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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



**BONNIE JAKUBCZYK**  
Department President

Happy Fall! Thank you to everyone who attended an ALA in the Know Conference. A lot of time went into getting them ready, so special thanks to the In the Know Committee for doing a great job of making it fun while informing us and to the Units that volunteered to host a conference. Any unit can volunteer to host a conference next year. If you're interested, please contact ALA in the Know Chairman Diana Sirovina at [sirovina@att.net](mailto:sirovina@att.net) for more information.

It was an honor to attend a deployment for the 128th Air Refueling Wing of the Air National Guard, where I witnessed the joy

that a Josh dog makes. Thank you to the SAL for sponsoring this program. I also attended a very moving event – the Second District POW/MIA Silent March. After the service, we had time to reflect and remember our POW/MIA while walking to the beat of a drum.

Remember to keep a good record of your events so when it comes report time it will be easy to fill out. This is true with Veterans Day coming up, when I know many of our Units do something to honor our veterans. Yes, even the small things can make a difference.

New this year for the Junior patch program, grade school SAL members may participate. Information is on the Auxiliary national website or contact Junior Activities Chairman Lorrie Barber at [lorrie.barber@gmail.com](mailto:lorrie.barber@gmail.com) for more details.

### EPILEPSY FACTS:

1) Epilepsy isn't contagious. You can't catch it from or give it to another person.

2) Anyone can develop epilepsy. Seizures start for the first time in older adults almost as often as in children. For older people, seizures often happen because of other health problems, like stroke or heart disease.

3) Most people with epilepsy can do the same things as people without epilepsy. However, some people with frequent seizures may not be able to work or drive. They may also have problems with memory, thinking, mood, or coordination that could affect school, work or other parts of life.

“Attitude is a little thing that makes a big difference.”

– Winston Churchill

### SUPPORT MEMBER INVOLVEMENT LET'S ENCOURAGE

## MEMBERSHIP

Renee Calteux, Junior Member  
Membership Committee

My name is Renee Calteux and I am the Junior member on the Membership Committee. I am eligible to be a member through the Air Force service of my dad, Jacob.

The reason we have a Junior program is “to inspire active participation in members age 17 and under, so that they will become engaged, productive members who will want to continue their American Legion Auxiliary membership into adulthood.”

If you have active Juniors in your unit, you won't have to worry about having a unit in the future. Having Juniors help in your units and at your events, helps them to understand how the Auxiliary works, so they will want to be members the rest of their lives.

If you keep Juniors busy in your units and they think it's fun, they will get other kids that are eligible to join and will never stop being members. Even if their friends aren't eligible to join, they can still help with your projects and at your events, you just report that differently.

Here are some ways to keep Juniors active in your unit:

- Give them fun things to do
- Have them go shopping for snacks for the meeting
- Have them work with the horses and veterans
- Have your Juniors surprise a Veteran in the hospital with a card and balloons
- Have Juniors make tray favors for the VA hospitals
- Have Juniors make holiday cards for the military
- Bring a service dog to see the Veterans in the hospital and

teach the Juniors about the service dog and why veterans need them

- Have Senior members teach Junior members how to knit, crochet and/or sew
- Have Junior members help the elderly with using computers

Keep your Juniors involved and they will keep on growing as members and they will become President some day. And you should be good role models for your Junior members because they look up to you.

### 2018 DEPARTMENT MEMBERSHIP TEAM

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## PHOTO HIGHLIGHTS FROM

### 2017-2018 NATIONAL PRESIDENT'S VISIT TO WISCONSIN



NP Diane Duscheck with her Legion Family from Markesan Post/Unit 282



National President Diane Duscheck at the ALA in the Know Conference-Green Lake



Deanna Farley with National Poppy Poster winning entries



Post 306 Cdr Mark Kramer and Unit President Alice Bartow



NP Diane Duscheck, Dept. President Bonnie Jakubczyk, and Unit 317 members

<p>DISTRICT 3 48.99%</p>	<p>DISTRICT 4 46.89%</p>	<p>DISTRICT 2 41.13%</p>		<p>DISTRICT 6 40.90%</p>	<p>DISTRICT 7 39.86%</p>	<p>DISTRICT 12 38.39%</p>
<p><b>WISCONSIN PROUD - S.M.I.L.E.</b></p>				<p><b>TOTAL MEMBERSHIP - 39.21%</b></p>		
<p>DISTRICT 1 37.18%</p>	<p>DISTRICT 9 35.68%</p>	<p>DISTRICT 5 34.84%</p>	<p><b>OCTOBER 2017</b></p>	<p>DISTRICT 11 34.02%</p>	<p>DISTRICT 10 32.91%</p>	<p>DISTRICT 8 31.27%</p>

## CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

**Judy Kuta, Chaplain/Music Chairman**  
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Units across the state of Wisconsin are working hard for our veterans, our military and our communities. There have been silent marches to remind us to never forget our POWs and MIAs. There have been ALA in the Know presentations to help us understand our programs and all we can do for our veterans as well as help us to be better leaders at all levels. There have been stand downs and job fairs, fundraisers and visits, meetings and other get-togethers. All of these are available to us, but have we made the choice to learn about them and to participate? Veterans Day will be here soon. Have you made a choice about what you will do to thank those who have served our country and maintained our freedoms? Will your unit open its doors to the community so they can thank our veterans too?

So many choices. Have you made choices about being respectful and kind to everyone at these events? Are you welcoming to new members or visitors? What choices will you make?

Roy T. Bennett in The Light in the Heart says:

*"Attitude is a choice. Happiness is a choice. Optimism is a choice. Kindness is a choice. Giving is a choice. Respect is a choice. Whatever choice you make, makes you. Choose wisely. You cannot control the behavior of others, but you can always choose how you respond to it."*

As you prepare to work programs and events remember to make good choices. Learning to work together in a kind and loving manner will show others the good decisions we have made. I choose to be happy, to be optimistic, kind, giving and respectful and work together with a positive attitude. What is your choice?

Dear Lord,

We come before you asking for your guidance as we make choices. Please bless the work we do for our veterans and our military. May it be acceptable in your sight. Grant us guidance as we serve our communities and our youth. Help us to make good choices that will set positive examples for those we serve and for those who are new to our programs and our work. We ask that you keep us all safe and filled with love for You and for each other. Please continue to bless us all and especially bless the United States of America. In Your holy name we pray. *Amen*

### MUSIC

**Blue Skies - written by Irving Berlin**  
(I hope this helps us to be positive and happy)

Blue skies smiling at me  
Nothing but blue skies do I see

Bluebirds singing a song  
Nothing but bluebirds all day long

Never saw the sun shining so bright  
Never saw things going so right  
Noticing the days hurrying by  
When you're in love, my how they fly.

Blue days all of them gone  
Nothing but blue skies from now on.

## GREETINGS FROM HEADQUARTERS

**Bonnie Dorniak**  
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In 2015, the national organization hired Johnson Grossnickle & Associates (JGA) to conduct an organizational effectiveness assessment of the American Legion Auxiliary (ALA). Based on their extensive research, the results overwhelmingly identified a lack of goodwill among members as the biggest obstacle to recruiting and retaining members. Across the spectrum of membership engagement, the ALA was described as having a culture of women being unkind to each other. This attitude was so prevalent across all different types of interviewees that JGA identified this issue as being of crisis proportion and suggested that if it was not dealt with directly and with urgency, it would be the downfall of the ALA.

In the past couple weeks, I have received numerous calls at department headquarters from women who have shared that there are significant conflicts among members

of their unit or they themselves have not felt appreciated. We all need to embrace President Bonnie Jakubczyk's theme, 'SMILE – Support Member Involvement Let's Encourage,' which reminds us to work together in a positive and productive environment. We also need to remember WHY we do what we do. Is it for personal gain and recognition? Or is to honor a veteran in our life and to support all veterans, the military and their families?

Recently, we have seen a lot of controversy and division caused by NFL players' actions during the national anthem. Just as their actions have generated various reactions and consequences, please remember that our own personal actions have consequences too. Department cannot resolve controversy among members in local units. It takes members within the Unit to work together to create a positive environment. We cannot change others, we can only change ourselves and how we react to situations. Please be part of the solution rather than part of the problem. I stand and S.M.I.L.E. Will you join me?

I personally choose to volunteer with organizations and spend my spare time where I enjoy what I'm doing, who I'm volunteering with, and where I can have a positive influence on others. I belong to ALA Unit 329 in Briggsville and am proud to say it is a GREAT UNIT! Yes, we may have some small conflicts and differences of opinion at times, but we respectfully listen to each other and work through the problems for the good of the organization and the veterans we serve. I hope this can be true for you with your ALA Unit.

Remember, what we do makes a difference – even if it impacts just one person or family. And for those who don't have time to get actively involved in working the mission of the ALA, you can help our veterans by simply paying your dues. The more members who belong to the ALA, the louder our unified voice is so we can influence legislation affecting our veterans, the military and their families. So please... pay your dues today if you haven't already done so. And for those who have, THANK YOU!!!

## DIRECTOR OF HOSPITAL VOLUNTEERS

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### What is a Volunteer?

Most of us think a volunteer is an unpaid person that is performing a service. Volunteering is much more than just performing a service. Members can volunteer in many ways and even do so without leaving their homes. Knitting, crocheting or sewing items of clothing that are donated to persons in need is volunteering. Driving someone to an appointment is volunteering. Talking and spending time with a

lonely, elderly or otherwise confined individual is volunteering. Making blankets, donating clothing, underwear, socks, etc. is volunteering. You are volunteering your time and money when you provide these services.

Volunteering is a service that works two ways: 1) it helps the people that you are providing the service for, and, 2) it provides you, the volunteer, with a sense of honor and pride. The payback of volunteering is immense and ever so fulfilling. It cannot be described in words and is not the same for everyone.

Our veterans are so immensely grateful of our services, they may not have many

visitors or even family. Your interaction is of great comfort and a ray of light in their day, even if it may just be a friendly, "Hello, how are you today?" Staff at the VA facilities are comforting and mindful of the needs of their patients, however their time is limited. It is the volunteer that fills in the gaps and provides comfort and companionship to those patients or residents. Playing a game of cards or encouraging a veteran during a game of bingo can and usually is the highlight of their day. One will never regret the time they spent with our veterans.

*Make a Veteran's Day – VOLUNTEER!*

Note: The American Legion Auxiliary currently has volunteer positions that need to be filled at Wisconsin Veterans Home at Union Grove. If you are interested in helping or would like more information, please call me at the number listed above. Thank you!

## NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

**Laura Calteux**  
National Executive Committeewoman  
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A most memorable and awesome National Convention is history. The Department of Wisconsin now has its sixth National President, Diane Duscheck and the first female National Commander of The American Legion, Denise Rohan, from our Wisconsin American Legion Family. We can be very proud of their accomplishments and we certainly will be supporting them throughout their year of service to our organizations.

At this year's pre-convention National Executive Committee (NEC) meeting, the national governing board recommended the adoption of the amendment to the National Constitution and Bylaws and Standing Rules of a dues increase of \$3.00 for Senior members and \$1.25 for Junior members and a Cost of Living Adjustment increase that could be approved by the National Executive Committee only when needed. This increase could not be greater than 4% without going to the membership to be approved. During the

convention session, much discussion took place and the two parts of the amendment were broken apart. The \$3.00 increase for Senior members and \$1.25 for Junior members was approved by the membership (in effect for the 2019 membership year), but the Cost of Living Adjustment increase by the NEC was not. Members felt that it took the power away from the membership.

To explain why giving the NEC the authority to increase the National dues if needed, you need to understand that the responsibility of keeping the organization financially healthy and to see that it has adequate resources to fulfill its mission is the role of the NECs. All NECs are, first and foremost, unit members and have the same concerns that every other member has. The difference is that the NEC has the financial responsibility for the American Legion Auxiliary, just as a Board of Directors of a corporation. Just think if all of your employees were making decisions for your business, things would turn to chaos quickly, whether they have the best interest of the corporation at heart or not!

As for the Cost of Living Adjustment

(COLA), there are other non-profit organizations moving to this approach, but more research and discussion will be coming down the road and I will keep you informed on the outcome.

At the post-convention NEC meeting, Diane Duscheck's first official meeting, the National Committee Chairmen and members were approved for the coming year. The budget was discussed and the NEC approved it for the coming year. Although the approved budget has the National organization running in the red (as our own department's is), the dues increase going into effect in 2019 will help alleviate both of those deficits. Just as our Department of Wisconsin has made hard decisions to balance their budget, so too has the National organization. One big change for the coming year, is that the mid-year NEC meeting will be held in Indianapolis in February and not during the Washington DC Conference. This will save the organization approximately \$60,000!

Please continue to work the mission of the American Legion Auxiliary and God Bless America!

★ ★ ★ 2017-2018 ★ ★ ★  
**NATIONAL APPOINTMENTS**

- Diane Duscheck:** National President
- Jan Pulvermacher-Ryan:** Vice Chairman of National Finance Committee and Member of the National Strategic Planning Implementation Team
- Laura Calteux:** National Executive Committeewoman and member of the ALA Girls Nation Committee
- Joan Chwala:** Central Division Americanism Chairman
- Joyce Endres:** Strategic Planning Goal Champion for Goal #2-Create a Culture of Goodwill
- Sue Hembrook:** Member of the National Poppy Committee
- Teresa Isensee:** National President's Scrapbook Chairman
- Diana Sirovina:** Member of the National Constitution & Bylaws Committee

**SERVANT LEADERSHIP**



Neenah Unit 33 welcomed ALA National President Diane Duscheck to the 6th District Executive Board meeting in September. Diane Duscheck demonstrates "servant leadership" by continuing to perform her responsibilities as District Parliamentarian during her term as National President. Pictured: Patti Julius, District Historian; Diane Duscheck, National President/6th District Parliamentarian; Mary Koslowski, District 2nd Vice; and Char Kiesling, Department Senior Vice President/6th District Children & Youth Chairman.

**MISSION IN ACTION: UNIT 384**



Robert G. Romaine Unit 384 in Kewaskum took over the knitting game! The unit knitted and crocheted 328 skull hats created from wool or wool blend yarn, to be worn under a soldier's helmet. The hats will be mailed in time to arrive before Christmas, along with a greeting card, small decorated Christmas tree, and a bag of goodies. Pictured: Mary Joyce Stutzman, Donna Schmitt, Shirley Fellenz (knitter recruiter), Beverly Schultz, Jeaneen Kudek, Arlene Boehkle (project planner) and John Kallmyer. Thanks for supporting our troops!

★ ★ ★ **VETERANS AFFAIRS & REHABILITATION** ★ ★ ★

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 Department Chairman  
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For God and Country, In Service Not Self, and Wisconsin Proud S.M.I.L.E. are all familiar – the first words of our Preamble, the Mission Statement introduction, and President Bonnie Jakubczyk's theme for the year. Our veterans are at the heart of the American Legion Auxiliary (ALA) and the Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation (VA&R) program!

Our Wisconsin-proud newly installed National President, Diane Duscheck, used the following proverb in her bio: "Society grows great when old men plant trees whose shade they know they shall never sit in." In 1919, a group of women, united by concern for their soldiers and families, planted seeds. For nearly ten decades, those seeds were lovingly cared for, growing into strong sprouts, then sturdy branches, resulting in today's unwavering ALA. If only they could see how their foresight has flourished!

VA&R projects undertaken are heartfelt, keeping our veterans in mind and continually searching for ways to meet their needs. A great example of this is the recent All Veterans Stand Down in Eau Claire, hosted by Eau Claire Unit 53. Congratulations on a job very well done! Male and female veterans alike attended and were thanked for their service. From the impressive opening service by the Eau Claire Post to the end of the day, it was all about the veterans. The spacious hall, overflowing with a variety of items and resources, included haircuts, flu shots, VA and County Service Office information, blankets, clothing, groceries and personal care items, a great lunch, and so much more – all free! The wealth of services offered was much appreciated by the veterans. What an honor to meet and visit with a beautiful WWII Navy Wave and Dual is Cool ALA member, Lorraine, as well as other veterans. Some shared stories; others quietly wandered through the exhibits, but all experienced the gratitude of the American Legion Auxiliary.

As Veterans Day approaches, in the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month, we will honor and celebrate our veterans, their patriotism, their love of country, and their willingness to serve and sacrifice.

Consider donating on November 28th - #GivingTuesday. Established by the ALA Foundation, this special day directly impacts lives of veterans and military families through the Veterans Projects Fund and the Mission Endowment Fund. Last November raised over \$26,000 before matching funds!

Whether advocating for veteran issues, crafting, donating items and/or monetarily, volunteering at a VA facility or through the Service to Veterans program, the American Legion Auxiliary stands proud to serve those who served.

Make every day Veterans Day! Members, thank you, and continue being Wisconsin Proud!

To the veterans reading this, thank you for your service and for proudly wearing the uniform. Today, tomorrow...always. You will never be forgotten.

**CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION 1919-2019**

**Department of Wisconsin Order form**

PO Box 140, Portage WI 53901  
 Ph: 608-745-0124 ♦ Toll free: 866-664-38632

Unit City Location \_\_\_\_\_ Unit # \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date \_\_\_\_\_ Dist # \_\_\_\_\_



**T-Shirt reads:**  
 Front: American Legion Auxiliary, Department of Wisconsin, 100th Centennial 1919-2019  
 Back: Serving Veterans, the Military and their families for 100 years

Quantity	Item	Price	TOTAL
	ALA Centennial emblem patch w/magnetic pin	\$8.00	
	SPECIAL OFFER (2 for \$15) Two (2) ALA Centennial emblem patches w/magnetic pin	\$15.00	
	Department of Wisconsin - Centennial coin	\$10.00	
	Department of Wisconsin - Centennial t-shirt - sizes S	\$12.00	
	Department of Wisconsin - Centennial t-shirt - sizes M	\$12.00	
	Department of Wisconsin - Centennial t-shirt - sizes L	\$12.00	
	Department of Wisconsin - Centennial t-shirt - sizes XL	\$12.00	
	Department of Wisconsin - Centennial t-shirt - size 2XL	\$14.00	
	Department of Wisconsin - Centennial t-shirt - size 3XL	\$15.00	
	Department of Wisconsin - Centennial t-shirt - size 4XL	\$20.00	
	Department of Wisconsin - Centennial t-shirt - size 5XL	\$22.00	

Make check payable: ALA-WI  
 Mail to: ALA Dept. of WI, PO Box 140, Portage, WI 53901 TOTAL REMITTED \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Department will implement a \$25.00 administrative fee for checks returned by the bank.

(Print clearly)  
 Send to: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Complete mailing address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

This form may be duplicated and is available online at [www.amlegionauxwi.org](http://www.amlegionauxwi.org)

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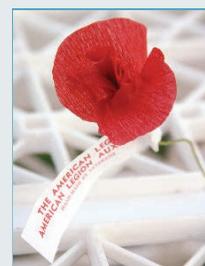
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**2018 DAILY SWEEPSTAKES**

Entry forms for the 2018 American Legion Auxiliary Daily Sweepstakes have been mailed out. Entry forms must be returned by 12/31/17 for a chance to win. Only original entry forms will be accepted. Contact Headquarters at 866-664-3863 for additional entry forms.

**365 WINNERS • \$11,815 IN CASH PRIZES! • ONE \$500 WINNER EVERY MONTH!**

No donation is required to participate. However, proceeds benefit our veterans, the military and their families, so your generous contributions are greatly appreciated!



*Just a Little Reminder*

Poppy Order forms must be received at Department Headquarters by December 15, 2017.

## AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY • DEPARTMENT OF WISCONSIN 2016-2017 NATIONAL AWARDS



### NATIONAL PRESIDENT'S AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE

For creating a culture of goodwill by offering various opportunities to include everyone in projects and activities  
Catherine Brunnquell, Unit President  
Rose-Harms Unit 355, Grafton

### AMERICANISM

National Americanism Essay Contest  
Class I, Winner in Central Division -  
Elizabeth Frankewicz

Sponsored by Thorp Unit 118, 7th District  
Class VI, Winner in Central Division -  
Michael Hoeksema

Sponsored by Fond du Lac Unit 75, 6th District

### AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY FOUNDATION

For contributing the largest donation  
per total Department membership in support of  
our Veterans, military and their families

#### Department of Wisconsin

Laurel DuBois, 2016-2017 Dept. President

### CHILDREN & YOUTH

Most Outstanding Unit Program  
Promoting Star Spangled Kids  
Norris-Spencer Unit 263  
New London, 8th District

### EDUCATION

Most Outstanding Veterans in  
Community Schools Program  
Fuhrman-Finnegan Unit 350  
Reedsburg, 7th District

### CHILD WELFARE FOUNDATION

The American Legion's  
Meritorious Achievement Award for Achieving  
the Highest Increase in per capita  
giving for 2016-2017

#### Department of Wisconsin

Laurel DuBois, 2016-2017 Dept. President

### HISTORIAN

Certificate of Merit for Best Department History  
in the Central Division  
Diane Weggen, Department Historian

### MEMBERSHIP

Membership Chairman of the Year in Central Division  
Charlayne Kiesling, Department Chairman  
Unit Demonstrating the Best Member  
Experience in Central Division

Berens-Scribner Unit 6  
Stevens Point, 8th District

### RECRUIT 10 AWARDS:

Elaine Forster, Fran Holloway, Margaret Larson,  
LaVonne Pulvermacher

### SHINING STAR AWARDS:

Marie Brown, Ruth Jones, Ann Lotter,  
Mary Jane Ripp, Vernadine Williams

### POPPY

Poppy Poster Contest

Class III - Ryan Erickson

Sponsored by Pembine Unit 461, 9th District

Class IV - Courtney Peterson

Sponsored by Athelstane/Silver Cliff  
Unit 66, 9th District

Class V - Alam Zamora

Sponsored by Athelstane/Silver Cliff  
Unit 66, 9th District

Best Overall Poppy Poster in Central Division

Courtney Peterson

Sponsored by Athelstane/Silver Cliff  
Unit 66, 9th District

### PUBLIC RELATIONS

Outstanding Public Relations Program in the Central  
Division For Best Media Coverage  
Highlighting Different ALA Programs  
Rose-Harms Unit 355  
Grafton, 2nd District

### STRATEGIC PLANNING

Certificates of Recognition for  
Goal 4, "Strengthen Departments and Units"  
• for achieving a 10% or more increase in Unit  
member attendance at department-wide  
meetings in the Central Division  
• for achieving a 10% increase in Unit Annual  
Reporting from the previous year in  
the Central Division

Joyce Endres, Department Chairman

### VETERAN AFFAIRS & REHABILITATION

Volunteer Service Award for providing over 10,000  
hours of volunteer service to veterans

Joyce (Pat) Flanders, Hospital Representative  
VA Great Lakes Health Care System  
Tomah, WI

### VAVS PERFECT ATTENDANCE CARD

Joyce Sporrer, Hospital Representative  
Oscar G. Johnson VAMC, Iron Mountain, MI

## HAPPY THANKSGIVING

In this time of gratitude, we give  
thanks for you.

May the blessings of health, happiness, peace  
and joy be yours - not only at

Thanksgiving but throughout the coming year.



Auxiliary  
Headquarters Staff:  
Linda, Carrie, Andrea  
and Bonnie

## CALENDAR FUNDRAISER WINNERS

### SEPTEMBER 2017

1	15.00	Rosalyn Schmitt	Franklin
2	15.00	Barbara Hammond	Viroqua
3	25.00	Jackie Jaster	Shorewood
4	500.00	Stephen Bradley	Antigo
5	15.00	Laura Nechkash	Watertown
6	15.00	Tom DeSalvo	Madison
7	15.00	Barbara Hammond	Viroqua
8	15.00	Barbara Hammond	Viroqua
9	15.00	Darlene Serene	River Falls
10	25.00	Sherri Scholten	Glenbeulah
11	15.00	Patricia Kerrigan	La Crescent MN
12	15.00	Edith Wollerman	West Allis
13	15.00	Jane Poss	Montello
14	15.00	Brenda Adler	Loretta
15	15.00	Ben & Elizabeth Kiley	Deerfield
16	15.00	Jim Gasper	Bangor
17	25.00	Kathleen Franklin	Sun Prairie
18	15.00	Doris Ashenbrenner	Tigerton
19	15.00	Mary Weyenberg	Appleton
20	15.00	Myrna Giraud	Tomah
21	15.00	Lois Kittel	Marathon
22	15.00	Linda Jermstad	Osseo
23	15.00	Mary Graber	Mineral Point
24	25.00	Jilayne Robinson	DePere
25	15.00	Doris Gouker	Chetek
26	15.00	Ruth Fish	Sturgeon Bay
27	15.00	Virginia Nuske	Shawano
28	15.00	Darlene Geiser	Burlington
29	15.00	Reta Kjeseth	New Richmond
30	15.00	Carol Kolpin	Plymouth

## CHRISTMAS GIFT SHOP

As the Christmas Gift Shop  
prepares for another holiday  
season, units and members  
across the state are encouraged  
to send financial donations  
to Department Headquarters.  
Checks should be made pay-  
able to "ALA-Wisconsin" and  
clearly designated to "Christ-  
mas Gift Shop."

Donations will be used to pur-  
chase gifts for family members  
of veterans being treated at Za-  
blocki VA Medical Center and  
for families of residents at the  
Veterans Home in Union Grove

this year. These gifts are pro-  
vided FREE OF CHARGE so  
please continue your generous  
support to make this holiday  
extra special for our veterans  
and their families!

Reminder: No gift donations  
of any kind will be accepted.

In addition to your financial  
support, volunteers are needed!  
Anyone interested in wrapping  
gifts and preparing them for  
shipping so gifts arrive in time  
for Christmas, should contact  
Chairman Diana Sirovina at  
sirovina@att.net for more in-  
formation.

THANK YOU!

## ••• 2017-2018 DATES TO REMEMBER •••

Oct 28	ALABGS Committee Meeting Dino's Restaurant, Portage, WI	May 19	Sweat 4 Vets Walk Grafton/Cedarburg Posts
Nov 4	2018 Dept Convention Planning Mtg. Department Headquarters, Portage, WI	May 19	Poppy Trot 2018 American Legion Post 83, Sheboygan, WI
Mar 24	7th District Spring Conference American Legion Post 51, West Salem, WI	June 10	Department President's Testimonial American Legion Post 434, Oak Creek, WI
Apr 7-8 and Apr 14-15	ALA State Bowling Tournament Pioneer Lanes, Platteville, WI	June 17-22	ALA Badger Girls State UW-Oshkosh
Apr 21	6th District Spring Conference Eagles Club, Manitowoc, WI	June 28 to July 1	National President Diane Duscheck's Homecoming Various Milwaukee-area activities Details to follow
April 28	2nd District Spring Conference American Legion Post 157, Horicon, WI	July 12-15	2018 Department Convention Oshkosh, WI
April 28	8th District Spring Conference Moose Family Center, Stevens Point, WI	Aug 24-30	2018 National Convention Minneapolis, MN
April 28	9th District Spring Conference Oconto Falls, WI		

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