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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



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Department
President

Oh, the north wind doth blow and we shall have snow... Well, the wind sure does blow these days and snow will not be far behind, but for now, it is time to recognize winter will soon be upon us. One way we can help those in need is through our Community Service program. In last year's annual reports, two units reported their efforts to ensure those less fortunate would stay warm.

Fifield Unit 532 has sponsored an "Outerwear for Everyone" project for the past 28 years! The members of this unit publicize their event with posters in four communities, radio spots, and photos in the local newspaper. They collect winter outerwear over a five-week period and distribute all that is collect-

ed to anyone in need. This past year, they gave out over 300 outerwear items! Anything not given directly to an individual is donated to a local high school for their coat drive or to a local thrift store. What a wonderful way to assist people in the local community while publicizing the great work done by the caring members of the American Legion Auxiliary!

The Henrizi-Schneider Unit 382 of Menomonee Falls also collects and distributes much needed winter items through their project called "Operation Scarf." They collect scarves, hats, gloves, and mittens for the homeless. They sort the items into "sets" and place them in large zippered storage bags along with a note indicating they are free for the taking. The bags are tied to trees and park benches in five Milwaukee area parks known to be frequented by a

large number of homeless people, many of which are veterans. This unit also hosted a motorcycle rally in which 153 riders participated and \$15,000 was raised for the Milwaukee Homeless Vets Initiative. Way to support our Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation program!

Whatever you do to help others, please be sure to record, publicize and report it. Your efforts are greatly appreciated by the recipients and should be recognized by the community at large and our organization.

One note of personal privilege. Thank you to all who reached out to congratulate me on my selection as Wisconsin's Woman Veteran of the Year. I am honored to represent the countless women veterans in Wisconsin making a difference in their communities.

Editor's note: Details regarding the Woman Veteran of the Year Award are included on page A4.

AEF: THANK YOU!

Department of Wisconsin
Thank you for your generous gift to the Auxiliary Emergency Fund.

*In the spirit of Service Not Self,
thank you for supporting our veterans, military,
and their families.*

*You have truly changed the life of a member in need.
Thank you.*

*Best,
Sydney*

This note was received from Sydney DeLong, Development Coordinator for the national organization. Thank you to all the members and units that donated to the Auxiliary Emergency Fund from June through September 2020. Thanks to your generosity, Wisconsin contributed \$2,340 to support Auxiliary members facing a financial crisis due to natural disaster or another emergency. What a great way to help others in need!

MEMBERSHIP

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The holiday season is swiftly sailing in, are you ready?

Welcome to Two Rivers Unit 165, the newest unit in the Wisconsin American Legion Family!!

Congratulations winners of the Hotshot Helmsmen incentive award: Verona Unit 385, Wisconsin Rapids Unit 442, Walworth 102, and Two Rivers 165.

I personally would like to congratulate all ALA members in Wisconsin for getting their dues sent in so promptly. On the national membership level, Wisconsin was in 2nd Place at

68.73% as of mid-November! That is quite a compliment to your great work, and I thank you all. In regard to the next few months being the "season" everyone is needing to closely monitor expenses, paying membership dues early is easier on everyone involved. Early payment eliminates the burden of processing massive amounts of mail-in memberships all at one time. The question was asked "why dues are paid so early" and not held to a December deadline? For multiple reasons, we prefer that to not happen. The biggest reason is the ability and time needed to enter all memberships into the com-

puter system before a final due date. It is not possible to enter all of Wisconsin memberships, transfer them to National on time, and have dues from all 50 states entered into the national membership database by the end of a given year. Early payments make it more manageable for dues to be processed in a timely fashion to prevent a large backlog. Early payment is much easier on everyone involved. Remember, members with 2021 dues not paid by January 31, 2021 are considered delinquent and not eligible to hold ALA offices and/or chairmanship positions.

Merry Christmas to you all!

Now, we are changing course and sailing into the New Year!

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, many units are not meeting in person, but are still managing to stay in touch with one another. Units and counties have been using conference calls and newsletters to communicate. Following the lead of the e-Unit, many units and counties are now having Zoom meetings, which gives everyone the ability to see their members, making everyone feel they are more connected. A personal shout-out to Dane County for holding county conference calls to host their "Round Table" discussion, and to Outagamie

County for hosting their first Zoom meeting! Please remember to contact your fellow members, make your "Sailor Shout Outs" often. You may be their only contact in several days...

Happy New Year! Stay warm, stay healthy, stay safe!

Next Unit Membership Incentive: Notable Navigators - One eligible unit will be randomly selected to win \$100. Eligibility criteria: Units with 1-99 members must reach at least 85% of their membership goal and units with 100 or more members must reach at least 70% of their membership goal by February 15, 2021 (President Joanie's birthday).

SETTING A COURSE FOR THE FUTURE



CHAPLAIN'S CORNER**Becky Mueller****Department Chaplain****Email: clarenceandbecky@aol.com****Ph: 920-833-6048**

Grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and Jesus our Lord, as His divine power has given to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who called us by glory and virtue, by which have been given to us exceedingly great and precious promises... 2 Peter 2-4

Welcome to the 2020 holiday season – one like we have never experienced before.

Our views of the holidays are wrapped in our faith and the stories we heard all our lives. We love the stories of the Pilgrims and Indians at the first Thanksgiving dinner. Without them working together and being willing to learn from each other, the Pilgrims may not have survived. We are in a similar situation – we must learn new skills and techniques and depend on each other to survive during the pandemic.

The stories of the manger and the animals, shepherds and wise men are known by all of us. What would Christmas be without them? We forget the challenges that faced Mary and Joseph. Remember the long journey to Bethlehem, no room at the inn, and the middle of the night flight to Egypt. We are not fleeing to a foreign country, but many of us feel alone and frightened; uncertain of our future.

Although our holidays may not be the traditional Christmas card celebration we had hoped for, it is still the fulfillment of God's promise to us. The roots of our holidays are discovered in times of trouble and conflict – we have the opportunity to build upon these roots with the experiences we are facing and creating new ways to celebrate what the holidays are all about – the people in our lives and the future we are making together while we remember our history.

Let's pray together for all our Legion family members to lean on the promises of God that have been proclaimed throughout history. We plead for grace and mercy as we struggle in the current health crisis. We look heavenward for answers to our deepest yearnings for a return to normalcy.

May all of you have the best of the holidays as we reconnect with our families in new ways; reach out to our neighbors close at hand; and experience anew the wonder of the love of God for his people.

God bless each of you with joy, peace and love.

Your Grace Is Enough by Chris Tomlin*Your grace is enough**Heaven reaching down to us**Your grace is enough for me.**God, I see your grace is enough**I'm covered in your love**Your grace is enough for me.**So remember Your people**Remember Your children**Remember Your promise, oh God.**Your grace is enough**Your grace is enough**Your grace is enough for me.***GREETINGS FROM HEADQUARTERS****Bonnie Dorniak****Executive Secretary/Treasurer****Ph: 608-745-0124****Email: deptsec@amlegionauxwi.org****Website: www.amlegionauxwi.org**

President Joanie Dickerson was selected as the 2020 Woman Veteran of the Year by the Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs! A video from Governor Tony Evers acknowledging President Joanie's many accomplishments is linked to the department's home page (www.amlegionauxwi.org). Congratulations to President Joanie on this well-deserved honor.

Members are encouraged to become more familiar with the information posted on the department website, including the 2020-2021 Red Book and bi-monthly unit mailings on the 'More' tab, 2020-2021 action plans for each program on the 'Dept Chrm/Action Plans' page, current membership reports and forms on the 'Membership' page, and updated donation forms found under 'Forms.'

Looking for a last-minute holiday gift? Give the gift of ALA membership!!! PUFL applications can be found on the 'Membership' tab of the department website and should be mailed directly to national headquarters. Please contact Linda Cason at department headquarters for details.

The American Legion Auxiliary is scheduled to conduct an ALA in the Know session at TAL Midwinter Conference on Saturday, January 16, 2021 from 9:00 am – 4:00 pm, with a break for lunch on your own. This session will provide an overview of American Legion Auxiliary roles for members

and responsibilities of unit officers, discuss the value of county organizations, review each Auxiliary program, surf the department and national websites, provide a preview of special activities planned for the 2021 Department Convention, and close with a Q&A session. Anyone interested in attending must register for the Midwinter Conference (\$20 for reservations made before January 4, 2021 or \$25 after January 4th). Please mark that you will be attending the ALA in the Know session in the space just above the payment information on the registration form so we can make sure we have enough training materials for everyone in attendance. Space is limited, so please register early!!! Registration and housing forms are on the Legion website at www.wilegion.org.

National headquarters will mail the final 2021 dues renewal notices around January 15th. They already pulled the mail list so if you receive a renewal notice but believe your dues were paid, please contact your Unit Membership Chairman to ensure they were forwarded to department. Dues are not considered paid until they are processed by department headquarters. The January renewal notices will instruct members to send their dues directly to department to ensure they are processed in a timely manner, so members do not lose any benefits. Members may also pay dues to their unit or use a debit or credit card to pay online (www.ALAFORVeterans.org) or by phone at 317-569-4570, Monday through Friday from 7:00 am – 3:30 pm.

American Legion Auxiliary Badger Girls State (ALABGS) is scheduled from June

20-25, 2021. The reservation fee of \$350/ delegate is due by January 29, 2021. If your unit has decided not to sponsor students for ALABGS this year, please notify Carrie Thrasher at department headquarters and your school before the school starts its selection process!

Unit Year-End Report forms were mailed to all unit presidents in November. Members are reminded to track their volunteer hours and money spent to support Auxiliary programs to ensure they are included in the unit's totals. Every unit should submit a report by April 15, 2021 and acknowledge their members for all the hard work accomplished throughout the year. Department program chairmen use the information to prepare their annual reports for the national organization and President Joanie will select units for recognition at department convention.

During this holiday season, please pray for the safe return of all military service members who are separated from their loved ones. Also, don't forget to check on friends and family who may be affected by COVID-19 that they may stay healthy or recover quickly.

As the pandemic continues to impact the state of Wisconsin, we are minimizing visitor access to department headquarters. For everyone's safety, we request you visit only if necessary. The ALA office will be closed from Wednesday afternoon (December 23rd) through Friday, December 25th for the Christmas holiday and Friday, January 1, 2021 for the New Year's holiday. We wish everyone a safe and healthy holiday season and hope for a better year ahead!

PAST PRESIDENTS PARLEY**Teresa Isensee****Dept. Chairman****Ph. 715-577-5259****Email: tisensee2173@gmail.com**

Have you sent in your Unit/County/District/Department past and current presidents for membership in the Past President's Parley? Any member who has held the office of President at any level is eligible to be a member of this committee.

The purpose of this committee is for Past Presidents to be a resource of information for our members. These members have knowledge and experience that should be shared. How can we help to engage our members, grow leadership at every level, and be a resource to help our declining membership? Have you read the "How to" Worksheets that were included with the Past Presidents Parley Program Action Plan? It's a great resource on how to men-

tor a new member to your Unit. Here are some suggestions:

- Offer to escort a new member to your meeting.
- Maintain a positive attitude and assist in avoiding controversy during the meeting.
- Support new and current members through your ongoing leadership!

Do you know a person who is always ready to lend a hand and helps to ensure the future of your Unit? Then submit a unit nomination for "Unit Member of the Year Award." Nominations are due by May 15, 2021. Check the Program Action Plan for the requirements; units may nominate only one member for this award.

Do you know a woman veteran to nominate for the "Salute to Servicewomen Award?" The national award was established in 2003 to honor women who are currently serving our country in each branch of

service. Submit nominations to me by May 15, 2021, including the nominee's name, address, unit name and number (if applicable) and the contact information for the active duty servicewoman. Check the Program Action Plan for specific requirements.

Past Presidents Parley also sponsors three \$1,000 scholarships for students going into nursing or other health career. Donations are down significantly this year and we need your support to continue offering these scholarships. Please consider making a donation to help deserving students pursue their education in these essential careers. Checks should be payable to "Past Presidents Parley" and mailed to ALA-Wisconsin, PO Box 140, Portage, WI 53901-0140, noting the donation is for PPP Scholarships.

I look forward to reading the Unit Mid-Year Reports of the accomplishments of our Past Presidents.

NATIONAL SECURITY**Karen Degner****Dept. Chairman****Ph: 920.918.9772****Email: kdegner88@gmail.com**

During these trying times and staying as safe as we all can, what can we do to support the National Security program?

There is always a need for blood donations; please consider donating if you can. The

USO of Wisconsin appreciates those that sew to make Camo Bears for military children with a deployed parent. To learn more or request a kit to make three bears, contact the USO at: WisconsinSupport@uso.org. Monetary donations are also welcomed. You can make a donation and/or find out more at: www.wi.uso.org or call 414-763-2214.

Are you ready for the upcoming Wiscon-

sin winter? To find ways to stay safe, go to: <https://readywisconsin.wi.gov> for ideas, tips, suggestions for kits, resources and more.

Upcoming dates to keep in mind: April is the Month of the Military Child. May is the month of Military Family Appreciation. Military Spouse Appreciation Day is the Friday before Mother's Day and Armed Forces Day is the Saturday before Memorial Day.

MISSION IN ACTION: POYNETTE UNIT 271

Since many veterans use the local food pantry, Poynette Auxiliary Vice President Lyn Bryant had an idea to help both the veterans and the food pantry during the pandemic. The Auxiliary sold baked goods at the Farmer's Market every other Saturday during its run in 2020. ALA member Marcy Woodward also made masks to be sold. All the proceeds from the baked goods and face masks were donated to the Poynette Area Community Food Pantry. Bryant and Auxiliary members Terri Fiore, Nancy Ripp, Marcy Woodward, Gloria Rortved and Sue Paukner presented food pantry organizer Ruth Anne Waugh with a check for \$3,128.50. When Waugh asked Woodward how many masks she made, she said she had no idea of the exact number but estimated it to be more than 3,500!



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WANTED: MASKS!

Do you sew? Please consider making masks for our veterans at the Dayton Care Facility in Kenosha. The facility has not had a major outbreak of COVID-19 and they want to keep it that way. We furnished masks at the beginning of the pandemic; however, those masks are showing their wear due to frequent use and washing.

All masks should be adult size. Any fabric pattern is fine, but patriotic patterns or solid colors would be especially appreciated. Also, holiday prints would be a festive idea. Mail completed masks to:

Sue Hembrook
24215 60th Street
Salem, WI 53168

Questions? Please contact Sue Hembrook at
genesuehem@wi.rr.com, home: 262-843-4791
or cell: 262-945-9791.

Thank you for your generous response to this urgent need!



VETERANS AFFAIRS & REHABILITATION

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Thinking back, you might remember a popular TV show, touting its hero as faster than a speeding bullet, more powerful than a locomotive, and able to leap tall buildings in a single bound!

The definition of a hero is a person who is admired or idealized for courage, outstanding achievements, or noble qualities. That spells v-e-t-e-r-a-n!

What is a veteran? The simple answer is a former member of the armed forces, but that doesn't even begin to describe a veteran's heart.

Look around you...veterans come in all shapes and sizes, and from all walks of life. Many were still teenagers when they left their families and friends to take this oath...

I do solemnly swear that I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States of America against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same and that I will obey the orders of the President of the United States and the orders of the officers appointed over me, according to the regulations and the Uniform Code of Military Justice. So help me God.

They were willing to set aside their fears and the life they knew to journey an unknown path – without question. Births, baptisms, and other special celebrations went

on without them. Some even served in more than one branch. Veterans are ordinary men and women with an extraordinary sense of duty, honor, and country, having served, as our Preamble states, For God and Country!

Many were thrown into harm's way; all sacrificed, as did their families, to privilege us with the freedoms we enjoy and sadly often take for granted. The price paid to wear the uniform can be high, for freedom is not free.

We recently celebrated Veterans Day, a day of tribute to all who served, so important it is designated as a federal holiday; a day we gather to honor those whose duty it was to serve, and to remember the sacrifices made for us.

If you've been privileged to hear some of these heroes' stories, you know they range from easily shared comical to teary and heart-wrenching. They have given more than we can ever repay.

For those still carrying scars, we wish you peace. For those reminiscing, we wish you good memories; for all, we wish you a special day every day, overflowing with celebration and thanks.

Not all heroes wear capes, some wear dog tags. Happy Veterans Day!

Congratulations to Retired Chief Petty Officer, Department President and hero Joanie Dickerson, Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs 2020 Woman Veteran of the Year. Anchors Aweigh!

CHILDREN AND YOUTH

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Let us hear it for our kids. We often hear that kids have a mind of their own but that is usually said in a negative manner. When they have a mind of their own, it is about something they have given a lot of thought to, not particularly something they have been told about or been taught.

Often times they don't think about the color of someone's skin or culture, they think about their friends and what they like about them or what they do together. Putting their heads together, they determine what they can do to make a difference for other people or to help the world. But as adults, we are doubtful that they could make a difference. The youth of today are the adults of tomorrow who will rule the world tomorrow. They think differently

than we do today, and it is often said, "Out of the mouths of babies..."

We must learn to listen to what they say and what they do. They are doing things today that we call "Good Deeds" for other people and community groups and we must acknowledge them for their original thoughts and actions with Good Deed Awards. Their thoughts and ideas are about uniting everyone for the good of the world and allows everyone to be part of a group

as friends. They can spend time making new friends while helping the elderly with things they can no longer accomplish alone. The youth of our nation can help break down the barriers at all levels and help bring America together.

Good Deed Awards are offered through the National ALA organization. Check the website (www.ALAforVeterans.org) under the National American Legion Auxiliary Good Deed Awards for nomination forms.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

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This year has changed how we operate. With social distancing, units were not able to do some of the traditional, annual Community Service projects. That is ok! Auxiliary members are not easily deterred and came up with some new ways to continue Community Service.

Members sent cards and prayers to veterans and other residents in nursing homes to brighten their days. They provided rides to the elderly. They attended funeral services of veterans with the Honor Guard outside their Legion Post. Many units are making donations to local food banks. Units planted and cared for flowers at their Post or

Veterans Park. Auxiliary members are donating blood and helping at blood drives. Units are continuing to honor our veterans by placing American flags on their graves. Units are making masks for children and adults. Warm winter clothing was collected for homeless veterans and fall yard clean-up was done for elderly residents.

Some community service projects/ideas: volunteering to help tutor students, providing meals for students not in school, offering to help pick up groceries for those quarantined, doing something nice for essential workers, getting carry outs from local restaurants or gift cards from local businesses.

Thank you for all you do to make our communities better!

ATTENTION JUNIORS!!!!

P-A-R-T-Y! We are having a 100th Birthday Party to celebrate the American Legion Auxiliary and the accomplishments our awesome Juniors have made over the last two years.

Saturday, June 12, 2021

at

American Legion Post 33, 451 Green Bay Road, Neenah, WI 54956

We will work on a Poppy project,
play games through the decades and have a cookout!



2020 WISCONSIN WOMAN VETERAN OF THE YEAR JOANIE DICKERSON



Joanie retired from the US Navy after 20 years of honorable service (1980-2000), where she achieved the rank of Chief Petty Officer. Since transitioning to civilian life, Joanie has used the leadership and training skills she developed in the military to effectively serve various organizations for the betterment of our veterans, youth and community members. Joanie routinely does “little things” that she doesn’t consciously think about but does them because it’s the right thing to do. Her volunteerism has included working with Bagley Adult-Youth Group, Boy Scouts of America Pack 71, Boy Scouts of America Troop 88, Blackhawk Area Council Boy Scouts of America, brotherhood

ans Service officer when the ALA established the state-wide Homeless Women Veterans Grant Fund. At the department level, Joanie has served as chairman of Americanism, Poppy, and Education. She has been a counselor at ALA Badger Girls State for 26 years, serving on the committee for nine years. Joanie has advanced through the Department Officer positions as Chaplain, Historian, Second Vice President, First Vice President, and Senior Vice President. She is the first veteran to be elected to the high rank of ALA Department President in Wisconsin and the only person to hold that distinctive honor for two years!

Joanie Dickerson has made a significant impact on the community. Her active involvement with various organizations provides her the opportunity to serve veterans and to raise awareness throughout Wisconsin on how veterans continue to serve whenever needed for the betterment of all.

Congratulations, Department President Joanie Dickerson, on this great achievement!



Department President Joanie Dickerson was selected as the 2020 Woman Veteran of the Year by the Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs. WDVA Secretary Mary Kolar presented the award at a ceremony held on Veterans Day at the school where Joanie teaches. During the program, students paid tribute to all veterans, read the book America’s White Table by Margot Theis Raven, and gave President Joanie a patriotic picture and card signed by all the school children. Check out the home page of the department website (www.amlegion-auxwi.org) to watch video highlights of the program and congratulations from Governor Tony Evers.

member of Walapeju Lodge 140 Order of the Arrow, program area leader on summer day camp staff, member of US Coast Guard Auxiliary Prairie du Chien Flotilla, instructor for public boating safety, and active member of St. Mary Catholic Church. Additionally, Joanie earned a degree in Education and is a full-time educator.

Within the Legion Family, Joanie Dickerson has served The American Legion as Post Commander, Service Officer, and Finance Officer at Post 482 in Bagley and Adjutant on the Grant County Council. As a dual member, she has also served as an officer and active member of American Legion Auxiliary Unit 482 and served as liaison to the County Veter-

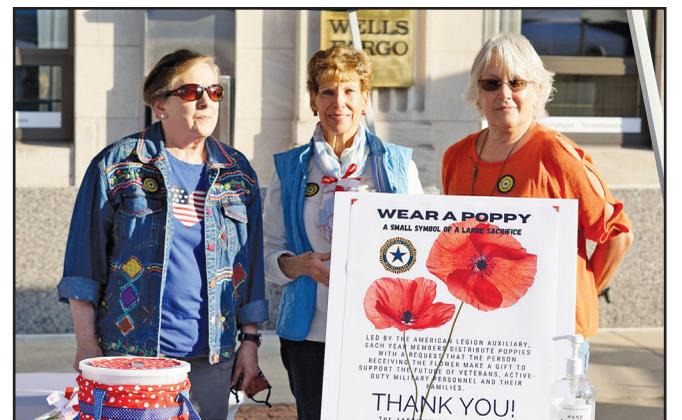


MISSION IN ACTION: BARABOO UNIT 26

Members of American Legion Auxiliary Unit 26 in Baraboo had a fun time distributing poppies at the city’s annual Fair on the Square in October. Hundreds of people stopped by and gave generously. Member Kim Shanks commented, “Folks were so friendly and we couldn’t be more surprised and happy with the results from the day. We took in over \$1,200 in donations. We are so blessed to have community support during these times. Yes, we did wear masks...just not for the photos!” Unit President Linda Higbee generously paid the booth fee to make this event successful.



(L TO R) Sandy Deich, Unit President Linda Higbee, Mary Spink



(L TO R) Linda Higbee, Mary Spink and Kim Shanks

WOULD YOUR UNIT LIKE TO HOST A BOWLING TOURNAMENT?

We are seeking bids for the 2023 WALABA Tournament

Requirements for Hosting Bowling Tournament:

1. Submit bid to WALASBA Chairman/Tournament Manager Jenni Syftestad. **Email:** syftes@chorus.net or **mail:** 205 Thompson Street, Verona WI 53593
2. Include the following information in bid:
 - a. Name of bowling establishment you have contacted and checked out. Include name of contact person and phone number at the lanes.
 - b. Number of lanes available (at least 16 required).
 - c. Do they have automatic scoring?
 - d. Name of Unit, County or District hosting event.
 - e. Name, address and phone

- f. List of housing nearby, with rates, phone numbers and map of area. (This can be submitted after your bid has been accepted)
3. Have Sergeant-at-Arms available with Unit Colors if Department doesn't provide theirs. This is an excellent fundraising opportunity – ask the Post for assistance. Raffles, crafts and 50/50 are very popular or whatever you want to do to raise money. The more the Unit works, the more profits you reap. Get ads for the booklet. Solicit businesses where the ladies and men are likely to shop, eat, etc. and ask if they want to include a discount coupon. The Post may even want to have a Saturday evening dinner.

Wisconsin American Legion Auxiliary State Bowling Association 18th Nine Pin Tap Tournament (45th Annual Tournament) April 10-11 and April 17-18, 2021

100% Prize Fee Returned
75% Handicap – 200 Scratch

Circle B Recreation Center
6261 State Road 60
Cedarburg WI 53012

Entry # _____ Date: _____

Entry Closing Date – Postmarked by **MARCH 15, 2021**
*DO NOT SEND MONEY AT THIS TIME. JUST YOUR ENTRY FORM.

*Due to COVID-19 and not knowing the situation in April 2021, entry forms need to be received by March 15, 2021 but entry fees will be requested at a later date.

Mail entries to: Jenni Syftestad • 205 Thompson Street, Verona WI 53593

WALASBA IS NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR PROVIDING SUBSTITUTES!
TEAM NAME: _____ UNIT CITY LOCATION: _____ UNIT #: _____

INDICATE WHAT EVENTS BOWLER IS ENTERING:

TEAM (PLEASE PRINT)	TEAM \$19.00	SATURDAY: APRIL 10	11AM OR 2PM	TEAM OR DOUBLE/SINGLES
1. _____	Y N	SUNDAY: APRIL 11	9AM	TEAM OR DOUBLES/SINGLES
2. _____	Y N	SATURDAY: APRIL 17	11AM OR 2PM	TEAM OR DOUBLES/SINGLES
3. _____	Y N	SUNDAY: APRIL 18	9AM	TEAM OR DOUBLES/SINGLES
4. _____	Y N			

DOUBLES AND SINGLES	DOUBLES \$19.00	SINGLES \$19.00	ALL EVENTS (If you want to enter ALL EVENTS) \$3.00 PER PERSON
1. _____	Y N	Y N	Y N
2. _____	Y N	Y N	Y N
1. _____	Y N	Y N	Y N
2. _____	Y N	Y N	Y N

Bowling	\$7.50
Prize	\$5.50
Expense	\$6.00
Total	\$19.00 per person per Event

PLEASE PRINT COMPLETE ADDRESS & PHONE # WHERE MAIL WILL RECEIVE IMMEDIATE ATTENTION

Captain: _____ Ph: () _____

Complete Address: _____

(City/State/Zip)

Email: _____

When two or more teams are inter-bowling for doubles partners, please be sure to send your entries together.

OFFICIAL USE ONLY:
TEAM _____ DBLS _____ SINGLES _____
ALL EVENTS _____ TOTAL PAID _____

WISCONSIN AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY STATE BOWLING ASSOCIATION TOURNAMENT RULES – READ CAREFULLY

1. All senior members of the Wisconsin American Legion Auxiliary, holding 2021 membership card are eligible to enter the tournament under the below rules.
2. New bowlers enter the tournament with an average of 145.
3. Entrants allowed bowling only once per event.
4. Everyone MUST bowl when scheduled.
5. For the 2021 Tournament Only: Due to COVID-19 and not knowing the situation in April 2021, entry forms need to be received by March 15, 2021 but entry fees (\$19.00 per bowler, per event) will be requested at a later date.
6. No entries shall be accepted after the entry closing date. NO EXCEPTIONS. Hostess city entrants will be given dates and times requested, if possible; otherwise the tournament manager will assign dates and times. NO hostess city entries will be refunded.
7. All events are optional and may be entered for a \$3.00 fee. Paid all events are not transferable unless the substitute replaces original entrant in all three events.
8. If a team has only 3 bowlers, only 3 scores can be used. NO blind score will be used.
9. This tournament will be conducted on a handicap basis of 75% of the difference between each entrant's average and 200 pins.
10. If a substitution is made in the doubles event the substitute must take the place of the bowler she is replacing. NO rearranging of partners will be permitted in the doubles.
11. A sub shall be allowed, if one is available, in case of disability after a game has started, in team and doubles only. Only the actual score of the frames bowled shall count if a sub is not available.
12. Bowlers entered in all three events will be so scheduled to permit them to complete competition within two days, unless they are doubled with someone who is bowling on another four-woman team at some other time, which prevents scheduling of these participants on same convenient dates.
13. Teams will bowl all three games on their scheduled pair of lanes. Doubles and Singles events will be bowled on another pair of lanes.
14. Every bowler entered in the individual events must have at least one ball for her personal use. No sharing balls with other bowlers. (House balls are acceptable.)
15. If a bowler is absent by the scheduled time and does not arrive by the end of the 4th frame of the 1st game, absent bowler shall forfeit the first game, but is eligible to bowl 2nd and 3rd game if arrival prior to the start of the 2nd game. This is for Singles and Doubles ONLY.
16. Team Champion will receive a plaque for the winning Unit.
17. Cash prizes will be determined upon completion of tournament, based on funds received.
18. NO SMOKING OR DRINKING WILL BE ALLOWED IN THE BOWLERS SEATING AREA.
19. Make sure you are watching for your turn to bowl and keep the games going. There are other shifts for Auxiliary bowling and possible league bowling scheduled after our tournament.

CAPTAINS

1. Captains must check in and verify lineups 45 minutes prior to starting time. Registration will CLOSE 30 minutes before squad time. This is all necessary due to last minute changes. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.
 2. When substitutes not registered on entry blank are used, captains shall report same to Tournament Manager before entering contest and present 2021 American Legion Auxiliary membership card of substitute.
 3. There must be a TEAM CAPTAIN FOR EACH TEAM.
- CONDUCT OF ANNUAL TOURNAMENT**
This tournament shall be conducted as a form of social enjoyment for all Senior members of the Wisconsin American Legion Auxiliary.
ENTRY FORMS MAY BE PHOTOCOPIED BUT NOT REPRODUCED IN ANY OTHER WAY!

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY BOWLING HOTELS • GRAFTON AREA HOSTED BY GRAFTON UNIT 355 April 10 & 11, 2021 and April 17 & 18, 2021

When booking either hotel, please indicate American Legion Auxiliary Bowling.

Reservations must be made by March 9, 2021

Comfort Inn & Suites
1415 Port Washington Road • Grafton, WI 53024 • 262-387-1180
2 Queen \$74.00

Reservations must be made by March 19, 2021

Hampton Inn & Suites
1385 Gateway Drive • Grafton, WI 53024 • 262-474-1000
Standard 2 Queen for \$99.00
King studio Suite w/Sleeper Sofa for \$109.00



MISSION IN ACTION: HUMBERD UNIT 320

American Legion Auxiliary Unit 320 and Feed My People Food Bank from Eau Claire co-sponsored a pop-up food pantry in the Humbird community the second Tuesday of each month from October to December. Fliers were printed and distributed to area businesses and schools.



The goal was to provide 30 families with fresh produce, meat, dairy and non-perishable food products. In October, they served 124 families in one hour! Based on the need, the program may be continued. In partnership with Feed My People Food Bank, ALA Unit 320 made a huge impact through this Community Service project. Thank you!!!



NATIONAL COMMITTEE APPOINTMENT OPPORTUNITY

Have you ever wanted to serve on an ALA national committee? Now is the time! Log in to the Members Only portal at www.ALAforVeterans.org to apply by Dec. 31 and help make a tremendous impact on the future of our organization.

INCLUSION & DIVERSITY SPECIAL COMMITTEE

Want to create a fun and welcoming environment for all? You'll help:

- Figure out where we are
- Identify where we want to be
- Involve members in discussions on inclusion and diversity
- Develop inclusion and diversity goals and strategies
- Expand leadership opportunities for all

- Identify what success looks like
- Get our members on board!

NATIONAL CODE OF ETHICAL CONDUCT REVIEW COMMITTEE

This new committee will:

- review the existing Code of Ethical Conduct
- develop procedures for addressing violations
- recommend changes to ALA Constitution & Bylaws
- meet weekly via videoconference
- NOT be addressing unit/department-level conduct

These new committees may meet as often as weekly via videoconferencing, so technology skills and reliable internet are musts.

AUXILIARY WORD SEARCH CONTEST

P Z A X P I H S R A L O H C S
 P B E T A E C I V R E S W R J
 O G D H M P F N A E M B N I U
 H N Y L E P H O S P I T A L N
 S I P A R A C I S T A N R V I
 T L P I I N T G I M E M E O O
 F W O N C C A E S U P R T L P
 I O P N A H P L T S O V E U T
 G B A E N O X I A I F I V N R
 B R R T I R V N N C E S N T U
 Y E L N S E L U C R F U J E N
 L B E E M D J M E L B M E E I
 A M Y C S S F W A P P O P R T
 W E M B L E R G Y R O T S I H
 S M Y R A I L I X U A I L P A

Find the following words. Words may be forward, backward, or diagonal.

AEF	BOWLING	GIFT SHOP	MEMBER	SCHOLARSHIP
AMERICANISM	BYLAWS	HISTORY	MUSIC	SERVICE
ANCHORED	CENTENNIAL	HOSPITAL	PARLEY	UNIT
ASSISTANCE	EMBLEM	JUNIOR	PATCH	VETERAN
AUXILIARY	FLAG	LEGION	POPPY	VOLUNTEER

RULES:

Highlight (preferred) or circle the 25 hidden words from the list. Mail the completed Word Search puzzle with the identified words to: ALA Wisconsin, PO Box 140, Portage WI 53901-0140. Entries must be received by January 15, 2021. Illegible sheets will be disqualified.

Three completed entry forms will be selected at random to win \$10 each.

(PRINT CLEARLY)

Name: _____ Unit #: _____

Addr: _____

CityStZip: _____

OCTOBER 2020 SWEEPSTAKES WINNERS

1	15.00	Mary Jo Card	Foxboro
2	15.00	Tootie Pulvermacher	Lone Rock
3	15.00	Robert Nachreiner	Sauk City
4	25.00	Mary Jo Kramer	Platteville
5	15.00	Brenda Adler	Loretta
6	15.00	Kathy Gapinski	East Troy
7	15.00	Bob Mathies	Denmark
8	15.00	Donald Southworth	Wausau
9	15.00	Lianne & Paul Becht	West Bend
10	15.00	Diane Winkenwerder	Hortonville
11	25.00	Michelle Schaefer	Waterford
12	15.00	Marilyn Guentenberg	Iron Ridge
13	500.00	Rosemary Frank	West Bend
14	15.00	Ruby Hay	Beloit
15	15.00	Esther Nelson	Hales Corners
16	15.00	Erma Scolley	Deerbrook
17	15.00	Sally Schlieve	Watertown
18	25.00	Betty Ott	Ripon
19	15.00	Evelyn Freymiller	Fennimore
20	15.00	James Knutson	Blanchardville
21	15.00	Bernardine Steffen	Plymouth
22	15.00	Kathleen Lorenz	Fond du Lac
23	15.00	Lynn Ziegert	Hortonville
24	15.00	Leonard Cutsforth	Rice Lake
25	25.00	Shirley Martzahl	Hortonville
26	15.00	Nancy Ridgewell	Oconomowoc
27	15.00	Cindy Randall	Wisconsin Dells
28	15.00	Amber Hubing	Random Lake
29	15.00	L Charlene Pulham	Sun Prairie
30	15.00	Mary Uchtyl	Onalaska
31	15.00	Sandy Deacon	Withee

VIRTUAL BINGO WINNERS!

Thank you to everyone who submitted a Virtual Bingo Card from the October issue of this publication. Drum roll please...the winners of 2020 Virtual Bingo are:

- \$10 - Four Corners: JOAN HERBST of Unit 270 in Theresa, District 2. Joan has been a proud member of the ALA for 17 years and joined to honor the service of her husband.
- \$25 - Two Straight Lines: CAROL CRISP of Unit 224 in Alma, District 10. Carol has been a proud member for 28 years and joined in honor of her brothers who served during World War II.
- \$50 - Full Bingo Card: AMY LUFT of Unit 355 in Grafton, District 2. Amy joined the ALA to honor her father and is a PUFL member of 14 years.

Congratulations and thanks for playing!

