



The American Legion Family
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April 2026

Subject: Join Us at the 5th District Family 2026 Convention!

Hello American Legion Family,

We are excited to share the details of the **5th District Family 2026 Convention** with you! Enclosed, you will find the official convention call.

Convention Details:

- **Dates:** Friday, June 5th through Saturday, June 6th
- **Location:** Holiday Inn Bloomington Airport South – MOA Area 1201 W 94th St. Bloomington

Schedule Highlights:

- **Friday:**
 - Joint Memorial Service at 7 PM, followed by a social gathering.
- **Saturday:**
 - Sessions start at 9:00 AM for The American Legion and the American Legion Auxiliary.
 - The Sons of The American Legion will meet at 10 AM.
 - The American Legion Riders will meet at 1 PM.
 - Installation of the new 5th District Officers will occur later that day.
 - A celebratory banquet will be held that evening to honor the past year.

All members of the American Legion family are invited to attend the convention, regardless of whether you are a delegate. **Please ensure you register using the enclosed form.** Note that if you do not register by the **deadline**, we cannot guarantee you will receive a convention program. Feel free to make copies of the convention call and share it with anyone interested in attending. Additionally, anyone wishing to join the banquet should fill out the banquet form; you do not need to attend the convention to participate in the banquet.

Important Reminder: Please take note of the various deadlines mentioned in the convention call related to preparation.

A Call to Action! We kindly ask each of you to reach out to businesses and organizations in your community to see if they would be willing to purchase an advertisement to support our great organization and this event. **Ad information is enclosed** for your convenience.

If you have any questions regarding the convention, please do not hesitate to contact a member of the Convention Committee or use our general contact information above.

Thank you for your support, and we look forward to seeing you at our convention!

With warm regards,

5th District Convention Committee for:

The American Legion	The American Legion	The Sons of	American Legion
	Auxiliary	The American Legion	Riders
Commander	President	Commander	Director
Lynne Nottage	Becky Nelson	Matthew Verkuilen	Jill Davis

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5th District Convention Call

The Fifth District American Legion Family will hold its Annual District Convention **Friday, June 5th and Saturday, June 6th, 2026**, at the Holiday Inn Bloomington Airport South – MOA area.

The **Saturday June 6th** Convention sessions for the Legion and Auxiliary will begin at **9:00 AM**. The Session for the SAL will begin at **10:00 AM**. The session for the District ALR will begin at **1 PM**. The convention meeting room assignments will be in your convention book. Installation will be announced later. The Convention Banquet will have the social start at **5 PM**, banquet at **6:30 PM**, program to follow.

Memorial Service

There will be a joint Memorial Service on **Friday June 5th at 7:00 PM**. All Posts, Units, and Squadrons are asked to have their organizational flag there as part of the service. All Posts must have their deceased members to **Andre Rose Sr. (arosesr@msn.com)**. Squadrons must have their deceased members list submitted to **Robert Bristo (bristoman16@gmail.com)**. All Units must have their lists submitted to Auxiliary Chaplain **Mary Younkin (mary.younkin440@gmail.com)**. All lists must be received by **Friday, May 15, 2026**.

Fifth District American Legion Family Convention

Holiday Inn Bloomington Airport South – MOA Area
1201 West 94th Street, Bloomington, MN 55431 – (952) 884-8211

Hotel - Hotel Reservations must be made by Friday, May 22nd, 2026: Call the hotel at **952-884-8211** and request a room for the American Legion 5th District Convention. 2 queen beds will be \$109 per night plus tax and fees. 1 poolside room is \$149 per night plus tax and fees.

Convention Registration – \$20.00 per person on or before **Friday, May 15th, 2026**. All who register on or before this date will get a convention book. Registrations after this date cannot be guaranteed a convention book. **\$25.00** after **Friday, May 15th, 2025**, and at the Convention. Mail to: **Dennis De Long 10514 W Bloomington Freeway, Bloomington, MN 55431 (Questions? Contact Dennis at Grumpy371@comcast.net)**

Banquet Registration - Reservations will be taken for the first 75 people.

Register before **Friday, May 22nd, 2026**, as we must provide a count to the hotel. The banquet will be **Saturday evening, June 6th, 2026**. Social with cash bar from 5:00-6:00 P.M. Dinner at 6:00 P.M, Program to follow including a speaker. There will be a post banquet social once done. Mail to Dennis at the above address.

Convention Reports – All chairs are expected to submit a convention report either written or at convention. Written convention reports must be submitted by **Thursday, May 14th, 2026**.

Legion, SAL, ALR Reports: Send to Shawn Davis, 2806 64th Ave. N, Brooklyn Center, MN 55430 - or - email salshawndavis@gmail.com

Auxiliary Reports: Send to Jill Davis 2806 64th Ave. N, Brooklyn Center, MN 55430 or email alajilldavis@gmail.com.

Convention Book Ads - We are asking everyone in the 5th District to sell an ad. Convention Book Ads must be in by **Friday May 15th, 2026**. Additional ad flyers and order forms are available on the District website (mnfightingfifth.org). Cost ranges from a full page at \$150.00 to 2 lines for \$25.

Hospitality Funds - Donations for the Hospitality Fund to cover the 5th District Convention should be made out to the Fifth District American Legion and be sent to: Dennis at the address located above.

Member of the Year - Nominations for the Legionnaire, Auxiliary, and Sons of The American Legion Member of the Year should be sent to the following people prior to :

Legion (by May 15th)	Auxiliary (by May 15th)	SAL (by May 15th)
Ray Eiden 929 2nd St. NE #307 Minneapolis, MN 55413 eidenr@aol.com	Cari Lamb 3217 19 th Ave S Minneapolis, MN 55407 crimb74@gmail.com	Shawn Davis 2806 64 th Ave N Brooklyn Center, MN 55430 salshawndavis@gmail.com

Voting Strength

The cut-off date for figuring your delegate strength will be thirty-days prior to the Convention or **Wednesday, May 6th, 2026**. **ALR Chapters please have your rosters mailed to Jill Davis by Monday, May 11th.**

Legion: Each Post will have two (2) delegates for the first fifty (50) members and one (1) more delegate for each one hundred (100) more members or fraction thereof. The Past District Commanders shall have a vote. The Past District Commander may vote on their own or with their Post, but only one (1) vote per person is allowed, not two (2).

Post Membership/Number of Delegates

1 – 50 Members	Two Delegates
51 – 150 Members	Three Delegates
151 – 250 Members	Four Delegates

And so on.

Auxiliary: Each Unit will have two (2) delegates for the first twenty-five (25) members and one (1) more delegate for each fifty (50) more members or fraction thereof. The Past District Presidents shall have a vote. The Past District Presidents may vote on their own or with their Unit, but only one (1) vote per person is allowed, not two (2).

Unit Membership/Number of Delegates

1 – 25 Members	Two Delegates
26 – 75 Members	Three Delegates
76 – 125 Members	Four Delegates

And so on.

Sons of the American Legion: Each Squadron will have one (1) delegate for each ten (10) members.

American Legion Riders: Each Chapter will have one (1) delegate for each eligible member as determined by the May 16th roster.

Thank you.

Lynne Nottage
Commander

Becky Nelson
President

Matthew Verkuilen
SAL Commander

Jill Davis
American Legion
Riders

Website: mnfightingfifth.org

Email: convention@mnfightingfifth.org

Voicemail: (612) 356-2554

Convention Registration

****ONE FORM PER PERSON****

Name: _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Complete Post # _____ Unit # _____ Squad # _____ Chapter # _____

Circle One: Delegate Alternate Guest
Past District Commander = Yes or No President = Yes or No

\$20.00 prior to Friday, May 15th, \$25 on or after

Make Check(s) Payable to **5th District American Legion**
Send to Dennis De Long
10514 W. Bloomington Freeway
Bloomington, MN 55431

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CONVENTION ADVERTISING REQUEST

2026 American Legion Fifth District

Greetings from the Fifth District American Legion Family!

Each year, the Fifth District of the American Legion Family holds a district convention bringing together members from around our district as well as members from around the state of Minnesota for a time of fellowship, training, and updates for the good of our American Legion Posts, American Legion Auxiliary Units, Sons of the American Legion Squadrons, and Legion Riders Chapters. We are reaching out as we prepare for our next convention with requests for advertising space within our convention booklet and would appreciate your consideration.

This convention booklet will be available to all attendees and will also be available on our website for those who are unable to attend. It is a great opportunity for our members to be able to see your support for the American Legion Family and to support veterans and their families through our many programs.

If you are not aware, the American Legion Family is the largest wartime veterans service organization with nearly 2 million members and more than 12,000 posts in communities throughout America. The American Legion, established by an act of Congress in 1919, was instrumental in getting the original GI Bill through Congress and the creation of the Department of Veterans Affairs.

Today, the organization is active throughout the United States, supporting current military personnel and veterans, sponsoring American Legion Baseball, Boys State, Oratorical Contests, and other activities for youth, and pushing for the adoption of a constitutional amendment to prohibit desecration of the U.S. flag. In 2022 alone, 1.1 million dollars was raised nationally for the American Legion Legacy Scholarship Fund for example. This scholarship provides college funding to children of post-9/11 veterans who have died on active duty or have a VA disability rating of 50% or higher. In addition to that, more than 8 million volunteer hours were spent nationally in 2022 specifically helping veterans, their families, and our communities.

Locally, our American Legion Family is involved in many activities including youth programs, honor guard and funeral honors for our veterans, support for veterans and their families through grants and emergency assistance, visitation and fellowship during the holidays and throughout the year, as well as direct support for our communities that we are located in.

Advertising information can be found on the attached form. We also would be happy to design a professional quality ad for you (with your consultation and content) for an additional \$10 to the ad price.

As a veteran organization, the American Legion is recognized as a 501(c)19 organization. Your contribution to our convention book is therefore tax-deductible. Should you have any questions regarding your advertising donation or the American Legion Family, please feel free to reach out to the contact on the form.

Thank you for your consideration and support of the American Legion Family.

Fifth District American Legion Convention Committee



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2026 American Legion Fifth District

Please complete this form for all advertising donations. A letter acknowledging this donation will be sent after the conclusion of the convention. Thank you for supporting the American Legion Fifth District and our programs!

CONTACT INFORMATION

Company Name _____

Contact Person _____ Title _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Email _____

8.5 Full Page Advertisement 8" x 10" \$150.00	Half Page Advertisement 8" x 5" \$100.00	Quarter Page Advertisement 4" x 5" \$75.00	Quarter Page Advertisement 4" x 5" \$75.00
	Half Page Advertisement 8" x 5" \$100.00	Quarter Page Advertisement 4" x 5" \$75.00	Quarter Page Advertisement 4" x 5" \$75.00

- Full Page Ad (8" x 10") - \$150
 Half Page Ad (8" x 5") - \$100
 Quarter Page Ad (4" x 5") - \$75
 Supporter Ad - \$25
 Custom Ad Design – add \$10

Advertisements must be submitted no later than May 10 to be included in the program. If submitting your advertisement artwork via email, please submit in one of the following image file types: .ai, .eps, .psd, .pdf, .tif, .jpeg, .jpg, .png. All advertisements will be color in the online version and greyscale in the print version. The American Legion, Department of Minnesota Fifth District reserves the right to redesign any advertisement due to required formatting or licensing issues.

Please email artwork to: convention@mnfightingfifth.org

Should you have any questions regarding your advertisement or donation, please contact Matthew Verkuilen at (651) 336-1154 or by email at convention@mnfightingfifth.org.

PAYMENT METHOD

Credit Card via <http://mnfightingfifth.square.site/>
 Check # _____ Please make checks payable to
 The American Legion Fifth District, Attn: Dennis DeLong, 10514 Bloomington Fwy, Bloomington MN 55431

Received by: _____ Post/Auxiliary/Squad # _____