



4TH DISTRICT NEWS

Department of Wisconsin | American Legion Auxiliary

Mark Your Calendars!

Please consider attending these American Legion Auxiliary and Legion Family Events!

June 27-29, 2025:
Cruise for a Cause
(ALRA)

July 16-20, 2025:
Department of
Wisconsin Convention -
Green Bay, WI

August 22-28, 2025
National Convention -
Tampa Bay, FL

September 13, 2025
ALA In the Know -
Beaver Dam, WI

September 20, 2025
ALA In the Know -
Cumberland, WI

September 27, 2025
ALA In the Know -
Stoughton, WI

October 4, 2025
ALA In the Know -
Loyal, WI



June News

Submitted by Kathy Grom

I want to thank everyone who attended our Spring Conference last month. I hope you had an enjoyable time. It was such a pleasure to hear about all the ways you serve our Veterans.

I also want to thank those of you who stepped up to serve as an officer and/or as a committee chair for the next 2 years. I appreciate all of you for your dedication and hard work.

Department Convention - Help!

If you are planning on attending the Department convention in July, I am looking for a volunteer to serve as a color bearer. The color bearer must wear a white blouse and navy skirt or pants. The job duties are to carry the flags for the convention opening and during the Parade of Flags. Don't worry, there is a rehearsal. Please contact me at: kathy.grom@gmail.com if you are interested.

VA & Rehab

Submitted by Pat Ehleiter

The Zablocki VA Medical Center is in need of personal items year round for our Veterans. If your unit is looking for ways to spend their extra money, check out the VA&R wish list on the Department website under programs. Click the VA&R link and look for the needs/wish list.

The list has been updated but it is still a good idea to check with the hospital representatives for more updated needs

Enjoy your summer,
Pat Ehleiter



ALA In The Know

Please promote the 2025 ALA In The Know Conferences and encourage all of your members to attend one this Fall.

ALA In The Know conferences are scheduled as follows:

- 09/13/2025: American Legion Post 146, Beaver Dam
- 09/20/2025: American Legion Post 98, Cumberland
- 09/27/2025: American Legion Post 59, Stoughton
- 10/04/2025: American Legion Post 175, Loyal

The registration form is available on the department website on the Program tab ([2025 ALAITK Reg Form](#)) and it will be included in the June/July bi-monthly unit mailing for your convenience. You may also find the form on the next page.



**AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY, DEPARTMENT OF WISCONSIN
ALA IN THE KNOW
(Important Info for Every Member)
2025 REGISTRATION FORM**

DEADLINE: FRIDAY, AUGUST 1, 2025

(Please submit one form per person)

Members are encouraged to register early---space is limited! Registrations are accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. Registrations received after capacity is reached, will be returned. **No reservations will be accepted on site. Reservation deadline for all sessions is AUGUST 1st.**

Session is \$25/person and includes morning refreshments, a light lunch, and program materials. Sessions will include information on a variety of topics and Auxiliary programs. New topics will be covered, so come out and join the fun!

Schedule for all conferences:

8:00 am – 9:00 am Registration/Morning Refreshments
9:00 am – 3:30 pm Informative presentation, lunch break, interactive program session, Q&A

Reservation deadline for ALL sessions: August 1, 2025

Please print clearly:

District #: _____ Unit #: _____ Unit City: _____

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Email: _____ Preferred Ph: ☐ home ☐ cell: _____

Please share one (1) question you would like to address during the session:

Select One:

<u>DATE</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> Saturday, 09/13/2025	American Legion Post 146 300 Beichl Avenue, Beaver Dam, WI
<input type="checkbox"/> Saturday, 09/20/2025	American Legion Post 98 1225 Veterans Street, Cumberland, WI
<input type="checkbox"/> Saturday, 09/27/2025	American Legion Post 59 803 N Page Street, Stoughton, WI
<input type="checkbox"/> Saturday, 10/04/2025	American Legion Post 175 302 N Union Street, Loyal, WI

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED (\$25/person): \$ _____

Mail check, payable to ALA-Wisconsin, **by August 1st** to:

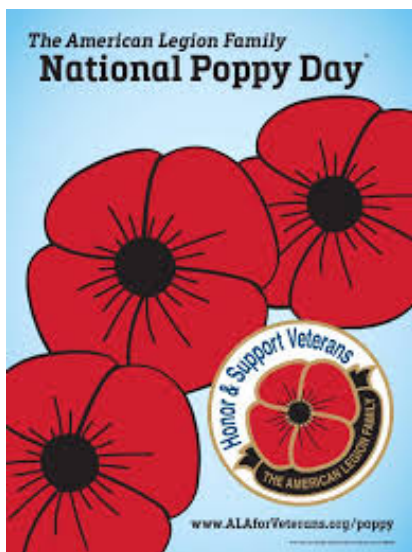
**ALA Wisconsin
P. O. Box 140
Portage, WI 53901-0140.**

*A \$25.00 fee will be charged for any
check returned by the bank.*

National Poppy Day

Please see the attached video about our Poppy Program. You might recognize a few faces. This is one of the many things we can be proud of!

https://youtu.be/H6LN5JsQVQ4?si=bSRw_bLU6zYQ EJnr



Children & Youth

Submitted by Patty Griswold

Through the Children and Youth program, the American Legion Auxiliary protects, cares for and supports our children and youth, particularly those of military families. How we accomplish this can be through some of the available books, pictures for them to color and can also be educated on patriotism, Americanism and the constitution of the United States through "Star Spangled Kids."

Children of active duty service members are supported through "Kids are Heroes 2" and Josh Dogs. Children are given special awards for performing "Good Deeds" and for being "Youth Heroes."

The C&Y program was set up to help maintain a "whole" child program, with regard for all needs of children physical, spiritual, emotional and educational. One of the ways this is accomplished is through preserving the family home. There are other organizations and agencies for children for us to work with and assist. Examples would be the big Brothers Big Sisters program or Special Olympics events.

We operate by providing a cash donation, assisting and serving primarily, individual children or families of veterans. Education of our membership and the general public on the needs of children and ways of meeting those needs. We support legislation for children through resolutions adopted by national and state American Legion governing bodies along with our local governments.

Much of the Children and Youth work of the Unit would be helping or getting help for individual families of veterans in need. It is not the intention of the Children and Youth Program for our Units to take over full and continuing responsibility for the financial support of dependent families.

Our children will be having summer vacation from school soon. Let's enjoy them and look for their goodness!

Education

Submitted by Laura Calteux

School is almost out!!! Now is the time to get your Education program set for next year. Contact your schools now and see if you can talk with the teachers to see what their needs might be. Then use the Give 10 to Education during the summer so that you can make donations to your schools when the new year starts. Think about holding a fund raiser or putting out a box at your post home to get donations. Give 10 to Education is an easy way to help our youth do well in school and beyond.

Also, start working on the scholarship program. Put a letter together to send to the high school counselors letting them know all the different scholarships that are available from the Legion Family. We have so much to offer, so let's help our kids.



ALA Badger State Girls

Submitted by Laura Calteux

Have you contacted your sponsored delegates? See if they have any questions on what to expect during their week as an American Legion Auxiliary Badger Girls State delegate, so that they understand what will be expected of them at UW Oshkosh, June 15th – 20th.

It is very important to talk with them and let them know that you are proud to sponsor them for this week and are looking forward to hearing about their week at one of your meetings. This is a very important program for the Auxiliary, so let's all do our part to make it a great one!



Membership

Submitted by Bonnie Jakubczyk

100% DISTRICT 4 MEMBERSHIP

Thank you for serving from the heart to help us achieve 100% membership. The last time we had 100% membership was 2009. Teamwork differently does work. Continue to keep in contact with your members and share this great accomplishment. Hope to see every unit in 4th district at Department Convention to help us celebrate this achievement.

As of the 5/28/25 membership report, we are in 1st place with 100.85%. Unit 537, 434 & 415 are all over 100%. Four Units need under 5 members. Unit 18 – 4 more, Unit 120 – 4 more, Unit 299 – 3 more, Unit 416 – 4 more, and Unit 27 – 8 more.

There is still time to get your unpaid members in. Please check in on them with a 'Well Check call', Script can be found on our Department website.

News from Department:

*We have our fourth confirmed National R10 entry, with our first ever legionnaire receiving a National Auxiliary recruiting award. The last time we had that many was back in 2017!

*There are nine 100% Counties (2 more since 5.13.25) and three are within 5 members of reaching goal.

*100 Units are at/above goal. (5 more since 5.13.25)

*25 more members have joined the ALA since 5.13.25 for a total of 664 for 2025

*We have 97 rejoining members. (3 more since 5.13.25)



Juniors

Submitted by Laura Calteux

Our Juniors, Our Future!

The Junior Spring Conference was an awesome experience for the Juniors in attendance. They found out the purpose of Camp American Legion and they helped the Camp straighten up their storage room at the main lodge.

The Juniors held their elections, and I am proud to say that 4th District has two honorary officers! Honorary Department President, Virginia Calteux, and Honorary Department Chaplain, Madeline Drewek. The coming year should be an exciting one as President Virginia is planning to raise funds to purchase some kayaks for Camp American Legion. Watch for that information to come out soon.

If you have Juniors in your unit and would like them to become involved, please let me know and we will get a 4th District Junior meeting set up, so that they can meet and do some service projects for our Veterans.

Little Miss Poppy!



Congratulations to Unit #434's Poppy Princess, Avery Smith. She has been selected as the Department Little Miss Poppy for the 2025-2026 year. This is the second time she has been chosen for this honor. Thank you, Avery for all you do to promote the poppy program in our communities. We will see you at the Department Convention in July!

Historian

Submitted by Laura Calteux

The history of our organization is important to those that will come after us, so that they know what we have done in our units, districts and beyond. We want them to know Who We Are, What We Do and Why We Matter and what we did for our Veterans, Military, their Families and our Communities. This is also a way that our communities can see what we do for our veterans. Your most recent history can be on a display table at your events for people to look through.

This year I would like to have all unit presidents send me a monthly update on your unit events. I want to make sure that I put together a district history book and it will take all of us to get that done. You can send your information to lauracalteux@yahoo.com. Put Unit #____ History in the subject line. Let's see what our members are doing and let everyone know!

Mission Training

Learn more about serving the American Legion Auxiliary's mission, and network with your fellow members at Mission Training events. Here are the 2025-2026 ALA Mission Training & National Junior meeting dates and locations:

- November 15: Albany, NY
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- January 31: Las Vegas, NV
- January 31: Indianapolis, IN
- February 7: Atlanta, GA

*Registration will open for all events on August 27th.