



Department of Wisconsin American Legion Auxiliary

6th District Newsletter

September 2024



The 103rd National Convention started in true New Orleans fashion as President Lisa Williamson, adorned in colorful beads and feathers, twirling a parasol, danced to the front of the convention assembly followed by a second line band.

We all celebrated with great pride as the Department of Wisconsin received several National and Division awards or acknowledgements for the 2023-2024 administrative year. A list of awards is attached.

Trish Ward was elected national president of the American Legion Auxiliary (ALA) during the organization's 103rd National Convention held Aug. 23-29 in New Orleans. Ward is a member of John P. Hand Unit 250 in Louisburg, Kansas. For more information on the National President's Focus, Special Project and highlights from the National Convention, go to: <https://www.legion-aux.org/meetings/national-convention>

6th District Fall Conference

Our District Fall Conference is scheduled for Saturday, October 19th at the Omro Community Center. Registration form is attached. I would very much like to see a representative from each of our 23 units. This conference is open to all members, not just unit officers. Remember each unit is to bring a raffle basket with a value of \$25.00.

A reminder of the District Fall Executive Board Meeting scheduled for Sunday, October 6, 2024 at the Fond Du Lac Post 75, 500 Fond du Lac Ave, Fond du Lac, WI 54935. Start time 1:00 pm.

Membership

2025 membership cards, rosters and unit goals were given to all units in mid-July and the renewal year began. The first membership report for 2025 shows that 6th District is in 6th place with 10 units having 0 members renewed. Your officers should be some of the first renewals sent in! Honorary Life members remain unpaid. These members are expecting their memberships to be paid and are not checking on them. Please do not hold membership. National will not mail out renewal notices until the week of September 15th. It's time to renew!

2024-2025 Unit/County Officer Information

Unit elections took place all across our District. Even if there is no change in leadership, a form must be completed and sent to Department. Please make sure to complete the 2024-2025 Unit Officer Form and County Officer Form, available on the Department website. Thanks to those that have already sent in their forms.

Department Fall Junior Conference

To kick off an exciting new year of Junior activities, please SAVE THE DATE for the Department of Wisconsin Junior Fall Conference on Saturday, October 12, 2024, from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm. It will be held at the Wisconsin Veterans Home at King, N2665 County Rd QQ, King, WI 54946. In the spirit of *Serving Veterans, the Military, and Each Other from the Depths of our Heart*, they will have several exciting activities that will be fun for all ages! The tentative schedule will also include a business meeting (including election of Honorary Department Junior Officers), lunch, and an interactive event with residents of the King Veteran's Home. A registration form is included with this newsletter.



On September 11, Patriot Day gives all of us time to reflect on the devastating terror attacks that took nearly 3,000 lives. We commemorate those who we lost and give thanks to the brave first responders who put their lives on the line. Take a moment today to consider what we stand for as a nation and how we can work together to make the world a better place for all.

POW/MIA Recognition Day September 20, 2024

POW/MIA Recognition Day is commemorated on the third Friday of every September, a date that's not associated with any particular war. The point of POW/MIA Recognition Day is to ensure that Americans remember to stand behind those who serve and to make sure we do everything we can to account for those who have never returned.



For more information on what is being done to provide the fullest possible accounting for our missing personnel to their families and the nation go to the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency website: <https://www.dpaa.mil>

Dates To Remember

- October 6, 2024 6th District DEC Meeting, Fond Du Lac Post 75, 1:00 pm
- October 19, 2024 6th District Fall Conference, Omro Community Center

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2023-2024 NATIONAL AWARDS

American Legion Auxiliary, Department of Wisconsin received the following awards or acknowledgements for the 2023-2024 administrative year during the 2024 National Convention:

AMERICANISM

Dorothy Pearl Award - Most Outstanding Unit
Americanism Program in Central Division

Van Ells-Schanen Unit 82
Port Washington ~ District 2
Diane Burkhalter, Unit President

EDUCATION

Best Department Education Program
in Central Division

Department of Wisconsin
Diane Weggen, Department Chairman

HISTORIAN

Best Department History
in Central Division

Department of Wisconsin
Mary Petrie, Department Chairman

Toomey Award - Overall Best Department History

Department of Wisconsin
Mary Petrie, Department Chairman

LEADERSHIP

Department Unit Member of the Year

Terry Giles
Brask-Fossum-Janke Unit 185, Grantsburg ~ District 12

MEMBERSHIP

Units that reached 100% of their 2024 membership goal by 1/31/2024

Birchwood Unit 379	Fifield Unit 532	St. Nazianz Unit 477
Black River Falls Unit 129	Hartland Unit 294	Spooner Unit 12
Coleman Unit 280	Hayward Unit 218	Stoughton Unit 59
Cottage Grove Unit 248	Kenosha Unit 21	Tigerton Unit 239
Dane Unit 503	Land O' Lakes Unit 464	Two Rivers Unit 165
DeForest Unit 348	Milwaukee Unit 448	White Lake Unit 534
Delavan Unit 95	Mt. Hope Unit 229	Wild Rose Unit 370
Edgerton Unit 30	Pewaukee Unit 71	Winter Unit 303
Eleva Unit 459	Rio Unit 208	Wisconsin Rapids Unit 442
Elkhorn Unit 45	Rome Unit 65	

POPPY

Best Department Poppy Program
in Central Division

Department of Wisconsin
Kay Grosskopf, Department Chairman

Poppy Poster Contest, Class II (Grades 4 & 5)
Best Poppy Poster in Central Division

Easton Knorr
Sponsored by Shiocton Unit 512 ~ District 9

PUBLIC RELATIONS

Most Outstanding Department Public Relations
Program in Central Division

Department of Wisconsin
Bob Shappell, Department Chairman



6TH DISTRICT FALL CONFERENCE

Date: Saturday, October 19, 2024

Place: Omro Community Center
1005 E Main St, Omro, WI 54963

Cost: \$20.00 per person (includes continental breakfast and lunch)

Deadline: October 5, 2024

Registration: 8:30 am – 9:00 am

Call to Order: 9:00 am

Contact person for conference details: 6th District President Diane Steinert
(920-573-1846 djdmsteinert@gmail.com)

Make check payable to: ALA Unit 234
Mail to: Diane Steinert, 2850 Homestead Dr, Oshkosh, WI 54904

Unit # _____ **Unit Location:** _____

Contact Name: _____

Contact Phone: _____ **Email:** _____

Registration and meals: # _____ **X \$20.00 = \$** _____ **Total due**

Name (Print clearly)	Name (Print clearly)

Use additional page if needed for more members attending.

Remember to bring a raffle basket with a value of \$25.00 from each Unit.



DEPARTMENT OF WISCONSIN
FALL JUNIOR CONFERENCE

Wisconsin Veterans Home at King
N2665 County Rd QQ
King WI 54946



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We will start with a business meeting, including election of Honorary Department Junior Officers. After lunch, we will have craft activities, complete a Patch project, and will finish the day with Bingo with residents of the King Veterans Home. Registration (\$5) and lunch (\$5) is \$10.00. Junior T-shirts can be ordered for \$5.00.

If you have any questions, please call or text Christine Johnsen at 715-203-2015.

2024 JUNIOR AUXILIARY FALL CONFERENCE REGISTRATION
Reservation need to be received by September 28, 2024

Form submitted by (please print clearly):

Name: District#: Unit#:

Phone #: Email:

Table with 7 columns: NAME / UNIT #, FIRST TIME ATTENDEE? (YES/NO), REGISTRATION & LUNCH (\$10.00), Junior member, Senior member, T-shirt size (\$5), Total per person. Includes a Totals row at the bottom.

Total Amount Enclosed \$

Please send reservation form with check payable to American Legion Auxiliary
to: Christine Johnsen, 159991 Granite Rd., Wausau, WI 54403