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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



LAUREL DuBOIS
Department
President

We are half way through the year! I hope you all will use this time to personally contact those who have not yet paid their dues and wish them a Happy New Year. We need to communicate and remind our members of all the great things our organization does. Now is the time to reconnect.

I was at the Legion Midwinter Conference and Commander Dan Seehafer brought up an interesting point. When you ask someone to join our great organization, do you often hear

these questions? "What does the American Legion or the Auxiliary do? Why should I join?" Do you have a ready answer? Or, do you have that "deer in the headlights look?"

Is it that we help our veterans and their families by sponsoring blood drives to help save lives? Is it raising money with our poppy funds to help veterans and their families in need? Is it the scholarships we give at the high school or funds we raise to help our youth play Legion Baseball? If you do not have a ready answer to this question, perhaps it is time to share that information with your fellow members.

Communication is our lifeblood. We need to prepare for

these questions. Often, we fail to tell our own members about all the things the unit has done over the last year. Make up a list of all the things your Unit, Post, SAL, or Riders group has done this past year. Print it up, mail it to all your members, and write up an article for your local newspaper. We need to update our community on everything we have done. How many times have you asked someone to join our organization only for her to come back and say she has never heard about us or that she has no idea of what we do? Our members need to be able to answer these questions. We must advertise our good deeds. Your members need to know that their efforts are

helping our veterans, their families, and our communities.

Spring conferences are just around the corner. I am looking forward to attending as many of them as I can. When you contact your members about their membership dues, remind them of meeting times, places, and what they can learn by attending. It is a good time for your district members to reunite. We are a social organization. Share how your units have helped our veterans, and share ideas and information picked up from Portage. We can all take credit for everything we do throughout the state and country. We are strong when we unite and communicate.

As we finish out the rest of the

year, please know that what you do for our veterans is very important. We must tell our communities and each other of our accomplishments. Send in your stories to Department so we can share them with our Legion Family in the Wisconsin or unit mailings. Together, we will continue to Soar for our Veterans and keep the Wisconsin American Legion Auxiliary a great organization. I am very proud of all the things you do to help our Veterans, their families, and our communities. Keep up the good work. Remember to say "Hello!"

God Bless

MEMBERSHIP

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I just couldn't wait to put this membership article to press. I wanted to say thank you for continuing to turn the tide on our membership goals. Membership renewals and recruits have picked up and continue to steadily reach department headquarters. Wisconsin...we don't quit! You have heard so many suggestions on how we can reach our goals. I hope you feel I and my team have been available, helpful when notified, and been encouraging.

Now, may I suggest a resource that many units haven't tapped into? That is The American Legion and the whole AMERICAN LEGION FAMILY. I don't feel we have explored this thoroughly in some units and posts. I have become more aware in this position that many posts are not aware that we are there for them, our whole existence is for every

need of ALL veterans. Units, please, visit your posts and educate them on who we are, what we do, and why we do it. More cohesion has to exist between the posts and units. One member or the unit as a whole needs to ask for an invitation and when you do visit, take along applications and make sure there are enough for all Legionnaires. PUT THEM IN THEIR HANDS not just a pile placed on a table! (Yours Truly made that mistake!) Then follow-up is so very important. Many units meet when the post meets so this should be even easier so ask them to sign up wives, daughters, sisters, mom, granddaughters and great-granddaughters. Let me know how you do with this next attempt at getting our Wisconsin Eagles soaring after being grounded for so long. Good luck!

I have just a little quiz for all of you: 1) Have you always enjoyed being an Auxiliary member? 2) Do you feel you are making a difference for our

veterans, military, and families? 3) Do you thank a veteran every day? 4) Have you ever signed up a new member? Do you want your organization to continue to be the largest women's service organization in the world for another 100 years? 5) Is YOUR unit 100%? IF YOU HAVE ANSWERED EACH QUESTION WITH A YES...you are truly a SOARING EAGLE!

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**A special thank you to all for your cards and prayers for my premie granddaughter, Arabella and myself. Both are doing better every day!

CANDIDATES FOR DEPARTMENT & NATIONAL OFFICES

Members interested in running for officer positions at the Department and National levels should submit their announcement and head-and-shoulder photo to Department Secretary Bonnie Dorniak for publication in the Wisconsin no later than Friday, May 5, 2017. Electronic copies are preferred (deptsec@amlegionauxwi.org). Hard copies may be mailed to ALA-WI, Attn: Department Secretary, PO Box 140, Portage, WI 53901-0140.

Any member may run for any office as a right of membership. While each experience as an officer or chairman helps to prepare the member for higher office, members have the right to pursue any office that is personally fulfilling without obligation to seek other offices.

Department positions include:

- Chaplain
- Historian
- Second Vice President
- First Vice President
- Senior Vice President
- President

National positions include:

- National Executive Committeewoman (2-year term, 2017-2019)
- Central Division National Vice President (for 2019-2020 administrative year)

While endorsements for department office are not required, candidates are encouraged to seek endorsements from their unit, county, and district. Endorsements should be sent to the Department Secretary prior to the candidate's formal announcement.

KEEP MEMBERSHIP SOARING • FEBRUARY 2017 • 67.78%

DISTRICT 11
64.50%

DISTRICT 1
65.90%

DISTRICT 3
68.39%

DISTRICT 2
69.68%

DISTRICT 9
70.63%

DISTRICT 5
97.07%

DISTRICT 4
59.38%

DISTRICT 7
65.13%

DISTRICT 8
66.00%

DISTRICT 12
69.42%

DISTRICT 10
70.12%

DISTRICT 6
72.25%



SOAR FOR OUR VETERANS

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

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The first Sunday in February is the day The American Legion pays tribute to the Four Chaplains who gave their lives to save many others on the sinking USAT Dorchester. I had the honor of participating in the American Legion's tribute to the Four Chaplains at the Midwinter Conference in January. I read the story and attended the service in the past, but when I needed to find a scripture reading to present, it brought on a different feeling. Scanning a mini bible, I found many verses that could apply, so I chose three I felt were fitting! As I sat and listened to the story being read of those four brave Chaplains, I was chilled and shuttered at their bravery, knowing their own fate. It is humbling to say the least. What an example of courage, compassion, and above all – faith. They had no fear. I cannot even imagine that feeling of sacrifice, though I am sure some of you may have at some point in your lives. Bless you!

This month's prayer is taken from the Legion Chaplain's Prayer Book. I do not feel I can properly make up something better in their honor.

Dear Lord, Help us to see, even today, the times that we might stand up for that which is most important, and to do so with more concern for others than for ourselves. Help us to recognize the times when we might overlook the insignificant differences between people, and respond to the needs of someone just because he or she is a person in need. In your name we pray, Amen.

Be Not Afraid by Bob Dufford, S.J.

*You shall cross the barren desert
 But you shall not die of thirst.
 You shall wander far in safety
 Though you do not know the way.
 You shall speak your words in foreign lands
 And all will understand.
 You shall see the face of God and live.*

Refrain:

*Be not afraid
 I go before you always
 Come follow Me
 And I will give you rest.*

*If you pass through raging waters
 In the sea, you shall not drown.
 If you walk amidst the burning flames
 You shall not be harmed.
 If you stand before the pow'r of hell
 And death is at your side
 Know that I am with you, through it all.*

(Refrain)

*Blessed are your poor
 For the Kingdom shall be theirs.
 Blest are you that weep and mourn
 for one day you shall laugh.
 And if wicked tongues insult and hate you*

*All because of Me
 Blessed, blessed are you!*
(Refrain)

GREETINGS FROM HEADQUARTERS

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The national organization sent final dues renewal notices to members whose dues were not processed by department as of early December 2016. If you believe you received a notice in error, please contact your unit and ask them to forward your dues to department headquarters. If your membership lapsed but you still want to renew so you can retain your benefits, please mail your membership dues today, pay online at www.ALAforVeterans.org, or call the national organization at 317-569-4500 and they will process your dues with a credit card over the phone.

Units that sponsor girls for ALA Badger Girls State (ALABGS), should work with their local school to help select delegates and to ensure the delegates promptly register for the session and attend an orientation. Visit the ALABGS website (www.badgergirlsstate.org) for the latest information on the 2017 session, including orientations being scheduled.

Auxiliary scholarship applications must be submitted to Education Chairman Mary Krutz by March 15th for consideration. Late applications will not be accepted. Please encourage qualified students to apply. Applications can be downloaded

from the department website.

Do you know any Wisconsin American Legion Auxiliary members who could use financial assistance for college? The M. Louise Wilson Educational Loan Fund offers interest-free loans of \$800 per year for up to five years to Auxiliary members attending college. The loan is repaid in monthly payments after the student graduates or finishes school. Interested members should contact Chairman Joan Chwala for an application or more information.

Unit Year-End Reports are due April 14th. The Unit Narrative Reports should be sent to Department and the Unit Impact Reports should be sent to your district president. These reports are the best tools for showcasing all the wonderful things the American Legion Auxiliary does throughout the year. Every unit does something – from distributing poppies to hosting community blood drives. Members should be proud of their service and take time to report it! President Laurel DuBois and the department chairmen will review the narrative reports to select units for special recognition at Department Convention.

I ask each unit to take time to report their accomplishments. Last year, only 236 units submitted a year-end impact report, but their accomplishments were phenomenal! More than \$90,000 was awarded in local scholarships. Members contributed

more than 309,000 hours in volunteer service and donated \$453,356 to support our veterans, the military and their families! (That's almost half a million dollars – just from the units that reported!) Twenty-five veterans made 434,150 poppies, which resulted in \$304,660 raised through poppy distributions. I can't imagine what the impact would be if EVERY unit had reported! Let's see if we can improve on last year's reporting.

Members are reminded to attend district spring conferences to learn more about the Auxiliary and thank the district officers for all their hard work. Current schedule (subject to change):

Mar 18:	7th District
Apr 1:	8th District
Apr 8:	10th District
Apr 22:	1st District
Apr 22:	6th District
Apr 22:	11th District
Apr 29:	2nd District
Apr 29:	3rd District
Apr 29:	5th District
Apr 29:	9th District
May 6:	4th District
TBD:	12th District

Additional details are posted on the department website, which will be updated as more information becomes available.

I'd like to give a special shout out to Legionnaire BOB MELTON – thanks for reading my articles!

EDUCATION

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According to statistics from the Institute for College Access & Success, 70% of Wisconsin students graduating from a four year public or private non-profit college average \$30,000 in debt. With these statistics, I anticipate taking at least a week off of work starting March 15th, to organize and read all of the scholarship applications coming across my desk. Why? Because I expect every caring mother, grandmother, and great grandmother in our great organization to encourage their children and grandchildren to apply. I expect that many units have used this perk to entice new members or have offered this perk to the families of

their local veterans, even if they are not members. Why? Because we care about our young adults and their role in the future of our nation.

THINGS TO REMEMBER:

- **Deadline Dates:** Applicant to Unit – March 1st. Unit to Department Education Chairman on or before March 15, 2017 for national scholarship applications. Department level scholarships must be postmarked by March 15, 2017.
- **Unit President:** Verify the application is complete according to the rules of the scholarship. Please be sure to sign the application.
- Unit may enter only one candidate per scholarship. Applicants may apply for each scholarship for which they are eligible.
- Some of our scholarships can be awarded to current college students or graduate students.
- Technical College students may also

apply depending on scholarship rules.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Does your unit give out a scholarship? That's wonderful! Please report that in your year-end narrative report. Feel free to tell us the history and requirements of your scholarship. Remember that the student may still be eligible for the national and department scholarships, so encourage them to apply.

Thank you to all who submitted Mid-Year Reports. It is not too early to begin your year-end narrative reports. I would like to hear from each unit. If you have not worked an Education Program, I understand, but please send me a note on the form and tell me. That will still count as a report from your unit. Year-End Reports are due April 14th. Application for awards are due May 15.

Thank you for working the ALA mission and making a difference in our world.

SERVICE TO VETERANS

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You know when spring arrives, it also means that it is report time. I hope you have been recording your hours and money spent on your individual tally sheet. These sheets need to be turned into your Unit VA&R Chairman or Unit President. They will then fill out the Service to Veterans Volunteer Award form that was in the

contest and awards mailing. I need these sheets to record and process your hours.

You may qualify this year for a new Service to Veterans pin or hour bar. The hours are cumulative from year to year. It is important that we report your hours to National so that Congress knows how much we soar for our veterans. I can only report what I get from you, so please let me know all the Service to Veterans projects you have done.

Some of the things we can record are:

helping our veterans by shoveling snow, mowing their lawn, babysitting, giving them a ride, making a meal, and making items for the local VA.

Do not forget to do a narrative program report along with pictures of your Service to Veterans activities. If you have any questions, need a tally sheet or help filling it out, please do not hesitate to contact me. I would love to hear about your projects and how you soared for our veterans and I will be happy to answer any questions.



MISSION: 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.



PUBLIC RELATIONS

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Two months (about) as of this writing, ladies is the time to prove what all the units have been doing. It is time to re-check your monthly meeting notes and

coordinate what programs your unit has been supporting and look for awards you may qualify. There are four awards starting with the Member Award/ALA Brand Ambassador, and moving onto the Unit Award for new website or Facebook launch. Next is the Unit Award for Most Outstanding PR Program and the most important is the Department Award – Outstanding PR Program. This is a big reminder – all these awards are required to have cover sheets attached. Per Cen-

tral Division PR Chair, Diana Sirovina, "Remember, too, that year-end reports need to have pictures attached. They need to be in electronic format, not copied and pasted to a page." Use the Plan of Action from either the National website or Department of Wisconsin for answers to questions.

A picture is said to "say more than a thousand words." Photos show so much about our American Legion Family and with the use of our branded items we

can make a more visible showing to the public. This action, in-turn, many times will bring questions about us and what our great organization is and how we do business. Also, photos need to show the faces of people with the caption telling who, why, when and where. The clarity of the photos is very important to tell the story. Keep the images clear and faces to the front. Remember to get in close, if necessary repose the photos shortly after the presentation.



FUNDRAISING

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A huge thank-you goes out to all units donating to the BAKELESS BAKE SALE in support of President Laurel's special project, the Veterans Creative Arts Festival. The fundraiser was very successful in that 47 units participated, donating a total of \$3,249.00! As incentive, two tickets to the

2017 Department Daily Sweepstakes were offered, with one going to the district with the highest percentage of participating units and the other to a randomly drawn unit. Congratulations to District 6, with 25.93% of their units participating and to Lake Mills Unit 67, chosen in a random drawing.

Due to the fact that so many donations were received for the president's special project, Item #4814 on the suggested donations sheet, it was decided to offer two

additional tickets. Congratulations to District 1, with 45% of their units participating and to Greenbush Unit 261, chosen in a random drawing.

Hopefully we'll see one of these four tickets listed as a winner. Watch the Wisconsin and department website for a list of monthly sweepstakes winners.

You can of course continue to donate to the president's special project by sending your donation to department headquarters.

A basket raffle is planned at department convention as a final fundraising effort for this project. Details will follow in the coming months.

Thank you to everyone for your generous contributions in support of our Veterans in their quest to participate in the Creative Arts Festival. The Department of Wisconsin is sure to be right up there as a leading contributor due to your generosity.

THANK YOU!



COMMUNITY SERVICE

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Thank you to the units who completed mid-year reports!! Community Service had 100% department reporting at the national level! Some of the things the units that reported are doing: donating to Wisconsin Veterans Home at King for their King Day dinners on Father's Day;

attending funerals and memorial services for Auxiliary, Legion, Sons and Riders providing support, flowers, grave markers and food; decorated Christmas trees and donated to local food pantries; participated in parades and hosted luncheons which included Veterans from The American Legion and other Veterans groups, parade marchers and citizens.

Start planning now. In your end of year reports, please include ACTUAL hours,

number of members, amount spent on monetary and in-kind donations. These are our IMPACT numbers; they are provided to The American Legion and used to report to Congress! It would be great to have 100% reporting for the department end of the year reports.

Hopefully spring is near but it's still a great time to collect coats, hats, gloves, scarfs and blankets for the homeless and to help in soup kitchens. Valentine's Day

and Presidents Day are around the corner. Consider working with school children to get valentine cards and pictures to our Veterans. Make contacts with your schools to get Veterans and/or Auxiliary members into history classes or other classrooms to speak to our children about our country, our flag, our freedom, etc.

Service not Self,
 Beth Puddy



STRATEGIC PLANNING

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Professional and Caring ALA Volunteers: "Service not self" is a core value of the American Legion Auxiliary (ALA). Goal #2 of the Strategic Plan addresses building an Internal Culture of Goodwill. I can honestly say I was (am) shocked to hear about some of our members' unprofessional behavior at all levels of our organization and across the American Legion Family. Has this happened in your unit? What can you and I do about it? When we bring a diverse group of people together, organizational politics is an unavoidable element. Wishing it will go away is not a solution.

Together we can build a strong cohesive internal culture of goodwill when we learn how to deal with difficult people, address our own beliefs as the only answer, and understand how to build alliances across a broad spectrum of people. Is it easy? NO! But all things begin with a first step.

Make sure it is known by your unit members, it is NOT acceptable to gossip, back-

stab, manipulate and spread hearsay to serve themselves. Remind yourself often to walk away from and do not become involved with politics and self-serving people. If you get caught up emotionally in the drama, you run the risk of saying things or making decisions you'll regret.

Remind yourself and fellow members often that it's about the mission. Serving our stakeholders is critical to your membership and volunteer happiness and to the unit's stability and value. In service-not-self we enjoy working side by side to bring vital services to our veterans, active military and their family, plus youth and community programs. Keep your mind and eye on the mission.

An internal CULTURE OF GOODWILL is a solid foundation that will ensure the American Legion Auxiliary and its family will grow, succeed and bring joy to our members at every meeting, event and volunteer opportunity. Look at yourself first, then help others understand 'Service-not-Self' is what the American Legion Auxiliary is all about.



LEADERSHIP

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What is the purpose of a Leadership Workshop?

A **Workshop** is to help us grow - as individuals - and to help our organization grow.

We gather **information** that will better **educate** ourselves about our organization.

Our **purpose** is to help our members gain a measure of comfort in a leadership position.

There is a **direct relationship** between the **realization**/feeling of comfort and confidence.

The more we learn about **ourselves**, our **members**, our **organization** - the more confident we will be in a **leadership role**. **Confidence**.

What are some of the factors that will help us thrive in a leadership role?

1. Self-realization - Confidence
2. Knowledge/Better understanding of the many facets of our organization.
3. Understanding/Setting Goals

- a. Advance planning - plan ahead - it's easier than playing catch-up!
- b. Communication - defining/sharing information
- c. Receptive to ALL input/feedback - LISTEN!
- d. Consideration/Respect for others - our members
- e. Empower Others - give credit where/when it's due

- Remember - you are not alone! no one is expected to do a job alone!
- Your organization wants you to succeed - its members are ready to help you.
- Your unit members want you to succeed - they are ready to help you.
- If you succeed - they succeed too.
- We all succeed in making our organization better.
- We grow - by helping each other.
- Our units will grow stronger - and thrive - and we can/will enjoy this fabulous organization!

Let's grow, **together** - Remember to call me to plan a Leadership Workshop and visit www.alaforVeterans.org for the Senior Auxiliary Basics Course or the Junior Basics Course.

WANTED: PIANIST FOR CONVENTION

The American Legion Auxiliary, Department of Wisconsin, needs a pianist for the 2017 Department Convention in Appleton. Pianist must be available for the duration of the convention: Friday, July 14th from 7:45 am - 4:00 pm; Saturday, July 15th from 7:45 am - 4:30 pm; and Sunday, from 8:45 am until

completion of installation. Pianist will play music during flag procession, entrance of distinguished guests, and interludes between speakers. Anyone interested in serving in this capacity should contact Department Secretary Bonnie Dorniak at deptsec@amlegionauxwi.org.
 Thank you.



2017 DISTRICT SPRING CONFERENCES

Dist.	Date	Location	Registration Time/Fee	Luncheon Cost	Make check Payable to:	Send check to:	Contact Person	Deadline
#1	4/22/17	INFORMATION - TO BE DETERMINED						
#2	4/29/17	Wintergreen Resort 100 Gasser Road Wisconsin Dells WI 53965	8:00 am Fee: \$2.00	\$18.00	ALA Columbia County Council	Barb Ostrowski S1903 Cty Hwy A Lot 61 Baraboo WI 53913	Barb Ostrowski 608-237-1489 bostro@frontier.com	4/17/17
#3	4/29/17	Southwest Tech - Lenz Center 1800 Bronson Blvd Fennimore WI 53809	8:00 - 8:45 am Fee: \$3.00	\$10.00	ALA Unit 482	LaVon Schurman PO Box 171 Bagley WI 53801	Joanie Dickerson 608-996-2152 jomaried@gmail.com	4/14/17
#4	5/6/17	Greendale Post 416 6351 W Grange Avenue Greendale WI 53129	9:30 - 10:00 am Fee \$2.00	\$15.00	ALA 4 th District	Sue Hembrook 24215 60 th Street Salem WI 53168	Sue Middlestead 414-545-2727 jmiddlesteadt@att.net	4/21/2017
#5	4/29/17	Veterans Manor 3430 W Wisconsin Ave. Milwaukee WI 53208	10:00 am Fee included in Lunch Cost	\$20.00	ALA District 5	Elaine Forster 10058 W Courtland Ave. Milwaukee WI 53225	Linda Bartell 414-427-0238 (h) 414-899-7479 (c)	4/19/17
#6	4/22/17	Green Lake AL Post 306 518 Water Street Green Lake WI 54941	8:00 - 8:45 am Fee: \$1.00	\$7.00	ALA Unit 306	Patti Westphal W2065 Northwest Rd Green Lake WI 54941	Nancy Helms 920-231-5310 or 920-379-8123 nhelms420@att.net	4/12/17
#7	3/18/17	Rome Town Hall 1156 Alpine Drive Nekoosa WI 54457	8:00 - 9:00 am Fee: \$2.00	\$10.00	ALA Unit 65	Hazel Duntley 1573 Browndeer Ave Arkdale WI 54613	Hazel Duntley 608-564-7777 landofhad@myfrontiermail.com	3/10/17
#8	4/1/17	Hahn-A-Lula Supper Club 8861 S Wolf River Rd Fremont WI 54940	8:00 - 9:00 am Fee: \$3.00	\$15.00	ALA Unit 391	Jan Niemuth 9410 37 th Avenue Fremont WI 54940	Jan Niemuth 920-446-3358 jansn54940@yahoo.com	3/22/17
#9	4/29/17	Woods Dining & Spirits 10508 Kottke Road Crivitz WI 54114	8:00 am Fee: \$1.00	\$12.00	ALA Marinette County	Joan Erickson N19170 Erickson Dr Dunbar WI 54119	Becky Mueller 920-464-0320 clarencandbecky@aol.com	4/20/17
#10	4/8/17	Moose Lodge 620 Clark Street River Falls WI 54022	Reg: 8:00 am Sr Fee: \$2.00 Jr Fee: \$0.50	Senior: \$7.00 Junior: \$5.00	ALA Unit 121	Jeanne Williams 552 Fairhome Rd Roberts, WI 54023	Jeanne Williams 612-532-7248 1108aa@msn.com	4/1/17
#11	4/22/17	Eagle River WI	Reg: 8:30 - 10:00 Fee: \$3.00	INFORMATION - TO BE DETERMINED				
#12	INFORMATION - TO BE DETERMINED							

SCHEDULE A LEADERSHIP WORKSHOP TODAY

Are Leadership Workshops just for Unit Officers? NO!
Then what are Leadership Workshops all about?

If your unit is interested in learning more about the American Legion Auxiliary, please read the Leadership article on page A3.

Then contact Chairman Kitty Larkin at 262-649-3399 or kittysltr@wi.rr.com to schedule a workshop as soon as possible.



Happy Presidents Day
02.20.17

... 2017 DATES TO REMEMBER ...

Feb 20 George Washington Luncheon Klemmer's Banquet Center 10401 W Oklahoma Avenue • Milwaukee, WI	Jul 13-16 2017 Department Convention Radisson Paper Valley Hotel • Appleton, WI
Mar 25 ALABGS Committee Meeting Dino's Restaurant • Portage, WI	Aug 18-24 2017 National Convention <i>(Installation of National Officers Diane Duscheck & Denise Rohan)</i> Reno, NV
Apr 1-2 & Apr 8-9 WALA State Bowling Tournament Leisure Lanes • Monroe, WI Questions? Contact Jenni Syftestad at 608-845-7857 or syftes@chorus.net	Sept 23 ALA in the Know Conference Post 449 • Brookfield WI
Jun 3 Department President's Testimonial Dinner Tesora Restaurant 23985 State Road 35 South • Siren, WI	Sept 23 ALA in the Know Conference Oconto Falls High School • Oconto Falls, WI
Jun 9-10 2017 Department Leadership Conference <i>(for 2017-2018 Dept Officers/Chairmen & District Presidents/Membership Chairmen)</i> Department Headquarters • Portage, WI	Sept 30 ALA in the Know Conference American Legion Post 100 • Sparta, WI
Jun 18-23 ALA Badger Girls State UW-Oshkosh	Sept 30 ALA in the Know Conference American Legion Post 69 • Mayville, WI
	Oct 7 ALA in the Know Conference Post 306 • Green Lake, W
	Oct 7 ALA in the Know Conference Rice Lake Veterans Center, Rice Lake, WI

— Information is subject to change —

JANUARY 2017 CALENDAR SWEEPSTAKES WINNERS

1	500.00	Curtis Noll	Alma	17	15.00	Margaret Rimmel	Saukville
2	15.00	Dorothy Kobelinski	Milwaukee	18	15.00	Lynda Hagen	Hixton
3	15.00	Kathy Rowan	Sparta	19	15.00	Cheryl Mertens	New Richmond
4	15.00	Stella Frisch	Stevens Point	20	15.00	Arlene Boehlke	Kewaskum
5	15.00	Mary Difonso	Schofield	21	15.00	Robert Dieck	Shiocton
6	15.00	Darlene Witcpalek	Kewaunee	22	25.00	Roslyn Wedl	Jefferson
7	15.00	Cindy Denk	Nelson	23	15.00	Debby Schaar	Neenah
8	25.00	Dave Jaeckels	Whitsett NC	24	15.00	Janine Maloney	New Holstein
9	15.00	Mt Calvary Unit #454	Malone	25	15.00	Jean Ninnemann	Schofield
10	15.00	Angie Butalla	Big Bend	26	15.00	Linda Jermstad	Osseo
11	15.00	Catherine Geldon	Somerset	27	15.00	Rita Antoniewicz	South Milwaukee
12	15.00	Patricia Barnes	Norcross GA	28	15.00	Linda Kielpinski	Salem
13	15.00	Jamemarie Vining	Neshkoro	29	25.00	Beulah Oskey	Clintonville
14	15.00	Karen Seyforth	Mondovi	30	15.00	Dianna Newberry	Wisconsin Rapids
15	25.00	Darlene Ericksen	Solon Springs	31	15.00	Dolores Slesrick	Sheboygan Falls
16	15.00	Bonnie Lartz	Moline IL				

WANTED: A MEMBER FOR THE DEPARTMENT FINANCE COMMITTEE

The American Legion Auxiliary, Department of Wisconsin is seeking one member to join the Department Finance Committee for the 2017-2020 administrative years. Candidates for this position must be a member of the Wisconsin American Legion Auxiliary with experience in accounting, finance, auditing or other relevant experience.

by April 15, 2017. Resumes may be sent via email to dept-sec@amlegionauxwi.org or mailed to ALA-Wisconsin, Attn: Dept Executive Secretary-Treasurer, PO Box 140, Portage, WI 53901-0140.

The Department Vice Presidents will appoint one member annually to serve for a three-year term. Interviews will be conducted by telephone and all candidates will be notified by mail after a decision has been reached.

A resume highlighting this experience must be submitted to Department Headquarters