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**American Legion Auxiliary Department of Wisconsin receives grant for branded items for summer citizenship, leadership program**

Portage, Wis. – A Mission in Action grant from the American Legion Auxiliary Foundation was awarded to the American Legion Auxiliary (ALA) Department of Wisconsin to purchase several branded items to bring awareness to the Auxiliary at their ALA Girls State program.

“We hope all the girls attending American Legion Auxiliary Badger Girls State (ALABGS) at UW-Oshkosh from June 19-24, 2022 become fully aware that the program is sponsored by the American Legion Auxiliary,” said Danyelle Thompson, ALABGS Chairman. “This will broaden the opportunity to share the ALA’s vision and possibly recruit new members for the organization and/or gain their support in working our mission to serve veterans, military, their families, youth, and our communities.”

The \$5,000 grant was used to purchase branded wooden flag bases, gavels, portable carts, a pop-up canopy, tablecloths, banners, name badge holders, and various signs to bring awareness of the Auxiliary at the ALA Badger Girls State program.

Female high school students who have completed their junior year are competitively selected and sponsored by American Legion Auxiliary units for the ALA Badger Girls State program, where they learn about the political process by electing officials for all levels of state government as they actively create the mythical State of Badger.

Traditionally, more than 700 girls attend ALA Badger Girls State in Wisconsin annually.

*The American Legion Auxiliary (ALA) is a community of volunteers serving veterans, military, and their families. Our members also support the mission of The American Legion in improving the quality of life for our nation’s veterans. Proud sponsor of ALA Girls Nation, National Poppy Day® and recognized for advocating for veterans on Capitol Hill, the nearly 600,000 ALA members across the country volunteer millions of hours annually and raise millions of dollars in service to veterans, military, and their families. Founded in 1919, the ALA is one of the oldest patriotic membership organizations in the U.S.A. To learn more and to volunteer, join, and donate, visit [www.ALAforVeterans.org](http://www.ALAforVeterans.org).*

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