



*DISTRICT 12 NEWSLETTER - SEPTEMBER 2023*

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**Unit leaders – please pass this newsletter to all your unit members**

Greetings to all District 12 ALA Members,

I thank you for your support in electing me as President. With your help, I will do the best I can to fulfill our ALA Mission Statement which reads:

In the spirit of Service, Not Self, the mission of the American Legion Auxiliary is to support The American Legion and to honor the sacrifice of those who serve by enhancing the lives of our veterans, military, and their families, both at home and abroad. For God and Country, we advocate for veterans, educate our citizens, mentor youth, and promote patriotism, good citizenship, peace and security.

As we work together and share ideas, our units become stronger. Please feel free to contact me if you have ideas that you would like to see at our District Conference. Thank you. Sandy

**SAVE THE DATE - RSVP DUE DATE: Tuesday, September 12**

**See RSVP form on last page**

The District Conference is for everyone in your unit, not just officers. Come join the fun and learn more about your American Legion Auxiliary. Registration is at 9 am (Coffee, Rolls, Juice will be provided by Post 435) & meeting starts at 10 am.

**FALL CONFERENCE PROGRAM WILL CONSIST OF:**

- Meet your new District Officers
- Each unit will have an opportunity to share with everyone one activity or fundraiser that makes your unit **SHINE!**
- Education Section: Interactive education on HOW TO RUN A MEETING to help everyone understand:
  - What is the sufficient of the bell and the gavel?
  - You have been asked to be the President or another office for your unit, what am I responsible for and what do I do?
  - You want to learn about officer positions before you decide to take a position
  - Bring your questions concerning how to govern a meeting and we will get answers.
- Q& A time on any ALA topic such as “why do I need to record my hours?”
- Silent Auction – Each unit should bring a basket for the silent auction. These items should be new or gently used. Funds will go to the District 12 Auxillary.

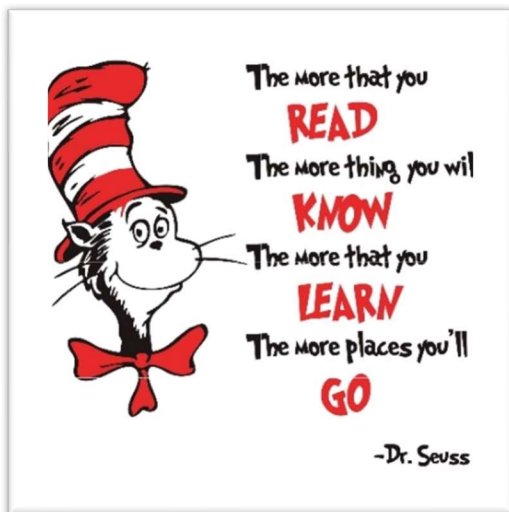
- After the meeting, there will be a “Meet & Greet” at the Superior Elks Lodge 1503 Belknap Steet, Superior

## DATES TO REMEMBER

- Sept 23, 2023 District 12 Fall Conference at Superior, WI (Richard Bong Center)
- Sept 30, 2023 ALA in the Know Conference American Legion Post #121, River Falls

## FORMS

If you are missing any forms, check out <https://www.amlegionauxwi.org/forms> to find the one you are missing. If you have not sent in your 2023/2024 Officers form, please do so as soon as possible. This is sent in every year, even if your officers are the same as last year.



It is so true that “The more I read, the more you know”. So how do I find information about the American Legion Auxiliary? *My Auxiliary Portal* has a wealth of information to learn or refresh your knowledge about ALA. This is available to EVERY member by creating an account at the national ALA website – [www.legion-aux.org](http://www.legion-aux.org). It is at your fingertips and absolutely no charge to you. You start with [www.legion-aux.org](http://www.legion-aux.org) and click on “Member Log In. Once there you need to register if you have not registered or sign into “My Auxiliary Portal”. To find self-paced short courses, click on “Meetings and Training”. These short courses will assist in providing all members with the tools they need to help grow the organization as a team.

1. **ALA 101:** is the introductory course to the ALA Academy, focusing on who we are, what we do and why we matter
2. **ALA Branding and Why It Matters to Me:** ALA members will learn that branding is more than just a logo – it’s also how the public perceives our organization and our values.
3. **ALA Communication Methods:** is an introduction to how the ALA uses E-Communication. It also provides basic how-to information about using social media.
4. **Establishing an ALA Culture of Goodwill:** is a thought-provoking course designed to help ALA members better understand how our attitudes, beliefs and behaviors impact ALA membership and the ALA’s ability to serve our mission.
5. **The ALA Fundraising course** teaches members about the four different ALA Foundation grants and how to apply for them, how to plan a fundraiser, how to market a fundraiser, and much more.
6. **How to Deal with Conflict:** How you handle conflict determines whether it turns into a major battle or leads to a deeper understanding of others and a more positive relationship
7. **ALA Leadership: Living Our Motto of Service Not Self:** reviews what it means to be a leader and that leadership is not only a title - it is helping others to stay mission-focused and leading by our guiding principles.



Congratulations to Grantsburg Unit 185 for being awarded the President's Award for Excellence & Chaplain Award.

Congratulations to Betty Stone. She was elected to the position of Department Chaplain.

### District 12 Officers Contact Information

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# SAVE THE DATE!

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2023**

**AMERICAN LEGION & AUXILIARY**

**DISTRICT 12 FALL CONFERENCE**

Hosted by Superior Post 435 & Unit 435  
Conference Location: Richard Bong Center  
305 E 2nd St Harbor View Parkway, Superior, WI

Registrations are due by **Tuesday, September 12**



## District 12 FALL Conference Registration (RSVP)

**LOCATION:** Richard Bong Center 305 E 2nd St Harbor View Parkway, Superior, WI

**DATE:** Saturday, SEPTEMBER 23 **TIME:** 9 AM Registration Meeting: 10 AM Noon- Lunch

**Total Cost per person \$13.00 which includes Lunch (\$10) and Registration (\$3) per person**

Please Print Clearly **Person sending in this RSVP:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone Number:** (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

<b>First &amp; Last Name</b> Please print	<b>Unit Number</b>	<b>Registration</b> <b>\$3.00</b>	<b>Lunch</b> <b>\$10.00</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>Total enclosed</b>				

**Checks made out to:** Superior Unit 435

**Mailed RSVP to:** Sandy Garlie, PO Box 922, Superior, WI 54880 **NO LATER than September 12, 2023 (Thank you!)**

**Questions:** Sandy Garlie District 12 President (218) 348-2515

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