



2nd District Newsletter



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Amy's Angle....

Congratulations to the Cambria unit! They won the \$75 Navy Award by having the highest percentage, their Unit Officer forms turned in and *all* their officers were paid. Theresa is leading the way in membership at 97% followed by Jackson (88%) and Allenton (85%). Washington County is currently in 1st place within our District. Who will be the first unit to join the 100% Club?



Election day is Tuesday, November 8. Participating in elections is one of the key freedoms of American life. Many people in countries around the world do not have the same freedom, nor did many Americans in centuries past. No matter what you believe or whom you support, it is important to exercise your rights. Go to My Vote WI <https://myvote.wi.gov/en-us/> to learn about your options.



Is your unit in tip-top shape? Would you like some pointers on how to run a meeting effectively? Or, discover some secrets to easier reporting? How about learning some new program ideas? Then the 2nd District Bootcamp is just what you need! These 2–3-hour sessions are customized for your members and brought right to your neighbor. Best of all...they're free! Talk to your county president about scheduling one for your area.

The Nominating Committee is looking for members who are interested in leadership roles for 2nd District. All positions are open. If you would like to learn more about a specific role contact: Shirley Krier, Donna Maly or Judy Kuta. Elections will take place at the Spring Conference on April 29.



No better time to think Hawaii than during the middle of winter! Make sure to register for the Mid-Winter Conference in Green Bay. There will be a 2-hour ALA session on Saturday, January 14. Then, join in for a fun Luau on Saturday night. Wear your Hawaiian shirt, enjoy dinner and visit with the National ALA President, Vickie Koutz. Registration form is in the Unit Mailing. Sign-up now! A 'o ia!

Blessings,

Amy

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Sue Turowski, 2nd District Chair

What is the Junior Membership program, and why do we have it?

The Junior Activities Program inspires active participation in members aged 17 and under so that they will become engaged, productive members who will want to continue their American Legion Auxiliary membership into adulthood.

Programs and Activities

1. Requirements, instructions, and patch forms for the Junior Patch Program are available at www.ALForVeterans.org and the department website at www.amlegionauxwi.org
2. A National Junior Workshop will be held at the same time as the Mission Training in each of the five divisions of the American Legion Auxiliary. Dates and meeting sites for the one-day training are on the National website.
3. Spirit of Youth Scholarship for Junior members: Five scholarships in the amount of \$5,000 each will be awarded, one scholarship in each division. Requirements and applications are available at www.amlegionauxwi.org under the scholarship link.
4. Junior Member Loyalty Scholarship: Candidates for this award shall have been Junior members of the American Legion Auxiliary, held membership in the American Legion Auxiliary for the past three consecutive years (2020, 2021, and 2022) and be a paid member for the current (2023) membership year. Applicant must continue their membership in the American Legion Auxiliary during the scholarship period.
5. Junior Projects:
 - Veterans History Project: www.loc.gov/vets
 - VA Student Volunteer Program: www.volunteer.va.gov/StudentProgram.asp
www.volunteer.va.gov/ParkeScholarship.asp
 - Children of Warriors National Presidents' Scholarship: www.amlegionauxwi.org under scholarship link
 - Mean Stinks: www.facebook.com/meanstink

Additional Resources You Can Use

www.ALForVeterans.org

- a. Junior Activities Chairman Guide
- b. Junior Activities Handbook - free on the ALA website; printed copies for purchase through Emblem Sales at emblem.legion.org
- c. Junior Leadership Course
- d. Junior Patch Program - information by level
- e. ALA Unit Handbook (free on the ALA website; printed copies for purchase through Emblem Sales at emblem.legion.org)
- f. ALA Annual Impact Report Form (part of the Plan of Action)
- g. Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation: A Guide for Volunteers
- h. U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs information on student volunteers: www.volunteer.va.gov/StudentProgram.asp
- i. American Legion Auxiliary Junior Activities Facebook page: <http://www.facebook.com/alajuniors>

Please feel free to reach out to myself or our Department Junior Chair with any questions.

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VA & R

Shirley Krier, 2nd District Chair



Practicing self-care is important but all too often, and especially with women, we are busy juggling multiple activities and relationships in our lives, which makes it difficult to remember to take time to care for ourselves. Not only does it feel good to be pampered, but it's also a good stress relief and helps improve mental health.

The 2nd District VA&R project is all about **Pampering Our Female Veterans**. Let's let our female veterans know that they are loved and appreciated. But there's a sense of urgency – the time frame is only one month. All donations or items must be received by **November 30, 2022**.

Some fun pampering items that our female veterans would love are:

Feminine hygiene spray
Socks
Feminine wash
Slippers
Wash gloves/scrubbers
Body spray
Candles
Lotion
Key chains

Manicure/pedicure sets
Makeup remover/wipes
Face masks
Bath salts
2023 planners
Body buffers
Soaps
Eye masks

Units wishing to purchase items can contact me (262-377-5026) direct for delivery arrangements. Monetary donations are also acceptable. Checks should be made payable to ALA – 2nd District and mailed to: Mary Montag, 726 Jean Ct., Allenton 53002. Thank you for your help in making our female veterans pampered!

Are you **Getting New and Old Members Excited?** Share what you're doing to build ALA excitement on the 2nd District Facebook page (American Legion Auxiliary 2nd District WI)



Flat Gnome made an appearance at the WWII Memorial in Washington DC during last Stars & Stripes Honor Flight. Where will he be next?

Traditionally we think of poppy distribution during Memorial Day. But did you know that it is acceptable to distribute poppies any time of the year? Veterans Day is a perfect time to consider hosting a poppy distribution! The public recognizes the poppy in relationship to veterans so why not take advantage of thanking our veterans while working our program to help support them. Ask your community to wear a poppy to honor those who have worn our nation's uniform.

