



8th District Newsletter



President's Message

Hello Everyone!

It was a great convention in Appleton!

Congratulations to Mosinee for being a 100% Unit for 2025! Keep up the good work everyone! Officers make sure you get your memberships in.

There are several units that have members that haven't renewed their membership for 2024. If they are interested in renewing, they should turn in their dues as soon as possible.

Unit Presidents, a friendly reminder, please send in your 2024-2025 Unit Officers Form to Department Headquarters as soon as possible. This form should be completed and returned even if your officers haven't changed for the new Auxiliary year. In order to win any membership awards, you need to have your updated form in to Department.

I am still looking for District Program Chairs for the openings listed in the box below. The position would only last until July 2025. The responsibilities of being a District Chairman are that you would be the liaison between Units and District, present a report at District Conferences and submit articles to the District newsletter. It's vital that we fill these roles as soon as possible. Please let me know if you are interested in one of them. My contact information is at the top of the newsletter.

District conference is coming up on September 21st. Unit Presidents have your report of unit activities since the Spring Conference ready. District Chairmen, please be ready to present your reports. Units should get their registrations in as soon as possible. You can also pay at the door on the day of the conference. The registration form is included with this newsletter.

A reminder to all Units, if any Unit has any upcoming events that they would like included in this newsletter, please let me know!

As always, if you have any questions, please feel free to contact me either by phone or email. Looking forward to seeing everyone at the conference! Thank you for all you do!

Linda Tryczak

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Mark your Calendars!!

**8th District Fall Conference
September 21st**

**Peplin VFW Post 8280
Kronenwetter**

5 Ways to Keep your Members

1. Publish an annual report in the local media. Thank the community for their support and send a copy to members. Publishing an annual report allows your unit to summarize all the accomplishments from the previous year. It shows the community that your unit is an asset to that community and it shows your members that the unit is run in a business-like manner and will remind any members thinking about dropping out that they would be giving up all of the benefits listed in the report.
2. Set up “car pools” to get people to meetings, especially new members. Car pools help raise the attendance at meetings therefore increasing involvement of those who may not have shown up if it weren't for the car pool. Some of the drivers may have even found excuses not to attend had it not been for their assigned driving duties.
3. Set up a speaker's bureau: Speak at other organizations' meetings. Units are always trying to spread the word about the American Legion Auxiliary and the unit's activities in that community. One of the best ways to do this is by finding speaking opportunities for your unit's leaders. You can establish a unit's speaker bureau, a pre-qualified group of members who are capable both in terms of knowledge and speaking ability to represent your organization to the media or to other civic groups. When these representatives speak, current members are instilled with a sense of pride in membership, which can make a difference at renewal time.
4. Be sure non-members pay a higher fee than members for programs and functions. There are two ways to make this idea support your retention efforts. First, be sure that your unit charges more for non-members to participate in any of your unit functions or to purchase any of your goods or services. Second, be sure to remind your current members about this additional fee that non-members pay. This serves to remind members of the money they save each time they take advantage of your unit's services.
5. Remind members how much money they saved by participating in programs and functions at the member rate. Remind your members of the money they may save by participating in the national member benefits program and the discounts for unit functions.

Program Chairman

Legislative: Kay Grosskopf

Juniors: OPEN

VA&R: OPEN

Americanism: Betty Blume

Membership: Fran Bender

Children & Youth: OPEN

Please let me know if interested in any of these open positions.

Upcoming Events / Dates

8th District Fall Conference – September 21st

ALA in the Know – September 28th – Gillett

ALA in the Know – October 5th – Cedarburg

Attachments

Fall District Conference Registration Form

National Convention Highlights

Pictured below is the Wisconsin Delegation at the 2024 National Convention and the wreaths from the Memorial Service.



Unit Updates – Pittsville Unit 153

Pictured below is the student sponsored by Unit 153 for Badger Girls State.





**American Legion Auxiliary
8th District Fall Conference
Saturday, September 21, 2024**

District Commander Adam Klapperich and District President Linda Jryczak invite you to attend the Fall Conference of the 8th District to conduct such business as may come before it.

Location: Peplin VFW Post 8280, 3332 State Hwy 153, Kronenwetter, WI 54455

This will be a joint conference with the Legion. Hosted by Post 492 and Unit 107

Registration starts at 8:00 a.m. with refreshments; conference begins at 9:00 a.m.

Lunch menu is Pulled Pork Sandwiches, potato salad, coleslaw, beans, coffee and milk

Registration Form

Conference cost is **\$30.00** per person for early registration (by September 07, 2024). Checks should be made out to: *American Legion Auxiliary Unit 107*

Names of Members attending: *(please print legibly)* and Unit #:

attending _____ x \$30 = \$ _____ amount enclosed. Check # _____

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