

December 10, 2019 Membership Report

Department of Minnesota
Membership Bulletin No. 5



National Goal
Department Goal 11,596
Current Membership 6,670

District	2020 Goal	Total 2019	Total 2020	Week's Gain	Total Squads	% Of Goal	
District 1	1,789	1,805	1,082	397	41	60.48%	735
District 2	1,334	1,333	817	240	34	61.24%	494
District 3	2,066	2,045	1,308	371	36	63.31%	828
District 4	375	370	213	71	7	56.80%	193
District 5	382	386	199	84	7	52.09%	100
District 6	1,578	1,567	1,052	295	33	66.67%	792
District 7	1,016	1,029	443	77	22	43.60%	402
District 8	554	547	313	99	16	56.50%	208
District 9	846	830	428	179	18	50.59%	352
District 10	1,653	1,651	808	202	34	48.88%	516
District 11	3	2	7	3	2	233.33%	0
Totals	11,596	11,565	6,670	2,018	250	57.52%	4,620

**Same Date
Last Year**

The cut-off for 2019 membership is December 27, 2019. Make sure all 2019 memberships are to our office prior to that date.

The Department office will be closed December 23th – 25th and December 30 and January 1st.

2019 - 2020 National Target Dates

60%	January 15 th	90%	April 8 th
75%	February 12 th	100%	May 13 th
80%	March 11 th	105%	July 29 th

Happy Holidays!

Turn In by District

Filters: Tran Date is On or After: 11/13/2019
 Tran Date is On or Before: 12/10/2019
 Report As Of Date: 12/10/2019

Post No	Location	TurnIn	Total	Post No	Location	TurnIn	Total	Post No	Location	TurnIn	Total
Dist No: 1				643	DAN PATCH SAL #6	12	25				
40	HENRY M. GUTTOR	53	53	3333	QUAD STREET SQL	17	19	99			
50	WABASHA SAL #50	10	10								
56	LEO M. CAREY SAL	6	99								
77	OWATONNA SAL #7	51	56								
90	JACKSON O'MEARA	47	47								
91	AUSTIN SAL #91	25	25								
92	WM T. MC COY SAL	10	113								
119	SUMNER R. HAIR S	14	26								
164	IVAN-STRINGER SA	64	76								
166	VIAL SQUAD #166	21	40								
228	WASECA SAL #228	12	67								
264	GLENVILLE SAL #26	3	29								
317	LOUIS TVEITE SAL	24	25								
333	ADOLPH OISETH S	13	34								
551	EYOTA SAL #551	26	30								
1111	DAKOTA	18	42								
397											
Dist No: 2											
11	LORENTZ SAL #11	6	16								
32		13	41								
33	ST. JAMES SAL #33	30	30								
41	ANDREW PETERSC	58	58								
64		9	9								
130	JACKSON LIBERTY	8	8								
132	SEIFERT-BIANCHI S	6	93								
165	NELS LEE SQUAD #	21	59								
257	JOHN WATSON SAL	31	180								
322	LIONEL BOUDREAL	36	37								
464	BREWSTER SQUAD	11	40								
608	SIEVERT-PETERSC	11	31								
240											
Dist No: 3											
43	FARIBAULT SAL # 4	5	84								
45		2	20								
47	NELSON-LUCKING	5	100								
54	LEO C PETERSON S	14	42								
84	NORTHFIELD SAL #	12	41								
96	HUTCHINSON SAL :	6	14								
98	RICHARD DINGLE S	8	31								
108	LE CENTER SAL #10	120	123								
141	SILVER LAKE SAL #	1	14								
149	ROY LEIDER SAL #	25	61								
184	CHARLES COWDEN	9	24								
189	CLIFFORD LARSON	1	38								
225	FOREST LAKE SAL	19	65								
311	C. ADAMS-R. STIER	22	33								
314	ERNEST GEDIG SA	3	3								
491	HESLEY JENSEN S	40	40								
510	NICOLLET SAL #510	12	43								
518	NORTH MANKATO S	12	90								
580	CHANHASSEN SAL	26	26								
Dist No: 4				39	Post Home	28	50				
168	WHITE BEAR LAKE	4	24								
474	NORTH END SAL #	3	9								
542	ROSETOWN MEMO	18	43								
577	Arcade-Phalen SAL :	18	87								
71											
Dist No: 5				99	WOLD-CHAMBERL	3	11				
234	V. L. GIANTVALLEY	27	28								
435	MPLS - RICHFIELD	45	80								
555	ART & LEONARD F	9	11								
84											
Dist No: 6				12	WM. T LEWIS SAL #	10	10				
46	RICHARD HOWARD	18	55								
49	BEN KRUEGER SAL	12	31								
86	AITKIN-LEE SAL #86	15	31								
112	DAVID-DARROW-M	4	18								
134	SPENCER-ROSS S/	51	130								
193	Becker Post	3	25								
212	OTTO HENDRICKS	20	101								
217	LINWOOD LAUGHY	5	66								
255	CARL SIDNEY HAN:	35	49								
298	EARL JAMES HOWE	13	42								
328	JOHN KUEBELBECI	49	49								
368	MAXON-VAN SAL #:	11	58								
428	SILVER STAR SAL #	10	46								
473	HASSEL-BRIESE S/	8	17								
560	KRIESEL-JACOBSE	15	55								
621	ST. AUGUSTA SQU.	11	37								
627	BILLIE BROWN SAL	5	51								
295											
Dist No: 7				29	WALTER TRIPP SA	27	165				
58	WILLIAM KRENSINC	3	20								
69		11	11								
104	NELSON-HORTON :	2	29								
173	EARLE RAY SAL #1	2	9								
253	GUST F. HOLDEN S	4	38								
545	HENDESON-LEWIS	28	29								
77											
Dist No: 8				60	MC VEIGH-DUNN S.	2	22				
71	WEST DULUTH SAL	10	97								
109	ANDERSON-CLAFF	26	38								
301	TACONITE	36	40								
452	VENIER MOLEA SQ	25	34								
Dist No: 9				15	JOHN BRIDGES SA	18	33				
16	IRVIN BLIX SAL #16	25	58								
21	MELVIN E. HEARL S	11	72								
22	GUNDER-AUSTAD S	10	39								
27	WARREN SAL #27	16	20								
117	ECKLUND-HOLMST	41	41								
157	EAST GRAND FORK	33	94								
315	OLAF LACKEN SAL	12	25								
444		13	19								
179											
Dist No: 10				51	HEATH PERKINS S/	10	50				
85	NORTH BRANCH S/	6	56								
102	EDWARD B CUTTEI	19	35								
118	ERNEST ASELTON	42	73								
145	HOWARD LAKE SA	6	28								
178	HANSEN-HAYES S/	1	20								
216	WOODCOCK-HERB	2	18								
251	WESTPHAL SAL #2:	1	11								
270	Buffalo SAL #270	6	28								
320	JOHN WILBUR MOC	4	36								
323	BEATTY-HUMPREIS	11	34								
395	PRUDENT VAN RIS	9	37								
509	CEDAR	9	9								
523	CHESTER BIRD SA	27	39								
550	EARL C. HILL SAL #	16	16								
566	LINO LAKES SAL #E	12	48								
622	JOHN COLLINE SAL	9	23								
630	DUOOS BROTHER :	12	25								
202											
Dist No: 11				1982	SQUADRON AT-LAF	3	7				
3											

**Sons of The American Legion
2019 Fall Conference
Mahnomen Minnesota
26 October 2019**

The 2019 Fall Conference of the Sons of The American Legion was called to order by Detachment Commander David Vulcan at 9:00am. The doors were secured by Acting Sergeant at Arms Stu Sonnee and the opening ceremonies were conducted.

Roll call of the detachment officers and district commanders:

Detachment Commander David Vulcan	Present
Detachment Adjutant Dennis Henkemeyer	Present
Detachment Membership Director Robert Foss	Present
Detachment Vice Commander Glenn Mueller	Present
Detachment Vice Commander Scott Gebel	Excused
Detachment Vice Commander Robert Bristo	Present
Detachment Vice Commander Larry Ripplinger	Present
Detachment Vice Commander Jeremy Copher	Excused
Detachment Chaplain Casey Lenort	Present
Detachment Historian Lou Michaels	Present
Detachment Sergeant at Arms Michael Fernlund	Excused
Detachment Acting Sergrant at Arms Stu Sonnee	Present
National Executive Committeeman Dennis Henkemeyer	Present
Alternate National Executive Committeeman William Goede	Excused
Detachment Judge Advocate Cliff Teigland	Present
Detachment Finance Officer Bruce Kuiper	Present
Department SAL Advisor Gary Weaver	Excused
Department SAL Assistant Advisor (North) Walter Folendorf	Present
Department SAL Assistant Advisor (South) Joseph Niesen	Present
Past National Commander Douglas Bible	Present
Past National Commander Joe Mayne	Present
Detachment Immediate Past Detachment Commander Shawn Davis	Present
1st District Commander Greg Lemmer	Absent
1st District Representative Brett Naylor	Present
2nd District Commander Russ Lietzke	Present
3rd District Commander Jack Thomas	Present
4th District Commander John Weiss	Present
5th District Commander LeRoy Gonzales	Excused
6th District Commander Robert Foss	Present
7th District Commander Shawn Kosbab	Present
8th District Commander Paul Malzac	Present
9th District Commander Terry Buraas	Present
10th District Commander Daryl Harmon	Excused
10th District Representative Steve Sullivan	Present

Roll call of Detachment Committeemen:

Americanism Committee Chairman Robert Benjamin	Excused
Brain Science Foundation Representative Lloyd Schaeffer	Present
Children & Youth Chairman Russ Lietzke	Present
Child Welfare Foundation PNC Douglas Bible	Present
Convention Committee Chairman Dennis Henkemeyer	Present
Finance Committee Chairman Dennis Blue	Present
Finance Committee Member Casey Lenort	Present
Finance Committee Member Joe Lembcke	Excused
Finance Committee Member Robert Bristo	Present
Finance Committee Member Terry Buraas	Present
John Zgoda Memorial Deer Hunt Chairman David Vulcan	Present
John Zgoda Memorial Deer Hunt Co-Chairman Steve Bilderback	Present
John Zgoda Memorial Deer Hunt Co-Chairman Dave Bilderback	Present
John Zgoda Memorial Deer Hunt Co-Chairman Chuck Stone	Excused
Legionville Board Representative David Vulcan	Present
Legacy Scholarship Chairman Steve Sullivan	Present
Legislative Chairman John Weiss	Present
Internal Affairs Chairman PNC Joe Mayne	Present
Media & Communications Chairman PNC Joe Mayne	Present
Media & Communications Co-Chairman LeRoy Gonzales	Excused
Media & Communications Co-Chairman Shawn Davis	Present
National Emergency Fund Chairman Dennis Blue	Present
PUFL Chairman Tim Weaver	Excused
American Legion Family Hospital Representative Robert Bristo	Present
Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation Chairman David Jenkins	Excused
Veterans Employment & Education Chairman Lou Michaels	Present

Roll Call of Squadrons:

1st District	Austin Squadron 91	1
1st District	Rochester Squadron 92	1
2nd District	Bricelyn Squadron 165	1
3rd District	Hastings Squadron 47	1
3rd District	Chaska Squadron 57	2
3rd District	Waconia Squadron 150	1
3rd District	Nicollet Squadron 510	1
4th District	Arcade-Phalen Squadron 577	3
5th District	Wold-Chamberlain Squadron 99	1
5th District	Minneapolis-Richfield Squadron 435	1
5th District	Gopher Squadron 440	1
6th District	Park Rapids Squadron 212	1
6th District	Sauk Rapids Squadron 254	1
6th District	Waite Park Squadron 428	3

Roll Call of Squadrons (continued):

7th District	Morris Squadron 29	2
8th District	West Duluth Squadron 71	1
9th District	Bagley Squadron 16	1
9th District	East Grand Forks Squadron 157	2
9th District	Underwood Squadron 489	2
10th District	North Branch Squadron 85	1
10th District	Excelsior Squadron 259	1
10th District	Coon Rapids Squadron 334	1

Guests:

National Executive Committeeman for The American Legion stopped and brought greetings from PNC Daniel Ludwig of Red Wing. Bill also talked about the LIT insurance programs. He stated that the free accidental death insurance is available to all SAL members, however, you must sign up for it. Bill also mentioned the new "Identity Theft" insurance was now available through LIT. The cost for single coverage is \$79.00 and the cost for couples is \$99.00.

Alternate National Executive Committeewoman Peggy Moon also brought greetings. Peggy also serves as the National Vice President of the Child Welfare Foundation. She thanked the detachment for all the monies that have been donated over the years. This year at the fall meetings about \$811,000.00 was given out in grants.

Department Commander Mark Dvorak brought greetings from The American Legion. Commander Dvorak stated that he is a proud member of the SAL and looks forward to being more involved after his term as commander is completed. Commander Dvorak stated that he is very impressed with the SAL meetings and how well the Detachment of Minnesota works well together.

Department President Mary Hendrickson thanked the Sons of The American Legion for all they do at their local Posts. President Hendrickson said that she had two main projects this year. First, she would like to purchase two golf carts for Veterans on the Lake in Ely. Second, she would like to purchase a television for the Silver Bay Veterans Home. Any excess money would go to PTSD programs here in Minnesota.

Wayne Gilbertson, President of the Legionville Board thanked the SAL for all of the help at Legionville and the donations. Wayne stated that a new camp manager would be hired sometime during the month of January 2020. Wayne also stated that \$30,000.00 was donated to Legionville during the fall conference.

Denise Milton, Fall Conference Chairman, thanked all those who attended the Fall Conference hosted by the Bagley American Legion Family. She indicated that over 400 family members registered.

Recognition of candidates:

David Vulcan	Detachment Commander
John Weiss	Detachment Vice Commander
Bruce Kuiper	Detachment Finance Officer
Steve Bilderback	Detachment Finance Officer
Stu Sonnee	Detachment Chaplain
Lou Michaels	Detachment Historian
Casey Lenort	Detachment Sergrant at Arms

Minutes of the finance committee meeting were read.

Minutes of the detachment executive committee meeting were read.

Robert Bristo gave a report on the American Legion Family Hospital Association and discussion followed.

Vice Commanders reports were given by Robert Bristo (4th & 5th) and Larry Ripplinger (6th & 9th).

Detachment Finance Officer Bruce Kuiper reported on the current detachment finances. Bruce indicated that there would be no more than two days turnaround from the time that he receives the vouchers until he sends them to department headquarters. Kuiper also talked about the updated guidelines for the expense vouchers.

National Executive Committeeman Dennis Henkemeyer talked about the 2019 Fall SAL NEC Meeting which was held earlier in the month. Henkemeyer stated

that soon the squadrons in Minnesota will be able to process and transmit membership online. Also, individual members will be able to pay their membership online. He warned squadrons that if they had not transmitted a squadron officers report, that whatever credit accumulated by a squadron at department headquarters will sit there until a squadron adjutant is recognized.

Committee Reports

Americanism	Excused - No Report
Brain Science Foundation	Report given by chairman
Children and Youth	No Report
Child Welfare Foundation	Report given by chairman
Convention	Report given by chairman
Finance Committee	Report given by chairman
John Zgoda Deer Hunt	Report given by co-chairmen
Legionville Board	Report given by representative
Legislative	Report given by chairman
Internal Affairs	Report given by chairman
Media & Communications	Report given by chairman
National Emergency Fund	No Report
PUFL	Excused – No Report
Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation	Excused – No Report
Veterans Employment & Education	No Report
Department Advisor (North)	Report given
Department Advisor (South)	Report given

District Commanders Reports:

1st District Commander	Absent – No Report
2nd District Commander	Report given
3rd District Commander	Report given
4th District Commander	Report given
5th District Commander	Excused – No Report
6th District Commander	Report given
7th District Commander	Report given
8th District Commander	Report given

9th District Commander	Report given
10th District Commander	Excused – No Report

Detachment Membership Director gave the results of the district commanders race and the detachment vice commanders race.

Candidate for Department Commander 2020-2021 Tom Fernlund of Waite Park talked about his aims and goals if he is so elected.

Commander Vulcan gave his report and talked about his travels since being elected. He also talked about his projects for the year.

Old Information – none

New Information – none

Good of the Sons of The American Legion

It was noted that Honorary Junior American Legion Auxiliary President has a project of raising \$600.00 for each of the Veterans Homes in Minnesota.

Shawn Davis stated that our detachment website is in the process of being updated.

There being no further business, closing ceremonies were conducted and the meeting was adjourned at 12:41pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

**Dennis J Henkemeyer
Detachment Adjutant**

The Sons of The American Legion Fall Conference Executive Committee Meeting was called to order by Detachment Commander David Vulcan. After opening ceremonies and prior to roll call, A motion was made by Lou Michael Michaels to seat Brett Naylor in the absence of 1st District Commander Greg Lemmer. The motion was seconded by Russ Lietzke and said motion carried. A motion was made by Glenn Mueller to seat Steve Sullivan in the absence of 10th District Commander Daryl Harmon. The motion was seconded by Russ Lietzke and said motion carried. A motion was made by Terry Buraas to appoint Stu Sonnee as acting sergeant at arms for the fall conference. The motion was seconded by Lou Michaels and said motion carried

Roll call was conducted with the following answering roll: Detachment Commander David Vulcan, Detachment Adjutant Dennis Henkemeyer, Detachment Membership Director Robert Foss, Detachment Vice Commander Glenn Mueller, Detachment Vice Commander Robert Bristo, Detachment Vice Commander Larry Ripplinger, Detachment Chaplain Casey Lenort, Detachment Historian Lou Michaels, Acting Detachment Sergeant at Arms Stu Sonnee, NECman Dennis Henkemeyer, Detachment Judge Advocate Cliff Teigland, Detachment Finance Officer Bruce Kuiper, Past National Commander Douglas Bible, Past National Commander Joe Mayne, Immediate Past Detachment Commander Shawn Davis, 1st District Representative Brett Naylor, 2nd District Commander Russ Lietzke, 3rd District Commander Jack Thomas, 4th District Commander John Weiss, 6th District Commander Robert Foss, 7th District Commander Shawn Kosbab, 8th District Commander Paul Malzac, 9th District Commander Terry Buraas and 10th District Representative Steve Sullivan. Members excused: Detachment Vice Commander Scott Gebel, Detachment Vice Commander Jeremy Copher, Alternate NECman William Goede, 5th District Commander LeRoy Gonzales, 10th District Commander Daryl Harmon. Members absent: 1st District Commander Greg Lemmer.

Commander Vulcan extended greetings and thanked everyone for attending the fall conference. Then Commander Vulcan excused himself from the executive committee meeting to attend The American Legion Family Hospital Association Meeting and turned the gavel over to Detachment Vice Commander Larry Ripplinger.

After the finance report was given, a motion was made to approve the minutes of the finance committee meeting by Terry Buraas. The motion was seconded by Russ Lietzke and said motion carried.

Detachment Membership Director Robert Foss stated that he would give his membership report tomorrow after the numbers were updated.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

Cliff Teigland, reported that he is stepping down as co-chairman of the Legionville Camp-O-Ree. A thank you was extended to Cliff for all of his dedicated years at Legionville.

Detachment Historian Lou Michaels extended his sincere appreciation to all the members for their thoughts and prayers during his battle with stage 4 cancer.

Discussion took place regarding NEC Resolution number 5 regarding the word (stepson). PNC Bible stated that stepsons are not eligible to be members of the Sons of The American Legion. National headquarters is reviewing the issue especially regarding Internal Revenue Service regulations.

The submission of squadron officers reports was discussed as approximately two thirds of the SAL squadrons in Minnesota have not submitted the form. It was stated that the district commanders need to take the initiative to secure the reports. If the department does not have the information for squadron adjutants, they do not receive any of the information regarding the squadron.

There being no further business, the closing ceremonies were conducted and the meeting was adjourned at 5:45PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Dennis J Henkemeyer

Detachment Adjutant

The Fall Conference Finance Committee Meeting of the Sons of The American Legion was called to order by Finance Chairman Dennis Blue at 3:30PM. Opening ceremonies were conducted and roll call was taken. Those in attendance were Detachment Commander David Vulcan, Detachment Adjutant Dennis Henkemeyer, Detachment Finance Officer Bruce Kuiper, Finance Committee Member Casey Lenort, Finance Committee Member Robert Bristo, Finance Committee Member Terry Buraas. Excused: Finance Committee Member Joe Lembcke.

Old Business:

Finance Officer Kuiper gave the final report of the 2018-2019 budget year.

New Business:

Finance Officer Kuiper presented the 2019-2020 year to date budget.

Terry Buraas made a motion to create a budget line item to cover the cost of detachment polo shirts up to a cost not to exceed \$1,200.00. The motion was seconded by Casey Lenort and said motion carried.

Finance Officer Kuiper presented the guideline procedures for submitting expense vouchers.

Finance Chairman Dennis Blue announced that The American Legion National Executive Committee approved the national dues increase at the meeting assembled in Indianapolis IN on 16-17 October 2019. The dues increase of \$3.00 will take place in 2020 with the 2021 membership year.

Discussion took place regarding possible disbursements from the finance surplus. Ideas included scholarships for Boys State participants, oratorical contest participants, shooting sports participants and other children and youth programs.

A motion was made by Bruce Kuiper that effective immediately the PUFL applications will be sent directly to department headquarters for processing. The motion was seconded by Lou Michaels and the motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Dennis J Henkemeyer

Detachment Adjutant