



**HONORED PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT
DIANE KRANIG (2006-2007)**

Diane Kranig is a lifelong member of Berens Scribner Unit 6 of Stevens Point and served as Department President in 2006-2007. The theme of her year was “Circle of Service,” a reminder that the American Legion Auxiliary needs to continue to fulfill the promises made to our veterans and their families.

Diane is eligible for membership through the Korean War service of her deceased father, Jerome Kranig. She was brought up in the American Legion and Auxiliary Family with her mother, Past National President Barbara, serving as role model and mentor by default. Always participating in Junior activities and conferences, Diane was Wisconsin Miss Poppy while a sophomore in high school. There was not a Father’s Day that was not spent at the Wisconsin Veterans Home at King for the annual Pilgrimage.

The special project she selected was Breast Cancer Awareness and raising funds for the Breast Cancer Research Foundation, a cause she continues to support. BCRF currently funds researchers at medical institutions in the United States and in 15 countries worldwide. The Fall Informational Forum in 2006 was held in Stevens Point with a change of format, allowing each attendee to hear from more program chairmen. This may have been the inspiration for the current ALA in the Know!

Prior to becoming Department President, Diane served as Department Officer, including Senior Vice President and Vice President, and many Department Chairmanships. Following her year as Department President, she served as Wisconsin’s National Executive Committeewoman. She has also served the Eighth District as President, as well as other offices and chairmanships on that level. At present, she is serving as District Parliamentarian and Bylaws Chairman.

In her home unit, Diane has served in every capacity and remains active as a chairman and officer. She can be found working Poppy Day, any unit fundraiser, or the Annual Bowling for Veterans.

An area of special interest to Diane during her years of service was to the American Legion Auxiliary Badger Girls State program. She served as a staff member for 25 years and was Chairman of the Girls State Committee for several years. She also had the opportunity to serve on the National Girls State Committee and traveled to Washington, DC as a staff member for Girls Nation.

Diane retired in 2018 after a 34-year career at Sentry Insurance in Stevens Point, with her final job there as Senior Quality Assurance Specialist in the IT Department. She remains involved in community theater and serves as a poll worker for the city. She enjoys quilting and playing trivia. Currently, she can be found removing the wallpaper in her kitchen.

Diane has been supported throughout her Auxiliary service by her husband Ken Sankey; their two daughters – Genevieve, and her husband Ben Brandl, and Giselle, and husband Eric Zahn; and grandson Oliver Brandl.