



**Department of
Wisconsin American
Legion Auxiliary**



6th District Newsletter

May 2022

2022 6th District Spring Conference

We had a great turnout for our meeting. Thank you to Judy Hacker and Unit #125 Chilton for hosting the conference. Great job!

Representatives from Dogs to Dog Tags gave an excellent presentation on their organization, highlighted by Vet Jimmy and his dog Ruby. 6th District Commander Gail Minks and Department President Diane Weggen took time out of their busy schedules to attend and share greetings.

Excellent reports were given by District Chairman, County and Unit representatives. It is always nice to hear what everyone has been doing during the year. The Finance committee presented the 2022-2023 budget which was reviewed and approved. Conference minutes are attached for you to share with your Unit members at your next meeting.

Membership

One of the things which happens at Spring Conference is the presentation of the Mrs. Elsa Trombla membership bells. These bells are presented to the Unit which reached 100% in membership. Other than reached 100% the Unit is also required to complete your Unit Officers Information sheet and return it to Department.

This year's winning Unit was Two Rivers Unit #165, the 1st Unit with 50 members or less to reach 100%. No Units with 50 members or more have reached 100%, but several are close. 6th District is currently in 5th place. We still have time to get more of those delinquent memberships paid before convention, so continue your hard work!

Annual Reports

Thank you to the 13 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!!

2022-2023 Unit Officer Forms

Many units will soon have elections. The 2022-2023 Officer Form is included with this newsletter. Even if there is no change in leadership, a form must be completed and sent to Department.

Events Around the District

In addition to Poppy Distribution, here are some of the other events Units and Posts have planned during the month of May. If you're in the area, please take time to stop in and support these events.

- May 21st – 10am to 2pm. Winneconne Unit 364 runs the Winneconne Thrift Store located at 911 E Main. They will also be having a bake sale with proceeds going to Our Military Kids.
- May 21st – 10am to 2pm. St Nazianz will be serving free lunch to all veterans and their families at Shadows Bar, 12215 Marken Rd, Kiel, WI. Various veteran organizations will be present to provide information on veteran related programs.
- May 21st – 17TH Annual Omro American Legion Golf Tournament will be held at Lake Breeze Golf Course in Winneconne, WI.
- May 22nd – Markesan will be hosting a Chicken BBQ at Post 282.
- May 30th – Neenah will be hosting a brat fry, bake sale and car show at Post 33.

Legislative Update

Honoring Our PACT Act (H.R. 3967) is a comprehensive solution to provide access to VA health care and benefits to toxic-exposed Veterans. The historic legislation would help millions of Veterans by establishing a permanent presumptive framework to address toxic exposure, foreign or domestic, past, present and future. It would provide VA health care access for all veterans exposed to hazards, create a concession of exposure for airborne toxins, and establish a list of presumptive conditions associated with burn pits and other exposures. This legislation would help Post-9/11 veterans, K2 veterans, Atomic veterans, and Vietnam veterans, including those who served in Thailand, Cambodia, and Laos. This bill was passed by the U. S. House on 3/3/2022. It has now been sent to the Senate. Contact Senators Johnson and Baldwin and urge them to support and call for action on this bill.

Dates To Remember

June 19-24, 2022 – American Legion Auxiliary Badger Girls State, UW Oshkosh

July 14-17, 2022 – Department Convention, Green Bay, WI

August 26-September 1, 2022 – National Convention, Milwaukee, WI

For future 6th District newsletters, I ask that the units let me know of something they are doing. Maybe you or other members of your Legion family have an event or fundraiser coming up. If you have a unit newsletter or combined newsletter with your post/squadron please send me a copy. Thank you.

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American Legion Auxiliary
6th District - Spring Conference
Meeting Minutes, April 23, 2022

The 6th District Spring Conference meeting, hosted by the Chilton Unit, was called to order at 9:31 am by President Diane Steinert. An opening prayer was read by Chaplain Kathy Boettner, followed by the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance, which was led by Poppy Princess, Natalie Myers, and the Auxiliary Preamble & Mission Statement.

Greetings were made by Diane Steinert, District President and Judy Hacker, Chilton Unit 125 President. Greetings and Messages were given by Gail Minks, 6th District Commander and Diane Weggen, Department President.

Presentation by Dogs 2 Dog Tags was given. Torre Willadsen, Founder and President, Pam Wittkopp, Executive Director, Nancy Schnell Rivera, Director of Veteran Outreach, were there with Jimmy and Ruby the dog. Jimmy's story was told and how he became the recipient of his new companion Ruby.

Diane Duscheck went over the rules of voting.

Roll call was taken with 12 Units and 45 members present.

Minutes from the 2021 Fall Conference were read and approved with one correction. Treasurer report was read, Sandy Hinkle moved to accept the minutes with one correction and there was a second. Approved and filed for audit.

Correspondence was read from:

*Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs for the donation of Easter Eggs filled with candy made by the Juniors.

*An email from Sue Hembrook, Department Historian, looking for any pictures or information from Diane attending activities. She would like any visits or interactions from this past year sent to her. Genesuehem@wi.rr.com

Treasurer's Report, copy of ledger and budget was handed out. Was filed for audit.

The finance committee gave the Budget Review with discussion. The committee has moved to accept the budget as presented. Moved and seconded. Budget was approved. Motioned to except and moved to donate \$50 each to Dogs2DogTags, Honor Flight, Creative Arts, ALA Foundation, Wreaths across America, Homeless Women Veterans Fund, AEF and President Weggen's Project (Chippewa Falls Veterans home) with the remaining \$85.50 to go to President Weggen's Project as well. Motion carried - approved.

County Presidents and Units gave their reports. Any Unit that did not turn in your report to Diane Steinert, please do so.

Broke for Lunch

Memorial Service was given by Kathy Boettner, Chaplain Omro Unit 234

Committee Reports were read.

*Americanism - Diane Steinert

The 58th Annual Americanism Banquet was held on February 12, 2022.

*Children & Youth/Juniors

Introduction of Poppy Princess Natalie Myers from Winneconne read her paragraph.

*Membership - Patti Westphal

6th District is in 6th Place.

State is behind 564 compared to last year.

*Elsa Trombla Bell Presentations - Patti Westphal

Two Rivers received the 50 and under

No one received the 50 and over

Manitowoc County is at 100%

Units of Briggsville, Princeton, Manitowoc, Two Rivers and St. Nazianz are all at 100%

New Business:

Nominations for Alternates to Nation Convention - 3 members signed up to be Alternates

Poppy Creation & Poppy Poster Winners were presented.

*Poppy Wreath - 1st place Omro
 2nd place Chilton
 3rd place Oshkosh

*Poppy Posters - Class 1 - 1st place Chilton
 - 2nd place Neenah - Kaylee McDonald
 Class 2 - 1st place Neenah - Winter Shepard
 Class 3 - 1st place Neenah - Sophia Litwall
 - 2nd place Neenah - Nevaeh Shepard

One History Book was presented by Unit 125 Chilton

Next Spring Conference will be held at Unit 306 Green Lake with a tentative date of April 29, 2023.

The Courtesy Resolution was read by Alice Bartow Unit 306 Green Lake and Diane Duscheck Unit 282 Markesan and received.

Announcements:

-Post 70 Oshkosh will hold its 1st Annual Car/Truck/Bike Show August 13th 10am-2pm

-Two Rivers will be attending Relay for Life on July 29th 6pm-11pm

-St Nazianz will be serving free meals to veterans on May 21st at Shadows Bar and they will have a tractor ride and brat fry at Shadows Bar on June 25th.

-Neenah will be hosting a brat fry, bake sale and car show on Memorial Day May 30th

- Omro will be holding their annual Golf Outing on May 21st at Lake Breeze Golf Course in Winneconne.

- Chilton holds a Father's Day parade and it starts at 11 am, October 15th they will also host a spaghetti dinner.

- Markesan will be hosting a Chicken BBQ on May 22nd

Closing Prayer was given by Kathy Boettner

Meeting Adjourned at 1:32 pm

A Gift Basket Raffle was held with \$425 collected.

Submitted by Angie Schuster, Secretary

2022-2023 Unit Officers Form

Return A.S.A.P

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Unit City Location _____ Unit # _____

County _____ Dist # _____

Meeting Location/ date & time _____

DO NOT LEAVE ANY POSITIONS BLANK

- Department **REQUIRES** a contact person (even if it is temporary) for each of the positions listed.
- (Please designate **ONE PERSON** to receive Unit mailings and other important Unit information)

President's Name _____ Membership ID # _____

Mailing Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

Home _____ Work Cell : _____

Email _____

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Mailing Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

Home _____ Work Cell : _____

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Treasurer's Name _____ Membership ID # _____

Mailing Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

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↪ (Dues Remit To Person - name & address will be printed on the members' payment dues reminders sent from National)

↪ **Renewal Notice Name** _____ Membership ID # _____

Mailing Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

Home _____ Work Cell : _____

Email _____

↪ Complete - If Dues Mailing address is different from mailing address above

↪ Dues Mailing Address/City/State/Zip _____

↪ (The person in the UNIT who will receive ALABGS information. **DO NOT put the delegate's name here**)

↪ **ALABGS Chairman's Name** _____ Membership ID # _____

Mailing Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

Home _____ Work Cell : _____

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Signed _____ Date _____

Person submitting form