



## Department of Wisconsin American Legion Auxiliary

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

November 2022



Veterans Day pays tribute to all American veterans—living or dead—but especially gives thanks to living veterans who served their country honorably during war or peacetime. How does your Unit honor your veterans? Please email me pictures of your events and other highlights for our next newsletter!

### 6<sup>th</sup> District Fall Conference/Fun Day

Fall Conference was held on October 29<sup>rd</sup> and was hosted by the Oshkosh Unit 70. It was great to see many units represented. We were honored to have President Linda Coppock, Senior Vice President Maggie Geiger and Chaplain Linda Kotska attend and join in on the fun! We ended the day painting some pottery with a gnome design. Watch for pics of the finished products in our December newsletter. Minutes from the meeting are attached for your reference. Thanks to all that participated in our Fall Conference/Fun Day event!!

### Membership & Unit Officer Forms

***Congratulations to Unit # 165 Two Rivers for reaching 100% of their membership goal.*** The 10/25/22 membership report shows our numbers have gone up but 6<sup>th</sup> District has lipped back into 6<sup>th</sup> place. The report also showed 2022-2023 Unit officer forms are still needed from 6 units. Remember your Unit, County and District will not be eligible for any membership incentives unless this form is on file at department headquarters, and **all officers have renewed their membership.** Please send in those forms and dues as soon as possible.

### 6<sup>th</sup> District Outstanding Americanism Person of the Year

Now is the time to nominate that one member you consider outstanding in promotion of Patriotism and Americanism activities in your American Legion Auxiliary unit and community. The completed forms will need to be returned no later than December 31, 2022. Awards will be presented at the 6<sup>th</sup> District Annual Americanism Recognition Banquet.

## 2023 Midwinter Conference

The American Legion Auxiliary is holding a training session at The American Legion's Midwinter Conference on January 14, 2023 from 8:00 am – 3:00 pm at the Radisson Hotel and Conference Center in Green Bay. Tentative schedule includes:

- ALA presentation for ALA members
- TAL Family session
- Joint Junior Activities and SAL youth event

“Luau into the Keys – to Success” is planned for Saturday evening. Wear your best Hawaiian shirt and enjoy a family-style dinner with entertainment. National President Vickie Koutz will be conducting her official visit to Wisconsin. It should be a fun and interesting day of learning while connecting with others. Registration form was included in the October Unit Mailing. Hope to see many of you there!

## Constitution & Bylaws

Constitution and Bylaws is the most important document governing a unit's activities and provides a framework for all the discussions and decisions generated at your unit and Executive Committee meetings.

Our Constitution and Bylaws have changed a great deal in the past several years with the changes made by the American Legion. Specifically, the addition of the opportunity for male members to become members of our organization.

Membership in the American Legion Auxiliary is currently open to grandmothers, mothers, sisters, **spouses**, and direct and adopted female descendants of eligible veterans. If you have not already done so, update your Constitution & Bylaws eligibility clause to reflect new male members and eliminating feminine pronouns.

For more information, please refer to the Constitution and Bylaws Program Plan of Action available on the Department website ([www.amlegionauxwi.org](http://www.amlegionauxwi.org)) Please contact me if you have questions or need assistance in updating your documents.

## Dates To Remember

- January 12-15, 2023 – Mid-Winter Conference, Radisson, Green Bay
- April 29, 2023 – 6<sup>th</sup> District Spring Conference, Green Lake
- 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

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