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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Joyce E. Endres  
Department  
President

**Houston or bust!** The Wisconsin American Legion Family bus rolled out of Portage and after 24 hours together in a confined area we were all still smiling and very happy to arrive in the Lone Star State!

The 93rd Annual National Convention is now history. Wisconsin "Soared to New Heights, Working Together" for God and Country. Congratulations to Wisconsin Junior Member Morgan Johnsen for being elected as 2013-2014 Central Division Honorary Junior Vice President. Congratulations to Eau Claire Unit 53 of District 10 for winning the National President's Unit Award for Excellence and the Department of Wisconsin for winning the National President's Department Award for Excellence!

We are all winners because you are a member! You share your energy, time and donations with veterans, active duty military, their families, youth and communities every day. We are winners because you reported your activities and Past President Diana Sirovina read every Unit Year-End Report, tallied the results and eloquently reported Wisconsin's accomplishments to national. THANK YOU! Each hour you volunteer and each dollar you donate makes a difference!

Consider one public relations initiative: feature a member who is making a difference and feature her in your local newsletter, newspaper, radio/TV station, ALA websites and through social networking

(Facebook/Twitter). Remember to 'Pass it On' and share what we do, why we do it and why it matters!

Get out and connect one-on-one with members and the people we serve. Every member has a role in helping her unit, county, district and the Department of Wisconsin achieve its goals and implement the programs that fulfill the ALA mission. Success as a team comes when we meet together, get to know each other, learn about each individual's talents, skills and capabilities, rejoin, recruit and renew membership, and 'Share our Knowledge' as a focused, cohesive unit. It is essential to success, heartwarming, and encouraging to our members and stakeholders.

Newly elected 2013-2014 National Officers are President Nancy Brown-Park, Vice President Janet Jefford, Chaplain Shelly Riggs, Historian Sharon Doran and Central Division Vice President Donna Ray.

**Mark your calendars!** Official Visits: National President Nancy Brown-Park will visit Wisconsin from November 7-10, 2013 and Central Division Vice President Donna Ray will visit during The American Legion's Midwinter Conference, January 18, 2014. More details to follow.

Make someday today! I look forward to "Sharing our Life as Gems of Service" with each of you. Staying positive starts with a smile!

*"If you don't know where you are going, any road will get you there."  
-- Lewis Carroll*

Joyce E. Endres  
Department President

## MEMBERSHIP

**Laura Calteux**  
Dept Membership Chairman  
Share Your Life, Share Your Legacy,  
Pass it On!

Our membership year is moving into high gear and I know that everyone is working on the three Rs of membership: **Renew, Rejoin and Recruit**. When you are working on renewing, rejoining and recruiting members for the American Legion Auxiliary, you need to let everyone know Who We Are, What We Do and Why We Make A Difference.

**Who We Are:** We are the world's largest women's patriotic service organization. We were founded in 1919, with a membership at nearly 800,000. Local Auxiliary units have a strong presence in more than 9,000 communities.

**What We Do:** The American Legion Auxiliary Mission Statement is exactly what we do and why we do it. In the spirit of service not self, the mission of the ALA 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.

**Why We Make A Difference:** In the Department of Wisconsin we have many great statistics that you can use to **renew, rejoin** and **recruit** members. Here are just a few:

- 189,029 volunteer hours
- \$714,716 raised or spent on veterans and military families
- 177 Scholarships awarded for a total of \$66,206
- 31,962 veterans assisted
- 1,093 military families assisted
- Approximately 740 ALA Badger Girl State delegates

These numbers are just for Wisconsin – imagine what those numbers are across our country! We make a difference in our communities and for our veterans, the military and their families. So when you **renew** your existing members, let them know that what they have done in the past makes a difference and that you are looking forward to them continuing to make a difference for many years to come. For those members that you ask to **rejoin**, let them know what your unit has done in your community to make a difference. When you have those two Rs down, **recruiting** will be a breeze.

Let's get out there and continue to make a difference in the lives of our veterans, the military, their families and our communities.

Share Your Life, Be Gems of Service!

**YOUR TEAM:**  
Laura Calteux, Chairman  
Berne Baer, UD & R  
Ruth Mengsol, UD & R  
Morgan Johnsen, Junior Member

## NATIONAL PRESIDENT VISITS WISCONSIN

**Save The Date... Official Visit Scheduled November 7-10, 2013**



Nancy Brown-Park  
National President

National President Nancy Brown-Park will be in Wisconsin for her official visit November 7-10, 2013. Nancy was not available for events that the National President traditionally attends, so we chose a weekend that fit her schedule and ours.

Events and details are being planned for her stay in Wisconsin.

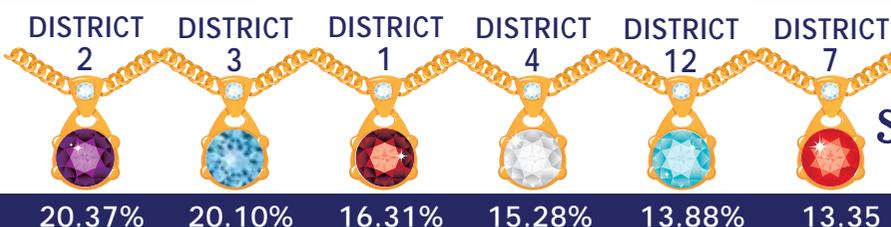
**TENTATIVE PLANS:**

**Friday (11/8):** spend time and attend events in the Madison area

**Saturday (11/9):** participate in the 50th Veterans Day Parade in Milwaukee and a "Walk, Run, Roll" event in Milwaukee that is being planned by the Department Membership Team

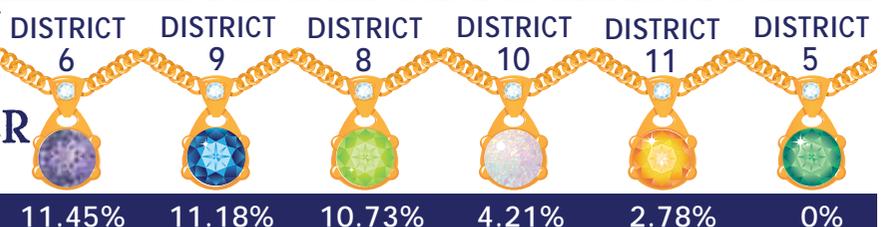
Please mark your calendar and try to attend an event on Friday or Saturday. We will share more information as plans are finalized.

### SHARE YOUR LIFE



SEPTEMBER  
2013

### SHARE YOUR LEGACY



## CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

**Char Kiesling**  
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**Music Chairman**  
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September is MUSIC month! As I was busy working on my Music Plan of Action, I was checking my program in the RED BOOK and came across mention of the Auxiliary theme song, "To the Auxiliary." Since I had never heard of this tune, I emailed President Joyce and she remembered some of it but put out an all-points bulletin to find someone who knew the song. I now have the music and words! I want to share it with you. With a little practice, maybe we can "reintroduce" our theme song at Fall Forum. I also obtained the sheet music dating back to 1938! We should "say it with Music" this month and incorporate patriotic songs and other appropriate music in Unit meetings to add fun and increase patriotism.

### PRAYER

Heavenly Father, let us embrace the start of the fall season and the last days of summer. May Our Lord allow faithful Auxiliary members to never swerve from our purpose no matter the season. May He continue to bless our work to follow President Joyce's special theme, "Share Your Life...Be Gems of Service."

Amen

### MUSIC

#### "TO THE AUXILIARY"

Auxiliary of the Legion, to thee we  
 lend refrain  
 Where e're you be, in the nation, In  
 wisdom may you reign;  
 Carry on and strive to keep at your  
 command  
 Justice, freedom, democracy and  
 helping hand;  
 Auxiliary of the Legion, our task is  
 not in vain.  
 Ever loyal we will be, Legion and  
 Auxiliary  
 To the Red and White and Blue.

Auxiliary of the Legion, we hail you  
 one and all  
 From coast to coast through the nation  
 We'll heed your beck and call;  
 We ordain ourselves to share  
 without pretense  
 Service, friendship, sincerity,  
 benevolence;  
 Auxiliary of the Legion we pledge our  
 hearts to you  
 Ever faithful we will be, Legion  
 and Auxiliary  
 To the Red and White and Blue.

## GREETINGS FROM HEADQUARTERS

**Bonnie Dorniak**  
**Executive Secretary/Treasurer**  
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Past Department President Diana Sirovina was honored to receive the National President's Award of Excellence on behalf of Eau Claire Unit 53 at National Convention for all their work supporting veterans, military, and their families. This is the second year in a row that Eau Claire has received this national award – CONGRATULATIONS!

If this wasn't exciting enough, the Wisconsin delegation was proud to see Diana on stage again – to receive the National President's Award of Excellence on behalf of the Department of Wisconsin! Diana spent many hours reviewing each of the Unit Year-End Reports and summarizing the achievements in a 15-page report to the national organization (NOT counting pictures)! Neither of these two prestigious national awards would have been possible if it weren't for the passion and dedication of Auxiliary members supporting the mission of service, not self. Congratulations

Wisconsin Auxiliary members!

With national convention behind us, it is time to welcome in the 2013-2014 American Legion Auxiliary new year. Newly elected National President Nancy Brown-Park's theme for 2013-2014 is "Pass It On!" and she encourages every Auxiliary member to "pass on" the legacy of the organization and the veteran(s) we honor through our membership. Nancy's membership theme is "Renew, Recruit, Rejoin – Race to a Million 2014-2019." As we all know, the Auxiliary has steadily lost members for many years. If the current rate of decline continues, the Auxiliary will be "extinct" by 2030 leaving hundreds of thousands of veterans without the support they deserve. Therefore, the national organization has established a goal of attaining one million members by the Auxiliary's 100th Anniversary in 2019. In order to do this, Department has set a goal of 5% growth for each unit – so let's all Renew, Recruit and Rejoin members in honor of our veterans!

Veterans Day is a great time to "pass on the legacy" and honor all veterans of the armed services. If you would like to

honor a special veteran in your life, consider purchasing a commemorative button from the national membership team. Each customized button contains a photo of the veteran, supplied by you! Please see the button order form on page A3 or on the national website and order one today. It's an easy recruitment tool and a great way to share the Auxiliary's mission when people ask who is pictured on your button.

National Headquarters mailed 2014 Membership Renewal Notices. Anyone whose dues were not processed at Department Headquarters by August 7th should have received a notice.

THANK YOU to everyone who has already responded to our annual calendar fundraiser. Donations support our veterans, the military and their families. Contact Department Headquarters if you need additional entry forms. They make awesome birthday, Christmas, and anniversary gifts for that person who just has everything! You could win more than once because winning entry forms are returned to the barrel every day! The last day to enter is December 31, 2013. Daily drawings start January 1st.

## NATIONAL SECURITY

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National Security encompasses Troop and Family Support as well as Emergency Preparedness. There are many ways we can help service members and their families in Wisconsin and worldwide. Donations to the Support Military Families Fund (on the General Fund Suggested Donation Sheet) provide financial assistance here in Wisconsin to those in need. Your unused hotel points or airline miles can assist our wounded, injured, and ill service members and their families; coupons can be

sent to overseas commissaries; the Camo Quilt project, assisting Family Readiness Groups and providing practical assistance to military families with a deployed service member are just a few ways we make a difference for those who are serving.

Auxiliary Units can work with Legion Posts, SAL and Legion Riders to recognize military families and raise public awareness during the month of the Military Child in April and National Military Appreciation Month in May. It's not too early to start your planning. To learn more or to donate unused frequent flyer miles or hotel reward points to the Fisher House programs, go to: [www.fisherhouse.org/programs](http://www.fisherhouse.org/programs). To locate overseas commissary addresses, go to:

[www.grocerysavings.com/p/military-family.html](http://www.grocerysavings.com/p/military-family.html)

Emergency preparedness is necessary year round. Do you have an emergency kit for your home and car? Be prepared for severe weather at home and when traveling. Visit the Ready Wisconsin website (<http://ready.wi.gov>) to find information to: Be Informed, Make a Plan, Get a Kit to help yourself and your family in the event it is needed.

Let me know what your Unit is doing throughout the year and I can share your projects with all of our members. Everything we do – large and small – makes a difference in the lives of those we serve through Service, Not Self.

## EDUCATION

**Sue Hembrook**  
**Department Chairman**  
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Education is a responsibility that lies in the hands of each and every one of us. Whether it is teaching our children, grandchildren, etc., right from wrong, how to tie their shoes or say the ABC's. It is our responsibility as adults to keep informed on what is going on around us. We need to educate ourselves to make the right decisions on whom to vote for,

how to spend our money and the list goes on and on. Education is not just for the young, but for everyone.

National Education Week is November 18-22, 2013. During this week we urge you to thank the educators of our children and grandchildren. Contemplate your own needs and take a class. Classes do not have to be boring – take a fun class like golf, jewelry making or anything else that intrigues you. I personally know of a 94-year old woman that recently took up tap dancing lessons

as it was something she always wanted to do. It is never too late to take a class to enrich yourself and those around you.

Remember that our returning warriors are also looking to either get back to or start an education program for themselves. If you know of any of these warriors, offer them a helping hand. They may need child care or a ride to classes. Remember to give of yourself whether in the classroom or supporting someone else seeking to enhance their education.

## M. Louise Wilson Education Loan Fund

**Violet Feldmann**  
**Department Chairman**

The M. Louise Wilson Education Loan Fund program is an interest-free loan available to Wisconsin American Legion Auxiliary college bound members. The amount has been increased from \$400 to \$800 per year and can be repeated each year until the member reaches the maximum amount of \$4,000.

This successful program began in 1925 with M. Louise Wilson's vision to assist

women who required financial support in furthering their education. I am proud to say that with the help of this program many young women have matriculated to universities to complete their education and have now joined the work force in many various fields such as Medicine, Education and Business.

To request a loan application, applicants may send me a brief note including their name, address and contact phone number as well as the co-signee's (parent/guard-

ian) name, address and contact number. Requests should be mailed to: Violet Feldmann, Chairman, 322 N. Highland Avenue #107, Plymouth WI 53073. Applicants will need to submit three letters of recommendation and a copy of the previous school year's grades with the completed application. Here is your chance, go for it!

We, the American Legion Auxiliary, will work together to assist these young women to be whatever they wish to be.

# IRS Tax Filing Requirements For Units, Counties and Districts

The IRS requires all non-profit organizations whose income is less than \$50,000 to file an IRS 990N ePostcard on an annual basis at [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov). Units, Counties and Districts that need assistance filing the 990N ePostcard should contact Department Headquarters and request an authorization form or use the form included in the October Unit mailing.

The IRS is revoking the tax-exempt status of organizations that

do not file a tax report every year. If your Auxiliary unit, county or district is in jeopardy or has questions regarding their tax-exempt status, you must contact IRS Customer Service at 877-829-5500 for assistance. Neither Department nor National Headquarters can restore the tax-exempt status. However, please notify Department if the tax exempt status is revoked so we can update the national organization as needed.

## CALENDAR FUNDRAISER WINNERS



AUGUST 2013



1	15.00	39454	Donna Cook	Rice Lake
2	15.00	16680	Eleanor Niesen	Dane
3	15.00	25830	Eva Rose Kautzer	Appleton
4	25.00	32380	Ruth Buschmann	Sturgeon Bay
5	15.00	19189	Kathy Halverson	Kohler
6	15.00	11440	Lisa Clark	Janesville
7	15.00	29694	ALA Unit #107	Mosinee
8	15.00	42881	David Scolley	Deerbrook
9	15.00	01419	Berne Baer	Green Bay
10	15.00	01797	Antoinette Smith	Waukesha
11	25.00	44622	Colman Findlay	Boulder Junction
12	15.00	29498	Torrie Maier	Wausau
13	15.00	45123	John Johnson	Rib Lake
14	15.00	14265	Kathleen Prochnow	Oak Creek
15	15.00	34295	Helen Patenaude	Oconto
16	15.00	31701	Lori Moystner	La Crosse
17	15.00	49983	Pamela Smith	Owatonna MN
18	25.00	23962	Ruth Hawkinson	Menasha
19	15.00	10984	Tami Quam	Stoughton
20	15.00	30246	Carol Newhouse	Kaukauna
21	15.00	01602	Robert Meyer	Colgate
22	15.00	12886	Gayla Ruocco	Milwaukee
23	15.00	03963	Georgeanna Blackburn	Mesa AZ
24	15.00	20523	Patsy Thornburgh	Genoa City
25	25.00	11176	Eleanor Janssen	Dodgeville
26	15.00	16611	Virginia Faust	Cross Plains
27	15.00	27524	ALA Unit #220	Soldiers Grove
28	15.00	04117	James Krumbein	Malone
29	15.00	28288	Rose Karsten	Fond du Lac
30	15.00	03279	Dawn Mortenson	Seattle WA
31	15.00	29967	Jeanne Groskopf	Wisconsin Rapids

If not cashed within 90 days, the check will be voided without any notification sent to you. If it's after 90 days call our office. We are open Monday-Friday 8:00am-4:30pm. Phone: 608-745-0124.

## 2014 CALENDAR FUNDRAISER

Entry forms for the 2014 ALA Calendar Fundraiser have been mailed out! Return your entry forms by 12/31/13 for a chance to win.

Over \$12,000 in Cash Prizes!  
At least one \$500 winner each month!  
- 365 Winners -



For Additional Entries contact Headquarters at

866-664-3863

# 2013-2014 Honoring Their Service "Pass It On" Commemorative Button



Personalized Button \$10.00



Photo Button \$5.00

Would you like to honor a special veteran in your life? A commemorative honor button is the perfect choice to remember and recognize the service men and women who have given so much in the name of freedom. Show your pride by wearing your button and encourage membership at the same time!

## How do I order my button?

1. Scan a photo as a .jpg or .pdf file and send via email to [greenlure@yahoo.com](mailto:greenlure@yahoo.com)
2. Put your name in the subject line of the email
3. Mail form with payment to address below. Upon receipt of email we will match with form.

*Do not worry about sizing or cropping...we will take care of that on our end.*

4. If you can't scan - no problem. Mail the photo with form information and payment to the address below. We will return your photo with the button.

Photo Button .....\$5.00/ea

Personalized Button ...\$10.00/ea (up to two lines of text)

## Honor Their Service! Order Now!

Please complete all information and mail form with payment to the address below  
You may submit up to three photos per form. This form may be photocopied

Photo #1	_____	x \$5.00/ea	\$ _____	Total
	description of photo	qty		
Photo #1 Personalized:	_____	x \$10.00/ea	\$ _____	Total
	text line #1	qty		
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	text line #2			
Photo #2	_____	x \$5.00/ea	\$ _____	Total
	description of photo	qty		
Photo #2 Personalized:	_____	x \$10.00/ea	\$ _____	Total
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	text line #2			
Photo #3	_____	x \$5.00/ea	\$ _____	Total
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### Your Information Here

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Louisburg, KS 66053



Questions/Problems...Call: 913-837-0556  
email: [greenlure@yahoo.com](mailto:greenlure@yahoo.com)

Make Checks Payable to:  
**Greenlure**

Finished button size is 2-1/4"

## RECRUIT - RENEW - REJOIN!

As the American Legion Auxiliary strives to reach 1 million members by 2019, try to Recruit, Renew and Rejoin eligible family members. Many women are eligible and willing to join the Auxiliary to honor the veterans in their family. What is the potential number of Auxiliary members for each Legionnaire in your Post?!? Recruit the wives, mothers, daughters, sisters, granddaughters, and grandmothers of every Legionnaire - and remember to renew or rejoin members who have faithfully

served the Auxiliary in the past. If there are women who are eligible to join but the veteran or service member in their family

isn't a Legionnaire, consider giving a gift of Legion membership so the women can join this great organization!



Unit 424 of Mercer is proud to have a three-generation membership family. Pictured here are Deborah Janz, Joyce Baneck and Alison Janz. The members live in Spencer, but belong to and are active in Mercer Unit 424. What a great example of Legion Family support!



## 2012-2013 National President's Awards of Excellence



Peggy Thomas presents two National President's Awards of Excellence to Diana Sirovina on behalf of Johnson-Nicoles-Kuhlman-Olson Unit 53 in Eau Claire and the Department of Wisconsin at the 2013 National Convention in Houston, Texas.

## Awards Presented at 2013 National Convention

The following awards were received at National Convention and will be presented or acknowledged at the 2013 Fall Informational Forum in Oconomowoc on September 20-21.

### AMERICANISM

National Americanism Essay Contest, Class II Winner in Central Division: McKenzie Olson, sponsored by Muscoda Unit 85, District 3.

### CHILDREN & YOUTH

Best Overall Department Award for promoting the most outstanding Children & Youth Program in the Central Division: Mary Petrie, Department Chairman.

### COMMUNITY SERVICE

Senior Volunteer of the Year in Central Division: Judy Ruppel of Warren Kane Unit 41 in Kaukauna, District 9.

### EDUCATION

Honoring Their Service Award for most outstanding promotion of Education for military children in the Central Division: Diane Weggen of Cecil Tormey Unit 118 in Thorp, District 7.

Education Award for the Most Outstanding Literacy Program: Diane Weggen of Cecil Tormey Unit 118 in Thorp, District 7.

### LEGISLATIVE

Best Overall Department Award in Central Division: Joan Chwala, Department Chairman.

### MEMBERSHIP

Department Awards for achieving Milestone 1 (55%), Milestone 2 (70%), and Milestone 3 (85%): Ann Rynes, Department Chairman.

Membership Renewal Award for the Department with the largest percentage of membership renewals in the Central Division: Ann Rynes, Department Chairman.

Service Not Self Award for the Unit exemplifying Service Not Self, promoting harmony in the Unit, being inclusive and welcoming to all members, and accepting and adapting to change: Getchel-Nelson Unit 210 in Waupun, District 6.

### NATIONAL PRESIDENT'S AWARD OF EXCELLENCE (awarded to only five units throughout the national organization)

Awarded to Johnson-Nicoles-Kuhlman-Olson Unit 53 in Eau Claire; Gloria Hochstein, Unit President.

### NATIONAL PRESIDENT'S AWARD OF EXCELLENCE (awarded to one department)

Awarded to Department of Wisconsin; Diana Sirovina, 2012-2013 Department President.

### PAST PRESIDENTS PARLEY

Department of Wisconsin Unit Member of the Year: Darlene Heller of Moe-Miller Unit 12 in Spooner, District 12.

### POPPY

Best Poppy Poster in Class IV (Grades 8-9) in Central Division: Rachel Staaden, Bixby Hansen Unit 171 in Union Grove, District 1.

Best Poppy Poster in Class V (Grades 10-11) in Central Division: Tristin Clark, Wausaukee Polomi-Tahlier Unit 150 in Wausaukee, District 9.

### VETERANS AFFAIRS & REHABILITATION

Best Overall Department Award in Central Division: Virginia Kodl, Department Chairman.

Veterans Creative Arts Festival Gold Award for Department contribution between \$5,000-\$14,999: Department of Wisconsin; Diana Sirovina, 2012-2013 Department President.

Certificate of Participation in recognition for active participation in the VA&R Program: Linda Fass of District 2.

Certificate of Participation in recognition for active participation in the VA&R Program and for submitting an "Honoring Their Service" Award Entry: Romelle (Mel) Nowak, Rose-Harms Unit 355 in Grafton, District 2.

Perfect Attendance Award for attending all VAVS Meetings: Pat Flanders, Mary Callaway, and Zetta Frederickson (VA Great Lakes Health Care System-Tomah); Bonnie Jakubczyk and Marilyn Reese (Zablocki Memorial VA Medical Center-Milwaukee).

## Thank You From Tomah Homeless Veterans Center!

Every donation received from our members and units makes a difference! Because of donations designated to Homeless Veterans Assistance Centers, the American Legion Auxiliary was able to purchase two sets of washers and dryers to support our veterans at the Tomah Homeless Veterans Center. The following note was received in acknowledgement of this gift.

*Once again the American Legion Auxiliary comes to the rescue.*

*I was recently approached by Mrs. Dawn Ollendeck, Director of Volunteer Services at the Tomah Homeless Veterans Center. Her concerns were that the center has old washers and dryers that continually break down. Last year they spent \$1,000 repairing them and expect to spend much more in the near future. The center has four sets that are in constant use. She wanted to purchase new equipment that would be dependable and less expensive to operate.*

*My first reaction was to contact Legion Headquarters for direction. Adjutant Kurtz informed me that we were not budgeted for these types of items and that I should contact the Auxiliary. I was pleasantly surprised at the reaction I received from that side of the house.*

*I was referred to VA&R Chairman Virginia Kodl. I called immediately and found her out chopping wood but she had time for the Veterans. She took the information and said she would take care of it.*

*The next morning I received a call from Mrs. Ollendeck informing me that the Wisconsin American Legion Auxiliary instructed her to purchase two sets from the low bidder and they would cover the cost.*

*It is wonderful to be a part of this great organization that unselfishly gives to those in need. I would like to thank the Auxiliary for doing the things they do and for their fast reaction. This was all accomplished with one phone call in one day.*

*What a family!*

*Stephen H Krueger  
Past Department Commander*

## Honor Our Veterans!



Auxiliary members of Unit 384 in Kewaskum planted a Flag Garden in front of their Legion Hall. Flags are placed on Memorial Day, Flag Day, Independence Day and Veterans Day. Each flag includes a laminated card to honor the memory of a military or other family member. This project was spearheaded by member Shirley Fellenz who purchased all of the necessary materials and recruited other Auxiliary members to help make the cards, attach them to each flag, and plant the flags for the Kewaskum community to appreciate.