



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

2023 February 26

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### AMERICAN LEGION

#### Fifth District Officers

**Commander**  
Lynne Nottage

**1st Vice Commander**  
Andru Peters

**2nd Vice Commander**  
Wade Larson

**3rd Vice Commander**  
Andrew Rose Sr.

**Adjutant**  
Ray Eiden

**Finance**  
Dennis Delong

**Chaplain**  
Harry DeCrescenzo

**Sergeant-At-Arms**  
Don Gustafson

## Fifth District TAL Meeting Saturday March 4th 9:30 AM Executive Board 10 AM membership meeting

### Minneapolis Post 1

(Shared with the Fraternal Order of Eagles)  
2507 E 25th Street  
Minneapolis, MN 55406

Click link to view map and directions: <https://goo.gl/maps/uqTTsm3NXtDtK1cLA>

Click link to join Zoom Meeting by Computer, tablet or smartphone  
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84307897147?pwd=ZFK1aXhzdStLU0dlcTVpa3dCbkwwdz09>

Dial by your location on a regular phone  
+1 646 931 3860 US  
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Meeting ID: 843 0789 7147 Passcode:  
293888

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### S.A.V.E. Training

‘Sign, Ask, Validate, Encourage/Expedite’

is an introductory, gatekeeper training where participants learn how to act with care and compassion when encountering someone in crisis or experiencing suicidal thoughts.

Next session is Thursday March 16th  
6:30 PM

email [tammy.monsebroten@va.gov](mailto:tammy.monsebroten@va.gov) to register.

American Legion National Commander Vincent J. “Jim” Troiola will award his national commander “Be The One” membership excellence pin to any Legionnaire who obtains three new members into The American Legion.

A new member is any eligible person joining for the 2023 membership year who was not a member of The American Legion during the 2022 membership year. Transfers do not count as new members.





# Next Fifth District ALA Meeting Saturday March 4th Minneapolis Post 1 or via Zoom

(Shared with the Fraternal Order of Eagles)

2507 E 25th Street

Minneapolis, MN 55406

Click to view map and directions: <https://goo.gl/maps/uqTTsm3NXtDtK1cLA>

Executive board meeting at 9:30 AM

General Membership meeting at 10:00 AM

Topic: 5th District ALA Monthly Meeting

Click to join Zoom Meeting with computer, tablet, or smartphone

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88079759186?pwd=bDQ4aGczTzNIWW9rSTFjZ3ZJSUNTZz09>

Dial by your location

+1 386 347 5053 US

+1 646 558 8656 US (New York)

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+1 646 931 3860 US

+1 564 217 2000 US

+1 301 715 8592 US (Washington DC)

+1 669 444 9171 US

+1 305 224 1968 US

+1 669 900 9128 US (San Jose)

+1 309 205 3325 US

+1 689 278 1000 US

+1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago)

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Passcode: 222809

+1 253 205 0468 US

Find your local number: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88079759186>

+1 253 215 8782 US (Tacoma)

[us02web.zoom.us/j/88079759186](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88079759186)

+1 346 248 7799 US (Houston)

+1 360 209 5623 US

## Fifth District Officers

### President

Jill Davis

### 1st Vice President

Cari Lamb

### 2nd Vice President

Deb Bayer

### Secretary

LuAnn Grill

### Treasurer

Becky Nelson

### Chaplain

Julie Martin



## Fifth District Officers

### Commander

Shawn Davis

### 1st Vice Commande

Robert Bristo

### 2nd Vice Commander

Matt Verkuilen

### Adjutant

Matt Verkuilen

### Finance

Leroy Gonzales



### District Representative

Joe Starr

## Next Fifth District SAL Meeting

Saturday March 4th 10:30 AM

Minneapolis Post 1

(Shared with the Fraternal Order of Eagles)

2507 E 25th Street

Minneapolis, MN 55406

## Next District Riders Meeting

Wednesday March 8th at 7 PM

Knights of Columbus Bloomington Event Center

1114 American Blvd W

Bloomington, MN 55431



# Detachment Spring Conference



## Friday March 17th and Saturday March 18th

Rochester VFW Post 1215  
2775 43rd Street NW  
Rochester, MN 55901  
507.289.6299

<https://www.bing.com/maps?osid=042eb81e-db80-40f3-a43b-2442bbbde0c7&cp=44.072164~-92.512406&lvl=15.17&pi=0&imgid=f7651af7-52c6-47f8-8123-380e4c14e249&v=2&sV=2&form=S00027>



### Friday March 17th

Finance Board meeting 7 PM, Executive Board begins 15 minutes after Finance Board

### Saturday March 18th

General Membership meeting begins at 9 AM

Registration cost \$15 which includes lunch

Checks should be made out to **Squadron 446** and registration information (with checks) should be sent to:

Squadron 446  
C/O Dave Bilderback  
4409 22nd Ave NW  
Rochester, MN 55901



SAL National Commander  
Christopher Carlton  
will be in attendance

**Please bring donations for  
Detachment Projects**

**Child Welfare Auction**

**Child Welfare Bake Sale**



# Unit 435 Omelet Breakfast Fundraiser!

Last of the Spring 2023 Season!  
We will restart this fall

Sunday March 12th  
8 AM until we are out of food  
or Noon, whichever happens first!

**\$13.00** for a custom made omelet,  
hash-browns, toast, and drink  
(coffee, juice, or milk)

Wold Chamberlain  
American Legion Post 99  
5600 S 34th Ave  
Minneapolis, MN 55417

To be notified when we  
restart the Fundraisers  
text **OMELET** to **84483**  
to subscribe to the  
breakfast alerts

AUX435 for Auxiliary Unit 435  
SAL435 for SAL Sq 435  
ALR435 for ALR Ch. 435



# Ukraine Fights On

By

Vincent J. “Jim” Troiola,  
National Commander



Dear American Legion Family members and friends,

It was a special session called to address an international crisis. On Feb. 25, 2022, The American Legion National Security Commission met to address Russia’s unjustifiable invasion of Ukraine. Days later, The American Legion National Executive Committee unanimously passed [Resolution 1: Statement on Ukraine](#). (click to view the resolution)

While the resolution opposes the deployment of U.S. troops for in-theater combat operations unless several stringent conditions are met, the statement also urges the administration to “continue the supply of lethal and non-lethal aid to Ukrainian forces.”

This pragmatic approach recognizes that while the United States has many valuable allies, our country has historically sacrificed more than our share of casualties in recent wars. If Ukraine wants freedom, Ukraine must fight for it. And fighting they are.

The bravery and valor shown by the people of Ukraine has been truly inspirational. Many armchair generals expected Ukraine’s sovereignty to collapse within 12 days, never mind 12 months. Yet against the mighty Russian military machine, Ukraine still stands. It is flying its own flag over Kiev.

Through this deplorable attack and other aggressive actions, Russian President Vladimir Putin has repeatedly demonstrated that he is no friend of freedom and no friend of the United States.

The American Legion applauds the Biden administration and the U.S. Congress for approving arms to Ukraine and providing the desperately needed resources needed for that nation to fight for its freedom. We support diplomatic and economic efforts to convince Russia to reverse course.

The American Legion was founded after World War I wreaked havoc on much of Europe. A generation later, another horrific war struck that continent. Those wars and the threat posed by the old Soviet Union led to the creation of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, of which the United States is a leading member. Enshrined in NATO’s ethos is Article 5, “The Parties agree that an armed attack against one or more of them in Europe or North America shall be considered an attack against them all...”

Ukraine is not a member of NATO but its next-door neighbor Poland is. As Congress contemplates spending cuts, The American Legion strongly cautions against cutting our military. Providing for our common defense is mandated by the U.S. Constitution and a founding pillar of The American Legion.

The American Legion hopes that our country never has to engage in future wars. Putin and other adversaries have proven, however, that the enemy does have a say in this.

Vincent J. “Jim” Troiola, National Commander



To qualify for National Commander Vincent J. “Jim” Troiola’s V.E.T.S. (veterans, education, teamwork and sponsor) expired membership incentive pin, American Legion members will need to reinstate five expired members into The American Legion for the 2023 membership year who were not a member during the 2022 membership year.

Please make sure that members have been processed before submission of this award. Pins will not be mailed until they are verified on the national database.

Forward the names of Sons of The American Legion members or Auxiliary members to your squadron or unit for use in their respective incentive programs.

[Download the "Be the One" membership incentive form.](#)

Perhaps you noticed something a little different at the district meeting. Maybe a flash of color caught your eye during an awareness ruck, golf outing or 5K.

That “something different” is a dynamic variety of new American Legion Emblem Sales apparel and merchandise that adds the organization’s new brand marks to the traditional, time-honored emblem on products we use, to promote the organization – and look good doing it. Newly designed shirts, hats, and even [golf balls](#) are moving fast from the Geiger Operations Center in Indianapolis.

And, in case you missed it, the U.S. Space Force awaits welcome from The American Legion, including items like [outdoor flags, patches, decals, shirts and mini-flag sets](#).

More than 200 items are brand-new to the Emblem Sales catalog and website this year. In fact, something new is added every week, from [Be the One T-shirts and IndyCar jerseys](#) to spread the message of our life-saving initiative to prevent veteran suicide (look for Be the One pins to be available in the coming months) to doormats, table runners and [bumper stickers displaying the new design and the motto, “Veterans Strengthening America.”](#)

In 2022, Emblem Sales had a record year, thanks not only to the newly branded items, but also to the best sales ever of American-made U.S. flags. Robust sales of new American Legion apparel, gear, patriotic and promotional items are a pretty strong indication that it was time for “something different” to show our pride, not only in The American Legion, but in the Sons of The American Legion, American Legion Auxiliary and Legion Riders. Remember to keep checking back at [emblem.legion.org](http://emblem.legion.org) because even more is on the way in 2023.

I strongly urge you to look through the growing selection of items – as well as traditional American Legion clothes, gear, promotional materials and supplies – and place a convenient, secure order online or call 888-453-4466.

Most important of all, remember that every purchase you make through Emblem Sales helps support a program or pillar service of The American Legion, from oratorical competition to career fairs for veterans and their families, to Scouting awards, site visits to VA hospitals, testimony before Congress, and much more. Put simply, your purchase from Emblem Sales helps fulfill our mission to serve communities, states and the nation.

# ***Wold Chamberlain American Legion Post 99 Family Fundraiser***



## **Pancake & Sausage Breakfast Fundraiser**

**Sunday, March 26, 2023**

8:00 am to Noon

Wold Chamberlain

American Legion Post #99

5600 34<sup>th</sup> Avenue South

Minneapolis, MN 55417

\$10.00 donation for adults

\$5.00 for children under 10 years of age

Eggs & Extra Sausage \$1.00 each





**CONVENTION ADVERTISING REQUEST**  
2023 American Legion Fifth District Convention  
June 2-3, 2023 - Holiday Inn Bloomington Airport South

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, 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 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, through 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's 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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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 \_\_\_\_\_

<b>8.5 Full Page Advertisement</b> 8" x 10" \$150.00	<b>Half Page Advertisement</b> 8" x 5" \$100.00	<b>Quarter Page Advertisement</b> 4" x 5" \$75.00	<b>Quarter Page Advertisement</b> 4" x 5" \$75.00
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- 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 12 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](mailto: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](mailto: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 # \_\_\_\_\_

# 5th District American Legion Membership Report as of February 22, 2023

MN Dist 0005 LGN

Post	Name	Location	New	PUFL	Renewal	HQ Tran	Totals	Goal	% of Goal
MN-0001	Minneapolis	Minneapolis	0	23	181	1	205	231	88.74
MN-0099	Wold-Chamberlain	Minneapolis	2	13	59	0	74	97	76.29
MN-0129	The Hellenic Inc	Minneapolis	0	12	39	0	51	54	94.44
MN-0230	North Side	Minneapolis	2	3	26	0	31	35	88.57
MN-0234	Vincent L Giantvalley	Minneapolis	0	5	26	0	31	42	73.81
MN-0291	Johnnie Baker	Minneapolis	1	3	17	0	21	23	91.30
MN-0310	Courthouse	Minneapolis	0	3	4	0	7	8	87.50
MN-0355	Bainbridge	Minneapolis	0	4	0	0	4	4	100.00
MN-0396	Minneapolis Fire And Po	Minneapolis	0	2	9	0	11	14	78.57
MN-0435	Minneapolis-Richfield	Richfield	3	124	473	2	602	838	71.84
MN-0440	Gopher	Minneapolis	0	12	22	0	34	38	89.47
MN-0468	Joe Smith	Minneapolis	0	4	0	0	4	7	57.14
MN-0493	Viking Inc	Minneapolis	2	1	46	0	49	49	100.00
MN-0504	Bearcat Incorporated	Minneapolis	0	4	9	0	13	14	92.86
MN-0511	Aviation	Crystal	0	13	36	0	49	53	92.45
MN-0540	Minneapolis Post Office	Minneapolis	0	3	0	0	3	5	60.00
MN-0548	University Of Minnesota	Minneapolis	0	16	10	0	26	37	70.27
MN-0555	Arthur And Leonard Falk	Minneapolis	0	28	52	1	81	96	84.38
MN-0581	Herb Gager	Minneapolis	2	1	11	0	14	21	66.67
MN-0618	Longton	Minneapolis	0	24	0	0	24	24	100.00
MN-5222	Patrick M Novack	Minneapolis	0	1	2	0	3	14	21.43
<b>SUM:</b>			<b>12</b>	<b>299</b>	<b>1,022</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1,337</b>	<b>1,704</b>	<b>78.46</b>





# DETACHMENT OF MINNESOTA

2023 MEMBERSHIP TOTALS

Report Date: 2/17/2023

2022 Results as of 7/31/2022	11158
<b>Current Received as of 2/17/2023</b>	<b>8687</b>
2023 Detachment Goal	11947

**72.71%** \*Includes traditional and online renewals  
 11378 76.35% set from national

Districts	2022 Results	2023 Goal	Current at Dept.	Percentage	Placing
1st District	1676	1807	1319	72.99%	6
2nd District	1216	1241	986	79.45%	2
3rd District	2056	2201	1659	75.37%	3
4th District	364	390	280	71.79%	8
5th District	348	372	278	74.73%	4
6th District	1601	1715	1265	73.76%	5
7th District	904	945	606	64.13%	10
8th District	475	509	431	84.68%	1
9th District	927	993	719	72.41%	7
10th District	1589	1701	1143	67.20%	9
<b>Totals</b>	<b>11156</b>	<b>11874</b>	<b>8686</b>	<b>73.15%</b>	
<i>*The above goals are set by the District Leadership</i>					
<b>1982 MN SAL AT-LARGE</b>	<b>1</b>				

## 5th District

Sqdrn.	Location	2022 Results (7/31/2022)	2023 Goal	Total at Dept	Rally Turn In	Grand Total	% of Goal	Date Goal Reached
1	Minneapolis	51	55	38		38	69.09%	
99	Wold-Chamberlain	18	20	16		16	80.00%	
129	Hellenic	0	1A	0		0	#VALUE!	
234	GiantValley	36	40	21		21	52.50%	
355	Bainbridge	0	1A	0		0	#VALUE!	
435	Richfield	186	193	146		146	75.65%	
440	Gopher	37	40	43		43	107.50%	
511	Aviation	9	13	3		3	23.08%	
555	Falldin	11	11	11		11	100.00%	
<b>5th District Totals</b>		<b>348</b>	<b>372</b>	<b>278</b>		<b>278</b>	<b>74.73%</b>	

**TESTIMONIAL DINNER  
CELEBRATING  
AMERICAN LEGION AUXILARY  
DEPARTMENT OF MINNESOTA  
PRESIDENT  
MARY KUPERUS**

**HOSTED BY:  
NEW LONDON UNIT 537**



**APRIL 22, 2023,  
SPICER  
AMERICAN  
LEGION POST 545**

**SOCIAL HOUR: 5PM  
DINNER: 6PM  
PROGRAM FOLOWING  
COST: \$25**

**SEND RESERVATIONS  
BY APRIL 14TH TO:  
BEV DRESSER  
PO BOX 225  
NEW LONDON MN 56273**

**MENU:  
BROASTED CHICKEN  
& MEATBALL BUFFET**

**MAKE CHECKS  
PAYABLE TO  
UNIT 537**

**ENTERTAINMENT:  
"CUSTOM MADE BAND"**



**NAME \_\_\_\_\_ # OF GUESTS: \_\_\_\_\_  
CONTACT # AND EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_**



Department Commander  
Jennifer Havlick's  
Testimonial

Saturday,

May 13, 2023

Park Ballroom, New Prague

Social Hour - 4:00 p.m.

Dinner - 5:00 p.m.

Program - 6:00 p.m.

D.J. Gary Richardson

7:30 p.m. - 10 p.m.

Register

online

\$28.00

Register

via Check

\$25.00



Park Ballroom

300 Lexington Ave. S.  
New Prague, MN 56071

Date	What	Location
Saturday March 4th, 2023	5th District Membership Meeting	Minneapolis Post 1 25th Ave and 25th Street, Mpls
Friday March 17 & Saturday March 18, 2023	SAL Detachment Spring Conference	Rochester VFW Post 1215 2775 43rd Street NW Rochester, MN 55901
Saturday April 1st, 2023	5th District Membership Meeting	Minneapolis Post 1 25th Ave and 25th Street, Mpls
Friday & Saturday April 14 - 15, 2023	Department Junior Conference	New Prague, MN
Saturday April 15, 2023	Appreciation Rally	New Prague, MN
Thursday April 20 - Sunday April 23rd	MN Legion College	Camp Ripley
Saturday April 22, 2023	Dept. President Mary Kuperus Testimonial	Spicer American Legion Post 545
Saturday April 29th, 2023	5th District Testimonial	TBD
Saturday May 13th, 2023	Dept Commander Jennifer Havlick Testimonial	New Prague Ballroom New Prague, MN
Friday June 2nd & Saturday June 3rd	5th District Convention	Holiday Inn Bloomington Airprt South 1201 West 94th Street Bloomington

Send in content that should be shared to

[news@mnfightingfifth.org](mailto:news@mnfightingfifth.org)

Please have content sent to us by the 15th of each month.  
The plan will be to get the Fifth District Flash out 1 week prior to the next District Meeting.



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