-Arms (Cover)

Adjourn

Reconvene for Installation of Officers Time to be announced

Social

5:00 pm

Banquet

6:00 pm



FIFTH DISTRICT
SONS OF
THE AMERICAN LEGION
DEPARTMENT OF MINNESOTA
ANNUAL CONVENTION



Tim Weaver

2021 - 2022

Commander
Detachment of Minnesota

Greetings and SALutations!

On behalf of the Detachment of Minnesota I want to welcome you to your District Convention. It has been my honor and privilege to serve as your Detachment Commander for the past year. This is the time where we not only reflect on the accomplishments of the past year, but also look forward to the future for what can be done to assist all the great programs within the American Legion Family.

I want to thank everyone who has donated to my project, The American Legion Child Welfare Foundation, over the past year and am humbled and excited to announce that thus far we have raised over \$11,000 towards this cause! Every penny helps and there is never a bad time to raise money for Child Welfare.

I wish you a great convention filled with fun, fellowship, and learning experiences. Please keep all our service personnel, both domestic and abroad, in your thoughts and prayers.

Respectfully,

Tim Weaver

Tim Weaver
Commander
Detachment of Minnesota
Sons of The American Legion



Shawn Davis

2021 – 2022

SAL Commander
5th District
Detachment of Minnesota

Hello to Everyone,

Welcome to the 5th District American Legion Convention. It feels like Spring skipped by, and we are now into Summer.

As we continue to work our way out of the challenges of the last few years, we look forward to regrouping, reforming, and re-invigorating our organization. Improving communication, revisiting what we do, and how we can support the Squadrons in the District.

Our convention is the opportunity to reflect on what we have done, and prepare for what we need to do. Part of that will be determining what is it that we need to make our organization strong and relevant today and into the future. So welcome! Listen, ask questions, and give your ideas as we approach a number of upcoming milestones for the Sons of The American Legion.

Congratulations to 5th District Commander Wade Larson, 5th District President Jill Davis (my Wife), and 5th District Riders Director Lee Davis (my Father) on their leadership this past year. Thank you to the Convention and Event organizing Committee for all their hard work in putting this together.

It has been an Honor to Serve as your 5th District SAL Commander this year. Thank you for your support.

Shawn Davis

SAL Commander

Fifth District Sons of the American Legion



Sons of the American Legion Preamble

Proud possessors of a priceless heritage, we male descendants of veterans of all Wars, associate ourselves together as "Sons of The American Legion" for the following purposes:

To uphold and defend the Constitution of the United States of America;
To maintain law and order;
To foster and perpetuate a true spirit of Americanism;
To preserve the memories of our former members and the associations of our members and our forefathers in all Wars;
To inculcate a sense of individual obligation to the community, state and nation;
To combat the autocracy of both the classes and masses;
To make right the master of might;
To promote peace and good will on earth;
To safeguard and transmit to posterity the principles of justice, freedom and democracy;
To consecrate and sanctify our friendship by our devotion to mutual helpfulness;
To adopt in letter and spirit all of the great principles for which The American Legion stands; and to assist in carrying on for God and Country.

SAL Member of the Year

2013	Shawn Davis
2014	Bill Peters
2015	Robert Bristo
2016	Pat Kiehl
2017	John Nelson (posthumously)
2018	Jim Munson
2019	Leroy Gozales
2020	No Nomination
2021	No Nomination



**Sons of the American Legion
Fifth District, Detachment of Minnesota
2021 - 2022
District Officers**



Commander	Shawn Davis	Squadron 1
1 st Vice Commander	Robert Bristo	Squadron 440
2 nd Vice Commander	open	
Finance Officer	Leroy Gonzales	Squadron 1
Adjutant	Matt Kuilen	
Chaplain	Pat Kiehl	Squadron 435
Sergeant at Arms	Patrick Hahn	Squadron 1
Advisor	Jim Munson	Post 435

Past District Commanders

1996-1998	Robert Mayer	Squadron 1
1998-2000	Wayne Hintz	Squadron 440
2000-2002	Robert Bristo	Squadron 440
2002-2004	Scott Singleton	Squadron 440
2004-2007	Bill Peters	Squadron 1
2007-2008	Vic Anderson	Squadron 435
2008-2009	Robert Davis	Squadron 435
2009-2011	Shawn Davis	Squadron 435
2011-2013	Bruce Kuiper	Squadron 99
2013-2016	Robert Bristo	Squadron 440
2016-2018	Bill Peters	Squadron 1
2018-2021	Leroy Gonzales	Squadron 1



Fifth District Annual Convention Sons of the American Legion Department of Minnesota



June 3rd and June 4th, 2022 Holiday Inn Bloomington Minnesota

Order of Business

Friday, June 4th, 2022

Registration	4-6:45 PM
Joint Memorial Service	7:00 PM

Saturday, June 5th, 2022

10:00 AM	
Call to Order	Shawn Davis, Commander
Presentation of Colors	Patrick Hahn Sergeant-At-Arms
Opening Prayer	Pat Kiehl, Chaplain
POW/MIA	Patrick Hahn, Sergeant-At-Arms
Pledge of Allegiance	All
Recite Preamble	All
Greeting and Introductions	Shawn Davis, Commander
Roll Call of Squadrons	Matt Verkuilen, Adjutant
Finance Report	Leroy Gonzales, Finance Officer
Membership Report	Robert Bristo, First Vice Commander
Squadron Reports	Squadron Commanders
Commander's Address	Shawn Davis, Commander
Old Business	
New Business	
Resolutions	
Nominations of Candidates for District Office	
Voting Procedures	
Nominations	
Voting	
Closing	
Announcements	
Closing Remarks	Shawn Davis, Commander
Benediction	Pat Kiehl, Chaplain
Retire POW/MIA Flag	Patrick Hahn, Sergeant-At-Arms
Retire the Colors	Patrick Hahn, Sergeant-At-Arms



Fifth District Annual Convention Sons of the American Legion Department of Minnesota



Membership as of May 19, 2022

5th District

Sqdrn.	Location	2021 Results 7/31/2021	2022 Goal	105%	Total at Dept	Rally Turn In	Grand Total	% of Goal	Date Goal Reached
1	Minneapolis #1	50	52	55	51		51	98.08%	
99	Wold-Chamberlain	16	20	21	18		18	90.00%	
234	Giant Valley	34	36	38	36		36	100.00%	1/25/2022
435	Mpls-Richfield	183	190	200	173		173	91.05%	
440	Gopher	37	40	42	37		37	92.50%	
511	Aviation		23	25	9		9	39.13%	
555	Fallon	11	11	12	11		11	100.00%	2/19/2022
5555	5th District At Large			0	0		0	#DIV/0!	
Totals		331	372	393	335	0	335	90.05%	

Districts	2021 Results	2022 Goal	105%	Current at Dept.	Percentage	Placing
1st District	1578	1626	1707	1646	101.23%	3
2nd District	1196	1232	1294	1171	95.05%	7
3rd District	1933	1991	2091	1911	95.98%	6
4th District	359	370	388.5	345	93.24%	9
5th District	343	354	371.7	335	94.63%	8
6th District	1493	1538	1615	1542	100.26%	4
7th District	837	863	906.2	878	101.74%	2
8th District	507	523	549.2	472	90.25%	10
9th District	818	843	885.2	878	104.15%	1
10th District	1509	1555	1633	1537	98.84%	5
Totals	10573	10895	11440	10715	98.35%	

Squadron Commanders

Jon Lucas
Trevor Dostal
Dale Newborg
Jim Munson
Craig Carlson
Doug Pershing

Minneapolis Squadron 1
Wold Chamberlain Squadron 99
V. L. Giantvalley Squadron 234
Minneapolis/Richfield Squadron 435
Gopher Squadron 440
Falldin Squad 555



FIFTH DISTRICT
AMERICAN LEGION
AUXILIARY
DEPARTMENT OF MINNESOTA



Patti Coleman
President
2021 - 2022

The American Legion Auxiliary
Department of Minnesota



Welcome to your District Convention for the American Legion Auxiliary. Thank you for taking the time to make the ALA, and this convention a priority. Your being here demonstrates the leadership necessary to guide our organization.

This convention is the yearly business session for your district where you can, and do, make an impact. You are playing a role in formulating the future of your district by reviewing and discussing resolutions and standing rules, honoring the accomplishments of your Units, and electing new officers who will be committed to ensuring the success of your district and the American Legion Auxiliary.

This is the culmination of hundreds of hours of volunteer work, thousands of dollars donated, and the impact made on hundreds of people who have benefitted through the programs of the American Legion Auxiliary. You will hear new ideas and new paths taken to accomplish our mission of service not self while helping veterans, active-duty military, their families, children, and the communities that surround you. I hope that the reports you hear will renew your enthusiasm to get more involved with your favorite program and to try working on something new. Our volunteers are an invaluable asset. I am most grateful to have you as a member of the American Legion Auxiliary.

It is my wish that while taking care of the serious business of our organization that you take time to renew friendships, make new acquaintances, honor the veterans that surround you and have a great time. The strong relationships that we cultivate together are a true gift of the American Legion Family.

Thank you for your contributions in this year of **“Honoring Tradition-Evolving to Endure”**. I hope in some small way I have been able to motivate you, encourage you, and support you.

Have a great convention!

Patti Coleman

2021-2022 Department President



Greetings Fifth District American Legion Family!!

Welcome to YOUR 5th District Convention

I am excited that we can come back together as an American Legion Family to have this convention. We are coming as a Family and have time build the sense of community that has been missing the last few years due to the pandemic. I am look forward to seeing many familiar faces and those that haven't ventured too far from home in recent years. This weekend should be great time connect with new people and reconnect with those that we haven't seen in a while.

My theme this year was Blooming for Veterans and my symbol was the Poppy.

This Convention does not happen overnight. It takes many hours of planning and coordination. I want to specifically thank Gary Martin for being our chief negotiator and contact with the Holiday Inn. We would not be back in this facility again without his dedication to this event. I want to thank Shawn Davis for his work on the Convention call and everything technology. His skills are a huge part of why Zoom is part of all the District meetings and will continue to be an option in the future. I also want to thank Becky Nelson for her contributions to making this convention happen. Other Fifth District Convention Committee members were: Wade Larson, Dennis DeLong, Ray Eiden, and LeRoy Gonzales.

I want to thank all of the District Officers and chairman for their service this year – I could not have had the successful year that was without your dedication and support.

Blooming for our Veterans

Jill Davis
Fifth District President
American Legion Auxiliary



Pledge of Allegiance

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America and to the Republic for which it stands, one Nation, under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

Preamble

For God and Country, we associate ourselves together for the following purposes;
To uphold and defend the Constitution of the United States of America;
To maintain law and order;
To foster and perpetuate a one hundred percent Americanism;
To preserve the memories and incidents of our associations during all Wars;
To inculcate a sense of individual obligation to the community, state and nation;
To combat the autocracy of both the classes and the masses;
To make right the Master of Might;
To promote peace and goodwill on earth;
To safeguard and transmit to posterity the principles of Justice, Freedom and Democracy;
To participate in and to contribute to the accomplishment of the aims and purposes of the American Legion;
To consecrate and sanctify our association by our devotion to mutual helpfulness.



Fifth District Convention Program

June 4th, 2022



9:00 A.M.

Processional

Presentation of Gavel

Call to Order

Jill Davis

Invocation

Julie Martin

Pledge of Allegiance

All

National Anthem

All

Preamble

All

Welcome

Jill Davis

Convention Call (separate copy available)

LoAnn Grill

Convention Minutes (separate copy available)

LoAnn Grill

Convention Rules (separate copy available)

Becky Nelson

Treasurer's Report

Becky Nelson

Rules Governing Resolutions (separate copy available)

Becky Nelson

Reading of Resolutions and Recommendations

Becky Nelson

Presentation of Past District Presidents

Final Reports of District Chairmen

Various

Nominating Committee Report

Deb Bayer

Nominations and Introductions of Candidates

Jill Davis

Final Membership Report

Cari Lamb



Fifth District Convention Program June 4th, 2022



Convention program continued

10 Minute Recess

Presentation of District Executive Committee	Cari Lamb
Presentation of Convention Committee	Jill Davis
Report of Resolution Committee	Becky Nelson
Credentials Report	Colleen Grill
Election of Officers and Executive Committee	Jill Davis
Election of National Delegates	Jill Davis
Introduction of 2021-2022 and 2022-2023 Unit Presidents	Jill Davis
Presentation of New District President and New Officers	Jill Davis
Announcements	LoAnn Grill
Benediction	Julie Martin
Retirement of Colors	
Adjournment	Jill Davis



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Past Fifth District Presidents



(*deceased)

Unit	Name	Year
Mark Hamilton	*Mrs. E. N. Johnston	1921
Mark Hamilton	*Mrs. George Osborne	1922
Wm Peck	*Mrs. Robert Saxton	1923
Lawrence Wenell	*Mrs. Sidel Swenson	1924-25
Wm Peck	*Mrs. Dean Meeker	1926-27
Wm Peck	*Mrs. Levi Hall	1927-28
Wm Peck	*Mrs. C. O. Bemies	1928-29
Wm Peck	*Mrs. A. A. Schaal	1929-30
Lawrence Wenell	*Mrs. Norman Rebney	1930-31
Lawrence Wenell	*Mrs. Raymond T. Schneider	1931-32
Giant Valley	*Mrs. Leslie Hardy	1932-33
Wm Peck	*Mrs. C. F. Moore, Jr.	1933-34
Lawrence Wenell	*Mrs. Frank Bush	1934-35
North Side	*Mrs. John Fredin	1935-36
Minneapolis-Richfield	*Mrs. C. E. Danielson	1936-37
Navy Marine	*Mrs. Donald McLeod	1937-38
Wm Laidlaw	*Mrs. Carleton Boeke	1938-39
Calhoun	*Mrs. Franklin Butson	1939-40
Lake Harriet	*Mrs. Donald Jenkins	1940-41
Preston Crichton	*Mrs. Horace Hutto	1941-42
North Side	*Mrs. Henry Borman	1942-43
Wm Laidlaw	*Mrs. R. H. Anderson	1943-44
Lawrence Wenell	*Mrs. Paul Sleeper	1944-45
Wold Chamberlain	*Mrs. Claude Morrill	1945-46
Navy Marine	*Mrs. Ray Barker	1946-47
Calhoun	*Betty Count	1947-48

Department President 1951-52

Honeywell, Calhoun	*Martha Helgeson	1948-49
Lawrence Wenell	*Mrs. Frank Lamson (Mrs. Bert Karr)	1949-50
Wold Chamberlain	*Mrs. H. H. Rosenwald	1950-51
Wold Chamberlain	*Mrs. E. G. Cole	1951-52
Preston Crichton	*Mrs. Peter Skurdalsvold	1952-53
Wold Chamberlain	*Dorothy Christensen	1953-54

Department President 1960-61

Bearcat	*Mrs. Harold Fretag	1954-55
Lawrence Wenell	*Mrs. George Thompson	1955-56
Northside	*Irene Condo	1956-57

Northside	*Mrs. Ray T. Holman	1957-58
Paul Revere	*Mrs. John L. Corcoran	1958-59
Southtown	*Mrs. Richard Grant	1959-60
Falldin	*Grace Kellerman	1960-61
Court House	*Val Zemple	1961-62
Bearcat	*Mrs. Marie Sparrow	1962-63
Wm Laidlaw	*Peg McCarty	1963-64

Department President 1972-73

Post Office/Gopher	*Fern Raffenspiger	1964-65
Falldin	Mrs. Michael Cain	1965-66
Calhoun	*Mrs. Gertrude I. Olson	1966-67
Bainbridge/Falldin	*Vi Rahrlich	1967-68
Minneapolis-Richfield	*Maggie Deml	1968-69
Post Office/Gopher	*Eileen Schroedl	1969-70
North Side	*Agnes Dingman	1970-71
Wold Chamberlain	*Marion Melin	1971-72
Johnnie Baker	*Carolyn Greene	1972-73
Minneapolis-Richfield	*Eleanor Johnson	1973-74
William Laidlaw/Unit #1	*Violet Gomberg	1974-75
Northside/Gopher	*Myrtle Thielen	1975-76
Falldin	*Emily Duffee	1976-77
Gopher	*LuVerne Warnberg	1977-78
Minneapolis-Richfield	*Dorothy Hathaway	1978-79
Lawrence Wenell/Unit #1	*Irene Lauck	1979-80
Giant Valley	*Idella DeLosier	1980-81
Calhoun	Gerda Erickson	1981-82
William Laidlaw/Unit #1	*Sharon Jeffers	1982-83

Department President 1991-92

Minneapolis-Richfield	Penny Becker	1983-84
Falldin	Billie Mae Lindgren	1984-85
Gopher	Ramona Nack	1985-86
Navy Marine/Unit #1	Kathy Moen	1986-87
William Laidlaw/Unit #1	Carol Fasching	1987-88
Minneapolis-Richfield	*Patricia Swanson	1988-89
Wold Chamberlain	Shirley Rickard	1989-90
Hellenic/Unit # 1	Doris Anfinson	1990-91
Falldin	Sandra Hawk	1991-92
Minneapolis-Richfield	*Annette Bray	1992-93

Department President 2000-01

Gopher	LoAnn Grill	1993-94
Mpls. Unit #1	Cheri Wright	1994-95
Hellenic	June Hegdahl	1995-96
Gopher	*Dorothy Swanson	1996-97
Mpls. Unit #1	*Doris Lestersen	1997-98
Mpls. Unit #1	Kathie Adam	1998-99
Minneapolis-Richfield	Colleen Hendrickson	1999-2000
Hellenic	Barbara Burkstrand	2000-01

Falldin	*Dolores Duffee	2001-02
Mpls. Unit #1	Becky Nelson	2002-03
Mpls. Unit #1	Sue Bristor	2003-04
Falldin	Sandra Arellano	2004-05
Hellenic	Carol Whitmore	2005-06
Minneapolis-Richfield	Terry Cruzen	2006-07
Gopher	Mary Younkin	2007-08
Hellenic	Jan Kakos	2008-09
Calhoun	Theresa Gundlach	2009-10
Mpls. Unit #1	Becky Nelson	2010-11
Wold Chamberlain	Deb Bayer	2011-12
Minneapolis-Richfield	*Patricia Swanson	2012-13
Minneapolis-Richfield	*Annette Bray	2013-14
Mpls. Unit #1	Cari Lamb	2014-15
Gopher	Julie Martin	2015-16
Wold Chamberlain	Bonnie Brenna	2016-17
Minneapolis-Richfield	Sonja "Sunny" Dauphin	2017-18
Mpls Unit #1	Cari Lamb	2018-19
Gopher	Mary Younkin	2019-21



Fifth District Unit Presidents 2021 - 2022

Minneapolis Unit 1
 Wold Chamberlain Unit 99
 Hellenic Unit 129
 Giant Valley Unit 234
 Minneapolis - Richfield Unit 435
 Gopher Unit 440
 Aviation Unit 511

Sheila Iverson
 Martha Koland
 Mary Kozak
 MArguerite Corcoran
 Jill Davis
 Colleen Grill
 Madeline Seeman



Fifth District Auxiliary Member of the Year Recipients



1995	Dorothy Hathaway	Minneapolis Richfield Unit 435
1996	Sharon Jeffers	Minneapolis Unit 1
1997	Peg McCarty	Minneapolis Unit 1
1998	Betty Count	Calhoun Unit 239
1999	Vi Rahrch	Bainbridge/Falldin Unit 355/555
2000	Emily Duffee	Falldin Unit 555
2001	Joyce Williams	Minneapolis Richfield Unit 435
2002	Ramona Nack	Gopher Unit 440
2003	Mary Persing	Falldin Unit 555
2004	Barb Berkstand	Hellenic Unit 129
2005	Eleanor Johnson	Minneapolis Richfield Unit 435
2006	Patricia Swanson	Minneapolis Richfield Unit 435
2007	Becky Nelson	Minneapolis Unit 1
2008	Jan Kakos	Hellenic Unit 129
2009	Penny Becker	Minneapolis Richfield Unit 435
2010	Elizabeth Crawford	Court House Unit 310
2011	Mary Younkin	Gopher Unit 440
2012	Gerda Erickson	Calhoun Unit 239
2013	LoAnn Grill	Gopher Unit 440
2014	No nominations	
2015	Annette Bray	Minneapolis Richfield Unit 435
2016	Colleen Grill	Gopher Unit 440
2017	Julie Martin	Gopher Unit 440
2018	Elaine Rider	Joe Smith Unit 468
2019	Bonnie Brenna	Wold-Chamberlain Unit 99
2020	No convention	
2021	No nominations	



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