



## Department of Minnesota September 2025 Unit Mailing Membership

Hello, I am Kollett Kaehlert your 2025-2026 Department Membership Chairman. I am from Mankato Unit 11 in the Second District and have been an Auxiliary member for 43 years. If you would like to reach me my email is [kkaehlertaux@gmail.com](mailto:kkaehlertaux@gmail.com).

Our great country turns 250 years old on July 4, 20026 and we are going to celebrate all year long with our members. We will be bringing together our current members, past members and of course new members. The goal is to get to 100%. Where do I look, who do I ask, and how do I get members to sign up? All excellent questions. We need to look in everyday places that you may not have thought to look at before. The best line when you are meeting someone new is "Do you have anyone in your family who has or is serving in the military? Start the conversation. Tell them about the great programs we work and how we support our Veterans. If you had someone that was eligible at one time but wasn't ready to join, try asking them again, maybe things have changed in their life. Remember to ASK!

### Department Goal Awards

50%	October 25, 2025	Fall Conference – St Cloud
75%	December 6, 2025	Pearl Harbor Rally - Buffalo
85%	March 14, 2026	Appreciation Rally - Bloomington
95%	May 23, 2026	National Poppy Day

I am excited to see us work together in Legion Family style as we gain new members. We can do this! I am looking forward to being able to encourage and motivate the members! Let's have a FUN year as we play together! There will be a lottery drawing at each of the Rally's, the Units that have reached the goal for the rally by the end of membership turn in will be placed in the drawing for \$75.00. (One Winner per rally)

I am honored to be your Department of Minnesota Membership Chairman for 2026. I look forward to a successful year with all ten districts and getting to know you all more! Feel free to contact me anytime. I am always open to hearing your ideas and finding ways to make them happen!