



2nd District Newsletter-October 2024

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.....Sandy's Corner.....

Membership

As of September 17th, 2nd District is in 5th place. Our goal is 2,377 and we still need only 1,631 more to reach 100%.

The next award "Checking Our Pulse" is for 1 unit with 85% and they can win \$100. This needs to be achieved by October 15th. We have 3 units that are just a few renewals away.



Reminder to all units that ALAMIS is available for 2 members in each unit. Please take advantage of this, it holds a lot of information that you can find on your own. The cost is only \$10 annually, if your unit doesn't pay for it, you as a member can purchase it on your own. Please consider doing this as Andrea Stoltz-Department Membership Coordinator is asking that you please take advantage of this system. The link to the form is <https://www.amlegionauxwi.org>, under forms. Please contact Danie Wilson/membership chair if you need assistance.

Do you know who your Department Chairman is for each committee? They are listed in your Redbook. Currently the Department Chaplain would like for you to send her any prayers or inspirational pieces either original or from another source to add to the Department Prayer book which will be given to President Becky at our next Department Convention. Donna Jensen's e-mail address is djensen20@gmail.com.

Please register for the Suicide Prevention training. Your invitation is included with this newsletter.

Thank you all for serving our mission.



REMEMBER the fallen... HONOR those who serve...
 TEACH our children the value of freedom.
 For God and Country-God Bless America
 "Together We Can Make a Difference."



Pat Bruss, Public Relations Chairman

September is recognized as National Suicide Prevention Month. September has passed, but the Crisis has not. The American Legion continues their "Be the One" campaign with another Suicide Prevention Training: Mayville American Legion Post, 134 S Main St, Mayville Saturday, November 9, 2024, 9:00AM-Noon

In July the Ozaukee County Sheriff's Office joined the Live Today-Put it Away program that provides safe firearms storage for veterans and others at risk of suicide. Live Today-Put It Away is affiliated with the Southeastern Wisconsin Veteran Suicide Prevention Task Force and the Captain John D. Mason Veteran Peer Outreach Program, and includes dozens of gun shops, Law Enforcement Agencies, and shooting ranges around the state. The program offers voluntary, temporary secure storage of a firearm for a gun owner struggling with thoughts of suicide or harm to others. Once the crisis has passed, the gun owner can reclaim their firearm according to a press release from the Cedarburg Police Department who is participating. The sheriff's Office has an official form to be completed for the voluntary storage with the following information to be on file:

Ozaukee County Sheriff's Office/Christy Knowles, Sheriff
1201 S Spring St PO Box 245
Port Washington, WI 53074-0245
262-284-7172 (Local) 262-284-8490 (Fax)
www.ozaukeesherriff.com

LIVE TODAY – PUT IT AWAY

SAFEKEEPING FIREARMS RECEIPT

DATE/TIME: _____ DEPUTY: _____

RECEIVED FROM:

NAME: _____ DOB: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE # _____

OWNER (If Different Than Above):

NAME: _____ DOB: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE # _____

LENGTH OF TIME TO HOLD FIREARM: Circle One

30 days 60 days 90 days Other:

MANUFACTURER MODEL SERIAL # CONDITION

For more information about the Live Today—Put It of Away program, visit livetodayputitaway.org. If you or someone else has thoughts of suicide, call the Suicide & Crisis hotline at 988.



Facebook Article

Facebook Administrator-Kristy Wakeman

District 2 is made up of 6 counties, 40 Units and approximately 2000 members.

A Facebook page was created to link all the counties/Units/members together. If you have an event or an accomplishment, we would like to post it for others to see. Let others know what you have coming up so that they may have the option of supporting your Unit/Fundraiser.

A suggestion was made that we also post after the event. That way members can see how well your event went and where the donations are going.

Remember to like our page and share. When you see things that pertain to our District always share if you can to spread the news.

Send me your flyers and/or articles at kareuter19@gmail.com. I will send it to the 2nd District President Sandy Mack for approval and then post it to the Facebook page.

Historian

Also please share you articles from the newsletters/pictures of events and members to smack0555@gmail.com. Other than placing these in the history book, I will also be using them for my position as Department Community Service Chair.



Community Service October Newsletter



Jan Williams-Community Service Chair

..... Hello fellow ALA members. I'm Jan Williams, recently appointed Community Service chair. I'm from Cambria unit 401, way out here in Columbia County. I'm looking forward to working with all of you to support our veterans and the legion family.

As you're aware, ALA is all about making lives better and easier for our veterans and families. Some of ALA service is directly linked to our veterans, but other categories indirectly support them.

Community service is the place to report all the things we normally do, without a cash reward. I'm sure all do something that can be counted. All the hours and dollars can be reported in March- only 6 months away. Each dollar counts and every hour translates to \$31.80 when reported to national, for veteran's services from Congress. The annual report has gotten a bad rap from all of us. We rack our brains to remember what we did over the past year. Please write it down somewhere ie; calendars, notebook, spreadsheet whatever works best for your family (unit).

Reporting is one of the best ways to support our veterans. Another great way to be of service is to vote. Only another month of political commercials until the big day November 5th. Voting begins with local elections all the way to the president. Please share in making democracy work for all Americans. Maybe offer a ride to the polls. November 11th is just around the corner too. Most communities honor veterans that day. If yours needs a boost, be the one to restart the celebration. Get membership and others involved, make a call, put up posters at church, school, library, display flags around town. Mail cards to veterans near and far. Work with your post if they already do something.

Keep going to support all who have or are making our country special. We need everyone's input. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.



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Suicide Prevention Training to help YOU save a life!



This training prepares you to... *Recognize*... the often-subtle signs of distress. *Ask*... the person about any suicidal thoughts.

Care... ways to offer hope that can help the person to choose life.

Expedite... options so the person receives professional care.

Mayville American Legion Post
134 S Main St, Mayville
Saturday, November 9, 2024
9:00AM-Noon

We will start promptly at 9 as the Post has another reservation afterwards!

Presented by Curtiss Peck, R.A.C.E. Suicide Prevention Training Facilitator
<http://www.racesuicideprevention.us>

Practical training for **all American Legion Family members, also open to the public.** Reserve your seat by **October 31, 2024.** Call Sandy Mack 262-388-9816 or email smack0555@gmail.com

