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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



LAURA CALTEUX
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President

Thank you Department of Wisconsin! This past year has been so amazing and I want you to know how grateful I am that you gave me the opportunity to represent you as your Department President. Seeing up close how our members are working the mission of the American Legion Auxiliary, makes me even more proud to be part of this amazing organi-

zation. Throughout the year, you welcomed me into your post homes and I was honored to be invited to your events. I have learned so much about our programs from you! That just goes to show that you can always learn something new about the American Legion Auxiliary!

Thank you for taking the theme I chose for the Department of Wisconsin, Be The SPARK for Our Veterans, Energize Our Programs, and lighting those sparks. The enthusiasm our members have for our programs shows in every

event that they hold, the hours that they volunteer and the donations made to help our veterans, the military and their families. Keep up the phenomenal work that you do and the Department of Wisconsin will go far and be recognized for the great work that we do.

Don't forget the Department Convention is right around the corner. Make sure your delegates are registered and ready to attend and have some fun! Convention is taking place in Middleton, just to the west of Madison. Even if you're not a delegate, you are able to attend

convention as a guest. You will learn about the American Legion Auxiliary, our mission and our programs. So come on down!

One of the fun events at convention this year is the Walk for Veterans with National Commander Dale Barnett. Even if you're not attending convention, please consider joining the event. It takes place on Saturday morning, July 16th at 8:00 am. The cost is \$20 and the registration form is on the Legion's website, www.wilegion.org.

As I close out my last Wisconsin article as your Department President, there are a few tears falling. Just remember that our year never stops. We are always working for our veterans, the military, their families and our communities and we need to make sure we get our brand out there. We need to let everyone know just how great this organization is and why they should belong to the American Legion Family, Department of Wisconsin. Thank you for a wonderful year!

MEMBERSHIP

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Remember that our membership year goes through December 31st, 2016, so do not give up in July, and be on the lookout for new members at your events – a great way to enhance membership!

National President Sharon Conatser has encouraged everyone to get back to how we used to do membership -- with personal contact, making phone calls and, in this day and age, through social media. Remember, membership is everyone's job.

Encourage your members to pay their dues in honor of the veteran through whom they are eligible. They sacrificed for our freedom, as our military men and women continue to do every day. Review your unpaid member rosters; if there are members on the list

who haven't paid their dues and who are homebound or in nursing homes, offer to pay their dues for them. After all, this is what we do -- help other members.

Thank you to membership team member Megan Helms for sharing her thoughts on being a Junior member. Good reason to sign up junior members.

My name is Meghan Helms and I have been a junior member for 11 years. Being a junior member has given me many opportunities over these past 11 years. It has given me the chance to become a leader by taking on different positions in our unit, and overseeing my grandmother, Nancy Helms, and Auxiliary Unit #70 here in Oshkosh. I also have created a lot of friendships with girls all over the state. This would not have been possible without becoming a junior member. Most importantly,

being a junior has helped me get involved in many Veterans' lives around the nation, helping them one at a time.

Keeping the promise:
July - I promise to celebrate our independence.

Promise date: Independence Day July 4, 2016 - 100% membership goal.

July: I promise to continue working membership.

Promise date: 30 days before National Convention, July 30, 2016

Units that reach 102% of their membership goal will receive \$150 from the national organization plus a 102% flagpole ribbon.

Thank you and continue to be the Spark for our Veterans!

Your Membership Team:
Bonnie Jakubczyk, Amy Luft,
Penny Joren, Meghan Helms,
Andrea Stoltz

HONORARY JUNIOR PRESIDENT

Last July in Madison, I decided that I would like to run for Honorary Junior President for the American Legion Auxiliary, Department of Wisconsin. At the time, I forgot about all the hard work you have to put into it but soon after I got elected, I learned how exciting (and a little bit stressful) this position would be.

As soon as I told my mom about being elected as Junior President, we started thinking of what I could do for my special project. With my brother being in the Marine Corps and many other young citizens in my community in the service, I had an idea on who I wanted to help but I wasn't quite sure about what I was going to do yet. Then one day it came to me while we were talking about shoe boxes for homeless vets. I wanted to send care packages to the active military in my hometown.

Soon the name of my project came to be. Since about September of last year, I asked fellow Auxiliary and Junior members to donate things like toothbrushes and toothpaste, Girl Scout cookies, cards, etc. to be put into the packages. I asked the other

Junior units to also do the same. I have about two huge boxes full of things that I can send out to them. Soon, we will package about six or seven boxes to send out. I would have liked to have done more with the Department Juniors but time wouldn't take my side. I hope that the other units sent out a few packages as well.

April was my last month as president. I honestly freaked out a little bit when I realized I wasn't even close to finishing my special project! Nine months was definitely not long enough to finish everything I wanted and needed to do as Honorary Junior President but then I realized I don't need a special position to help our active service members and veterans!

I am still going to do my special project for the next year or so until I feel like I've helped those fighting for our freedom. Ever since I was 6 years old, I always imagined what I would do if I ever got to be the Honorary Junior President of Wisconsin. I wish I could go back in time and tell me that I would get it and that I helped make an impact on a veteran's life.

By Katarina Petranovich

CREATE A SPARK MEMBERSHIP IS BOOMING



81.98% JUNE 2016

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

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The time has come to say farewell as your Department Chaplain. It has been a great honor to serve in this capacity.

I want to thank all of the chaplains, presidents and unit members of the 213 Wisconsin units who sent reports and/or prayers. Imagine my surprise when 97-year-old WWII veteran Walter, living in North Carolina, walked into our Legion Hall kitchen and told me he appreciates what I write in my column. It reminded me that we never know when or how our words/actions will affect others.

Acts of the Apostles 20: 35 I have always pointed out to you that it is by such hard work that you must help the weak. You need to recall the words of the Lord Jesus himself, who said, "There is more happiness in giving than receiving."

Heavenly Father,

We thank You for the beautiful world You created,

Help us care for these animals and the environment.

We thank You for all the soldiers who give of themselves for their country,

Help us appreciate the freedoms they have provided.

We thank You for our families and friends,
Help us speak and act with kindness toward all mankind.

We thank You for creating us,

Help us remember "Service Not Self for Veterans, God and Country."

We thank You for The American Legion Family,

Help us work together to "Energize Our Programs" and "Be the Spark for Our Veterans" and "Keeping the Promise." Amen

To celebrate Independence Day: words by Daniel C. Roberts in 1876 to celebrate the Centennial Fourth of July and music by George W. Warren in 1888 for the Centennial Celebration of the United States Constitution.

God of Our Fathers

God of our fathers, whose almighty hand
 Leads forth in beauty all the starry band
 Of shining worlds in splendor through the skies
 Our grateful songs before Thy throne arise.

Thy love divine hath led us in the past,
 In this free land by Thee our lot is cast,
 Be Thou our Ruler, Guardian, Guide and Stay,
 Thy Word our law, Thy paths our chosen way.

From war's alarms, from deadly pestilence,
 Be Thy strong arm our ever sure defense;
 Thy true religion in our hearts increase,
 Thy bounteous goodness nourish us in peace.

Refresh Thy people on their toilsome way,
 Lead us from night to never ending day;
 Fill all our lives with love and grace divine,
 And glory, laud, and praise be ever Thine.

Thank you all for trusting me to provide chaplain guidance this year. My writings focused on kindness and serving others. I firmly believe we all would be much happier and the world would be much safer if we all would be kinder towards one another. God bless you and America.



GREETINGS FROM HEADQUARTERS

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The American Legion Auxiliary membership year runs from January 1 to December 31. If a member's 2016 dues were paid to the Unit but the Unit did NOT forward them to Department, that member is considered delinquent and is not eligible for member benefits.

Applications for new 2016 members should be submitted with a Unit Membership Transmittal Form so they can immediately receive the full benefits of membership. Applications should NOT be held until the 2017 membership year.

One of the benefits of membership includes the Auxiliary Emergency Fund (AEF). Persons who have been members of the ALA for three consecutive years may apply for assistance through the AEF. Awards may be granted up to \$2,400 to assist with emergency shelter, food or utilities, but cannot be used for medical expenses or debt such as that on credit cards.

Units that hold new member applications until the 2017 membership year are delaying a member's eligibility to receive AEF benefits for one year.

Another benefit of Auxiliary membership is the M. Louise Wilson Educational Loan Fund. Students may apply for interest-free loans of \$800 per year for up to five years while attending college. Loans are repaid on a monthly basis after the student finishes or withdraws from school. Students interested in a loan should contact Chairman Joan Chwala at 715-668-5661 for an application.

2017 membership cards will be distributed to units after Department Convention. Units may start processing dues for the 2017 calendar year as soon as the cards are received. New 2017 membership applications cannot be processed until September 1st.

After July 1, 2016, members may pay their 2017 dues online through the national website. Visit www.ALAforVeterans.org, go to the "Members Only" tab and create a log-in ID if you don't already have one. The pay dues option will be at the top of the screen. If you need assistance with

creating a log-in ID, please contact the national organization's helpline at alahq@alaforveterans.org or (317) 569-3400.

The 96th Annual ALA Convention is July 14-17, 2016 at the Madison Marriott West in Middleton. Pre-registration fee is \$25; registration after July 11 is \$30. The full schedule of activities and convention information was sent to all Unit Presidents in the May Unit mailing and is also posted on the department website.

The number of delegates each unit is allowed is based on total paid membership 30-days prior to Department Convention. Delegate forms were sent to each Unit and must be returned to headquarters so credentials and voting cards can be printed for convention.

National Convention is August 26-September 1, 2016 in Cincinnati, Ohio. Anyone interested in attending should contact me to request an information packet. Registration and housing forms are due July 11th, so please don't delay! Alternates elected at Department Convention will need to complete their forms before leaving Department Convention.



DISTRICT YEAR END REPORTS



1st District Report Kitty Larkin District President

First District had a very active and stimulating year as Executive Meetings were held in the center of the District to cut down on driving time for many members. Both the Installation and Christmas Party were held as Family events with all levels represented at both events. Events are certainly more exciting when all family levels are involved.

Our e-mail lists have been enlarged, educating more individuals in the activities of the district and allowing for more involvement among units at their events. We are learning to depend upon one another as well as the public in supporting each other's events and gathering the support of our communities as well. In sharing, we also gain in being able to give more support to our veterans.

Our spring conference brought in the "Healing Hearts" organization where we learned of another group that reaches out to the public to give help in whatever manner is needed. This is a resource that can be used by veterans and family members to help solve the difficult situations in their lives. Everyone in attendance was deeply touched by what they learned from our speaker and anxious to respond to both their needs and their help that is offered.

We spent much time on reviewing the Core Values of the ALA as both a learning tool and an update on the importance of keeping in tune with the vision and plan in Wisconsin's action in helping the American Legion Auxiliary grow through its participation and success.

The election of next term's officers was both controversial and effective. We have new officers from units that haven't been represented in many years bringing in new blood and new ideas. We are very happy with the choices that were made and look forward to supporting them in any way we can. Congratulations to the new officers with best wishes for a very successful term.

We are proud of the Wisconsin members that are moving into the National arena of

the organization and will continue to work to help support the challenges and opportunities that face them. Good luck to each candidate; we wish you much success.



2nd District Report Dawn Rudey District President

With this being my first year as 2nd District President so much has happened. The Mighty Second District has been very remarkable. Even though not all 46 units reported, we still had a very strong district report. I think that whether or not a unit reported, they all still SHINED very brightly for our veterans, their families, and our communities. They truly lived up to Department President Laura's motto "Be a SPARK for our Veterans" and they also energized the programs in their units. And for that, I'm so very proud of the Mighty Second District!

The ladies of 2nd District worked very hard to be advocates for veterans and mentor our youth in the communities. Their volunteer hours were 52,143. Dollars spent totaled \$62,395. The in-kind donations were outstanding at \$32,868. The number of veterans they assisted was over 5,300. The number of poppies distributed was 34,595 – raising \$43,552 from poppy distributions. The Mighty 2nd Ladies showed their love of this great organization by their devoted service to the active duty and reserve military by volunteering 10,128 hours, spending \$42,409 and serving 9,762+ United States service members. Service to military families were as follows: hours volunteered - 4,916; dollars spent - \$8,396; number of families served - 107. Thirty-one (31) scholarships were presented with a dollar amount of \$13,750. Money sent to support Department Scholarships was \$535.

The 2nd District Children & Youth program focused on the children of military families that had lost a love one in war time, illness or by suicide. Our program promoted "Camp Hometown Heros." It is a very worthy cause when it comes to the future of our children.



3rd District Report Sheila Melby District President

With my term as Third District President drawing to a close, it is time for reflection.

I was fortunate to be able to attend two wonderful National Conventions. In doing so, I was made aware of how truly diverse our organization is. People from all parts of our country attend. With them they bring different ideas and viewpoints. It is a learning experience for anyone willing to interact. We were provided with workshops that promoted this interaction. All in all, these were two very worthwhile events that I probably would not have been able to attend were it not for being a District President.

As I am sure everyone is aware, there is still much work to be done in increasing and retaining our membership. I think that we must also step back and acknowledge what we have accomplished. This is a volunteer organization, which means our members all have lives filled with demands that may not be connected to the American Legion Auxiliary. It is remarkable what this volunteer organization accomplishes for the benefit of our veterans.

I am privileged to reside in a district that has so many giving leaders. Anytime I have asked for guidance or moral support it was given willingly. I cannot thank these ladies enough. The vast majority of Third District members is extremely helpful and focused on working together to provide support for our veterans, active military and their families. In the final analysis, that is why we all do what we do.

In closing, I would like to thank Third District for the opportunity given to me to serve as your District President. God bless our troops and each one of you.

DISTRICT YEAR END REPORTS



4th District Report Sue Middlestead District President

No report submitted.



5th District Report Wilma Kidney District President

No report submitted.



6th District Report Nancy Helms District President

I have really enjoyed my first year as 6th District President. First of all, I would like to say thank you to the staff at

Headquarters for all their assistance, especially Bonnie. She has been a great help. There's more work to this job than anyone tells you, but it is well worth it. The American Legion Auxiliary is the greatest organization around.

I have been working with a unit that wanted some help. They have come a long way since September and I am very proud of the ladies in that unit. Their president has worked very hard and the unit is doing some great things now.

I have been in contact with all the Unit Presidents. They are all working very hard on membership and doing great things for all our veterans. It has been very interesting talking to everyone, they are all great ladies. In working with the various units, I have seen the leaders give responsibilities to members, then guide and help those members succeed in their duties. This gives the members confidence in their leader and helps build trust within the unit. This is a good example of creating that culture of goodwill that is so important to a healthy organization.

I have tried to attend all the events that I have been invited to. It has been a great experience for me to meet these Unit Presidents and members. I am looking forward to the next year and know it will be as exciting as my first year.



7th District Report Marianne Lesko District President

District 7 hopes that all will have a wonderful time at the State Convention! The Mighty 7th District isn't all that

mighty this year. Hopefully next year will be a great improvement in our membership numbers. The good news is that there aren't any goose eggs.

The fall meeting was held at West Salem and the spring meeting was in Sparta. We had a pretty good turnout for both meetings. I would like to thank both units for their hospitality during our meetings! I would also like to throw out a big giant thank you to everybody who has helped me out in the last two years. There aren't enough words to express my gratitude.

The highlight of the last two years was going to the Black River Falls Pow Wow on Memorial Day. Last year, Teresa Isensee attended and this year President Laura

Calteux and Bonnie Jakubczyk were there. We danced with the shawls of Unit 129 and Laura and Bonnie both were presented with their own shawls. Teresa and I will be getting them hopefully in July.

I wish Becca Gleason the best for the next couple of years. You have great people to work with in District 7!



8th District Report Sarah Stiff District President

What an interesting year it has been for District 8! We started off our leadership term with a little uncertainty but slowly and quite surely things are settling in. Our Fall Joint Conference was co-hosted by the Wautoma (317) and Hancock-Coloma (143) units. We discussed how to promote the American Legion Auxiliary in 30 seconds or less and in the afternoon I presented a lesson in goal setting. I officially took over the district presidency in late November and have learned a lot about the district since then.

My strategy as District 8 President is to make the most of the limited time we have together as a District. Our Spring Conference was hosted by Clintonville (63) and I took the opportunity to talk about effective conflict resolution within our units. The meeting seemed to be successful and I hope I ignited a few sparks for our Units to work together to better serve the purpose of the American Legion Auxiliary.

I look forward to the second year of my term, as I hope to accomplish a bit more to make District 8 a strong district. Thank you to everyone that serves on my leadership team. Your efforts are appreciated and it really takes a team to have a well-functioning district.



9th District Report Mary Krutz District President

Greetings from the Noble Ninth District! As I finish the last year of my term as president, I would like to thank all of the members of the district for working so hard to fulfill the American Legion Auxiliary's mission to advocate for veterans, educate our citizens, mentor youth and promote patriotism, good citizenship, peace and security.

I have been so fortunate to visit facilities at King, Iron Mountain, and Camp American Legion to see firsthand the impact we have on the veterans and their families served there. In my travels around the district, I have visited larger units and smaller units – all working very hard to support the programs of the American Legion Family. But, I also see some units with an aging membership that do not have the energy, the financial resources or available membership to remain active much longer. We do so much good and have been working so quietly for so many years, I believe some communities do not realize our impact.

For this reason, I strongly urge all American Legion Family members to support the ALA Strategic Plan. The goals, strategies and initiatives being developed will eventually strengthen our units, counties, districts and department. This plan may mean changing the way we do some things but in the long run it will be to our advantage. How can you support the Strategic Plan? Read the information published on the department and

national websites. Watch the unit and district mailings for information and read the articles in the Wisconsin. Most importantly, plan on attending one of the regional 'ALA in the Know' events nearest your location. Seymour will be hosting one for 9th District on September 17, 2016. See you there!



10th District Report Karen Hansen District President

The 10th District had a very busy first year. With the creation of our new "District Mentoring Committee," I along with a few Past District Presidents were very active trying to reactivate our units needing assistance. I met with Units on eleven different dates and that is not to mention meetings and events held by other Past District Presidents.

10th District was also present for two different Stand Downs for homeless veterans, the District Oratorical Contest, several county meetings and many parties and events hosted by various units.

We attended funerals and retirements of our members. We reported that over \$55,000 was donated for service to our veterans, over \$23,000 raised from poppies, over \$5000 given for our active and reserve military and their families, over \$3,000 given in scholarships, over \$3,000 given for children & youth, spent over \$5,000 for ALA Badger Girls State and spent over \$7,000 serving our communities. All in all 10th District had a very busy and fulfilling year!



11th District Report Linda Kostka District President

Greetings from District Eleven. We fell down on membership but many of our units excelled in meeting the American Legion Auxiliary mission and goals. Our units have recruited some new members and with the Legion posts in our

district recruiting over 150 new members, we need to contact their relatives to join the Auxiliary.

Our units sponsored many American Legion Auxiliary Badger Girls State delegates and community projects as supported by various articles in newspapers. Stetsonville Unit 519 had their ALA Badger Girl, Esther Lusenge, continue on to the national level and she was our guest speaker at our Fall Conference in Lublin.

We held our spring conference at Camp American Legion. We had great attendance and many items were donated to camp. I will be officially handing over the gavel to our new president, Theresa Schindler, at department convention. I look forward to seeing old friends at convention and making new ones. My time is almost up but not over, since I want to continue helping veterans through the ALA programs.

It has truly been an honor and privilege to serve as your district president and may God continue to bless you.



12th District Report Betty Stone District President

This year has been an extra busy year. We have done the usual, having a fall conference and spring conference. We participated in the Penny War for our National candidates, raising about \$200.

We have struggled with membership due to our aging members, but we achieved a great success. Thanks to our Polk County President and others, we have revived the Frederic Unit to become an active unit and reaching 100%. Lynn Schauls and Sue Hager have done a magnificent job in pulling this unit together and even had the unit featured in the Auxiliary paper, too. They constructed a huge American Flag float for their Family Days Parade on June 19th.

This will help motivate our district to continue to work on membership but also to help the units that are having trouble.

CALL FOR THE 96TH ANNUAL NATIONAL CONVENTION

American Legion Auxiliary
to meet in Cincinnati, Ohio
August 26 - September 1, 2016

In conformity with Article VI, Section 1 of the National Constitution, which provides that the annual national convention of the American Legion Auxiliary shall be held at the same time and place as The American Legion convention, the 96th Annual National Convention of the American Legion Auxiliary is hereby called to meet in Cincinnati, Ohio, from August 26 - September 1, 2016. The convention business sessions will be in the Duke Energy Convention Center.

Purpose

The annual national convention is the legislative body of the American Legion Auxiliary. The convention is called for the purpose of electing officers for the ensuing year, amending the National Constitution & Bylaws, receiving reports of national officers

and committees, and for the transaction of such other business as may be brought before it. Officers for the ensuing year will be elected on August 31, 2016.

Representation

Representation in the convention shall be by department and in accordance with the provisions of the National Constitution, Article VI, Section 2.

Admission to Convention Session

Admission to convention sessions will be by delegate, alternate or guest badge.

Anyone interested in attending National Convention should contact Department Secretary Bonnie Dorniak for an information packet. Auxiliary registration and housing forms are due by July 11, 2016.

Respecting the Stars and Stripes: American Flag Etiquette

Flag-flying summers are packed with outdoor activities, barbecues and patriotic celebrations. While the American flag is often an important part of these celebrations, many of us have questions about how to properly care for and display it.

"Flag etiquette can be confusing," said Dubbie Buckler, executive director and national secretary of the American Legion Auxiliary. "Many Americans want to show patriotism, but do not know the standards of respect and traditions associated with flag flying."

The American Legion has played an important role in establishing the standards of flag etiquette since before the passing of the first national codes in 1923 and has worked diligently to uphold these historical standards. Today, much of flag etiquette can be found in the Flag Code, official national rules regarding the American flag.

"The American flag is meant to be enjoyed and celebrated," Buckler explained. "The American Legion Auxiliary is passionate about educating the public so they can do so with proper respect for the freedom and sacrifices it represents."

Buckler shares the following guidelines for using, displaying and caring for the American flag.

Hoisting and Lowering of the Flag:

- The flag should be hoisted briskly and lowered ceremoniously.

- The flag of the United States of America is saluted, or acknowledged by placing a hand over your heart, as it is hoisted and lowered.

- When lowered, the flag should never touch anything beneath it, such as the ground, the floor, water or merchandise.

Manner of Displaying the Flag:

- The Flag Code states it is the universal custom to display the flag only from sunrise to sunset on buildings and on stationary flag-staffs in the open.

- When a patriotic effect is desired, the flag may be displayed twenty-four hours a day if properly illuminated during the hours of darkness.

- The flag should not be dis-

played on days when the weather is inclement, except when an all-weather flag is displayed.

- The flag should be displayed vertically, whether indoors or out, and suspended so that its folds fall free as though the flag were staffed.

- When displayed in a window of a home or a place of business, the flag should be displayed in the same way; that is, with the union or blue field to the left of the observer in the street.

Storing and Disposing of the Flag:

- The Flag Code does not require any specific method of storage, however, over time it has become tradition to fold the flag into a triangular shape like that of a three-corner hat, with only the blue union showing.

- When a flag is so worn it is no longer fit to serve as a symbol of our country, it should be destroyed by burning in a dignified manner. Many American Legion posts conduct flag retirement ceremonies.

- Flag etiquette was established to honor and pay tribute to our nation and its history. As such, certain uses of the American flag are considered disrespectful. The flag should never be:

- Displayed with the union down, except as a signal of dire distress in instances of extreme danger to life or property.

- Used as a drapery or for any other decoration.

- Carried flat or horizontally, but always aloft and free.

- Used as a receptacle for receiving, holding, carrying, or delivering anything.

- The flag should never be used as apparel, bedding or drapery.

- Festooned, drawn back, nor up, in folds, but always allowed to fall free.

Standing tall as an emblem of justice, perseverance, valor and honor, the American flag is an intricate part of what makes citizens proud to be American. As summer rays shine again and the flag takes its spotlight, it is important to educate yourself and others to show respect for the deep history and sacrifices this national symbol represents.

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY DEPARTMENT OF WISCONSIN

Wisconsin has 22,745 members strong; wives, mothers, daughters, sisters, grandmothers, granddaughters and great-granddaughters of wartime veterans.

2015 - 2016 STATISTICS

263,797 Hours
VOLUNTEERED &
\$322,926 spent in
Service to our
25 VETERAN
POPPY-MAKERS
made 434,150
POPPIES for Local
Units & Posts Raising
\$304,660

Assisted
2,152
Veterans
24,347 Hours
\$97,782 Spent
for Active Duty
Military
Total of
U.S. Service
MEMBERS
Served
18,611

Spent to Assist
Military
Number of
Military
families
Served
21,243 HOURS
volunteered for
Military Families

648
Total of \$5,236
Donated to
Department Scholarships
Awarded 210
Scholarships
Totaling Over
\$90,992
Approximately 732
American Legion Auxiliary
Badger Girls State
DELEGATES

Totals are based on the annual reports from 236 of Wisconsin's 421 Units

Unit 66 Children & Youth Good Deed Awards



American Legion Auxiliary Unit 66 of Athelstone-Silver Cliff presented ALA National Good Deed Awards to Alee and Aidan Aragon of Silver Cliff for their efforts to "Make a Difference" in their community. The awards were presented by Unit 66 President Dee Farley during the 2016 American Legion Post 66 Memorial Day Service at Silver Cliff Memorial Park. Pictured (left to right) are Junior Member Alee Aragon, Aidan Aragon and Dee Farley. Do you know a youth who deserves a Good Deed or Youth Hero Award? Nominate him or her for an award today! See the Children & Youth Plan of Action on the department website for details.

American Legion Auxiliary, Department of Wisconsin

ALA IN THE KNOW (Important Info for Every Member)

FALL CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FORM

(Please submit one form per attendee)

In lieu of Fall Informational Forum, department is conducting six regional conferences around the state entitled "American Legion Auxiliary (ALA) in the Know - Important Information for Every Member." Members are encouraged to attend any conference that is convenient for them.

Registration fee is \$20.00, which includes a light continental breakfast, lunch, and handouts of the presentation. Meals are provided by the local host and vary by location so dietary restrictions may not be able to be accommodated. **Late registrations cannot be accepted.** Refunds can only be issued if requested by the deadline listed for each conference.

Schedule for all conferences:

8:00 am - 9:00 am	Registration/Continental Breakfast
9:00 am - 12:00 pm *	Program Info w/Q&A: Americanism, Children & Youth, Community Service, VA&R
12:00 pm - 1:00 pm	Lunch
1:00 pm - 3:30 pm *	Afternoon Sessions: Leadership, Goodwill, Report Writing, How to Run a Meeting

* Time for Questions & Answers and Sharing of Best Practices will be allowed as time permits

Please print clearly:

Full Name: _____ First name to be printed on nametag: _____

District #: _____ Unit #: _____ Unit Location (City): _____

Email: _____ Phone: ☐ home ☐ cell: _____

Members are encouraged to register early since space is limited. Registrations will be accepted on a first-come, first-serve basis. Registrations received after the deadline, or when the maximum capacity has been reached, will be returned.

Select ONE conference:

	DATE	LOCATION	RESERVATION DEADLINE	CAPACITY
<input type="checkbox"/>	09/10/16	Camp American Legion 8529 County Road D, Lake Tomahawk, WI	8/26/16	50 people
<input type="checkbox"/>	09/17/16	Doxbee's Banquet & Buffet N6744 County Road C, Seymour, WI	9/2/16	200 people
<input type="checkbox"/>	09/24/16	Rose Harms Legion Post 355 1540 13 th Avenue, Grafton, WI	9/9/16	150 people
<input type="checkbox"/>	10/01/16	Mid-State Technical College 1001 Center Point Drive, Stevens Point, WI	9/16/16	80 people
<input type="checkbox"/>	10/08/16	Veterans Community Center 10534 Main Street, Hayward, WI	9/23/16	120 people
<input type="checkbox"/>	10/15/16	Bayard Dehart Legion Post 13 900 Flag Park Drive, Richland Center, WI	9/30/16	100 people

REGISTRATION FEE: **\$20.00**

Unit Presidents will receive a free copy of the 2016-2017 Department Red Book.

Others may purchase a Red Book for \$5.00 on a pre-paid basis only w/delivery at the conference:

☐ 2016-2017 Department Red Book (\$5.00)

Red Book (\$5): \$ _____

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED: \$ _____

Mail check, payable to ALA-Wisconsin, by the deadline listed above to:

ALA Wisconsin, P. O. Box 140, Portage, WI 53901-0140.

A \$25.00 fee will be charged for any check returned by the bank.

Legion Family

Diane Duscheck, Wisconsin's candidate for National Vice President of the American Legion Auxiliary, was pleased to present a certificate to her brother Phillip at Marquette Post 282 in recognition of his 50 consecutive years of membership with The American Legion.



We thank the Duscheck family for their commitment to the Legion Family as evidenced by their many years of dedicated service.