



Department of Wisconsin American Legion Auxiliary

6th District Newsletter

November 2023



Char Kiesling Junior Activities Chair

6th District Junior Fall Fun Day was combined with the Department Juniors Fall Conference Camp-out at Camp Hometown Heros, a 500-acre camp near Campbellsport this past weekend! Pictured are campers and their special visitor Department President Maggie Geiger! President Maggie presented each camper with her pin. Moms and Grandmas also attended.

Department Co-Chairs for Junior Activities Laura Calteux and I led the group, along with camp expert Sue Turkowski and her husband Paul. Sue shared the mission of Camp Hometown Heros with the Junior and SAL members attending the camp out. Each received an ALF dog for themselves, some received another to pass on to a military child and were asked to write about what happened. Thank you to all for this special experience even with the weather-challenging issues!

Membership

Congratulations to Unit #477 St Nazianz for reaching 132% of their membership goal and Unit #165 Two Rivers reaching 100% of their goal. Great job! The October 31, 2023 membership report shows that 6th District has moved into 6th place. Our sled dog Denali is in the middle of the pack, pulling strong and racing towards the top in membership!

A reminder about the first department membership incentive award date, **November 11, 2023**, Two units that have reached 100% by that date are eligible to receive **\$150**. Membership dues must be at Dept. HQ PRIOR to the goal date and Units must have the 2023-2024 Unit Officer Form submitted to Department with Officers' dues paid to be considered eligible.

Unit Year-End Reports

The 2023-2024 Unit Year-End Reports were mailed to unit presidents based on the officer lists currently on file at Department. The year-end reports are also posted on the department website as fillable forms. Year-end reports are due April 15, 2024.

ALA Programs

2023-2024 Program Engagement Plans and additional program information are posted on the Department website (www.amlegionauxwi.org/programs). Select the programs your unit wants to work, click a button to be directed to the corresponding program/officer page. If the information you are looking for is not listed, please contact the Program Chairman/Department Officer. Lots of great information!

6th District Fall Conference/Fun Day



Fall Conference was held on October 28th and was hosted by the Oshkosh Unit 70. It was great to see many units represented. We were honored to have President Maggie Geiger attend and join in on the fun! District Chairs presented program highlights. We had a great exchange of information between all the units and we ended the day with a slinky pumpkin craft. A big thank you to Unit 70 for hosting the event and to Beth Puddy for your help with crafting!

2024 MIDWINTER CONFERENCE
AUXILIARY SESSION ~ JANUARY 20, 2023 (9:00 am – 1:00 pm)
RADISSON HOTEL ~ WISCONSIN ROOM 102
200 HARBOR VIEW PLAZA, LA CROSSE, WI 54601

Come join the American Legion Auxiliary for a **FUN** session at the 2024 Midwinter Conference! The session will include **FUN** projects to benefit veterans at the VA Hospitals and Veterans Homes supported by Wisconsin. Department Adjutant Julie Muhle will also motivate everyone in attendance with her presentation, "React or Respond!" Finally, the session will close with a round table discussion / Q&A segment. More information & registration form were included in the October 2023 Bi-monthly Unit Mailing.

How does your Unit honor your veterans? Please email me pictures of your events and other highlights for our next newsletter!

Thanks for all you do!!

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