

Unit Leaders: Please make copies and pass this information on to your members!

11th District American Legion Auxiliary

Department of Wisconsin

Dear 11th District ALA members,

March 2022

Prayer: *Father God, We thank you for our Nation and for the beautiful world you have created. We ask for your mercy and protection. We pray for all servicemen and women, and for all Veterans who wore the uniform. We pray for all workers controlling our borders. We ask, Father, that you hear our prayer and bless our nation. Bless our military, that they may be mentally and physically strong, to overcome any challenges they may face. Let there be peace on Earth. Amen.*

This letter begins like our meetings...with prayer. This patriotic organization is for God and Country. Therefore, God (prayer) first and then Country (pledge of allegiance).

Membership: This letter is addressed to **members**. We no longer say **ladies**; male spouses of Legionnaires are now eligible to be ALA members. Are you asking spouses of female Legionnaires to join? There are Units that now proudly have male members and even male Unit officers.

How is your Unit doing on **2022 membership**? Congratulations to Hurley with 105% membership. Odanah, Ashland, Fifield, and Boulder Junction just need one more member to reach 100%. Mercer, Minocqua, and Kennan just need two more. Way to go! Remember, membership is everyone's job.

Unit Year-End Impact Numbers Report: Unit Presidents need to complete this report form, and get it to me by April 15, 2022 so that I can tabulate District numbers and complete my District Report by deadline. A report form is included in this mailing to all Unit Presidents. Unit Presidents may either mail the completed form to me before the deadline or hand it to me at the District 11 Spring Conference. Thanks so much!

District Spring Conference: Conference information can be found on page 2. See each of you in Minocqua.

Is your Unit getting in to your local schools: Are you working with the HS guidance counselor / principal to sponsor students to American Legion Auxiliary Badger Girls State? Have you contacted teachers to have their students write an essay for the Americanism Essay Contest? Are you working with the art teachers to have students enter the Poppy Poster Contest? Bring your local winning posters to the Spring Conference for additional District cash prizes. What about the Veterans in Community Schools program? Scholarships?

2022 Conventions: Legion Family **Department** Convention, **Green Bay, July 14-17, 2022**. Please consider attending at least for a day or two. Need for District flag bearers and a District page. These are really fun jobs! Let me know if you are interested in either of these opportunities. What a great way to meet ALA friends from all over Wisconsin! Legion Family **National** Convention, **Milwaukee, August 26-September 1, 2022**. Try to attend during at least part of that time. Wonderful opportunity to learn more about this organization. How awesome to have the National Convention in our home state! Close enough to drive to. Right?

For God and Country,

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Father God, Bless each ALA member as we work the programs and seek to fulfill the mission of Service, Not Self. Enhance the lives of our Veterans, military, and their families. Bless our communities and Units. Amen.

American Legion Auxiliary District 11 Spring Conference

When: Saturday, April 9, 2022

9:00 – 10:00 Registration & Refreshments

(registration fee \$3.00)

9:30 Executive Committee Meeting

10:00 – noon General Meeting

noon – 1:00 Lunch and Raffle Drawings

1:00 – 3:00 General Meeting

Where: Minocqua Post 89 121 Front St, Minocqua, WI 54548

Auxiliary will meet in room separate from Legionnaires.

Lunch: \$5.00 for a variety of subs, chips, and water. Please RSVP by March 31st to Commander John Polzin 715-965-2284 for meal count purpose only, so that enough food can be ordered. Other beverages available at Post 89

Please bring: ****Unit Year-End Impact Numbers Report** (if not mailed to me)
Form included to Unit Presidents. Due to me by April 15, 2022.
****Basket or item from each Unit** for the Auxiliary fundraiser
Be creative with your baskets!
Raffle tickets 6 for \$5.00. Raffle drawing after lunch.

Guest Speakers: Department ALA President, Diane Weggen
Representative from Legion Riders
Distinguished Legionnaires

Reports: Oral reports by District Chairpersons
Oral Unit highlight reports by Unit Presidents
Report by District Constitution & Bylaws / Standing Rules Committee

Games, Songs, and Fun: Sprinkled throughout the Conference Prizes!

Biennial Elections: District President, First & Second Vice Presidents, Treasurer

Hotel Options in Minocqua: (If you wish to drive Friday and stay over)

The Pointe Hotel & Suites 8269 Hwy 51 855-213-0582

The Waters of Minocqua S 8116 US 51 715-358-4000

Best Western, Minocqua 320 Front St 715-356-1800

Northwoods Inn & Suites 8730 US 51 N 715-356-9541