



**FIFTH DISTRICT NEWS
AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY/DEPARTMENT OF WISCONSIN**

November/December 2024

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Dates To Remember:

12/1/2024 Christmas Presents Wrapping at Post #449 in Brookfield

Cold weather and light snow due this week (boo)

Fifth District Units Membership Renewals for 2025:

I am asking that Unit Presidents and/or Membership Chairman double down on contacting members who have not paid their dues as yet. They need to be paid and processed by December 31st. There are a lot of members in this category. If there is anything I can do to help, please contact me.

Christmas Gift Shop Wrapping Day:

Every year, our Gift Shop Staff and some volunteers go out to the Union Grove Facility, Zablocki Facility and this year we were able to visit the King V.A. Facility, to take Christmas gift orders at the veterans bedsides.

These gifts are selected from Amazon and are placed in a catalog that we show the veterans the items. They get to select these items for their family members at **NO** charge to them.

The money for these gifts is donations from our ALA units and from the Department budget. This is a very satisfying program to see the faces on these veterans.

We have a significant number of gifts this year and need HELP in getting them wrapped.

No wrapping paper or supplies are needed to be brought along. It is all supplied.

This wrapping of presents will take place on Sunday, December 1, 2024 at 9:30 at the Brookfield Post #449 at 3245 N 124th Street

Please come help if your available on that date. We would love to have you.

Unit Meetings:

If you are having meetings and I hope you are, I would like to attend your next meeting, if possible, to see all of you again.

Sweepstake Calendar for 2025:

Please remind your members if they wish to purchase one of these calendars, they need to be at Department before December 31st. If anybody needs more calendars, please let me know (Linda)

End of Year Reporting:

You should have received from Department these forms at the end of October for reporting period of April 1, 2024 through March 31, 2025. If you did not, please contact Andrea Stoltz at Department Headquarters.

Badger Girls State Forms:

These documents were mailed to your Units this past week. If you don't have them by December 22nd, please contact Department Headquarters.

I know not many of our Units sponsor a girl for this, but it might be something you want to pursue for 2025. It is an educational and fun event. Maybe you can go halves with your Post on the registration fee.

2024 – 2025 Unit Officers Form:

Thank all of you for sending in this document. I Know paperwork is not fun. If officers change, please send in an updated form.

If there is anything that I (Linda) can do to help your Unit in any manner, please contact me.

Be Safe and Enjoy Your Holidays

Linda Bartell