



From Department President Sue Vorwald

MID-YEAR REPORT TO UNIT MEMBERS

'*Oceans of Love to Our Veterans*' is the theme I chose this year to surround our love 'from sea to shining sea' around all that we do in our programs and for our veterans. I chose the lobster to represent membership. If you have *Pinched One* new member don't forget to request a '*Pinch One in 2009*' dog tag to show your accomplishment. As of January there have been 250 Pinch One dog tags mailed out. Wisconsin is in 7th place at the National level with 86% of membership turned in.

The National Guard is preparing to deploy 3,500 guardsmen. We should plan to volunteer our services as the need arises. The Wisconsin American Legion Auxiliary will sign a commitment on February 17, 2009 in Madison to the NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT 2008. This is a Community Covenant a "Community Resiliency: A Coordinated Effort" to provide and bridge the gap for Service Members and their Families in Wisconsin.

In collaboration with SGM Michael Wagoner I have submitted the Wisconsin Official Family for a U.S. Army Freedom Team Salute Commendation. This is a Certificate of Appreciation for support of Soldiers fighting the Global War on Terrorism and is proud to recognize the personal sacrifices in preserving the freedom and security of our Nation. All Officers, Chairman and Committee members should receive this certificate in the mail. I hope this certificate signed by General George W. Casey, Jr., United States Army Chief of Staff and Pete Geren, Secretary of the Army be framed and displayed.

District NEWS: 3rd District had a successful merger of Unit #57 and Unit #501. A new Charter was signed for Unit #501 Severson-Cairns. 4th District has been working to organize an Auxiliary Unit for Post #299-Hales Corner. There is discussion of another new unit in 7th District. These are exciting times for this new group of Auxiliary members. We welcome them to our ranks.

Department NEWS: recently grant money was awarded, totaling \$4,224.20 on behalf of the **Auxiliary Emergency Fund**. This is the one program where Auxiliary members help other Auxiliary members. We are proud to help those in need, as one day it could be us. **Children & Youth** have reported \$3,704 donated towards Spinoza Bears and \$1,630 for Heart Pillows. The Children's Miracle Network and Child Welfare Foundation continue to be favorite donation sites. The **Americanism Youth Conference** had three winners. All essay contest rules have been given to each unit. A participant from **Wisconsin Badger Girls State** was 1 of 11 finalists who were awarded the Samsung Scholarship from The Legion National Scholarship Fund. This was a first for our state. **Americanism** has been successful in implementing the "Information Highway" in emails, and direct mailings throughout the department. Three Wisconsin Youths have been recognized with the Youth Hero/Good Deed Awards and the **WISCONSIN** featured an article to promote **National Family Week**.

A whole county of 5th graders visited 'The High Grounds' a Veterans Memorial in Neillsville, what a great cooperative event that other counties could do for their young citizens.

Junior Auxiliary members held their Fall Conference at the V.A. Great Lakes Health Care Center in Tomah. Our "Starfish" reached out their arms and grabbed onto the information that was presented. After I addressed the assembly, our Junior Auxiliary Members participated in a Leadership workshop and discussed their Americanism program. Our Junior units have done such a wonderful job this past year. Here are a few of their accomplishments: making holiday baskets for the homeless and bath salts for local veterans and spouses that reside in nursing homes, they have helped at picnics, marched in parades, attended welcome home and deployment of soldiers (gatherings), prepare tray favors, create posters, worked with the patch program, poppy princess and volunteered in area communities. The Conference concluded with a tour of the facility, presentation of a gift to the Child Welfare piggy bank and several games of Bingo. Next up for our Junior Auxiliary, they will visit Camp American Legion and convene a State Convention.

Thousands of poppies were ordered and our **poppy program** acquired 5 corsages to send to the 2009 Awareness Assembly in Washington, D.C. To show our pride in the symbol that is most associated with the American Legion Auxiliary we plan to judge arrangements at our Department Convention.

The **Chaplain** has sent in prayers for the National Website. Units are to submit to her pictures and stories of things found in the sea. She also has asked for essays or songs to be submitted and not judged.

Department Headquarters has been asked to be a trial testing area for a new National Membership processing procedure which would include dues processing and full access of membership records by Departments and by Units thru internet portals; this program is in the early development stage. The Department Office in Wisconsin is a #1 group!

American Legion Auxiliary Department President and American Legion State Commander, accompanied by several Auxiliary and Legion members, visited eight V.A. Hospitals, V.A. Homes, Medical Centers and Outreach Centers during the past few months. Donations totally \$11,600 were presented on behalf of the American Legion Family.

The (2009) Legion Mid-Winter Badger Legionnaire board voted to go to a 5 - week publication schedule. The Badger Legionnaire is mailed to all our Members. It can also be found on either the Auxiliary (www.amlegionauxwi.org) or Legion (www.wilegion.org) websites.

This was a year to encourage your right to vote, to tell veterans of meals at Applebee's, to encourage website use to receive information on the plan of works and to dress up in Uncle Sam attire to promote Americanism at the Department Fall Informational Forum. This new year will bring plans to emphasize "FAMILY" as we make future plans for conferences and conventions. It is a time to become family orientated so attendance and membership can grow in our organization.

OCEANS OF LOVE TO OUR VETERANS...FROM SEA TO SHINING SEA,
PRESIDENT SUE VORWALD DEPARTMENT OF WISCONSIN MID-YEAR 2009



SECRETARY'S NOTES – MARCH 2008
Executive Secretary/Treasurer – Kathy Wollmer

web site: www.amlegionauxwi.org e-mail: deptsec@amlegionauxwi.org
phone: 608-745-0124 toll free: 866-664-3863 fax: 608-745-1947

District Spring Conferences Schedule: (see separate list in Monthly-Unit-Mailing (MUM) or website www.amlegionauxwi.org)

Badger Girls State Citizen Orientation Schedule: (will be included in the next MUM and on the website www.badgergirlsstate.org as soon as it is available.)

Contest and Awards: (sent to Unit Presidents in separate December mailing) watch deadlines.

Annual Reports due May 1st (sent to Unit Presidents in separate January mailing) Due from each Unit by May 1, 2009. The American Legion Auxiliary needs to have you report every hour that your Unit members volunteer and every dollar that your Unit members donate. We need 100% Unit/Member reporting.

Badger Girls State – June 21-26, 2009: there is still space available, reservation form is on the website www.badgergirlsstate.org or call Headquarters. \$225.00 per delegate.

89th Annual Department Convention will be held in Milwaukee, July 23 – 26, 2009. Start making plans. Convention Registration form & housing information will be sent to Units and posted on our website, just as soon as the forms are made available

Memorial Book for Department Convention: for a deceased member to be included in the 2009 Department Convention Memorial Book, a “member data form” indicating a deceased member, must be received at Headquarters Office by May 1, 2009. Please review your Unit’s membership records, making sure this information has been sent to Headquarters.

Sources of Information:

Signup at www.legion-aux.org

ALA eNews – a monthly publication that brings you current news about American Legion Auxiliary Committee activities, programs and other news.

Spirit of American Legislative eNewsletter - a semi-monthly publication giving you news and updates on Congressional issues relevant to veterans, members of the military and their families that may require legislative intervention and/or advocacy.

Signup at www.legion.org

National American Legion Legislative eNewsletter or the Legion’s Online Updates

Signup at www.wilegion.org

Department of Wisconsin weekly Adjutant Notes. The *Adjutant's Notes* are your source of up to date information on the activities and events of The Wisconsin American Legion. Published every Thursday, the *Adjutant's Notes* are a must read for anyone actively involved in the organization.

May is Poppy month. Have you ordered your Poppies??

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY DEPARTMENT OF WISCONSIN

CANDIDATES FOR DEPARTMENT OFFICE

Who may run for District President/Department office? (District Presidents are members of the Department Executive Committee.)

The Counsel General of the American Legion Auxiliary has ruled that anyone may run for any office. This is a right of membership. However, one should not expect to be elected without some qualifications.

Is serving as District President a prerequisite for Department office?

No, you need not have been a District President to be a Department officer. While most candidates for Department office have served as District President, we have had Department Presidents who did not serve in that capacity. District Presidents need not run for Department office immediately upon conclusion of their District service. Many Past Department Presidents have served Department one or more years after leaving District office.

How do you get started?

The best qualifications are to be an active member, and to gain as much experience and knowledge about the organization as possible at the unit, county and district levels. Participation in various training programs such as a leadership workshop, Fall Forum and National Regional Conference is also an indication of your interest in the organization.

Before you make a decision to run for office, consider time commitments needed to fulfill the office. You will be required to attend DEC meetings, Department and National Conventions, the Fall Forum and such other meetings as the President may call. Some of the meetings will be on week-ends, but others, such as conventions, will require time during the week. DO NOT RUN for office if you cannot fulfill these obligations. It is not fair to accept the office if you know that job or family commitments, for example, will prohibit you from participating fully. Of course it is understood that the unexpected may arise, in which case the President should be notified and you will be excused.

Becoming a candidate.

It is best to make known your intentions to be a candidate as early as possible. It gives you a chance to gather information regarding procedures for running. The Department office is a valuable resource, as are past Department officers. It is also helpful to others who may plan to run for office. You may also wish to ask your unit, county or district for an endorsement of your candidacy, which takes time. If you are uncertain of the office you will seek, you may be endorsed "for the office of your choice."

A note about endorsements is in order. Endorsements are NOT necessary to run for office. While not necessary, it is nice to have an expression of the endorsing body that you are highly thought of and competent to perform the duties of the office you seek. However, lack of endorsements does not prohibit your candidacy or election. At times in the past, candidates have emerged while at the convention itself, thereby eliminating any opportunity to secure endorsements. And when unexpected vacancies occur and are filled by appointment, again the endorsements are not available. Therefore, it would be inconsistent to require endorsements for office at other times, and would be in conflict with the Counsel General's ruling.

Campaigning not allowed.

Be familiar with Standing Rules regarding elections and campaigns. Campaigning is restricted in the Department of Wisconsin. However, an announcement of your candidacy may be published in the June issue of the WISCONSIN. You will be responsible for submitting the article. The deadline for submitting articles is usually a little more than one month prior to publication. For specific dates contact the editor of the WISCONSIN. Later publication will not be allowed as this is unfair to other candidates.

Nominations.

You will be nominated according to the rules and order of business established by the convention body. The choice of nominator is up to you. Be sure the name of the person nominating you is provided to the Department President or Headquarters office at the convention site prior to the opening session. You and the nominator should be available to go to the platform quickly when called. Be ready to respond to the nomination.

GOOD LUCK!

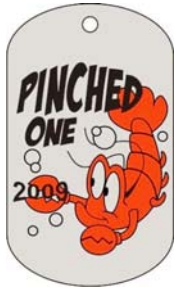
MEMBERSHIP

Vi Feldman, Department Membership Chairman
Phone: 920-892-4784 ♦ Email: vifeldmann@webtv.net

This letter is important to read to **ALL** members. 3,500 National Guardsmen have been recently deployed. We have a great opportunity to attract more members by showing what we can do for families of our deployed guards. Get in touch with your current members and invite any new members to participate in your Unit's various projects. We can accomplish our goals if we work together as a team. Don't waste any time to meet this challenge.

VIM - VERY IMPORTANT MEMBER - Has your unit offered membership at only the cost of Department for a **VIM**? Think about it. This is the only chance to get paid up for life members before the 2010 increase (in dues). Now is the time to turn in your paid up for life memberships.

NEWS FLASH NEWS FLASH NEWS FLASH - Between March 15 – May 1, 2009, any Legionnaire, Auxiliary or SAL member that signs up 2 new eligible **SENIOR AUXILIARY** members to the Auxiliary Unit of their choice will receive a \$2 bill in the mail, after these members are accepted by National. It is necessary to use the form (below) with the new memberships. One new member only gets a \$1.



Return to:
Dept. Headquarters,
Attn: Membership
PO Box 140
Portage, WI 53901-0140



MEMBERSHIP 2008-2009

Sign up 2 new Senior Member, between March 15 – May 1, 2009, and receive \$2.00.
Sign up 1 new Senior Member, between March 15 – May 1, 2009, and receive \$1.00.

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

(Recruiter can belong to the ALA/AL or SAL)

Recruiter: _____

Unit/Post/Squadron #: _____ District#: _____

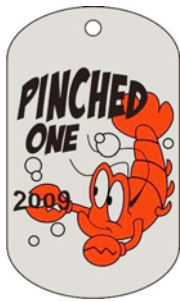
Recruiter' Address: _____

City, State & Zip: _____

NAME OF NEW MEMBER

Sr. Auxiliary: _____

Sr. Auxiliary: _____



**AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY –
DEPARTMENT OF WISCONSIN**

2930 American Legion Dr – PO Box 140 Portage WI 53901
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Email – alawi@amlegionauxwi.org



***2009 Membership Totals
Processed as of January 29, 2009***

| District | Goal | Total | Goal % | Place |
|---------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|------------------|
| First | 3002 | 2467 | 82.18% | 11 th |
| Second | 3318 | 3074 | 92.65% | 1 st |
| Third | 3950 | 3549 | 89.85% | 5 th |
| Fourth | 1487 | 1360 | 91.46% | 2 nd |
| Fifth | 486 | 355 | 73.05% | 12 th |
| Sixth | 1806 | 1569 | 86.88% | 7 th |
| Seventh | 3885 | 3292 | 84.74% | 8 th |
| Eighth | 2818 | 2349 | 83.36% | 9 th |
| Ninth | 3276 | 2992 | 91.33% | 3 rd |
| Tenth | 3208 | 2653 | 82.70% | 10 th |
| Eleventh | 1604 | 1398 | 87.16% | 6 th |
| Twelfth | 1627 | 1463 | 89.92% | 4 th |
| Headquarters | 116 | 44 | 37.93% | |
| Total: | 30583 | 26565 | 86.86% | |

Needed to reach 100% : **4,018**

Something to take notice of, in the past two weeks some of the positions have changed place after remaining fairly steady for several reports

Fourth District has moved into 2nd place with 9th District now in 3rd.

4th, 8th, and 10th have also moved around.

Wisconsin is still ranking 6th in the nation.

Keep up the good work ladies!



Joan Chwala, American Chairman
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PUSHING PATRIOTISM WITH POCKET FLAGS

Units have been inquiring about the Pocket Flag Project. If you have a computer, go to www.pocketflagproject.com to read about how you can order Pocket Flag materials and be part of another successful Americanism & Troop Support program. If you do not have access to the Internet; I will try to answer your most frequently asked questions about the project.

What is the Pocket Flag Project? The objective of the project is to get pocket size flags into the pockets of every active duty soldier. We want them to know that we care and that we keep them in our hearts and prayers. Units can contribute by donating funds or by folding and packaging flags to send to our troops. The finished Pocket Flag is a flag folded to approximately 3" X 3" in size, put inside a 3" X 3" sealed plastic bag with a personal "thank you for your service" message card inside.

How do we order the flags? You send your check payable to Pocket Flag Project and mail to Pocket Flag Project, P.O. Box 740847, Arvada, CO 80006. Cost is \$70 for 1 pkg of 300 precut flags includes shipping. Be sure to include your name, unit #, shipping address, phone # and email address.

Where do we get the enclosure cards? You can download the card template from their website or contact this chairman and I will send you the template for copying to cardstock.

Where do we get the closable plastic bags? They can be purchased from Sea Scout Ship 41, 29560 Lake Road, Bay village, OH 44140. Cost is \$10 for 300 bags. The bags can also be found at hobby stores.

How do we know how to fold & trim them? Directions are available on the website and printed on the back of this page.

How long do we have to finish the flags? You have 4-6 weeks to complete the project.

What do we do with the finished flags? You MUST make sure the Pocket Flags are given to active duty troops only and the Pocket Flag Project organization needs to know who received your Pocket Flags, so there is not a duplication of distribution. Therefore it is best if you contact the Pocket Flag Project when you complete your Pocket Flags and they will tell you where to send them. Pocket Flags cannot be used as table favors/decorations or fundraisers; cannot be given to non-active duty veterans or the general public.

What if our Unit cannot afford the project but wants to support it? Please support the program by sending a financial contribution. Be sure to record all contributions on your annual report forms.



SUPPORT MILITARY FAMILIES:

Chairman – Karen Degner

Email: mdegner@wi.rr.com or 920-892-6139

With the call up of 3500 Wisconsin National Guard and Reservist this month we will all know a family affected by this deployment. Listed below are two very valuable websites to become familiar with, please share the following resources with them.



www.wingfam.org/index.asp

Wisconsin National Guard Family Program offers: youth programs, marriage enrichment, Military support groups, Career opportunities, Family Assistance Centers, tax preparation, discounts, newsletters, family interactive site & etc.



www.militaryonesource.com

Military OneSource offers: A 24/7 resource for Military members, spouses and families; health care, career, crisis, deployments, education, elder care, tax preparation, legal, money management counseling, moving, parenting, recreation, relationships, transition, wounded warrior, discounts and special offers, and many more resources.

WISCONSIN FAMILY ASSISTANCE CENTERS

Your one stop information resource and referral service to meet your military families needs

TOLL FREE: 1-800-292-9464

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| Family Assistance Center 2400 Wright Street, Madison WI 53704-2572 | 608-513-2890 (Cell) 608-242-3414 (Office) |
| Madison 64 th Troop Command 2402 Bowman Street, Madison WI 53704-2562 | 608-219-8672 (Cell) 608-242-3833 (Office) |
| Chippewa Falls (FAC) 2811 E. Park Ave., Chippewa Falls, WI 54729-3506 | 608-516-3599 (Cell) 715-720-3410 (Office) |
| Camp Douglas (FAC) HQ 32 nd Brigade, 1 Williams St., Camp Douglas, WI 54618-5002 | 608-513-2892 (Cell) 608-427-7200 (Office) |
| Milwaukee (FAC) 4108 N. Richards Street, Milwaukee WI 53212-1055 | 414-531-2093 (Cell) 414-961-8667 (Office) |
| Wausau/Rhineland (FAC) 833 S. 17 th Avenue, Wausau, WI 54401-5301 | 715-307-4384 (Cell) 715-845-1011 (Office) |
| Ashland (FAC) 420 S. Sandborne Avenue, Ashland, WI 54806-9736 | 715-307-4383 (Cell) 715-682-6044 (Office) |
| Transition Assistance Advisor Available for information on Veterans Benefits 2400 Wrights Street, Madison, WI 53704-2572 | 608-469-3077 (Cell) 608-242-3727 (Office) |

Please post near the phone



VETERANS AFFAIRS AND REHABILITATION
Fen Madden, Chairman
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I just received the following information in the mail from National Headquarters and I think it is very worthwhile. Please consider submitting an application for the following award.

OPERATION HOPE AWARD

An Operation H.O.P.E. Award Plaque will be presented to the Unit that implements and carries out the Most Outstanding Event that brings honor and recognition to our veterans and/or service members at any VAMC or VA Facility, Veteran's Home, Fisher House, Vetcenter, Homeless Veteran's Shelter or any facility where more than 60% of the residents are veterans. Entry must be typewritten in narrative form not to exceed 1,000 words. Pictures and newspaper articles may be included but not to exceed 6 pages. Entry cannot be in bound book or hard cover. Cover sheet must include Unit name and number, address, Unit Chairman's name and phone number, date and location where the event was held.

This entry should be submitted by June 1, 2009 to the National Chairman:

Carlene Ashworth
2619 Norman St.
Pasadena, TX 77506

Good luck and I hope we have many entries. Let Wisconsin's light shine.

HOME SERVICE

Pat Ziarnik, Chairman
Ph: 920-496-2291 ♦ Email: forjsmom@yahoo.com

While you are having fun creating items for our veterans, don't forget to count your hours. Don't forget the juniors and the non-affiliated ladies who are so anxious to do something to help out. Our year for reporting goes from April 1, 2008 through March 31, 2009. Now is the time to make sure all the hours are ready for the final report, due May 1, 2009. I need as accurate a report as possible to make sure the National Chairman gets a fantastic report from our Wisconsin volunteers.

If this is your first year doing Home Service, make sure your unit chairman sends me the form, so you receive your Home Service Pin, once you have 50 hours. You only get one pin. After that you get bars for 100,300, 500 and 1000 hours and thereafter for every 1000 hours.

Have fun creating "Oceans of Love for our Veterans".



Margaret Yonke, Director of Hospital Volunteers
Phone: 920-565-4690

June Benishek, a representative at the Kenosha Outreach Center and her assistant Dolores Treibel are going to retire at the end of June 2009. I sincerely hope that someone from local Auxiliary Unit(s) will step up and take over (volunteering) for June and Dee. Duties would begin in September 2009, as there are no bingo parties held in July and August. Mileage will be reimbursed. June and Dee are very willing to guide and share all their information to anyone who is willing to follow in their footsteps. I'm 82 and I volunteer once a week at the Cleveland clinic, we are asking for only once a month for 10 months out of the year.

Both positions are open to anyone outside the four units. We mustn't let this program fail our Veterans. We should also thank June and Dee for their many years of service to all the veterans at the Kenosha outreach center and also to all the volunteers that have served with them.

If you have any questions about the duties for the outreach program please contact June at 414-462-3570.

Reminder - if you want credit for items sent to the VA center and veterans homes, you must do the following:

1. List number of items
 2. Value of item
 3. Unit name, number, district and address of the party you want the info sent to.
- Madison does not have a nursing home unit and they would rather have blankets and quilts than afghans. They have changed the name from Voluntary Service to Community Relations Service, if you need to call.
 - Iron Mountain is now known as the Oscar D. Johnson Medical Questions Center. No more non-skid slippers are needed.

Use the Red Book for names and address if you have questions or are not sure what is needed or used at any one of the VA Centers Veterans Retirement Homes. Also, don't forget the Assisted Living Programs for the homeless, when you do your annual donations. There is always a call for bedside favors seasonal an others.

DON'T LOSE YOUR FEDERAL INCOME TAX EXEMPTION STATUS:

Beginning in 2008 the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) started requiring small non-profit/charity organizations (this includes *all Auxiliary Units*), to submit an annual electronic filing. It's short, easy and electronic – it's the new e-Postcard.

Departments and units are now required to file the IRS e-Postcard 990 electronically if your annual gross receipts are \$25,000 or less. The e-Postcard is due by the 15th day of the fifth month after the close of your tax year. 05/15/2009. Your American Legion Auxiliary Unit is a subordinate unit of the National American Legion Auxiliary and is included in the IRS group exemption number 0964. Based on information supplied by The American Legion, subordinate departments and units are recognized as being exempt from Federal income tax under section 501(c)(19) of the code.

You will find the e-Postcard 990 on the IRS website www.irs.gov, click on the charity/nonprofit tab and follow their instructions.

You will need to know the following information about your organization:

- (1) Organizations legal name. (2) Any other names your organization uses.
- (3) Organization's mailing address. (4) Organization's website address (if applicable). (5) Organization's employer identification number (EIN). (6) Name and address of a principal officer of your organization. (7) Organization's annual tax period. (8) Verify that your organization's annual gross receipts are still normally \$25,000 or less. (9) If applicable, indicate if your organization has terminated (no longer in business).

Go to www.irs.gov/eo for more information and complete details and while you're there sign up for Exempt Organization's free email newsletter. EO Updates for current bulletins from the Internal Revenue Service.

The website www.taxexemptworld.com lists most non-profit organizations by state/county; you can find your organizations annual tax year listed here. Department Headquarters can also confirm your Federal I.D. number and your year ending date. If you need this information please call Department Secretary 608-745-0124

If your organization's gross receipts are greater than \$25,000 you are required to file IRS Form 990 or Form 990-EZ. You might need the help of a licensed Tax-Preparer for these forms.

The Pension Protection Act requires the IRS to revoke the tax-exempt status of any organization that fails to meet its annual filing requirements.

If your Unit has received a new Federal I. D. number, please forward that number to Department for records at Headquarters. Department Secretary will also forward this information to National Headquarters to be included in the National Auxiliary's IRS group number.

Please direct all questions to Department Secretary/Treasurer at 608-745-0124 or email at deptsec@amlegionauxwi.org

Badger Legionnaire/Wisconsin publication

During Mid-Winter Conference in Marshfield, The American Legion Department Executive Committee approved changing the publication/print schedule of the Badger Legionnaire/Wisconsin newspaper from a four-week cycle to a five-week cycle.

The Joint Legion/Auxiliary Publication Committee recommended changing to a five-week cycle, resulting in a total savings of \$35,000. (Auxiliary savings of \$12,000 per year.)

This will take effect starting with the next issue of the publication on March 5th.

I have attached the new print schedule so that you know when to expect articles and information concerning programs and events.

**“WISCONSIN” publication revised schedule 01/30/2009
(5-week publication schedule)**

| Issue printed March 5 th – deadline February 15th | Issue printed April 9 th – deadline March 20th |
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| March is COMMUNITY SERVICE month | April is CHILDREN & YOUTH month & MONTH OF THE MILITARY CHILD |
| President | President |
| Membership Chairman | Membership Chairman |
| Membership percentages | Membership percentages |
| Notes from Headquarters | Notes from Headquarters |
| Chaplain & Music | Chaplain, Music |
| Support Military Families April is Month of the Military Child | Support Military Families |
| Calendar Raffle Winners | Calendar Raffle Winners |
| Children & Youth program | Auxiliary Emergency Fund |
| Child Welfare Foundation | Field Service |
| Community Service Program | Home Service |
| Hospital Volunteers Luncheon schedule | Leadership |
| Junior Activity/Conference information | Legislative |
| Spring Conference Schedule | May is Poppy Month – Governor’s Proclamation |
| | Poppy Program |
| | VA & R – Memorials day |
| | National Convention Hotel information (if available) |
| | President’s Testimonial |

| Issue printed May 14 th – deadline April 25th | Issue printed – June 18 th , deadline – May 30th |
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| POPPY & MEMORIAL DAY | BADGER GIRLS STATE |
| President | President |
| Membership Chairman | Membership Chairman |
| Membership percentages | Membership percentages |
| Notes from Headquarters | Notes from Headquarters |
| Chaplain, Music | Chaplain, Music |
| Support Military Families | Support Military Families |
| Calendar Raffle Winners | Calendar Raffle Winners |
| Americanism – Flag Day | Americanism – Essay winners |
| Badger Girls scholarships winners | Badger Girls State Governor Proclamation |
| Bowling Tournament results | Candidate for Department Offices |
| Education, scholarship winner | PPP Honored President |
| Past President Parley Luncheon | National President/Representative to Dept. Conv. |
| Call to Department Convention | Call to National Convention |
| Department Convention information | Additional Department Convention information |

Printed - July 23rd , deadline July 5th

Printed – August 27th, deadline August 10th

| July is DEPARTMENT CONVENTION month | September is Music & Junior Activity Month |
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| President | President |
| Membership Chairman | Membership Chairman |
| Membership percentages | Membership percentages |
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| Support Military Families | Calendar Raffle Winners |
| Calendar Raffle Winners | Award winners from Convention |
| District President’s year-end Report (Limit 300-words) | 2009-2010 Officers & Chairmen list |
| Badger Girls State Session Report | 2009-2010 District President list |
| Junior Spring Conference Report | Fall Informational Forum schedule |
| | FIF Hotel information |
| | FIF Reg. lunch & banquet form |
| | Resolutions past at Department convention |
| | Christmas Gift Shop information |
| | Junior Fall Conference registration |

Printed October 1st, deadline September 15th

Printed November 5th, deadline October 20th

| October is Education month | November is Membership & Past President Parley Month |
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| President | President |
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| Children & Youth program | National Convention Awards |
| Community Service | National Appointments |
| Education & Scholarships | Americanism – Essay & Youth Conference |
| M. Louise Wilson Student Loan Program | Field Service program |
| National Security | Home Service program |
| Poppy program | Director of Hospital Volunteers |
| Poppy Shop information & Hours | VA & R program |
| National President bio | |
| Central Div. National V.P. bio | |
| Resolutions past at National Convention (when available) | |

Printed December 10th, deadline November 20th

Printed January 27th, deadline January 5th

| December is Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation Month | |
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| President | President |
| Membership Chairman | Membership Chairman |
| Membership percentages | Membership percentages |
| Notes from Headquarters | Notes from Headquarters |
| Chaplain, Music | Chaplain, Music |
| Calendar Raffle Winners | Calendar Raffle Winners |
| Legislative program | Badger Girls State 2010 Session information |
| Auxiliary Emergency Fund | Salute Hospitalized Veterans |
| Historian | Bowling Tournament information |
| Junior Fall Conference report | Americanism |
| Leadership | National Security |
| Legislative program | Poppy Shop reminder |
| Past President Parley program & membership | |
| Mid-Winter Auxiliary Luncheon registration | |

CAMP AMERICAN LEGION WISH LIST 2009

General Supplies

1. Any dry goods: Flour, Breakfast Cereals, etc.
2. Paper plates (sectional and small)
3. Menards and Wal-Mart Gift cards for misc. items
4. Liquid hand soap, Palmolive dish soap, clothes soap
5. S.C. Johnson floor wax for Vinyl floors
6. Candy for the candy jars little Hershey's, hard candy etc.
7. The following can goods: Mixed fruit
8. Disposable cameras – 35 mm
9. Polaroid Film (600 speed)
10. Coffee – regular
11. Bathroom Antibacterial and Disinfectant Cleaner
12. Lysol spray disinfectant (No Glade)
13. Toilet Bowl Drop in Cleaner
14. Works Toilet Bowl cleaner
15. Lime-A-Way Cleaner
16. Liquid Laundry Soap
17. Small Sized sponges
18. Liquid Hand Soap
19. Twin Sized mattress Pads Quilted (Not Plastic)
20. Spring Flower Plants (\$200-\$400)
21. Outdoor Flags – US 5x8; POW/MIA 3x5; WI State 3x5
22. Book on type of birds found in the Midwest
23. Monetary donations to help with daily operations to run camp.
24. Gift Cards from WalMart, Menards or Home Depot for Misc. items as needed
25. Bingo Prizes –

Equipment & Building Supplies

26. VCR's for Individual Cabins
27. Outboard Motor for Pontoon Boats-25-40HP
28. Floating Docks
29. Tools, Hand & Power
30. Wood Burning Stove, 42,400 BTU/hr

PLEASE CALL BEFORE YOUR CONSIDERATION OF A DONATION IN CASE SOMEONE ELSE HAS COMMITTED TO THAT ITEM.

THANK YOU,
JIM @ 715-277-2510



34TH WALASBA TOURNAMENT

8TH ANNUAL 9-PIN TAP TOURNAMENT

April 4th & 5th or April 18th & 19th

EVENTS

Team
Double - Singles
All Events

SQUAD TIMES

Saturday 12 pm or 3 pm
Sunday 9 am or 12 pm

Mountain Lanes
1401 Elm Street, Wausau, WI 54401
715-845-4331

Hosted by Unit # 10 Wausau


FOR ENTRY FORMS AND INFORMATION CONTACT

Anna Graham
Tournament Manager
158 E. MacArthur St.
Sun Prairie, WI 53716
608-225-8579
E-MAIL: agraham17@charter.net

Entry Closing Date

ENTRIES MUST BE POST
MARKED NO LATER THAN
March 20th 2009

Entry Forms may be Photocopied BUT
NOT Reproduced in any other way.





Wisconsin American Legion Auxiliary State Bowling Association, Inc.

Dear Bowling Captains & Unit Presidents:

The following is a Do's and Don'ts letter from the WALASBA Committee. This will help me, when it comes time to fill out the bowling forms and searching for the person's name on our bowling cards.

1. Please NO nicknames. If the person's full name is Kristine but she goes by Kris or Krissy, Please put the full name.
2. List Hyphenated Names.
3. If a bowler has had a name change (i.e. Marriage or Divorce) please list the Old name is () and then the new name. It might be nice to even put a post it note or an additional letter in with the registration form to draw the attention to the name change.
4. If the bowler is NOT a member of your unit, what unit is she a member of? Put that information in parenthesis () after her name, or on a post it note or additional letter.
5. **PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY.** It is difficult at times to read other peoples hand writing so I am asking that you either Print on the registration form or if you would have a type writer use that if possible.
6. If you have any bowlers that were a Junior member and is now a Senior member please make those notations in parenthesis behind the person's name.
7. Make sure that the Captain's address is as it appears on our AIM system
8. If you or a member of your bowling team has turned that Magical age of 70 since the last tournament or has never received your Grandma Pin, please find the Tournament manager or Chairman at the time of Registration and let them know the persons information.
9. PLEASE remember that the bowling committee is NOT responsible for finding a sub for your bowling team. We are asking each team to send a list of anyone that is interested in filling in for the weekend that they are bowling, for subbing for another team. The Sub maybe responsible for reimbursing the person that they are subbing for and should be discussed at the time of asking the sub to bowl.
10. Remember that this is a FUN event; however Bowling etiquette is also asked to be a priority when you are bowling next to someone. If you are unaware of bowling etiquette, please ask and anyone of our committee members would be happy to help you out.
11. One last reminder, If you are the team captain and you, your team or any of your bowlers is lucky and receives money from the WALASBA, please remember that the checks need to be dispersed in a timely manner and cashed in a timely manner, so headquarters can complete there year end books. We had a problem with this in the past.

If you have any questions, comments or suggestions, please feel from to let myself, Gail Faust, or any of the Committee members and we will discuss them at our meetings. See you in April in Wausau.

Sincerely,

Anna Graham
Tournament Manager

WISCONSIN AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY STATE BOWLING ASSOCIATION
8th NINE PIN TAP TOURNAMENT (34th ANNUAL TOURNAMENT)

April 4th & 5th or 18th & 19th, 2009

Mountain Lanes

1401 Elm St., Wausau, WI 54401
715-845-4331

ENTRY CLOSING DATE – POST MARKED BY
March 20, 2009

100% Prize Fee Returned
Prize ratio at least 1 in 10
75% Handicap – 200 Scratch.

The undersigned hereby make entry in the below specified contest at the annual WALASBA Tournament and hereby agree to comply in all respects with the rules of said tournament. The individual members are bona fide members of the Wisconsin American Legion Auxiliary. 2008 ALA membership cards must be presented when registering to bowl or a signed letter from Membership Chairman/Unit President verifying membership.

TEAM NAME _____ CITY _____ UNIT NAME & No. _____

PRINT **Must bowl in order listed below**

| | TOURNAMENT AVERAGE WALASBA Use Only |
|----------|--|
| 1. _____ | _____ |
| 2. _____ | _____ |
| 3. _____ | _____ |
| 4. _____ | _____ |
| 5. _____ | _____ |

SQUAD TIMES

| | SAT 12 PM & 3 PM | SUN. 9 AM OR 12 PM |
|-----------------|--|--------------------|
| | Enter Date & Time for Each Choice | |
| Choice | TEAM | DOUBLES - SINGLES |
| 1 ST | _____ | _____ |
| 2 nd | _____ | _____ |

TEAM MEMBERSHIP CERTIFICATION

Undersigned certifies the individual 2009 membership is paid.

Unit Membership Chairman or Unit President Signature

NO SMOKING OR DRINKING IN BOWLERS SEATING AREA

DOUBLES & SINGLES

| | TOURNAMENT AVERAGE WALASBA Use Only |
|----------|--|
| 1. _____ | _____ |
| 2. _____ | _____ |
| 1. _____ | _____ |
| 2. _____ | _____ |
| 1. _____ | _____ |
| 2. _____ | _____ |

(CIRCLE choices)

| DOUBLES | SINGLES | A/E |
|---------|---------|-------|
| Y / N | Y / N | Y / N |
| Y / N | Y / N | Y / N |
| Y / N | Y / N | Y / N |
| Y / N | Y / N | Y / N |
| Y / N | Y / N | Y / N |
| Y / N | Y / N | Y / N |

FEES- per person per event

| | |
|------------------|-----------------|
| BOWLING | \$ 7.75 |
| PRIZES | \$ 2.00 |
| EXPENSES | \$ <u>6.25</u> |
| TOTAL FEE | \$ 16.00 |
| PER PERSON | |
| PER EVENT | |

OPTIONAL A/E \$ 2.00 additional

Do not write in these spaces

TEAM _____
 DOUBLES _____
 SINGLES _____
 ALL EVENTS _____
 TOTAL PAID _____

PLEASE COMPLETE ADDRESS & PHONE # WHERE MAIL WILL RECEIVE IMMEDIATE ATTENTION

Captain _____ Phone _____

Complete Address _____

When two teams or more are inter-bowling for doubles partners, please be sure to send your entries together. **Make remittances payable to WALASBA.**

MAIL ENTRIES TO: Anna Graham
158 E. MacArthur St.
Sun Prairie, WI 53716

WALASBA IS NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR PROVIDING SUBS!

ENTRY NO. _____

WISCONSIN AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY STATE BOWLING ASSOCIATION
TOURNAMENT RULES – READ CAREFULLY

1. All senior members of the Wisconsin American Legion Auxiliary, holding **2009 membership** cards are eligible to enter the tournament under the below rules.
2. The UNIT MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN or UNIT PRESIDENT **must** sign the entry blank, verifying membership.
3. Individual averages used to determine the handicaps shall be based on a composite average from the immediate past THREE (3) WALASBA tournaments. In the event a bowler enters the tournament and has no composite average, under the tournament rules, will be assigned an average of 145.
4. Entrants allowed bowling only once per event.
5. Everyone **MUST** bowl when scheduled.
6. Entries must be accompanied by full amount of fees. **\$16.00 per bowler, per event.** The entry fees cannot be refunded after the entry and fees have been received. Hostess city entrants will be given dates and times requested; **if possible**, otherwise the tournament manager will assign dates and times. **NO** hostess city entries will be refunded.
7. No entries shall be accepted after the entry closing date. **NO EXCEPTIONS**
8. All events are optional and may be entered for a \$2.00 fee. Paid all events are not transferable unless the substitute replaces original entrant in all three events.
9. If a team has only 4 bowlers, only 4 scores can be used. **NO** blind score will be used.
10. This tournament will be conducted on a handicap basis of 75% of the difference between each entrant's average and 200 pins.
11. **If a substitution is made in the doubles event the substitute must take the place of the bowler she is replacing. NO rearranging of partners will be permitted in the doubles.**
12. A sub shall be allowed, if one is available, in case of disability after a game has started, in team and doubles only. Only the actual score of the frames bowled shall count if a sub is not available.
13. Bowlers entered in all three events will be so scheduled to permit them to complete competition within two days, unless they are doubled with someone who is bowling on another five-woman team at some other time, which prevents scheduling of these participants on same convenient dates.
14. Teams will bowl all three games on their scheduled pair of lanes. Doubles and Singles events – the doubles will be bowled on the set of lanes assigned; for singles event you will move to the next assigned set for 3 games.
15. Every bowler entered in the individual events must have at least one ball for her personal use. No Sharing Balls with other bowlers. (House Balls are Acceptable.)
16. If a bowler is absent by the scheduled time and does not arrive by the end of the 4th frame of the 1st game, Absent Bowler shall forfeit the first game, but is eligible to bowl 2nd and 3rd game if arrival prior to the start of the 2nd game. This is for Singles and Doubles ONLY.
17. Team Champion will receive a plaque for the winning Unit.
18. First place in each event shall receive percentage of entry fees in cash.
19. **NO SMOKING OR DRINKING WILL BE ALLOWED IN THE BOWLERS SEATING AREA.**
20. Make sure you are watching for your turn to bowl and keep the games going. There are other shifts for Auxiliary bowling and possible league bowling scheduled after our tournament.

CAPTAINS

1. Captains must check in and verify lineups thirty (60) minutes prior to starting time and present **2009 membership cards of ALL PARTICIPANTS.**
2. When substitutes not registered on entry blank are used, captains shall report same to Tournament Manager before entering contest and present 2009 American Legion Auxiliary membership card of substitute.
3. There must be a TEAM CAPTAIN FOR EACH TEAM.

CONDUCT OF ANNUAL TOURNAMENT

This tournament shall be conducted as a form of social enjoyment for all Senior members of the Wisconsin American Legion Auxiliary.

The undersigned certified that the players whose names are shown on the entry form are bona fide members of the Wisconsin American Legion Auxiliary to whom competition in the tournament must be rest

UNIT MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN OR UNIT PRESIDENT SIGNATURE (Required) _____

ENTRY FORMS MAY BE PHOTOCOPIED BUT NOT REPRODUCED IN ANY OTHER WAY!

2009 DISTRICT SPRING CONFERENCES

| <u>Dist.</u> | <u>Date</u> | <u>Location</u> | <u>Registration Time/Fee</u> | <u>Luncheon Cost</u> | <u>Make check Payable to:</u> | <u>Send check to:</u> | <u>Contact Person</u> | <u>Deadline</u> |
|--------------|-------------|---|---|---|--|--|---|----------------------|
| #1 | 5/02/09 | Post 171 1027 New Street Union Grove, WI | Registration – 8:00 Fee - \$2.00 a.m. coffee/rolls - \$1.00 | \$10.00 | Racine County Council | Marcie Perez 1401 – 11 th Ave., #52 Union Grove, WI 53182 | Marcie Perez 262-878-1659 | 4/17/09 |
| #2 | 4/25/09 | Racer's Hall W4408 Cnty Road C Plymouth, WI | Registration – 8:00 am Fee - \$1.00 a.m. coffe/rolls | \$15.00 | ALA Unit 243 | Betty Grothe 955 Anton Rd. Plymouth, WI 53073 | Karen Degner 920-892-6139 (H) 920-918-9772 (C) | 4/15/09 |
| #3 | 4/25/09 | Post 245 2217 American Legion Dr. Cross Plains, WI | Registration – 8:15 am Fee - \$1.00 a.m. coffee/rolls | \$9.00 | ALA Unit 245 | Joyce Clampitt P.O. Box 22 Cross Plains, WI 53528 | Jenni Syftestad 608-845—7857 (H) 608-577-1857 (C) | Day of Conference |
| #4 | 5/09/08 | Post 416 6351 W. Grange Ave. Greendale, WI | Registration – 9:30 am Fee \$2.00 a.m. coffee/rolls | \$13.00 | ALA 4 th District | Vi Kaun 7901 S. Scepter Dr., #4 Franklin, WI 53132 | Laura Calteux 414-281-5789 calteuxx2@sbcglobal.net | 5/01/09 |
| #5 | 5/02/09 | Whitefish Bay Women's Club/600 E . Henry Clay St., Whitefish Bay WI | Registration – 9:00 am Fee - \$1.00 | \$9.00 | ALA 5 th District | Elaine Forrester 10058 W. Courtland Ave. Wauwatosa, WI 53225 | Gladys Gromacki 414-351-6498 glgx2@att.net | 4/18/09 |
| #6 | 4/25/09 | Eagle's Club Chilton | | | | | Dorothy Gruber 920-849-7124 | |
| #7 | 4/18/09 | Onalaska Post 336 | | | | | Kelli Mades 608-385-6693 | |
| #8 | 4/18/09 | Tigerton | | | | | Gayle Zuehlke 715-754-4992 | |
| #9 | 3/28/09 | American Legion Unit 337 Hwy 32, Pulaski, WI | Registration – 8:00am –8:45am Fee - \$1.00 a.m. coffee/rolls | \$10.00 | ALA Unit 337 | Sue Winter N4235 Hwy 32 Krakow, WI 54137 | Dorothy Steward 920-833-2466 djs@centurytel.net | 3/23/09 |
| #10 | 4/18/09 | St. Bridget's Church 211 E. Division St., River Falls, WI | Registration – 8–9 am coffee/rolls Fee Sr. Mbrs = \$2.00/ Jr. Mbrs = .50 | Sr. Mbrs = \$7.00/ Jr. Mbrs = \$5.00 | ALA Unit 121 Dinner fee: Sr. Mbrs = \$7.00/ Jr.Mbrs = \$10.00 | Jeanne Williams 552 Fairhome Rd. Roberts, WI 54023 | Teresa Isensee 715-577-5259 | 4/6/09 |
| #11 | 4/25/09 | Unit 182 Park Falls | | | | | Linda Kostka 715-685-0111 | |
| #12 | 6/6-7/09 | Polk Cnty Information Cnt. 809 Pine St. St. Croix Falls, WI | Registration – 11:00 am \$1.00 a.m. coffee/rolls | Saturday banquet \$12.00 | ALA Unit 143 | Mary Chapin 1929 State Rd. 87 St. Croix Flls, WI 54024 | Laurel DuBois 715-825-3916 sdubois188@aol.com | Day of Conference |