



For September Meeting 2011

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**2011-2012 American Legion Auxiliary
Department President Joan Chwala's Theme**



Honoring our Veterans by Engaging the American Legion Family in Service not Self for God and Country

“Libraries of Love for Our Veterans”

Department President

Head Librarian

Headquarters

Resource Room

Membership Chairman

Head Library Clerk

Membership Team

Assistant Clerks

Department Officers

Audio Visual Department

Department Chairmen

Library Board Members

District & County Presidents

Mobile Library Unit

Unit Presidents

Card Catalogue

Senior Members

Books of Knowledge

Junior Members

Story Tellers



Launching Libraries of Love

Greetings,

Thank you for electing me as your Department President. Remember that I am representing every member of the auxiliary and will be speaking on your behalf, but this organization truly belongs to all of you. Take pride in everything you do!

My theme is "Libraries of Love" for our veterans, and all committees will be asked to do something related to libraries and books. Your new membership chairman will explain the details of the theme as it relates to the membership program. Watch for information about our Mobile Library Book Club events that are scheduled for the first weekend in November.

The Fall Informational Forum is in September this year so we can get an early start on our program work. We have made changes to the schedule and hope that you will plan to attend and join the fun! We expect that you will have already earned your membership incentives by then. That's a challenge for you!

We will continue to support the homeless women's veteran project under the VA&R committee. Feel free to contact me with questions or ideas.

Honoring our veterans by engaging the American Legion Family in service not self for God and country,

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Chaplain

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I am proud and happy to introduce myself, Laurel DuBois, as the 2011/ 2012 Chaplain for the American Legion Auxiliary for the great state of Wisconsin.

Throughout this year I hope I can meet and get to know more of you. The more we know of each other the stronger we will become. With that strength we will be able to reach our goals and fulfill our responsibilities for our Veterans, their families and communities.

Preamble to the Constitution of the American Legion Auxiliary starts with “For God and Country”.

This country was built upon Freedoms. One of those Freedoms is Freedom of Religion. It is our right to practice our Faith, in our belief and trust in and loyalty to God.

I know that we all can keep our minds and hearts open in regards to everyone’s Faith to respect and honor it. By doing this we will continue to become a stronger Family.

At the beginning of this letter I stated that I wanted to get to know you better. I think one way I can do this is if you send me some of your favorite Prayers, Scriptures, Poems, Reflections and some personal stories. I would like to receive something from every ALA Unit in the great state of Wisconsin. I plan to include some of them in the Unit Mailings and the Wisconsin Paper.

I want all of you to know that I will perform my duties of the State Chaplain to the best of my abilities. I will be here for you. Please feel free to call or e-mail if you have any questions or concerns. I would appreciate it if you would contact me with notifications of death and illness within the American Legion Family.

I would like to share with you one of my favorite Reflections.
“Be alert to give service. What counts a great deal in life is what we do for others.”

GOD BLESS YOU
GOD BLESS AMERICA



American Legion Auxiliary
Department of Wisconsin

Request for Visit by Department President or Department Chairman

Invitation is extended to: _____

Request for visit from: Unit# _____ Unit Name: _____

Event: _____ Location: _____

Address: _____ Town: _____ Phone # _____
(Post/Civic Bldg/Other Place)

Date of Event: _____ Time of Event: _____

Contact Person: _____ Phone # _____

Name of person(s) who will meet the President/Chairman: _____

Is the event a: Luncheon Dinner Unit Meeting District Meeting County Meeting Other

Will the President/Chairman:

Provide Greetings only Be the main speaker of the event (preferred subject: _____).

Expected to participate in other activities (activities info: _____).

Who is expected to attend the event: Auxiliary Members American Legion SAL Youth
 Others _____

Does the invitation include a guest of the President/Chairman? Yes No

Dress for the occasion is: Formal Informal (business) Casual (jeans/shirts) Other

What news media will attend? Radio TV News Publications

Will lodging be provided for the President/Chairman? Yes No

Details _____

Unit President _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____ City/Zip _____

PLEASE MAIL THIS REQUEST DIRECTLY TO THE INVITED PARTY.

**SEND A COPY TO THE DEPARTMENT SECRETARY:
AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY, P.O. BOX 140, PORTAGE, WI 53901**

Department VIP's 2011 – 2012

OFFICERS:	Term	District	Unit	Name	Home Telephone # & Email
President	2011-2012	10	326	Joan Chwala	715-668-5661 ctr68552@centurytel.net
Senior Vice President	2011-2012	4	537	Diana Sirovina	414-321-1479 durango1@wi.rr.com
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Chaplain	2011-2012	12	278	Laurel DuBois	715-825-3916 sdubois188@aol.com
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4 th District President	2011-2013	4	537	Suzanne Hembrook	262-843-4791 genesuehem@wi.rr.com
5 th District President	2010-2012	5	406	Wilma Kidney	262-628-1292 layneandwilma@att.net
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8 th District President	2011-2013	8	6	Lorrie Barber	715-343-1947 lacroix1@charter.net
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Committee	2011-2014	9	11	Heidi Bremer	920-904-1448 gubba_jr@yahoo.com
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Chairman	2010-2013	3	245	Gail Faust	608-798-2472 gmfaust@hotmail.com
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Children & Youth	2011-2012	2	243	Karen Degner	920-892-6139 mdegner@wi.rr.com
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Office Policy Committee					
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Committee	2011-2014	8	6	Diane Kranig	715-341-4935 dianeala6@hotmail.com
Committee	2010-2013	7	51	Andrea Page	608-786-0299 apage468@cs.com
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Deputy	2011-2012	4	537	Marilyn Reese	414-543-1145
Deputy	2011-2012	4	416	Helen Starck	414-327-4960
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Deputy	2011-2012	8	161	Shirley A. Johnson	715-258-9281
Deputy	2011-2012	8	161	Dawn Lind	920-538-3102
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Oscar G. Johnson – USVA					
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Assoc. Deputy	2011-2012	9	150	Roselyn Ladwig	715-856-6622 roselynladwig@yahoo.com
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GREETINGS FROM DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS

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SEPTEMBER 10TH EVENT: A day of Food, Fun and Remembrance will be held at Department Headquarters (2930 American Legion Drive, Portage, WI) on September 10th. This marks the 10th Anniversary of the Department Headquarters in Portage and the 10th Anniversary of 9/11.

- There will be a Legion Family Membership Rally so bring your 2012 Memberships to Department Headquarters from 9:00 am – 3:00 pm. A prize will be awarded to the district and unit that turns in the most memberships that day. Memberships submitted will qualify for the Membership Goal 1 Early Edition Award for Units and Counties that achieve 100% by September 16th, which will be awarded at Fall Forum.
- There will be a 1-mile and 5K run/walk. Registration is from 9:00 am – 11:00 am. Run/Walk begins at 11:00 am.
- The National Guard will have kid's activities and Columbia County Legionnaires will have food available.
- Commemorative shirts will be available for \$10.00.
- The day will also include a bake sale and used book drive to benefit President Joan's special project "Libraries of Love for Our Veterans." This will be the only time you are encouraged to bring gently-used books to headquarters for distribution to our various VA facilities.

SPECIAL PROJECT: President Joan Chwala has selected "Libraries of Love" as her special project this year. Although Department Headquarters will gladly accept financial donations to support this project, please do not submit books to Headquarters (except on 9/10), as we do not have the resources necessary to sort and distribute them to the various VA facilities. Don't forget that all donations must be submitted with a donation form so we can ensure the money is processed appropriately. Donation forms are included in this mailing packet.

FALL FORUM: Fall Forum is scheduled for September 23rd and 24th at the Wilderness Resort in Wisconsin Dells. This is the last year of our contract with the Wilderness and we hope many of you will attend. Registration and hotel information, workshop schedule, shuttle and restaurant information was mailed in a separate first-class mailing to those who usually receive the Unit mailing. Please share this information with anyone interested in attending and encourage them to make hotel reservations before the discounted room block expires August 24th. All Fall Forum information is also available on the department website (www.amlegionauxwi.org).

2011-2012 DEPARTMENT OFFICERS/CHAIRMEN'S LIST: A list of newly elected Department Officers and appointed chairmen for the 2011-2012 Auxiliary year is included with this mailing packet. Please direct questions to the appropriate program chairmen.

HOME/FIELD SERVICE AWARDS: All home and field service awards have been sent to the Unit Presidents for distribution to their members. If you have any questions, please contact your department program chairman.

GREETINGS FROM DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS (continued)

NOTES TO UNIT MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMEN –

- 1) National Headquarters (NHQ) notified us that the 2012 dues renewal notices will be mailed August 15th. If you submitted membership dues to Department Headquarters and your members receive a renewal notice, do not be alarmed as things probably crossed in the mail.
- 2) Due to printing errors, NHQ recalled the 2012 membership cards before we distributed them. However, the corrected cards were received at Department Headquarters and mailed to all units before the end of June. **The 2012 Membership cards you received are correct and should be processed as soon as possible.**
- 3) Several units have questioned the number of continuous years printed on the 2012 membership cards. At this time, the membership database only allows NHQ to print the number of continuous PAID years of membership. 2012 dues were not paid at the time the cards were printed. Therefore, if a member wants to change their years of continuous service after paying their 2012 dues, they may white out the number and add one more year to their card. We have expressed our concerns to NHQ and they are exploring alternatives before next year's cards are printed. Thank you for your patience as we continue to work with National and the new membership database.
- 4) If you have ANY questions as you complete the 2012 Membership Transmittal Form, please do not hesitate to contact Andrea Stoltz at Department Headquarters (866-664-3863). She is more than happy to answer your questions. Asking questions before submitting membership dues to headquarters could result in significantly less frustration for both the unit and department staff and reduce the number of memberships that have to be returned for correction.
- 5) Please continue to use the Member Data Forms for all address changes, name changes, transfers, deceased and transferred memberships.
- 6) All forms are available on the department website (www.amlegionauxwi.org) on the online forms tab or by calling Department Headquarters.

CONGRATULATIONS!

The following units received the National President's Certificate of Admiration for their devotion to Service Not Self and their commitment to the core values and mission of the American Legion Auxiliary:
Unit 75 Fond du Lac, Unit 81 Mauston, and Unit 401 Cambria.

**The American Legion Auxiliary
could not support our veterans, their families and the community
without every member's support.
THANK YOU for all you do!**



AUXILIARY EMERGENCY FUND

Judy Walters, Department Chairman
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When things are going great for us it is easy to **not** think about what we would do if something were to happen in our life that would change everything. Unfortunately, no one is immune from possibly finding themselves in some kind of a financial emergency situation at some point in their life. Are we prepared, mentally, physically and financially for the unexpected? With economic times being what they are, more and more people are faced with these types of situations and for many they have exhausted all funds or means of assistance.

In 1969, The Auxiliary Emergency Fund was created with a bequest from the estate of Auxiliary member Helen Colby Small of Wisconsin and has grown into one of the Auxiliary's most vital programs. In just over the last 11 years, around \$1.5 million was distributed to members dealing with financial hardship. This is just another great benefit of belonging to the Auxiliary. The Auxiliary Emergency Fund was created to provide temporary assistance to eligible members during a time of financial crisis when no other source of aid is readily available to pay for shelter, food and utilities.

The financial emergency could be the result of loss of income, loss of employment, death of a spouse or significant other who contributed to the total household income, divorce or spouse abandonment, unexpected financial burden, victim of a crime or weather related disaster. Assistance will not be granted to pay accumulated debts or ongoing financial crisis. The intent is to help members who have suffered a financial setback and is meant to be a bridge offering a helping hand until financial stability is reestablished.

In order to apply for the AEF, members must have been a member for the immediate past two years and have their dues paid for the current year (**three consecutive years**). In addition, all other resources must be exhausted before applying. Guidelines and application can be found on the Department website (www.amlegionauxwi.org) under the online forms link.

In 2010, AEF provided 140 grants in the amount of \$140,510 for an average of \$1,004. The maximum grant allowed is \$2,400. Funds are dispersed as determined by the AEF Committee.

We can help out by continuing to make donations to the American Auxiliary Emergency Fund so funds continue to be available for those in need. Last year there were total donations in the amount of \$190,858. Let's all work together to make this year even better.

God Bless
Judy Walters, Department Chairman



Children & Youth

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Children & Youth are a valuable asset for all of us. In the coming year, we can support these children and youth in our communities with ALA programs and innovative ideas by our Units and members. We can team up with other organizations, such as Big Brothers/Big Sisters, Boys & Girls Clubs, Operation Military Kids, Give an Hour, local community groups and faith based organizations. We can provide awareness about Kids in Danger of Depression and Suicide, participation in the Military Mentoring program, support summer camps for military kids, volunteer at Family Readiness Group (FRG) meetings or in local schools to assist children in learning to read or improving their reading skills.

Keep youth in mind for the Youth Hero Award, a national award for youth under age 18, who perform a heroic act of valor and the Good Deed Award, a Local Unit and National Award, for youth who do not meet the Youth Hero Award criteria, but who are great examples of community service. Your Unit can also create an award to recognize military kids in your community as "Young Heroes." Keep in mind that "It Takes a Village to Raise a Child" and the children & youth of today will become the leaders of tomorrow.

**The CORRECT 2012
Membership**

**Materials were sent
to all units 6/22/11**

**Please start
submitting to
Department**



Honoring our Veterans by Engaging the American Legion Family in Service not Self for God and Country

2011-2012 American Legion Auxiliary “Honoring their Service” with our Membership

Welcome to the 2012 Membership Year! We have one Wildly Important Goal (WIG) for our membership year, *“Through mission delivery, the American Legion Auxiliary will become so appealing to people that care about veterans that membership will increase”*.

This year’s membership theme will be *“Honoring their Service”*, we are all eligible to belong to the American Legion Auxiliary through the sacrifice of a loved one. Please send me a picture and a short bio of the veteran or veterans through whom you are eligible. These pictures and bios will be put into a presentation that will be shown at the 2012 State Convention; an excellent way to Honor our Veterans through our membership eligibility.

Let’s work together to promote our **WIG** for our veterans, their families, and our communities. Together we will retain and grow our Department of Wisconsin Membership in the 2012 Membership Year.

Retain Current Members - We must engage to retain our current members, don’t let them slip through the cracks, involve them in Unit activities and recognize them for their volunteer and support contributions. Be welcoming, mentor members, be open to new ideas, and be respectful to members of all ages and backgrounds.

Attract New Members – Become visible in your communities, when holding a fundraiser promote the American Legion Auxiliary with pamphlets, rack cards, and membership information that is available at Department Headquarters for the cost of postage. Use the Promotional Supplies Order Form.

2012 Membership Goal Objective: For Units to maintain and grow beyond their 2011 membership totals as of August 1, 2011. We all need to work on stopping the Largest Women’s Patriotic Organization membership slide. 2012 Unit Goals will be mailed out in early September.

2012 Membership Goal Awards

GOAL 1 - Early Edition Award to Units and Counties 100% by September 16, 2011

GOAL 2 – Reading Room Award to Units and Counties 100% by December 1, 2011

GOAL 3 – Due Date Award to Units and Counties 100% by January 26, 2012

GOAL 4 – Late Fees Waived Award to Units and Counties 100% by March 1, 2012

Department President Joan’s Promise: When the Department of Wisconsin reaches 100% in the 2012 Membership Year, the Department President will purchase a brick at the Headquarters Building on behalf of the members of the Wisconsin American Legion Auxiliary, dedicated to the veterans we honor through our membership.

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National has instituted a few changes this year of which you and all your members are going to need to be made aware of.



- **The number shown in the continuous years star on the members' cards.** In the 2011 Membership Year National implemented new membership processing software. This program only allows for what has already been paid in the system at the time of the printing. Members are used to seeing their continuous years reflecting the dues they are paying at the time. This is not going to be the case anymore. **The number on their card, if they have already paid their 2011 dues is going to reflect their years up to that point and will not include their 2012 payment as it has not and could not yet have happened at the time of the printing. National suggests for those members that are bothered by this to white out the preprinted year and the members' actual paid years can be written in.**

The members' cards and roster were printed the second week of June. Any member that had not had their 2011 dues submitted to Department prior to the printing will not have a number in it. That does not mean Headquarters stopped processing or that they have lost their continuous years, again payment was not received in time to **reflect the number in the star.**

- **National will not be accepting anymore NEW 2011 members after August 31st.** Any new members submitted after then will automatically be put in as New for 2012. Also any **NEW 2012** members will not be entered until after September 1st. **DO NOT SEND IN NEW 2012 MEMBERS UNIT AFTER September 1st.** They will be returned. **2012 renewals** may be submitted at anytime.
- **National is changing the ways they determine the Units goals for the year.** The goals for 2012 will be based off of total 2011 membership paid as of July 31st 2011. This has nothing to do with the amount of members on their rosters but is based solely on the Unit's paid membership. All Districts and Units will receive their goals once they have been passed onto us from National.
- **Online Membership Processing.** In an e-mail sent to Department from National on May 25th 2011 they had this to say about online membership processing " ..when we are able to offer the ability for members to pay dues online. We are only in the planning stages now and **anticipate it will be several years before this will be available.**"
- **Renewal Notices from National.** National will be sending out renewal notices around August 15th to members **whose payments have not been received by Department Headquarters as of July 8th.**

2012 Membership Information

Department sends out updated membership related information throughout the year. Due to budget constraints we are no able to send out absolutely everything in separate mailings directly to the Membership Chairman. **PLEASE KEEP IN CLOSE CONTACT with your Unit Membership Chairman to pass on any applicable membership materials included with the monthly Unit Mailing. The monthly Unit Mailing is also posted in its entirety for ANYONE to view on the Department website www.amlegionauxwi.org. Make sure to review the monthly "Wisconsin" publication as well.** All important membership related information is printed in here as well.

PLEASE CONTACT DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS WITH QUESTIONS!!!!
WE ARE HERE TO HELP!!

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"Don't be afraid to ask dumb questions. They're more easily handled than dumb mistakes." William Wister Haines

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!



MEMBERSHIP RALLY

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2011

9:00 am - 3:00 pm

American Legion Headquarters

2930 American Legion Drive

Portage, WI 53901-0140

The Legion Family is coordinating an event in commemoration of the 10th Anniversary of 9/11 and the purchase of the State Headquarters Building.

The District and Unit with the most Memberships turned in on Saturday, September 10, 2011 will receive a Dept. Calendar fundraising entry form.



Events will include:

- ★ Used Book Drive to support President Joan Chwala's special project: Libraries of Love for our Veterans
- ★ 1 mile or 5k run/walk benefit
- ★ Bake Sale
- ★ Kids Activities sponsored by The National Guard
- ★ Food available for purchase from Columbia County Legionnaires
- ★ Commemorative shirts available for \$10.00



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FOR MORE DETAILS**

www.amlegionauxwi.org



Leadership

Joyce Endres, Department Chairman
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Unit Presidents and Members,

The Leadership Committee strives to develop and prepare knowledge and capable leaders to carry on the growth and success of the American Legion Auxiliary by promoting activities and resources.

Goals of leadership: Educate, motivate and mentor members on all levels and phases of our programs.

The Department Leadership Team: Joyce E. Endres, Department 1st Vice President, Diane Weggen and Bonnie Jakubczyk, both past District Presidents. Our team looks forward to working with you this year.

Leaders begin at the Unit level, it starts with you, our members.

Top Ten Leadership Traits (*excerpts from an article by Bill Moore, Senior KBI Associate*)

1. **COURAGE** Cultivate a courageous spirit in all you do. *Fulfill a "Service not Self" environment*
2. **FOCUS** forward on what you plan to achieve. *Develop a unit annual budget and define activities*
3. **PLAN** precisely what you must accomplish. *Goals, deliverables and deadlines*
4. **EXCELLENCE** Exemplify excellence in all you do. *Lead by example*
5. **COMMUNICATION** Clearly communicate your plans and how others can help achieve success.
6. **ATTRACT** and retain talented people. *Positive attitudes and thinking draws talent!*
7. **RELATIONSHIP BUILDER** Nurture positive and productive relationships.
8. **SUPPORT** Regularly sell your members on their ability, their future and your confidence in them.
9. **MONITOR** and measure what you and what others do.
10. **REWARD** Recognize and reward successes large and small.

Consider holding a Leadership Workshop in your Unit, County or District.

Leadership Workshops are for **YOU** as Auxiliary members. Everyone can benefit from information on leadership traits, Auxiliary history, programs, basic protocol and parliamentary rules, etc.

We will share common sense approaches on how to mentor and be a strong leader. Tools you can use within your unit, your personal life and your professional career.

The American Legion Family is welcome to attend: Auxiliary members, including Junior members, Legionnaires, SAL's and American Legion Riders members are welcome. Consider co-hosting a workshop.

For questions or to set up a Leadership Workshop in your unit, county or district, please e-mail Joyce E. Endres at ljendres@charter.net or call her at 608-221-1763.

We look forward to sharing "Libraries of Love for our Veterans" as we strive to build, grow and mentor leaders across the state.



NATIONAL SECURITY

Diana Sirovina, Chairman

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The National Plan of Action states that the purpose of the National Security Program is: *To maintain and promote a strong national defense by strengthening and supporting military service members and their families.*

To accomplish this, the Plan of Action outlines specific areas to develop, implement and monitor that will contribute to the practical and emotional well-being of military service members and their families. Throughout the year information will be shared on all facets of this program, including how we can participate in the military and family support programs of The American Legion, Department of Defense and other outside programs that support our military, observing National Military Appreciation Month in May, and lots more.

September 16, 2011 is National POW/MIA Recognition Day.

We can join with The American Legion and Sons of The Legion to host a ceremony on National POW/MIA Recognition Day to honor the sacrifices made by this nation's Prisoners of War and those still Missing in Action, as well as their families. *POW/MIA Recognition Day* is a day of remembrance and hope for the speedy and safe return of American Prisoners of War, and those still Missing in Action. It also seeks the return of the remains of fallen soldiers.

The first official commemoration of POW/MIAs was July 18, 1979. It was the result of resolutions passed in Congress. The first national ceremony was held on this date. Over the next several years, it was held in varying dates of the year. Finally, in 1986, The National League of Families proposed the third Friday in September as a day to recognize and remember POW/MIAs. This date was selected, as it is not associated with any wars. Each year, the president of the United States issues a proclamation on this day.

The American Legion and Auxiliary are committed to achieving a full accounting of all POW/MIAs from the Gulf War, Vietnam War, Cold War, Korean War and World War II. This means returning living POWs, the repatriation of their remains, or finding convincing evidence why neither of these is possible. National POW/MIA Recognition Day ceremonies can be held on military installations, ships, schools, churches and post homes. The focus is to ensure that America remembers its responsibility to stand behind those who serve and to make sure we do all that is possible to account for those who have not returned.

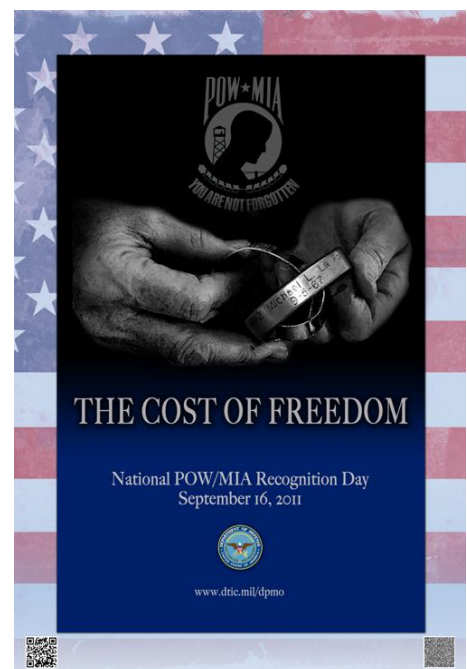
For more information, visit the following websites:

<http://www.legion.org/powmia>

http://www.dtic.mil/dpmo/pow_day/

<http://www.war-veterans.org/Powmia.htm>

If you participate in ceremonies with your Post, please send a note or email National Security Chairman Diana Sirovina, describing your activities.





HOMELESS WOMEN VETERANS' FUND
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It is with great pleasure that I can report to you the success of the **Wisconsin American Legion Auxiliary - Homeless Women Veterans' Project.**

FACTS:

- US Department of Veterans Affairs estimates the overall homeless Veteran population is 107,000 on any given night, with 7,000 being women Veterans.
- Women Veterans experience higher rates of unemployment than their male counterparts - 16% vs 11.5% for 18-24 year olds and double that of non-veterans.
- Women Veterans experience post traumatic stress trauma (PTST) equal to their male counterparts, but military sexual trauma (MST) is found to be the leading factor in their homelessness.

The Homeless Women Veterans Funds Committee -Department President, Finance Chairman, VA & R Chairman and Homeless Women Veteran Chairman – have created an application form for requesting assistance. To be considered for an assistance grant, the woman Veteran must have been honorably discharged and the request for assistance must come from a County Veteran Service Officers or another VA associate agency; which can verify her military service and confirm the type of assistance requested.

The application along with an introductory letter was sent to County Veteran Service Officers, Wisconsin Vet Centers, Homeless Veterans Housing sites, VA Hospital Representatives, VA Women Health Care Directors, Wisconsin Department of Workforce, National Guard Resource Center, Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs and many other agency that help veterans.

The Committee reviews all requests, approves or denies and agrees on the amount of the Grant. The funds are not given directly to the veteran; but sent to a landlord or business/vendor for specific items.

Through this application process you have assisted:

- A Woman Veteran who was living in her car by paying a security deposit and first months rent.
- A Woman Veteran by paying storage for her household furniture. She had to leave her apartment because the owner had passed away and the bank was foreclosing on the property. She is currently looking for affordable housing.
- A Woman Veteran by paying her back rent to prevent her & her three children from being evicted. She is unemployed and had been told that if she was evicted she would also lose custody of her children; ages 7, 4, & 2.
- A Woman Veteran by paying security deposit and three months rent (\$50 @) as she transitions from the Zablocki Domiciliary 43. She is unemployed.
- A Woman Veteran by paying for new clothes so she can go on job interviews. She was homeless until she was accepted into the Caraville Housing 4 Vets at Janesville.
- Two Women Veterans by furnishing their apartments at the Boudicca House in Milwaukee.
- A new heavy duty wash/dryer for the Boudicca House in Milwaukee, which will be used by 14 Women Veteran residents who are transitioning from the Zablocki Domiciliary 43. Two of the women residents will have children with them.
- A Woman Veteran by paying for some furniture & accessories for an apartment as she transitions from Zablocki Domiciliary 43.

Because of the success of this program, the Department Convention delegates' approved the continuation of the Homeless Women Veterans Project within the Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation Committee. I have been appointed to continue to serve as Chairman of this program. I am privileged to be able to offer the support of the American Legion Auxiliary and hope to women Veterans as they struggle to find peace and security.

Please continue to support the Homeless Women Veteran Fund with your cash donations to Department Headquarters, P. O. Box 140, Portage, WI 53901; you are doing a good thing for Wisconsin's women Veterans; supporting & servicing those who served America.



VETERANS AFFAIRS AND REHABILITATION

Virginia Kodl, Department Chairman

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We are charged with four main objectives for this year –

- 1) To bring awareness to the plight and ever-increasing number of homeless veterans. Today it is estimated that 1 in 4 homeless are veterans and that includes approximately 6,500 women veterans.
- 2) To raise \$150,000 to fulfill our obligation as a corporate sponsor of the National Veterans Creative Arts Festival.
- 3) To increase participation in Ride to Recovery (R2R) events. To encourage fundraising and volunteer participation for all scheduled events.
- 4) To increase volunteer services within a VAMC or outpatient clinic by 10 volunteers.

We also have the following programs: VA Medical Center (VAMC) Outpatient Facilities, Field and Home Service, Homeless Veterans Initiatives, Welcome Home Celebrations, Fisher House, Support American Legion Programs and Recognize and celebrate National Volunteer Month in April.

We will continue working with helping the Homeless Women Veterans in Wisconsin. I was able to travel with the National President and Department President to tour the Caravilla Vet Center in Janesville and the Boudicca House in Milwaukee – two sites that are able to help the Homeless Women Veterans. The Boudicca House will also accept applications from Homeless Women Veterans with children under the age of 12. Watch for bulletins listing needed items for both of these places along with the other Veteran Centers helping Homeless Women Veterans.

Our theme for Wisconsin this year is “Libraries of Love” for our Veterans so we will be hosting a used book collection for our Veterans on September 10th at Department Headquarters. The Caravilla Vet Center would like current reference books such as dictionaries, thesaurus, and almanacs. All of the centers would appreciate magazine subscriptions, westerns, fiction and fantasy books and perhaps some Spanish language books.

DATES & DEADLINES

Last updated 8/9/11 (subject to change)

EVENT	LOCATION	DATE
CHAIRMEN'S PLANNING MEETING	DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS	08/13/2011
NATIONAL CONVENTION	MINNEAPOLIS, MN	08/26-09/01/11
LEGION FAMILY MEMBERSHIP RALLY	PORTAGE, WI	9/10/11
NATIONAL CHILDREN/YOUTH CONF	INDIANAPOLIS, IN	09/16-18, 2011
10 th DISTRICT FALL CONFERENCE	BLOOMER, WI	09/17/2011
ALA INFORMATIONAL FORUM	WILDERNESS HOTEL, WISCONSIN DELLS	09/23-24, 2011
7 TH DISTRICT FALL CONFERENCE	MAUSTON, WI	10/08/2011
11 TH DISTRICT FALL CONFERENCE	MERCER, WI	10/08/2011
NATIONAL PRESIDENT/SECRETARY CONF	INDIANAPOLIS, IN	10/9-12, 2011
TAL DEPARTMENT FALL MEETINGS	DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS	10/14-15, 2011
NATIONAL CREATIVE ARTS FESTIVAL	FAYETTEVILLE, AK	10/17-23, 2011
MOBILE BOOK CLUB (MEMBERSHIP ROUND-UP)	VARIOUS LOCATIONS (TO BE DETERMINED)	11/5-6, 2011
TAL MID-WINTER CONF	HO-CHUNK CASINO, WISCONSIN DELLS	01/19-20, 2012
7TH DISTRICT SPRING CONFERENCE	NORTH FREEDOM, WI	03/24/2012
WALASBA – TOURNAMENT	WATERTOWN	04/14-15, 2012
WALASBA – TOURNAMENT	WATERTOWN	04/21-22, 2012
NATIONAL MEMBERSHIP WORKSHOP	INDIANAPOLIS, IN	05/05-7, 2012
TAL DEPARTMENT SPRING MEETINGS	DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS	05/11-12, 2012
DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TESTIMONIAL	TO BE DETERMINED	05/19/2012
JUNIOR ACTIVITIES SPRING CONFERENCE	KING VETERANS HOME, KING, WI	TBD
BADGER BOYS STATE	RIPON COLLEGE CAMPUS	06/09-16, 2012
BADGER GIRLS STATE	UW-OSHKOSH CAMPUS	06/17-22, 2012
NATIONAL PRESIDENT - KRIS NELSON'S OFFICIAL VISIT	BGS (UW-OSHKOSH) & CAMO QUILT PROJECT (PLYMOUTH)	06/21-23, 2012
DEPARTMENT CONVENTION	MADISON, WI	07/18-22, 2012
NATIONAL CONVENTION	INDIANAPOLIS, IN	08/24-30, 2012
NATIONAL PRESIDENT/SECRETARY CONF	INDIANAPOLIS, IN	10/14-17, 2012



American Legion Auxiliary 2011 State Convention Citations

Bowling – Anna Graham, Dept. Chairman

- 1 – Team winner plaque awarded to Verona Unit 355
- 1 – 300 Game Award to Susan Zielke of Watertown Unit 189
- 2 – Almost 300 Game Award to Renata Quillen of Grafton Unit 355 & Cynthia Blom of Shiocton Unit 512

Chaplain – Laura Calteux, Dept. Chairman

- 1 – First Place Certificate awarded to Cecil-Tormey (Thorp) Unit 118, District 7
- 6 – Certificate of participation: Delafield Unit 196, District 1; Pitterle-Beaudoin (Watertown) Unit 189, District 2; Mason Lindsay (Verona) Unit 385, District 3; Burton Koppang (Mauston) Unit 81, District 7; Schlender-Polly (Tigerton) Unit 239, District 8; Mixtacki-Johnson (Pulaski) Unit 337, District 9

Community Service – Carol Lers, Dept. Chairman

- 1 – Certificate for 'Most Outstanding Overall Program' awarded to Boxrucker-Berry Unit 519, District 11
- 1 – Certificate for Senior Volunteer of the Year awarded to Estelle Laub of Boxrucker-Berry Unit 519, District 11
- 1 – Certificate for Junior Volunteer of the Year awarded to Caitlin Rosemeyer of Cecil Tormey Unit 118, District 7

History – Teresa Isensee, Dept. Chairman

- 1 – Senior History Book (District Level) award: Karen Purinton of Unit 87, District 10;
- 1 – Senior History Book (District Level) Certificate of Participation awarded to Shannon Churchill of Unit 385, District 8
- 1 – Senior History Book (Unit Level) award: Marjorie Krueger of Unit 125, District 6
- 9 – Senior History Book (Unit Level) Certificate of Participation awarded to: Rose Heinz of Appleton Unit 38; Gloria Hochstein of Eau Claire Unit 53; Mary Petrie of Watertown Unit 189; Helen Gelhaus of Stetsonville Unit 519; Anna Tanck of Wausau Unit 10; Allysha Petranovich of Thorp Unit 118; Gayle Schneider of Brookfield Unit 449; Kathleen Cook of Milwaukee Unit 434; Joyce Endres of Waunakee Unit 360.
- 1 – Junior History Book (Unit Level) award: Cassidy Kauffman of Tigerton Unit 239, District 8
- 1 – Certificate of Participation awarded to Nellie DeBaker of Luxemburg Unit 262, District 9

Junior Activities – Theresa Schindler, Dept. Chairman

- 1 – Junior Member of the Year Award – awarded to Zabrina Mason of Unit 118
- 1 – Unit Award "Best Junior Activities program" – awarded to Unit #239

Legislative – Gayle Janson, Dept. Chairman

- 1 – Best Overall District Narrative Report – Kelli Mades – District 7;
- 1 – Best Overall District Narrative Report – Diane Weggen, Cecil Tormey Unit 118, District 7

Membership – Joyce Endres, Dept. Chariman

The TOP THREE DISTRICTS as of June 15 (30 days prior to convention):

Number 1: 2 nd District at 98.30%	June 29: 98.60%
Number 2: 9 th District at 96.35%	June 29: 96.35%
Number 3: 3 rd District at 95.55%	June 29: 95.81%

11 - 100% Counties:

District 2 - Jefferson and Ozaukee Counties
District 3 – Iowa and Richland Counties
District 8 – Waushara County
District 9 – Oconto County
District 10 – Chippewa and St. Croix Counties
District 11 – Vilas County
District 12 – Polk and Sawyer Counties

2 – WOW Units – Units with over 200%

Unit 405, Dousman = 213.33%
Unit 396, Indian Creek = 221.43

34 Units at an all time high

Units at or Above 100% = 147

National President – Certificates of Admiration

3 – Fond du Lac Unit 75, Mauston Unit 81, Cambria Unit 401

Poppy – Joan Chwala, Dept. Chairman

- **Best Overall Poppy Program**

Anna Rosemeyer of Unit 118, District 3

- **Greatest Amount of Poppy Distributions**

Johnson-Nicoles Kuhlman-Olson Unit 53, District 10

- **Poppy Usage Contest Winners:**

- Nellie P. DeBaker of Unit 262, District 9
- C.B. Hoskins of Unit 70, District 6
- Sandra Wellens of Unit 302, District 9
- JoAnne Wurtz of Unit 207, District 10
- Rebecca O'Black of Unit 54, District 8

- **Poppy Usage Citations:**

- Teresa Isensee of Unit 326, District 10
- Kathleen Schiller of Unit 449, District 1
- Rose Heinz of Unit 38, District 9
- Char Kiesling of Unit 33, District 9

- **Poppy Poster Winners – Department of Wisconsin:**

- **Class 1** – Brooke Webb of Unit 118, District 7; Elizabeth Brokaw of District 6; Navaeh Arndt of Unit 384, District 2
- **Class 2** - Dakota Carriveau of Unit 302, District 9; Autumn R. Nowicki of Unit 171, District 1; Ryan Havlik of Unit 447, District 3
- **Class 3** – Mandy McLaughlin of Unit 261, District 2; Nikolas Kistner of Unit 118, District 7; Emily Nurmi of Unit 171, District 1
- **Class 4** – Tina Eckardt of Unit 239, District 8
- **Class 5** – BreeAnna Kulesa of Unit 118, District 7; Mariah Pursley of District 8
- **Class 6** – Kellee Orzachowski of Thorp
- **Class 7** – Abby Lueke of Unit 171, District 7

- **Miss Poppy Contest -**
 - **Little Miss Poppy:** Amelia Olson of Unit 359, District 11
 - **Miss Poppy:** Meredith Homann of Unit 6, District 8
- **Other Poppy Citations (given out at District Caucus) –**
 - **District 1** – Unit 8, Post 21, Unit 79
 - **District 2** – Unit 261
 - **District 4** – Unit 18
 - **District 7** – Unit 118, Unit 123
 - **District 8** – Unit 10, Unit 198
 - **District 9** – Unit 377
 - **District 10** – Unit 53, Unit 326
 - **District 11** – Unit 90, Unit 359, Unit 519

Public Relations – April Kollmorgen, Dept. Chairman

1 – Best Use of Image – Barbara Hammond, Unit 447, District 3

Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation – Fern Madden, Dept. Chairman

1 – “Most Outstanding Overall VA & R program” awarded to Barbara Boeck, Chrm. of Fifield Unit 532

3 – Certificate of Participation “VA & R program” awarded to Boxrucker-Berry Unit 519; Cook-Fuller Unit 70;
Ross- Harms Unit 355



Recommendations For Protocol To Be Used For State Commander's Or Other Officer's Visit To A Unit, County Council Or District

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT:

- 1. The Commander is to be given the privilege of selecting the time of her/his appearance.**
- 2. That no other State Officer appear on the program before the Commander with the exception that at a District Conference, the State Adjutant and/or the State Service Officer may give his short report before the Commander.**
(Reason: The State Commander, as titular head of the organization, outlines the program which should be followed by the District, County, or Post and by the various committee chairmen. Under such circumstances, she is the keynote speaker and as such, she sets the tone for the program.)
- 3. The Commander should be met by a person charged with the responsibility of looking after the needs and comfort of the Commander. She/He should be conversant with the details of the function and not leave the Commander to shift for herself/himself.**
- 4. Meals and hotel accommodations for the Commander and her husband/his wife, if it is necessary to stay overnight, will be paid for by the host.**
- 5. Those courtesies which are usually extended to a visitor in your home must be accorded the Commander, and the host organization must make every effort to see that these amenities are extended.**
- 6. A "Request for a Visit by the State Commander or State Officer" form must be filled out and submitted to Headquarters as a proper invitation.**

WISCONSIN AMERICAN LEGION REQUEST FOR VISIT BY STATE COMMANDER



DATE OF EVENT: _____ CITY: _____

OCCASION: _____

TYPE OF APPEARANCE: _____

(Post, County, District Meeting/Luncheon Club/ Civic Affair/ Other)

LOCATION OF EVENT: _____

(Post, Civic Building, Local Supper Club, etc.)

ADDRESS: _____

TIME OF APPEARANCE: _____

WHO WILL COMPOSE THE AUDIENCE? _____

(Legionnaires/Auxiliary/General Public/Youth Group/Other)

WILL THE COMMANDER BE THE MAIN SPEAKER? _____

WILL SHE FUNCTION IN OTHER CAPACITIES? _____

DOES THE EVENT INCLUDE THE COMMANDER'S HUSBAND? _____

IS THE EVENT A DINNER, LUNCHEON OR OTHER GATHERING? _____

TYPE OF ATTIRE: _____

(Uniform/Blazer/Suit and Legion Cap)

TYPE OF ATTIRE FOR COMMANDERS'S HUSBAND: _____

(Formal/Semi-Formal/Casual)

IF THE STATE COMMANDER CANNOT ACCEPT YOUR INVITATION,
DO YOU WANT A STATE VICE COMMANDER?

YES _____ NO _____

WHAT NEWS MEDIA WILL BE PRESENT? Press/Radio/TV _____

Press Conference Arranged? _____

NAME OF PERSON WHO WILL MEET THE COMMANDER: _____

OTHER INFORMATION THAT WILL BE OF ASSISTANCE: _____

NOTE: PROTOCOL DICTATES THAT MEALS AND HOTEL ACCOMODATIONS FOR THE COMMANDER AND HER HUSBAND WILL BE PAID FOR BY THE POST.

Name of Post/Unit

County

District

Phone Number

County/Unit Commander/President: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Signed: _____

(Person Extending This Invitation)

Address: _____