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# Thank you to all the volunteers who helped make the National Convention a success!

## **Commander Mark Barthel**

Welcome members of Mpls-Richfield Post #435 to my 2nd newsletter as your Post Commander. Here we are already and it's the middle of September at the time of this writing. By now, even the latest starting public & private schools and college age students should now be back in the classrooms! As is always stated, "where did our summer go?" I hope all is well with our American Legion family as we prepare to move into the fall of 2018.

Happy Birthday to our United States Air Force. They are 71 years old as of September 18th.

We completed the month of August 2018 with our home Post being active in hosting of American Legion Department parties and events, which coincided with the 100th American Legion Convention. Our entire staff did a fantastic job in providing great service to the guests that had parties at the legion club. I received many compliments from them and have passed them on to the staff. Outstanding work was done by all. In addition to the paid staff, we had an excellent cadre of volunteers from the Legion, Auxiliary and SAL, during the convention period. Those volunteers really came through on the day we had the Four Corners party (8/27). Their efforts went a long way in seeing that all of the guests at our Post home that day, had a positive experience at Post #435! The American Legion family for Post #435 can be very proud in how we represented ourselves. Thank you one and all.

Now to get on with the 2018-2019 American Legion year. Membership rallies with turn ins has been already occurring. Membership for the 2019 year is coming in strong and Terry Hanson is working hard at processing it for turn in to the Department on a regular basis. Dues remain at \$50.00 for the year. If you know someone who still may need to turn in for the 2018 year, please encourage him or her to do that too. An active and growing membership is the lifeblood for the American Legion. We are always looking for ways to tap into that current generation of veterans to encourage them to join our ranks.

Our next general membership meeting is Tuesday, September 25th. The start time for general membership meetings has remained at 7:00 PM. As always, it is the last Tuesday of the month.

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**President  
Jill Davis**

Hello everyone – As I begin writing this article we are coming off a very successful National Convention. I want to thank everyone who stepped up and helped during the National Convention. I want to especially

recognize those Auxiliary members who were around on Mon. Aug. 27<sup>th</sup> for helping with the Four Corners Party and getting the Auditorium cleaned and setup for the Illinois Party that evening. Those individuals include Joanne Davis, Sheri Rhodes, Teri Munson, Cleo Enroth and Kara Barthel. I apologize if I missed anyone!! Your hard work and assistance made the entire Post look great. We heard nothing but compliments about our Post from guests from around the country.

Membership – NOW is the time to pay your 2019 dues. Please note that the dues are now \$30 per year because of an increase by the National Organization. Please see Auxiliary – Where do my Dues go? section to understand where your dues go to help our great organization.

With October upon us we preparing for Omelet Breakfasts to start on Sunday October 21st. We are continuing the tradition started last year of providing an Early Bird Discount. Show your 2019 American Legion, American Legion Auxiliary or Sons of the American Legion membership card and you will receive a \$1 discount off your meal. We look forward to seeing everyone!! Dates for Omelet Breakfast for the next few months are: October 21st, November 18th and December 16th. Come out and enjoy a filling breakfast and support the Auxiliary!

The Auxiliary Omelet Breakfast will also continue the tradition of having a designated project or charity that tips will go to. The October project will be the X-Men Junior Shooters. You see many of them volunteering during the breakfasts. As of this writing the November project had not been determined.

Our General Membership meetings are held the last Tuesday of the month. The meeting dates for the next couple of months are: Tues. October 30th and Tues. November 27th.

Looking further out, we will be hosting a Blood Drive on Monday December 17th noon to 6pm.

Until next time, God Bless America and our Troops!

One of my goals as your Unit President is to educate so that everyone has a better understanding our organization.

Here is the breakdown of where your \$30 annual dues go

- Auxiliary National Organization - \$12
- Auxiliary Department Organization: \$9
  - American Legion Family Hospital Association: \$.25
  - National VA & R - \$.15
  - Department National Candidates' fund - \$.20
  - Junior Conference Fund - \$.05
  - General Operations - \$8.35

5th District - \$1

Unit 435

Membership processing: Postage plus printing costs – estimated at \$.75  
This leaves \$7.25 that stays with the Unit to support our many programs.

Meal Service at the Community Resource and Referral Center. We will serve meals to homeless and transitional veterans at the Center located at 1201 Harmon Place in Minneapolis. We are committed to serving a Thanksgiving meal on Mon. Nov. 19th starting at 11am. We are also serving a Christmas meal Mon. Dec. 17th starting at 11am. Volunteers may be needed prior to 11am to assist with meal preparation. Please contact Cathy Ritter at 612-825-0910 for more details.



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Jill Davis

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Penny Becker

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Sherry Morris

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Bingo at the Veterans Home will be on Wed. Nov. 14th and on Weds. Dec. 12th. Please arrive at the Veterans Home no later than 6:45pm. We should be done shortly after 8pm.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
BARGO at 10 Happy Hour 3-6 Kitchen open 11 - 5 Music at 3	Happy Hour 3-6 Kitchen open 3-7 Meat Raffle 5-7 BARGO 5-7:30 Music 7:30	Happy Hour All Day Kitchen open 11-1:45, 5-7 Taco Tues Music at 5, Kaoraoke at 8	Happy Hour 3-6 Kitchen open 11-1:45, 5-7 Music at 5	Happy Hour 3-6 Kitchen open 11-1:45, 5-7 BARGO 5-7 Meat Raffle 5-7 Music at 7	Happy Hour 3-6 Kitchen open 11-1:45, 5-8:30 Music at 8:30 AYCE Fish Fry Prime Rib	Happy Hour 3-6 Kitchen open 3-8:30 Music at 8:30 Prime Rib
	<b>Oct 1</b> Band - Willie Murphy	<b>Oct 2</b> Band - Rock Rangers	<b>Oct 3</b> Noon - BOB Total Country Lunch Band -	<b>Oct 4</b> Richfield Toastmasters  Band - Del Counts	<b>Oct 5</b>  Band - Hip Bone	<b>Oct 6</b>  Band - Hip Bone
<b>Oct 7</b> VA Hospital Visitation	<b>Oct 8</b> Band - Willie Murphy	<b>Oct 9</b> CMP 6:30 Gun Club 7:30 Lions meeting Band - Rock Rangers	<b>Oct 10</b> ALR Meeting 7 pm  Band - Nayman Brothers	<b>Oct 11</b> Richfield Toastmasters  Band - Del Counts	<b>Oct 12</b>  Band - Miller Bothers	<b>Oct 13</b> <b>Navy Birthday</b>  Band - Miller Brothers
<b>Oct 14</b>	<b>Oct 15</b> Band -	<b>Oct 16</b> <b>Boss's Day</b> Band - Rock Rangers	<b>Oct 17</b> Noon - BOB Total Country Lunch SAL Meeting 7 pm  Band -	<b>Oct 18</b> Richfield Toastmasters  Band - Del Counts	<b>Oct 19</b>  Band - Brian Naughton	<b>Oct 20</b>  Band - Brian Naughton
<b>Oct 21</b> ALA Omelet Breakfast 8 - Noon	<b>Oct 22</b> Band -	<b>Oct 23</b>  Exec 7 pm Lions meeting Band - Rock Rangers	<b>Oct 24</b>  Band - Nayman Brothers	<b>Oct 25</b> Richfield Toastmasters  Band - Del Counts	<b>Oct 26</b> <b>Fall Conference</b>  Band - Blitz	<b>Oct 27</b> <b>Fall Conference</b>  Band - Blitz
<b>Oct 28</b>	<b>Oct 29</b> Band -	<b>Oct 30</b>  Legion 7 pm ALA 7 pm Band - Rock Rangers	<b>Oct 31</b> <b>Halloween</b> Noon - BOB Total Country Lunch Band -			

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<b>Nov 4</b> <b>Daylight Savings Ends</b> VA Hospital Visitation  Band -	<b>Nov 5</b>  Band - Willie Murphy	<b>Nov 6</b> <b>Election Day</b>  Band - Rock Rangers	<b>Nov 7</b> Assoc Of US ARMY  Band - Pot Luck String Band	<b>Nov 8</b> Richfield Toastmasters  Band - Del Counts	<b>Nov 9</b> <b>USMC Birthday</b>  Band -	<b>Nov 10</b> <b>USMC Birthday</b>  Band -
<b>Nov 11</b> <b>Veterans Day -</b> <b>check website for</b> <b>specials</b>  Band -	<b>Nov 12</b>  Band - Willie Murphy	<b>Nov 13</b> CMP 6:30 pm Gun Club 7:30 pm  Band - Rock Rangers	<b>Nov 14</b> BOB Country All Request Lunch Hour ALR meeting 7 pm Band - Nayman Brothers	<b>Nov 15</b> Richfield Toastmasters  Band - Del Counts	<b>Nov 16</b>  Band - Low Profile	<b>Nov 17</b>  Band - Low Profile
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<b>Nov 25</b>  Band -	<b>Nov 26</b>  Band - Willie Murphy	<b>Nov 27</b> Legion meeting 7 ALA meeting 7  Band - Rock Rangers	<b>Nov 28</b> BOB Country All Request Lunch Hour Band -	<b>Nov 29</b> Richfield Toastmasters  Band - Del Counts	<b>Nov 30</b>  Band - Sub Level 6	



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Nils Hudyma

**First Vice**  
Jim Hanchet

**Second Vice**

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Criag Sorum

**Finance**  
Shawn Davis

**Chaplain**  
Pat Kiehl

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**SAL**  
**Commander**  
**Nils Hudyma**

Greetings from Squadron 435! Well National Convention went well. Thank you to all the volunteers who helped make it a success at our Post and at the Convention Center. The comments heard from all the visiting American Legion family was of a resounding success! Thank you for your help!

Membership is starting to be processed for 2019. If you have not paid your dues, now is the time. It is \$30 for adults, \$10 for minors and dual members for 2019. And remember you can renew your 2018 membership up to December 31. At that time the 2019 membership starts. If anyone is interested in volunteering to help process membership please contact us for assistance.

Also keep you eye open around the Post and on our social media page. The Squadron is working on a surprise event for Veterans Day in honor of the centennial of Armistice Day. More to come.

Fall Conference is coming up on Oct 26th and 27th in Marshall MN. This will be training conference and all are invited. Please let us know if you are interested in attending.

Hope to see you at one of our meetings. Have an enjoyable and safe Halloween and Thanksgiving.



Above: MN SAL Delegates pose in front of the American Legion Centennial Sign. Right: Detachment Commander Shawn Davis addresses the National SAL Convention. Far Right: Jill Davis holds the donation check of \$251,000 to the Legacy Scholarship



**Director**  
**Shawn Davis**

Greetings from Chapter 435! By the time you are reading this there will not be too much riding time left. Keep an eye out on social media and our email chains for if we have any fund runs (weather dependent). We just did one to

Larry's Lookout in Arcadia WI. Nice ride. But with the leaves changing color soon, we will try to have at least one Fall Color Run before winter sets in.

Also think you to all who supported us and donated to the American Legion Legacy Scholarship! The Minnesota American Legion Family donated \$251,000.00 to the scholarship at the National Convention. This was the most turned in by any Department at the convention. Thank you all!

Next years Legacy Run is just beginning to be planned. Information will be shared as it becomes available.

Our Chapter Christmas party is being planned as well. Come to a meeting and find out the details!

Have a great holiday!



**Director**  
Shawn Davis

**Vice**  
Joanne Davis

**Ride Capt**  
Russ Jobe

**Secretary**  
Jill Davis

**Finance**  
Lee Davis

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Commander Mark Barthel continued from Page 1 membership meetings has remained at 7:00 PM. As always, it is the last Tuesday of the month. Please show up and become involved to the fullest that your busy schedule will allow you to.

Our country is in its hurricane season full swing. While locally we won't experience a hurricane, we can still encounter severe storms that can be as large and strong as tornadoes and flooding. When they occur, affected membership has and will continue to reach out to the American Legion National Emergency Fund. I would like to see our post look at ways that we may possibly support the NEF both financially and also for utilizing our facility in the event of a natural disaster. I believe we have a facility that could be a beacon in the community, should disaster come our way. I look forward to discussions on this in the coming months.

A special election for the vacant position of 2nd Vice Commander will be held during the October 2018 general meeting. Currently, Chuck Munson has agreed to be on the ballot. There is time for more people to come forward and be counted. Also, at the October meeting we will be hearing from the 2018 Boys State representatives that our Post and SAL sponsored. They've always represented us well and its great to hear from them on what they learned at their sessions. Join us on October 30th for the meeting at 7:00 PM.

Post #435 pin and challenge coin sales have been strong, especially during the convention. Our brand will be "out there" for a long time to come with these items. If you still need yours, we have both. Show your spirit and get one or both as soon as possible. If we need more of them, they will be ordered.

Lastly, our clubrooms and lounge continue to be very busy with bookings, parties and guests. If you need to line up a rental, see our club manager, Richard Hervieux. He'll work with you to get your needs & requirements taken care of for that memorable event.

Mark Barthel  
Post #435 Commander  
Richfield, MN

**Did You Know?**  
By the time of the 1st National Convention in Minneapolis, the eight-month-old organization already had more than 684,000 members.

**Did You Know?**  
Minneapolis was awarded the 1st National Convention because it was "composed of patriotic, 100 percent loyal Americans."

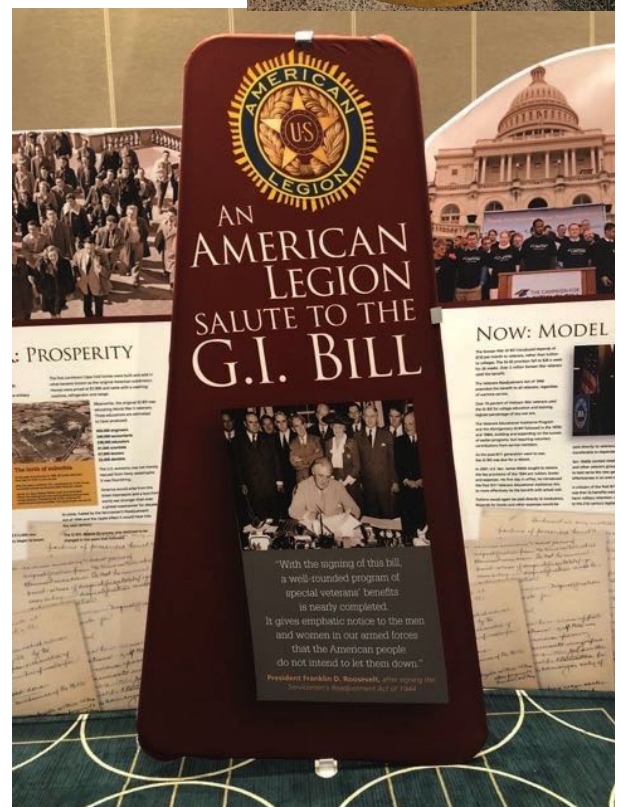
**Did You Know?**  
The 1st American Legion National Convention in Minneapolis called for "full rights of citizenship" for native Americans who served honorably in the Great War.



Left top: The Department of ND band entertains guests in the Auditorium.



Left bottom: The auditorium was packed with American Legion Family members at the 4 Corners Party.



Right top: Decals with American Legion History.

Right bottom: Exhibits at the Convention Center included a salute to the GI Bill.

## NEW TEXT SERVICE FOR MINNEAPOLIS-RICHFIELD POST 435

American Legion Post 435 Family is trying a new tool to communicate with members. A text service. Simply sign up for the text topics you want to follow. Message and data rates may apply. Text Help for help. Text Stop to cancel at any time.

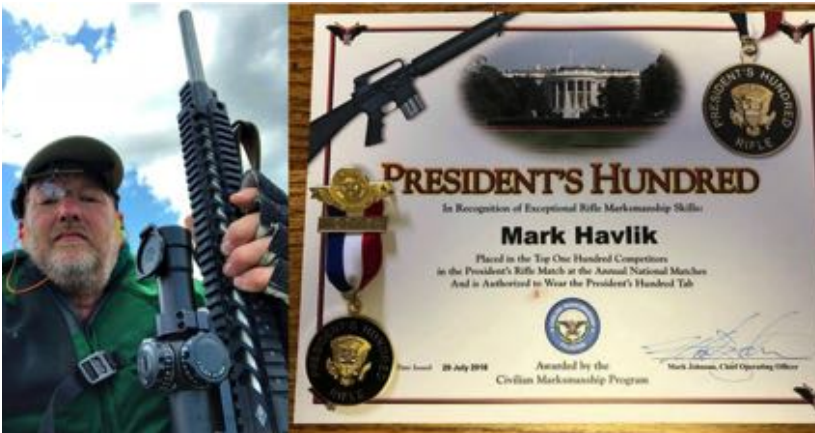
Text OMELET435 to 84483 to receive Omelet Breakfast information

Text LEGION435 to 84483 to receive information about American Legion Post 435

Text AUX435 to 84483 to receive information about American Legion Auxiliary Unit 435

Text SAL435 to 84483 to receive information about the Sons of the American Legion Squad 435

Text ALR435 to 84483 to receive Chapter 435 American Legion Riders information



Left: The Presidents 100 Award and Mark Havlik at Camp Perry.

This summer I was honored to represent Post 435 and the state of Minnesota at the US National Rifle Matches which are held annually at Camp Perry in Ohio.

For those who don't know, Camp Perry is a Ohio National Guard base established in 1906. It was named in honor of Commodore Oliver Hazard Perry, the commander of the victorious American forces who defeated the British in the Battle of Lake Erie in 1813. The National Matches were established in 1903 and have been held annually at Camp Perry since 1907.

The National Matches are a series of Small Arms Firing Schools (SAFS), National Trophy Matches and CMP (Civilian Marksmanship Program) Games Matches. Some of the best competitive shooters, both military and civilian, from all over the world make the pilgrimage every year to compete.

The most prestigious trophy match is the President's Rifle Match. It was first fired in 1878 and was incorporated into the National Match program in 1903 when the National Matches were established. This 30 shot match consists of 3 stages. 10 shots fired from the standing position at 200 yards, 10 shots fired in 70 seconds from a prone position at 300 yards and finally 10 shots fired from a prone position at 600 yards. This year there were 1,073 entrants.

The shooters finishing in the top 100 places make the cut to become the "President's Hundred". As you can imagine there is fierce competition for this highly sought after award.

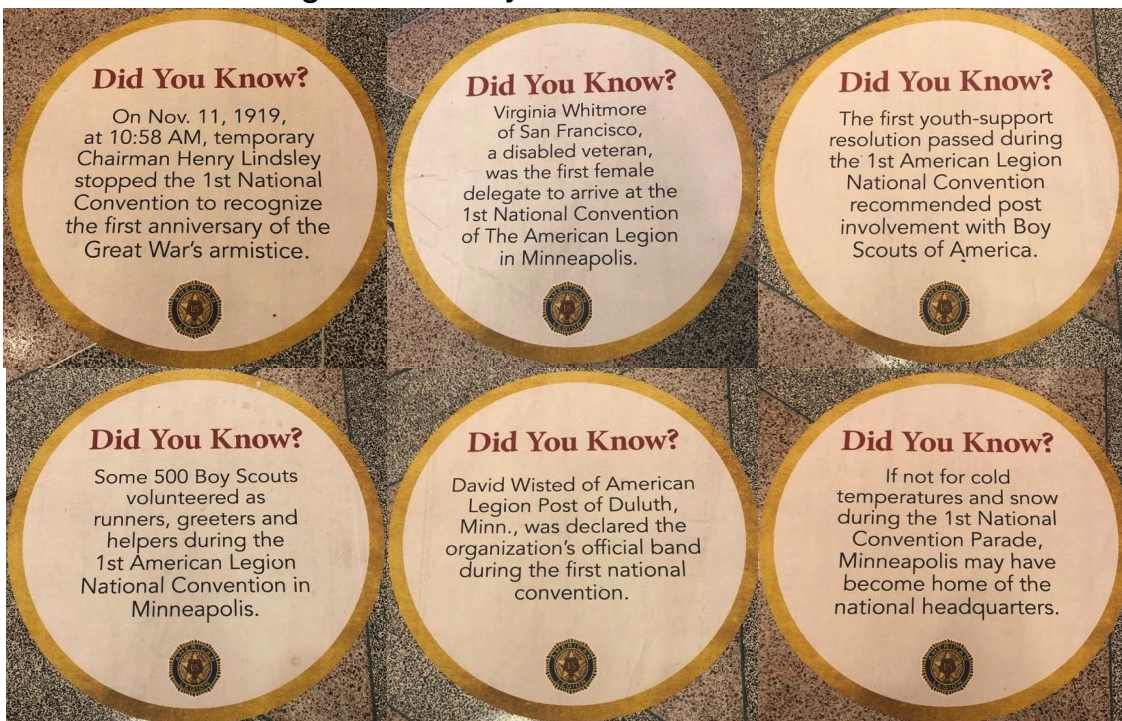
While I've shot this match for years, I've always found a way to take myself out of competition. This was the first year I managed to put 3 solid stages together, only dropping 8 points over the course of the match, placing me in 48th place overall and earning my first President's Hundred honor.

I feel blessed to be counted among the finest group of patriots and my Post 435 family members.

Mark Havlik  
Post 435 Gun Club  
Post 435 CMP Club

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**TIME TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP FOR 2019!** The goal is to have 100% renewal by January 1, 2019! The American Legion = \$50  
The American Legion Auxiliary \$30                      The Sons of The American Legion \$30



Signs and decals were placed around the convention center noting the history of The American Legion. More pictures inside.