



**Department of Wisconsin
Ninth District**

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*Honor our Country, Support our Veterans
Sue Hembrook, President*

Welcome To Fall,

Change is in the air as we go from Summer to Fall. We had our 9th District Executive Committee meeting in September. And I kept busy with farmers markets and volunteering at a couple places. Most of us volunteer without even thinking about it. Rose Heinz, our Community Service Chairperson will have some information on this at our Meeting on October 11th.

Our Conference this time around will be educational in nature. Lisa Wolfinger will be going to the ALAITK on October 4th in Loyal and bringing back all the good information. Becky Mueller will speak on Legislative and I am going to look into the Americanism program. Nathan Thomas, the CVSO for Kewaunee will speak to us. Amy Luft, Senior Vice President will be bringing greetings from President Sue Hembrook. Plus, maybe some crafts. We will see.

ALA NINTH DISTRICT HISTORIAN REPORT FOR OCTOBER

May 26, 1931 at the Legion building in Green Bay. District President Mrs. Norma Matthewson of Hortonville called the meeting to order at 10:30 am with her assistant Mrs. Hackarth the alternate Committeewoman from Marinette.

Guest present were Department President Mrs. F.A. Noll of Marshfield and Department 1st Vice Mrs. Lola Nauth of Kiel. The morning session had 18 units represented with 131 in attendance. The following committees were appointed: Time & Place, Resolutions and Courtesies. Lunch was at the Crystal Ballroom in the Northland Hotel on Adams Street in Green Bay (this hotel is still running).

The afternoon session was called at 1:45pm and 19 units responded with 140 in attendance. Special guest was Mr. Harry Sasse Commander of Sullivan

Post of GB, Arthur Schmalz of Kaukauna the 9th District Commander and Marshall Graff, Appleton Past Department Commander.

Election of a new District Committee woman was held with four members nominated.

Special awards went to the following units for having over the top in membership by November 11, 1930. Algoma, Antigo, Appleton, Coleman, Depere, Hortonville, Kaukauna, Kewaunee, Lena, Luxembourg and Wabeno. The question box was presented and discussed.

Side notes from Historian: Sometimes the minutes do not have much in them but the basics and the writing is sometimes very difficult to read, along with the wording.

The thing that I found interesting is the number of units and people who showed up for this meeting. The roads were not as good, and some of these people came from a long distance (Antigo and Wabeno). Yes, we are all getting older, car pool, guilt your younger members into driving, find a way.

Legislative

The Legislative program is one of the most effective ways for our Auxiliary to advocate for our veterans and military; and thus, their families and our communities.

We can make sure our voice is heard on so many levels, local, county, state and national by sending letters and/or emails, calling their offices, or visiting in person at their local offices.

Each member has the privilege and the right to contact their elected officials and ask questions, express concerns, and hold them accountable. Some easy ways are to subscribe to their email newsletters, answer their surveys and attend town hall meetings. If visiting the Capitol - stop in! Your presence is sure to make an impression.

Start by requesting a Blue Book from your local representative - either via phone call or email. The newest edition is almost ready for distribution. They are FREE for the asking. Get an extra copy for you unit's use. This reference has vital information to make us more effective advocates, keeps us informed of past and current legislation and processes. and has all the updated contact information for both officials and government agencies. Our tax dollars pay for this publication, and it is up to us to make use of it. An excellent resource.

Don't forget to sign up for the American Legion Action Center - this site makes it easy to send emails to all your federal legislators concerning the top priorities of TAL committee. You are able to send emails every 24 hours to keep these issues at the forefront of the agenda.

Make your voice heard. - just remember that while we are politically active, we, as an organization remain non-partisan.

For those interested, I am hosting a Legislative committee meeting via ZOOM on October 8, 2025; 6:30 p.m. Send an email to clarenceandbecky@aol.com to receive the link.

Becky is the Department Legislative Chairman and the District Legislative Chairman. I am attaching her Legislative newsletter with the 250 challenge in it. Please consider doing this. It is something your members who do not get to meetings could be involved in. Just think of your reports in spring.

MEMBERSHIP

It is that time of the year when we put an emphasis on membership (should be each day). Department has incentives and at the 9th District executive meeting the incentives were again approved with one small change. The date of the drawing will be on the 19th rather than the 29th. Everything else remains the same. See below for the details.

75%	1 unit	\$90.00	9/19/2025
85%	1 unit	\$90.00	10/19/2025
95%	1 unit	\$90.00	11/19/2025
100%	1 unit	\$99.00	12/19/2025

To win, the Unit would have to have submitted their Unit Officer Report to Department and the officer's dues paid. Should we have more than one Unit meet the deadline, the winner will be by luck of the draw. A Unit can win multiple times if they continue to meet the goals. The dollar prize will be split in half. The Unit will receive a check for 50% and another check will be made payable to a charity or non-profit of the Unit's choice i.e. Library, Museum, Girl or Boy Scouts, Senior Center or whatever you have in your area that you would donate to. The Unit will then present the check and take a photo to be sent to 9th District Membership Chairman, LuAnn James or 9th District President, Sue Keyzers. Our District wants to promote the communities that are within the Noble 9th District.

As mentioned above, one of the criteria for winning the Membership Incentive is that the Unit Officers Report must be on file at Department. **This means even if there are no changes in the officers from last year.** Also, attention should be given to the contact information for everyone listed. People are changing to cell phones and changing their email addresses to protect their identity but forget to let important parties know of the changes.

LuAnn James, 9th District Membership Chairman

The winner of the September incentive is Kaukauna Unit #41. I will be visiting their meeting on Oct 6th to present the award. Pictures will be in the November Newsletter.

It is time to finish the newsletter and get it out. I look forward to those of you who are able to be at the Fall Conference. There is exciting news about the Mid Winder Conference, but I will save that for the next newsletter. Just so you know the conference is on Jan 18th in Green Bay.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Ladies

My name is Linda Tryczak and I am the Community Service Chairman this year for Department.

When you are doing Community Service, please take lots of pictures along with a description of the event to me at: tryczak.l@gmail.com.

All pictures have to be in digital form.

Here are some ideas of Community Service:

MEMBER

Volunteer at local libraries, food pantries, domestic violence shelters, senior citizen centers and nursing homes.

Represent the Auxiliary as a member of local boards and committees.

UNITS

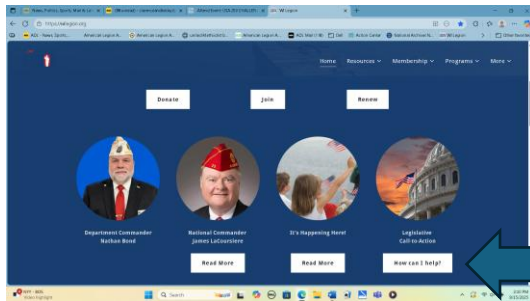
Purchase shirts or other Auxiliary apparel for members to wear when they volunteer.

Attend and represent the Auxiliary and the American Legion Family at special events in the community such as holiday parades.

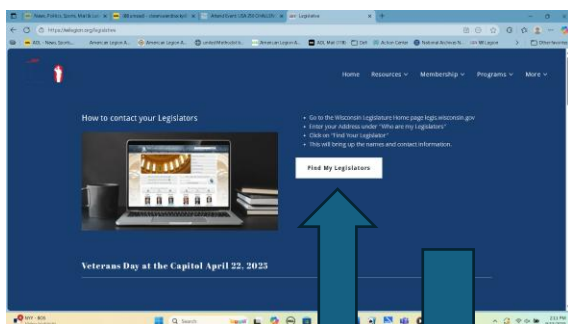
Linda Tryczak

Community Service Chairman

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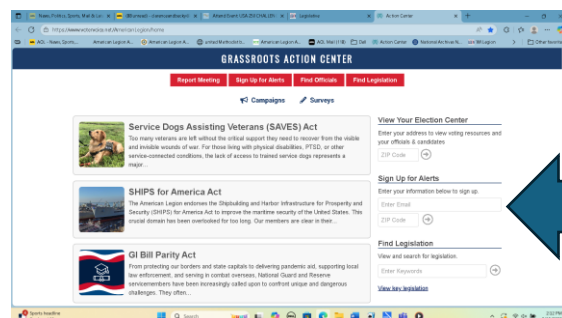
Go to wilegion.org and scroll down on the main page to Legislative Call to Action and click on “How can I help?”



One option is to click on this link to find you local, state, and national elected officials; or getting a copy of the Blue Book from your legislator; or going on-line.



Scrolling down on this same page on the website you will come to the link to sign up for the National Grassroots Action Center.



This will save your information for each time you visit this page. You can ‘bookmark’ this page on your favorites bar for easy access. You can send an email for each issue every 24 hours with just a few clicks. (even better the site will track how many emails you send to make reporting easier.)

100% UNIT

2026 Membership processed as of 09/23/25

		UNIT	CITY	2026 GOAL	JUNIOR	SENIOR	TOTAL	PERCENT
09	Brown	0011	Green Bay	75	0	11	11	14.67%
		0337	Pulaski	72	1	50	51	70.83%
		0363	Denmark	21	0	1	1	4.76%
		0436	Wrightstown	60	0	12	12	20.00%
		Total		228	1	74	75	32.89%
	Door-Kewaunee	0029	Kewaunee	23	0	1	1	4.35%
		0236	Algoma	8	0	0	0	0.00%
		0262	Luxemburg	46	0	21	21	45.65%
		0319	Casco	17	0	3	3	17.65%
		0372	Forestville	36	0	2	2	5.56%
		0402	Washington Island	22	0	0	0	0.00%
		0538	Carlton	17	0	2	2	11.76%
		Total		169	0	29	29	17.16%
	Forest	0044	Wabeno	52	0	18	18	34.62%
		0094	Crandon	9	0	4	4	44.44%
		Total		61	0	22	22	36.07%
	Langlade	0377	Elcho	20	0	2	2	10.00%
		0524	White Lake	31	0	21	21	67.74%
		Total		51	0	23	23	45.10%
	Marinette	0066	Athelstane-Silver Cliff	57	0	2	2	3.51%
		0136	Niagara	10	0	0	0	0.00%
		0280	Coleman	52	9	43	52	100.00%
		0325	Goodman	14	1	2	3	21.43%
		0428	Amberg	34	0	2	2	5.88%
		0461	Pembine	39	1	13	14	35.90%
		0476	Loomis	24	1	13	14	58.33%
		Total		230	12	75	87	37.83%
	Oconto	0074	Oconto	43	0	5	5	11.63%
		0300	Gillett	27	1	3	4	14.81%
		0302	Oconto Falls	19	0	2	2	10.53%
		0342	Lena	28	0	0	0	0.00%
		0523	Abrams	40	1	15	16	40.00%
		Total		157	2	25	27	17.20%
	Outagamie	0038	Appleton	109	7	50	57	52.29%
		0041	Kaukauna	18	0	14	14	77.78%
		0055	Hortonville	69	8	37	45	65.22%
		0060	Kimberly	54	0	9	9	16.67%
		0106	Seymour	125	0	46	46	36.80%
		0258	Little Chute	29	0	7	7	24.14%
		0332	Black Creek	25	0	17	17	68.00%
		0512	Shiocton	112	18	36	54	48.21%
		Total		541	33	216	249	46.03%
	Total			1437	48	464	512	35.63%