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.....**Sandy's Corner**.....

All Counties have now finished their County Council meetings. I was thrilled to be able attend all meetings. Each one has its own uniqueness. I enjoyed hearing all the different events that are being done. What wonderful ideas. Department of Wisconsin's President Maggie Geiger's theme is "Enhancing the lives of our Veterans, Military and their Families" one day at a time. This is what we are doing.

I encourage Unit members, Units Presidents, and County Presidents to visit other Unit meetings and County meetings. It is a great way to see how others run their meetings and, you may even gain more knowledge. My thoughts are I can never gain enough.



As a tradition in my house at Thanksgiving time, we say a prayer and then go around the table and everyone says what they are thankful for. While you're sitting around the table this Thanksgiving, I ask that you bless the members of our armed forces, and give them courage, hope and strength.

I wish you all a blessed and safe Thanksgiving.

"Together We Can Make A Difference"

For God and Country

Americanism
Mary Petrie
2nd District Americanism Chair

As I began writing, several lines of “America the Beautiful” popped into my mind. In such a chaotic world, these simple words are calming and could be used as a prayer...

America! America!
God shed His grace on thee,
And crown thy good with brotherhood,
From sea to shining sea!



Are you looking for a quick and easy project that involves everyone?

As your members drive around town, have them note houses displaying the American flag. Pull over to jot down the address, then *report* it to your Unit’s Americanism Chairman or form a committee to handle this project. Be sure to keep an ongoing list so only one card is sent to a residence. Mail a thank you postcard. Keep it brief and to the point, signing off with American Legion Auxiliary and your Unit name and number.

Sample:

Dear Patriotic Citizen,
Thank you for proudly displaying the American flag. Long may she wave!
American Legion Auxiliary Pitterle-Beaudoin Unit189

While doing that, you might also note any flags that should be repaired/replaced. The American Legion Flag & Emblem catalog offers flag replacement postcards at www.emblem.legion.org. The postcard is anonymous and has a well-written note. Item 735.200 is 60-cents each or take advantage of the special pricing of 25 cards at 50-cents apiece for only \$12.50. While perusing the catalog, why not check out some of the patriotic items you could gift students?

For God and Country...

Ways & Means
Dawn Rudy
2nd District Ways & Means Chair

2nd District will once again be selling tickets for the 2024 2nd District Spring Conference which will be held at the Kalahari Resort & Convention center on May 4th 2024. Prices on the tickets will be the same as last year.

Printing is scheduled for the end of December and will be sent to all units to sell. Please note: This is how 2nd District raises funds to provide our Veterans-Military and Families with the things they may need. We are a volunteer organization and, nobody receives any type of income, monies are donated to different organizations.

Facebook Articles
Submitted by: Kristy Wakeman

Does your unit have an event planned? Do you have flyers to advertise? Let me help you with that. Send your flyer and/or article to me at kareuter19@gmail.com. Once approved by District 2 President Sandy Mack, I will post it to the 2nd District Facebook page. We would like to get the information out so people throughout District 2 can come and experience what is happening in your county.

Visit/like & share our facebook page:

American Legion Auxiliary 2nd District WI

Like and share our page

Poppies
2nd District Poppy Program Chair
Cathy Brunnuell

Poppies have always been distributed to the communities before or on Memorial Day.

Since Covid some units have looked outside the box and figured out other ways to distribute. A fun way is to have a drive thru at your American Legion. The people pull up and drop their contribution in a basket. The basket can be reached out to them in an arm's length. Then another basket is offered to them so they can take their poppy. It turned out to be a fun day. when there is a will there is away! Different times of the year are always welcome. They can be distributed all year round, Memorial Day is the most common, but remember Veterans Day. I think the community is more aware when certain holidays come around and if they are more aware, they will more than likely make more donations.

Another way to distribute Poppies is when your unit is having an event, have poppies available for people to wear, and make a contribution. Remember when your unit is doing something to make people aware of the Auxiliary, the Poppies can be involved.

Always try to include Junior members if you have them in your unit. The Poppy Princess is always a good volunteer. I remember always going with my Dad to help with poppies and we should continue and mentor our Juniors so they understand how important the poppies are to help our units raise money to help the Veterans and their families.

Remember the poppy orders need to be placed by December 12, 2023. The forms are on the American Legion Auxiliary Department of Wisconsin website. You will find order forms for the small or large poppies. Any questions or help needed, please contact me.

2nd District Public Relations
Program Chair: Pat Bruss

Hello 2nd District,

I am currently involved in Social Media Marketing and am grateful for the opportunity to promote the communications as Public Relations chairman for the Units and Counties within our District. We need to remember that a large percentage of our membership is not active on Facebook so traditional newsletters, newspaper articles, and emails are important. Units in our District can submit their activities and accomplishments to the Badger Legionnaire/The Wisconsin for another publicity option.

Let's be a Tourist in our District and get satisfaction from the many landmarks and venues we, as a military family, have celebrated and created via Government appropriations as well as public and private Donations for our Veterans, Active-Duty Service personnel, and their families and communities.

I am putting the Spotlight on the Counties in our District:

Columbia County

Check out <https://www.prairiedusac.net/veteransmemorial-park>

Dodge County

The Veterans Memorial of Mayville, Inc. on the south side of town across the pavilion bridge on the Rock River is a monument for Veterans from Mayville.

<https://www.nationalwarmemorialregistry.org>

Jefferson County

Visit Veteran's Memorial Park in Oconomowoc <https://veteransmemorialpark-ocon.org>

Ozaukee County

Visit Ozaukee Coal Dock Park in Port Washington on the Shores of Lake Michigan. It is a designated Bird sanctuary on the shores of Lake Michigan adjacent to downtown and the marina. <https://www.visitportwashington.com>

Sheboygan County

Our own Danie Wilson was President of the Sheboygan County Council when the Auxiliary dedicated the Poppy Garden at Bookworm Gardens in Sheboygan (open May - October). It is a Botanical Garden illustrating over 75 gardens inspired by popular children's books with the laminated books available to read at stations throughout the gardens. The Poppy Lady is presented in a patch of handmade metal poppies.

www.BookwormGardens.org

Washington County

Kewaskum is home to the 9/11 Memorial with an actual steel beam from the North Tower commemorating Andrea Haberman who was killed in the 9/11 attack. It includes a Survivor Pear Tree and memorial bricks for area Veterans.

<https://www.wisconsin911memorial.com>

Any questions please contact me at patriciabruess@gmail.com

Thank you to all 2nd District Counties for inviting me to your County Council meetings.

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President: Dorothy Wienke*



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Sandy Mack-2nd District President

DID YOU KNOW?

November 11th is Veterans Day

Veteran's day, was first observed on November 11th, 1919, as Armistice Day in honor of the first anniversary of the end of World War I, which officially ended on the "eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month" in 1918. In 1926, Congress called for an annual observance of the anniversary and by 1938 it was an official federal holiday. A few decades later in 1954, President Dwight D. Eisenhower officially changed the name of the holiday from Armistice Day to Veterans Day, as it is currently known today. Veterans Day is in honor of all those who served in the military. A Special "thank you" goes out to all the veterans.

Throughout November is National U.S. Navy Aircraft Carrier Month

We celebrate the National U.S. Navy Aircraft Carrier Month to honor the value, accomplishments, and contributions of the U.S. Navy aircraft carriers, as well as the men and women who serve on them.

What is November 10th for the Marines?

November 10, 1921, is the formal commemoration of the birthday of the Marine Corps. This particular date was chosen because on that day the Second Continental Congress resolved in 1775 to raise two battalions of Continental Marines. Until 1921 the birthday of the Corps was celebrated on another date.

November is National Veterans and Military Families Month

Every November, the Defense Department and the military community celebrates military families and transitioning veterans.

God Bless America