



# **5th District American Legion Family Convention 2020 - 2021**

## **American Legion Family**

Commander  
Wade Larson

President  
Mary Younkin

SAL Commander  
Leroy Gonzales

ALR Director  
Lee Davis



## FIFTH DISTRICT MEMORIAL SERVICE

The Fifth District American Legion Family  
Annual District Convention  
June 5, 2021  
9am

\* = Please Stand

Prelude

\*Posting of the Colors

Paul Soderburg – Legion Sgt. At Arms

Please uncover for the remainder of the service

\*Pledge of Allegiance

Leroy Gonzales, SAL Commander

\*Placement of POW/MIA Tribute

Paul Soderburg – Legion Sgt. At Arms

\* Invocation

Legion

Placement of the Floral Tribute and Roses

Wade Larson, Legion Commander

Mary Younkin, Auxiliary President

Leroy Gonzales, SAL Commander

Reading: POW/MIA Tribute

Bonnie Brenna, Auxiliary Chaplain

Reading: Meaning of the Candles

Jill Davis – 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, Auxiliary

Lighting of the Candles

Wade Larson, Legion Commander

Bonnie Brenna, Auxiliary Chaplain

Leroy Gonzales, SAL Commander

Patrick Kiehl, SAL Chaplain

Memorial Prayer -

Bonnie Brenna – Auxiliary Chaplain

**ALL LEGION FAMILY MEMBERS PLEASE STAND FOR THE READING OF DECEASE FROM  
YOUR POST, UNIT & SQUADRON**

Roll call of Legion Posts

Wade Larson, Legion Commander

Roll call of Auxiliary Units

Bonnie Brenna, Auxiliary Chaplain

Roll Call of SAL Squadron

Leroy Gonzales, SAL Commander

See Page 3 for deceased lists

Musical Selection "America The Beautiful"

Extinguishing of the Candles

Wade Larson, Legion Commander  
Bonnie Brenna, Auxiliary Chaplain  
Leroy Gonzales, SAL Commander  
Patrick Kiehl, SAL Chaplain

Benediction

Bonnie Brenna, Auxiliary Chaplain

\*Retiring of the POW/MIA Tribute

Paul Soderburg – Legion Sgt. At Arms

Please recover for the remainder of the service

\*Retirement of the Colors

Paul Soderburg – Legion Sgt. At Arms

\* Taps

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**Minneapolis Post # 1**

No deceased reported

**Minneapolis Unit # 1**

No deceased reported

**Minneapolis Squadron # 1**

No deceased reported

**Wold Chamberlain Post # 99**

B.F. Dabrowski

Wayne G. Gough

Phillip H. Hilgeman

Roger I. Johnson

Dale A. Klenke Hagen

Charles C. Kirsten

Richard S. Larson

Gary L. Leegard

Patrick L. Porter

Lloyd E. Sandeen

Mark Schindeldecker.

John H. Selover

**Wold Chamberlain Unit # 99**

Dorothy Hardon

Marlene Hillestad

Evelyn Olson

Shirley Richard

Linda Sesinski

Audrey Sword

**Wold Chamberlain Squadron # 99**

No deceased reported

**Hellenic Post #129**

Nick Kakos

**Hellenic Unit # 129**

No deceased reported

**Northside Post # 230**

No deceased reported

**GiantValley Post #234**

No deceased reported

**GiantValley Unit # 234**

Reva Swanson

**GiantValley Squadron #234**

No deceased reported

**Johnnie Baker Post # 291**

Bob Johnson

Dale Lyons

Roosevelt Thomas

**Courthouse Post #310**

Walt Lyndsey

**Bainbridge Post # 355**

No deceased reported

**Mpls. Fire & Police # 396**

Larry Anderson

**Mpls Richfield Post # 435**

Jack V Abrahamson

Harry C Anderson

Vernon Bach

Adrian E Barnard

Eugene Becker

Harold Blumenthal

Richard D Bock

Jerome Bovy

Warren Brekke

William Cierzan

Richard C Cota

Willard Crosby

Steven C Cross

Barry Crothers

David Dale

Robert Dean Jr

Phil Demis

Duane Ditch

Elmer Ecklund

Lawrence Emond

W.B. English

Daniel Graskow

Alan Hargreaves

G.P. Hoffman

Thomas Hungling

Jonathan Iverson

Gerald Iwen

Barry James

Harlan C Johnson

Frederick Just

Leonard Kaderlik

Arden Kafka

Gerold Kargel

Edward Keating

Robert Keppel

Maynard Kewitsch

Edward Krynski

Harold Lindstrom

Ronald Lund

Curtis Madsen

Harry Markley

John McConnell

Gary O'Brien

Byron Ockwig

Gerald Opatz

Ralph Peterson Jr

William Pilgram

William Porter

Leroy Rice

Bruce Rivers  
Gordon Rosengren  
Earl Sack  
James Saufferer  
Gregory Shields  
Charles Spragg  
David Strand  
Gerald Straub  
Richard Thomas  
Henery Vogelgesang  
Michael Zempel  
Zilfrids Zoltners

**Mpls Richfield Unit # 435**

Sharon Andreas  
Marilyn Atkinson  
Annette Bray  
Betty Dewes  
Helen Forest  
Berdella Grass  
Lorraine Henke  
Dorothy Herstrom  
Colleen Johnson  
Phyllis Johnson  
Dorothy Lawson  
Shirley Miller  
Patricia Notermann  
Jeanne Schreier  
Gwen Strasberg  
Gertrude M. Strickman  
Patricia Swanson  
Joanne Thorson

Marilyn Westlin  
Marion Woolery

**Mpls Richfield Squadron # 435**

No deceased reported

**Gopher Post # 440**

Ralph Moll

**Gopher Unit # 440**

No deceased reported

**Gopher Squadron # 440**

Carl Fly

**Joe Smith Post #468**

No deceased reported

**Viking Post # 493**

No deceased reported

**Bearcat Post # 504**

No deceased reported

**Aviation Post #511**

Buford Grimes

Lloyd Olson

Don Peerson

**Aviation Unit # 511**

No deceased reported

**Aviation Squadron # 511**

No deceased reported

**Mpls, Post Office #540**

Donald R. Schroedl

**University of MN Post # 548**

Norman Bennett

Charles Christians

Henry Diccio

Roger Froelich

**Falldin Post # 555**

Scott Benson  
Clinton Ertman  
John Falldin  
Glenn Fishbeck  
Sylvester Hedler  
Donald Hunstad  
Charles Kirk  
Leroy Kramer  
Alois Kroll  
Vincent Polley  
Howard Seim  
Bruce Sothern  
Milt Stacy

**Falldin Squadron # 555**

No deceased reported



Scan the QR code above to view the complete Fifth District 2021 Program book including reports on your smartphone or tablet.



The Fifth District American Legion will meet at 10 AM or 15 minutes after the end of the Memorial Program, whichever is later.

The Fifth District American Legion Auxiliary will meet at 10 AM or 15 minutes after the end of the Memorial Program, whichever is later.

The Fifth District Sons of the American Legion will meet at 11 AM or 15 minutes after the Fifth District American Legion Auxiliary finished whichever is later.

The Fifth District American Legion Riders will meet at 1 PM.

Please patronize the post for lunch.

Thank you for Minneapolis Post 1's support in scheduling this Convention.



FIFTH DISTRICT  
AMERICAN LEGION  
DEPARTMENT OF MINNESOTA  
ANNUAL CONVENTION

June 5, 2021



## **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.



Mark Dvorak  
Commander  
2019 - 2021

The American Legion  
Department of Minnesota



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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.

Despite several cancellations in 2020, The American Legion's mission has soldiered on. Let's achieve a positive outcome in 2021. Let's demonstrate the value of our organization to all members, particularly new members. Seek out local veterans. Leave no stone unturned.

From Boys and Girls State programs to Minnesota Legion Baseball and from the safety patrol camp Legionville to our continued support of veterans in local communities and at medical facilities, we have a lot to be proud of.

Let's focus on keeping good results going.

Sincerely,

Mark Dvorak  
Department Commander



Wade Larson  
Commander

2020 - 2021

5th District  
The American Legion  
Department of Minnesota



# 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		
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		
1941	Paul Koughan *	1983	Steve A. George * V		
1942	Frank J. Collin *	1984	Reuben F. Mack * V †		
1943	Carl A. Lundgren * A,N,C,H	1985	George Ashwood *		Deceased — *
1944	Merle Kromer *	1986	David L. Mauritson *		Past National Executive Committeeman
1945	Francis C. Hubbard *	1987	David B. Adam V		— N
1946	Ray Barker *	1988	James C. Johnson		Past Alternate National Executive
1947	Hugh McDaniel *	1989	John R. O'Hearn *		Committeeman — A
1948	Reynold Malmquist *	1990	Wayne A. Wright *V		Past Department Commander — C
1949	Charles Espeseth * C	1991	Ronald G. Nack *		Past Department Vice Commander — V
1950	Charles Williams *	1992	K.R. Workcuff *		Past Department Chaplain — †
1951	Robert E. Conn, Jr. *	1993	Rodney G. Logeland		Past Department Historian — H
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



<b>YEAR</b>	<b>NAME</b>	<b>POST</b>
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

## **AWARDS COMMITTEE 2020 - 2021**

- Merv Becker
- Milt Shoen
- Ray Eiden
- Paul Soderberg
- Steevn Smith



# Fifth District American Legion Department of Minnesota 2020 - 2021



## District Officers

Commander	Wade Larson	Gopher Post 440
1 <sup>st</sup> Vice Commander	Jamie Woods	Johnnie Baker Post 291
2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander	Michael Wybierala	University of MN Post 548
3 <sup>rd</sup> Vice Commander	Open	
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	Jamie Woods	Johnnie Baker Post 291
Sergeant At Arms	Paul Soderberg	Falldin Post 555
Chaplain	Harry DeCrescenzo	Patrick M Novack Post 5222
Judge Advocate	Curt Norenberg	University of MN Post 548
Historian	Dennis DeLong	Mpls/Richfield Post 435

## Executive Committee

Gary Martin	2 years	Gopher Post 440
Milt Schoen	2 years	Minneapolis Post 1
Paul Soderberg	2 year	Falldin Post 555
Mike Bailey	1 years	Bearcat Post 504
Michael Wybierala	1 years	University of MN Post 548
Jim Munson	1 years	Mpls/Richfield Post 435



# Fifth District American Legion Committees 2020 - 2021



### 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

Gary Martin	Shawn Davis (SAL)	Becky Nelon (ALA)
Wade Larson	Leroy Gonzales (SAL)	Cari Lamb (ALA)
	Jill Davis (ALA)	Mary Younkin (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	Wade Larson		

### Resolution

1 yr	Curt Norenburg	1 yr	Ray Eiden
1 yr	Gary Martin	1 yr	Wade Larson

**Convention Credentials** Lynn Nottage    **Nominating Committee** Appointed March 2021

### Public Relations

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



## Fifth District American Legion Committee Chairs 2020-2021



American Education Week	Dick Tetzlaff	Northside Post 230
Americanism	Paul Soderberg	Falldin Post 555
American Legion Baseball	Kyle Nutting	Mpls/Richfield Post 435
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	James Munson	Mpls/Richfield Squad 435
Boy's State	James Munson	Mpls/Richfield Post 435
Children and Youth	Michael Wybierala	University of Minnesota Post 548
eFlash	Ray Eiden	Falldin Post 555
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	Wade Larson	Gopher Post 440
Memorial Day Mpls Vet's Home	Joe Bayer	Wold Chamberlain Post 99
National Security	Curt Norenberg	University of Minnesota Post 548
Oratorical Contest	Jamie Woods	Johnnie Baker Post 291
Parade and Music	Lynne Nottage	Minneapolis Post No. 1
Public Relations	Joe Bayer	Wold Chamberlain Post 99
Recognition Event	Andrew Rose Sr	Johnnie Baker Post 291
Rehabilitation	Wade Larson	Gopher Post 440
SAL Advisor	James Munson	Mpls/Richfield Post 435
Web/Social Media	Shawn Davis	Mpls/Richfield Squad 435



## Fifth District American Legion Post Commanders 2020-2021



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
Dale Lyons	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
Gary Martin	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. Orttel	Arthur and Leonard Falldin Post 555
Steven Schultz	Minnesota Veterans Home Post 581
Teresa Huberty	Patrick M Novack Post 5222
All PUFL Post	Longton Post 618



# Fifth District American Legion Department of Minnesota Annual Convention



**June 5, 2021**  
**Minneapolis Post 1, Minneapolis, Minnesota**

## **Saturday June 5, 2021**

Registration 8:30 - 11:00 am

**Joint Memorial Service** 9:00 am

**Call to Order 10:00 am** Wade Larson, Commander  
Presentation of Colors Paul Soderberg, Sgt-at-Arms  
Invocation (uncover) Wade Larson, Commander  
POW/MIA Ceremony Paul Soderberg, Sgt-at-Arms  
Pledge of Allegiance All  
Recite Preamble American Legion (Cover) All

**Greetings** Mark Dvorak, Department Commander  
By Teresa Ash, Department Vice Commander

**Convention Call** Ray Eiden, Adjutant  
Roll Call of Posts Ray Eiden, Adjutant  
Last Annual Meeting Minutes Ray Eiden, Adjutant  
Presentation of "Rules of Order"  
Constitution and Bylaws Curt Norenberg, Judge Advocate  
Report of Resolutions for Action  
Appointment of Credentials Committee Wade Larson, Commander

**Introduction of Guests/Candidates** Wade Larson, Commander

**Committee Reports**  
Finance Report Dennis DeLong, Finance Officer  
Membership



## Saturday June 5, 2021 (cont.)



### **Other Committee Chairs**

Notify Adjutant

### **Vice Commander's Reports**

Jamie Woods, 1st Vice Commander

Michael Wybierala, 2nd 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

### **Retire the POW/MIA Flag**

Paul Soderberg, Sgt-at-Arms

### **Retire the Colors**

Paul Soderberg, Sgt-at-Arms

### **Adjourn**

**Reconvene for Installation of Officers** Time/Date/Location to be announced.



FIFTH DISTRICT  
AMERICAN LEGION  
DEPARTMENT OF MINNESOTA  
REPORTS



# Fifth District American Legion Reports



## HOSPITAL VISITATION 2019 - 2021

Due to the pandemic there was no Hospital Visitation from June 2020 thru May 2021. This report covers the time period from June 2019 thru May 2020. We did not have Visitation in April 2020 or May 2020. Our last one was in March 2020 resulting in a maximum of 10 months for the year.

Out of the 21 Posts in the 5th District thirteen participated in the Hospital Visitation during 2019-2020. Below is the attendance report for the participating Posts.

	# of months	# of attendees	# of hours
HELLENIC	10	43	86
FALLDIN	10	39	78
RICHFIELD	10	25	50
GOPHER	10	21	42
JOHNNIE BAKER	9	20	40
WOLD CHAMBERLAIN	10	19	38
POST#1	6	7	14
AVIATION	6	7	14
JOE SMITH	1	4	8
COURT HOUSE	2	2	4
PATRICK NOVACK	2	3	6
POST OFFICE	1	1	2
VIKING	1	1	2

There were 192 attendees for an average of 19 attendees per month. The total hours of Visitation was 384.

I want to thank those Posts who did participate in the Hospital Visitation for their commitment in serving our Veterans. I invite anyone who has not attended to come and take part in this program. It is a wonderful experience.

The funding for the Hospital Visitation expenses come out of the American Legion Foundation Fund. For 2019-2020 we were funded for \$1500.00. The expenses were as follows:

<b>7/01/19</b>	LED flashlight key chains (130)	\$161.64
	VA photo postcards (200)	\$62.10
	<b>21 of 50</b>	<b>\$223.74</b>



# Fifth District American Legion Reports



<b>7/25/19</b>	bamboo backscratchers (4 cases)	\$144.00
	spiral notepads (1 case)	\$30.00
	raindrop toothbrushes (1 case)	\$24.00
	nail clippers (1 case)	\$36.00
		<b>\$234.00</b>
<b>10/16/19</b>	bamboo backscratchers (4 cases)	\$144.00
	raindrop toothbrushes (2 cases)	\$48.00
	nail clippers (1 case)	\$36.00
	spiral notepads (1 case)	\$30.00
		<b>\$258.00</b>
<b>12/10/19</b>	LED flashlight key chains (155)	<b>\$192.14</b>
<b>12/16/19</b>	100 Alpha soft touch pens	<b>\$66.52</b>
<b>12/26/19</b>	100 Alpha soft touch pens	<b>\$85.64</b>
<b>2/12/20</b>	nail clippers (2 cases)	\$72.00
	raindrop toothbrushes (1 case)	\$24.00
	bamboo backscratchers (4 cases)	\$144.00
	spiral notepads (1 case)	\$30.00
	eye glass cleaners (250)	\$245.00
		<b>\$515.00</b>
		<b>\$1575.04 Total</b>

Ray Eiden  
5th District Hospital Visitation Chairmen



# Fifth District American Legion Reports



## Blood Donation Report For 2020

We had ten Posts respond to the blood donation request.

There were four Posts that reported donations.

There were 8 members of the Legion, Auxiliary, SAL donating a total of 13 pints.

### **Gopher Post 440**

Members donated - 2

Total Units donated - 5

### **Minneapolis Post #1**

Members donated – 3

Total Units donated -3

### **Viking Post 493**

Members donated - 2

Total Units donated - 3

### **Falldin Post #555**

Members donated – 1

Total Units donated - 2

Six Posts sent in reports but had no donations.

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

## **Memorial Day Program at Minneapolis Veterans Home**

Due to the pandemic, there will be no program again this year.

Will be talking to the new public relations director about restarting program next year.

Joe Bayer

Fifth District Chair



# Fifth District American Legion Reports



## **FIFTH DISTRICT Armed Forces Service Center (AFSC) Chairman's Report**

The AFSC temporary shutdown began in March 2020, similar to USO's worldwide, in accordance with the Department of Defense travel restrictions for military personnel and 231 military installations. Probably, 146 installations have had their restrictions lifted. We reopened on November 9, 2020, for traveling active duty and their dependents, which includes Guard and Reserves, with adjusted hours of 8 AM to 8 PM, seven days a week, during Phase 1, with Covid prevention controls.

During our shutdown our "troop greeters" continued to assist the military with charter flights, military remains, troop movements and the weekly arrival of recruits enroute to basic training.

Like most nonprofits over the past year, we have also experienced a decline in donations. We can't begin to thank the American Legion enough for their continued support of our mission. Hopefully, we will be able to return to our normal operations in 2022.

Ted Hoeben  
5th District AFSC Program Chair

## **Public Relations**

No report.

Unsure if any/all members realize that public relations falls on all of us. From the way we talk about our Posts, Units, Squads or Rider Chapters. We are the face of our organization. How the public sees us is how they view The American Legion Family. It's said that we don't toot our horn enough about the things that we do. Well, start telling the story. If you're proud of the things your Posts, Units, Squads or Rider Chapters does, let somebody know.

That's public relations

Joe Bayer  
Fifth District Program Chair



# Fifth District American Legion Reports



## Junior Shooting Sports

Minneapolis-Richfield American Legion Post 435 is proud that their Junior Shooting program, Post 435 X-men Air Rifle Team. Led by coach and SAL member Tim Cagney, the program has continued to excel and grow the skills of the team members.

At the NRA sectionals held in Anoka, Taylor won the sub junior 3P sporter and the Standing Sporter (by one bullseye). She shot a Postal Match in conjunction with the CenterShots.

For more information, or to contact them about donations to offset the cost of the trip, please visit, [www.post435gunclub.org/juniors](http://www.post435gunclub.org/juniors).

Tim Cagney  
Fifth District Program Chair

## Boys State

No MN Boys State was held in 2020.

MN Boys State for 2021 is scheduled for June 13 - 18, live at St. John's University Campus in Collegeville, MN.

Jim Munson  
Fifth District Program Chair

## Boys Scouts

Minneapolis-Richfield lost the last Explorer Troop in the District. If there are any Posts that Sponsor a Scout or Explorer Troop, please let me know.

Jim Munson  
Fifth District Program Chair



# Fifth District American Legion Reports



## eFlash/Website

### eFlash

Fifth District Began to utilize a mail program to improve the delivery of the District News in February 2020, and allow the membership to sign up, and change their own information regarding the delivery of the Fifth District News (eFlash). If you think you should be getting the news, first search your email program for email from [news@mnfigthingfifth.org](mailto:news@mnfigthingfifth.org). The communications may have ended up in your SPAM filter.

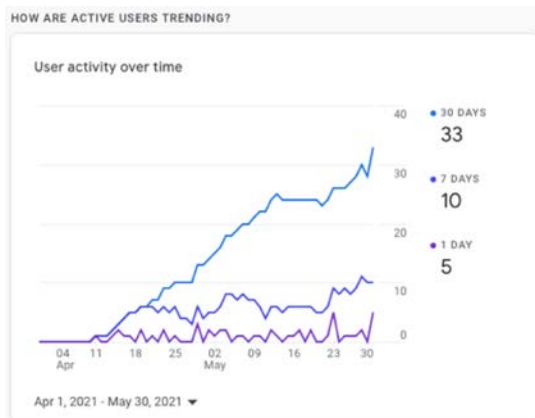
If you do not find anything, and wish to subscribe to go to [www.mnfigthingfifth.org](http://www.mnfigthingfifth.org) and on the left hand menu, select **Newsletter**. You can sign up to receive the communications there.

148 emails have been sent since we have begun using this tool. 114 Since July 1<sup>st</sup> 2020. There are 143 recipients. The average open rate since we have begun is 42.34%/39.7% for the respective timeframes.

We expect to continue to use this tool to provide timely and up to date information to the leadership of the district, and are looking at how this can be used to communicate with the District Membership as well.

### Website

The website tool updated earlier this year. So the numbers only reflect the traffic since the update. We will continue to improve usage of the website as a communication and informational tool.



### Facebook

We have 360 page likes. The page has been viewed 29 times over the last 28 days and reaching about 400 people.

Ray Eiden  
Fifth District Adjutant

Shawn Davis  
Fifth District Website and Social Media



# Fifth District American Legion Reports



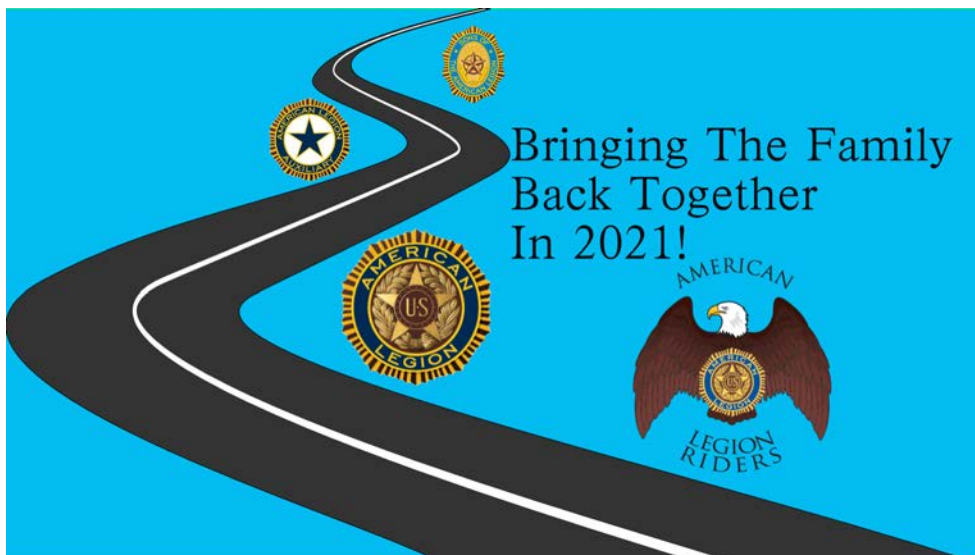
## Fifth District American Legion Riders

The Fifth District American Legion Riders has membership reporting from Chapter 435. They have participated in limited runs the past year due to Covid. We just joined in the Sullivan Run to help out the Sullivan Family (Steve is the organizer of the State Legacy Run).

We plan on participating in the State Legacy Run later this year. First Weekend begins in Two Harbors with a Kick Off party on Thursday August 5th and will ride the northern half of the state from Friday August 6th through the 8th ending in Lino Lakes.

Second weekend will be the southern half of the state beginning Friday August 13th in Rushford, and ending Sunday August 15th in Hopkins.

Lee Davis  
Fifth District Director





FIFTH DISTRICT  
SONS OF THE AMERICAN  
LEGION  
DEPARTMENT OF MINNESOTA  
ANNUAL CONVENTION  
June 5, 2021



Leroy Gonzales

2019 – 2021

SAL Commander  
5th District  
Detachment of Minnesota

Hello to Everyone,

Welcome to the 5<sup>th</sup> District American Legion Convention. Looks like Spring is here, and Summer is right around the corner. Make Sure to Stay Hydrated during the Warm Days and Keep a Hoodie Close for the Cool nights that are ahead of us.

Hope You All Enjoy this Year's Convention. Hope to See New Members this Year.

It has been in Honor to Serve as your 5<sup>th</sup> District SAL Commander this year. Hopefully, I did You My 5<sup>th</sup> District Family Proud. Special Thanks to The American Legion Post #1, Unit #1, & Squadron #1 for their Support.

*LeRoy Gonzales*  
SAL Commander  
5<sup>th</sup> District



## Sons of the American Legion Preamble

***Proud possessors of a priceless heritage, we male descendants of veterans of the Great 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.



**Sons of the American Legion  
Fifth District, Detachment of Minnesota  
2019 - 2021  
District Officers**



Commander	Leroy Gonzales	Squadron 1
1 <sup>st</sup> Vice Commander	Robert Bristo	Squadron 440
2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander	Open	
Finance Officer	Shawn Davis	Squadron 435
Adjutant	Shawn Davis	Squadron 435
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-	Leroy Gonzales	Squadron 1



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



## June 5, 2021 Minneapolis Post 1, Minneapolis, Minnesota

### Order of Business

#### Saturday, June 5, 2021

Registration	8:30 - 10:00 AM
Joint Memorial Service	9:00 AM
	11:00 (ish) AM

Call to Order	Leroy Gonzales, 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	Leroy Gonzales, Commander
Roll Call of Squadrons	Shawn Davis, Adjutant
Finance Report	Shawn Davis, Finance Officer
Membership Report	Robert Bristo, First Vice Commander
Squadron Reports	Squadron Commanders
Commander's Address	Leroy Gonzales, Commander
Old Business	
New Business	
Nominations of Candidates for District Office	
Voting Procedures	
Nominations	
Voting	
Closing	
Announcements	
Closing Remarks	Leroy Gonzales Commander
Benediction	Pat Kiehl, Chaplain
Retire POW/MIA Flag	Patrick Hahn, Sergeant-At-Arms
Retire the Colors	Patrick Hahn, Sergeant-At-Arms
Adjourn	



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



## Membership as of May 22, 2021

5th District									
Sqdrn.	Location	2020 Results 6/27/20	2021 Goal	105%	Total at Dept	Rally Turn In	Grand Total	% of Goal	Date Goal Reached
1	Minneapolis #1	46	48	51	49		49	102.08%	
99	Wold-Chamberlain	15	16	17	17		17	106.25%	3/12/20
234	Giant Valley	39	41	44	34		34	82.93%	
435	Mpls-Richfield	173	177	186	168		168	94.92%	
440	Gopher	35	38	40	36		36	94.74%	
511	Aviation	0	20	21	18		18	90.00%	
555	Fallon	11	12	13	11		11	91.67%	
5555	5th District At Large	0	43	46	0		0	0.00%	
<b>Totals</b>		319	395	418	333	0	333	84.30%	

### 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 Gonzales
2020	No nominations

### Squadron Commanders

Jon Lucas	Minneapolis Squadron 1
Trevor Dostal	Wold Chamberlain Squadron 99
Dale Newborg	V. L. Giantvalley Squadron 234
Nils Hudyma	Minneapolis/Richfield Squadron 435
Craig Carlson	Gopher Squadron 440
Alan Booth	Aviation Squadron 511
Doug Pershing	Falldin Squad 555

### NOTES



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Mary Hendrickson  
President  
2019 - 2021

The American Legion Auxiliary  
Department of Minnesota



## **GREETINGS TO ALL DISTRICT CONVENTION ATTENDEES**

The past 14 months have proven to be a challenge to our nation, it's people and all organizations, including our much loved American Legion Auxiliary. I'm proud of each of you who have contributed in any way to continue to assist veterans, active duty military and their families during this difficult time. There is light at the end of the tunnel and we know that better times are coming our way.

District Convention is a fun and informative gathering for all members of the American Legion Family. This is a time to share the successes you've had this year and thank your officers and committee chairmen for their work on your behalf. Since convention is in reality a business meeting, you have an opportunity to review and possibly amend your standing rules, make decisions on any resolutions which have been submitted and elect new officers. The best part, of course, is greeting old friends and meeting new people.

On a personal level, thank you so much for giving me an incredible "24 month year" as your Department President. My husband Carl and I have received "the royal treatment" where ever we've traveled throughout Minnesota. Thank you for your invitations and donations to my project. I've enjoyed working with American Legion Commander Mark Dvorak, SAL Detachment Commander Dave Vulcan, American Legion Riders Director Paul Hassing and of course, our Honorary Junior American Legion Auxiliary President Emily Sues.

I wish you a successful and fun district convention. Hold dear to your heart our purpose as an organization to **"Remember, Honor, Serve"** our veterans.

Mary Hendrickson  
2019-2021 Department President



Greetings to the Fifth District American Legion Family.

We had an incredibly challenging Two Years.

It has been an honor to serve as the Fifth District President in 2019-2020 and 2020-2021. Thank you, to the Executive board, committee chairman and Units for your two years of service Soaring for our Veterans. I would not have been able to do this without your help.

My project was at the Minneapolis Veterans Home to have a corn feed with music \$1000.00 and three outings to the Guthrie or Arboretum \$1200.00. Thank you, Legion, Auxiliary, and Sons of the American legion for all your generosity.

Thank you, Commander Andrew Rose, for sharing the 2019-2020 year.

Thank you, Commander Wade Larson, for sharing the 2020-2021 year.

Thank you, SAL Commander LeRoy Gonzales, for sharing the years with me.

Now for my Unit #440 Gopher Thank you for all your help and support.

Soaring for Our Veterans.

Mary Younkin

Fifth District President

2019 - 2021



## **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 5, 2021 10:00 A.M.



Processional	
Presentation of Gavel	
Call to Order	Mary Younkin
Invocation	Bonnie Brenna
Pledge of Allegiance	All
National Anthem Preamble	All
Welcome	Mary Younkin
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	Julie Martin
Final Reports of District Chairmen	
Nominating Committee Report	Deb Bayer
Nominations and Introductions of Candidates	Mary Younkin
Final Membership Report	Jill Davis
Break – 5 Minutes for Executive Committee to Prepare	
Presentation of District Executive Committee	Jill Davis
Presentation of Convention Committee	Mary Younkin
Report of Resolution Committee	Becky Nelson
Credentials Report	
Election of Officers and Executive Committee	Mary Younkin
Election of National Delegates	Mary Younkin
Introduction of 2019-2021 and 2021-2022 Unit Presidents	Mary Younkin
Presentation of New District President and New Officers	Mary Younkin
Announcements	LoAnn Grill
Benediction	Bonnie Brenna
Retirement of Colors	
Adjournment	Mary Younkin



## 5th District American Legion Auxiliary Officers



President	Mary Younkin
1st Vice President	Jill Davis
2nd Vice President	Deb Bayer
Secretary	LoAnn Grill
Treasurer	Becky Nelson
Parliamentarian	Becky Nelson
Sargent - At- Arms	Sheri Rhodes
Executive Committee	Sonja Dauphin
Executive Committee	Sheri Rhodes
Chaplain	Bonnie Brenna
Jr. Past President	Cari Lamb

### **Committee Chairman**

Americanism	Cari Lamb
Auxiliary Emergency Fund	Julie Martin
Children & Youth	Penny Becker
Community Service	Jill Davis
Constitution & Standing Rules	Bonnie Brenna
Education	Julie Martin
Girls State	Sherry Morris
Historian	Colleen Grill
Junior Activities	Julie Martin
Leadership	Sonja Dauphin
Legislation	Pat Bjor Johnson
Membership	Jill Davis
Memorial	Bonnie Brenna
National Security	Sheri Rhodes
Past President's Parley	Becky Nelson & Julie Martin
Poppy	Jill Davis
Public Relations	Becky Nelson
Service to Veterans	Deb Bayer
VA&R	Deb Bayer



# 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
<b>Department President 1951-52</b>		
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
<b>Department President 1960-61</b>		
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 Raffenspager	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-



## Fifth District Unit Presidents 2019 - 2021

Minneapolis Unit 1	Becky Nelson
Wold Chamberlain Unit 99	Bonnie Brenna
Hellenic Unit 129	Mary Kozak
Giant Valley Unit 234	Jennifer Kamprud
Minneapolis - Richfield Unit 435	Jill Davis
Gopher Unit 440	Julie Martin
Aviation Unit 511	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 nominations	



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## History Report 2020-2021 Colleen Grill – Chair

**Americanism** – Units proudly display the American flag at each Unit meeting. One Unit also wears a red, white and blue ribbon scarf at all Auxiliary functions. Units offer a prayer, recite the Pledge of Allegiance and observe a moment of silence in honor of those who gave their lives to secure our Freedom at each Unit meeting and other events. They also recite the Preamble to the Constitution.

**Auxiliary Emergency Fund** – Units made donations to the fund and also participated in the Silent Auction at Fall Conference. This fund provides financial aid to help Unit members in distress.

**Children and Youth** – Units made donations to local schools, the Child Welfare Foundation, Legionville, Fire and Police Safety Camp and Youth Air Rifles.

**Community Service** – Monetary donations were made to St. Vincent de Paul, Veap, Salvation Army, ARC, DAV's, and various food shelves. In addition, 68 hours were volunteered for Meals on Wheels. One Unit member made and donated 300 Angels to 3 nursing home. Approximate time to make the Angels was 75 hours.

**Education and Scholarship** – One Unit provided a scholarship in memory of a deceased member.

**Legislation** – Units keep informed about veterans issues through the publications of the Minnesota Legionnaire, the Dispatch and the American Legion Auxiliary magazine.

**Memorial** – One Unit made donations to the VA Medical Center in honor of 4 deceased members that had been volunteers at the facility. In addition, they also made a donation the MN Veterans Home in honor of another deceased member who volunteered at the home. Auxiliary members participated in Memorial Day programs and also provided flowers and flags at graves of some veterans buried at Fort Snelling National cemetery. Unit post and auxiliary members also display the flag, not only on Memorial Day, but throughout the year.

**National Security** – Units made donations to the Armed Forces Center at MSP airport which serves military personnel and their families. Donations are used to provide treats and personal items to those serving our country.

**Poppy** – Monies collected from poppy donations helped benefit the Creative Arts Festival, Fisher House, Legacy Run and other programs to assist veterans and their families.

**Service to Veterans** – Donations were made to the Fifth Districts President's project to provide outings for residents of the MN Veterans Home. Donations were also made to the Community Resource and Referral Center. This program provides veterans with information regarding housing, medical issues, job seeking, etc. One Unit provided CRRC with gift cards to food places, gas stations, Target and Walmart. They also provided fresh food and lunches and also purchased a new freezer for them. Donations were also made to organization which trains service dogs to help aid veterans suffering with PTSD. One unit member made and donated 200

neck warmers to the MN Veterans Home. The other ways units served our veterans are as follows: participating in Minnesota Stand down, sending greetings cards to troops, running errands, shoveling walks, and providing holiday treats.

**Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation** – Units made donations to gift shop, five dollar bill shower, American Legion Auxiliary Hospital Fund and other programs for veterans.

President Mary, thank you for this chairmanship. My thanks also to the Unit Historians for submitting the wonderful reports reflecting their Unit’s accomplishments this year. Even with all the challenges brought by the pandemic, Unit members remain dedicated in their service to our veterans, their families, and the community.



## **Membership Report 2020-2021** **Jill Davis – Chair**



Renew – Recruit – Rejoin – Mining for Members...Each One is a Gem. Sharon Thiemecke was our Department Chairman.

As of 5/20/20 we were at 85.31% with a total of 488 members paid. We were in 10<sup>th</sup> place in the state.

- Minneapolis Unit # 1 – 98.70% (one person short of goal)
- Wold Chamberlain Unit # 99 – 87.76%
- Hellenic Unit 129 – 88.89%
- Giant Valley Unit 234 – 83.56%
- Minneapolis Richfield Unit 435 – 78.71%
- Gopher Unit 440 – 93.18%
- Aviation Unit 511 – 91.67% - (one person short of goal)

This year was a tough year to recruit new members and retain existing member due to the pandemic. I truly appreciate all of the efforts of the Units to get as many members as they did to renew. We look forward to the 2022 membership with hope that we can bring more members into our wonderful organization.

I have enjoyed being your membership chairman for the last two years. Thank you, Mary, for this opportunity to serve in this position.



## **Community Service Report 2020-2021**

### **Jill Davis – Chair**



Unit reports were received from five of six units. Even with the pandemic our Units served our communities in a number of ways. We had members participate in the following programs in the community: Meals on Wheels, Food Pantries, Senior Citizen Centers and Blood Drives. The Units donated a total \$1750 to food pantries during the last year. There were also donations made to Meals on Wheels for \$50 and Blood Drives for \$160. Volunteer hours included 72 hours with Meals on Wheels, 95 hours at Food Pantries, 50 hours at Senior Citizen Centers and 19 hours supporting Blood Drives.

We also had one unit report a special project completed by one member. That member spent 75 hours making 300 angels that were donated to 3 local nursing homes.

Thank you, President Mary, for this chairmanship.

## **Legislation – 2020-2021**

### **Pat Bjor Johnson - Chair**

Five of six units reported on the program. There was no active participation in this program this year.

Thank you Mary, for this Chairmanship

## **Poppy Report 2020-2021**

### **Jill Davis – Chair**

Unit reports were received from 5 of 6 units. Last year was difficult because poppy season occurred during the shutdown associated with the COVID-19 pandemic which made it extremely difficult for our units to reach out to the community for funds. Reports were received from five of six units.

Three units ordered a total of 3100 poppies last year. \$7530.80 was collected by all units for the Poppy Program and an estimated 30 hours was spent collecting donations. Units raised funds by direct mail and email to their members.

Great job by the units during this tough year.



**Auxiliary Emergency Fund  
Julie Martin, Chairman**



Thanks to all the units who were able to donate to the fund. As this fund helps auxiliary members in need. Please inform your membership of this fund. Applications can be acquired from your unit president, the department office or on line at [www.mnala.org](http://www.mnala.org).

**Education  
Julie Martin, Chairman**

Thanks to all unit members who saved Box Tops for Education and helped with assisting needy students. Thank you to all the units who volunteered during American Education Week and gave monetary gifts. A scholarship was also given. Thanks for all that you do. Start planning for next year when schools will hopefully be open.

**Junior Activities  
Julie Martin, Chairman**

At this time we have no active junior units but some units have juniors active in the community, schools and help at unit events. Be sure to collect their volunteer hours. Congratulations to Madison Sloves for graduating from junior to senior. Thanks for all your years and devotion in keeping the junior program going. We are proud of you and your accomplishments.



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