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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Florence Wasley
Department
President

This month is a busy month to **remember** many dates and times. Spring conferences and hospital volunteer luncheons have the priority. I also want to take a moment to wish all mothers a Happy Mother's Day and pay special tribute to the Gold Star Mothers who have given

of a son or daughter.

I was privileged to represent the ALA along with TAL members at the Awareness Assembly in Washington, D.C. In addition to enjoying the cherry blossoms and flowers in bloom, we had the opportunity to tour Arlington National Cemetery and see National ALA President Carlene Ashworth lay a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. We also visited the offices of Wisconsin Senators and Representatives to discuss Veterans issues. The elected representatives were on leave, but their staff recorded our concerns. We must wait until the 2011 budget is passed before our present concerns are entered into the budget requests.

So now we need to **remember** our mission to help our Veterans. **Remember** to submit the Unit Consolidated Activity Reports to Headquarters. Our numbers and hours are counted and sent on to Congress. It is so vitally important to be reporting them, ladies. Those hours count as Veteran benefits are categorized.

Kathy Wollmer contacted the Homeless Women Veterans facility in Milwaukee.

They are awaiting zoning signatures and we will keep you informed as updates become available. Please see Kathy's article in this publication for more information.

At the Awareness Assembly Parade of Checks, Wisconsin was the highest contributor (\$6,045) for the Veterans Creative Arts Festival. Keep it up ladies! This proves you are Striving for Excellence for our Veterans.

As Memorial Day approaches, let's represent the Legion Family with pride as we distribute poppies this year. Hopefully, you are participating in your community's Memorial Day services. If so, **remember** to wear the Auxiliary logo to showcase your membership.

Remember the testimonial on May 21 at the Barneveld Legion Club. If you come earlier in the day, explore the Dodgeville area -- Lands' End (outlet store), Walnut Hollow, House on the Rock, and Mineral Point (Cornish Heritage community). Barneveld also has a golf course and a small water park.

Remember to strive for our membership. If you have a renewal, send it in as soon as possible. Invite new members to join. I believe WE CAN DO IT.

What is the word, I have used several times this month? Yes, it is **remember**. Now it is up to you to **remember** our mission and continue to STRIVE FOR EXCELLENCE.

God Bless our troops and their families.
God Bless each of you.

Florence

MEMBERSHIP

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Thank you for putting the American Legion Auxiliary first so many times in your life. Each member illustrates the "Power of One" as we:

- Proudly serve veterans and their families, and support ALA Youth and Community programs
- Market the mission of the ALA and the work of The American Legion Family
- Provide unselfish support to our unit and program activities
- Motivate and Mentor each other, including Junior members
- Multiply membership by recruiting new members and renewals.

Through every level of support we learn the value of teamwork, communication and commitment to a task, committee, an office and the value of our ALA Membership. As a whole what you do and how you perceive the ALA and TAL family has a huge impact on marketing and membership retention and recruitment. Work as an ALA family and schedule the Legion's membership trailer to move it around your county or district to market the ALA and membership.

Jean Anderson, 4th District Membership Chairman, provided the following insights: "We need to think of the future of our organization now, to address why membership seems to be declining. We have to believe in our organization and be proud of it.

It should be an automatic to spread the word about the great things we do for our veterans and in our communities." Jean

provided some helpful hints to fellow members: Do we/you:

- Welcome new members and get them involved
- Recognize the good work of members. It helps them feel good about volunteering and builds up their self esteem, so they in-turn will help, mentor, and train other members
- Make the time to call unit members to get to know them better and learn their talents
- Have fun at meetings

As we begin a new Auxiliary year and change leadership, we encourage you to communicate with each other to keep your unit active, energized and motivated. Talk about your skills and interests. Involve Junior members. Based on member input decide which ALA programs best meet your needs. Think about change. Share positive feedback, new ideas and solutions between members and leaders. Focus on the mission of the ALA and a "service not self" attitude. As a result, your membership will be happier, membership will grow, you will grow stronger as a person and your unit will thrive. The more we inform, educate and encourage members, the stronger our organization will be.

At the Listening and Learning Conference held in Madison, National President Carlene Ashworth shared: "The collective Power of One Auxiliary can change the world." One thought, one word, one smile, one attitude, one action, one idea can launch a transformation. Diana Sirovina said in the last department leadership training I attended, "Everyone wakes up with an attitude ~ make sure yours is a good one!"

HOME SERVICE

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Our reporting year has come to an end and I am sure many are confused about how hours need to be reported. I hope I can help a little by telling you that your total hours are reported on the consolidated report form. Next, you need to send to me the names, Member ID #, and addresses, along with the individual hours of each volunteer. These hours are then entered into the records for

each individual so they can receive hour pins and bars.

NEW THIS YEAR IS THE NEED FOR THE MEMBER ID #. Some volunteers had name changes, address changes, nicknames used; this is the only way we are sure to record hours to the correct person. I will be expecting to hear from all units even if they only had 1 hour of Home Service to report.

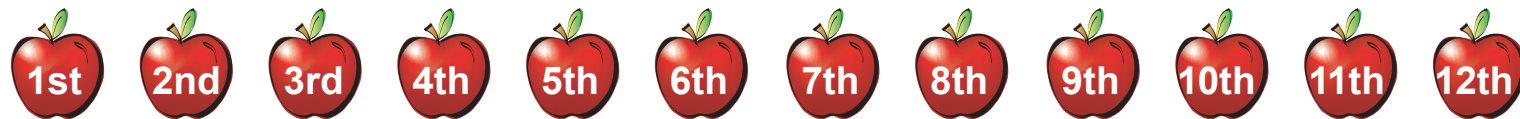
I know everyone had a successful year and are anxious to report the number of hours. They were due by May 1, but I will accept them until May 15.



President Florence Wasley presented a check for \$6,045 to National President Carlene Ashworth and National Vice President Kris Nelson on behalf of the Department of Wisconsin. Over \$44,700 was raised to support the National Veterans Creative Arts Festival during the Parade of Checks at the Awareness Assembly in Washington DC.

DEPARTMENT OF WISCONSIN ALA MEMBERSHIP

April 2011 - Total Membership: 91.36%



2nd Dist.	9th Dist.	3rd Dist.	10th Dist.	6th Dist.	12th Dist.	8th Dist.	7th Dist.	1st Dist.	4th Dist.	11th Dist.	5th Dist.
96.08%	95.29%	93.65%	92.22%	92.03%	91.14%	89.14%	88.76%	88.69%	87.36%	87.05%	78.55%

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

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Each morning as I walk my dogs, it's very peaceful and the birds are chirping, letting me know that spring is really here. It makes me thankful for all that God has made. Just look around you and see the beauty in the little things.

Creator, thank you for the wonders of this world around us. Give us the ability to preserve the beauty of your handiwork, so that future generations may also enjoy it. Help us to remember others in prayer and to honor and pay tribute to those departed men and women who gave the ultimate sacrifice to ensure that our country remains free. Keep the servicemen and women currently serving and their families in your care. Bless them and comfort them.

Amen.

"Do not judge, or you too will be judged." -- Matthew 7:1

Battle Hymn of the Republic

Julia Ward Howe

Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord;
He is trampling out the vintage where the grapes of wrath are stored;
He hath loosed the fateful lightning of His terrible swift sword:
His truth is marching on.
Glory, glory, hallelujah!
Glory, glory, hallelujah!
Glory, glory, hallelujah!
His truth is marching on.
I have seen Him in the watch-fires of a hundred circling camps,
They have builded Him an altar in the evening dews and damps;
I can read His righteous sentence by the dim and flaring lamps:
His day is marching on.
Glory, glory, hallelujah!
Glory, glory, hallelujah!
Glory, glory, hallelujah!
His day is marching on.
I have read a fiery gospel writ in burnished rows of steel:
"As ye deal with my contemners, so with you my grace shall deal;
Let the Hero, born of woman, crush the serpent with his heel,
Since God is marching on."
Glory, glory, hallelujah!
Glory, glory, hallelujah!
Glory, glory, hallelujah!
Since God is marching on.
He has sounded forth the trumpet that shall never call retreat;
He is sifting out the hearts of men before His judgment-seat:
Oh, be swift, my soul, to answer Him! be jubilant, my feet!
Our God is marching on.
Glory, glory, hallelujah!
Glory, glory, hallelujah!
Glory, glory, hallelujah!
Our God is marching on.
In the beauty of the lilies Christ was born across the sea,
With a glory in His bosom that transfigures you and me:
As He died to make men holy, let us die to make men free,
While God is marching on.
Glory, glory, hallelujah!
Glory, glory, hallelujah!
Glory, glory, hallelujah!
While God is marching on.
He is coming like the glory of the morning on the wave,
He is Wisdom to the mighty, He is Succour to the brave,
So the world shall be His footstool, and the soul of Time His slave,
Our God is marching on.
Glory, glory, hallelujah!
Glory, glory, hallelujah!
Glory, glory, hallelujah!
Our God is marching on

GREETINGS FROM HEADQUARTERS

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Thank you to everyone who has supported ALA programs with financial donations. To ensure donations are used as intended, please submit a Poppy Fund Suggested Donation Sheet or General Fund Donation sheet with all donations. These forms list the programs and activities currently in need of financial support and are available on the ALA website (Online Forms) or by contacting Department Headquarters.

May is Poppy Month. For Memorial Day, please remember the many veterans who served honorably for our freedom by distributing poppies in your community. All donations received will directly support veterans throughout Wisconsin.

Candidates for Department Office must have announcement and photo to ALA Headquarters (Attn: Editor) no later than May 27th for publication in the "Wisconsin."

The 91st ALA Convention will be held at Radisson Paper Valley Hotel in Appleton, July 15-17, 2011.

- Unit Presidents will receive Convention information with the May Monthly-Unit-Mailing. Information will also be posted on the ALA website. Pre-registration is \$25/person or \$30 after July 11th. See separate article for hotel information.
- Please pay special attention to deadlines: hotel and food events have early release deadlines.

- Resolutions approved by Units must be received at Department by June 1st.

- A list of elected delegates and alternates from each Unit must be sent to Department by July 1st.

Friday, 7/15: 8:00 am – Finance and Resolutions Committees will have pre-convention meetings; 9:00 am – District Caucuses; 10:30 am – General Session with Opening Ceremonies; Saturday, 7/16: 8:00 am – General Session will continue; 9:00 am – General Session will be halted for voting. Voting will take place on the Convention floor within the District Delegations. All delegates must be seated with their Districts by 9:00 am. 12:30 pm – Past Presidents Parley Luncheon will honor Past Department President Joyce Bouhl (1996-1997). See separate article in this publication.

I look forward to meeting you at the Department Convention.

WHO DO YOU HONOR WITH YOUR ALA MEMBERSHIP?

Linda Hughes of Cambria Unit #401 proudly honors her brother, MSgt Richard Alvin Kueffer, who served in the US Air Force from 1972-1995.

She recalls that letters sent to him during the Gulf War had to be packed in zip lock bags because they were dropped on the beach during delivery. The family missed him at many family celebrations, especially at Christmas. She considers herself blessed to live in such a wonderful country and feels the utmost respect for those who are willing to share their life by service in the military.

Like Linda, please remember all of our military Veterans this Memorial Day!



MSgt. Kueffer with his wife Cindy



AMERICANISM

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What is a Vexillologist? Someone who likes to study flags! How much do you know about our American Flag?

We, here in Wisconsin, can be very proud that the observance of Flag Day was started in Wisconsin on June 14, 1885 when Bernard J. Cigrand, a 19 year old teacher at Stony Hill School, Waubeka, WI, placed a 3 star flag in a bottle on his desk assigning essays on the flag and its significance.

A humble beginning as this observance commemorated Congress' adoption of the Stars and Stripes as the flag of the USA on June 14, 1777. The first Flag Day known as "Flag Birthday" was held on the 108th anniversary of the official adoption of the Stars and Stripes. President Wilson issued a proclamation calling for a nationwide observance of Flag Day on May 30, 1916; in 1949 President Truman followed this with a signed Act of Congress designating the 14th day of June every year as National Flag Day. On June 14, 2004, the

108th U.S. Congress voted unanimously on H.R. 662 that Flag Day originated in Ozaukee County, Wisconsin.

The pledge of allegiance has taken several turns of historical significance. As originally written in 1892 Francis Bellamy's Pledge was: I Pledge allegiance to my flag and the republic for which it stands: one Nation indivisible with liberty and justice for all. From 1892-1923 it read:

"I pledge allegiance to my flag and to the republic for which it stands: one nation indivisible with liberty and justice for all." 1923-1924 it was changed to: "I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States and to the republic for which it stands: one Nation indivisible with liberty and justice for all." The United States' Congress officially recognized the Pledge as the official national pledge on December 28, 1945. In New York City on April 22, 1951, the Board of Directors of the Knights of Columbus adopted a resolution to amend their recitation of Pledge of Allegiance at the opening of each of the meetings of the 800 Fourth Degree Assemblies of the

Knights of Columbus by addition of the words "under God" after the words "one nation."

The Pledge of Allegiance reads:

I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, and to the republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

According to the United States Flag Code, the Pledge "should be rendered by standing at attention facing the flag with the right hand over the heart. Members of the Armed Forces and veterans who are present and not in uniform may render the military salute. Persons in uniform should remain silent, face the flag, and render the military salute."

After all is said and done, Flag Day is not a National Holiday. This is where the "Power of One" comes into play as it will take each one of us to insist to the government that it become a National Holiday.

Units and Juniors are encouraged to participate in the Pocket Flag Project which is folding Flags for Freedom. For more information see info@PocketFlagProject.com.

AUXILIARY EMERGENCY FUND

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The American Legion Auxiliary Emergency Fund may not be the most familiar program to our Auxiliary Members until one has an emergency. We never know when one will be at our doorstep – it doesn't come with an invitation in hand either.

This program - "Members Helping Members" has been available to all and used by many in the State of Wisconsin over the past several years - for tornadoes, floods, health issues, fires,

disabilities, hardship cases for military families, the list goes on and on. The fund was established Nov. 9, 1969 from a bequest from the estate of an Auxiliary Member, Helen Colby Smull of Burlington, Wisconsin. It is very valuable to our members who have had sudden, unexpected changes in their life to receive this financial and moral support. This is a grant and does not need to be repaid, but donations are always needed to keep this fund available. Donations can be sent to Department and recorded and they will forward them on to National. Applications can also be obtained from Department and

they will take the necessary steps to get them to National Headquarters.

What a GREAT benefit to have for a member who has maintained her MEMBERSHIP for 3 consecutive years. Let us all be THANKFUL for what we have and think less of our WANTS. This is one program that we are lucky to have at our fingertips if needed but are THANKFUL if we never have the NEED.

THANK YOU to ALL who have donated and hopefully you realize how valuable of a PROGRAM this is to our MEMBERS.

Good Health & God Bless America!

Convention Hotel Information

American Legion Auxiliary-Department of Wisconsin 91st Annual Convention, Appleton, WI
Thursday – Sunday, July 14-17, 2011

The Convention Center and Headquarters Hotel for the American Legion Family is the Radisson Paper Valley Hotel in Appleton.

DEADLINE: The American Legion Family Headquarters Hotel Block will be available to the general membership until July 1, 2011. Reservations must be made directly through the hotel by calling 800-333-3333 (24/7 line) or 920-733-8000 (M-F, 8 am-4 pm) and asking for the WI American Legion Conference block. All reservations are on a first come, first served basis. Cost is \$85.00 plus tax per night for double occupancy with an additional charge of \$10/person for more than two people.

ADDITIONAL HOTELS

Holiday Inn Appleton
150 Nicolet Road, 920-735-9955
Best Western Fox Valley Inn
3033 W. College Avenue, 800-482-3879
Days Inn Appleton
210 Westhill Blvd, 920-733-5551
La Quinta Inn
3920 W. College Avenue, 920-734-6070
La Quinta Inn & Suites
3730 W. College Avenue, 920-734-7777
Super 8 Motel Appleton
3624 W. College Avenue, 920-731-0880

FLOWER ORDERS FOR DEPARTMENT CONVENTION

Please order flowers or corsages for Department Convention directly through the florist. Go to the Memorial Florists web site (www.memorialflorists.com), click on Occasions. Corsages are under the Homecoming heading; look through Occasions' list if you de-

sire other items. Click on the item and the product number will be listed. Call 1-800-634-2652 or 920-713-3136 and ask for Tara Aykens. Tell her you are ordering for the American Legion Convention and there will be no delivery charge. She will need your credit card number and product

number.

All items will be available for pick up no later than 10:00 am each morning in the lobby of the Paper Valley Hotel.

Questions? Please contact Linda Breitzman from Unit 38 at 920-731-3703.

VETERANS AFFAIRS & REHABILITATION

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MEMORIAL DAY

General John Logan issued the following order on May 8, 1868 on How To Observe Memorial Day: "...gather around their sacred remains and garland the passionless mound above them with choicest flowers of springtime.... let us in this solemn presence renew our pledges to aid and assist those whom they have left among us as sacred charges upon the Nation's gratitude, ...the soldier's and sailor's widow and orphan."

Unfortunately, when Congress made Memorial day into a mandatory 3-day weekend in 1971, it made it easier for all of us to forget the original meaning of the day. I don't begrudge anyone the pleasure of a 3-day weekend, but I do think we

could spare a few hours out of our holiday time to remember our ancestors, family members, loved ones, neighbors and friends who have sacrificed their lives so that we may enjoy ours. I do not say "given their lives" because I remember way back when I was in High School and our Music Department would offer music by our band to help "celebrate" this day. The services at the cemeteries always featured a guest speaker. This particular year, it was a pastor from a local church.

In his talk, he made the statement, "Our young people did not GIVE their lives, their lives were taken from them prematurely. No one will ever convince me that anyone would choose death over life." I thought at the time, it made a lot of sense and still do. These brave men and women did what they were convinced they should, but as my brother said, "If it is my time to go, I will go, but if it is not, I will go through

hell and come back." He did come back, but in a coffin, but I believe he had no choice and did not "give" his life, it was taken from him.

Please, this year and every year, honor our veterans, men and women, by visiting cemeteries and placing flags or flowers on the graves of our heroes, by visiting memorials, by flying the U.S. Flag at half-staff until noon, fly the POW/MIA as well, participate in a National Moment of Remembrance at 3 pm, and by renewing a pledge to aid the widows, widowers and orphans of our fallen and most importantly remember and aid our disabled veterans.

If your Post or Unit does not plan a remembrance ceremony, please try and organize one. I know I have attended ceremonies at cemeteries each year for as long as I can remember. This is the least we can do for them; they have done so much for us.

be homeless; have other than a dishonorable discharge; no outstanding warrants; no sex offenders; sign a contract that they will follow all program guidelines; remain clean and sober while in the program; work with staff and outside resources to learn new tools to regain control and improve their lives.

VAP offers mental health and substance abuse counseling, financial & budget education, living skills, art therapy, GED & computer enhancement skills, legal referrals, housing, case management and access to benefit specialist.

The VA in partnership with HUD offers housing vouchers that include case management as veterans move to permanent housing. Union Grove has helped 16 veterans in the last 4 months find homes throughout Wisconsin.

The above program is provided at: Oscar G. Johnson VAMC – Iron Mountain, MI; Tomah VAMC; Veterans Housing Program-Fort McCoy, Sparta; Northern Wisconsin Center,

Chippewa Falls; Veterans Home, King; Veterans Home, Union Grove; Zablocki VAMC, Milwaukee; Caravilla Veterans Housing, Janesville; and Center for Veterans Issues, Milwaukee (see contact information).

If you would like to donate to one of these programs, the most asked for items are: phone cards, Wal-Mart gift cards, postage stamps, personal hygiene products, new underwear, and for those of you who live close by – sweets are most welcome. Cash donations, designated to "Homeless Veterans," may be forwarded to ALA Department Headquarters, P. O. Box 140, Portage, WI 53901.

President Florence has asked Directors at Veterans Housing sites and County Veterans Service Officers to identify "Homeless Female Veterans" or those at risk of being homeless, so cash donations may be used in direct assistance for female veterans as they transition to permanent housing.

Official Call

To the 91st Annual Department Convention
AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY - DEPARTMENT OF WISCONSIN
Friday – Sunday July 15-17, 2011
Radisson Paper Valley Hotel
333 West College Avenue, Appleton, WI 54911

DEPARTMENT CONVENTION

The 91st Annual Department Convention will be called into session at the Radisson Paper Valley Hotel. Convention General Session will begin at 10.30 a.m. on Friday, July 15, 2011 in the Empire Room.

PURPOSE

The Convention is called for the purpose of electing officers for the ensuing year, electing delegates to the National Convention, amending the Constitution, receiving reports of the Department Officers/Chairmen, Unit recognition of outstanding achievements and for the transaction of such business as may be brought before it.

REPRESENTATION

Representation in the Department Convention shall be by Unit, in accordance with the provisions of the Department Constitution. Delegates to Department Convention shall be Unit members duly elected for that purpose. Each Unit shall be entitled to two delegates and two alternates for the Unit itself and an additional delegate and alternate for each fifty members or major fraction thereof, whose District, State and National dues have been paid at least thirty days prior to the date of Department Convention. Units with less than ten members shall have no representation.

LEGISLATIVE

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Nobody wants their own programs cut and nobody wants to pay more in taxes. These are facts. Yet, we all know that our government, both National and State, cannot continue to amass large debts for our children and grandchildren to pay. That being said, I think most of us can agree that 1) we do not want the budgets balanced on the backs of our veterans and current military, and 2) we would be willing to pay a little more to be sure that did not happen. We must live up to our promises; they deserve no less.

As a member of the Legion family it is important that we work together. Congress respects numbers. If you know someone who is eligible to join the Legion, Auxiliary or SAL, recruit them to help us.

Be informed. Subscribe to the Dispatch, a monthly publication of the American Legion, describing current legislative issues - by calling 317-630-1298 or online at <http://www.legion.org/media/subscribe>. The cost is \$15 per year. Then share with your post, unit and friends.

Try the ALA eNews - Sign up with your email address on the National Auxiliary's website to receive legislative updates.

Contact your legislators. Her/his information can be found by going to www.Legion.org/legislative and typing in your zip code under "Write to Congress." Or you can go to your local paper. They will be able to provide you contact information at both the State and National levels.

The current legislative priorities in Wisconsin are the WI GI Bill and Trust Fund Repair. According to the proposed language, the Wisconsin GI Bill will provide full remission of academic fees for 128 credits or eight semesters, whichever is longer, without regard to the number of credits the veteran received under federal programs. This will insure that our current military will not have their Wisconsin benefits reduced as their Federal Post 911 GI Bill benefits are expended.

The Veterans Trust Fund is in serious danger of running out of money in the near future. The governor's solution is to transfer surplus money from the Veteran homes in order to shore up the VTF. This is just a stopgap measure and may endanger our Veteran homes in the future. A permanent source of funding for the Veterans Trust Fund must be found if we are to live up to the promises we made our warriors.

Make your voice heard. Contact your legislators and tell them we want solutions, not more excuses.

ADDRESSES OF HOMELESS VETERANS HOUSING SITES

Oscar G. Johnson VAMC, Behavioral Health Center • 906-774-3300, ext. 31221
Nichole Holdwick, Director, 325 East H. St., Iron Mountain, MI 49801
Veterans Reintegration Program • 608-372-1280, Michele, Director
Bldg 407, 505 E. Veterans St., Tomah, WI 54660
Veterans Assistance Housing • 608-269-0234, Chad Johnson, Director
Bldg 642, 100 East Headquarters Rd., Fort McCoy, WI 54656
Northern Wisconsin Center • 715-726-2541, Jodie, Director
Klein Hall Bldg 128, 2820 East Park Ave., Chippewa Falls, WI 54729
Veterans Assistance Housing • 715-256-1118, Denise, Director
Ove Hall, N2665 County QQ, King, WI 54946
Veterans Assistance Housing • 262-878-9151, Sharen Pease, Director
Cottage 16, 21425 Spring St., Union Grove, WI 53182
Caravilla Veterans Housing • 608-741-4500, Kathy Arndt, Director
203 W. Sunny Lane Rd., Janesville, WI 53546
Vets Place Central (Center for Veterans Issues) • 414-345-4268, Angie Stiepling
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SPECIAL PROJECT: HOMELESS VETERANS

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"No veterans should have to sleep on the streets they fought to protect" US Department of Veterans Affairs Assistant Secretary Tammy Duckworth.

Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) established the Veterans Assistance Program (VAP) in partnership with other non-profit organizations designed to break the cycle of homelessness. VAP helps homeless veterans and those at risk of becoming homeless to receive temporary affordable housing, job training, education, counseling and rehabilitative services they need to sustain a productive lifestyle.

Sharen Pease, Director of VAP, Union Grove, gave the following example of what the facility in Union Grove offers. A two-year, 30-bed transitional living facility for homeless male & female veterans (no children); veterans must

Bouhl to be Honored Guest

Joyce Bouhl, Department President 1996-1997, will be the honored guest at the Past Presidents Parley Luncheon at the 91st Department Convention in Appleton, Wisconsin.

Joyce's theme was "Toot Our Own Horns in a Parade of Service," and she certainly did travel in a parade as she tooted her horn. Joining Joyce in her parade was her American Legion Commander, Dale Peterson; Dept. Vice Commander, Les Allen (her son-in-law); First District Commander, Ted DeMicchi; First District President, Renae Allen (her daughter); Dept. Sergeant at Arms, Sherry Curzi (granddaughter) and Page, Shelly Allen (granddaughter). This is truly an American Legion Family.

Joyce promoted the Spinoza Bear and Wisconsin led the nation in

sales of this great bear. She is a 52-year member of Unit 24 in Lake Geneva, District 1. Joyce is eligible through the army service of her husband Ken who served in WW2 and Korea. In addition to the family members listed above, Joyce has two great granddaughters. One of her many achievements is her dedication to Badger Girls State, where she has been a counselor for 36 years.

Please join the American Legion Auxiliary in honoring Past Department President Joyce Bouhl during the Past Presidents Parley luncheon on Saturday, July 16, 2011, at 12:30 pm at the Radisson Hotel. Past 1st District President Kitty Larkin will give a special tribute. Come join us parade and "Toot" our horns in honor of this dedicated lady



Joyce Bouhl

and hear more of her year as your Department President 1996-1997.

Advance tickets are required—reservation form is included in the monthly Unit mailing and on the website (www.amlegionauxwi.org). Reservation deadline is July 2, 2011.

OVER THE TOP STATS

District	Unit	Name	Goal	Total Members To Date	Date
1	102	Walworth	31	32	3/31/11
2	36	West Bend	38	38	3/10/11
2	82	Port Washington	87	87	3/10/11
2	305	Johnson Creek	39	39	3/16/11
3	333	Sun Prairie	162	163	3/31/11
3	481	Madison	82	84	3/24/11
6	124	New Holstein	118	119	3/24/11
7	138	Viroqua	19	19	3/24/11
7	200	Black River Falls	42	42	3/31/11
8	266	Colby	17	17	3/16/11
9	512	Shiocton	136	140	3/16/11
10	77	Chippewa Falls	48	49	3/31/11
10	87	Rice Lake	65	70	3/16/11

NEW MEMBER "POWER OF 1" AND RECRUIT 3 RECRUITERS

District	Power of 1	Recruit 3
1	18	3
2	26	5
3	26	3
4	9	0
5	1	0
6	8	0
7	20	2
8	7	2
9	26	3
10	13	3
11	2	0
12	5	0
TOTAL	161	21

Please note it takes 3-4 weeks for National to verify new members from the time Department processes them. If you have already submitted your "Power of 1" or Recruit 3 forms please DO NOT resubmit.

It's not too late to get your "Power of 1" Recruit 1 and Recruit 3 forms to Department. You can get them by visiting the National and Department websites.

American Legion Auxiliary 2011 Badger Girls State Orientation Schedule

Badger Girls State Delegates/Alternates: We strongly encourage you, your parents and school official to attend an orientation most convenient to you. Counties with an asterisk (*) conduct a Badger Boys and Badger Girls Orientation together. Check our Website www.badgergirlsstate.org for updates.

Date	Day	Time	County	Location	Local Contact	BGS Presenter
5/7/2011	Saturday	9:00 am	*Columbia	Portage HS 301 E. Collins, Rm 143	BBS/BGS: Norm Bednarek: 608-617-9839	BGS: Carol Sidwell: 608-296-4090 BBS: Norm Bednarek: 608-617-9839
5/7/2011	Saturday	1:00 pm	*Price, Taylor, Ashland & Iron	American Legion Hall 274 N. 3rd Ave., Park Falls	BGS: Dorothy Cordy-Pritzl: 715-762-3034	BGS: Virginia Kodl: 715-669-5432 BBS: Bill Cosh: 608-770-1282
5/9/2011	Monday	7:00 pm	*Brown, Door-Kewaunee	AL Post 11 Clubhouse 1708 N. Irwin St., Green Bay	BGS: Berne Baer: 920-494-4404	BGS: Berne Baer: 920-494-4404 BBS: Jack Gillis: 920-449-1949
5/9/2011	Monday	7:00 pm	*Sheboygan	Kohler HS 333 Upper Rd, Kohler	BGS: Vi Feldman: 920-892-4784 BBS:	BGS: Heidi Bremer: 920-904-1448 BBS: Ted Duckworth: 608-547-9994
5/10/2011	Tuesday	6:30 pm	Milwaukee	American Legion Post 180 2860 S. Kinnickinnic Ave.	BGS: Jean Anderson: 414-236-4531	BGS: June Benishek: 414-462-3570 BGS: Marilyn Reese: 414-257-2208
5/10/2011	Tuesday	BGS 7:00 pm BBS 8:00 pm	*Ozaukee	Belgium Post 412 655 Park Street, Belgium	BGS: Shirley Krier: 262-377-5026 BBS: Jim Lee: 262-377-1414	BGS: Bev Tutas: 262-284-2855 BGS: Al Richards: 262-377-6725
5/10/2011	Tuesday	7:00 pm	*Winnebago	Nat'l Guard, Army Reserve Bldg 1415 Armory Place, Oshkosh	BGS: Barbara Bodenhausen: 920-257-7804 BBS: Roy Helms: 920-231-5310	BGS: Heidi Bremer: 920-904-1448 BBS: Russ Hanseter: 920-833-2469
5/11/2010	Wednesday	6:30 pm	*Kenosha	American Legion Post 21 504 58th Street, Kenosha		BBS: Bob Kaczmarek: 262-552-7777 BGS: Joyce Bouhl: 262-248-4533
5/11/2011	Wednesday	7:00 pm	*Lafayette	Darlington Legion Post 214 1400 Keep Street	BGS: Deb VanNatta: 608-742-5410	BGS: Dee Woolf: 608-348-7403 BBS: David Gough: 608-776-2868
5/11/2011	Wednesday	7:00 pm	Pierce	American Legion Hall 139 S Oak, Ellsworth	BGS: Connie Berning: 715-246-5038	BGS: Connie Berning: 715-246-5038
5/15/2011	Sunday	1:00 pm	*Barron	Rice Lake Veteran's Center 1404 Macaulay Avenue	BGS: Karen Hansen: 715-236-7310	BGS: Karen Hansen: 715-236-7310 BBS: Bill Cosh: 608-770-1282
5/15/2011	Sunday	1:00 pm	*Chippewa	American Legion Hall 135 Clark St., Boyd	BGS: Teresa Isensee: 715-667-3528	BGS: Joan Chwala: 715-668-5661 BBS: Fred Berns: 715-538-4304
5/15/2011	Sunday	5:00 pm	Crawford & Richland	American Legion Post 217 Orin St., Gays Mills	BGS: Sharon Zales: 608-649-4468	BGS: Sharon Zales: 608-649-4468
5/15/2011	Sunday	1:00 pm	*Grant & Iowa	Fennimore Community Bldg 860 Lincoln Avenue	BGS: Dee Woolf: 608-348-7403 BBS: Ted Duckworth: 608-547-9994	BGS: Dee Woolf: 608-348-7403 BBS: Ted Duckworth: 608-547-9994
5/15/2011	Sunday	6:30 pm	*Marathon & Lincoln	American Legion Post 10 1001 Golf Club Rd., Wausau	BGS: Carol Henke: 715-845-9266 BBS: Don Southworth: 715-845-2569	BGS: Sharon Seubert: 715-845-2425 BBS: Bill Cosh: 608-770-1282
5/15/2011	Sunday	1:00 pm	Rock	United Way of North Rock County 205 N. Main St., Janesville	BGS: Sandra Lawarence: 608-754-0833	BGS: Renae Allen: 262-882-5059
5/16/2011	Monday	7:00 pm	*Dane	WPS Nordby Bldg 1707 W. Broadway, Madison	BGS: Mary Curran: 608-873-9463 BBS: Bill Cosh: 608-770-1282	BGS: Mary Curran: 608-873-9463 BBS: Bill Cosh: 608-770-1282
5/17/2011	Tuesday	7:00 pm	*Portage & Wood	Portage City Library, Prairie Rm, Stevens Point	BGS: Diane Kranig: 715-341-4935	BGS: Diane Kranig: 715-341-4935 BBS: Bill Cosh: 608-770-1282
5/17/2011	Tuesday	10:00 am	*Vilas, Oneida, Forest & Langlade	Three Lakes HS 6930 W School St., Three Lakes	BBS: Elmer Goetsch: 715-493-7079	BGS: Laurel DuBois BBS: Al Richards: 262-377-6725
5/22/2011	Sunday	1:30 pm	*Jefferson	VFW Post 7309 Clubhouse High Rd., Watertown	BGS: Caroline Arndt: 920-988-0736	BGS: Renae Allen: 262-882-5059 BBS: Mark Matosian: 608-239-3051
5/22/2011	Sunday	3:00 pm	*Sauk	Sauk Prairie HS Rm 14 105 9th St., Prairie du Sac	BGS: Mary Walz: 608-643-5921 BBS: Chris Herbst: 608-963-7778	BGS: Mary Walz: 608-643-5921 BBS: Chris Herbst: 608-963-7778
5/26/2011	Thursday	6:00 pm	Racine	Vets Center 820 Main St., Racine	BGS: Pearl Behrend: 262-634-2732	BGS: Pearl Behrend: 262-634-2732
5/26/2011	Thursday	7:00 pm	* Washington	Allenton Legion Post Clubhouse 419 Railroad St (City Hwy W)	BGS: Mary Montag: 262-355-6467 BBS: Herb Kieferndorf: 262-644-7418	BGS: Heidi Bremer: 920-904-1448 BBS: Al Richards: 262-377-6725
6/6/2011	Monday	7:00 pm	*Juneau & Adams	Necedah HS 1801 S. Main St., Necedah	BGS: Doris Swinehart: 608-565-2816	BGS: Liz Staff: 608-781-6888 BBS: Ted Duckworth: 608-547-9994

Please Note: This is the second half of the schedule. The full schedule can be found on The Badger Girls State website: www.badgergirlsstate.com

National President Visits Wisconsin


National President Carlene Ashworth will visit Wisconsin July 21, 22 and 23rd. All American Legion, American Legion Auxiliary and Sons of The American Legion members, spouses and guests are welcome to attend any or all of the events planned for her visit.

Friday, July 22, 2011 - Lunch and visit to Caravilla Homeless Veterans Shelter, 203 W. Sunny Lane Rd., Janesville, WI. Lunch at shelter at 12:30 pm. Remarks by President Carlene and a tour of the facility to follow at 2:00 pm. **Reservations due by July 8th to:** Jan Pulvermacher-Ryan, 5400 Blue Bill Dr. Madison, WI 53704. Please include \$2.00 luncheon fee, payable to Caravilla Homeless Veterans Shelter.

Friday Evening, July 22, 2011 - Dinner at American Legion Post #360, 417 E. Main St., Waunakee, WI. Cocktails: 6 - 7 pm (cash bar). ** Dinner: 7:00 p.m. ** \$7.50 per person in advance, \$9.00 at the door. Swiss steak, chicken breasts, vegetables, rolls, brownies, beverages. **Reservations due by July 8th to:** Jan Pulvermacher-Ryan, 5400 Blue Bill Dr. Madison, WI 53704. Checks payable to American Legion Auxiliary Unit #360.

Saturday, July 23, 2011 - Luncheon at the Olympia Resort, Wisconsin Room, 1350 Royale Mile Rd., Oconomowoc, WI. (I-94 to Hwy #67 - exit 282, 1-1/2 miles to resort). Cocktails (cash bar): 11:30 am. Luncheon (\$15.00 per person in advance): 12:30 p.m. Baked chicken, whipped potatoes, rolls/butter, dessert, and beverages. **Reservations due by July 8th to:** Diana Sirovina, 9428 W. Eden Pl, Milwaukee, WI 53228-1410. Checks payable to ALA WI.

Saturday, July 23, 2011 - Reception (\$7.50/person) at American Legion Post #501, 105 Dempsey Rd., Madison, WI. Hors d'oeuvres served from 6 - 8 pm. Cash bar available. **Reservations due by July 8th to:** Rebecca Lovell, 2622 Myrtle St., Madison, WI 53704. Checks payable to American Legion Auxiliary Unit #501



**The Third District
American Legion Auxiliary
Cordially invites you to
a Testimonial Dinner
in honor of**

**Department President
Florence Wasley**

Saturday, May 21, 2011
American Legion Post 433
102 Wood Street - Barneveld, WI

4:30 pm - Social Hour • 6:00 pm - Dinner

Menu: Baked chicken, Swiss steak, mashed potatoes and gravy, vegetable, tossed salad, rolls, and dessert

Send reservation(s) by May 10, 2011
Make check payable to: ALA Third District
Mail to: Jenni Syftestad
205 Thompson Street - Verona WI 53593-1043
Cost \$20.00 per person

Person(s) attending: _____

Amount enclosed: _____