



## Department of Wisconsin American Legion Auxiliary

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

May 2023



#### 2023 District Spring Conference

It was great to see everyone! We had a fun and productive meeting. Thank you to Unit #306 Green Lake for hosting the conference. Great job!

I was pleased to have Department 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Sue Hembrook attend and give greetings and important messages from Headquarters, joined by NEC Bonnie Jakubczyk and Department Junior Activities Chair Laura Calteux.

Corey Doehrmann, Vice President, ALRA of WI promoted the American Legion Riders Back to the Basics Tour, a three-day motorcycle ride to raise funds for Camp American Legion.

The Finance committee presented the 2023-2024 budget which was reviewed and approved. Thank you to the Finance committee for all of your hard work! We also reviewed and accepted changes to the Standing Rules.

Congratulations to these newly elected and appointed officers:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, Sandy Hinkle from Unit 364 Winneconne
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President, Mary Raatz from Unit 43 Ripon
- Treasurer, Beth Puddy from Unit 75 Fond Du Lac
- Chaplin, Mary Koslowski from Unit 33 Neenah
- Historian, Dorothy Gruber from Unit 125 Chilton
- Secretary, Tracey Koach from Unit 165, Two Rivers
- Sgt-at-Arms', Karen & Daralyn Wessels, from Unit 210, Waupun

There were no candidates for District President so I will remain in that position until my successor is named in two years. A complete list of officers/chairman and a copy of the minutes will be sent out in the near future.

The "Paper Shower" for Camp American Legion was a huge success. A big THANK YOU from VA&R Chairman Sandy Hinkle to all that donated to this conference event.

#### Membership

The presentation of the Mrs. Elsa Trombla membership bells also took place during the conference. 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 Units are: 1<sup>st</sup> Unit with 50 members or less = Unit 165 Two Rivers. 1<sup>st</sup> Unit with 50 members or more = Unit 125 Chilton. Congratulations to these Units for all of their hard work.

***I am pleased to announce, 6<sup>th</sup> District is currently in 2<sup>nd</sup> place. Great job everyone!!***

## **Annual Reports**

Thank you to the 15 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!!

## **2023-2024 Unit Officer Information**

Unit elections will be happening all across our District. Please make sure to complete the Unit Officer Form included in the last Bi-monthly Unit Mailing April 2023 issue. It is also available on the Department website. You'll notice that this form is new. Please complete it thoroughly including the years you've been in the position. Thanks to those units that have already sent in their forms.

## **2023 American Legion Auxiliary Department Convention**

### **Central Wisconsin Convention & Expo Center**

**10101 Market Street**

**Rothschild, WI 54474**

**July 20-23, 2023**

Convention information was included in the last bi-monthly unit mailing. It can also be found on the web site at <https://www.amlegionauxwi.org/department-convention>. Or you can register online at [www.wilegion.org](http://www.wilegion.org). Get your registration in as soon as possible. I hope to see many of you there.

## **Dates To Remember**

May 20, 2023 – The American Legion Testimonial, Romy's Nightingale, Black Creek

June 18-23, 2023 – American Legion Auxiliary Badger Girls State, UW Oshkosh

July 19-23, 2023 – Department Convention, Wausau

August 25-31, 2023 – National Convention, Charlotte, NC

I still hope to visit many more of the Units in the District. Let me know when and where your Unit meets. If you have a special event let me know that as well. If you have a unit newsletter or combined newsletter with your post/squadron please send me a copy. I want everyone to know the great work we do serving our veterans, military and their families and our communities!! Looking forward to another remarkable two years!!

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