



## MARCH 2025

## THE INFORMER

**March 25** - DEC Mineral Point Legion Post. Meeting at 7pm  
**April 22** - Veterans Day at the Capital  
**April 26** – Spring Conference / Hosted by Green County Posts and Units being held in Monroe  
**May 27** - DEC Barneveld Legion Post. Meeting at 7pm

**June 14** - 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary for Camp American Legion  
**June 24** - DEC Richland Center Legion Post. Meeting at 7pm  
**July** - State Convention to be held in Green Bay  
 Fall Conference will be in Gays Mills

Please take note there are two different Registration forms for Spring Conference enclosed. One for the Legionnaires and One for the Auxiliary. Please send to appropriate persons.



**Dan O'Brien – 3rd District Commander**

Well we are reaching the end of February which means we will hopefully see some warm weather on the way. I want to thank everyone who was able to make it to the Holiday Party on February 15<sup>th</sup>. The weather was not very cooperative, but when you set a date in the wintertime things like bad weather can happen. A big thank you to Lee Pollack and the Barneveld Post for hosting the party. A thank you to Noreen Schmidt our Auxiliary President for having author Kelly Nelson come and talk to us about her book on Brownie. Kelly did a really nice job.

We have good things happening in our 3<sup>rd</sup> District and Grant County is a good example. We have Beetown Post 551 and Hazel Green Post 526 that have started to revitalize themselves. The Beetown Post was down to around 8 members and with enthusiasm of some members they are now up to 17 Members and growing. The Hazel Green Post just held a combination come and meet the American Legion and Veterans Memorial information day. When I was there, I talked to members, and they are excited about getting the Post revitalized. There was also talk about restarting the Auxiliary and getting an SAL Squadron going. A big thank you to Grant County Commander Alan McCormick for being so involved with both Posts and to Vice Commander JR Wilkerson for his support.

This past week I sent out information from Adj. Denise. In that information was a section that stated “Monthly Membership Engagement Plan” that our Membership Chairman Mike Rohan put together. This information should be shared at Post meetings. It is information on how successful Posts should work. It also shows the Veterans that are in each County. Membership Chairman Mike has stated many times that we should not just focus on getting young members into our Legion Posts, we should be looking at Veterans of all ages, male and female. When you look at these charts it becomes evident that there are more Vietnam era Veterans in our Counties then there are other age groups. This makes Mike’s point. Focus on getting all Veteran age groups to join our Legion Posts. If you did not get this information and would like to get it yourself and for your Post, just get in touch with either Mike or myself and we will get it to you.

The State Raffle tickets should be out to all the Posts that have 40 members or more. I hope that each Post is working to get these tickets sold and sent back into State Headquarters. These Raffle Ticket sales help Our State Legion support the programs that we run. We support Camp American Legion, Badger Boys State, Legion Baseball, Oratorical Scholarships, A & G Testing, Boys Scouts, WALLECA and many other programs. If we sell these tickets, it makes it easier to support the finances of all these programs. I want to thank the 3<sup>rd</sup> District for the support of these Raffle Tickets.

This is a busy time of the year for the Legion. By the time you read this we will have held our 3<sup>rd</sup> District Oratorical in Marshall. This year we have 5 contestants, and I am looking forward to hearing all of them speak on the Constitution. Such remarkable students. A & G Testing will take place from March 3<sup>rd</sup> through the 14<sup>th</sup>. Make sure your school is aware of this program. Scholarships are available. Badger Boys State applications should be sent in. The “Of The Year Awards” are due in to Adj. Denise by April 1<sup>st</sup>. We do have a DEC on March 25<sup>th</sup> so you can bring the to this meeting.

#### UP COMING EVENTS

- ❖ Legion College classes being held online in March (They are FREE). Go to [www.wilegion.org](http://www.wilegion.org) to get information.
- ❖ Veterans Day at the Capital is set for Tuesday April 22<sup>nd</sup>. Information can be found at [www.wilegion.org](http://www.wilegion.org) It would be great to have a strong showing of Legion Members at the Capital. Let our representatives know we are here.
- ❖ Saturday April 26<sup>th</sup> will be our Spring Conference. It will be held at the Monroe Legion Post. Reservation forms should be sent in right away so the Monroe Post can plan for the conference.
- ❖ June 14<sup>th</sup> is the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary for Camp American Legion. Plan on a trip to see it.
- ❖ Tuesday March 25<sup>th</sup> will be our next DEC at the Mineral Point Legion Post. All Legion members are welcome to come to these meetings.
- ❖ The Fall Conference will be in Gays Mills this year. More information to follow.

We started out this letter stating the good things happening with a couple of Posts. I would like to see and hear more of this type of good news about our Legion Posts. I have been to County and Post meetings, and I plan on making to more in the coming months. If you have a meeting that you would like for me to come to, just get in touch with me. I would like to talk to you about: COMMUNICATION-INVOLVEMENT-VISIBILITY-ACCOUNTABILITY. These are the things that can make your Post successful.

#### **VA Hospital** Joe Hodgson, Legion Rep

There are opportunities for volunteers at the Madison VA Hospital for those looking for something to do and would be a great way to fill some hours in your day and benefit our veterans at the same time. The VA is in need of Escort help and Red Coat (Vest) Ambassador assistance. You need not be a legion, SAL or Auxiliary member to be a volunteer, although we have members of each helping out at the hospital. Escorts assist inpatients to their clinic appointments and Ambassadors assist outpatients that come in for their clinic appointments, both helping wheelchair bound veterans. Minimum hours are 4 hours per week and you can pick your times. There is a need for afternoon volunteers presently but not if it doesn't fit your schedule. If interested contact Jim or Matt at 608-280-7030 or myself at 608-669-5204. Your volunteer hours are recorded and count for your local post. It's a great way to pay back to the community, the veteran, and strengthen your self- esteem by doing good and serving your country.



Lafayette County held the Oratorical Contest on the 13th of February. Grant Kuberski of Argyle and sponsored by Argyle Post 251. He received a certificate and \$500. He now moves on to District competition.

Pictured L. To R.: Lafayette County Commander, Peter Herman, Grant Kuberski, Argyle Commander Jerry Gerber



Guest Speaker Yiayia Wischki, PNC Denise Rohan, Guest Speaker Kelly Nelson, Dept. Vice Commander Jerry Hook and District Commander Dan O'Brien.

Picture of the cake from the party.

I would like to thank the Barneveld Legion Post and their Legion Family members who helped put the Holiday Party together. Great Food. Yiayia Wischki gave us some good information and Kelly Nelson's talk on the book she wrote about "Brownie" was very interesting. I just wished that the weather could have been a little more accommodating. Due to the bad weather many that had sent in reservations were not able to make it. The roads coming to Barneveld could have been better, but going home the combination of the Sun and the snowplows had the roads clear, at least for me. A big thank you Dept. Vice Commander Jerry Hook, Dept. Vice Commander Nathan Bond and 4<sup>th</sup> District Commander Steve Kohnke for being at our Holiday Party and sharing their time and some good advice with us.

Dan OB



Post 473 contributes to the Kristmas for Kids fund. Representing the Post; Mick Whitaker, Mark Richarson and Charlie Morsehead.

Steve Post / Commander



Four contestants at the 3rd District Oratorical Contest.

From left to right are 3rd District Cdr. Dan O'Brien, Abigail Blank, Wyatt Ehrhardt (placed first), Grant Kuberski, Josie Statz Lauper, DVC Jerry Hook and Peter Herman 3<sup>rd</sup> District Oratorical Chair Peter Herman. Wyatt will continue on to the Regional gathering at Ripon College, Ripon WI on March 29th.

All of the participants did well and knew their history! This competition took place at the Marshall Post 279 from noon to about 2:30 PM on Saturday, February 22nd.



# American Legion Third District 2025 Spring Conference

Saturday, April 26, 2025

**Zilmer-Riley Post 84 – Monroe / 1627 – 12<sup>th</sup> Street /  
Monroe WI 53566**

ALL MEMBERS ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND

Invitation and Lunch Registration

**Registration Fee \$5.00 / Pay registration fee day of conference**

Conference registration 8am – 8:45am / Call to Order at 9am

In the morning there will be coffee and mixture of breakfast desserts available

### LUNCH MENU:

Pulled Pork or BBQ Beef sandwiches, baked beans, chips and dessert for lunch.

We will have coffee, milk and some sort of juice to drink.

Cost \$12.00 per person – Lunch reservation deadline: **SATURDAY, APRIL 12, 2025**

**MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO: ZILMER-RILEY POST 84 AND  
MAIL TO ADDRESS ABOVE – ATTN: ANDREW SUTHERS**

Post Number \_\_\_\_\_ CITY \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Lunch Reservations \_\_\_\_\_ @12.00 - \$ \_\_\_\_\_

(Do not include registration fee with lunch reservations)

Pick up your lunch tickets the day of the conference at the registration table

List American Legion Name (s):

\_\_\_\_\_  
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**Noreen Schmidt – 3<sup>rd</sup> District President**

Family Reunions: I became an orphan when I was eight (8) and my maternal grandparents became my foster parents. My grandparents graciously loaned me out to relatives who needed a babysitter for a date night, and to my aunts during the summer months to help with gardening, canning, laundry, house cleaning or when an aunt gave birth to another baby. I had no decision about being loaned out. Several years ago, while celebrating Louis and Jeanette's 60th wedding anniversary, Lucy had approached me with the question "why do you keep getting invited to family reunions as you aren't a relative but the "hired girl". I informed Lucy that I was more than the "hired girl", I was her biological first cousin (51 cousins total) as my mother and her father were siblings.

The Third District's 2025 Spring Conference of the American Legion Auxiliary will be held on April 26<sup>th</sup> in Monroe; the conference is kind of like a family reunion. We as members of the American Legion Auxiliary are part of a large family, being members on the National, District, County and Local Unit level. Instead of bringing a dish to pass, we will bring raffle baskets with all funds raised to be donated to the Homeless Women Veterans Project, a fund Florence Wesley, Past Department President founded. Instead of showing photos of the grandkids, we will be bringing photos of our Unit's activities and projects which will be customized into a trifold to be shown at the 2025 Department Convention. We share a common bond as we recite the Preamble to the Constitution of the American Legion Auxiliary and share in the same Mission of the American Legion Auxiliary.

Make plans to attend the Third District's 2025 Spring Conference being held at the United Methodist Church located at 2227 Fourth Street in Monroe. See within the registration form.

Important dates to remember: **March 15<sup>th</sup>** is the due date for nominating a "Unit Member of the Year" award. Third District has many dedicated Unit members who are so deserving of this award by their working of the Auxiliary's Mission Statement.

**April 15<sup>th</sup>** is the due date for your Unit's year-end impact report to the district President. **April 15<sup>th</sup>** is the due date for your Unit's narrative report and summary sheet to the Department. **April 15<sup>th</sup>** is the due date for the 2024-2025 Service to Veterans award to be submitted to Andrea Stoltz.

Please apply for the **Third District ALA Leadership Award** by **April 5, 2025**. Entry form is enclosed at the end of this newsletter.



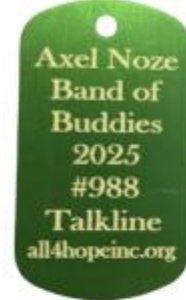
Esther Limberg, sister-in-law of Department President Becky Mueller, passed away on Sunday, February 16, 2025. Services will be held at Suchon Funeral Home in Plymouth. Visitation will be Wednesday, February 26<sup>th</sup>, from 4:00 – 6:30 pm and Thursday, February 27<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 am, with the funeral service to follow at 12:00 pm. Cards may be sent to Clarence & Becky Mueller at N7737 Miller Road, Black Creek, WI 54106 and Clarence's sister Dorothy Spoehr at N7745 Miller Road, Black Creek, WI 54106.



# Help us support the families of those who are serving for ours.



Author Kelly Nelson



## Each kit is just \$20

Brownie the War Dog is the featured Axel Noze Band of Buddies for 2025.

To support the children of our Wisconsin active-duty and recently deployed military

a Brownie the War Dog book and Brownie - #988 dog tag will be given to the elementary youth at Badger Youth Camp, to the Gold Star and Families of the Fallen attending Camp Serenity at Camp American Legion, and the military dependents of Camp Corral in Wautoma.

**We need 200 Brownie Kits to accomplish this mission.**

### Why this project?

Brownie's story resonates with many of the challenges that these children face. It is a safe way to teach dedication to our nation, resiliency, and validation that sometimes people, just like Brownie, may come home differently. The way the family supported his recovery, patience, love, and hope were achieved, and Brownie found purpose in serving our fellow veterans. That's the part that Axel Noze loves the most.

There is never a cost to our veterans or military families for our programming.



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To honor the powerful women in our lives, the ALA Foundation is observing its third “Celebrating Women of Service” day in conjunction with International Women’s Day on March 8. We hope you’ll join us by donating in honor of a woman who inspires you the way the ALA community has inspired this celebratory day of giving.

International Women’s Day is a time to reflect on progress made, to call for change and to celebrate acts of courage and determination by ordinary women, who have played an extraordinary role in the history of their countries and communities. Show your appreciation for the women who have dedicated themselves to service and volunteerism by contributing to a cause that will leave a lasting impact. Together, let’s make March 8 a day to remember the impact of the ALA community. Your support can be given online [here](#) or by texting WOMAN to 1-844-940-3450.

The logo for the American Legion Auxiliary Foundation. It features the text "AMERICAN LEGION" in a large, bold, blue serif font. Above "AMERICAN" are three horizontal red stripes. Below "LEGION" is the word "AUXILIARY" in a smaller, red, sans-serif font. At the bottom is the word "FOUNDATION" in a large, bold, blue serif font.

# *Celebrating Women of Service*

**International Women’s Day is March 8. Support the American Legion Auxiliary Foundation by donating to the Celebrating Women of Service campaign in honor of a woman who inspires you. A tribute donation offers you a thoughtful way to celebrate a special person while contributing to the ALA Foundation’s mission to positively impact the lives of veterans, military, and their families by funding ALA programs.**

**Honor their service today by scanning the QR code, texting WOMAN to 1-844-940-3450, or mailing a check to the ALA Foundation at 3450 Founders Road, Indianapolis, IN 46268.**

Scan here  
to make  
a gift:



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**Third District American Legion Auxiliary Leaders,**

Please apply for the ***Third District ALA Leadership Award*** by **April 5, 2025**.

The Endres-Pulvermacher-Ryan Leadership Award will be presented at the 2025 Third District Conference, scheduled on April 26, 2025 in Monroe. Please consider applying today!

To apply, please complete this application and return as listed below.

**American Legion Auxiliary ~ Third District  
2024-2025 Endres-Pulvermacher-Ryan Leadership Award**

**First/Last Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Unit#** \_\_\_\_\_

1. How long have you been a member of the American Legion Auxiliary? \_\_\_\_\_
2. Who or What is a leader? Define effective Leadership. (Describe in 200 words or less), *please attach your essay to this page.*
3. Describe your leadership style:
4. What qualities or attributes do you consider necessary for a leader to possess, to assure others will join in the effort and move a project forward to a successful conclusion?
5. What makes you successful in gaining support and engagement from others to help work through a project to a successful completion?
6. Choose three of the following words that you feel exemplify the character of a good to great leader and meet your own requirements:  
*communication, motivation, delegation, positivity, trustworthiness, creativity, feedback, responsibility, commitment, flexibility, vision, conviction, confidence, accountability, ownership, passion, inspiring others, networking, listening, valuing others*  
1. \_\_\_\_\_ 2. \_\_\_\_\_ 3. \_\_\_\_\_
7. List Leadership Training you have attend: Department Leadership and ALA In the Know, National Mission Training and on-line ALA On-Line Academy courses and other ALA or American Legion Family related leadership training sessions you have completed?

Return this page and attach your Question 2 Essay by **April 5, 2025** to:

Joyce Endres, 1147 Fleetwood Ave., Madison WI 53716-1417 or e-mail to: [ljendres@charter.net](mailto:ljendres@charter.net)



# **AUXILIARY Third District 2025 Spring Conference**

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**United Methodist Church / 2227 4th Street – Monroe WI**

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**MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO: THIRD DISTRICT ALA**

**MAIL TO: SHANNON CHURCHILL – 149 PAOLI ST – VERONA WI 53593**

UNIT Number \_\_\_\_\_ CITY \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Lunch Reservations \_\_\_\_\_ @12.00 - \$ \_\_\_\_\_

(Do not include registration fee with lunch reservations)

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List American Legion Auxiliary Name (s):

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A block of hotel rooms have been reserved for the evening of April 25th at the Super 8 located at 500 6th Street and Hwy 69 located in Monroe for a rate of \$113.40 plus tax; the block expires on March 25th. 608.325.1500

## Food & Activity around Third District

Send your information to [syftes@chorus.net](mailto:syftes@chorus.net)

Post 59 Stoughton	has a weekly meat raffle every Saturday starting at 2 pm
Post 84 Monroe	BINGO – March 23, April 27
Post 141 New Glarus	Weekly Euchre Card Tournament every Thursday Lunch at 11am \$4 followed by cards at 1pm.
Post 360 Waunakee	Fish Fry – 2 <sup>nd</sup> Friday
Post 501 Madison	March 8 – CBC Dinner 3pm – 6pm
Post 141 New Glarus	Pancake Breakfast – 3 <sup>rd</sup> Saturday of every <u>other</u> month. March 15 – 7am-11am - \$8 – Pancakes, sausage, eggs, applesauce, milk, juice
Post 245 Cross Plains	March 16– Pancakes - Sausage & Ham breakfast 8am-12pm
Post 59 Stoughton	March 16 – Monthly Legion Breakfast 7:30 – 11:30am
Post 385 Verona	March 17 - CBC Dinner 4:30pm – 6:30pm
Post 59 Stoughton	March 22 - Chicken & Biscuits Dinner 4:00 – 7:00pm