



DISTRICT 12 NEWSLETTER – Feb, 2026
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Unit leaders – please share at your next Unit meeting

Hello District 12 Members.

This is a computer check if everyone is staying warm, fed and has needed transportation. So far, my driveway is kept open via a remarkable neighbor. No high snow banks linking the drive, snow is blown twenty feet into the trees!!!! Doesn't really take much to make me happy and content.

Report of Mid-winter Conference:

The new big information is how Annual Reports are going digital! Many are fillable on line and can be transmitted to Department !!!

Mid-winter conference: So much training, questions asked and understanding answers were given. Members learned how they can help with annual reports via using a recommended tracking form or make one of your own. Samples were distributed and information of how to use the information is the Unit report. After each page report is completed be sure and print a copy for your files. If more information is needed, after the Annual Packets are received, call and help will come. UPDATE: **As requested at the Midwinter Conference, the Member Tracking Sheet for annual reporting is now fillable (thanks, Carrie Thrasher!).** Carrie also added a "save and resume later" option to the bottom of each of the program reports. Please visit the Annual Reports page on the department website for details (<https://www.amlegionauxwi.org/annualreports>).

Membership:

Congratulations to Bayfield County members, 100% County. There are five other Units at 100% or more: Webb Lake, St Croix Falls, Milltown, Bayfield and Cable. There are eight more Units requiring one to five more members. Currently District 12 is in 7th place in the state. Awesome Ladies!!!

Challenge 250:

Is your Unit working on a challenge in honor of America's 250 birthday? You can work alone or a team can work together. I heard through the grapevine of two Units accepting the challenge, no more information as yet. Take action photos of what you are doing. Keep plans and narrative information for your unit history and include in the Unit Annual Reports. Your participation, whether as an individual or part of a team, helps honor our veterans and uplift communities nationwide while promoting physical fitness, mental wellness, and community service. Information about Challenge 250 can be found on <https://www.legion-aux.org/USA-250-Challenge>.

Legislative Article: Becky Mueller clarenceandbecky@aol.com call/text 920-464-0320 The Non-partisan Primary is Feb 17th. This ballot will include the contested races that are not based on party lines. For example, if you have 3 candidates running for a single school board position that race will be on the primary ballot. If only 2 candidates for a position – no primary. The Wisconsin Supreme Court Justice race has only two candidates so that will be decided in the General Election on April 7th.

The Spring Election is the local and school board elections and the Judgeship elections across the state. Judges are to be non-partisan in their ruling, so it is especially important we know their stance on issue.

They are the ones that interpret the laws and how they affect us and our communities. Please send pictures (via email NOT Facebook) of your Unit members working on polls, meeting with elected officials and candidate for inclusions in my reports to National.

Valentines 2026: Webb Lake Unit 403, gathered for a coffee meeting and made Valentines for the Veteran's Home request. Fabulous !!!



Great Smoky Mountain National Park Facts:

Location: Straddles the ridgeline of the Great Smoky Mountains, part of the Appalachian Mountains with entrances near Gatlinburg, TN and Cherokee, NC.

Biodiversity: An Appalachian Mountains temperate rainforest with diverse plants and animal life, including black bears and one of the last wild trout habitats in the eastern US... [Google.com](https://www.google.com)

Calendar:

Non-partisan Primary Elections, Feb 17

General Elections, April 7

Meet the candidates hosting opportunities, myvote.wi.gov website

Spring Conference: March 14, 2026 at Hayward hosted by Post/Unit 218

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