



## Department of Wisconsin American Legion Auxiliary

### 6<sup>th</sup> District Newsletter

February 2024



#### Midwinter Conference

The American Legion Auxiliary session at the 2024 Midwinter Conference was filled with service projects, guest speakers and engaging conversations with members from across the Department. Creating fleece tie blankets, stuffing Socks of Love and crafting Valentine Cards for veterans proved very rewarding. The amount of donated items for projects and the winter clothing drive was incredible. Great information and a great way to stay connected with friends from outside the District.

#### Membership

The January 16, 2024 membership report shows that Denali has raced ahead to 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the pack. Great job everyone but, we still have several members that have not renewed. Please continue to reach out. If you are having any problems with membership in your Unit, please do not hesitate to give Patti Westpfahl or myself a call, we will be happy to come to a meeting and help as we can.

#### District Dues

District dues are payable in January of each year at the rate of \$1.00 (one dollar) per member based on the membership of the Unit for the previous full year as recorded in the Red Book. The following Units have not yet paid: **Unit 340 Berlin; Unit 222 Campbellsport; Unit 43 Chilton; Unit 152 Menasha; Unit 366 Princeton; Unit 199 Reedsville**. Make check payable to: 6<sup>th</sup> District ALA and mail to: Treasurer Beth Puddy, 349 Stow St, Fond du Lac, WI 54965. Thank you to those units that have already sent in their dues.

#### Annual Reports

The 2023-2024 Annual Report forms were mailed to all Unit Presidents. They are also posted on the department website in fillable format. There are two types of reports:

- Unit Year-End Impact Reports – a numeric report that The American Legion uses to report the Auxiliary's impact on our military and veterans to Congress. Every Unit President must submit a Unit Year-End Impact Report to the District President by **April 15, 2024**.
- Unit Narrative Report – Department chairmen use the Unit Narrative Reports to complete their year-end reports for the national committee chairmen and division committee chairmen. **As a minimum, all units must complete and return the Unit Narrative Report Summary sheet.** If a unit does NOT work any of the programs, simply complete the contact information section at the top of the form, mark "NO" next to each program, and return the summary sheet to Department Headquarters.

For units that participate in multiple programs, mark the “YES” column for the appropriate program(s), and return the summary sheet with the narrative report forms for each of those programs to Department Headquarters by **April 15, 2024**. Units do NOT need to submit the individual narrative program sheets for programs they do not participate in.

Units may include pictures, newspaper clippings/articles, flyers, event reports or anything that helps to share success stories and shows activities that serve the ALA mission.

***New This Year:*** Copies of the Unit Narrative Report Summary Sheet and all Narrative Report forms submitted to Department should also be sent to me at the address below.

### **2024 District Spring Conference**

Mark your calendar for the 2024 Spring Conference, it will be held on Saturday, May 4<sup>th</sup>, hosted by Two Rivers Unit 165. Registration form is attached.

- Each Unit needs to bring a raffle basket with a value of \$25.00.
- County President Reports and Committee Chairman Reports will be shared at the conference - **Please submit them to me no later than April 26<sup>th</sup>.**
- Each Unit will give a report at the Spring Conference covering ONE phase of work for the year, beginning after the previous Spring Conference. Bring a copy of the report to file with the District Secretary.
- Reports of Units not represented at the Spring Conference must be mailed to the District President prior to the conference.
- Remember to send the list of those members we have lost in the past year for the Memorial Service. Please send your deceased members list to Chaplin Mary Koslowski, 954 Gay Dr Apt 2 Neenah WI 54956 or email: [knitter128@yahoo.com](mailto:knitter128@yahoo.com)
- Bring your history books, and prayer books for judging at the conference.

### **Dates To Remember**

- February 11, 2024 – Poppy Princess & Poster Party, Neenah Post 33
- February 24, 2024 – 6<sup>th</sup> District Oratorical Contest, Post 70, Oshkosh
- March 23, 2024 – Department Oratorical Contest, Ripon
- March 23, 2024 – 6<sup>th</sup> District Americanism Banquet, La Sure’s, Oshkosh
- May 4, 2024 – 6<sup>th</sup> District Spring Conference, hosted by Two Rivers
- June 16-21, 2024 – American Legion Auxiliary Badger Girls State, UW Oshkosh
- July 10-14, 2024 – Department Convention, Appleton
- August 23-29, 2024 - National Convention, New Orleans, LA

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**ATTENTION 6th JUNIOR MEMBERS!**

**INVITATION**

**POPPY PRINCESS & POSTER PARTY!**

- **WHEN:** Sunday, February 11th, from 2:00 to 4:00 pm
- **WHERE:** Neenah Legion Post 33, 451 S. Green Bay Rd.
- **AGENDA:** Assist with Poppy Posters & selection of our 6th Dist. Poppy Princess, & Dist. Little Miss Poppy.
- Materials will be available to create poster. **BE THINKING ABOUT YOUR THEME FOR YOUR POSTER.**
- Needed for competition for Princesses, paragraph on why you want to be Poppy Princess or Little Miss Poppy, a poppy poster made, and poppy attire if able.

**\*\*\*PLEASE!! LAST YEAR'S PRINCESS CROWNS & RIBBONS NEED TO BE RETURNED AT PARTY\*\*\***

- Fun & refreshments to follow.

**LET'S SEE AS MANY JUNIORS AS POSSIBLE & FILL THE POST WITH POPPIES!**

*Char Kiesling, 6th Dist. Jr. Advisor*

**American Legion Auxiliary  
President's Day Pie Social fundraiser**

**February 18. 1-3 pm**



**@ The Dome  
1338 Commercial st, Neenah  
( in the Dining Room)**



**\$6 -slice ,  
with a scoop of ice cream and coffee included.**

**Apple, Blueberry, & Cherry pie choices.**

**\$15 whole pie,  
(Pre orders are suggested for whole pie)**

**All other food and drinks available off menu.**



**Open to the public**



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**CALL 920-573-3393 TO PRE ORDER WHOLE PIES**



## 6<sup>TH</sup> DISTRICT SPRING CONFERENCE

Date: Saturday, May 4, 2024

Hosted by: Two Rivers Unit 165

Place: EAA hangar #22 @ the Manitowoc Airport  
1805 Freedom Way, Manitowoc, Wisconsin 54220

Cost: \$17.00 per person (includes registration fee, continental breakfast and lunch)

Deadline: April 20, 2024

Registration: 8:00 am – 8:45 am

Call to Order: 9:00 am

Contact person for conference details: 6<sup>th</sup> District President Diane Steinert  
(920-573-1846 [djdsteinert@gmail.com](mailto:djdsteinert@gmail.com))

### RESERVATIONS FOR 6<sup>TH</sup> DISTRICT SPRING CONFERENCE

Saturday, May 4, 2024

Cost \$17.00 per person / Deadline: April 20, 2024

Make check payable to: ALA Unit 165

Mail to: Diane Steinert, 2850 Homestead Dr, Oshkosh, WI 54904

Unit # \_\_\_\_\_ Unit Location: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Registration and meals: # \_\_\_\_\_ X \$17.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Total due

Name (Print clearly)	Delegate at Large	Delegate	Alternate	Gold Star Family Member

*Use additional page if needed for more members attending.*

**Remember to bring a raffle basket with a value of \$25.00 from each Unit.**