



8th District Newsletter



President's Message

Hello Everyone!

I still plan on making visits to Units as weather permits.

Congratulations to Wisconsin Rapids, Tigerton and Wild Rose for being 100% Units! Mosinee only needs 2 more members. Congratulations to the District! We are in 7th place in the Department. Keep up the good work everyone!

Unit Presidents, a friendly reminder, please send in your 2023-2024 Unit Officers Form to Department Headquarters as soon as possible. This form should be completed and returned even if your officers haven't changed for the new Auxiliary year. Thank you to everyone that has already submitted this form. I have received several updated forms from Department. However, there are still several Units that haven't returned their form to Department. In order to win any membership awards, you need to have your updated form in to Department.

I am still looking for District Program Chairs for the openings listed in the box below. Please let me know if you are interested in one of them. My contact information is at the top of the newsletter.

I am also looking for a raffle chairman for the Spring Conference. The chairman would be responsible for collecting money and tickets ahead of the Spring Conference, as well as selling tickets and collecting money during the conference. This is a one-time chairmanship just for the 2024 Spring Conference. If interested, please contact me.

If your Unit is going to be submitting Poppy Posters to District for judging, they need to be submitted to me by February 23, 2024. The deadline to have the winners from District to the Department Poppy Chairman is March 15, 2024. History Books will be still be judged at the Spring Conference and a Memorial Service will still be held. Additional details about Spring Conference will be included in future newsletters. The Poppy Poster contest requirements are included at the end of this letter.

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!

2024 SPRING CONFERENCE

Saturday, April 27, 2024
Mid-State Technical College
Stevens Point

The 8th District Spring Conference has been scheduled for Saturday, April 27th at Mid-State Technical College in Stevens Point. The registration form is included with the newsletter. Your registration fees can be sent to our host unit – Stevens Point Unit 6. I look forward to seeing everyone there.

Also included with this newsletter are the drawing tickets for the District fundraiser. The price of the tickets \$2 each or 3 for \$5. This is the only fundraiser that the District holds every year. Units and members, please consider purchasing tickets. You do NOT need to be present to win!

A reminder to all Units, if any Unit has any upcoming events that they would like included in this newsletter, please let me know!

As always, if you have any questions, please feel free to contact me either by phone or email.

Thank you for all you do!

Linda Tryczak

Program Chairman

Legislative: OPEN

Juniors: OPEN

VA&R: OPEN

Americanism: OPEN

Membership: Fran Bender

Children & Youth: OPEN

Please let me know if interested in any of these open positions.

Attachments

Spring Conference Registration Form

Upcoming Events / Dates

8th District Spring Conference – April 27th at Mid-State Technical College in Stevens Point

Joint Testimonial – May 18th in Oshkosh

Poppy Poster Contest Requirements

March 15th: Units may select one winning Poppy Poster for each class and forward them to the Department Chairman using the entry form in the Poppy Program Engagement Plan for judging.

Units shall sponsor contests in local schools. When schools do not conduct activities, other youth groups — including Junior members — may participate under direct supervision of the unit.

Contest Classes:

- Class I: Grades 2 and 3
- Class II: Grades 4 and 5
- Class III: Grades 6 and 7
- Class IV: Grades 8 and 9
- Class V: Grades 10 and 11
- Class VI: Grade 12
- Class VII: Students with special needs defined as:
 1. Those in special education classes.
 2. A student recommended for special education classes but who has not been admitted due to a waiting list or various other factors.
 3. A child identified as having a disability, but not in a special education class due to lack of facilities; identification contingent upon discretion of school officials.

Poppy Poster Requirements:

1. Each poster shall have a fitting slogan not to exceed 10 words. Articles “a”, “and,” “an”, “the” are not to be counted as words. The words “buddy” and “buy” cannot be used.
2. The words “American Legion Auxiliary” must be used in the design of the poster and will not be counted in the 10-word count.
3. Each poster must include a red poppy.
4. The department shall determine the closing date of the unit contest. The poster shall be on 11x14” poster board. (Drawing paper will not be accepted).
5. The United States flag may be used as long as there are no infractions of the flag code.
6. Posters will be judged using the following criteria:
 - 50% - poster appeal (layout, message, originality)
 - 40% - artistic ability (design and color)
 - 10% - neatness
7. Media used shall be watercolors, crayons, powder or oil paint, handmade paper cutouts, ink or textures, acrylics, pencils, and markers.
8. Written in ink on the back of the poster (not attached) shall be the class in which the entry is submitted, the name, address, age, and grade of the contestant and the name of the department.
9. Submissions become property of the American Legion Auxiliary. Through submission of artwork, contestants and their legal guardians grant non-exclusive reproduction and publication rights to the works submitted and agree to have their names and artwork published for commercial use without additional compensation or permission.
10. The poster shall be the work of only one individual.
11. The label “In Memoriam” from the veteran-made poppy may not be used.

8th District American Legion Auxiliary

Spring Conference

Registration

Saturday April 27, 2024

Mid-State Technical College

1001 Centerpoint Dr.

Stevens Point, WI



Registration will be from 8-9A. Light Breakfast will be served. The conference will begin at 9AM with lunch being served at noon. The conference will resume following lunch.

Cost \$20.00 (\$3.00 registration/ \$17.00 lunch) Additional \$5 at door.

Italian Buffet with Dessert Bar

Registration should be returned by April 15th.

Return this portion -----

Checks should be made payable to ALA Unit 6

Mail to: ALA Unit 6 PO Box 595 Stevens Point, WI 54481

Enclosed \$ _____ from Unit# _____

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