District Chairman

This year the Units will be sending their Annual Reports directly to the District Chairman. Unit reports are due to the District Chairman on or before **April 15th**, **2025**. The District Chairman must have their report to the Department Chairman on or before **April 30th**, **2025**.

Included in this mailing are the following:
District Annual Reports (program specific)
Unit Annual Report (program specific)
Certificates of Merit Recommendation Form

District Annual Report Form

District Chairman are to fill this form out completely and mail/email to the Department Chairman. The Department Chairman's contact information is at the bottom of the form. Keep a copy of what you submit to the Department Chairman.

Unit Annual Report

This is for your reference only.

GUIDELINES FOR SELECTING CERTIFICATE OF MERIT WINNERS

Americanism
Auxiliary Emergency Fund
Children and Youth
Community Service

Education
History (both Senior and Junior)

Junior Activities Leadership Legislative

National Security

Past Presidents Parley

Poppy

Public Relations

Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation

Each District Chairman of the programs listed above should send a list of **recommendations** for consideration to the Department Chairman. Include copies of the Annual Reports for the Units that have been recommended. Due to Department Chairman **April 30, 2025**.

Certificates of Merit will be awarded to those Units with **OUTSTANDING PROGRAMS**. If you have any questions regarding this, please contact the Department Office.

HISTORIAN (only): Please use the following Junior membership categories for Certificates of Merit when judging the **Junior** History reports.

- 1. Junior History report membership categories:
 - a. Up to 10 certificates to Junior groups with membership of 1-15.
 - b. Up to 10 certificates to Junior groups with membership of 16-30.
 - c. Up to 10 certificates to Junior groups with membership of 31-45.
 - d. Up to 10 certificates to Junior groups with membership of 46 and up.
 - e. Up to 5 additional certificates, if warranted, regardless of Junior membership classification. These 5 regardless of Junior membership are not mandatory and are selected by you only if you feel there are additional Junior groups that should receive a Certificate of Merit, over and above the 10 you have already selected in that membership category.
- 2. Recommendations due to the Department Chairman on or before **April 30th.** Include copies of the Junior History for the Units that have been recommended.

American Legion Auxiliary A Community of Volunteers Serving Veterans, Military, and their Families



January 3, 2025

DATE:

FRO	M:	Christie Avar	nt, Department S	Secretary					
TO:		District Chair	rmen						
RE:		Certificates of Merit Recommendation							
Plea rece	ise rem	ember the Decognition fo	lowing form and epartment Chair r their efforts in rt with this form	rman will on your progra	ly award Cer m. For the U	tificates of Me Inits you are r	erit to the	e Units deser nding, send t	ving of .
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Nan	ne of C	hairman						District	
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	Numb		Location		Number		ation		
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Unit	ts (rega	rdless of me	mbership – up to	only 2 in th	nis category)				
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Department of Minnesota 2024-2025 District Annual Report Form Americanism

Dis	trict	# # of Units in District # of Units in District Reporting						
Dis	trict	Americanism Chairman's Name						
1.	Did Units participate in Americanism programs at school? How many?							
2.	Did	Did Units participate in any Flag Education program this year? Total Programs						
3.	Did Units distribute Flags this year? Total Number of flags? Cost?							
4.	Did Units participate in Veterans Day? How many? How did they participate?							
5.	Did	Units participate in Memorial Day programs? Total Number of Services						
6.	Dic	Did Units participate in any other Holiday or community events?Total #						
	Wh	nat events?						
	We	re members wearing ALA Branding?						
7.	Dic	Did Units participate in our youth programs?						
	a.	a. National Essay Contest						
	b.	b. Girl Scouts						
	c.	Junior Activities						
8.	Dic	Did Units participate in The American Legion Programs?						
	a.	Oratorical Contest d. Junior Shooting Sports						
7	b.	American Legion Baseball e. Post Home or SAL programs						
	c.	TAL Girls Softball f. Blue Star Banner Program						
9.	Nu	mber of Flags presented to schools, organizations, etc Cost? Hours?						
10	. Dio	Did Units promote Americanism any other way that you would like to share with other						
	Un	its?						
	То	tal number of hours volunteeredTotal money donated/spent						
		Mail completed report to the Department Americanism Chairman,						

Mail completed report to the Department Americanism Chairman, Kollett Kaehlert, 1943 Sheridan Court, North Mankato, MN 56003 kkaehlertaux@gmail.com



Department of Minnesota 2024-2025 District Annual Report Form Auxiliary Emergency Fund

District	District # # of Units in District # of Units in District Reporting					
District	t AEF Chairman's Name					
1.	Did your District host an event to raise funds for the					
2.	Describe what kind of event your District hosted o held:	r				
3.	Amount raised \$					
4.	List of American Legion Family members who have	made personal donations:				
	Name:	\$'s donated				
	Name:					
	Name:					
5.	Did any Junior's participate?	\$'s donated				
	Yes No					
6.	What did they do?	How many Junior's participated?				
7.	7. Add any additional information on a separate sheet of paper. Please do not list names of					

Mail completed report to the Department AEF Chairman, Brandi Christensen, 15780 30th Street, Watertown, MN 55388 brandichristensen21@gmail.com

any member receiving assistance from AEF (due to privacy issues).



Department of Minnesota 2024-2025 District Annual Report Form Children and Youth

District #	# of Units	in District	strict # of Units in District Reporting		
District Children and Y	outh Chair	man's Name			
		Amount Sport or F	Namatiana .	Valuation House	
Youth Hero Awards		Amount Spent or D	Jonations	Volunteer Hours	
Good Deed Awards					
Kids of Deployed are Her	oes 2				
Children & Youth Month					
Purple Up for Military Kid	ds				
Supported Homeless Vet Children	erans				
Temporary Financial Assi	stance				
Halloween Safety					
Other Child Safety Events	s				
Missing Children					
D.A.R.E. Drug and Alcoho	ol -				
Youth Suicide Prevention	1				
American Legion Child W Foundation	/elfare				
Legionville					
National Family Week					
Children Activity Bags for VAMC	r St. Cloud		ė.	,	
Military Children's Table					
Boys and Girls Clubs of A	merica				
Tragedy Assistance Progr Survivors	ram for	,	£	,	
Big Brothers Big Sisters					
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Department of Minnesota 2024-2025 District Annual Report Form Children and Youth

Did Units in your District set up a Military Children Tables with an explanation of the items on the table?
How many Youth Hero Awards did your District give out?
How many Good Deed Awards did your District give out?
What activities did your District host for Children and Youth in your communities?

Mail completed report to the Department Children & Youth Chairman, Anne Steffen, 3018 127th Lane NW, Coon Rapids, MN 55448 annesteffen320@gmail.com



Department of Minnesota 2024-2025 District Annual Report Form Community Service

District # # of Units in District # of Units in District Reporting						
District Community Service Chairman's Name						
District Community Service Chairman's Name						
What Community Service projects did <u>individual members</u> of your District participate in to promote community awareness of the ALA and who was served by these activities/projects?						
What was the total number of hours volunteered by individual members?						
What was the total amount of money spent/donated by individual members? What was the total number of miles driven by individual members when volunteering?						
What Community Service projects did <u>Units</u> in your District organize and/or participate in to promote community awareness of the ALA and who was served by these activities/projects?						
Did <u>Units</u> in your District organize and/or participate in any of the ALA suggested days of service and who was served by these activities/projects? (9/11 National Day of Service, Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service, etc.)						
Did <u>Units</u> in your District partner with organizations in their communities on projects?						
What was the total number of hours volunteered by Units? What was the total amount of money spent/donated by Units? Was Auxiliary apparel worn while representing the ALA as an individual or as a Unit?						
Please use additional sheets to record your District's activities/projects as needed.						

Mail or email to Dept of MN Community Service Chairman, Becky Olson, 3610 90th Avenue N, Moorhead, MN 56560 rgilberyo21@gmail.com



Department of Minnesota 2024-2025 District Annual Report Form Constitution & Standing Rules

Distric	t# # of Units in District # of Units in Distr	ict Rep	orting		
Distric	t Constitution & Standing Rules Chairman's Name				_
1.	Does your Unit have a Constitution & Standing Rules Chairman?	Yes		No .	
2.	Does your Unit have a Parliamentarian?	Yes		No .	
	Is it the same person?	Yes		No .	
3.	Does your Unit have Standing Rules?	Yes		No .	
4.	Did your Unit review their Standing Rules this year?	Yes		No .	
5.	Were your Standing Rules sent to the Department office this year?	Yes		No	
6.	Does your Unit have a copy of the National Constitution & Bylaws'	? Yes		No	
7.	Does your Unit recite the Preamble to the American Legion Consti	tution a	t each me	eting?	
		Yes		No .	
8.	Did your Unit write a resolution this year?	Yes		No .	
9.	In what way did you use the suggestions in the Unit Guide and Ma	ilings d	uring the y	ear to	
	encourage members to become more familiar with Parliamentary	orocedu	re or the C	Constitu	tion and
	Bylaws of the American Legion Auxiliary? (Please use the following	g space	e/back of t	he page	e or you
	may attach a page with the information.)				

Mail completed report to the Department Constitution & Standing Rules Chairman, Marsha Bible, 5602 West Oakes Drive, St Cloud, MN 56303 marsha.bible@gmail.com



Department of Minnesota 2024-2025 District Annual Report Form

Education

District # # of Units in District # of Units in District Reporting
District Education Chairman's Name
1. Please list your Units participation with Scholarships and funds spent on other Education Resources. Scholarship # of Applications Submitted National President's Scholarship Spirit of Youth Junior Scholarship Non-Traditional Student Scholarship Junior Auxiliary Loyalty Scholarship Department of Minnesota Scholarship American Legion Legacy Scholarship Other Scholarship Funds Other Resources distributed, please specify and list #'s and/or value
2. Education Program Unit participation: Literacy programs: # Hours \$ Spent Give 10 to Education: Value # of Schools Served Describe Unit activities completed in the area of "Give 10 to Education:"
Classroom Reading Program: Hrs # of Schools Served Assistance to a needy student: Hrs # of Schools Served # of military children served: Clothing Donated Value \$ Box Tops for Education: Value # of Schools Served 3. Did your Units participate in Veterans in Community Schools? Yes No # of Volunteer Hours # of Schools Served \$ Spent
Describe how Veterans in Community Schools programs were presented:
4. Did your Units support Veterans pursuing Higher/Vocational Education? Yes No If Yes, please describe: Did your Units support or collaborate on American Legion Programs: # Schools Served # Vol. Hrs. Amt. Donation/value American Education Week Oratorical Contest # of Outstanding Schools awarded Citations # of Outstanding Students awarded Citations If your Units actively supported Veterans associations on campus, please describe:
5. If your Units actively supported Veterans associations on campus, please describe:

On the back or separate paper, please describe any additional activities completed by your Units in this program including activities to promote lifelong learning by your Units members. Please attach a "Give 10 to Education" form.

All entries are to be sent to the Department Education Chairman, Sharon Voltz, 828 NE 1st Ave, Grand Rapids, MN 55744 sharon.voltz63@gmail.com



Department of Minnesota 2024-2025 District Annual Report Form Girls State

District # # of Units in District # of Units in District Reporting					
istrict Girl State Chairman's Name					
How many Units participate in Girls State 2023? Number of Schools represented by your District for Girls State 2023: Number of Girls Sponsored: Registration Fee per girl. Amount Units paid \$ Amount Legions paid \$ Amount SALs paid \$ Amount Others paid \$ How many Units gave students money to purchase souvenirs? Yes No Monetary Donations over and above registration fee(s). \$ How did your Units raise funds to support the Girls State program?					
Did your Units require an application from interested students? Yes No Did your Units interview and make the final selection of citizen? Yes No If not, who made the decision? Did your Units or District hold an informational meeting for interested students and their parents? Yes No How many hours did your members volunteer for the Girls State program? How did your Units or District increase awareness of the ALA Minnesota Girls State Program?					
Did your Units or District utilize social media for the Girls State program? (explain)					
Comments: (can be attached or written on the back of form).					

Mail completed report to the Department Girl State Chairman, Wanda Prescher, 3321 Vista View Court SW, Rochester, MN 55902 w.prescher1951@gmail.com



Department of Minnesota 2024-2025 District Annual Report Form History

District #	# of Units in District	# of Units in District Reporting			
District Historian's Name					
How many units repo	rted on unit's history?				
How many units repo	rted a junior unit's history?	-			
How many units parti	cipated in the Veterans History Pr	roject?			
What are some event	s that stood out in Unit Histories?				
Please share methods you used to promote the importance of keeping a thorough and complete record of activities and accomplishment in your district this year.					
How else was the History program promoted this year?					



Department of Minnesota 2024-2025 District Annual Report Form Leadership

District # # of Units in District # of Units in District Reporting
District Leadership Chairman's Name
How Units reported members attending Department/District leadership workshop?
Did Members from your District attend National Mission Training? Yes or no If so, how many members went?
Did your District promote the American Legion Auxiliary Academy classes. Yes or no How many members did the online ALA Academy?
What courses were completed?
(include all courses that were completed. Use back of this page if necessary)
How many Units submitted a candidate for Unit Member of the Year?
How many members attended the following?
1. Breakout sessions at the 2023-24 Convention
2. How many attended the Mid-Winter
3. How many attended other District Meetings
4. How many members attended Fall Conference
Did Unit members do anything special to enhance the leadership program (e.g. additional training and what were the topics)? If so, please explain

Mail completed report to the Department Leadership Chairman, Carol Kottom, 1909 Goldfinch Dr, Buffalo, MN 55323 ckakottom@gmail.com



Department of Minnesota 2024-2025 District Annual Report Form Legislation

District Number	District Chairman's Name						
# of Units in District	# of Units Reporting						
How many units visited priorities?	I the American Legion's Legislative website to keep current on legislative						
How many unit member	ers subscribed to the American Legion's legislative action alerts?						
How many units downl members?	oaded and reviewed the American Legion Auxiliary Advocacy Guide with						
How many units hosted a meet the candidate night in their community? What did they do?							
	ded the 2024 Veterans Day on the Hill?						
How many mer	mbers attended?						
How many mer	mbers meet with a representative while at an event?						
How many rep	many representatives were met?						
How many members c	ontacted representatives this year?						
Who was contacted?							
How many were conta	acted by:PhoneEmailLetterIn person						
How many hea	ard from the representative?						
How many fille	ed out a congressional contact report form for a meeting?						
How many units did an event or educated members in January for Legislation month?							
What did they do?							
How else was the Legi	slation program promoted this year?						

Mail completed form to the Department Legislative Chairman, Linda Kelly, 17670 511th Street, Pine Island, MN 55963 Ikkauxiliary@gmail.com



Department of Minnesota 2024-2025 District Annual Report Form Junior Activities

District #	# of Units in District	# of Units in District Reporting
District Junior A	ctivities Chairman's Name	
Number of units	with organized Junior groups this yea	r?
	with unorganized Junior group but sti	
	r members attended the Junior Meeti	
	attend Junior Meetings?	
	encouraged Junior members to attended	d Senior meetings?
	encouraged Junior members to volun	
		nis year? By how many?
	acknowledged Junior members who r	
	r members graduated to Senior meml	
How many Junior	s acknowledge these Junior members	s?
How did the unit	s acknowledge triese Junior members	
	rs participated in the ALA Academy Tr	
	rs participated in Junior Member of th	
How many Junior	rs participated in the VA Student Volu	inteer Program? How many hours?
How many Junio	rs worked on the Patch Program?	How many patches were earned?
		en of Warriors National Presidents Scholarship?
How?		
	made any donations this year?	How much?
How many hours	did Juniors volunteer this year?	_
	teer hours were spent in direct service	
What service pro	pjects did Juniors participate in? (Prov	ride details)
How many lunio	rs attended your District Junior Confe	prence?
	rs attended the Department Junior Come	
	rs attended the Junior Fun Weekend	
	rs attended their District Junior Fun D	
	rs attended the National Junior Meet	
	did they find informative and fun in th	
	nu they find informative and full in th	Comercines and Meetings above:
Please include a	ny other information that you would	d like to share including photos. Attach additional shee
if necessary.		

Mail completed report to the Department Junior Activities Chairman, Jean Walker, 426 E Ross Avenue, Warren, MN 56762 jmwalker1992@hotmail.com



Department of Minnesota 2024-2025 District Annual Report Form Memorial

District # # of Units in District	# of Units in District Reporting
District Chaplain's Name	
Number of deceased member in your Units:	: Seniors Juniors
Gold Star Mothers	Charter Members
of the Charter, etc?) Please explain:	to honor deceased members (Memorial Service, Draping
\$? Please explain and include total dollar amount:
meetings & events; visit sick & shut in members	al Program? Please explain: (Suggestions: offer prayer at s; sent cards & letters to sick & bereaved members of the special occasions & for our military personnel & their & SAL for Memorial Day, etc.)
Please continue on additional page if needed.	

Mail completed report to the Department Chaplain, Vida Bacon, 110 N Payne Street, New Ulm, MN 56073



Department of Minnesota 2024-2025 District Annual Report Form National Security

District	# # of Units in District # of Units in District Reporting
District	Chairman's Name
Please	check all that your Unit participated in:
1.	How many Units support active-duty military families by working with an installation Family Readiness Group (FRG). Contact the Family Readiness Center on your nearby military installation for more information.
The U.	S. Navy is known as <u>Family Readiness Group</u> , or (FRG)
	S. Army FRG = the Soldier and Family Readiness Group, or SFRG
	S. Air Force = the Key Spouse Program
	S. Marine Corps = the Family Readiness Program
	ast Guard = the Work-Life Program
	eparate piece of paper, share the FRG activities you checked above.
2.	How many Units collaborate with other like-minded organizations that also support
	servicemembers and their families: (Donate to or volunteer with.)
Armed	Forces YMCA Food Pantries Quilts of Valor Foundation
Taking	Care of People (defense.gov) Blue Star Families
USO _	
On a s	eparate piece of paper, share your Unit's collaborations your checked above.
3.	How many applications for "Salute to Servicemembers Award" did your District submit?
4.	Did your Units use the DPAA (Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency) site? Explain what your Units used it for on a separate piece of paper.
5.	What did your Units do to promote the "Be The One" initiative – be the one to save one. How did you destigmatize getting help for those with suicidal thoughts. On a separate piece of paper, share your Unit's activities.
6.	Does your District have a POW/MIA or Missing Man table displayed? How many Units in your District have a display?



Department of Minnesota 2024-2025 District Annual Report Form Past Presidents Parley

Distri	ct ## of Units in District# of Units in District Reporting		
Distri	ct Past Presidents Parley Chairman's Name		
1. 2.			
3			
3.	,,		
	Total amount donated		
4.	How many Units submitted an application (s) for the Past Presidents Parley Health Care		
	Scholarship? How many applications?		
5.	How many Units recognized female Veterans or assisted them throughout the year?		
	Explain what and how		
6	How many Presidents Parleys sponsored or did something as a Parley?What?		
7.	How many Units' Past President members were active in their Units?		
	Tell their story on the back of this form.		

All entries are to be sent to the Department Past Presidents Parley Chairman. Shirley Frederick, 3271 1st St NW, Hackensack, MN 56452



Department of Minnesota 2024-2025 District Annual Report Form Poppy

District # # of Units in District # of Units in District Reporting			
District Poppy Chairman's Name			
Number of large poppies ordered in your District			
Number of small poppies ordered in your District			
3. Was this an increase over last year? Yes No			
Number of Units that displayed Poppy cards			
Number of Units that sponsored a Little Miss Poppy contest			
Number of Units that sponsored a Poppy Poster contest			
Number of Units that presented a poppy to elected officials			
8. What were the total donations received in your district from their poppy drive this year?			
9. How many members of the Legion family assisted with your Poppy drives in your district?			
How did Units promote the Poppy program and increase revenue?			
What did Units do to educate your community on the meaning and history of the poppy?			
How many Units celebrated National Poppy Day?			
What did units in your district do to help in the increase of Poppy Makers in your community? Wha did they do?			

Send completed report to the Department Poppy Chairman, Lorinda Kies, 2177 Arnold Palmer Dr. Blaine, MN 55449 Ikies38@comcast.net



Department of Minnesota

2024-2025 District Annual Report Form **Public Relations**

Newsletter: How many Units have Joint Publication with	a newsletter?Post?	E-Bulletin? [ne to business/facility in their
community?		o the Maximary magazin	ie to ousiness/tacinty in their
Social Media:			
	How many Units have any of the following?	How many are new this year?	
Website			
Facebook Page			
YouTube Account			
"X" (Twitter)			
Account			
Instagram Account			
# of times via How many times did Units send? How many Units utilized	print? television/cable? radio? Units meet with repo ze any of the resource	orters? How man	y letters of appreciation did ional website? fforts:
Brand Loyalty: How did the Unit men community?	nbers work to build	the image of the Ameri	can Legion Auxiliary in their

Mail completed report to the Department Public Relations Chairman, Cari Lamb, 3217 19th Ave S, Apt 1, Minneapolis, MN 55407 crlamb74@gmail.com



Department of Minnesota 2024-2025 District Annual Report Form Risk and Compliance

District #	# of Units in District	# of Units in	District Reporting
District Treasurer's N	lame		
How many units hav	e a checking/savings account? _		_
How many signatures do the Units require on checks?			
1	2	3	Not Sure
How many Units con	nplete an annual audit?		
How many Units file	d their annual 990?		



Department of Minnesota 2024-2025 District Annual Report Form **VA&R**

District	Chairman's Name _	Number of Units
Su	ipport veteran caregiv	vers, family members and survivors
How did your units support veteran caregivers, family members, and survivors?		
How many members volu: Total number of dollars sp		How many hours were volunteered? Total value of in-kind donations?
Auxiliary membe	rs as VA Voluntary Ser	rvice (VAVS) volunteers at VA health care facilities
How many members did y	our district recruit fo	or VAVS?
-		AVS? How many hours did they volunteer?
Support reh	abilitation and healing	g of veterans through arts, crafts, and hobbies.
Did your units donate iten	ns for the rehabilitation	on of veterans? Yes No
Total number of dollars? _		Total value of in-kind donations?
Did your units participate	or volunteer at local	Creative Arts Festivals? Yes No
Did your units donate fund	ds to local Creative Ar	rts Festivals? 🗌 Yes 🔲 No
Total number of dollars sp	oent?	Total value of in-kind donations?
Did your unit sponsor and Total number of dollars sp		ran's home or VA Health Care System? Total value of in-kind donations?
Find opport	unities for Auxiliary m	nembers to serve veterans in your community
Did your units adopt a vet	eran this year? 🗌 Yes	s No
How many unit members	participated?	How many hours did they volunteer?
Total number of dollars?_		Total value of in-kind donations?
Did your units participate	in a Minnesota Stand	d Down program? 🗌 Yes 🗌 No
How many unit members	participated?	How many hours did they volunteer?
Total number of dollars?		Total value of in-kind donations?

Volunteer with partner organizations

Did your units participate in Wreaths Across	America? Yes No
How many members volunteered?	How many hours were volunteered?
Total number of dollars spent?	Total value of in-kind donations?
Did your units participate in an Honor Flight	? 🗌 Yes 🔲 No
How many members volunteered?	How many hours were volunteered?
Total number of dollars spent?	Total value of in-kind donations?
	llars, and in-kind donations made not listed above lealth Care systems, nursing homes, community, etc.)
Total number of hours unit members hours f	or VA&R:
Total number of dollars spent for VA&R:	
Total value of in-kind donations for VA& R: _	
PLEASE include a narrative to include addition did to work the Veterans Affairs & Rehabilita	onal information about events, projects, etc. that your units ation program.

Mail this completed report Department VA&R Chairman Robin Dorf PO Box 1236, Monticello MN 55362

Please include unit reports and essays to review for certificates of merit.