



## 2<sup>nd</sup> District Newsletter



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### *Amy's Angle....*

Congratulations to our 2<sup>nd</sup> District Sweepstakes winners!

|  |                                       |
|--|---------------------------------------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> - Angie Dedlow \$500   | 6 <sup>th</sup> - Keith Burrow \$50   |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> - Bonnie Seeberg \$200 | 7 <sup>th</sup> - Terry Babros \$25   |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> - Ronda Cowlshaw \$50  | 8 <sup>th</sup> - Kathy Decker \$25   |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> - Steve Tetzlaff \$50  | 9 <sup>th</sup> - Linda Johnson \$25  |
| 5 <sup>th</sup> - Janet Biskobing \$50 | 10 <sup>th</sup> - Cynthia Crane \$25 |

Thank you to everyone who supported the fundraiser. Save the date for next year's spring conference in Germantown on Saturday, April 29, 2023.

We are in the final push for membership. All units should be near 90% or more at this time. Congratulations to the Adell unit who is leading the way at 120%! What can you do to get those last couple of members renewed? A phone call, a home visit, a hand written card...are all good ways to make it personal and let them know that they are important to our organization.

Reminder: Each unit needs to complete and submit the following forms by **June 17**:

- 2022 – 2023 Unit Officers form
- 2023 Unit Membership Dues Remittal form

The 2<sup>nd</sup> District ALA Car Show fundraiser for Dan Seehafer's National campaign will be held on **Saturday, June 25 at the Horicon Post**. Many volunteer opportunities are available. Contact Dawn Rudey 920-485-0925 for complete details.

Have you signed up for the Department Convention? This year's convention will be held in **Green Bay July 14 -17**. Details can be found on the Department website:

<https://www.amlegionauxwi.org/department-convention>

The lazy days of summer are a good time to review your Constitution, Bylaws and Standing Rules. Many units have not updated the Preamble, membership eligibility dates, and gender-neutral terminology. Form a committee, review your documents and present your changes to be voted on at your first fall meeting. Your policies are in place to protect your unit and members. Make sure to stay in compliance by keeping them up to date.

Blessings,

*Amy*

# Salute, Serve, Celebrate

## COMMUNITY SERVICE

*Karen Degner, 2<sup>nd</sup> District Chair*

What is Community Service and why do we do it?

The Community Service Program promotes the American Legion Auxiliary's visibility within our localities through our commitment to community, state and nation. By being visible in our communities, the Community Service Program demonstrates who we are, what we do and why we matter.

So, what do we do and how can we be a part of this? Wear the ALA emblem on your jacket or clothing when involved with a project other than an American Legion Auxiliary event. My guess is many of us are already involved in our communities in a variety of ways. Some suggestions/ideas that are part of community service are:

- Volunteering at a senior center
- Delivering Meals on Wheels
- Assisting at local libraries
- Helping at food pantries
- Volunteering at domestic violence shelters
- Assist with special event walks

Being on a committee or board where you live or are a member of another organization counts as community service as well. You may be volunteering weekly, monthly or occasionally. We all do more community service than we realize. Keep track of these hours to have them included in your Unit annual report.

Department Chairman like pictures too of the different activities we as ALA members do!

Our Department Community Service Chair, Janet Ericksen has much more information on the website: [https://www.amlegionauxwi.org/files/uqd/8bea47\\_31928c262edc45568dcee546f06428bd.pdf](https://www.amlegionauxwi.org/files/uqd/8bea47_31928c262edc45568dcee546f06428bd.pdf)

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### *Looking for more ideas?*

ALA Committee Facebook Groups are spaces on the social media network for ALA members to discuss or share about broad or narrow topics related to each committee. ALA Committee Facebook Groups provide an arena for organic discussion about your local programs or services and present the opportunity to cultivate brand awareness.

This is a place to share service activities and events, ask questions, obtain information, and network for those interested in the American Legion Auxiliary Community Service program. Check it out!

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/110203022459992/>

Do you know someone in your community who has done an outstanding community service project? Present them with a Certificate of Appreciation from your unit. This is a great way to brand our organization! A fillable certificate can be found on the National website: <https://www.legion-aux.org/>



# Our Veterans, Military, their Families & Our Community

## AMERICANISM

*Mary Petrie, 2<sup>nd</sup> District Chair*

You'd think securing a holiday to honor the most recognizable symbol of America, the Stars and Stripes, would be pretty easy. Sadly, that wasn't the case. Although the flag was adopted as the country's official banner in 1777, it took nearly a century-and-a-half to make that happen!

While there's some debate over the first holiday, one story notes that Hartford, Connecticut resident, George Morris, suggested the idea in 1861, which led to a formal observance on June 14<sup>th</sup> in his hometown.



Another source claims that B. J. Cigran, a Waubeka, Wisconsin schoolteacher, invented Flag Day when he had his class celebrate the day at the Stony Hill School in 1885. As its biggest supporter, he traveled the country promoting patriotism and the need for an official Flag Day. He eventually became editor-in-chief of *American Standard* magazine, and later served as president of the American Flag Day Association and the National Flag Day Society. He is still known as "the Father of Flag Day."

In 1893, a Pennsylvania resident and Ben Franklin descendent, Elizabeth Duane Gillespie, tried to get a state resolution passed requiring the flag be put on display in each of Philadelphia's public buildings.

The next year, Flag Day was celebrated in Chicago with over 300,000 children participating. The event was repeated the year after that. It was catching on!

In 1907, the Benevolent and Protective Order of the Elks officially designated June 14<sup>th</sup> as Flag Day, and the fraternal order and social club has celebrated it every year since. In 1911, they even made it mandatory for all lodges to observe it, showing how serious they were about the day. They pushed the sitting U.S. President to give Flag Day official status, which happened in 1916. Even with that, it didn't become a national holiday until 1949, when finally, an act of Congress turned the day into "National Flag Day."

The flag shares its birthday with another important institution...the United States Army, which was created as the "American Continental Army" by the Second Continental Congress which passed the resolution to adopt the new flag.

It was a long time coming, but what a journey...

*Show your colors by flying your flag on June 14<sup>th</sup>!*



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## 2023 Unit Membership Dues Remit To Information

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

***This form must be returned by EVERY unit no later than June 17, 2022.***

**Who** will be collecting dues for your unit for the 2023 membership year?

I am collecting dues for my Unit - ***This person and address will receive all 2023 membership materials AND be printed on each Renewal Notice as the person/address your unit members are to send their 2023 dues to.***

|  |             |   |  |
|--|-------------|---|--|
| _____<br>Name of person collecting dues              |             | _____<br>(MANDATORY) Member ID number                 |  |
| Is this a personal address? <input type="checkbox"/> | OR          | Is this a Unit/Post address? <input type="checkbox"/> |  |
| _____<br>Mailing Address                             |             |   |  |
| _____<br>City/State/Zip                              |             |   |  |
| Phone # _____  | Email _____ |   |  |

***I understand that the above name and address will be printed on the 2023 Membership Renewal Notices National will be mailing to each unpaid Senior member in September 2022.***

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of person completing this form

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

# 2022-2023 Unit Officers Form

## Return A.S.A.P

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Unit City Location \_\_\_\_\_ Unit # \_\_\_\_\_

County \_\_\_\_\_ Dist # \_\_\_\_\_

Meeting Location/ date & time \_\_\_\_\_

### DO NOT LEAVE ANY POSITIONS BLANK

- Department **REQUIRES** a contact person (even if it is temporary) for each of the positions listed.
- (Please designate **ONE PERSON** to receive Unit mailings and other important Unit information)

**President's Name** \_\_\_\_\_ Membership ID # \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Home \_\_\_\_\_ Work  Cell : \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

**Secretary's Name** \_\_\_\_\_ Membership ID # \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Home \_\_\_\_\_ Work  Cell : \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

**Treasurer's Name** \_\_\_\_\_ Membership ID # \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Home \_\_\_\_\_ Work  Cell : \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

↪ (Dues Remit To Person - name & address will be printed on the members' payment dues reminders sent from National)

↪ **Renewal Notice Name** \_\_\_\_\_ Membership ID # \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Home \_\_\_\_\_ Work  Cell : \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

↪ Complete - If Dues Mailing address is different from mailing address above

↪ Dues Mailing Address/City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

↪ (The person in the UNIT who will receive ALABGS information. **DO NOT put the delegate's name here**)

↪ **ALABGS Chairman's Name** \_\_\_\_\_ Membership ID # \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Home \_\_\_\_\_ Work  Cell : \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Person submitting form