



# *Purple Heart*

## 2018 FALL CONFERENCE



The 2018 Fall Conference will be held in Rochester at:

**Rochester VFW Post #1215**  
2775 43rd Street NW  
Rochester, MN

**October 13th, 2018**  
**8:00am**

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More information will be available at a later date on the department web page:  
**[purpleheartmn.org](http://purpleheartmn.org)**

Please direct any questions or concerns to Glenn Boche, 651.455.6801.

# CHAPTER MEETINGS

## **NELS WOLD CHAPTER 5 & UNIT**

Commander David Bild, 651.459.4175

Adj. Glenn Boche 651.455.6801

4th Saturday each month 10:30am at  
South St. Paul VFW 295 except June, July, August  
and December

## **CLAYTON CARMICHAEL CHAPTER 8 & UNIT**

Commander Gordie Sanderson 952.933.0315

Adj. Bill Bull 952.594.2374

2nd Saturday each month at 10:30am at  
Hopkins VFW Post 425 except July and August

## **DULUTH CHAPTER 56**

Commander Brad Bennett 218.727.4589

Adj. John Marshall 218.348.2929

Last Monday of the month at 1pm at  
Black Woods Grill & Bar except for  
December and January

## **MCCOMAS-LUNDE CHAPTER 194 BRAINERD**

Commander Martin Judd 218.821.0640

Adj. AC Jensen 218.927.3055

4th Thursday each month at  
Senior Center in Brainerd

## **TWIN CITY CHAPTER 268 & UNIT RICHFIELD**

Commander David Bellis 952.440.3342

Adj. Bob Connor 651.738.3789

3rd Saturday at 10:30am at  
Richfield VFW Post 5555 except for  
July and August

## **ST CLOUD CHAPTER 308**

Commander Dale Theil 763.389.1613

Adj. Norm Heino 320.274.3837

4th Saturday each month at 10:00am at  
Granite City Food & Brewery

## **ROBERT C ELLSWORTH CHAPTER 745 PERHAM**

Commander Roger Bahls 218.631.4476

Adj. Tim Pigatti 218.732.9557

1st Thursday at 3:00pm March through October at  
Veterans Museum in Perham, MN

## **PRAIRIE LAND DEFENDERS CHAPTER 807 NEW ULM**

Commander Terry Anderson 507.236.4653

Adj. Roy Janni 507.353.2881

1st Saturday of February, April, June, August,  
October and December at  
Best Western Hotel in New Ulm, MN

## **NORTHERN METRO SUBURBS CHAPTER 987 & UNIT**

Commander Steven Ruud 763.753.4268

Adj. Michael Richardson 763.780.3356

2nd Saturday in September through May  
at 10:00am at the VFW Post 1040 in  
Fridley, MN

## **RED WING CHAPTER 1977**

Commander James Noll 651.335.2243

Adj. Alfred Holtan 651.564.0895

1st Wednesday each month at 10:00am at  
National Eagle Center in Wabasha, MN

Contact the Commander if you are attending a  
Chapter meeting first.

## **WINONA CHAPTER 5555**

Commander Richard Holdorf 507.474.4883

Adj. Gordon Nelson 507.450.5792

1st Wednesday of each month at 7:00pm at  
Winona VFW Post 1287

## **LLOYD-SWENSON CHAPTER 7110 ROCHESTER**

Commander Duane Hodge 507.443.4110

Adj. Harry Kerr 507.273.0411

3rd Thursday each month at 6:00pm  
except June, July, and August at  
Rochester VFW Post 1215

## **2018-2019 OFFICERS**

Commander Ryan Sabinish

Sr. Vice Commander Terry Anderson

Jr. Vice Commander David Bellis

Adjutant Glenn Boche

Finance Officer William Bull

Nec Terry Anderson

AltNec David Bellis

Sgt at Arms Stan Broton

Judge Advocate Chuck Jones

Chief of Staff Chaplin Kay Swenson

Welfare Officer Richard Jenkins

Inspector Greg Moon

## **AUXILIARY OFFICERS**

President Sheryl Osburn

Sr. Vice President Lorraine Irmen

Jr. Vice President Miriam Holtan

Secretary Linda Bellis

Treasurer Michelle Steur

Chaplin Cecelia Jenkins

Historian Betty Peck

Sgt at Arms Paula Case

3yr Trustee Mary McCracken

2yr Trustee Maggie Bondurant

1yr Trustee Bonnie Broton

Marshall Parliamentarian Kathy Kinzer

Patriotic Instructor Dianne Hanzal

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# MEET NEW DEPARTMENT COMMANDER RYAN SABINISH

Hello, I'm the new Department Commander for the Minnesota Military Order of the Purple Heart, but more importantly I'm a father of two girls, Ryleigh (7) and Stellah (2).

My adventure in the service started in 2003 in the Army that eventually led me to a 22 month deployment; 16 of those 22 months were in Iraq. During that time, I was wounded by a road side IED, sustaining shrapnel wounds to my arm while I was a 50 cal gunner in a Humvee.

My time with the Military Order of the Purple Heart started in 2013 as its Chapter Senior Vice Commander that led to Chapter Commander, Department Sergeant at Arms, Department Junior Vice Commander, Department Senior Vice Commander and now the first Iraq war veteran Department Commander of any state veteran organization in Minnesota.

I believe the future of the Minnesota Military Order of the Purple Heart needs to be focused on providing activities

and bringing in new members by continuing our free membership for Purple Heart veterans, gold star family members and our associate members, being financially responsible, saving for the future, but also realizing to grow as a veteran organization, we're going to need to spend money to bring in new membership and take care of our Purple Heart veterans in Minnesota that are in need of help.

Chapter Commanders - 45  
Chapter minute rule: no chapter meeting should last more than 45 minutes. I'd rather see you out in the community doing things to raise awareness for the Military Order of the Purple Heart than sitting in a meeting. Have your city become a Purple Heart Community Resource! - This can be found on [mnpurpleheart.org](http://mnpurpleheart.org). The department will even give you two free Purple Heart



Ryan Sabinish with his two daughters Ryleigh & Stellah

Community road signs and we have an American as an officer to help support you through this process.

Reminder: Department Convention is October 13th at the Rochester VFW Post 1215 at 8:00a.m. This is mandatory to attend for all Chapter Commanders. If you cannot attend, please send a proxy or it will affect your chapter assessment.

I would like to finish by saying thank you to the members of the Minnesota Military Order of the Purple Heart for trusting me as your Department Commander.



# *For The Good of the Order*



Left:

Department Commander Boche is swearing in the newly elected 2018-2019 Department Officers on May 12th, 2018 at the Department Convention.



Chapter 987 proclaiming the city of Fridley, Minnesota as being a new Purple Heart City in May of this year.



Chapter 8 and Commander Gordie Sanderson proclaiming Hopkins, MN a Purple Heart City.



Commander David Bild, Commander of Chapter 5 and his wife, Jackie at the Cub Store on Viola Drive during Memorial Day this year.

# Special Announcements & Events

**SICK CALL** If you know of anyone sick or hospitalized, contact Adjutant Glenn Boche at 651.455.6801  
Patriot and Past Department Commander Bill Lilledahl is now at St. Therese in New Hope. Keep him in your thoughts and prayers.

**SPECIAL NOTICE** Just a short update for our newsletter about Chapter 807, we will be holding our October meeting on the 1st Saturday, starting at 9:30am at the Ranch Restaurant in Fairmont, MN. We are having a breakfast for all Purple Heart veterans. Chapter 807 will be picking up the bill. There will be a short opening and meeting. We will then open up for discussion and discussion and questions on what we are about.

**SPECIAL EVENTS** Department Fall Conference coming up on October 13th at 8:00am at the VFW Post 1215 in Rochester, MN. Further information will appear on the Department website when received. Contact Adjutant Boche after August for newer updates.

**SPECIAL DEALS** Commander Sabinish has obtained a number of donations for our members. See below for information. First come, first served with stipulations. All of this information was also placed on the Department website in the beginning of August. Contact Adjutant Glenn Boche for further information.

**Twins Tickets:** September 26th, 7:10pm vs the Detroit Tigers, Section 315 - 4 tickets available.

**Chanhassen Dinner Theater:** Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday nights only, pass for 2 people.

**New Ulm Country Golf Club:** 4 Green fees, any time before the snow flies.

**Stage Theater Company:** 4 tickets to the Mainstage productions, no holiday shows or JC Studio space.

**2018 State Fair Tickets:** 12 tickets total, open to all members, limit is 4 per family requests.