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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Joan Chwala
Department
President

Greetings to all members of the American Legion Family.

By electing me as your Department President, you have given me the greatest honor and the greatest responsibility of my life. It will be my duty to represent you, and to speak on your behalf, but this organization truly belongs to you.

As you become aware of my special project and how my theme will be incorporated into our programs this year, I hope that you will remember that we are indeed an American Legion family.

By honoring our veterans, we show our pride in our country! Throughout my year as Department President, I hope to keep one message in the lime-light. In the Department of Wisconsin, we will be "Honoring our Veterans, by Engaging the American Legion Family in Service Not Self for God and Country!"

President Florence had a very successful special project. She deserves great

thanks for choosing this worthwhile cause. Because of the terrific job that has been done by Kathy Wollmer in coordinating this project, we have been able to convince the Wisconsin American Legion Auxiliary to approve the "Homeless Women Veteran's Project" as a temporary subcommittee of our VA&R Committee. The donations check-off sheet will have lines for donations to this project.

My theme is "Libraries of Love" for our veterans. All committees will be asked to do something related to libraries and books. Perhaps it will be donating books about veterans, the veterans history project, or donating money to improve the libraries in our veterans facilities, shelters for homeless veterans, or the new family cabin at Camp American Legion. VA&R chairman, Virginia Kodl, will be keeping a registry where units and individuals can choose which items to donate or purchase.

National President Carlene Ashworth recently visited Wisconsin and together we learned a great deal about helping our veterans; especially during our visits to the Madison Vet Center, the Caravilla Vet Center in Janesville, and the Boudicca

House in Milwaukee. Be assured that great things are happening in these facilities!

Don't forget to sign up for the Fall Informational Forum. This is where you will learn all about our upcoming program plans for the year. Note that we have listened to your comments and have made schedule changes and arranged to have shuttles and a special breakfast to

honor our hospital volunteers and Gold Star Mothers on Saturday morning.

Please remember that whatever we do this year, whether through the mission outreach committees or for the member support committees, we will be demonstrating our passion for our veterans, our troops, our communities, our country, and our God.



Pictured L to R: Unit 360 President Denice Guethlein, Department President Joan Chwala, National President Carlene Ashworth, Past National President Jan Pulvermacher-Ryan, Department Commander Denise Rohan

MEMBERSHIP

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This year's membership theme will be "Honoring their Service." We are eligible to belong to the largest Women's Patriotic Organization through the military service of a loved one or through our own military service. Our eligibility to the American Legion Family is a passion. A passion we need to share, on how we help our veterans and their families.

Throughout the year we will be collecting pictures and short biographies of the veteran or veterans through whom you are eligible. Please send these to Teresa Isensee, via email (isensee@centurytel.net) or regular mail (PO Box 145, Boyd WI 54726). The photographs and bios will be collected and put into a slide show that will be shown during the 2012 Department Convention. Why not put these pictures

and bios within your community or at your Legion Hall as a visual display to everyone that we are an organization that supports our veterans?

"Libraries of Love for our Veterans" is the theme that Department President Joan has chosen for her year in Service to God and Country. When the Department of Wisconsin reaches 100% in Membership, President Joan 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.

The Department Membership team of Teresa Isensee, Kitty Larkin, Linda Kostka, the twelve District Presidents and their Membership Chairmen will work with all family members of the Department of Wisconsin to reach our goal of 100% or greater in the 2012 Membership year by December 31, 2011. To accomplish this goal the Membership Team asks that all units strive

to maintain and grow beyond their 2011 membership totals of August 1, 2011. We must all work together to stop our organization's membership slide. This can be accomplished by retaining your current members, keeping them involved, and attracting new members, be visible and ask if they would like to join. The first 100% award is the Early Edition Award for all Units and Counties that reach 100% by September 16, 2011. We already have units that have reached this goal.

Watch for information on the September 10th, 2011 American Legion Family Membership Rally at Department Headquarters. Memberships will be collected and the Unit with the most Memberships turned in and the District with the most Memberships turned in will each receive a 2012 Department Calendar Fundraiser entry form.

Mark your calendar for the 2012 Fall Informational Forum. This is a great opportunity to learn about the 2011-2012 Plan

of Actions for the Mission Outreach Committees and Member Support Committees. The Membership Banquet will be held on Saturday afternoon following the morning workshops. The twelve District Presidents will be honored during the banquet for their hard work and dedication to our organization.

Thank You

For the honor bestowed upon me during Department Convention in Appleton.

I want to send a special 'thank you' to Past Department President Florence Wasley, Past Presidents Parley Chairman Berne Baer and Kitty Larkin for their touching tribute.

I would also like to thank the 1st & 9th Districts as well as Walworth County and the Headquarters staff for all their hard work.

Sincerely,
Joyce Bouhl, Past Department President

August 2011 - Total Membership: 7.82%



CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

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Hello Everyone! I hope you all are well and at peace. Here we are, excited about starting a new (presidential) year; a year with promise, faith and hope. The American Legion family once again will be up front in supporting our veterans, youth and our communities.

This year President Chwala's message is to "Honor our Veterans in service not self for God and Country." In order to fulfill our duties and promises to our veterans, children and communities we must stay focused and dedicated. Some days that is very hard to do.

In today's world, everyday life can be hectic. There are so many things to do and so many directions we want to go that sometimes we get lost and we forget the most important things in life: GOD, COUNTRY AND FAMILY.

I have a Psalm I would like to share with you. It often centers me and puts me on the right path.

"Be still then, and know that I am God"
-Psalm 46 Verse 5

Stillness and meditation can be alternative to the confusion and mishaps of everyday life. It can be a starting point for prayers and knowledge. The more we know of God, the stronger we will be.

Dear God,

Please guide us through this next year, help us keep our minds and hearts open so we can learn more about each other and have a successful and positive year.

Amen

Music

Music has been known to "Sooth the Savage Beast." Music has been with us from the beginning of time. It stimulates many emotions such as joy, happiness, sadness, passion, and comfort.

Throughout this year, I will be playing a variety of music. I would like it if you all participated. I will be playing some religious and patriotic songs. I would like to receive all types of music; music that means something to you. One of my favorite songs is "Let there be Peace on Earth."

GOD BLESS YOU ALL

ATTENTION: Gold Star Mothers

Gold Star Mothers will be specially recognized at the Fall Forum Breakfast on 9/24/11.

Please notify Headquarters if you plan to attend.

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GREETINGS FROM HEADQUARTERS

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91st ANNUAL CONVENTION HIGHLIGHTS: A resolution to support The American Legion Riders and several changes to the Department's Constitution and Bylaws and Standing Rules were approved at Department Convention. Please see separate articles in this publication for a summary of the changes and a listing of the new 2011-2012 department officers, chairmen, and hospital representatives/deputies.

FALL FORUM: Don't forget the 2011 Fall Forum on September 23-24. Information packets were sent to all Unit Presidents in early August. Registration forms and other information are available on the department website.

DUES RENEWAL NOTICES: National Headquarters notified us that the 2012 dues renewal notices were mailed out August 15th. If you recently submitted your 2012 dues, please do not be alarmed as things probably crossed in the mail.

Membership in the ALA allows us to honor veterans for their patriotism, love of country, and sacrifice of service. Many veterans receive treatment for injuries and mental trauma they suffered either decades ago or in recent battles – battles they will never forget. For years the government has been chipping away at veteran benefits. The American Legion family is committed in trying to maintain benefits for those who honorably served our country. We must continue to speak up for the benefits they deserve.

In the spirit of service, not self, the mission of the ALA is to honor the sacrifice

of those who serve. For God and Country, we advocate for veterans, educate our citizens, mentor youth, and promote patriotism, good citizenship, peace and security. Every member adds strength to our voice. Please renew your membership today and continue to dedicate your Auxiliary service to veterans and their families.

SEPTEMBER 10TH MEMBERSHIP ROUNDUP: The American Legion Family is hosting an event at Department Headquarters on September 10th in commemoration of the 10th anniversary of 9/11 and the headquarters building. The event will include a membership challenge to all Auxiliary units, a bake sale, used book sale, fun run/walk, and many fun activities for the family.

For more information on any of these topics, please visit the department website.

2011 - 2012 DEPARTMENT VIP'S

OFFICERS:	Term	District	Unit	Name	Fundraising	2011-2012	10	121	Sue Vorwald
President	2011-2012	10	326	Joan Chwala	Junior Activities	2011-2012	7	118	Anna Rosemeyer
Sr. Vice President	2011-2012	4	537	Diana Sirovina	Assistant Jr. Activities	2011-2012	8	239	Joan Wilkinson
First Vice President	2011-2012	3	360	Joyce Endres	Leadership Committee				
Second Vice President	2011-2012	10	326	Teresa Isensee	Chairman	2011-2012	3	360	Joyce Endres
Historian	2011-2012	4	416	Laura Calteux	Committee	2011-2012	4	434	Bonnie Jakubczyk
Chaplain	2011-2012	12	278	Laurel DuBois	Committee	2011-2012	7	118	Diane Weggen
Executive Secretary/Treasurer	2011-2012	7	273	Bonnie Dorniak	Legislative (current NEC)	Automatic	3	493	Florence Wasley
National Executive					M. Louise Wilson				
Committeewoman	2011-2012	3	493	Florence Wasley	Education Fund	2011-2012	2	243	Violet Feldmann
Alternate Nat'l. Executive					Membership	2011-2012	10	326	Teresa Isensee
Committeewoman	2011-2012	12	185	Gayle Janson	UD & R	2011-2012	11	90	Linda Kostka
Parliamentarian	2011-2012	12	185	Gayle Janson	UD & R	2011-2012	1	449	Kitty Larkin
Sergeant-at-Arms	2011-2012	3	13	Ann Rynes	UD & R		All		District Presidents
Asst Sergeant-at-Arms	2011-2012	9	512	Linda Coppock	Music (current Chaplain)	Automatic	12	278	Laurel DuBois
DISTRICT LEADERS:					National Security	2011-2012	4	537	Diana Sirovina
1st District President	2010-2012	1	48	Jennifer Shea	Office Policy Committee				
2nd District President	2011-2013	2	288	Shirley Krier	Chairman	2009-2012	3	360	Jan Pulvermacher-Ryan
3rd District President	2010-2012	3	308	Sharon Zales	Committee	2011-2014	8	6	Diane Kranig
4th District President	2011-2013	4	537	Suzanne Hembrook	Committee	2010-2013	7	51	Andrea Page
5th District President	2011-2012	5	406	Wilma Kidney	Past Presidents Parley/ Cavalcade of Memories	Automatic	8	6	Diane Kranig
6th District President	2011-2013	6	33	Char Kiesling	Poppy Program	2011-2012	4	27	Barb Ludka
7th District President	2010-2012	7	118	Diane Weggen	Poppy Shop-Supervisor	2011-2012	1	494	Karen Schroeder
8th District President	2011-2013	8	6	Lorrie Barber	Poppy Shop Assistant	2011-2012	4	416	Shirley Meyer
9th District President	2010-2012	9	150	Cora Gavigan	Publication Committee/Joint Legionnaire/Wisconsin	2011-2012	7	273	Bonnie Dorniak, Editor
10th District President	2011-2013	10	121	Jeanne Williams		2011-2012	9	302	Loretta Shellman
11th District President	2010-2012	11	93	Marge Derby		2011-2012	7	81	Kathy Wollmer
12th District President	2011-2013	12	435	Kay Severson	Public Relations Committee				
PROGRAM CHAIRMEN:					Chairman	2011-2012	2	189	Mary Petrie
Americanism	2011-2012	3	482	Joanie Dickerson	Committee	2011-2012	11	359	Vonda Kinas
Auxiliary Emergency Fund	2011-2012	10	53	Judy Walters	Committee	2011-2012	11	359	Gail Robaczewski
BGS Committee					Standing Rules	2011-2012	11	93	Katherine Arndt
Chairman	2011-2014	9	512	Jeannine Conrard	Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation				
Vice Chairman	2011-2014	8	6	Diane Kranig	VA&R Chairman	2011-2012	7	118	Virginia Kodl
Department President	Automatic	10	326	Joan Chwala	Director of Hospital				
Senior Vice President	Automatic	4	537	Diana Sirovina	Volunteers	2011-2012	2	82	Beverly Tutas
Executive Director	2011-2013	3	42	Dee Wolf	Field Service	2011-2012	8	456	Penny Joren
Assistant Executive Director	2009-2012	7	118	Virginia Kodl	Home Service	2011-2012	2	355	Judy Kuta
Executive Secretary/Treasurer	Automatic	7	273	Bonnie Dorniak	Homeless Women				
Americanism Chairman	Automatic	3	482	Joanie Dickerson	Veterans	2011-2012	7	81	Kathy Wollmer
Committee	2009-2012	1	24	Joyce Bouhl	Madison - VA Medical				
Committee	2011-2014	9	11	Heidi Bremer	Representative	2011-2012	3	84	Rose Wenger
Committee	2009-2012	12	278	Laurel DuBois	Deputy	2011-2012	3	360	Marianne Meyer
Committee	2010-2013	11	547	Theresa Schindler	Tomah - VA Medical				
Committee	2010-2013	7	273	Carol Sidwell	Representative	2011-2012	7	201	Patricia Flanders
Bowling Committee					Deputy	2011-2012	7	52	Mary Callaway
Chairman	2010-2013	3	245	Gail Faust	Deputy	2011-2012	7	201	Zetta Fredrickson
Department President	Automatic	10	326	Joan Chwala	Deputy	2011-2012	7	201	Laura Hubert
Senior Vice President	Automatic	4	537	Diana Sirovina	Zablocki - VA Medical				
Executive Secretary/Treasurer	Automatic	7	273	Bonnie Dorniak	Representative	2011-2012	4	434	Bonnie Jakubczyk
Tournament Manager	2009-2012	3	437	Anna Graham	Deputy	2011-2012	1	449	Sharon Miller
Committee	2009-2012	9	512	Lisa Blom	Deputy	2011-2012	4	537	Marilyn Reese
Committee	2009-2012	9	512	Linda Coppock	Deputy	2011-2012	4	416	Helen Starck
Committee	2011-2014	9	262	Nellie DeBaker	King - Veterans Home				
Committee	2010-2013	3	85	Germaine Hying	Representative	2011-2012	8	161	Nancy Neuroth
Committee	2010-2013	3	482	LaVon Schurman	Assistant Representative	2011-2012	8	161	Alice Bentley
Committee	2010-2013	8	10	Bonnie Sloan	Deputy	2011-2012	8	161	Shirley A. Johnson
Children & Youth					Deputy	2011-2012	8	161	Dawn Lind
Liaison to Child					Union Grove - Vet Home				
Welfare Foundation	2011-2012	10/1	10	Joan Chwala/ Pearl Behrend	Representative	2011-2012	1	171	Marcie Perez
Christmas Gift Shop					Deputy	2011-2012			Vacant
Gift Shop Assistant	2011-2012	4	416	Florence Groth	Kenosha Outreach				
Community Service	2011-2012	4	27	Jean Anderson	Representative	2011-2012	4	537	Sue Hembrook
Constitution & Bylaws	2011-2012	8	6	Barbara Kranig	Assistant	2011-2012	1	544	Evelyn Clancy
Education	2011-2012	12	64	Betty Stone	Oscar G. Johnson - USVA				
Finance Committee					Assoc. Representative	2011-2012	9	150	Joan Krukowski
Chairman	2010-2013	6	282	Diane Duscheck	Assoc. Deputy	2011-2012	9	150	Roselyn Ladwig
Office Policy Chairman	Automatic	3	360	Jan Pulvermacher-Ryan	Minneapolis, MN - USVA				
NEC	Automatic	3	493	Florence Wasley	Assoc. Representative	2011-2012	10	121	Betty Swenson
Committee	2011-2014	7	284	Pat Smith	Assoc. Deputy	2011-2012	10	121	Marie Deja
Committee	2009-2012	9	512	Diana Blom					

Changes to Dept. Constitution & Bylaws and Standing Rules

The following changes to the Department Constitution & Bylaws and Standing Rules were presented and approved at the 91st Wisconsin American Legion Auxiliary Convention in Appleton, Wisconsin.

DEPARTMENT OF WISCONSIN CONSTITUTION

Article V – Department Convention: Delete chart enumerating delegate totals to membership.

Article VII – National Convention:

Section 2.6: Each of the twelve Districts may nominate one or two delegates in a caucus that shall be called for that purpose at the Department Convention. There shall be no nominations from the convention floor. The requisite number of delegates shall be elected by the convention according to the plurality count. The remaining nominees for delegates automatically become alternates according to the plurality count.

Section 4: A Wisconsin candidate for the National Office of Central Division National Vice President, Historian or Chaplain shall be allowed expenses pursuant to Article VII, Section 5 (sub2) and shall be an automatic delegate to National Convention in the year in which the election is held, if there are available delegate positions after satisfying Article VII, Section 2 (sub1).

DEPARTMENT OF WISCONSIN BYLAWS

Article IV, District Organization: Delete entire Section 8.

Article VII, Unit Organization: Section 6: For any violation of the Unit, Department or National Constitutions, or for conduct improper and prejudicial to the welfare of the Auxiliary or of The American Legion, any member may be expelled from membership or any officer removed from office by two-thirds vote at a Unit meeting duly called for that purpose, said expulsion or removal to be binding only in the event said member or officer shall have been given at least fifteen days notice in writing by the Unit Secretary of the charges and the hearing thereon. Either party has the right of appeal to the Department Executive Board, or the action thereon shall be final. Any expense related to said appeal shall be the responsibility of the appellant.

1. The procedures for Expulsion or Suspension of a Member as set forth in the Unit Handbook must be followed.

2. The expulsion of a member from a Unit automatically expels her from the American Legion Auxiliary. A Unit should not take such action unless the reasons are such as to justify expulsion from any Unit of the entire organization.

3. Names of members who are expelled, together with statement of facts substantiating the expulsion charges and copies of all proceedings, shall be reported to the Department Secretary, who shall provide written notice of the expulsion to National Headquarters.

Section 9: The National Counsel General of the American Legion Auxiliary has ruled that The American Legion Post to which a Unit is attached may not revoke nor threaten revocation of its Unit's Charter.

Section 11: The duties of Unit Officers shall be similar to the duties of the corresponding Department offices.

Article VIII, Dues

Section 1 (sub 2): When National per capita dues are increased, Department and units shall automatically include this increase in the funds transmitted to Department and National Headquarters for the ensuing year or such subsequent year as may be adopted by the National Convention.

The remainder of Section 1 (sub 2), the breakdown of dues allocation, remains the same.

Section 5: A member failing to pay annual dues by January 31st shall be classed as delinquent and suspended from all membership privileges which include voting, holding office and all other privileges of membership. Payment of current dues during such suspension and before December 31st of the dues year shall reinstate the member to active membership. Any member who is still delinquent on December 31st shall automatically be dropped from the rolls, and may reinstate her membership by either establishing eligibility as a new member or by paying all back dues.

Section 6: Any member in good standing in a Unit shall be entitled to transfer to another Unit. She must present her current membership card to the new Unit. Upon acceptance of the transfer by the new Unit, the transfer section on the Member Data Form must be completed and signed by an officer of the new Unit and the transferring member. The member shall then be entitled to active membership in said Unit. No dues shall be transferred. Membership in a Unit establishes the District to which the member belongs.

Article XIII, Parliamentary Ruling: The rules of procedure of the Department shall be those set forth in the current edition of Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised except as otherwise expressly stated herein.

DEPARTMENT OF WISCONSIN STANDING RULES

Page 83, Department Informational Forum, #3: That the Department President, Executive Secretary-Treasurer, Parliamentarian, and all Department Chairmen be responsible for conducting workshops as the Department President deems necessary.

Page 88, Subsidiary Organizations: It is the policy of the Department not to affiliate itself with any organization or group of organizations whereby it may lose its identity as an independent organization, or whereby the American Legion Auxiliary vote would be controlled by the majority vote of the group.

2011 State Convention Citations

Bowling – Anna Graham, Tournament Manager

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 Purintun 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 Unit Narrative Report – Diane Weggen, Cecil Tormey Unit 118, District 7

Membership – Joyce Endres, Dept. Chairman

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

Number 1: 2nd District at 98.30%

Number 2: 9th District at 96.35%

Number 3: 3rd District at 95.55%

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

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 Cariveau 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

Other Poppy: Meridith 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

AEF Wisconsin

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 could end up in a financial emergency. It could be the result of loss of income, loss of employment, sickness, 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, etc.

In 1969 the AEF was created to provide temporary assistance to eligible members during a time of financial crisis when no other source of aid is readily available; temporary assistance for food and shelter to eligible members related to weather-related emergencies and natural disaster; and temporary assistance for educational training who lack the necessary skills for employment or to upgrade competitive workforce skills. However, assistance will not be provided to pay accumulated debts.

Only persons who have been a member of the American Legion Auxiliary for at least the immediate past two consecutive years AND whose current membership dues are paid at the time of the emergency (three consecutive years' dues) may apply. The AEF Grant Committee determines which grants will be granted and the maximum amount is \$2,400.

One example was a young woman from North Carolina suffering from cancer. Cancer diagnosis is always difficult to handle, but imagine the added weight when the victim is a young woman with a small child. That is exactly what happened to this young woman. After losing her job due to the disease, she drew down her unemployment until that, too, was exhausted. Facing a desperate situation, her unit applied to the AEF on her behalf. The funds she received covered her house payment for three months and, more importantly, allowed her to live out her last days in her own home. She passed away on June 9, 2010, but the gift she received through the AEF eased the burden of care she felt for her daughter.

This program is only possible thanks to the donations that are sent in by all of you. Please keep those donations coming and hopefully we can increase our donations by at least 10% from this past year. Some ideas for the Units would be to hold a bake sale, donate money for your years of membership, have a raffle, a donation jar, a cake walk, etc.

The last line of the Preamble to the Constitution of the American Legion Auxiliary reads "To consecrate and sanctify our association by our devotion to mutual helpfulness." This phrase is more than just mere words on paper; it's our pledge of support to our distressed members.

Informational Forum Workshop Schedule for Saturday, September 24, 2011

LOCATION:	TUNDRA A/B	TUNDRA C/D	TUNDRA E/F	SANDSTONE 3	SANDSTONE 8/9
	Resource Room-Organizational Support	Pod for Family Support	Pod for Youth Development	Pod for Veterans Support & Advocacy	Pod for Membership Development
9:00 – 9:45 am	Auxiliary Emergency Fund Bowling Committee	Legislative Chaplain/Music	Education Historian	VA&R (Job Fairs, Stand Downs, Veterans Services, Overall Program)	Public Relations
10:00 – 10:45 am	Constitution & Bylaws Finance	Americanism	Children & Youth	Homeless Women Veterans Project	Leadership
11:00 – 11:45 am	MLW Loan Fund Past Presidents Parley	National Security	Badger Girls State	Poppy Program	Membership
12:00 – 12:45 pm	Liaison to AL Child Welfare Foundation Standing Rules	Community Service	Junior Activity	Home Service (15) Field Service (5) Field Svc Cert (15) Christmas Gift Shop (5) Hospital Volunteers (5)	President/Secretary (15) Parliamentary Procedure (15) Sgt-at-Arms (10) Questions (5)
1:15 – 3:00 pm	MEMBERSHIP LUNCHEON (SANDSTONE 1456)				

Summary of Unit Activities

295 of 437 (68%) of Wisconsin's Units reported on American Legion Auxiliary activities for the 2010-2011 year. A detailed listing of the activities as provided to National Headquarters for their report to Congress is posted on the department website. Listed below are some highlights.

Please remember that even the smallest unit, doing a few activities in the spirit of Service, Not Self, makes a big difference to the lives of the veterans we honor.

AMERICANISM

- Units participated in 727 community events involving patriotic holidays.
- 2,733 pocket flags were sent to our troops.
- 2,035 students of 340 schools participated in Americanism Essay Contests.

AUXILIARY EMERGENCY FUND (AEF):

- 155 volunteers hours and \$4,663.19 were donated to support AEF.

CHILDREN & YOUTH

- 4,849 volunteer hours supported Children & Youth programs.
- 3 Youth Hero Awards and 3 Youth Good Deed Awards were presented.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

- Almost 109,000 volunteer hours and \$30,620 was used to benefit veterans/military families.
- 21 units participated in Veterans Job/Career Fairs.
- 75 units participated in homeless veterans activities.

EDUCATION

- 2,900 volunteer hours were donated to support education programs.
- 4,460 children and 330 veterans participated in "Veterans in the Classroom."
- 199 unit scholarships were awarded, totaling \$57,830.

FUNDRAISING

- 207 units reported raising more than \$350,000 in fundraising activities.

GIRLS STATE

- Units sponsored 459 BGS delegates, with 67 delegates from veteran/military families.
- \$9,335 was donated to BGS scholarship fund.

JUNIOR ACTIVITIES

- Junior members volunteered 3,507 hours and served 1,475 veteran/military families.

LEGISLATIVE

- 235 members communicated with Legislators through 320 letters, 494 emails, and 308 phone calls.

MEMBERSHIP

- 59 units had mentoring programs for new members.

NATIONAL SECURITY

- 202 volunteers donated 9,416 hours to serve 473 veteran/military families.

POPPY

- 251 units reported they participated in poppy distributions, raising more than \$280,000.

VETERANS AFFAIRS AND REHABILITATION

- 839 volunteer hours and \$7,674 was donated to support the 2010 National Veterans Creative Arts Festival in LaCrosse, WI.
- Almost 34,000 hours were volunteered at VA facilities.
- 14 units participated in Welcome Home Celebrations.
- 2,511 greeting cards were sent to veterans on Veterans Day and 5,742 greeting cards were sent for other special holidays.



AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY DEPARTMENT OF WISCONSIN 2011 FALL INFORMATIONAL FORUM SEPTEMBER 23-24, 2011

Registration - Meal Tickets: **DUE SEPTEMBER 9, 2011**
(please use separate form for each member)

Name: _____ District _____ Unit _____

Phone #: (____) _____ Email address: _____

Registration (pre-register or at the door Friday & Saturday) \$10.00 ea. \$ 10.00

Friday:

- o **Dinner** (by advance ticket only, served 4:30 pm) \$15.00 ea. * \$ _____
Dinner is served with green salad, seasonal vegetables, starch, dinner roll, choice of coffee, iced tea or milk.

Select ONE Entree:

- Grilled Salmon Filet** – Fresh grilled salmon filet topped with an herb-butter and garnished with a lemon
- Roasted Pork Tenderloin** – Apple-cinnamon seasoned pork loin, roasted to perfection and topped with a rosemary pork gravy

Saturday:

- o **Continental Breakfast Buffet** (by advance ticket only) \$9.00 ea. * \$ _____
Assorted juices, coffee, hot tea, pastries, muffins, bagels with cream cheese and jellies, and seasonal fruit.

- o **Membership Recognition Luncheon** (by advance ticket only) \$20.00 ea. * \$ _____
Luncheon is served with green salad, seasonal vegetables, potato, dinner roll, choice of coffee, iced tea or milk, and dessert.

Select ONE Entree:

- Grilled Chicken**- Seasoned, grilled chicken breast
- Baked Cod Parmesan**–flakey filet of cod, baked in a white wine and butter sauce, garnished with sliced tomatoes and Parmesan cheese.

OR

SAVE! PURCHASE ALL THREE MEALS FOR \$40.00! * \$ _____

Make check payable to: ALA-Wisconsin Total amount enclosed \$ _____
(may send one check for multiple registrations & meal tickets)

Mail by **September 9th** to: ALA Wisconsin, P. O. Box 140, Portage, WI 53901

FORUM SCHEDULE

FRIDAY, SEPT. 23RD

Dinner
4:30 pm – 5:15 pm

Library Board Open House (Paper Fair)
5:30 pm – 7:45 pm

General Session
8:00 pm – 9:00 pm

SATURDAY, SEPT. 24TH

Continental Breakfast
7:00 am – 8:30 am

Program Summary Workshops
9:00 am – 12:45 pm

Membership Recognition Luncheon
1:15 pm – 3:30 pm

SEE YOU THERE!
President Joan Chwala
Membership Team – Chairman Teresa Isensee, Kitty Larkin and Linda Kostka

* NOTE: ALL MEALS INCLUDE GRATUITY AND SALES TAX

HOTEL INFORMATION FOR INFORMATIONAL FORUM

September 23 & 24, 2011

Glacier Canyon Lodge & Convention Center at the **Wilderness Hotel & Waterpark**
45 Hillman Rd., Wisconsin Dells WI 53965

www.glaciercanyonlodge.com

Make your reservations directly with the hotel -
1-800-867-9453

91st Annual Convention: Resolution Approved

The following resolution was presented and approved at the 91st Wisconsin American Legion Auxiliary Convention in Appleton, Wisconsin.

WHEREAS, The American Legion has accepted The American Legion Riders Association as a national program by the National Executive Committee on October 17-18, 2007 in Indianapolis, Indiana by adopting Resolution number 35; and

WHEREAS, The American Legion in Wisconsin, adopted Resolution number 2 accepting the Riders Association at their State Convention Green Bay in July 2002; and

WHEREAS, The American Legion Riders Association has created an avenue for members to serve the aims and purposes of The

American Legion family as well as promoting motorcycle safety and awareness and has increased membership in The American Legion family; and

WHEREAS, The American Legion Auxiliary's Bayard DeHart Unit 13 in Richland Center recognizes The American Legion Riders Association of Wisconsin as an added American Legion Auxiliary program associated within the pillar of Americanism, as a self funded program; be it

RESOLVED that the American Legion Auxiliary Department of Wisconsin recognizes The American Legion Rider's Association of Wisconsin as an added American Legion Auxiliary program within the Pillar of Americanism as a self funded program.

2012 CALENDAR FUNDRAISER

Watch Your Mail for a chance to enter the 2012 American Auxiliary Calendar Fundraiser!

**366 Winners
\$12,000 in Cash Prizes!**



For Additional Entries contact Headquarters at 866-664-3863