



Department of Wisconsin
American Legion Auxiliary
8th District Newsletter
February 2026

Honor Our Country, Support Our Veterans



Dear God,

We give thee thanks in this winter season, where everything is cold and sleeping. We are blessed to have warm homes and family and friends. We give thee thanks for our veterans who gave everything to keep us safe. The active military who are leaving their homes to keep us free. Let there be peace in this troubled world. Amen

My apologies to all of you for such tardiness. My feet aren't staying still very long and some things slipped down the list. I will be more prompt in March.

Spring Conference: Registration for spring Conference was sent in a separate email to get it out to units who have their meeting the first week of the month. The price is \$15.00 per person. It is attached to this letter as well.

New this year is a blind basket raffle. Each unit attending brings a basket but package it so the contents are not visible. Then include a clue on the outside as to the contents. Let the raffle chair know the value so we can set the minimum bid amount. Any questions, please contact me. If you like, you can include your unit on the outside.

Legislative:

Wisconsin has several elections this year. Go to myvote.wi.gov where you can confirm you are registered, who is on your ballot, where you vote and when the elections take place.

Do your background work on the candidates. [Here and Now](#), a show on PBS, usually has candidates on ahead of the elections. Watch to see what they have to say.

Our first election is February 17, only 10 days away. There is a judgeship open and that election is April 7. Let's be responsible citizens and vote, and vote knowledgeably.

Chair Becky says keep up the good work contacting our representatives via Grassroots. We are leading nationally with the number of contacts.

Don't wait: Apply now! ALA scholarships' deadlines are [approaching](#).
Check out the Department website for applications.

Executive team bio: My name is Lorrie Barber. I have been a member of Stevens Point Unit 6 for 20 years. I joined under my grandfather William Strom who served in WWII. I am currently serving as your 8th District Treasurer and would like to thank the units that so promptly paid their District 8 dues. If your unit has not, please do so ASAP. I have served in many unit positions, am a past District 8 president and served as Dept. Junior Chairwoman for 6 years. I am very passionate about juniors and restarted the unit program in our unit. Juniors are the future of the Auxiliary.

State bowling: Get your teams together for a fun, fun weekend in Weston April 11-12. Deadline to register is March 20. Mix & match teams from different units. See you in Weston.

ALA Official Family: From Amy Luft, Senior Vice President:

Are you interested in a department appointment for 2026-2027? If so, please submit an interest form as soon as possible but no later than March 1st so Senior Vice President Amy Luft can take you into consideration: [Interest Form](#).

Please feel free to share this information with any Auxiliary members within your reach of distribution and encourage them to apply.

Membership! Ladies, it's time to work a little harder at membership. Department goal is 85% by March. We are at 83.4%. However, 8th District is slipping. We are in 11th place with 3 units 50% or under. I see a lot of 70 and 80%. As of January 31 if you were not paid you are delinquent and do not have membership privileges. It's time to get those recruiting shoes on, and find those members. Personal touch goes a long way.

All Unit Chaplains: As is custom, every year the Department chaplain collects prayers and songs to assemble into a prayer book for the president. Chaplains, please send your submissions to Chaplain Sandy Mack smack0555@gmail.com

American Legion Family Day: This may be new to many of us but it is common across the country. This year, Wisconsin is getting on the bandwagon. Start planning your ALFD now. It is always the last Saturday in April. This year it's April 25. There is a webinar coming up this Tuesday on how to plan one. It should be available online in about a week if you can't watch it live. Use this link to register <https://cvent.me/yE1k0l>

Reporting: If you missed Mid-Winter, the new online reporting system was introduced. This should make reporting easier and more robust. You will be able to send up to 10 pictures with your 10-1000 word report. If you would like to test the system first, fill out any report with "test" and send it to Sandy Mack smack0555@gmail.com. She will confirm your successful transmission. You can still request paper copies but it will cost you \$5.00. Or you can go online and print them. Don't feel like you need to fill them all out. Only the programs you work.

President Sue is encouraging all units to apply for National Awards. The unit applies for those. We are asking if you do apply, you copy myself in the submission.

Unit Year-End Impact reports are due to me by April 15.

If you have questions, we may have a little time at Spring Conference to discuss.

What's Up?

Pizza Nights at American Legion Post 391 Fremont. See poster attached.
Send in your events to get them posted here.

YOU are invited to
Eighth District Spring Conference



Saturday March 28
American Legion Post 319 Fremont
322 Waupaca St
Fremont WI

Celebrate the USA's 250th birthday
Wear your Patriotic gear



7:45 – 8:30 Registration
Coffee, Juice and pastries
8:30 Meeting starts
10:15 Brunch break
10:40 Meeting resumes
Unit reports (3 min each)
12:15 Adjourn

Cost \$ TBA (\$3 registration, \$ meal)
Registration must be returned by March 14

Mail to:
ALA Post 391
PO Box 161
Fremont, WI 54940

Make checks payable to: ALA Unit 391

Unit # _____ Location _____ Amount enclosed \$ _____

Name _____

Pizza Pizza

Pizza night fundraiser

Brought to you by



Fremont Post 391



**Fourth Monday
January 26, February 23, March 23**

**Serving Hotel Fremont sausage, pepperoni and deluxe
pizza starting at 4:30 until gone**

Bar opens at 4:00

Dine in

Carry out call 920-446-3616

Fremont American Legion, 322 Waupaca St, Fremont

Proceeds will be used towards the kitchen upgrade