



Department of Wisconsin American Legion Auxiliary

6th District Newsletter



October 2026

6th District Outstanding Americanism Person of the Year

Who is that one member you consider outstanding in promotion of Patriotism and Americanism activities in your American Legion Auxiliary unit and community? Complete the 6th District Americanism Person of the Year nomination form included with this mailing and return no later than December 31, 2026.

Only **ONE** member per Unit can be nominated. If a member was nominated in a previous year but was not chosen as the "Americanism Person of the Year," they are eligible for nomination again.

Awards will be presented at the 6th District Annual Americanism Recognition Banquet. Banquet invitations and registration forms will be available soon.

Legislative Greetings From 6th District Chairman

Happy fall to all! Are you like me and love this time of year for all the beautiful changes that appear in God's creation? Then get ready for that white stuff! Your good work this past year in winning the Dept. 250 CHALLENGE, will need to continue to let our legislature know how well informed we are and that our veterans come 1st on all the Legion legislation! Keep informing them on how you and your unit feel regarding passing these important bills. Members, make it a HABIT at your meetings to inform others on what you have seen on the weekly *Grassroots Newsletter* web site and be informed. Go on it today and stay informed. SHARE and WRITE, EMAIL, APPROACH your members of congress REGULARLY!

Happy to share with you the need and pressing plea to help assist in passing the ...TAKE CARE OF AMERICA'S VETERAN'S ACT (TCAVA). Legislature needs to finalize upcoming rules on tinnitus (ringing in the ears) and sleep apnea (stop breathing during sleep).

Hope you all observed and were reminded of our nation's tragedy on 9-11. After 25 years, we mourn and pay honor to those thousands who lost their lives to evil enemies of our nation and our democracy. Support that democracy by supporting your VETERANS EVERYDAY. To quote TAL Past National Commander Richard J. Santos, "Don't let the debates of the day take away love of our country. 25 years later, we must not let division take hold; we must remember the love of country and spirit of service that remains part of who we are...." WE WILL NEVER FORGET.

Char Kiesling, District Chairman
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Membership

The first Membership Report of the 2027 membership year shows 6th District is in 3rd place. Thanks to those units that are working the membership program. The next Unit **“Prepare for Take-Off”** Award will be drawn soon – **85% membership by October 31, 2026 for chance to win \$150.** Your officers should be some of the first renewals sent in and Honorary Life members paid. Units must have the 2026-2027 Unit Officer Form submitted to Department with Officers’ dues paid to be eligible for membership awards.

Americanism Program

Does your unit sponsor the Americanism Essay contest? All students in grades 3-12, including students with special needs, can enter the contest. This year’s Americanism Essay Contest Theme: **“How can you be a beacon of light for our veterans?”** Reach out to the schools or other youth organizations in your area to have their students participate on all levels. Americanism Essay Contest info and submission form are available on the Department website www.amlegionauxwi.org/americanism

2027 Midwinter Conference

Members are encouraged to attend Midwinter Conference on Saturday, **January 23, 2027** at Madison Marriott West in Middleton. See the October Unit Mailing for details.

Paid Up for Life Raffle

You could win an ALA Paid Up for Life (PUFL) Membership. Ticket cost is \$20.00 and the winner will be drawn July 24, 2027 during next year’s Department Convention in Middleton. Open to the entire American Legion Family - American Legion Auxiliary, The American Legion, Sons of the American Legion, and Legion Riders. Purchase a ticket for yourself or a special American Legion Auxiliary member.

Get ready for our Fall Conference and make sure to bring extra cash! We’ll have tickets available for both the **PUFL Raffle** and our **Basket Raffle**. Every ticket you buy supports our programs—and remember, **you can’t win if you don’t play!**

Dates To Remember

- October 17, 2026 6th District Fall Conference, Oshkosh Post 70
- November 11, 2026 Veterans Day
- January 23, 2027 Midwinter Conference ALA Session

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The American Legion Auxiliary
Department of Wisconsin
6th District Americanism Program Outstanding
Americanism Person of the Year 2026

Basis for Recommendation:

Outstanding in promotion of Patriotism and Americanism
activities in the American Legion Auxiliary and community.

ONLY ONE MEMBER PER UNIT CAN BE NOMINATED

Auxiliary member being recommended:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Unit #/Name/City: _____

Signature: _____

(Unit President or Secretary)

Date: _____

Please return no later than December 31, 2026

Send to:

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6th District Americanism Program
Outstanding Americanism Person of the Year
Nominating Form

In no more than 100 words for each category listed below, tell how your candidate has been outstanding.

1. In Community Service Activities:

2. In Service to God and Country:

3. In Educational Activities:

4. In Flag Educational Activities:

5. In Youth Activities:

6. In Patriotic Holiday Programs:

7. In Unit and Auxiliary Programs:

**AMERICAN LEGION
AUXILIARY UNIT 75**

BINGO

SUNDAY NOV. 8TH

Doors open at 11 AM

BINGO starts at 1:00 PM.

No carry ins allowed Must be 18+ to attend.

No children allowed at this session.

RAFFLES

**CASH
BAR**

**NACHO
BAR**



**Sunday,
November 8th
2026**



**Brothertown Bingo
Hall
311 Winnebago Drive
Fond du Lac, WI**



**Proceedes support our active military
members, Veterans and their families.**