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DISTRICT 7 NEWSLETTER

June 2022

JUNE PRAYER

Two important dates this month. June 14th—Flag Day and June 19th—Father's Day.

“This beloved emblem, which flies above all people whatever creed or race, signalizes our respect for human rights and the protection such rights are afforded under our form of government.” - President Harry Truman

We thank the many men and women who have defended and fought for our great flag that is the symbol for “the land of the free and home of the brave.” Take a moment to bless all Fathers especially the fathers of Veterans.

Let us praise those men who have “fathered” us in their role as mentors and guides. Let us praise those men who are about to become fathers; may they openly delight in their children. And let us praise those fathers who have died, but live on in our memory and whose love continues to nurture us.

~Amen.



2022-2023 UNIT OFFICERS FORM:

The 2022-2023 Unit Officers Form is included in the April/May 2022 Department Mailing. As spring elections are taking place, please return them asap. Thank you!

Next Clark County ALA meeting: Tuesday October 18th, 2022, in Owen.

MEMBERSHIP:

- As of 5/24/2022 – District 7 is in 7th Place and is at 92.81% of reaching our goal. Our goal this year is 2044 paid members. We currently have 1897 paid members, needing 147 members to reach 100%.
- Get in touch with your juniors. If your unit does not have junior members, you are missing out! What an awesome way to boost your membership and prepare for future leaders!

NEWS FROM NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS:

Official Family:

I am forwarding the following information from Mike Rohan, Department VA&R Chairman. Two of the victims of the school shooting in Texas are grandchildren of Legion Family members. Cards may be sent to the Unit President in Uvalde, Texas who will forward them to the families.

American Legion Auxiliary Department of Texas



ALA family,

We have the names of two children that gained their wings at the tragedy at that school in Texas. Sympathy Cards can be sent to the Unit c/o their Unit President and she will make sure they get to the grandparents.

Please share this info with your Units and please continue to pray for healing.

- Alexandria Rubio - Granddaughter of Legion & Auxiliary members, Jesus & Maxine Martinez
- Xavier López - Grandson of Gilda López, Auxiliary member

Send cards to:

American Legion Auxiliary Unit 479

PO Box 1575

Uvalde, TX 78802

c/o Unit President Jeanette Saucedo

Please feel free to share this information with others within your reach of distribution so the Rubio and Lopez families know that others are thinking of them and circling them in prayer during this difficult time.

DEPARTMENT NEWS:

PRESIDENT DIANE WEGGEN'S TESTIMONIAL

~ Saturday, June 11th 2022 at Holy Family Hall in Stanley WI ~~ Hosted by ALA Cecil Tormey Unit 118 ~~ Cost: \$30.00 ~ send checks to Virginia Kodl (see last page for address)

~ 5:30pm Cocktails ~ 6:30pm Dinner ~ Reservation Deadline: May 20th, 2022 ~

PRESIDENT DIANE'S SPECIAL PROJECT:

(From April/May Unit mailing NOTES FROM PRESIDENT DIANE WEGGEN):

The Chippewa Veteran's Home Courtyard will enhance the quality of life for members by providing an accessible outdoor lighted area with seating and tables for visiting, group activities, and programs. *Just think how much you enjoy going outside on a warm, sunny day. Put yourself in the shoes of a wheelchair bound Veteran who can only look out the window. Now you know how important this project is....* Poppy funds, unit, county, district and individual donations may be used to fund this project.

Mail checks payable to ALA-Wisconsin, PO Box 140, Portage WI 53901 and write **"President's Special Project"** in the memo field or send with a Poppy Fund Suggested Donation form.

A lot of district units have not donated to Diane's project yet. Please consider doing so today!

CONVENTION NEWS:

Department convention will be held at the KI Convention Center/Hyatt Regency 333 Main Street, Green Bay WI 54301 from Thursday July 14, 2022 – Sunday July 17, 2022. Delegation forms will be mailed out 30 days prior to convention on June 15, 2022, per department constitution and by-laws. It is advised, however, to register prior to this date. Remember all members are encouraged to attend the Department Convention, not just the delegates and alternates. You can register online at www.wilegion.org.

Congratulations:

Americanism Essay Winners from District 7

Camryn Schwarz Sparta Unit 100 First Place Class III – Grades 7 & 8

Kallee LeCloux Thorp Unit 118 Fourth Place Class V – Grades 11 & 12

2022 Scholarship Winners from District 7

Brandon Goyette, Mauston – Harriet Hass Scholarship – Mauston Unit 81

Tanner Pedretti, Ferryville – Past President Parley – LaCrosse Unit 52

Thomas Friday, LaCrosse – Child Welfare – LaCrosse Unit 52

Legislative Chair Joanie Dickerson:

GRASSROOTS ALERT: TAKE ACTION TO SUPPORT VETERANS EXPOSED TO TOXIC HAZARDS

This week, The American Legion National Headquarters sent out an alert to National Legislative Council (NLC) members and Legislative Action Center subscribers to call on their Senators to pass H.R. 3967, the Honoring our PACT Act. In seven weeks, **18,594** messages were sent to Senators. Florida, California, and Pennsylvania had the largest share of total messages sent to their respective Senators.

This campaign will be the top legislative priority of The American Legion until the Senate votes on it around June 6 or 7. National Commander Paul Dillard has visited Minnesota, Georgia, Alaska, South Dakota, and Indiana on a multi-state tour to spread awareness of the PACT Act. Last month, he held a press conference where he urged Legionnaires to take action and press their senators to vote yes on this critical piece of legislation.

UPCOMING HEARINGS

- On Tuesday, June 7, the House Veterans’ Affairs Subcommittee on Technology Modernization will hold a hearing titled “Cybersecurity and Risk Management at VA: Addressing Ongoing Challenges and Moving Forward.”
- On Wednesday, June 8, the House Armed Services Subcommittee on Cyber, Innovative Technologies, and Information Systems will hold a National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) markup hearing.
- On Wednesday, June 8, the House Armed Services Subcommittee on Strategic Forces will hold an NDAA markup hearing.
- On Wednesday, June 8, the House Armed Services Subcommittee on Seapower and Projection Forces will hold an NDAA markup hearing.
- On Wednesday, June 8, the House Armed Services Subcommittee on Military Personnel will hold an NDAA markup hearing.
- On Wednesday, June 8, the House Foreign Affairs Subcommittee on Asia, the Pacific, Central Asia, and Nonproliferation will hold a hearing titled “Resourcing US Priorities in the Indo-Pacific FY23 Budget.”
- On Thursday, June 9, the House Armed Services Subcommittee on Tactical Air and Land Forces will hold an NDAA markup hearing.
- On Thursday, June 9, the House Armed Services Subcommittee on Readiness will hold an NDAA markup hearing.
- On Thursday, June 9, the House Armed Services Subcommittee on Intelligence and Special Operations will hold an NDAA markup hearing.



Americanism:

Reminder

We are coming into that season: Participating in parades (walking, riding) demonstrating support for our Legionnaires and remembering patriotic holidays: Flag Day (June 14) and Fourth of July are just a few ways the ALA promotes Americanism throughout our communities! Fly Your Flags!

NEWS FROM THE DISTRICT:

Dear Presidents & Commanders

Like last year, I am requesting you leaders to step forth and donate raffle baskets/ prizes to be utilized at the 2022 Dan Seehafer FUNdraiser to be held July 23, 2022 at Horicon Hill Golf Course.

Any items you can offer on behalf of your Districts would be greatly appreciated.

As like before, I offer to drive to pick them up, or you can get them to me at the State Convention in Green Bay. Another alternative might be to come golf, enjoy the festivities and drop off the items.

In any event, have a pleasant summer and help support Dan's candidacy. Thank you!

Wayne Jensen Phone: 414-916-1096

Thank you to those individuals that have stepped up to take on chairmanships in District 7. We are blessed and very thankful to have you on board!

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