

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY

DISTRICT 12 NEWSLETTER - Dec 2025/Jan 2026

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Unit leaders – please share at your next Unit meeting

Hello District 12 Members

“The ornament of a house is the people who frequent.” Ralf Waldo Emerson (1803-1865)

Membership:

Congratulations to Units 186, Cable and 143, St Croix Falls for 105.71% and 100%, respectively. Both units are eligible for 2 entries in the Park Pass award drawing (100% as of 12/31/25). There are four Units needing three or less members to reach 100%. Check for daughters, granddaughters, former members, spouses of eligible veterans and talk to widows of veterans, who do may not know they are eligible for membership, that they can join to honor their deceased veteran.

Why is it such a big deal to have dues paid by January 1st?

Members' dues that have not been processed by Department/National as January 2nd are delinquent and suspended from holding any Office or Chair position. They are not eligible to apply for AEF assistance. AEF (Auxiliary Emergency Fund) is fund available to members who have been affected by financial hardship or natural disaster, offering grant awards up to \$3,000. Loss of voting rights, funeral rites and all other member benefits are lost if dues are not paid.

Great Smokey Mountain National Park facts:

Streams, rivers and waterfalls appear along hiking routes that include a segment of the Appalachian Trail. An observation tower tops Clingmans' Dome, the highest peak, offering scenic views of the mist-covered mountains (Google)



Midwinter Conference:



ALA members are encouraged to attend The American Legion's Midwinter Conference, January 15-18, 2026 at the Oneida Casino Hotel in Green Bay. Saturday, January 17, is especially of importance to the Auxiliary members as it explains the new annual reporting. Units need one person with a computer as reports will be streamlined and submitted via a computer. This system will be very important helping all units to reports as the numbers will be more accurate and clearer for presenting to Congress and help to determine benefits for Veterans. Registration forms for the Midwinter Conference were sent in the October/November mailing. Currently it is \$30 and it will go up to \$35 if you register after January 2, 2026.

Calendar:

- Wreaths Across America –December 13, 2025. Check with your nearest Veteran's Cemetery for placing of wreaths on Veterans' graves.
- Midwinter Conference: January 15-18, 2026 Oneida Casino, Green Bay
- Martin Luther King Day: January 19, 2026

Warmest thoughts and best wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

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