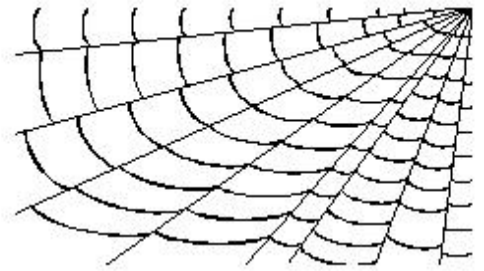




# For October Meeting 2011



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Happy  
Halloween





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## Books of Knowledge-Fill Your Shelves

Greetings,

We are having fun with the Libraries of Love theme. Since our unit members are “Books of Knowledge,” we must get them neatly back on our shelves (get our current members renewed) for the 2011-2012 membership year. And we must think about getting some “New Editions” (recruiting new members) to help fill our card catalogue with interesting and varied products (members of all ages, passions, and talents.) Check out the “Booked One” bookmark reward for recruiting a new edition (member).

Think about the books in a library. Are they all the same? Certainly not. Are all the stories the same genre? Certainly not. Some are serious, some are comical, some are motivational, some are filled with lots of facts and figures. Isn't that like our members? All different; but all valuable. Let's make a special effort to treat each of our own “Books of Knowledge” like the valuable treasures we know them to be!

Our featured “Libraries of Love” Units for this mailing are Odanah Unit #26 in District 11, Merrilan Unit #140 in District 7, and Wazeka Unit #458 in District 3. They have earned their rainbow 100% ribbons. Congratulations!

I hope to meet you all personally at one of our Mobile Book Club stops on the weekend of November 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>. We promise that it will be educational and fun.

  
Joan V. Chwala, Department President



## GREETINGS FROM DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS

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**Unit Member of the Year:** Linda Wieck of District 2, Unit 243 Plymouth was selected as Wisconsin's Unit Member of the Year. Linda was recognized at the Department Convention in Appleton and at the National Convention in Minneapolis for her dedication and support of our active duty military members through the Camouflage Quilt Project. Congratulations, Linda!

**Honoring Their Service:** Kris Nelson of Minnesota was elected as the American Legion Auxiliary National President at the 91<sup>st</sup> ALA National Convention. Her theme for the upcoming year is "Honoring Their Service." Attached is an informational flyer for commemorative "Honoring Their Service" buttons that are available for order through the National Membership Team. This button has been fully sanctioned by the American Legion Auxiliary National organization and can be used to help engage members who want to proudly display the image of the special veteran(s) in their life. Each custom button is 2-1/4" in diameter and contains the supplied veteran photo (instructions on the form) along with our memorial poppy and National President Kris Nelson's image mark for the year. Wouldn't it be great if every member wore a custom button to proudly display our common veteran connection?!?

**Calendar Fundraiser:** *Check your mailboxes!* The 2012 Calendar Fundraiser was mailed at the end of August. For a suggested donation of \$10, you could share in more than \$12,000 in cash prizes. Daily winners receive \$15 (\$25 on Sundays) and there are 13 opportunities to win \$500! Thanks to Leap Year, everyone has 366 chances to win in 2012. Remember, tickets are always returned to the barrel to be included in the next daily drawing, so you could win more than once. If you would like additional entry forms, please call Department Headquarters.

**Plan of Action:** For those who are interested in the 2011-2012 National Plan of Action (program guidelines), please visit the national website [www.ALAforVeterans.org](http://www.ALAforVeterans.org). From the home page, click on the "Member Resources" tab, then "Resources." A link to the Plan of Action is listed at the top of the column on the right side of the page.

Wisconsin's Plan of Action for each individual program will be posted on the Programs tab of the department website ([www.amlegionauxwi.org](http://www.amlegionauxwi.org)) as they are available.

**Unit Best Practices:** Does your Unit have any "best practices" that could benefit other Auxiliary Units or members? We are always looking for new ideas on recruiting and retaining members, fundraising ideas, community service projects, etc. Please submit your suggestions to department headquarters for possible inclusion in the "Greetings from Headquarters" articles in the future.

**Dues Increase:** After lengthy debate at the 91<sup>st</sup> Annual National Convention, the delegates approved a \$4.00 increase in national dues effective with the 2013 membership year. National Headquarters has not increased dues in 17 years and with declining membership has been operating on a deficit budget for quite some time. They cannot continue to provide the programs and services they offer to our members without an increase.

If your Unit has members who will find it difficult to pay this increase in 2013, start planning ways to help supplement the dues increase through fundraising activities such as bake sales, rummage sales, brat fries, etc. The strength of the American Legion Auxiliary and the services we provide to our veterans is only possible with the continued support of our members. We don't want to leave anyone behind.



## American Legion Auxiliary – Americanism Essay Contest

**Topic: "How Can I Show My Patriotism in My Community?"**

Dear Student: Please complete this form and use it as the cover sheet for your essay. Submit your essay to the local American Legion Auxiliary Unit in your community by April 1st 2012. Essays in Class III and above should be in typewritten form.

Class	Grade Level	Word Requirement	Check Entry Level
I	3 & 4	150-250	_____
II	5 & 6	250-300	_____
III	7 & 8	350-400	_____
IV	9 & 10	450-500	_____
V	11&12	450-500	_____

**Judging & Awards:** Entries will be judged at the Unit and Department (State) levels. 1<sup>st</sup> place winning entry in each class will receive #50 from Department and will be forwarded to Central Division for further competition. 2<sup>nd</sup> place winning entry in each class will receive \$25.00 from Department and 3<sup>rd</sup> thru 5<sup>th</sup> place winning entries in each class will receive \$10.00. Division winners in each class will receive a citation and will automatically be entered into the National competition. One award in each of five classes will be presented in each division. Winners will receive \$50 and a \$50 honorarium in the student's name to the National President's Scholarship.

### PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY

Student's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Student's Address \_\_\_\_\_

Student Grade Level \_\_\_\_\_ School \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher Verification \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name

Signature

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**Sponsoring Unit Information**

Unit Name and Number \_\_\_\_\_

Unit President's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Unit Address \_\_\_\_\_

Unit Contact Name & Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Department of Wisconsin

Department Chairman Signature \_\_\_\_\_

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Local Auxiliary Units please attach your winning essay to this form and mail to Department Americanism Chairman: Joanie Dickerson, PO Box 224, Bagley, WI 53801. No later than April 11<sup>th</sup>, 2012.



## Children & Youth

Karen Degner, Department Chairman  
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### Youth Hero/Good Deed Awards

Created in 2002 by the National Children & Youth Committee, these awards are presented annually throughout the year to recognize the heroism and helpfulness of youths under age 18.

#### Award Criteria

##### Youth Hero

- May be a Junior Auxiliary member or someone eligible for membership, but eligibility is not a criterion for consideration
- Demonstrates a physical act of valor (Heimlich, CPR, first aid, rescuing from fire or water peril)
- Serves as an inspirational role model for the organization and the community

Youth Hero Award winners receive a medal and a certificate. On occasion, some Youth Hero Awards are presented at the American Legion Auxiliary national convention.

##### Good Deed

- May be a Junior Auxiliary member or someone eligible for membership, but eligibility is not a criterion for consideration.
- Donates time and/or money for a worthy cause (such as Locks of Love, a food drive, troop support, etc.)

Submit completed nomination form to: Dept. Secretary, ALA Dept. of WI, PO Box 140, Portage, WI 53901-0140.

If the youth your Unit nominated is chosen, I ask that you send a brief description and photo when the award is presented. Photo and narrative can be submitted by email to: [mdegner@wi.rr.com](mailto:mdegner@wi.rr.com) or mailed to Karen Degner, 914 Dreifuerst Road, Plymouth, WI 53073.



## **DATES & DEADLINES**

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

<b>EVENT</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>	<b>DATE</b>
NATIONAL CHILDREN/YOUTH CONF	INDIANAPOLIS, IN	09/16-18, 2011
ALA FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING	DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS	09/17/2011
10 <sup>th</sup> DISTRICT FALL CONFERENCE	BLOOMER, WI	09/18/2011
ALA INFORMATIONAL FORUM	WILDERNESS HOTEL, WISCONSIN DELLS	09/23-24, 2011
BGS FALL MEETING	DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS	10/01/2011
9 <sup>TH</sup> DISTRICT FALL CONFERENCE	GREEN BAY UNIT #11	10/01/2011
11 <sup>TH</sup> DISTRICT FALL CONFERENCE	MERCER, WI (at K-12 SCHOOL)	10/08/2011
7 <sup>TH</sup> DISTRICT FALL CONFERENCE	MAUSTON, WI	10/08/2011
NATIONAL PRESIDENT/SECRETARY CONF	INDIANAPOLIS, IN	10/09-12, 2011
TAL DEPARTMENT FALL MEETINGS	DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS	10/14-15, 2011
1 <sup>st</sup> DISTRICT FALL CONFERENCE	KENOSHA POST #21	10/15/2011
JUNIOR FALL CONFERENCE	HIGH GROUND, NEILLSVILLE	10/15/2011
NATIONAL CREATIVE ARTS FESTIVAL	FAYETTEVILLE, AK	10/17-23, 2011
6 <sup>th</sup> DISTRICT FALL CONFERENCE	NEENAH, WI	10/22/2011
8 <sup>TH</sup> DISTRICT FALL CONFERENCE	WAUTOMA, WI	10/29/2011
MOBILE BOOK CLUB (MEMBERSHIP ROUND-UP)	VARIOUS LOCATIONS (TO BE DETERMINED)	11/05-06, 2011
TAL MID-WINTER CONF	HO-CHUNK CASINO, WISCONSIN DELLS	01/19-20, 2012
LEGION BIRTHDAY DINNER	POST 209, ORFORDVILLE	03/17/2012
7 <sup>TH</sup> 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	05/05-07, 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	MIDDLETON, WI	07/19-22, 2012
NATIONAL CONVENTION	INDIANAPOLIS, IN	08/24-30, 2012
ALA INFORMATIONAL FORUM	OLYMPIA RESORT, OCONOMOWOC, WI	09/28-29, 2012
NATIONAL PRESIDENT/SECRETARY CONF	INDIANAPOLIS, IN	10/14-17, 2012
DEPARTMENT CONVENTION	OLYMPIA RESORT, OCONOMOWOC, WI	07/18-21, 2013
NATIONAL CONVENTION	HOUSTON, TX	08/23-29, 2013
ALA INFORMATIONAL FORUM	OLYMPIA RESORT, OCONOMOWOC, WI	09/20-21, 2013
NATIONAL PRESIDENT/SECRETARY CONF	INDIANAPOLIS, IN	10/13-16, 2013
NATIONAL CONVENTION	CHARLOTTE, NC	08/22-28, 2014



## EDUCATION

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# AMERICAN EDUCATION WEEK

## NOVEMBER 13-19

Theme: “Great Public Schools” A Basic Right and Our Responsibility

Suggested ways to honor the teachers of your schools:

1. Volunteer at your schools: listen to children read, work in library, help on playground, help in classroom.
2. Present teachers and other staff members with a small token of appreciation, such as bookmark, key rings, or apples include a thank you note.
3. Provide poppy corsages and boutonnieres for all teachers.
4. Donate books in honor of the teacher to the school library. The librarian has suggestions for each teacher.
5. Ask parents to remember teachers with messages of “thanks”.
6. Include in your honoring; teacher assistants, bus drivers, janitors, cafeteria workers, and the office people.
7. In line with President Chwala’s theme donate a book or two to the library on Veteran’s Day, Memorial Day or about the heroes of our great country.

For more ideas go to the National Education Association’s website ([www.nea.org](http://www.nea.org)) or the National PTA website ([www.pta.org](http://www.pta.org)) or ask a school employee for suggestions.

Use the imagination of the ladies in your unit to find a fitting “thank you” for your teachers.

Remember the most important thing, is to say “thank you” for a job well done.



## **Home Service**

Judy Kuta, Department Chairman  
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Do you have members in your Unit unable to attend meetings? Do these members still want to be involved? Do they want to make a difference for veterans? Home Service could be what they are looking for. Home Service volunteers do projects and work for active-duty military, veteran and/or families from home. They can make tray favors to be used at VA hospitals. Holiday decorations for all occasions, along with greeting cards and letters are often made in homes of Auxiliary members and are used in VA hospitals, nursing homes and even sent overseas to remind veterans and active duty military how much we appreciate what they did for us. The only restriction is that the veteran or service member cannot be a member of your family.

It is important to remember that each member maintains their own record keeping of hours and dollars spent. Anything done between April 1, 2011 and March 31, 2012 should be recorded and reported to the Unit's Home Service Chairman and will then be forwarded on to Department. Record keeping becomes easier if records are kept weekly, monthly or as a project is completed. It is hard to remember everything you did at the end of a year, so begin keeping those records now if you have not already done so. Have fun, make a difference and be an active part of the finest veteran's service organization in the world. Any Auxiliary member can participate—will you?



## **Anna Rosemeyer, Junior Activities Chairman**

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**Joan Wilkinson, Junior Activities Co-Chairman**

As we launch **Libraries of Love for our Veterans**, we must remember to include our **story tellers** (Juniors members) in our meetings and activities. As **Books of Knowledge** (Senior members) we can mentor and instill in them great strength to learn about our organization and train them to become great Leaders and Volunteers for our Veterans and Communities.

Junior members are a vital part of the future of our organization. We must guide them, listen to their ideas and support them as they plan and hold meetings and projects on their own. Make them feel needed and wanted.

They will have a chance to meet with other wonderful young ladies throughout the state and share their **stories** (ideas and accomplishments) at the Fall Forum in Wisconsin Dells, Sept 23-24; Fall Junior Conference in Neillsville at The High Ground, Oct. 15<sup>th</sup>; a trip to one of our VA Centers in the spring and hopefully even the National Junior Conference held in Indianapolis next August. Keep on the lookout for more information on these and other up-coming events.

Junior members (**story tellers**) can help in promoting Americanism in schools by mentoring children in reading programs, having a book drive or read-a-thon, Senior centers, Make a Difference Day, distributing poppies (enlist other junior units to help with poppies if you do not have juniors)( what a great way to get possible new junior members interested), helping at our local Legion posts and Camo quilt projects, helping at our veteran facilities and even just simply Thanking our Veterans for their service to our Country.

Another way of involving your junior members is through the patch program. They can earn patches for Americanism, Community Service, Poppy, VA&R, Membership, Field Service, Leadership, Education, National Security, Physical Fitness as well as a special National President's Scholarship Patch. The Junior activities patch program may be downloaded by visiting the national website ([www.legion-aux.org](http://www.legion-aux.org))

If your Unit, County, or District would like to hold a Junior Leadership Training Course or need help with any other Junior programs, please contact me to set-up a date for me to visit and work with junior and senior auxiliary members.

For more information on programs and to get a copy of the plan of action (available at our paper fair and workshop), plan on attending the Fall Forum, held Sept. 23 & 24<sup>th</sup> @ the Wilderness Resort in Wisconsin Dells.

As our **Books of Knowledge** continue to educate and mentor our young **story tellers** through **positive** experiences we will all accomplish our many goals and missions for our Veterans and Communities and we will have many great **stories** and memories to keep in our **Libraries of Love for Our Veterans**. "Honoring our Veterans by Engaging the American Legion Family in Service Not Self for God and Country. God Bless America!!!

## JUNIOR ACTIVITIES

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### Junior Activities Fall Conference

Saturday, October 15<sup>th</sup> 2011

10:00 am – 4:00 pm

The High Ground

Neillsville, WI 54456

The “Library of Love” is open for all Wisconsin American Legion Junior Auxiliary members

**\*\*and a special veteran of their choosing\*\***

to attend the 2011 Junior Fall Conference to be held at The High Ground in Neillsville, WI just off of Highway 10.

The Juniors will start their day with a tour of the grounds, followed by lunch, a meeting and fun activities in the Learning Center.

TOUR ♦♦ LUNCH ♦♦ MEETING ♦♦ ACTIVITIES

Junior Auxiliary Honorary President Mariah Pursley will conduct the Fall Meeting following lunch. Then the Juniors will move into activities to learn about the Patch Program and to interact with veterans. Lunch will feature Soup and Sandwiches.

Registration fee is \$1.00 per person. Lunch is \$5.00 per person.

*Please send reservation form with payment by Friday, October 7<sup>th</sup>, 2011 to:*

Anna Rosemeyer, 113 North Wilson Street, Thorp, WI 54771

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### 2010 Junior Fall Conference Reservation Form

Unit # \_\_\_\_\_ District# \_\_\_\_\_ Name: \_\_\_\_\_ JR \_\_\_ SR \_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_ # Juniors to Attend                      \_\_\_\_\_ #Seniors to Attend

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ Enclosed for Registration Fees at \$1.00 per person attending.

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ Enclosed for Lunch at \$5.00 per person attending



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

### **PUFL – Paid-up-for-Life Member**

At the 2011 National Convention in Minneapolis MN the delegation voted to increase the American Legion Auxiliary Senior Dues for the 2013 Membership Year.

**NOW** would be a great time to consider a PUFL membership at the 2012 Membership dues amount.

**DID YOU KNOW** that you can also present a PUFL membership to a **JUNIOR** member?

To calculate the amount of a PUFL membership, use the examples below:

#### **Example Senior Member**

Member is 54 years old; her 2011 Membership dues are paid  
Senior Unit dues are \$18.00 (\$16.00 to Wisconsin ALA and \$2.00 to Unit)

First find the column with your age group	50-59
Second find the row with \$ of Unit Dues and find amount in your age column	\$455

#### **Example Junior Member**

Member is 11 years old; her 2011 Membership dues are paid  
Senior Unit dues are \$18.00 (\$16.00 to Wisconsin ALA and \$2.00 to Unit)

Use the 18-24 age group	18-24
Find the row with \$ of Unit Dues and find amount in this age group	\$659
Add \$2.00 for each year of age preceding 18 (7yrs * \$2.00)	\$ 14
<b>Total PUFL for an 11 year old Junior</b>	<b>\$673</b>

Units consider offering a discount for members that apply for a PUFL membership, waive the additional amount to the Unit. In the Senior example above calculate the PUFL dues using only the Wisconsin ALA amount of \$16.00. The PUFL amount due would then be \$407 saving the member \$48.00.

**2012 Membership Goal Awards** - Let's work on erasing those "Goose Eggs" and reaching our Milestone of 55% by October 6<sup>th</sup>.

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

**National Milestone Goal** – 55% by October 6, 2011

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# MOBILE BOOK CLUB ROUNDUP

The American Legion Family  
Saturday November 5<sup>th</sup> and Sunday November 6<sup>th</sup>

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The American Legion Family Membership Team  
will be visiting four locations within Wisconsin  
to promote our programs, collect memberships,  
and meet members of our Family.

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## Saturday November 5<sup>th</sup> Schedule

Cedarburg Legion Post starting at 8:00am

Tigerton Community Center starting at Noon

Address: 221 Birch Street, Tigerton WI 54486

## Sunday November 6<sup>th</sup> Schedule

Mauston Legion Post starting at 8:00am

Rice Lake Legion Post starting at Noon

- American Legion Auxiliary Memberships will be collected and counted and prizes will be awarded to the

- District bringing the most Memberships
- County bringing the most Memberships
- Unit bringing the most Memberships



## VETERANS AFFAIRS AND REHABILITATION

Virginia Kodl, Department Chairman

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Our main goal continues to assist and support our veterans and their families in any way we can besides supporting the American Legion for which we were established for.

I am going to restate our four main objectives this year; **1)** To bring awareness to every one of the ever-increasing number of homeless veterans, both male and female. **2)** to create an incentive to support the National Creative Arts Festival. **3)** To become more knowledgeable and participation in the Ride 2 Recovery. **4)** To increase volunteer services within a VAMC or outpatient clinic by 10 volunteers and to increase volunteers outside a VAMC through Field Service and Home Service by 10.

We have many more programs that we can and should get involved with.

- 1) Welcome Home Celebrations – Provide assistance in supporting returning servicemen and women and their families in the community.
- 2) Fisher House – Provide volunteer resources and annual donations to Fisher House. They provide housing for families of veterans being treated at a facility.
- 3) National Recognition Programs or Salute to hospitalized veterans – To annually salute America's heroes: more than 98,000 veterans of the U.S. Armed Services who are cared for every day in VA Medical Centers during the week of February 14<sup>th</sup> annually. Try to attend the celebrations but also send cards and letters.
- 4) National Volunteer Month (April) – Recognize and celebrate the important work that volunteers do every day on behalf of veterans.
- 5) Camp American Legion – Help give every veteran who is qualified the opportunity to use this facility. Donations are always needed to supply the veterans the care they need. Goods as well as money is appreciated. Volunteers are also needed.
- 6) Support American Legion Programs – Lets show our unity by working together.

We have the chance of receiving awards but we need to enter our work with a narrative in many cases. Some of the awards are; Honoring Their Service Award, Field Service Volunteer Hours Award, Home Service Volunteer Hours Award, Unit VA&R Program Awards, VAVS Volunteer of the year Award, 100 Percent VAVS Meeting Attendance, Homeless Veterans Outreach Award, Hour Bar recognition for Field, Home and Hospital Volunteers.

In honor of President Joan Chwala's theme of "Libraries of Love" I have another suggestion of getting books to military personnel stationed overseas. Go to [www.booksforsoldiers.com](http://www.booksforsoldiers.com). Soldiers post requests and their addresses and you mail packages directly to them.



## DIRECTOR OF HOSPITAL VOLUNTEERS

Beverly Tutas, Director

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Again this year the National American Legion Auxiliary is asking as one of its objectives that the volunteer services within a VAMC or Outpatient Clinic be increased by 10 volunteers per department. I do not have a tally on the total increased number of volunteers last year, however, Iron Mountain needed 100 extra volunteers for its construction project and they did receive about 70 for that.

The American Legion Auxiliary volunteers fill a vital roll at the VAMC facilities and Outpatient Clinics enabling the facility and program administrators with our guaranteed assistance to concentrate on the delivery of the core services.

Think seriously about volunteering! There continues to be a great need for volunteers at the VA Facilities and in other aspects of the VA&R program through home service and field service. If you wish to volunteer contact the Voluntary Service Office at the VA Facility nearest you or call ALA Headquarters (866) 664-3863. There are numerous awards available to volunteers and the greatest reward of all will be the satisfaction you receive in knowing you have helped our veterans.

The number of veterans continues to increase and there is a concentrated effort to bring awareness to the ever increasing number of homeless veterans, 1 in 4 homeless are veterans of which 6500 are women veterans. This past auxiliary year there was great progress made in helping homeless women veterans. Please call me and let me know if you decide to volunteer.

Even the former heavyweight champion Mohammed Ali once described the importance of volunteering as **“Service to others is the payment you make for your space here on Earth”**.

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY – DEPARTMENT OF WISCONSIN  
PO Box 140 - Portage, WI 53901  
608-745-0124 - Toll Free 1-866-664-3863 - FAX: 608-745-1947

Unit CITY location \_\_\_\_\_ Unit # \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Dist # \_\_\_\_\_

**OPERATION SWEET TREAT**

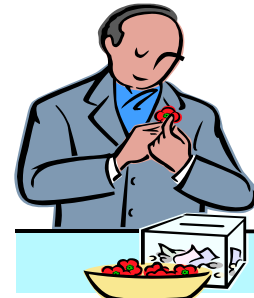
*Can be taken from the poppy fund*

Yes, our Unit would like to make a donation of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to “Operation Sweet Treat”!

Cash donations are always welcome so that we may buy coffee and/or at Christmas time to be able to have a party or give small gifts to those veterans making poppies. The only coupons we need are for instant coffee.

The Poppy Shop can no longer accept homemade goodies. Treats need to be store bought, brand names are requested/preferred and individually wrapped hard candy is always a big hit.

Make your check payable to: *American Legion Auxiliary* Send to: PO Box 140, Portage, WI 53901



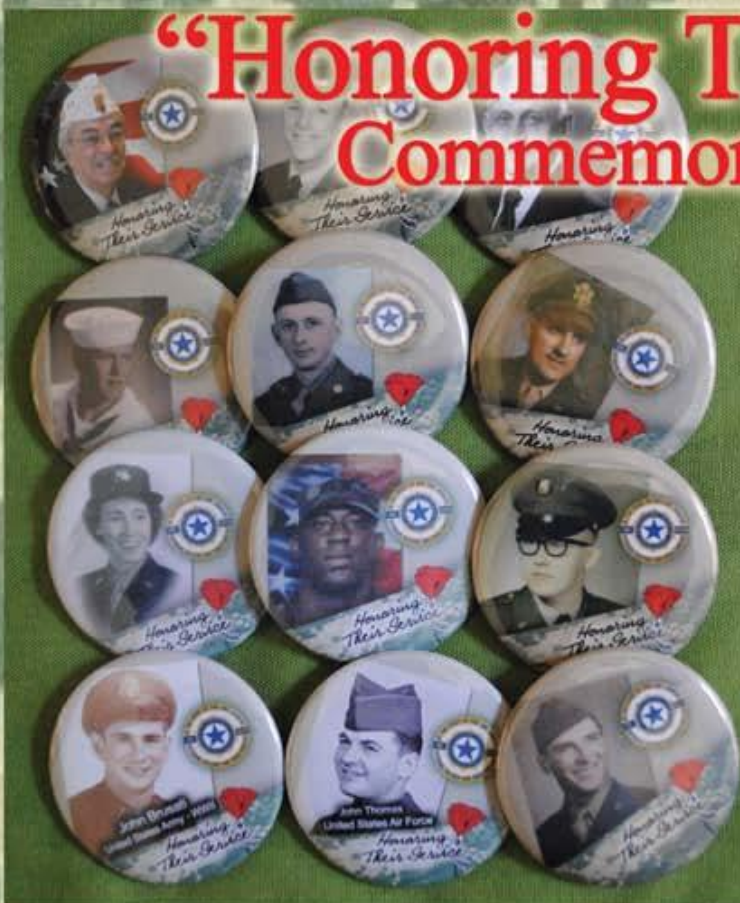
**VISITS**

Visits to the Poppy Shop are always welcome.

**Hours of operation: 9:00 am to 1:00 pm  
Wed - Thurs - Fri ONLY!**

Please send notification of visit to: American Legion Auxiliary Poppy Shop  
Zablocki V.A. Medical Center  
Building #1 - 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
Milwaukee, WI 53295

# “Honoring Their Service” Commemorative Button



The 2011-2012 American Legion Auxiliary National Membership Team is excited to present the theme for 2011-2012 “**Honoring Their Service.**” In support of this concept, we are creating custom buttons for our members with a photo of a special veteran in their life. It can be any photo...a military photo, a candid current shot or a favorite image in any environment. We hope that you will help us spread the wonderful work of our organization while using our special veteran connection to engage new members.

## How do I order my button?

1. Scan a photo as a .jpg or .pdf file and send via email to [ALAbuttons@yahoo.com](mailto:ALAbuttons@yahoo.com)
2. Put your name and department in the subject line of the email.
3. Mail form with payment to address below. Upon receipt of email we will match with form.  
*(Note do not worry about sizing...we will take care of that on our end)*
4. If you can't scan - no problem. Mail the photo with form information and payment to the address below. We will return your photo with the button.

Price Per Photo Button **\$5.00/ea**

Personalized Button (up to two lines of text added) **\$10.00/ea**

## Honor Their Service! Order Now!

You may submit up to three photos per form. This form may be photocopied  
Please complete all information and mail form with payment to the address below (Finished button size is 2-1/4")

Photo #1	_____	_____	x \$5.00/ea	\$ _____
	description of photo	qty		Total
Photo #1 Personalized:	_____	_____	x \$10.00/ea	\$ _____
	text line #1	qty		Total
	_____			
	text line #2			
Photo #2	_____	_____	x \$5.00/ea	\$ _____
	description of photo	qty		Total
Photo #2 Personalized:	_____	_____	x \$10.00/ea	\$ _____
	text line #1	qty		Total
	_____			
	text line #2			
Photo #3	_____	_____	x \$5.00/ea	\$ _____
	description of photo	qty		Total
Photo #3 Personalized:	_____	_____	x \$10.00/ea	\$ _____
	text line #1	qty		Total
	_____			
	text line #2			

### Your Information Here

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Tel. \_\_\_\_\_

Mail Form, Payment, Photos Here

**Trish Ward**  
**PO Box 610**  
**Louisburg, KS 66053**

Questions/Problems...Call: 913-837-0556  
email: [ALAbuttons@yahoo.com](mailto:ALAbuttons@yahoo.com)

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Put ALA BUTTON on Check Memo

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