



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

2023 April 30

**AMERICAN LEGION**

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Dennis Delong

**Chaplain**  
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# Breaking

## The 5th District Convention has MOVED!

The 5th District convention will now be held at the DoubleTree by Hilton - Minneapolis South. Located at 7800 Normandale Blvd in Bloomington, just off of the I-494 and Hwy 100 interchange.

Existing reservations at the Holiday Inn will be moved over to the DoubleTree, we are awaiting the block confirmation information for those who have to still make their reservation.

All other details about the convention remain the same (other than the room locations for each event). An updated convention call has been mailed, and is included in this issue. Please check out our website for additional news as it happens. [www.mnfightingfifth.org](http://www.mnfightingfifth.org)

## Fifth District American Legion Meeting Saturday May 6th 9:30 AM Executive Board 10 AM membership meeting

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## Minneapolis Post 1 or via Zoom

(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

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- +1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago)
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# Next Fifth District ALA Meeting Saturday May 6th Minneapolis Post 1 or via Zoom

## 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

(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>

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+1 719 359 4580 US

+1 253 205 0468 US

+1 253 215 8782 US (Tacoma)

+1 346 248 7799 US (Houston)

+1 360 209 5623 US

+1 386 347 5053 US

+1 507 473 4847 US

+1 564 217 2000 US

+1 669 444 9171 US

+1 669 900 9128 US (San Jose)

+1 689 278 1000 US

Meeting ID: 880 7975 9186

Passcode: 222809

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

## Next Fifth District SAL Meeting Pending

## Next District Riders Meeting Wednesday May 10th at 7 PM

Knights of Columbus  
Bloomington Event Center  
1114 American Blvd W  
Bloomington, MN 55431

# *E-Pull Tabs at Risk*

Electronic pull tabs have been in Minnesota for a decade, and sales have been extremely popular throughout the state. E-tabs began a decade ago as merely electronic replicas of paper tabs, as a funding source for U.S. Bank Stadium, and were slow to take off. But as they evolved, with more features resembling slot machines, their revenues, and charitable donations soared.

Last year, \$131.5 million went to nonprofits from all forms of charitable gambling, with paper pull tabs contributing 50% and e-tabs contributing 45.6%. Electronic pull tabs rang up \$1.9 billion in revenue last year

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## 5<sup>th</sup> District Convention Call

The Fifth District American Legion Family will hold its Annual District Convention **Friday, June 2nd and Saturday, June 3rd, 2023**, at the **DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Bloomington – Minneapolis South**. The Convention Sessions for the Legion and Auxiliary will begin **Saturday June 3rd at 9:00 AM**. The Session for the SAL will begin **Saturday June 3rd at 10:00 AM**. The session for the District ALR will begin **Saturday June 3rd at 12 Noon**. The convention meeting room assignment will be in your convention book. Installation will be at 4:30 PM sharp. The Convention Banquet will have the social start at 5 PM, banquet at 6 PM, program to follow.

### Memorial Service

There will be a joint Memorial Service on **Friday June 2nd at 7:00 PM**. All Posts, Units, and Squadrons are asked to have their organization flag there as part of the service. All Posts must have their Deceased Members list submitted to **Matt Verkuilen (mverkuilen@aviation511.org)**. All Units must have their lists submitted to Auxiliary Chaplain **Julie Martin (juliejmn@gmail.com)**. All SAL Squadrons to **Shawn Davis (salshawndavis@gmail.com)**. All lists must be received by **Wednesday, May 12, 2023**.

### Fifth District American Legion Family Convention

**DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Bloomington – Minneapolis South**  
**7800 Normandale Blvd, Bloomington, MN 55439 – 952-835-7800**

**Hotel - Hotel Reservations must be made by Friday, May 19th, 2023:** Call the hotel at **952-835-7800** and request a room for the American Legion 5<sup>th</sup> District Convention. The group code is **pending and will be posted on the district website when confirmed**. Rooms are at a rate of \$99 plus tax for regular rooms, \$129 plus tax for poolside.

**Convention Registration – \$15.00 per person on or before Friday, May 19th, 2023.** All who register on or before this date will get a convention book. Registrations after this date cannot be guaranteed a convention book. **\$18.00 after Friday, May 20th, 2023**, 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 19th 2023**, as we must provide a count to the hotel. The banquet will be **Saturday evening, June 3rd, 2023**. Social with cash bar from 5:00-6:00 P.M. Dinner at 6:00 P.M., Program to follow including a speaker. Mail to Dennis at the above address.

**Convention Reports – All chairs are expected to submit a convention report.** Convention Reports must be submitted by **Wednesday, May 12th, 2023**.

**Legion, SAL, ALR Reports:** Send to Shawn Davis, 2806 64<sup>th</sup> Ave. N, Brooklyn Center, MN 55430 - or - email [salshawndavis@gmail.com](mailto:salshawndavis@gmail.com)

**Auxiliary Reports:** Send to Jill Davis 2806 64<sup>th</sup> Ave. N, Brooklyn Center, MN 55430 or email [alajilldavis@gmail.com](mailto:alajilldavis@gmail.com).

**Convention Book Ads** - We are asking **everyone** in the 5<sup>th</sup> District to try to sell ads. Convention Book Ads must be in by **Friday May 4th, 2023**. 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 5<sup>th</sup> District Convention should be made out to the Fifth District American Legion and be sent to: Dennis at the address located above.

Nominations for the Legionnaire, Auxiliary, and Sons of The American Legion Member of the Year should be sent to the following people prior to **May 7th, 2023**:

<b>Legion</b> Ray Eiden EIDENR@aol.com	<b>Auxiliary</b> Julie Martin juliejmn@gmail.com	<b>SAL</b> Robert Bristo blatzman4@q.com
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### Voting Strength

The cut-off date for figuring your delegate strength will be thirty-days prior to the Convention or **Wednesday, May 3rd, 2023**. **ALR Chapters please have your rosters mailed to Joe Starr by Monday, May 17th.**

**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 17th roster.

Thank you.

Lynne Nottage  
Commander

Jill Davis  
President

Shawn Davis  
SAL Commander

Joe Starr  
American Legion  
Riders Liaison

Website: [mnfightingfifth.org](http://mnfightingfifth.org)

Email: [convention@mnfightingfifth.org](mailto: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 \_\_\_\_\_ President \_\_\_\_\_

**\$15.00 prior to Friday, May 19th, \$18 on or after**  
Make Check(s) Payable to **5<sup>th</sup> District American Legion**  
Send to Dennis De Long  
10514 W. Bloomington Freeway  
Bloomington, MN 55431

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**Banquet Registration**

Reservations will be taken for the first 75 people. Register before **Friday, May 19th, 2023** as we must provide a meal count to the hotel. Meal (includes salad, main course, coffee, and dessert) choices are:

**Maple Dijon Chicken \$30.00**

**Honey Glazed Ham \$30.00**

**Kabeelo Lodge Walleye \$40.00**

All prices include tax (8.15%) and gratuity (24%).

**Banquet will be Saturday June 3rd, 2023 after installation.**

**Cash Bar from 5:00-6:00 P.M. Dinner at 6:00 P.M.**

**Convention and Banquet registration should be sent to: Dennis De Long  
10514 W. Bloomington Freeway, Bloomington, MN 55431. Phone 612-978-9037**

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# LEGIONVILLE WORK AND PLAY!

The month of May is for cleaning and prepping Legionville for the students. Pick a weekend and come to help. The work needed is picking up leaves, cleaning dormitories, cutting firewood, cleaning cabins and general camp cleaning. Bring a camper or tent, electric power is available.

Bring your own food and beverage – lots of options in nearby Brainerd. Call Adam the Legionville manager at 218-820-0431 to reserve a spot for your tent or camper or dormitory or cabin...See you there!!



**CONVENTION ADVERTISING REQUEST**  
2023 American Legion Fifth District Convention  
June 2-3, 2023 - DoubleTree by Hilton Bloomington

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 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, 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 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



**CONVENTION ADVERTISING REQUEST**  
 2023 American Legion Fifth District Convention  
 June 2-3, 2023 - DoubleTree By Hilton Bloomington

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 # \_\_\_\_\_

# The Catalysts for our national security

By

Vincent J. “Jim” Troiola,  
National Commander



Dear American Legion Family members and friends,

America faces threats on a regular basis from adversaries such as Russia and China. Diplomacy plays a significant role in maintaining peace while ensuring our national security in cooperation with our strategic partners.

Our ambassadors fulfill that duty, often without the fanfare they deserve for being on the front lines of maintaining vital relationships with nations from Albania to Zambia.

However, there is an ongoing issue in filling ambassador roles. In fact, The American Legion National Executive Committee passed Resolution 25 in May 2022 expressing concerns about the issue. At the time of the resolution, there were 61 of 190 ambassador positions unfilled with 28 pending approvals by the Senate.

Right now there are 26 ambassador vacancies worldwide, with 15 nominees awaiting action in the Senate. That vacancy rate is in line with the historical average of 13%. But it's not just the number of vacancies. Some of the openings are in highly strategic or volatile areas of the world. Among them: Italy, Colombia, Ethiopia, Kuwait, Niger, Saudi Arabia, Solomon Islands and the United Arab Emirates.

When an ambassador is not in place, the deputy chief of mission takes on the role as acting chief of mission, formally referred to as chargé d'affaires. Embassies remain fully staffed and personnel rotate on schedules independent of ambassador appointments.

Still, this represents a significant step back from a full-time ambassador. Chiefs of mission typically do not have access to higher levels of government of the host nation, which weakens the communications between Washington and the host nation. Chiefs of missions are also less likely to communicate directly with the U.S. president and receive less attention from the federal government.

The 2022 National Security Strategy (NSS) states that “a competition is underway between the major powers to shape what comes next” in the world, singling out China and Russia as presenting particular but different challenges. Mutually beneficial alliances and partnerships are our greatest global strategic advantage in this competition. We cannot meet these complex and interconnected challenges alone. Therefore, ensuring the greatest number of ambassadorial vacancies are filled is a national security imperative.”

The American Legion believes that our nation is stronger and safer when there is a full contingent of ambassadors in place. That's why I have sent letters to the president and senate, respectfully urging expeditious action on this matter. It is, after all, a matter of our national security.

Vincent J. “Jim” Troiola, National Commander

## Nominations for District Officers

The nominating committee is looking for nominations for the District Officer positions for the coming year. If you are interested in any of the five officer positions, Commander, Finance Officer, 1st Vice Commander, 2nd Vice Commander or 3rd Vice Commander reply by email to Ray Eiden at [eyden@aol.com](mailto:eyden@aol.com). Any nomination should be endorsed by your Post. Also we will need 3 new members for our Executive Board. Reply to me also on these positions. The members of the Nominating Committee are: Ray Eiden, Joe Bayer and Don Gustafson.

Ray Eiden  
Chairman of Nominating Committee

## Blood Reports Due May 1

Please fill out the Post Blood Donation Request form and mail it back to Ray Eiden by May 1, 2023. Each of the top three winners from each District will receive a certificate at Department Convention. The period covered is January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022.

Ray Eiden, 5th District Blood Chairman  
319 Monroe St. NE, Minneapolis, MN 55413



## Children and Youth Reports Due

Children and Youth reports are due to Andrew Rose Sr. Please send in copies as soon as possible, or call him at 612-703-4392.

## *E-Pull Tabs Continued*

Now charities are worried that proposed changes in the Tax Omnibus bill to the types of e-pull tab games that are allowed at bars and restaurants would reduce that funding by 25% or more.

Department Commander Havlick stated, "We did our job to pay off the pro football stadium, often with a mix of paid and volunteer labor and always with volunteer oversight committees. Now the state needs to reward us by reducing state taxes on charitable gambling. It's time.

The revenue from e-tabs has been crucial in dealing with the rising costs of running charitable gambling operations. Wages, supplies, games — the overall cost of living is up. ...

Upsetting the charitable gambling landscape of Minnesota would impact children, who benefit from donations for sports, scholarships, food programs, school activities, homeless programs and local nonprofits for the young. Programs such as Wishes & More, which grants wishes to children fighting terminal illnesses, would receive far less.

Veterans will suffer! Legion posts statewide use gambling funds to pay for honor guards providing last respects. Funds are used on important veterans' programs, such as taking totally disabled veterans hunting, or the Minnesota Assistance Council for Veterans working to solve veteran homelessness, or the Eagle's Healing Nest in Sauk Centre helping veterans who struggle with PTSD. The American Legion's Minnesota Veteran Assistance Fund helps struggling veterans no matter where in the state they reside. It maintains basic needs of a veteran, deployed servicemember's family or to assist surviving minor children of Minnesota veterans. Why would our state leaders wish to hurt these programs?"

Reach out to your legislators by clicking this link:

SUPPORT OUR LOCAL CHARITIES AND OPPOSE ANY CHANGES TO E-PULLTABS:

<https://p2a.co/mkIPjZR>

The link uses Voter Voice to help you connect with your lawmakers. Tell them to not change e-tabs. The courts have said twice that the 2012 e-tab agreement has not been broken. Let's not punish youth sports, veteran causes, efforts to offset poverty and other good causes in Minnesota all because of widespread misinformation.

# 5th District American Legion Membership Report as of April 19th, 2023

MN Dist 0005 LGN

Post	Name	Location	New	PUFL	Renewal	HQ Tran	Totals	Goal	% of Goal
MN-0001	Minneapolis	Minneapolis	1	23	182	2	208	231	90.04
MN-0099	Wold-Chamberlain	Minneapolis	2	13	64	0	79	97	81.44
MN-0129	The Hellenic Inc	Minneapolis	0	12	40	0	52	54	96.30
MN-0230	North Side	Minneapolis	2	3	27	0	32	35	91.43
MN-0234	Vincent L Giantvalley	Minneapolis	1	6	34	0	41	42	97.62
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	548	4	679	838	81.03
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	47	1	51	49	104.08
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	14	0	30	37	81.08
MN-0555	Arthur And Leonard Falk	Minneapolis	0	28	55	2	85	96	88.54
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>14</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>1,121</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>1,444</b>	<b>1,704</b>	<b>84.74</b>
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# Department of Minnesota 2023 Membership as of 4/19/23

## *District Summary Including all HQ Transfers*

District	New	PUFL	Renewal	HQ Tran	Totals	Goal	% of Goal
1 MN Dist 0001 LGN	207	837	5,628	30	6,702	7,241	92.56
2 MN Dist 0002 LGN	102	609	4,500	25	5,236	5,651	92.66
3 MN Dist 0003 LGN	285	1,574	7,300	98	9,257	10,185	90.89
4 MN Dist 0004 LGN	49	274	1,311	24	1,658	1,840	90.11
5 MN Dist 0005 LGN	14	300	1,121	9	1,444	1,704	84.74
6 MN Dist 0006 LGN	262	1,097	7,690	120	9,169	9,870	92.90
7 MN Dist 0007 LGN	98	670	4,108	23	4,899	5,376	91.13
8 MN Dist 0008 LGN	134	321	2,545	30	3,030	3,285	92.24
9 MN Dist 0009 LGN	92	541	4,364	47	5,044	5,534	91.15
10 MN Dist 0010 LGN	221	954	5,966	99	7,240	8,024	90.23
11 MN Dist 0099 LGN	15	217	1,517	0	1,749	3,121	56.04
<b>SUM:</b>	<b>1,479</b>	<b>7,394</b>	<b>46,050</b>	<b>505</b>	<b>55,428</b>	<b>61,831</b>	<b>89.64</b>



## No Cost LegionCare

\$1,000 Accidental Death Protection for all covered accidents

### LegionCare Overview

LEGIONCARE NO COST TO YOU ACCIDENTAL DEATH INSURANCE PROTECTION GUARANTEED\*\* TO LEGIONNAIRES

As a member of the Legion Family, you're eligible for up to \$5,000.00 in NO COST To You coverage. But your Confirmation is REQUIRED for activation.

**\$5,000.00 ACCIDENTAL DEATH PROTECTION MEMBER-ONLY BENEFIT:**

Your beneficiary will receive a check for \$5,000.00 if you suffer a fatal covered accident while you are traveling to or from or participating in any covered event conducted for Legion business, or \$1,000.00 for all other fatal covered accidents. You pay nothing for this coverage.

Your Department of The American Legion endorses this coverage to stand by your family with up to \$1,000.00 cash benefits paid straight to your beneficiary, if you suffer a fatal covered accident at home, on the job, in your car, on vacation, while traveling, wherever you are.

\*\*The product for Members living in WA differs from the above. Please click here for a full description.



# LEGIONNAIRE INSURANCE TRUST



# DETACHMENT OF MINNESOTA

2023 MEMBERSHIP TOTALS

Report Date: 3/15/2023

No new report available

2022 Results as of 7/31/2022	11158
Current Received as of 3/15/2023	9520
2023 Detachment Goal	11947

79.69% \*Includes traditional and online renewals  
11378 83.67% set from national

Vice Commanders	2022 Results	2023 Goal	Current at Dept.	Percentage	Placing
1st and 3rd	3732	4008	3242	80.89%	1
2nd and 7th	2120	2186	1750	80.05%	3
4th and 5th	712	762	607	79.66%	4
6th and 9th	2528	2708	2142	79.10%	5
8th and 10th	2064	2210	1778	80.45%	2
<b>Totals</b>	<b>11156</b>	<b>11874</b>	<b>9519</b>	<b>80.17%</b>	

\*The above goals are set by the District Leadership

Districts	2022 Results	2023 Goal	Current at Dept.	Percentage	Placing
1st District	1676	1807	1477	81.74%	4
2nd District	1216	1241	1016	81.87%	2
3rd District	2056	2201	1765	80.19%	6
4th District	364	390	319	81.79%	3
5th District	348	372	288	77.42%	9
6th District	1601	1715	1398	81.52%	5
7th District	904	945	734	77.67%	8
8th District	475	509	452	88.80%	1
9th District	927	993	744	74.92%	10
10th District	1589	1701	1326	77.95%	7
<b>Totals</b>	<b>11156</b>	<b>11874</b>	<b>9519</b>	<b>80.17%</b>	

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<b>1982 MN SAL AT-LARGE</b>	<b>1</b>
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## 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	Giant Valley	36	40	21		21	52.50%	
355	Bainbridge	0	1A	0		0	#VALUE!	
435	Richfield	186	193	156		156	80.83%	
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>288</b>		<b>288</b>	<b>77.42%</b>	


# Mighty Minnesota Membership

DISTRICT	# of Units	Goal	Period Gain	Membership To Date	Percent of Goal	Membership Last Year 4/12/2022	Difference from Last Year
One	48	3,810	29	3,261	85.59%	3,378	117
Two	72	3,833	20	3,266	85.21%	3,461	195
Three	46	3,797	52	3,340	87.96%	3,478	138
Four	7	570	18	470	82.46%	482	12
Five	7	515	6	412	80.00%	435	23
Six	62	4,991	36	4,326	86.68%	4,574	248
Seven	57	2,938	7	2,504	85.23%	2,741	237
Eight	23	1,237	13	1,063	85.93%	1,078	15
Nine	47	3,305	33	2,876	87.02%	2,959	83
Ten	43	3,758	26	3,114	82.86%	3,362	248
1982 Dept	1	203	0	236	116.26%	185	-51
<b>District Totals:</b>	<b>413</b>	<b>28,957</b>	<b>240</b>	<b>24,868</b>	<b>85.88%</b>	<b>26,133</b>	<b>1,265</b>

<b>Group 1 (Even)</b> <i>Judy Ackerman</i>	207	14,389	113	12,239	85.06%	12,957	718
<b>Group 2 (Odd)</b> <i>Sharon Thiemecke</i>	205	14,365	127	12,393	86.27%	12,991	598

**RANKINGS**

1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th	10th
87.96%	87.02%	86.68%	85.93%	85.59%	85.23%	85.21%	82.86%	82.46%	80.00%
District #3	District #9	District #6	District #8	District #1	District #7	District #2	District #10	District #4	District #5



**5TH DISTRICT:**

	A	Last Name	2023 DNO	2023 Percent Gain Juniors	2023 Percent Gain Seniors	2023 PUG Members	2023 Post/Online Juniors	2023 Post/Online Seniors	Period Gain Totals	Juniors To Date	Seniors To Date	To Date Totals	Percent	Off/On/Back	ATN	Year
1	1	Maj. Uter #1	80		5				5	4	88	84	80.00%		452	1988
2	80	Maj. Wald Chamberlain	90						0		38	38	76.00%		355	1976
3	129	Maj. Helms	60						0		58	58	83.33%		138	1974
4	234	Maj. Clonville	62						0		45	40	64.52%		160	2004
5	435	Maj. Richfield	200				1		1	1	161	162	81.00%		2303	1980
6	440	Maj. Gopher	45						0	2	31	35	77.78%		204	1980
7	571	Maj. Assisau	18						0	3	14	17	86.44%		39	2008
7		<b>5th District Totals</b>	<b>516</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>402</b>	<b>412</b>	<b>80.00%</b>			

# Department Convention Registration

## OFFICIAL CONVENTION PRE-REGISTRATION

A registration fee of \$15.00 for each person attending, whether a delegate, alternate or a guest, must accompany this form. Make your check payable to "American Legion Post 38" with Dept. Convention written on the memo line. No credit cards will be accepted. Please mail this form with your check to: Redwood Falls Post 38, P.O. Box 354, Redwood Falls, MN 56283. **Registration after July 1<sup>st</sup> will be \$18.00.**

Legion \_\_\_\_\_ SAL \_\_\_\_\_ Auxiliary \_\_\_\_\_

District # \_\_\_\_\_ Post/Squad/Unit # \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Delegate \_\_\_\_\_ Alternate \_\_\_\_\_ Guest \_\_\_\_\_

Delegate at-Large (Auxiliary) \_\_\_\_\_

(As a Past Department President or member of the Department Executive Committee)

**(Please check one of the above)**

If additional pre-registrations accompany this request, this pre-registration form should be photo copied for each person. The \$15.00 registration fee must be enclosed for each person.

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## **Fifth District American Legion Family Testimonial**

**American Legion Commander Lynn Nottage, American Legion Auxiliary  
President Jill Davis, and SAL Commander Shawn Davis**

**Date:** Saturday, May 20, 2023  
**Place:** Wold Chamberlain Post 99 – 5600 S 34<sup>th</sup> Ave, Minneapolis  
**Social:** 1:00 PM  
**Lunch:** 1:30 PM with Program to follow  
**Ticket Cost:** \$10  
**Menu:** Potluck provided by the 5<sup>th</sup> District American Legion Family

**Please RSVP your ticket(s) by contacting Becky Nelson, 5<sup>th</sup> District ALA  
Treasurer by phone: 612-722-8861 or by email: [mnnplsn@aol.com](mailto:mnnplsn@aol.com)  
Deadline to RSVP your ticket(s) by Saturday, May 8, 2023.**

**The Program portion of the Testimonial will be available on Zoom for those  
who are unable to attend the Testimonial in person. Contact Shawn Davis at  
[salshawndavis@gmail.com](mailto:salshawndavis@gmail.com) or Jill Davis at [alajilldavis@gmail.com](mailto:alajilldavis@gmail.com) by  
Wednesday, May 17, 2023. The Zoom Meeting invitation will be provided  
after Wednesday, May 17, 2023.**



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

**The American Legion Department of Minnesota  
Annual Post Service Officer Report Form**

Please report on your Post activities from **April 1st to March 31st.**

**Please print LEGIBLY.**

**Once completed please return to your District Rehabilitation Chairman by May 1st.**

Post Name/ City		Post Commander	
Post #		District #	

1- Does your Post have a Post Service Officer (PSO)?	Yes	No
2- Number of veterans assisted by your Post Service Officer.	#	
3- Does your Post have medical equipment to loan veterans & dependents?	Yes	No
4- Does your Post have activities or programs that help homeless veterans?	Yes	No
5- Number of veterans your Post has assisted in finding employment.	#	
6- Number of veterans your Post has assisted in finding training opportunities.	#	
7- Does your Post provide military funeral honors?	Yes	No
8- To date, the number of regularly scheduled (RS) volunteers and RS hours to VA Voluntary Service (VAVS) programs within your Post.		
		# RS Volunteers
		# RS Hours
9- To date, the number of occasional volunteers and occasional hours contributed to VA Voluntary Service (VAVS) programs within your Post.		
		# Occasional Volunteers
		# Occasional Hours

10- Number of new VAVS volunteers & assignments within the last year.	#			
11- How many American Legion awards for voluntary service in the VAVS program were presented this year?	# of awards for each			
	100 hours			
	300 hours			
	1,000 hours			
12- Does your Post contribute to local VA Medical Center?  VA Medical Center: _____ Amount contributed: \$ _____			Yes	No
13- What does your Post do to encourage and support Youth volunteers?	<u>Please give examples:</u>			
14- Does your Post have any special rehabilitation projects that regularly aid veterans and their dependents?	<u>Please give examples:</u>			
15- Did your Post make any referrals to Department Headquarters or Department Service Officer for assistance to the Department for <b>Temporary Financial Assistance (TFA)</b> ?  How many? _____	Yes	No		
16- Did your Post make any referrals to Department Headquarters or Department Service Officer for assistance for <b>Family Support Network</b> ?  How many? _____	Yes	No		
17- Please list Post funds expended in rehabilitation related activities:	<u>List:</u>			
18- Is your Post a member of your community's 'Beyond the Yellow Ribbon' program?	Yes	No		

19- Who is your Count Veteran Service Officer (CVSO)?	<u>Name &amp; County:</u>
20- Who is the Post Service Officer at your Post?	<u>Name</u>

Additional Comments:

**Person Completing Form:**

Name	_____	Phone #	_____
Title	_____	Email:	_____

## New U.S. flag social media graphics for promotion The American Legion | April 25, 2023

In the weeks leading up to Flag Day, June 14, a new set of social media graphics is available for you to promote.

Produced as part of the “Rally Around the Flag” campaign by The American Legion and the Citizens Flag Alliance, the Voices of Our Flag series include individual, downloadable graphics that can be shared on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram. The flag quotes are from veterans, Legion leadership, presidents, Olympians, and many others.

For example, one graphic includes this inspiring flag statement from Alvin Owsley, a World War I combat veteran and the fifth national commander of The American Legion:

“It is not so much the flag of our fathers as it is the flag of our children, and all of our children’s children yet unborn. It is the flag of tomorrow. It is the flag of your- self and of all your neighbors.”

Download the Voices of Our Flag social media graphics at [legion.org/flag/resources](http://legion.org/flag/resources).

Also, the Rally Around the Flag and Know Your Code series of social media graphics can still be downloaded and shared in the weeks heading into Flag Day. These graphics feature historical notes, fun facts, and voices from history about Old Glory, and U.S. Flag Code facts.

Learn more about the U.S. flag at [legion.org/flag](http://legion.org/flag). And share your story about the flag on [Legiontown.org](http://Legiontown.org) (<http://www.legiontown.org/my-flag>) with the heading “Rally Around the Flag.”

Date	What	Location
Monday May 1st, 2023	Post Blood Reports Due covering 1/1/2022 - 12/31/2022	Ray Eiden 319 Monroe St. NE Mpls MN 55413
Saturday May 6th, 2023	District Meetings (American Legion and American Legion Auxiliary)	Minneapolis Post 1
Saturday May 6th and Sunday May 7th 2023	Spring SAL NEC Meetings	Indianapolis, IN
May 8th through May 11, 2023	Spring American Legion NEC	Indianapolis, IN
Saturday May 13th, 2023	Dept Commander Jennifer Havlick Testimonial	New Prague Ballroom New Prague, MN
Monday May 15th, 2023	PSO Reports Due (Page 18)	Wade Larson PO Box 132 Prior Lake MN 55372
Wednesday May 17th, 2023	100% Memership Target Date	
Saturday May 20th, 2023	5th District Testimonial	Wold Chamberlain Post 99 5600 S34th Ave. Mpls
Saturday May 20th, 2023	Armed Forces Day	
Friday May 26th, 2023	Poppy Day	
Monday May 29th, 2023	Memorial Day	Various Locations
Friday June 2nd & Saturday June 3rd	5th District Convention	DoubleTree by Hilton Bloomington 7800 Normandale Blvd Bloomington
Friday June 23rd & Saturday June 24th	SAL Detachment Convention	Anoka American Legion
Thursday July 13 through Saturday June 15th	Department Convention	Jackpot Junction

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.

Visit our website at [www.mnfightingfifth.org](http://www.mnfightingfifth.org)

Find us on Facebook [www.facebook.com/MNFifthDistrict](https://www.facebook.com/MNFifthDistrict)

# AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY

## *In Flanders Fields*

In Flanders fields the poppies blow  
Between the crosses, row on row,  
That mark our place; and in the sky  
The larks, still bravely singing, fly  
Scarce heard amid the guns below.  
We are the Dead. Short days ago  
We lived, felt dawn,  
saw sunset glow,

Loved and were loved and now we lie,  
In Flanders fields.  
Take up our quarrel with the foe:  
To you from failing hands we throw  
The torch; be yours to hold it high.  
If ye break faith with us who die  
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow  
In Flanders fields.

—Col. John McCrae

*For more information on the American Legion Auxiliary's  
Poppy Program, contact your local Auxiliary unit at*

**(612) 356-2554**

*or learn more about donation options at [www.ALForVeterans.org](http://www.ALForVeterans.org).*