



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Diane Weggen
Department
President

I am humbled and honored to be in the position of representing the American Legion Auxiliary (ALA) members of Wisconsin. I pray that together

we will end the year, proud of our accomplishments carrying out the mission of the ALA.

First, I need to thank my family and friends, the ALA members throughout the state, and our staff at Department Headquarters – Bonnie Dorniak, Linda Cason, Andrea Stoltz and Carrie Thrasher – who have given me support on my journey to becoming the Department President.

For those who do not know me, I am a 38-year Paid Up For Life (PUFL) member of the American Legion Auxiliary. I am eligible through the service of my husband, three brothers, my son and a grandson. My family consists of my 'California Girls': daughter Kathryn (son-in-law John) and granddaughters Toni, Amanda and Alyssa; and my 'East Coast Boys': son James (daughter-in-law Jennifer) and grandsons Joe (wife Jamala) and Nick (wife Samantha). James and Jennifer are Navy veterans, while Nick is currently serving in the Air Force and Amanda in the Pennsyl-

vania National Guard.

We ALA members have an awesome calling! **Both** for God **AND** for Country. God calls us **both** to care for each other **AND** to care for those who care for others. Country calls us **both** to salute **AND** to serve our veterans, military, their families and our communities.

After the year we have had, we need to reboot and reset our ALA. We can be the **both/and** organization rather than being an either/or organization. The Auxiliary **both** as a volunteer organization to enhance the lives of veterans, service members and their families **AND** as the "go to" organization in our communities. The ALA was **both** built on the past 100 years **AND** now, looking to this year transitioning into the next 100 years.

My theme is "Salute, Serve, Celebrate our veterans, military, their families and communities." We can **both** salute **AND** serve – not just acknowledge or thank our veterans, but take action to 'serve' our veterans, military, their families, and our communities. If we 'salute' and 'serve,' we will have much to 'celebrate'!

There are so many small actions that can make a positive difference, and all can be done by each of us. Never forget the "Power of One".

We department officers and program chairs will focus on four goals

to build a foundation for another successful 100 years of Service, not self:

- Working together as The American Legion Family
- Building relationships
- Engaging members
- Caring for those who care for others

Work together as The American Legion Family. The American Legion, American Legion Auxiliary, Sons of the American Legion, and American Legion Riders need to work and have fun together as the American Legion Family. With the number of younger veterans growing every day, focusing on family activities and events may be one way to "reboot and reset" our organizations. Together we will be able to better serve all veterans and strengthen our organizations.

Build relationships. By communication, kindness, connection and collaboration, we can build strong relationships. Communication needs to be **both** on paper, emails or virtually **AND** in person with visits or phone calls.

A goal is to increase the number of unit/county/district and department meetings and events with department officers, chairpersons and committee members in attendance. In-person meetings and working together allows members the opportunity to get to know others and build

positive relationships. Knowing someone opens the door to friendships, seeking answers, asking for help and a willingness to work together shaping a positive future. We will work to set units, counties and districts up for success.

Engage members. Invite them to participate, share their talents and have fun working the ALA mission. Involving others gives them a sense of belonging, of being wanted for the job, of having accomplished something and of being able to make a difference. Volunteers want to know they made a difference.

Care for each other and those who care for others. Caring plays a vital role in building a culture of goodwill, supporting military service-members and veterans, and connecting with our communities.

I firmly believe if we work and have fun together, demonstrate that we care for others, we will build good relationships and make connections, especially in our communities. Others will want to join us – be part of our group. All of this will make our organizational family stronger to carry out the mission for which we were established.

President's Special Project: The Courtyard at Wisconsin Veterans Home in Chippewa Falls. The Courtyard will enhance the quality of life for members by providing an accessible outdoor lighted area with

seating and tables, including electrical outlets and a sound system for visiting, group activities, programs, and happy hours. In addition to enhancing the quality of life for members living there, it will expand opportunities for providing "care for those who care for others."

We are a group who believes the best way to build relationships is to let people know who we are, but more importantly, that we care. Please do not hesitate to invite any of the Auxiliary program chairs, committee members, department officers or me to join you at a meeting, to visit with your group or to assist at an event.

God bless us all as we in the spirit of Service, not self, "Salute, Serve, Celebrate our veterans, military, their families and our communities."

PRESIDENT'S CHALLENGE TO ALA MEMBERS

Ask at least one person to join the American Legion Auxiliary this year. If all 18,828 members ask one person to join (realizing the majority will not become a member), Wisconsin could be a 100% Department in 2021-2022. It has been years since this has happened. Now is the time, as we work to build a solid foundation for the next 100 years, to make Wisconsin a 100% Department!

MEMBERSHIP

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The 2022 membership year is up and running! We are all looking forward to getting back to our new normal and jump-starting membership!

It was great seeing so many new and old friends at Department Convention. So many ideas were shared, and a fun time was had by all. I hope you had the opportunity to attend.

National will be sending out membership goals in September, but units will only need to get one new member again this year. Goals will again have different percentages for units 99 members or less, and units over 100 members. This will help larger units to be eligible to win incentives. In order to be eligible for incentive drawings, units, counties and districts must have a completed Unit Officers Form on file at Department, and all members holding office must have paid their dues. Let's "celebrate" our membership in this great organization by paying our 2022 dues early.

District Presidents and District Membership Chairmen: look

at the membership numbers of your respective units, be in continual contact with your county councils and/or units. County Presidents: please stay in contact with units in your counties, communication will be key to a successful year. If there are units in your district that need assistance, please reach out to them quickly, and hopefully we can avoid further issues.

I ask units to send pictures of their membership tables that are displayed at unit meetings or events. Also, when unit members are making their "salute" calls to members, please report the number of calls made and how many calls were answered. We want to recognize members and units that go the extra mile to promote membership.

Remember to "salute" members who "serve" in our organization, embrace new members, be kind to one another, remember why we joined the Auxiliary, and let's get back to having FUN!

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CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

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The Lord is my Shepherd, I shall not want. He makes me to lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters. He restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I fear no evil, for you are with me; Your rod and your staff, they comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup runs over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

~ Psalm 23

I am very excited to have the opportunity to begin this new adventure with the American Legion Auxiliary and look forward to being your Department Chaplain this year. I have "big shoes" to fill following Becky Mueller. Thank you, Becky, for the years you served as Chaplain. You led all of us with devotion and grace.

One of my favorite scriptures is the story of the Good Shepherd. This took on extra meaning for me during the last year when everyone's lives were changed because of the COVID-19 pandemic. During this very difficult time, it became more important than ever for people to take care of each other. Some went out into the public to serve in positions as medical health care workers or first responders. These people made great personal sacrifices to serve others as the virus spread and more and more people became sick and needed medical care. The doctors, nurses, and nursing home workers exposed themselves and their families to a greater possibility of contracting the virus in order to help others.

Grocery store workers and truck drivers, to name a few, were even more essential, as we adjusted to a different society. There were people whose jobs were lost or greatly altered during this time and they also were in need of additional care and services. The people who stepped up during this time as "good shepherds" for their fellow men, while doing their jobs, were an example of "service, not self" for all to see.

As American Legion Auxiliary members, our mission is to serve active-duty military, veterans, and their families. When we do this, we are "Good Shepherds" for each other. May God bless all of you as you continue our mission.

God Bless America

*God Bless America, land that I love.
 Stand beside her and guide her,
 Through the night with the light from above.
 From the mountains to the prairies,
 To the oceans white with foam,
 God Bless America, my home sweet home.*

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Congratulations to PAST Department President Joanie Dickerson on a successful, and historic, two-year term. President Joanie's year concluded at the 100th Department Convention at the Madison Marriott West, where the American Legion Auxiliary (ALA) was greeted by National President Nicole Clapp, Candidate for 2022 National Commander Jim Troiola, SAL Central Division National Vice Commander Richard "Doc" Pfeiffer, Wisconsin's Candidate for National Commander Dan Seehafer, and many other Legion Family dignitaries.

Highlights of convention included a 3-part Centennial Celebration, reports from every department program chairperson, and a memorial service in honor of six department presidents who passed away since the last convention. The Auxiliary honored PDP Berne Baer (2005-2006), Unit Member of the Year Karen Knudsvig, Junior Member of the Year Grace Owen, and Service Woman of the Year Captain Mary Ellen Durley, U.S. Coast Guard. President Joanie presented five De-

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The Auxiliary Emergency Fund (AEF) is a national grant program that provides temporary emergency assistance to eligible members of the American Legion Auxiliary who have endured a significant financial setback as the result of an act of nature or another personal crisis.

Emergency assistance grants may be awarded by the national AEF Grant Committee on a case-by-case basis up to a maximum of \$2,400. Grant funds for disaster assistance applications may be used for repairs to the applicant's primary residence and for emergency expenses (lodging, food, fuel, supplies, etc.). Grant funds for temporary assistance applications may be used for overdue mortgage or rent expenses and/or utilities. AEF money may not be used for medical expenses or debt such as that on credit cards.

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In keeping with President Diane Weggen's theme of "salute, serve, celebrate," we can serve our military members and their families in a variety of ways. Service members and their families can, at times, need assistance. Units, counties, or districts can become resources for providing gift cards, helping with

GREETINGS FROM HEADQUARTERS

partment President's Awards for Excellence and a parade of checks with National President Nicole Clapp raised over \$3,500 for the American Legion Auxiliary Foundation to support veterans' projects.

The convention closed with the installation of new district presidents and department officers. Newly elected Department President Diane Weggen's theme for the upcoming year is "Salute, Serve, Celebrate our veterans, military, their families, and our communities." Her special project is the courtyard at Wisconsin Veterans Home at Chippewa Falls. The courtyard is being built in cooperation with the Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs. Groundbreaking for this \$200,000 project is tentatively planned for Spring of 2022 with a targeted completion date in 2023.

In other news from department headquarters, please be aware that 2022 membership packets have been mailed to the units. Any unit that did not receive their packet should contact Andrea Stoltz at department headquarters immediately.

2022 renewal notices will be mailed by the national organization in mid-September, but please do not wait until then to renew your dues. To expedite processing, you can pay your dues online (www.ALAforVeterans.org) or call the national organization during regular business hours (Monday through Friday, 7:00 am – 3:30 pm CDT). Members who pay for multiple people can take care of everyone's dues with one simple phone call to 317-569-4570! New members for 2022 will be processed after September 1st.

If you have not already done so, please register for an ALA in the Know conference at a location that works best with your schedule. The curriculum has been updated so there is something to benefit every member. A registration form is included on page A4.

Looking for a family friendly activity? Mark your calendar for The Legion Family's Celebration of Freedom event at Department Headquarters in Portage on Friday and Saturday, September 24-25, 2021. Many great events are planned, including a blood drive, entertainment by The Hounds, Road Trip, West on 12, and a local youth band, Alley Katz, and food and beverage. As we reflect on the 20th anniversary of 9/11, we are honored to showcase the 9/11 Never Forget Mobile Exhibit. The Exhibit will be open both Friday and Saturday and features 1,100 square feet of 9/11 history. Tours are given by 9/11 Firefighters who will lead you through the 9/11 attacks and the months and years that followed. Visit www.wilegion.org for more information.

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AUXILIARY EMERGENCY FUND

Members of the American Legion Auxiliary whose dues are current and who have maintained membership for three consecutive years (the current year and immediate past two years), who have not received a grant of the same type they are applying for within the last 12 months, and are applying within six months of the disaster are eligible to apply for a disaster assistance grant or a temporary assistance grant when:

- A financial crisis hits, leaving a member without resources to pay rent, mortgage, or utilities and no other source of aid is readily available.
- A natural disaster or weather emergency leaves a member with a damaged or destroyed primary residence and/or significant emergency expenses (lodging, food, fuel, supplies, etc.), and no other source of aid is readily available.

Members can download an application for assistance from www.ALAforVeterans.org/AEF and can submit their application

via email at AEF@ALAforVeterans.org or mail to American Legion Auxiliary National Headquarters at 3450 Founders Road, Indianapolis, IN 46268. Forms are also available on the Department website at www.amlegionauxwi.org.

The national AEF Grant Committee reviews each application and awards AEF assistance according to case findings. AEF applications, supporting documents, and case files are not disclosed or released to anyone outside of the AEF Grant Committee.

Established in 1969, the AEF was created with a bequest from the estate of Auxiliary member Helen Colby Small of Burlington, Wisconsin. Five decades later, the AEF is still helping fellow Auxiliary members get back on their feet. To carry on the Auxiliary Emergency Fund, we need your support. Please be generous!

Please contact me if you have any questions or need additional information. Thank you.

MEMBERS HELPING MEMBERS!

NATIONAL SECURITY

Family Days and more. We can recognize and thank those in uniform and their families during National Military Family Appreciation Month in November, "Purple Up" in April for the Month of the Military Child, and Military Spouse Appreciation Day and Armed Forces Day are in May. Increasing suicide awareness and prevention can help those struggling and blood drives help those in need, too. I will be checking on the coupons for overseas commissaries to see if they are, or will be, continuing this program.

I would like to ask that you send me photos throughout the year for all that you do to support the National Security program. Reach out to me to let me know if you are interested in becoming a resource for the military community and the many other ways you may be supporting our military communities and engaging in emergency preparedness. As always, feel free to contact me for more details, with suggestions, request other ways to provide support, or with any questions you may have.

THE INSPIRATION OF DISTINGUISHED GUESTS

Diane Duscheck Department Chairperson

The American Legion Auxiliary Convention was energized not only by program reports, but by a number of outstanding guests. Though not present in person, both Governor Tony Evers and Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs Secretary Mary Kolar brought greetings to our convention via video presentations.

Berne Baer was the Honored Past Department President. In 2005-2006, President Berne's theme was "Embrace Our Veterans," and the President's pin depicted a teddy bear holding the state of Wisconsin. Members supported Berne's special project by helping families of deployed soldiers. Berne had the

opportunity to speak about her year as president at a special recognition and ice cream social on Thursday afternoon and again during convention.

Throughout the past two years, National President Nicole Clapp from Gladbrook, Iowa, was especially concerned with the adaptive lifestyle needs of veterans. This interest encouraged Auxiliary members to volunteer with adaptive sports and physical activity programs. During the Parade of Checks on Thursday afternoon, Wisconsin raised \$3,510 for the ALA Foundation and Veterans Projects Grants.

Captain Mary Ellen Durley was recognized as Service Woman of the Year. Captain Durley took command of the U.S. Coast Guard Cutter Healy in Seattle, WA in 2019. The 420-foot Healy is the country's largest Coast Guard cut-

ter and most technologically advanced polar icebreaker used to support the U.S. strategic missions in the Arctic. As the commanding officer, Durley had oversight of the Coast Guard crew, scientists, and visitors as they carried out missions such as Arctic research, domestic icebreaking, search and rescue, marine environment protection, homeland security, and law enforcement. Durley is also a former ALA Badger Girls State counselor.

Unit Member of the Year Karen Knudsvig of William Lansing Unit 360 in Waunakee is passionate about recruiting Auxiliary members and friends to help crochet and knit skull caps for service members to wear under their helmets to keep them more comfortable. She serves as unit chaplain, helps with fundraisers, and joins other Legion Family workers to

package dried foods for shipping to countries in need. Karen also volunteers in the church's food pantry, hospitals, and homeless shelters.

Junior Member of the Year Grace Owen of George W. Melby Unit 254 in Milltown is a go-getter. Grace has already earned seven Junior patches and has several more on the way. Grace helped organize her unit's Love Your Soldier event by designing posters, helping with baking, and keeping young children occupied with games and activities so their parents could enjoy the event. One of the special activities for the children was to color a picture to send to their deployed parent. What a special gift.

Convention's distinguished guests were inspiring to all of us and were examples of *Service Not Self*.

EDUCATION

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It is time to think about kids going back to school. Wow! In the last two years our kids and teachers have had a lot of learning curves to overcome, and I do not think that our classrooms will ever be the same. So, reach out to your local school district and see what they need or how your unit can help this year. Will they be 100% in the classroom, or will they have a combination of in-person and virtual classrooms?

It is also time to reach out to your local high schools and let those counselors know about the GREAT opportunities that this year's students could possibly apply for such as scholarships, ALA Badger Girls State, Boys State, Oratorical contest, and many others. So, do not try and do all of this alone. Reach out and see if your Legion and other committee chairmen have contacts at the high schools and work together to reach out and spread the word about our programs and opportunities for these students. Try to see if they can get the information into the hands of the students within the first few weeks of school so they

can work on getting ready for the events that happen all year long.

If you are looking at ways to support the schools in supplies, you can look at the past program of Give 10 to Education. This program asks that your donation be in multiples of 10. This is a way that you can help to give the much-needed school supplies all year long. Place a poster and a drop off box for donations from your Unit members and those in your community. You can place some of these drop off boxes in your community at local banks, senior centers, post offices, etc.

American Education Week is November 15-

19, 2021. What is it you can do to help all the school staff feel appreciated? Everyone loves to get cards and treats for the efforts that they do. So, let's not forget them and send a nice form of appreciation for all they do to educate our children and grandchildren.

Teacher Appreciation Week is May 2-6, 2022. What is it that we can do to make our teachers feel appreciated for all the efforts they have done?

I would love to hear and see pictures of what you do for any of these events so we can share your ideas with each other and further promote Education in our community.

M. LOUISE WILSON EDUCATIONAL LOAN FUND

Joan Chwala Department Chairperson ctr68552@centurytel.net 715-668-5661

Purpose: To aid women veterans and female members of the Wisconsin American Legion Auxiliary to attain a higher education.

History: On February 4, 1925, the Executive

Committee of the American Legion Auxiliary, Department of Wisconsin, established the M. Louise Wilson Educational Loan Fund with the sum of \$200.00. Since then, the maintenance and growth of the fund has been entirely dependent upon the repayment of loans and voluntary contributions from units and friends of the American Legion Auxiliary.

Additional Information: It is an inter-

est-free loan of \$800 per year and may be received for up to five years, for a total loan limit of \$4,000. Money may be borrowed each year the student is enrolled in college on a full-time basis. There shall be no interest charged unless the loan is in default. The usual time for processing a loan is approximately one month. All loans must be co-signed by a responsible party, usually a parent or guardian.

Guidelines and application can be found on the Department website (www.amlegionaux-wi.org) under the program information tab or for more information contact Department Chairperson Joan Chwala.

Award: The District that donates the most money to M. Louise Wilson Educational Loan Fund will receive a citation at State Convention. Deadline is April 15, 2022.

American Legion Auxiliary Department of Wisconsin 2021-2022 Department Officers

OFFICERS	District	Unit	Name
President	7	118	Diane Weggen
Senior Vice President	9	512	Linda Coppock
First Vice President	2	288	Maggie Geiger
Second Vice President	9	106	Becky Mueller
Historian	4	537	Sue Hembrook
Chaplain	4	415	Donna Jensen
Executive Secretary/Treasurer	6	329	Bonnie Dorniak
National Executive Committeeperson	4	434	Bonnie Jakubczyk
Alternate National Executive Committeeperson	3	482	Joanie Dickerson
Parliamentarian	4	434	Bonnie Jakubczyk
Sergeant-at-Arms	7	118	Anna Rosemeyer
Asst Sergeant-at-Arms	12	278	Gay "Randi" Randall

American Legion Auxiliary Department of Wisconsin 2021-2022 District Presidents

OFFICERS	District	Unit	Name
1st District President	1	449	Lylette Smith
2nd District President	2	355	Amy Luft
3rd District President	3	85	Deb Rottman
4th District President	4	416	Laura Calteux
5th District President	5	1	Linda Bartell
6th District President	6	234	Diane Steinert
7th District President	7	118	Christina Petranovich
8th District President	8	10	Linda Tryczak
9th District President	9	38	Marian Brown
10th District President	10	121	Margaret Larson
11th District President	11	547	Theresa Schindler
12th District President	12	316	Betty Stone

American Legion Auxiliary Department of Wisconsin 2021-2022 Department Committee Assignments

Office	Dist.	Unit	Name	Office	Dist.	Unit	Name
ALA in the Know Program				Membership			
Chair	9	106	Becky Mueller	Chair	2	288	Maggie Geiger
Vice Chair	8	10	Amanda Szalewski	UD & R	10	121	Margaret Larson
				UD & R	2	189	Mary Petrie
				UD & R			12 District Presidents
Americanism				Music			
	9	106	Becky Mueller	(current Chaplain)	4	415	Donna Jensen
Aux. Emergency Fund				National Security			
	6	234	Diane Steinert		2	243	Karen Degner
ALABGS Committee				Office Policy Committee			
Chair	3	352	Danyelle Thompson	Chair	3	360	Jan Pulvermacher-Ryan
Vice Chair	8	339	SuAnn Pagel-Rast	Committee	4	434	Bonnie Jakubczyk
Executive Director	3	42	Delores Woolf	Committee	7	118	Virginia Kodl
Ast. Exec. Director	3	352	Jennifer Grinder				
Committee	4	416	Laura Calteux	Past Presidents Parley / Cavalcade of Memories			
Committee	3	482	Joanie Dickerson		4	416	Laura Calteux
Committee	3	352	Bethany Fredericks	Poppy Program			
Committee	3	352	Jennifer Leahy		8	263	Marla Knuettel
Committee	11	547	Theresa Schindler	Public Relations Committee			
Department President	7	118	Diane Weggen	Chair	9	523	Ann Lotter
Senior Vice President	9	512	Linda Coppock	Committee	12	499	Barbara McDaniel
Exec. Sec./Treasurer	6	329	Bonnie Dorniak	Committee	2	83	Danie Wilson
Americanism Chair	9	106	Becky Mueller				
Bowling Committee				Standing Rules			
Chair/Tournament Dir.	3	385	Jenni Syftestad		6	33	Char Kiesling
Committee	9	512	Lisa Blom	Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation (VA&R)			
Committee	3	385	Shannon Churchill	VA&R Chair	3	385	(James) Mike Rohan
Committee	3	85	Germaine Hying	Dir. of Hospital Vol.	4	537	Sue Hembrook
Committee	4	192	Sue Middlestead	Christmas Gift Shop Super.			
Committee	2	355	Toni Moegenburg		1	171	Diana Sirovina
Committee			Vacant	Christmas Gift Shop Ast.	5	1	Linda Bartell
Committee	2	355	Margie Schoonover	Homeless Women Vet. Grant Chair	7	284	Pat Smith
Committee	1	209	Debi Stuvengen	Service to Vet. Chair	9	512	Linda Coppock
Dept President	7	118	Diane Weggen				
Senior Vice President	9	512	Linda Coppock				
Exec. Sec./Treasurer	6	329	Bonnie Dorniak				
Children & Youth/Liaison-Child Welfare Fdn				HOSPITAL REPRESENTATIVES & DEPUTIES			
	9	11	Mary Krutz	Chippewa Falls – Wisconsin Veterans Home			
Community Service				Representative	10	53	Nancy Randen
	11	93	Janet Ericksen	Deputy	10	291	Teresa Steinke
Constitution & Bylaws				Dayton Care Center – Kenosha			
	3	360	Jan Pulvermacher-Ryan	Representative	4	537	Sue Hembrook
Distinguished Guests				Assistant			Vacant
	3	360	Joyce Endres	Iron Mountain, MI – Oscar G. Johnson USVAMC			
Education				Associate Rep.	9	66	Anna Wender
	10	53	Chrys Porter	Associate Deputy	9	262	Nellie DeBaker
Finance Committee				King – Wisconsin Veterans Home			
Chair	6	282	Diane Duscheck	Representative	8	161	Nancy Neuroth
Vice Chair	7	81	Kathy Wollmer	Assistant Rep.	8	161	Alice Bentley
Committee	9	106	Sue Keyzers	Deputy	8	161	Pat Daniels
Office Policy Chair	3	360	Jan Pulvermacher-Ryan	Deputy	8	161	Dawn Lind
Alternate NEC	3	482	Joanie Dickerson	Madison – Middleton Memorial VAMC			
Fundraising				Representative	3	151	Su Timmerman
	2	355	Sue Turowski	Deputy	3	172	Sheila Frye
Junior Activities				Milwaukee – Zablocki Memorial VAMC			
	4	416	Laura Calteux	Representative	4	434	Bonnie Jakubczyk
Assistant Jr. Activities	6	33	Char Kiesling	Deputy	4	192	Sandra Kaebisch
Leadership Committee				Deputy	4	192	Sue Middlestead
Chair	10	326	Teresa Isensee	Deputy	1	449	Sharon Miller
Committee	9	66	Deanna Farley	Minneapolis, MN – Minneapolis VA Health Care System			
Committee	3	245	Karen Runk	Associate Representative	10	121	Jeanne Williams
Legislative				Associate Deputy	10	121	Betty Swenson
	3	482	Joanie Dickerson	Tomah – VA Medical			
Liaison to TAL Communications Committee				Representative	7	201	Patricia Flanders
Editor – Wis. Publication	6	329	Bonnie Dorniak	Deputy	7	52	Mary Callaway
M. Louise Wilson Educational Loan Fund				Deputy			Vacant
	10	326	Joan Chwala	Deputy			Vacant

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY, DEPARTMENT OF WISCONSIN

ALA IN THE KNOW

(Important Info for Every Member)

2021 REGISTRATION FORM

(Please submit one form per person)

Members are encouraged to register early---space is limited! Registrations accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. Registrations received after capacity is reached, will be returned. **No reservations will be accepted on site.**

Session is \$25/person and includes morning refreshments, a light lunch, and program materials. Sessions will include information on a variety of topics and Auxiliary programs. New topics will be covered as we start a new century of service, so come out and join the fun!

Schedule for all conferences:

8:00 am – 9:00 am	Registration/Morning Refreshments
9:00 am – 3:30 pm	Informative presentation, lunch break, interactive program session, questions & answers

Please print clearly:

District #: _____ Unit #: _____ Unit City: _____

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Email: _____ Phone: home cell: _____

Select One:

	DATE	LOCATION	RESERVATION DUE
<input type="checkbox"/>	Saturday, 9/18/2021	American Legion Post #59 803 N. Page Street, Stoughton, WI 53589	Postmarked by 9/1/2021
<input type="checkbox"/>	Saturday, 9/25/2021	American Legion Post #87 1404 Macauley Ave., Rice Lake, WI 54868	Postmarked by 9/8/2021
<input type="checkbox"/>	Saturday, 10/2/2021	American Legion Post #38 3220 W. College Ave., Appleton, WI 54914	Postmarked by 9/15/2021
<input type="checkbox"/>	Saturday, 10/9/2021	American Legion Post #449 3245 N. 124th Street, Brookfield, WI 53005	Postmarked by 9/22/2021
<input type="checkbox"/>	Saturday, 10/16/2021	American Legion Post #306 518 Water Street, Green Lake, WI 54941	Postmarked by 9/29/2021
<input type="checkbox"/>	Saturday, 10/23/2021	American Legion Post #121 121 N. Main Street, River Falls, WI 54022	Postmarked by 10/6/2021

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 fee will be charged for any check returned by the bank.

Please share how your unit fulfilled the ALA mission during the COVID-19 crisis. How did you stay in contact and function as a unit during this time? What valuable lessons did you learn that would benefit other units in your area?

Please share one (1) question you would like addressed during the session: _____

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY MISSION STATEMENT

In the spirit of Service, not self, the mission of the American Legion Auxiliary is to support The American Legion and to honor the sacrifice of those who serve by enhancing the lives of our veterans, military, and their families, both at home and abroad. For God and Country, we advocate for veterans, educate our citizens, mentor youth, and promote patriotism, good citizenship, peace and security.

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY DEPARTMENT OF WISCONSIN 2020-2021 STATISTICS

Statistics are current as of May 18, 2021 and are based on the annual year-end reports from 182 of Wisconsin's 378 Units.

Wisconsin has over 17,000 members – grandmothers, mothers, sisters, spouses, daughters and granddaughters of veterans.

OUR SERVICE FOR VETERANS AND MILITARY

- * Number of Veterans/Military assisted: 26,570
- * Hours volunteered: 87,822
- * Dollars spent: \$191,844
- * Dollar value of in-kind donations: \$28,915
- * Number of poppies purchased for distribution in WI: 68,275
- * Number of poppies purchased by other states: 8,100
- * Poppy dollars raised to support veterans: \$93,697
- * Number of veterans who made poppies: 10

OUR SERVICE FOR MILITARY FAMILIES

- * Number of military families served: 1,624
- * Hours volunteered: 13,294
- * Dollars spent: \$33,047

OUR SERVICE FOR CHILDREN/YOUTH

- * Number of children & youth served: 6,218
- * Hours volunteered for Legion Family youth activities: 1,714
- * Dollars spent on children & youth: \$58,576

OUR SERVICE THRU ALA BADGER GIRLS STATE

- * Hours volunteered: 1,624
- * Dollars spent: \$32,644
- * Number of ALA Badger Girls State delegates in 2020: No Session

SCHOLARSHIPS

- * Number of scholarships awarded: 195
- * Dollar amount of local scholarships: \$85,135
- * Dollar amount of Department scholarships: \$24,500

OUR SERVICE IN OUR COMMUNITIES

- * Hours volunteered: 84,428
- * Dollars spent: \$117,202

To learn more about the American Legion Auxiliary, visit www.ALAforVeterans.org or www.amlegionauxwi.org

JUNE 2021 SWEEPSTAKES WINNERS

1	15.00	Alaina Kozicki	Green Bay	16	15.00	DeAnna Tweed	Hixton
2	15.00	Helen Rach	La Crosse	17	15.00	Kay Van Epps	Ridgeway
3	15.00	Jayne Schultz	Cecil	18	15.00	Catherine Bohne	West Allis
4	15.00	Joan Wenzel	Oconomowoc	19	15.00	William LaRose	Eau Claire
5	15.00	Jan Birnschein	Port Washington	20	25.00	Pamela Lohmeier	Tomahawk
6	25.00	Faye Sheehan	Pewaukee	21	15.00	Tina Moore-Loesch	Sturgeon Bay
7	15.00	Carolyn Knoppa	Grafton	22	15.00	Beverly Rihn	Bloomer
8	15.00	Gladys Adams	Cedarburg	23	15.00	Jane Bentheimer	Jefferson
9	15.00	Richard Hoffman	Lancaster	24	15.00	Barbara Rymer	Milwaukee
10	15.00	Carol Kezeske	Stevens Point	25	15.00	Cathy Landry	Green Bay
11	15.00	Patricia Blevins	River Falls	26	15.00	Gary Hines	Boscobel
12	15.00	Julie Milz	Loyal	27	25.00	Lorraine Boden	Hartford
13	25.00	Kason Warrington	Prairie du Chien	28	15.00	Lois Dura	Franklin
14	500.00	Dorothy Peterson	Alma	29	15.00	Betty Graff	West Bend
15	15.00	ALA Unit #40	Bangor	30	15.00	Donna Schevers	Kaukauna



American Legion Auxiliary
Department of Wisconsin

Junior Fall Conference Oshkosh Post 70

1332 Spruce Street, Oshkosh, WI
Saturday, September 25



The Junior Fall Conference will be held on Saturday, September 25th, 2021, in Oshkosh, WI. A meeting will be held at 10:00 am to elect new Honorary Junior Officers and discuss other important topics and then the fun begins! Bring your family to learn more about the Auxiliary and yourself and help us celebrate the 100th birthday of the American Legion Auxiliary. Registration is \$10.00 per person for all the activities, lunch and maybe a surprise or two! If you have any questions, please call Laura Calteux at 414-379-2943.

2021 JUNIOR AUXILIARY FALL CONFERENCE REGISTRATION

Reservation Deadline: September 10, 2021

Form submitted by (please print clearly):

Name: _____ District #: _____ Unit #: _____

Phone #: _____ Email: _____

NAME / UNIT #	FIRST TIME ATTENDEE? YES/NO	REGISTRATION/ Lunch \$10.00	Junior member	Senior member	TOTAL COST Per Person
GRAND TOTAL:		\$			\$

Please send reservation form with check payable to American Legion Auxiliary to:
Laura Calteux 7012 W. Squire Ave. Greenfield, WI 53220

Total Amount Enclosed : _____

2021 AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY CONVENTION HIGHLIGHTS



2021-2022 Department Officers (front row): Sr VP Linda Coppock, President Diane Weggen, 1st VP Maggie Geiger. (Back row): 2nd VP Becky Mueller, Historian Sue Hembrook, Chaplain Donna Jensen, Secretary-Treasurer Bonnie Dorniak, NEC Bonnie Jakubczyk.



Honored PDP Berne Baer.



Department President's Awards for Excellence presented to Unit 82 (Port Washington), above left; Unit 245 (Cross Plains), above right; Unit 263 (New London), below right; and Unit 470 (Saukville) below left.



Captain Mary Ellen Durley, U.S. Coast Guard, Service Woman of the Year.

2021 AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY CONVENTION HIGHLIGHTS



2021 Department Commander Greg Eirich and 2021 Department President Diane Weggen.



President Diane Weggen, escorted by grandsons Airman First Class Nicolas Weggen and Lt. Joseph Weggen, U.S. Naval Sea Cadet Corps.



President Joanie Dickerson escorted by husband, Dee Moomey.



National President Nicole Clapp of Iowa travels with Cornelius to bring greetings to Wisconsin.



Karen Knudsvig, Unit Member of the Year (Unit 360, Waunakee).



Memorial Table for Past Department Presidents Helen Gibson, Rose Wenger, Pearl Behrend, LaVon Schurman, Violet Feldmann and Andrea Page.

**September
24-25, 2021**

**LEGION
HEADQUARTERS
PORTAGE, WI**

See wilegion.org for more info.



This is a statewide event honoring veterans and first responders.

Featuring the Stephen Siller 9/11 Never Forget Mobile Museum and live entertainment all weekend.



Friday, September 24

9/11 Museum Open 8-5
 School Group Tours
 The Hounds 5-8 PM
 Road Trip 9-12 PM
 Beer Garden
 Vendors
 Military and First Responder Displays
 Blood Drive 12-5 PM



Saturday, September 25

9/11 Museum Open 8-5
 FTX 2021 – Force Training Exercise
 Vendors
 Kids Time 12-2
 Kids activities and youth band, the Alley Katz
 Beer Garden
 West on 12 8-11 PM

