



For August/September Meeting 2023

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American Legion Auxiliary Mission Statement:

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.

The Monthly Unit Mailing is posted on the Wisconsin Department website under the Unit Mailing link.

www.amlegionauxwi.org



Message from President Maggie Geiger...

I am so proud and honored to be a member of one of the few if not the only organization that stands proud to recite our preamble, **“FOR GOD & COUNTRY”**.

We do not have to apologize for what we stand for, and as Auxiliary members, everything we do, no matter how small of an event or contribution, we think it is or how over the top it becomes, we are **“Enhancing the lives of our Veterans, Military and their Families, One Day at a Time”**.

We do this by working the ALA’s programs! Your Unit, County or District, may choose to work various programs, but what do you as an individual member enjoy? Serving behind the scenes, sending cards to members, heading an event, or distributing poppies. Whatever it is, **THANK YOU!**

Remember when you first joined the Auxiliary? Whether it was as a Junior member or even if you began your membership last week! What event or program, tugged at your heart to join? Was it the excitement of going to your unit meeting, to be with your fellow members, being involved in an organization that does and is making a difference in the lives of those who served, is serving, their families or your community? Who are you honoring through your membership?

Let’s build up our members and units with respect for difference of opinions, kind words, a welcoming attitude and environment. If we don’t embrace our members, new ideas, willingly mentor our upcoming leaders, or discontinue the verbiage “I’ve done this for so long, I’m done”, who or what organization will take care of our hero’s?

We must also not forget those members who can no longer attend a meeting or have moved to a different area, keep them informed as to what is going on in their unit; their membership is equally as important. Continue to educate and mentor all members about our programs, change up your meetings, invite department officers, and chairmen to attend events, or contact for questions.

Working closely with The American Legion, and SAL (Sons of the American Legion) will be a focus to help us become a stronger American Legion Family. We can help each other understand our programs, work together on membership, and help get our names out in our communities, we’ve become the best kept secret!

We have three (3) ALA In the Know sessions scheduled this fall, plan on attending one and bring along three members from your unit to attend, ask questions, enjoy your time together, come away refreshed and excited to help our veterans!

Dogs2DogTags, Saving our Vets One Dog at a Time, is my President’s Special Project. The D2DT mission is to train at risk, rescued or donated dogs, place them with a deserving service member(s) who have been diagnosed with post combat stress and anxiety. The purpose is to provide the veteran, at no cost, a trained dog that they can gain as a constant companion to help them cope with their unique challenges in everyday life.

Dogs2DogTags is a nonprofit organization, located in Sheboygan Falls WI, serving veterans in Wisconsin, to learn more visit www.dogs2dogtags.org.

Once again, I am humbled by your trust in me to serve as your Department of WI ALA President. I am looking forward to visiting as many units, counties, and district events, that I have the honor to be invited to.

My continued prayer is that we remember who we are honoring with our membership, bring back laughter and fun when we are together, not to be afraid to ask questions or be willing to step up as a leader. And to know without a doubt that your membership, and all that you do is appreciated!

For God & Country



**MAGGIE GEIGER'S SPECIAL PROJECT
2023-2024**

Mission

The purpose of Dogs2DogTags is to create an opportunity to save at-risk, rescued, and donated dogs, train them, and place them with deserving service members who have been diagnosed with post-combat stress and anxiety. Dogs2DogTags provides significant treatment options to Veterans suffering from Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD). Canine companionship can make a real difference in the fight against an incredibly high suicide rate among our veterans, while saving the lives of deserving canines.

Who We Are and What We Do

We are a group of men and women who have either served in or worked closely with our military. We have seen the difficulties that our men and women face when returning to civilian life, and we've known men and women who have tragically contributed to the unprecedented rate of veteran suicides. Our volunteers share the love of country and community, and above all, the utmost respect for our military veterans. We are committed to standing by our veterans and keeping them aware that we care.

Our goal is to pair a skilled companion dog in need of a home with a veteran in need of unconditional love and support. We know that a veteran's battles aren't always over when he or she returns home and that a dedicated service dog that will be a constant companion to help them cope with the unique challenges of their everyday life. Provided at no cost, this can be one of the simplest and most effective ways in which we can all stand by these brave men and women. As of April 2021, we have matched 28 dogs, and assisted over 40 veterans with these placements and other needed services.

Torre Willadsen Founder, President

Sheboygan Falls, Wisconsin

The idea for Dogs2DogTags™ came to Torre Willadsen while he was deployed as a civilian contractor working with military dogs in 2012. During his time with the 7th Marines, he developed close bonds with dogs and dog handlers alike, and when dog handler Chris Van Etten was wounded, Torre worked hard to help keep Chris and his dog Harley together during Chris's recovery. Torre suspected – and then saw firsthand – the profound effect a canine companion could have on a wounded man's frame of mind at a difficult time. That is when Torre knew that he wanted to bring that kind of unconditional support to those back home struggling with post-traumatic stress.

Torre has over twenty years of civilian and military dog training experience and a passion for training both dogs and dog handlers for service. He has helped many of his handlers to adopt their dogs. Torre's broad knowledge and deep understanding of how canines can help cope with stress, guides this organization and promises to help at-risk veterans recover from PTSD.

Financial Support

Dogs2DogTags™ is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization that relies on donations to provide top-quality support dogs to veterans struggling with post-combat stresses. Donations go directly to funding the costs of obtaining, training, caring for, and transporting dogs to their new homes; veteran outreach services; as well as the general costs of running the program. We also cover the necessary expenses to make sure our veterans are set up for success, including dog food for a year; flea, tick, heartworm preventatives; and routine veterinary services for the life of the dog. Each veteran receives whatever is needed at the time of the placement, such as crates, leashes, toys, and even fencing if needed. We feel no veteran should be without an emotional support dog just because of their financial limitations. Thank you!

For further information and case histories, visit:

Website - dogs2dogtags.org

On FaceBook at [Dogs2DogTags](https://www.facebook.com/Dogs2DogTags)

On YouTube at [Dogs2DogTags](https://www.youtube.com/Dogs2DogTags) - *Saving Our Vets One Dog at a Time*



GREETINGS FROM DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS

Bonnie Dorniak, Executive Secretary-Treasurer

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2024 MEMBERSHIP CARDS/ROSTERS/GOALS: 2024 membership cards, rosters and unit goals were mailed to all units in July. The national organization set the membership goal for 2024 as one member more than the unit's goal from 2023. If you did not receive your membership packet, please contact Andrea Stoltz immediately.

2023 CONVENTION FUNDRAISER: *The G.N.O.M.E.s have rallied. On behalf of Past Department President Linda Coppock and myself, thank you districts, counties, units, and individuals who created 104 of the absolutely cutest Gnome baskets ever. We would also like to thank the American Legion Family for your support in raising \$5,880! We do "BELIEVE" in the mission of the American Legion Auxiliary. Thank you everyone for your help. I couldn't have done it without you ~ Lorrie Barber, 2022-2023 Department Fundraising Chair*

2023-2024 PRESIDENT'S THEME: President Maggie Geiger's theme is "Enhancing the Lives of our Veterans, Military and their Families – One Day at a Time." Her President's Pin was designed by Morgan Johnsen, member of ALA Unit 352.



2023-2024 PRESIDENT'S SPECIAL PROJECT: President Maggie's special project is Dogs2DogTags, which places trained dogs with deserving service members who have been diagnosed with post-combat stress and anxiety (dogs2dogtags.org).

2023-2024 DEPARTMENT OFFICERS/CHAIRMEN'S LIST: A list of newly elected Department Officers and chairmen appointed for the 2023-2024 administration year is included in the August/September issue of the Badger Legionnaire Wisconsin and is posted to the Department website.

2023-2024 SUGGESTED DONATION SHEETS: Donation Sheets have been updated for 2023-2024 and are included in this mailing. The new donation sheets are effective immediately so please discard any old forms.

2023-2024 MISSION TRAINING & NATIONAL JUNIOR MEETINGS: The national organization is hosting Mission Training sessions and National Junior Meetings. Dates and locations are listed below.

Mission Training: Would you like to learn more about working the mission of the American Legion Auxiliary? Would you like to network with national leaders and other members who share your passion and enthusiasm for helping our veterans? During the 1-day Mission Training conference, you'll be inspired while learning more about working the ALA's core programs in an interactive and fun environment. Many of the American Legion Auxiliary Mission Outreach programs will be covered during this conference.

National Junior Meetings: If your Junior is 8 years old or older, they are invited to a national Junior meeting! They will have the opportunity to meet new friends, do a service project for caregivers, and have tons of fun! The meetings are on a Saturday to correspond with the Mission Training conferences.

- **11/4/2023:** Cincinnati, OH (Embassy Suites Cincinnati Rivercenter Covington)
- **11/4/2023:** Providence, RI (Marriott Providence Downtown)
- **2/3/2024:** Lincoln, NE (Marriott Lincoln Cornhusker)
- **2/3/2024:** Nashville, TN (Hilton Nashville Airport)
- **1/27/2024:** Las Vegas, NV (Tuscany Suites & Casino)

Registration opens soon! Check out the national website for details (www.ALAforVeterans.org)

M. LOUISE WILSON EDUCATIONAL LOAN FUND – Per action taken at the 2023 Department Convention, the M. Louise Wilson Educational Loan Fund has been combined with the Education Program. Any qualified member seeking financial assistance to obtain a higher education is encouraged to contact Education Chairman Diane Weggen at dsweggen@gmail.com for details and an application. A donation form is included in this mailing for anyone interested in supporting this important program.



American Legion Auxiliary Department of Wisconsin

Request for Visit by Department President or Department Chairman

PLEASE MAIL THIS REQUEST DIRECTLY TO THE INVITED PARTY.

SEND A COPY TO DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS:

P.O. Box 140, Portage WI 53901

Email: deptsec@amlegionauxwi.org

Invitation is extended to: _____

Request for visit from: Unit# _____ Unit Name: _____

Date of Event: _____ Time of Event: _____

Event: _____ Location: _____
(Post/Civic Bldg/Other Place)

Address: _____

Town: _____ Phone # _____

Name of person(s) who will meet the President/Chairman: _____

Is the event a: Luncheon Dinner Unit Meeting District Meeting County Meeting Other

Will the President/Chairman:

Provide Greetings Only Be the main speaker of the event (preferred subject: _____)

Expected to participate in other activities (activities info: _____)

Who is expected to attend the event: Auxiliary Members American Legion SAL Youth

Others _____

Does the invitation include a guest of the President/Chairman? Yes No

Dress for the occasion is: Formal Informal (business) Casual (jeans/shirts) Other

What news media will attend? Radio TV News Publications

Will lodging be provided for the President/Chairman? Yes No

Details _____

Contact Person _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____



American Legion Auxiliary 2023 State Convention Citations

President's Award for Excellence – Linda Coppock, Department President

8 – awarded to Orfordville Unit 209, District 1; Port Washington Unit 82, District 2; Grafton Unit 355, District 2; Saukville Unit 470, District 2; Lone Rock Unit 383, District 3; Shiocton Unit 512, District 9; Abrams Unit 523, District 9; Grantsburg Unit 185, District 12.

Chaplain – Linda Kostka, Department Chaplain

2 – Certificates of Recognition – awarded to Green Bay Unit 11, District 9 & Grantsburg Unit 185, District 12.

Children & Youth – Mary Petrie, Department Chairman

6 – 'Believe & Achieve' Awards – awarded to Port Washington Unit 82, District 2; Watertown Unit 189, District 2; Saukville Unit 470, District 2; Neenah Unit 33, District 6; Thorp Unit 118, District 7; New London Unit 263, District 8.

History – Sue Turowski, Department Historian

1 – Best overall (District) Certificate of Merit – awarded to Judy Kuta of District 2.
1 – Best overall (Unit) Certificate of Merit – awarded to Alyssa Fraser of Thorp Unit 118, District 7.
8 – Certificates of Participation – awarded to Susan Christian of Watertown Unit 189, District 2; Mary Molaski of Grafton Unit 355, District 2; Darlene Meyers of Franklin Unit 387, District 2; Janet Brown of Lone Rock Unit 383, District 3; Patricia Katalinick of Chilton Unit 125, District 6; Vickie Dux of Neillsville Unit 73, District 7; Amanda Szalewski of Wausau Unit 10, District 8; Rose Heinz of Appleton Unit 38, District 9.

Leadership – Joyce Endres, Department Chairman

1 – Unit Member of the Year – awarded to Cathy Wilbur of Appleton Unit 38, District 9.
1 – Honorable Mention - awarded to Jean Hensen of Waunakee Unit 360, District 3.

Legislative – Diane Weggen, Department Chairman

5 – Certificates of Recognition – awarded to Diane Burkhalter of Port Washington Unit 82, District 2; Susan Christian of Watertown Unit 189, District 2; Deborah Niebuhr of Cross Plains Unit 245, District 3; Susan Wells of Neillsville Unit 73, District 7; Marla Knuettel of New London Unit 263, District 8.

M. Louise Wilson – Joan Chwala, Department Chairman

1 – Certificate of Merit – awarded to Amy Luft of District 2.

Membership – Becky Mueller, Department Chairman

11 – Extra-Gnome-inary Awards – awarded to Pewaukee Unit 71, District 1; Fort Atkinson Unit 166, District 2; Lone Rock Unit 383, District 3; Greendale Unit 416, District 4; Milwaukee Unit 448, District 5; Two Rivers Unit 165, District 6; Humbird Unit 320, District 7; Tigerton Unit 329, District 8; Deanna Farley, District 9; Ridgeland Unit 511, District 10; Fifield Unit 532, District 11.

National Security – Karen Degner, Department Chairman

4 – Certificates of Recognition – awarded to Port Washington Unit 82, District 2; Neenah Unit 33, District 6; New London Unit 263, District 8; Algoma Unit 236, District 9.

Past Presidents Parley – Bonnie Jakubczyk, Department Chairman

1 – Mentor of the Year – awarded to Jan Pulvermacher-Ryan of Waunakee Unit 360, District 3.

Poppy – Patti Westpfahl, Department Chairman

7 – Poppy Poster Awards – awarded to Easton Schurter, District 7 (Class I); Audra Ciolkosz, District 7 (Class II); Isabella Schroeder, District 9 (Class III); Sela Meeks, District 2 (Class IV); Jenna Nicholson, District 9 (Class V); Bethany Levy, District 2 (Class VI); Anna James, District 9 (Class VII).

Public Relations – Sandra Mack, Department Chairman

1 – Certificate of Appreciation – awarded to Crystal Shaw of Caledonia Unit 194, District 1.

Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation – Mike Rohan, Department Chairman

6 – 'Believe' Awards – awarded to Port Washington Unit 82, District 2; Grafton Unit 355, District 2; Richland Center Unit 13, District 3; Wautoma Unit 317, District 8; Tigerton Unit 239, District 8; Mercer Unit 424, District 11.



**DEPARTMENT OF
WISCONSIN FALL JUNIOR
CONFERENCE**



Turning Rivers Youth Camp
N885 Youth Camp Rd.
Campbellsport 53010

OCTOBER 21-22, 2023 - 1pm Saturday til 2pm Sunday

Join us at Camp Hometown Heroes for our Fall Conference and learn about the camp, and what it does for military children, our American Legion Auxiliary, and what you can do for our veterans, and military. There will be hiking, crafts (lots!), outdoor cooking, and learning about wilderness survival. Bring your sleeping bag and pillow for a fun weekend with friends!

If you have any questions, please call Laura Calteux at 414-379-2943.



2023 JUNIOR AUXILIARY FALL CONFERENCE REGISTRATION
Reservation needs to be in by October 7, 2023
You will get a confirmation of your reservation with additional information.

Form submitted by (please print clearly):

Name: _____ District #: _____ Unit #: _____

Phone #: _____ Email: _____

| Print Clearly | Name / Unit | First Time Attendee? Yes/No | Registration (\$10.00) | Junior Member | Senior Member | Sons of the American Legion |
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| Grand Totals | | | \$ | | | |

Total Amount Enclosed: _____

Please send reservation form with check payable to American Legion Auxiliary to:

Laura Calteux 7012 W. Squire Avenue, Greenfield WI 53220



BADGER LEGIONNAIRE & WISCONSIN PUBLICATION POLICIES

For publication in the *Badger Legionnaire* please e-mail text and pictures in digital format to the editor, at badger@wilegion.org.

For publication in the *Wisconsin* please e-mail text and pictures in digital format to the editor, Bonnie Dorniak at deptsec@amlegionauxwi.org

Items received in digital format are much more likely to be printed than items mailed to the office.

Please do not send pictures and/or articles from your local paper for publication unless you have obtained written permission from the newspaper. Include that written permission with your submission. We cannot and will not reproduce copyrighted material without permission.

When submitting photos, please make sure they are of the highest quality and resolution possible. Pictures with members wearing their Legion caps or displaying a Legion or Auxiliary emblem will have a higher likelihood of being published. **Poor quality photos and reprints mailed to the office will not be used.** All photos should be accompanied by a listing of the individuals in the photo in the order in which they appear.

There will be six issues a year. If you miss the deadline your item will most likely not be held over until the next issue due to the volume of submissions, we receive.

There is limited space available in the *Badger Legionnaire* and the *Wisconsin*; therefore, we do not have the space to publish meeting notices, local Unit events, 50+ members, etc. These items are best left to your local newspaper and District or Unit newsletters.

We also reserve the right to edit or refuse any submission based on interest to “all” members or objectionable content.

Submissions will not be returned whether or not they are used in the publication.

If you have a question about whether your item is newsworthy, please contact the editor in advance.



Leadership Program 2023-2024

Joyce Endres, Department Chairman
ljendres@charter.net

Committee members: Linda Coppock and Teresa Isensee

We are excited for two reasons!

1. The amount of great information shared in 2022-23 Unit Leadership Annual Reports. We learn from each other, so please see annual report highlights below.
2. To be appointed as your 2023-2024 Leadership Program Chairman and work with Linda and Teresa, as we continue to educate members about each aspect of the ALA Mission to build a strong understanding of the value of the American Legion Auxiliary.

Members and Units are the foundation of the American Legion Auxiliary.

Leaders and mentors build on this foundation as we work together. **“We learn mostly by DOING what we are trying to LEARN”**. I encourage you to step forward to take on a Program Chairmanship or Office to learn by doing.

2022-23 Unit/County Leadership Annual Reports provided a wealth of ideas to share:

- Appointed mentors and committee co-chairs to encourage knowledge transfer to build future officers, chairmen and volunteers.
- Distributed meeting agendas and Department Unit Mailings to keep members informed and to enable active discussions.
- Raised ALA mission awareness by volunteering for community activities.
- Attended ALA In The Know, District, Department, National & TAL College training.
- Hosted and attended meetings/events at ALL levels (unit, county, state, national).
- Built a strong Legion Family partnership.
- Sent thank you notes to all businesses that supported ALA programs.
- Explained the value of listening & communication with personal contact/multi-media.

Ozaukee County, Sandy Mack/Diane Burkhalter, developed a newsletter using the approach, *“A Trip through Oz”*. Dane County President, Noreen Schmidt held joint unit events.

District 2 Unit 82, Port Washington, The BRIDGE PROJECT, mentored struggling units & shared fund raiser/events linking five units together & hosted FEST FOR VET for CAL.

District 6, Unit 477, President Sandra Augustine, Saint Nazianz stated in part *“being a good leader begins with sincerity, a warm heart and true dedication to the best job you can do. Being accessible and personally reaching out to members, especially aging members, brings joy to the unit/members they touch. Initiating small efforts and acts of kindness provides heartfelt rewards to ALA members”*.

“People may not remember exactly what you did or what you said, but they will always remember how you made them feel.” *Maya Angelou*

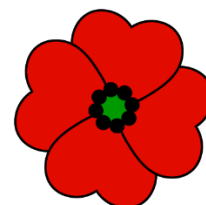
2022-2023 Unit Member of the Year is Cathy Wilbur, Unit 38, Appleton, a very strong advocate for veterans and the auxiliary. Honorable Mention: Jean Hensen, Unit 360, Waunakee, who honored numerous veterans and children with homemade quilts.



Members are the heart of the American Legion Auxiliary



MEMBERSHIP



GROW OUR MEMBERSHIP, POPPY UP FOR A VETERAN!!!

Members of the Auxiliary, it is now time to wear a poppy for the veteran or veterans that your membership honors. It is a fact that each and every one of us hold the poppies and their meaning close to our hearts. Now is the time to show that honor by popping up. One way in which to poppy up is to encourage more to join our ranks. There are so many spouses, mothers, etc. that are out there that are eligible to join this great organization. Poppy up and spread the word!!

We have our work ahead of us and must gather in those eligible by our example. Wear your branded items to show your pride in what this organization stands for. We are the best kept secret around, so let's try and change that and advertise what we do for veterans, active-duty military and their families. I personally encourage all of you to somehow reach our schools to promote patriotism and duty to country. You can do so by sponsoring events at posts or in your community, not necessarily in the physical schools themselves. I realize that is off the subject of membership but is just an example of how we can showcase our projects and how they impact all of our communities.

Our first membership incentive award will be Veteran's Day, November 11, 2023 and for two units that are 100%, they will receive an award of \$150.00 each. This is doable if we all work at it.

Membership packets were sent out to Unit membership chairmen. 2024 dues can be paid to them or paid online via credit or debit card on the ALA national website www.legion-aux.org/renew. If for some reason you did not receive your membership packet in the next few weeks, contact Andrea Stoltz at 608-745-0124 or alawi@amlegionauxwi.org. It is easier to track the packet now than a few months from now.

Please pay your dues in a timely manner to ensure that you are current for the 2024 year. Dues are paid in advance of the membership year and members are encouraged to pay their dues by December 31, 2023.

Units, start collecting dues as soon as possible, do not hold your memberships until your entire unit has paid, send them in to Department. By holding memberships, you may jeopardize the membership status of your members.

We are racing to have a 100% Department! Yes, we can do it, there are 12 Departments that are so far 100% in 2023 and I am sure that Wisconsin is up to the challenge of being among those 100% Departments for 2024.

Remember that your membership team is here to serve you so please contact us. We along with your District membership Chairman are here to assist.

2023-2024 Membership Team

| | | |
|---|--------------|--------------------------|
| Sue Hembrook, Department Chairman | 262-843-4791 | genesuehem@wi.rr.com |
| Becky Mueller, UDR | 920-464-0320 | clarenceandbecky@aol.com |
| Amy Luft, UDR | 414-651-7300 | amyjluft@gmail.com |
| Andrea Stoltz, Membership Program Coordinator | | |



NATIONAL SECURITY

Karen Degner, Department Chairman

Email: kdegner88@gmail.com ♦ Phone: 920-918-9772

As we continue this year, we can support our service members and their families in a variety of ways. We can also help to keep ourselves and loved ones safe by using the suggestions provided for Emergency Preparedness.

Remembering and honoring those POW/MIA with a moment of silence at Unit meetings is part of National Security. Members can wear RED on Friday. RED stands for Remember Everyone Deployed. These are ways to participate in our National Security program that can be easily done.

To support our geographically dispersed military here in Wisconsin, we can sponsor/support their unit family days, provide items for those in need, volunteer to help at Family Readiness meetings, and more. Contact me for details and opportunities in your area.

Military/Family Recognition & Appreciation: November is Military Family Appreciation month, April is the Month of the Military Child – “Purple Up”, Military Spouse Appreciation Day is the Friday before Mother’s Day and the 3rd Saturday in May is Armed Forces Day. Want to learn more about Blue Star service flag history and those authorized to display it? Go to: www.legion.org/troops/bluestar and/or: <https://www.bluestarmothers.org/service-flag>

The **American Red Cross** is in need of blood donations. Are you able to donate? You can find the nearest donation sites at: www.redcross.org/give-blood.html.

The **USO of Wisconsin** has opportunities for all to support those currently serving. They have centers throughout the state and provide support to military Family Readiness. Find out what is needed at www.usowisconsin.org or call 414-763-2214.

As always, I understand that not all Units can do every program, but I ask that you complete and return each end of the year reports. Entering your Unit information and O counts as a report. I love to hear what each unit is doing throughout the year and it doesn’t have to be an “official” report, just a note works great.. You can call, text or email me, send pictures of your activities or reach out to me any time with any questions you may have.



PO Box 140
Portage WI 53901
Ph: 608-745-0345
Email: alabgs@amlegionauxwi.com
website: www.alabgs.org

DONATION FORM

Date _____

Name: _____

Address (City/State/Zip): _____

Email: _____

If applicable

Unit CITY location _____ Unit # _____ Dist # _____

\$ _____ (4202) **General Donation** – Additional funds for general support of the ALABGS program.

\$ _____ (4201) **Scholarship** – American Legion Auxiliary Badger Girls State (ALABGS) Scholarships in the amount of \$500 each are offered to citizens of the most recent ALABGS session who plan to attend a college, university or approved technical school. The ALABGS Committee will determine the number of scholarships awarded based on available funding. Scholarship applications will only be sent to delegates/citizens who attended the immediate past ALABGS session.

\$ _____ (4141) **Reservation/Sponsorship** – Units sponsoring school(s) should submit funding with a unit reservation form by the end of January. ALABGS is a nonpartisan program that teaches young women responsible citizenship and love for God and Country. These young women learn government by creating the mythical state of Badger through the election of public officials on local, county and state levels; carrying out the duties of these respective offices; and living together as self-governing citizens with the duties, privileges, and responsibilities of citizenship in a representative form of government. Full sponsorship is \$400 per delegate, but any donation amount is gratefully accepted. Money will be used to sponsor students at non-funded schools. **Donations must be received before April 1st to apply to the current ALABGS session**

\$ _____ **TOTAL ENCLOSED**

Make check payable to: ALABGS

Send to: PO Box 140, Portage WI 53901

A \$25.00 fee will be charged for any check returned by the bank.



AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY – DEPARTMENT OF WISCONSIN
PO Box 140, Portage WI 53901 • 608-745-0124 • bookkeeping@amlegionauxwi.org

Small Poppy Order Form – Due December 15, 2023

Adhere to this deadline, late orders run the risk of not being filled.

If it is **AFTER** December 15th, **call Department first** for availability **BEFORE** sending in your order.

This form is for Wisconsin orders only.
For an Out-of-State order form, please call our office.

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|-----------------|-------|
| OFFICE USE ONLY | |
| Emailed | _____ |
| Sent | _____ |

Unit City Location _____ Unit/Post # _____

Date _____

These poppies are handmade by Veterans.

Please check your order immediately upon arrival to verify you received the correct amount.
Adjustments will only be made within 2 weeks of delivery.

Poppy Prices and Postage Chart on reverse side

| Quantity | Cost |
|----------------------------|----------|
| Small _____ | \$ _____ |
| Postage (see reverse side) | \$ _____ |
| TOTAL remittance | \$ _____ |

Please insure you paid your 20% poppy profit from the previous year. This order will be delayed until your profit report is received.

Make check payable to: ALA WI

Dept will implement a \$25 administrative fee for checks returned by the bank

In purchasing this item, you acknowledge that 100% of the proceeds of Poppy distributions will go toward the welfare of veterans, active military personnel, and their families where financial or medical need is evident.

Poppy orders are not available for pick-up.
Poppy orders will be shipped in order of receipt. Please allow up to **six weeks** for processing.
Poppies will not be shipped during the month of December.

Send to _____
PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY

Street Address _____

City/State/Zip _____ Phone#() _____

Print your email address clearly _____



PLEASE NOTE – Receipts are done on a weekly basis. To be sure we received your order, check your bank statement to make sure the check has been cashed. If it wasn't cashed, we did not receive your order.

Small Poppies

Small poppies are sold in bundles of 25

| | |
|----------------|-----------------|
| 100 – \$25.00 | 800 – \$200.00 |
| 200 – \$50.00 | 900 – \$225.00 |
| 300 – \$75.00 | 1000 – \$250.00 |
| 400 – \$100.00 | 1500 – \$375.00 |
| 500 – \$125.00 | 2000 – \$500.00 |
| 600 – \$150.00 | 2500 – \$625.00 |
| 700 – \$175.00 | 3000 – \$750.00 |

Postage

| | |
|-------------|---------|
| 1 ~ 500 | \$10.00 |
| 501 ~ 1000 | \$11.00 |
| 1001 ~ 2500 | \$13.00 |
| 2501 ~ 5000 | \$18.00 |
| 5001 ~ 9999 | \$30.00 |

10,000 + ~ Call Department for Price



If you have any questions or concerns, please contact
Sue Hembrook, Poppy Shop Supervisor at
262-945-9791 (Cell)



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| OFFICE USE ONLY | |
| Emailed | _____ |
| Sent | _____ |

LARGE Poppy Order Form

Deadline – December 15, 2023 – Late orders will not be accepted.

Unit City Location _____ Unit # _____

Date _____

After December 15th we will order poppy kits from Emblem Sales based on the number of large poppies needed by our Units.

After large poppies have been made and are ready for shipping, we will contact you with the cost for postage. After we receive your postage payment, poppies will be shipped.

Every effort will be made to ship large poppy orders by April 15th.

Quantity _____ Cost _____
 Large _____ \$ _____

Make check payable to: ALA WI
 Dept will implement a \$25 administrative fee for checks returned by the bank

| | |
|--------------------------------------|----------------|
| <u>Large poppies are \$1.65 each</u> | |
| 10 - \$16.50 | 60 - \$ 99.00 |
| 20 - \$33.00 | 70 - \$115.50 |
| 30 - \$49.50 | 80 - \$132.00 |
| 40 - \$66.00 | 90 - \$148.50 |
| 50 - \$82.50 | 100 - \$165.00 |

In purchasing this item, you acknowledge that 100% of the proceeds of Poppy distributions will go toward the welfare of veterans, active military personnel, and their families where financial or medical need is evident.

Send to _____
PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY

Street Address _____

City/State/Zip _____ Phone# () _____

Print your email address clearly _____

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 at 262-945-9791 (Cell)

| |
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| <p>Please insure you paid your 20% poppy profit from the previous year. This order will be delayed until your profit report is received.</p> |
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2023-2024 GENERAL FUND SUGGESTED DONATIONS

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Unit CITY location _____

Unit # _____

Date _____

Please note that some programs have been removed so funding can be used to support programs with the greatest need.

If you still want to donate to former programs, please contact our office for their address.

\$ _____ (4830) **Support Military Families** - This fund will be used to assist families of active-duty military personnel.

\$ _____ (4837) **General Fund Donation** – To reduce the deficit in the department’s general fund and enable headquarters to continue programs that support the Auxiliary’s mission.

\$ _____ (4420) **VA&R Program Support** – Additional donations for general support of VA&R Programs.

\$ _____ (4484) **C&Y Program Support** – Additional donation for general support of C&Y Programs.

\$ _____ (4801) **National Auxiliary Emergency Fund** – This fund was established with money originally donated by Helen Colby Small of Wisconsin. The fund provides temporary assistance to eligible Auxiliary members during times of financial crisis, weather related emergencies and educational training.

\$ _____ (4843) **National ALA Foundation Endowment Fund** – The ALA Foundation assists in carrying out the educational, charitable, and other exempt purposes of the Auxiliary by raising funds for and providing support to Auxiliary programs. Donations to the ALA Foundation are used to support our mission, secure our legacy and heritage of *Service Not Self*, and ultimately enhance the quality of life for future generations of veterans, military, and their families.

If this is a memorial gift, please provide the family’s contact information so an acknowledgement can be sent to them:

In Memory of: _____

Send Acknowledgement to: _____

Street Address: _____

City, State Zip: _____

\$ _____ (4804) **National Child Welfare Foundation** – The American Legion Child Welfare Foundation contributes to the physical, mental, emotional and spiritual welfare of children and youth through dissemination of knowledge about research, studies, surveys, projects, or by supporting programs and activities benefiting the welfare of children and youth.

\$ _____ **TOTAL ENCLOSED**

Make check payable to: ALA-WI (only 1 check is necessary).

DO NOT send your donations directly to these programs.

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2023-2024 POPPY FUND SUGGESTED DONATIONS

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Unit CITY location: _____

Unit # _____

Date _____

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If you want to donate to former programs, please contact our office for their address.

\$ _____ (4851) **Dept Pres Special Project – Dogs2Dog Tags** – to place trained dogs with deserving service members who have been diagnosed with post-combat stress and anxiety.

\$ _____ (4444) **Veterans & Family Assistance Fund** – to assist veterans, their spouses, or dependent children. Requests for assistance are approved by the Department President, Department Finance Chairman and Department VA&R Chairman.

\$ _____ (4456) **Homeless Female Veterans Grant Fund** – Cash donations will assist Wisconsin women who are homeless or at risk of being homeless.

\$ _____ (4465) **Scholarships**

\$ _____ (4402) **Christmas Gift Shop** – Financial donations are used to purchase Christmas gifts for VAMC patients’ families.

\$ _____ (4420) **VA&R Program Support** – Additional donations for general support of VA&R Programs.

\$ _____ (4484) **C&Y Program Support** – Additional donations for general support of C&Y Programs.

\$ _____ (4814) **Veterans Creative Arts Festival**

\$ _____ (4822) **Fisher House - Milwaukee**

A home away from home for families of Veterans who are being treated at the VAMC (www.fisherhouse.org).

\$ _____ (4809) **Fisher House – Minneapolis**

\$ _____ (4433) **Surgical Assistance Pillows for Veterans** (heart, lung, liver)

\$ _____ (4401) **Veterans Day & Christmas Cheer** – Veterans in hospitals and Wisconsin Veterans Homes

\$ _____ (4829) **Camp American Legion** (Lake Tomahawk, WI)

\$ _____ (4404) **Zablocki Memorial VAMC** (Milwaukee)

\$ _____ (4405) **Middleton Memorial VAMC** (Madison)

\$ _____ (4406) **VA Great Lakes Health Care System** (Tomah)

\$ _____ (4416) **WI Veterans Home-Chippewa Falls**

\$ _____ (4407) **WI Veterans Home-King**

\$ _____ (4415) **WI Veterans Home-Union Grove**

\$ _____ (4412) **Dayton Care Center** (Kenosha)

\$ _____ (4410) **Minneapolis VA Health Care System** (Minneapolis, MN)

\$ _____ (4411) **Oscar G Johnson USVAMC** (Iron Mountain, MI)

\$ _____ **TOTAL ENCLOSED**

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Date _____

NURSING/HEALTHCARE SCHOLARSHIPS DONATION



Harriet Hubbard Registered Nurse Scholarships – Applicant must be in nursing school or have positive acceptance to an accredited hospital or university Registered Nurse program.

Health Career Scholarships – course of study need not be a 4-year program. Hospital, University, or technical school program is acceptable.

These scholarships are funded by the Past Presidents Parley through a legacy from Harriet Hubbard and unit donations. The number of scholarships awarded is determined by the amount of donations received.

Units do not need to have a Parley group to support these scholarships.

Yes, our Unit would like to donate to the scholarship fund in the amount of \$ _____ ①

Yes, the following members would like to pay their PPP Dues (\$7/person):

PAST PRESIDENTS PARLEY MEMBERSHIP

(please print legibly)

1. _____

6. _____

2. _____

7. _____

3. _____

8. _____

4. _____

9. _____

5. _____

10. _____

List additional names on separate sheet if necessary

Number of names listed _____ @ \$7.00 each = \$ _____ ②

Total amount ① + ② = \$ _____ ③

Make check payable to – **ALA-PPP**

Department will implement a \$25.00 administrative fee for checks returned by the bank.

Send PPP Membership cards to:

Name _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Phone () _____ Email _____

PPP cards are sent out by the Chairman, Char Kiesling
Any questions, please contact her at 920-428-5655 (c)



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Date _____

M. Louise Wilson Educational Loan Fund

Make check payable to: ALA WI-MLW (from the General Fund)

Mail your check and this form to the address listed above

The purpose of the fund is to aid women veterans and female members of the Wisconsin American Legion Auxiliary to attain a higher education. This is an interest-free loan program for women.

Applications are available from the Education Chairman, Diane Weggen, 16266 361st St., Stanley WI 54768 • dsweggen@gmail.com • 715-644-2668.

Enclosed is \$ _____ Check payable to – ALA WI-MLW

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Check # _____ Check amount \$ _____

Program/Purpose _____

Contact Person/Title _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Daytime phone # w/area code _____ Email _____

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2023-2024 UNIT OFFICERS FORM

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Ofc: 608-745-0124 ♦ Fax: 608-745-1947 ♦ Email: alawi@amlegionauxwi.org



Unit City Location _____

Unit # _____

County _____

Dist # _____

Meeting Location/Date & Time _____

- Units must have this form submitted to Department to be eligible for Unit Membership Awards.
- Please designate **ONE OFFICER** to receive Unit mailings and other important Unit information.
Name: _____

President's Name _____ Yrs in this position _____ Member ID # _____

Mailing Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

Primary Ph # _____ Cell Home Secondary Ph # _____ Cell Home

Email _____

1st VP's Name _____ Yrs in this position _____ Member ID # _____

Mailing Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

Primary Ph # _____ Cell Home Secondary Ph # _____ Cell Home

Email _____

2nd VP's Name _____ Yrs in this position _____ Member ID # _____

Mailing Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

Primary Ph # _____ Cell Home Secondary Ph # _____ Cell Home

Email _____

Secretary's Name _____ Yrs in this position _____ Member ID # _____

Mailing Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

Primary Ph # _____ Cell Home Secondary Ph # _____ Cell Home

Email _____

Treasurer's Name _____ Yrs in this position _____ Member ID # _____

Mailing Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

Primary Ph # _____ Cell Home Secondary Ph # _____ Cell Home

Email _____

Chaplain's Name _____ Yrs in this position _____ Member ID # _____
Mailing Address _____ City _____ Zip _____
Primary Ph # _____ Cell Home Secondary Ph # _____ Cell Home
Email _____

↪ (Dues Remit To Person - name & address will be printed on the members' payment dues reminders sent from National)

Renewal Notice Name _____ Yrs in this position _____ Member ID # _____
Mailing Address _____ City _____ Zip _____
Primary Ph # _____ Cell Home Secondary Ph # _____ Cell Home
Email _____

↪ **Complete - Only if Dues Mailing address is different from mailing address above**

Dues Mailing Address/City/State/Zip _____

↪ (**The person in the UNIT** who will receive ALABGS information)

ALABGS Chrm's Name _____ Yrs in this position _____ Member ID # _____
Mailing Address _____ City _____ Zip _____
Primary Ph # _____ Cell Home Secondary Ph # _____ Cell Home
Email _____

Signed _____
(Name/Title)

Date _____



DATES & DEADLINES

Last updated 8/01/2023

(subject to change)

| 2023 | | |
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| DATES | EVENT | LOCATION |
| Aug 6, 2023 | TAL Baseball–All Star Game | American Family Field, Milwaukee, WI |
| Aug 25–31, 2023 | Legion Family National Convention | Charlotte, NC |
| Sep 9, 2023 | ALA in the Know Conference | American Legion Post #360, Waunakee, WI |
| Sep 9, 2023 | 7 th District Fall Workshop | American Legion Post #73, Neillsville, WI |
| Sep 16, 2023 | ALA in the Know Conference | Tigerton Community Center, Tigerton, WI |
| Sep 16, 2023 | 10 th District Fall Conference | American Legion Post #550, Brackett, WI |
| Sep 30, 2023 | ALA in the Know Conference | American Legion Post #121, River Falls, WI |
| Oct 21, 2023 | Make a Difference for Vets Fundraiser | American Legion Post #73, Neillsville, WI |
| Oct 21–22, 2023 | ALA–Wisconsin Junior Fall Conference | Turning Rivers Youth Camp, Campbellsport, WI |
| FUTURE EVENTS <i>(subject to change)</i> | | |
| Jan 18–21, 2024 | TAL Midwinter Conference | LaCrosse, WI |
| Mar 23, 2024 | Department Oratorical Contest | Ripon College, Ripon, WI |
| Apr 6–7 Apr 13–14, 2024 | WI American Legion Auxiliary State Bowling Tournament (9–Pin Tap) | Medford, WI |
| Apr 13, 2024 | 7 th District Spring Conference | American Legion Post #51, West Salem, WI |
| Apr 20, 2024 | 3 rd District Spring Conference | American Legion Post #184, Fennimore, WI |
| June 16–21, 2024 | ALA Badger Girls State | UW–Oshkosh |
| July 10–14, 2024 | Legion Family Department Convention | Appleton, WI |
| Aug 23–29, 2024 | Legion Family National Convention | New Orleans, LA |
| July 2025 | Legion Family Department Convention | Green Bay, WI |
| Aug 2025 | Legion Family National Convention | Tampa Bay, FL |
| July 2026 | Legion Family Department Convention | Appleton, WI |
| Aug 2026 | Legion Family National Convention | Louisville, KY |