



Department of Wisconsin American Legion Auxiliary

6th District Newsletter

May 2025



2025 District Spring Conference

Spring Conference was held April 26, 2025 at Oshkosh Legion Post 70. Thanks to Omro Unit 234 for hosting the event. 13 Units were represented, with many first-time attendees. We were pleased to have Department Chaplain Donna Jensen attend and give greetings and important messages from President Becky.

Our guest speaker was Scott Lund, President of the Missions of Honor Board of Directors. Missions of Honor, Inc. is a standalone organization formed in the image Old Glory Honor Flight to accomplish missions that fall outside of the National Honor Flight guidelines. For more information on this organization go to: <https://missionsofhonor.org/>

The Finance committee presented the 2025-2026 budget which was reviewed and approved. The committee presented donation recommendations, which were subsequently voted on. We also reviewed and accepted a change to the Standing Rules Thank you to the Finance and C&B Committees for all of your hard work!

Congratulations to these newly elected and appointed officers for the 2025-2027 term:

- 🌸 1st Vice President, Linda Lefky from Unit 165 Two Rivers
- 🌸 2nd Vice President, Mary Raatz from Unit 43 Ripon
- 🌸 Treasurer, Beth Puddy from Unit 75 Fond Du Lac
- 🌸 Chaplin, Mary Koslowski from Unit 33 Neenah
- 🌸 Historian, Dorothy Gruber from Unit 125 Chilton
- 🌸 Secretary, Tracey Koach from Unit 165, Two Rivers
- 🌸 Sgt-at-Arms, Karen & Daralyn Wessels, from Unit 210, Waupun

There were no candidates for District President so I will remain in that position until my successor is named in two years. A complete list of officers/chairman and a copy of the minutes will be sent out in the near future.

Membership

The presentation of the Mrs. Elsa Trombla membership bells also took place during the conference. These bells are presented to the first Units which reach 100% in membership. Other than reach 100% the Unit is also required to complete the Unit Officer Form and return to Department. This year's 1st Unit with 50 members or less to reach 100% was Unit 478 St. Cloud. Congratulations! No Units with 50 members or more have reached 100%.

I am pleased to announce, 6th District is currently in 2nd place. Great job everyone!!

District Chairman Vacancies

I am looking for District Program Chairs for the following open positions: ***Americanism, Education, Junior Activities, Legislative, and VA&R***. The responsibilities of being a District Chairman are that you would be the liaison between the Department Program Chairs and the district, have knowledge of the specific program, and provide a program report at the District Conference.

As a program chairman you are also part of the District Executive Board. The Board meets twice each year, once in fall and once prior to the District Spring Conference. Program Chairs are also expected to attend all District Conferences and Executive Board meetings.

Please contact me if you have questions or are interested in any of these chairmanships.

Annual Reports

Thank you to the 19 Units that submitted their Unit Year-End Impact Reports. Volunteer hours, amounts of money raised and spent were impressive. Thank you too for the great work you do serving our veterans, military and their families and our communities!!

2025-2026 Unit Officer Information

Unit elections will be happening all across our District. Please make sure to complete the Unit Officer Form included in the last Bi-monthly Unit Mailing April 2025 issue. It is also available on the Department website.

National Poppy Day[®], May 23, 2025

Each year, especially during the month of May, members of The American Legion Family distribute poppies with a request that the person receiving the flower make a donation to support the future of veterans, active-duty military personnel and their families with medical and financial needs. ***Good luck with your Poppy Distribution!!***

2025 ALA DEPARTMENT CONVENTION

KI Convention Center
333 Main Street, Green Bay WI 54301
July 17-20, 2025

Convention information was included in the last bi-monthly unit mailing. It can also be found on the web site at <https://www.amlegionauxwi.org/departement-convention>. Or you can register online at www.wilegion.org. Please, get your registration in as soon as possible. I hope to see many of you there.

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