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From the President's Desk

June is here! Just like a ham, swiss on rye, sandwiched right between two big holidays which celebrate our patriotic foundation. I hope that everyone had a memorable Memorial Day weekend. The weather was perfect and there were many events taking place throughout District 2. I'm sure that people supported our units with poppy distributions and gave from their heart. Mid-month finds June 14th, which is Flag Day, which is recommended as the most appropriate day on which to annually hold the Ceremony for the Disposal of Unserviceable U.S. flags. At the close of the month, we prepare for the granddaddy of them all – the United States 250th Celebration of Independence. My wish for each of you is a safe holiday with many happy memories to look back on. Safe travels, safe celebrating and God Bless America.

Kathy Olson



Dates to Remember

- June** – PTSD Awareness Month
- June 6, 2026** – D-Day (1944)
- June 12, 2026** – Women Veterans Recognition Day
- June 14, 2026** – Flag Day
- June 14, 2026** – Army's Birthday (1775)
- June 21-26, 2026** – ALA Badger Girls State, UW-Oshkosh
- June 25, 2026** – Korean War Began (1950)
- June 27, 2026** – National PTSD Awareness Day

Get to know your District 2 Officers

District 2 is made up of 6 Counties, 40 Units and 2,114 members (2025 paid memberships). The area ranges from Wisconsin Dells, Fort Atkinson, to Sheboygan and all the area in between. It is a far-reaching District. There are 9 officers that lead the District from all different Units. Let's get to know a little about these 9 officers. This month highlighting...

Amy Luft is our 2nd District **Parliamentarian**.

Amy is a member of the Rose-Harms Unit 355 in Grafton, WI. She is a Paid-Up-for-Life member since 2006.

Amy has held many different positions within the Auxiliary. Her positions have been: Unit - President, 1st Vice President and 2nd Vice President, County - President, 1st Vice President and 2nd Vice President, District 2 - President, 1st Vice President, 2nd Vice President, and Parliamentarian, Department - Senior Vice President, 1st Vice President, 2nd Vice President, Leadership Chair, Public Relations Chair, National Security Chair, Strategic Planning Committee, Americanism Chair and ALA In the Know, National - Community Service Vice Chair, Legislative Vice Chair, Leadership Chair Central Division and Convention Chairman.

Amy also has numerous leadership roles outside the American Legion Auxiliary. They are Village of Grafton – Public Safety Chair and Village Trustee, Stars & Stripes Honor Flight- Community Presenter/Speakers Bureau, Board of Directors, and Vice President, VFW Auxiliary – Lifetime member, and Selective Service System – Local Board member State of WI.

Amy's eligibility for the Auxiliary was made possible by her late father a WWII Army Veteran.



Amazon Shopping

The national organization has partnered with SmileAssociate to turn everyday Amazon shopping into donations to the ALA – **at no additional cost to the shopper!** Shoppers use a unique link that will take them directly to their Amazon account so they can start shopping. 1.5% of the total sale will automatically be paid to the ALA entity you select on a quarterly basis. Who shops on Amazon? Who wants to support the ALA or ALA Badger Girls State? Simply click on one of the links below and your purchases will turn into profit for ALA-Wisconsin or ALA Badger Girls State – but you can only pick one organization per purchase.

[Amazon: Donate to ALA-WI](#)

[Amazon: Donate to ALABGS](#)

Shoppers do not need to be Auxiliary members. Anyone who shops on Amazon can support this great cause! Please share this message with EVERYONE within your reach of distribution!

Thank you for your support!

Department Convention

Department Convention will be held July 16-19, 2026, at the Hilton Paper Valley in Appleton, WI.

This years Honored Guest is Past Department President, Diana Sirovina. She served as Department President from 2012-2013.

Basket raffles will be held on Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Units and Counties are encouraged to donate baskets for this raffle. All proceeds will go towards Department President Sue Hembrook's special project, Camp American Legion.

On Thursday, registration starts at 11:00 a.m. The Headquarters Offices opens at 2:00 p.m. where you could pick up your membership packet, if you indicated that you would be picking them up at convention.

On Friday, there is a processional of Districts at 8:30 a.m. Then the general session starts at 8:45. During this general session, the members that are running for a Department position will discuss their eligibility.

On Saturday, voting will commence at 9:00 a.m. and installation of 2026-2027 Department Officers and District Presidents will occur from 3:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. There is a Past Commanders Club Party with Entertainment that evening. The entertainment will be Dueling Pianos.

Please plan to attend as this is a very informative and exciting convention.



**Taking care of business at
ALA National Convention**

National Convention

The National Convention will be held August 28-September 3, 2026, in Louisville, KY.

More information will be coming on this convention in the coming months.

Please consider attending.

Americanism

Article written by Kristy Wakeman

According to the Department of Wisconsin American Legion Auxiliary website “The purpose of the Americanism program is to inspire, recognize, and perpetuate responsible citizenship through education and acts of patriotism, as well as raise awareness and increase appreciation of the price paid for our fundamental freedoms. The program includes increasing flag etiquette awareness in communities, awareness and participation in youth activities that promote proper respect for our flag and loyalty to our country, and promoting Auxiliary participation in The American Legion Americanism programs.”

How has your Unit/County been promoting Americanism? Have you promoted the ALA Badgers Girls State? Have you had participants in the Americanism Essay Contest? Have you gone to schools to teach flag folding to the students? Did you recognize business or community members for flying the flag?

These are just a few examples of what you can do to promote Americanism in your area. They appear to be easy to complete but they are significant to the recipients. Businesses enjoy receiving and proudly displaying the “I Spy, You Fly” certificate, that can be found on the Wisconsin American Legion Auxiliary website under Americanism.



This image can be found on the Grasse Funeral Service website.



Given to community members who fly their flag at home.

Promote these programs, contests and information to those in your community. We need to continue informing our youth about Americanism.

American Legion Riders Association

A Branch of the American Legion Family

Purpose:

To participate in parades and other ceremonies that are in keeping with the aims and purposes of The American Legion. To promote motorcycle safety. To provide a social atmosphere for American Legion members who share the same interests. To use our group to promote and support the programs of The American Legion, the community, and other motorcycle organizations. We are **NOT** a motorcycle club. We are a group of American Legion Family Members who ride for a cause.

Cruise for a Cause – 2026

The American Legion Riders Association will be participating in the **Cruise for a Cause “Family First – 26”**. This is a three-day motorcycle fundraising ride that will be held on June 26-28, 2026, from Kenosha to Medford. The ride is open to the public; all are welcome to ride with us.

The mission for the annual ride is different every year. This year, the ride has three focuses:

Veterans & Children Foundation (VCF): Provides temporary financial assistance has awarded cash grants to minor children of current active duty or American Legion members. These grants help families in need meet the cost of shelter, food, utilities and health expenses, thereby keeping the child or children in a more stable environment. A single onetime non-repayable Temporary Financial Assistance grant of up to \$2,500 will be permitted for the minor child(ren) of a qualifying veteran. VCF also funds training for The American Legion organization’s accredited veteran service officers who are continuously working more than 750,000 benefits claims for disabled veterans and their families, free of charge.

Auxiliary Badger Girls State program: American Legion Auxiliary Badger Girls State is a program sponsored by the American Legion Auxiliary. Girls State is not a recreational program it is a government and leadership conference where the entire delegation will create a mythical fifty-first state that functions according to the laws of the State of Wisconsin. Each day will focus on the various aspects of city, county and state government. The citizens are divided into political parties, develop their own party platforms. The girls “learn by doing” as they function of city, county, and state levels by electing officials in the manner prescribed by regular election procedures. 20% designated.

Operation A.L.F.: One of the goals of the Sons of The American Legion has always been to support our active-duty military. Over the past few years, they have been privileged to participate in pre-deployment ceremonies for servicemembers heading to duty in far away places, far from their loved ones by providing their children with comfort puppies to keep them company while mom or dad is away. Operation A.L.F. stands for American Legion Family, so children can name their new friend whatever they want, that way it is personally theirs. \$3,000 is designated.

The Legion Riders are promoting this event; however, we want it to be a true family affair. We will have Department Commander Nathan Bond, Department President Sue Hembrook, Detachment Commander Chris Dannemann and Rider Director Corey Doehrmann traveling with us through the state.

Currently, there are over 100 riders participating.

We are still looking for donations and sponsors. There is a QR code on the poster which enable donations online. Or you can send donations.



JUNE 26-28, 2026

Supporting the Veterans & Children Foundation,
Badger Girls State and Operation A.L.F

ROUTE

June 26th

- Twin Lakes Post 544
- Palmyra Post 304
- Milwaukee Post 537
- Delafield Post 196
- Mayville Post 69

June 27th

- Fond du Lac Post 75
- New Holstein Post 124
- Two Rivers Post 165
- Sturgeon Bay Post 72
- Green Bay Post 11

June 28th

- Seymour Post 106
- King Post 161
- Rosholt Post 509
- Merrill Post 46
- Medford Post 147

Ride Info



Donate



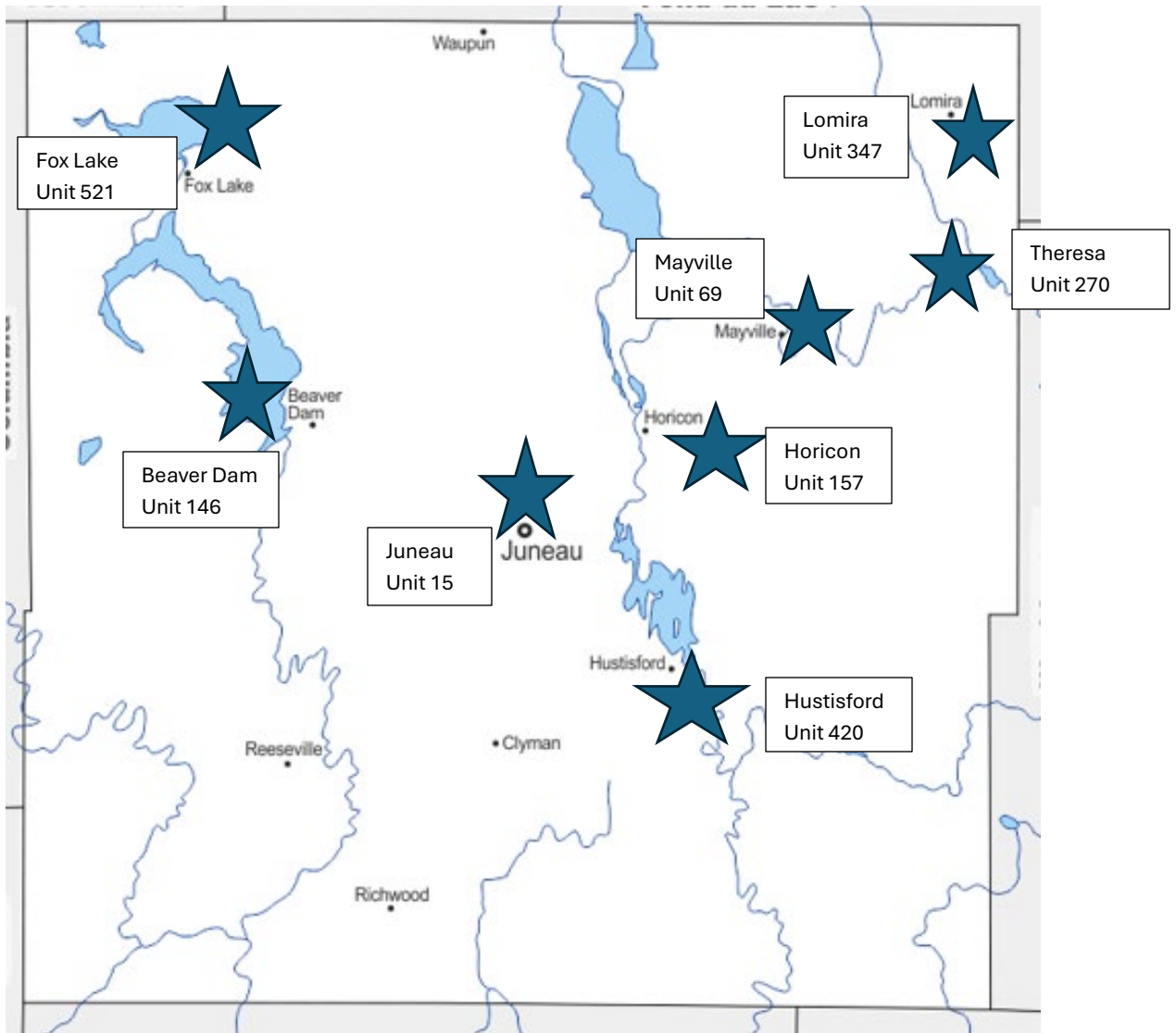
WAYS TO PARTICIPATE

- Register to Ride
- Donate
- Sponsor

Counties

District 2 is made up of 6 counties in the state of Wisconsin. Each month we will highlight one of the counties and the Units within that county. This month we are highlighting Dodge County.

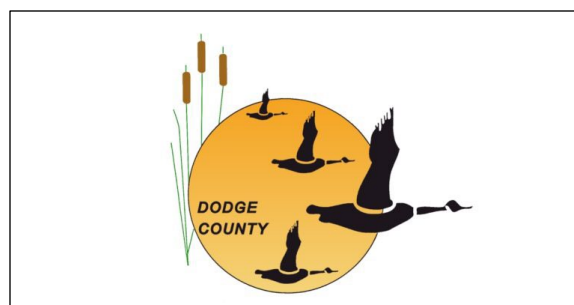




Dodge county is a county located in south-central Wisconsin. There are 8 Units in the county.

The ALA County Executive Board is – President Eunice Seering, Mayville; 1st Vice President Kathy Decker, Fox Lake; Treasurer Lynan Wiese, Mayville; Secretary Lynan Wiese, Mayville.

The Unit Presidents are – Lois M Levenhagen, Beaver Dam; Barbara Rechek, Fox Lake; Patricia Luckert, Horicon; Grace Degner, Hustisford; Jen Porter, Juneau; Barbara Ledman, Lomira; Judy Pfafgraf, Mayville; and Mary Jaster, Theresa.





Membership

REMINDER - County Presidents contact your Units and Unit Presidents contact your members to keep the membership numbers rolling.

This year's membership theme is "National Park Service".

The 2nd District's National Park is **Denali**. Membership will be calculated for each Unit, County and District.

Dues can either be paid over the phone by calling National direct @ 317-569-4570 (Mon.-Fri. 7:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m.), online by logging on to the National website at www.ALAforVeterans.org, or they can pay their membership chairperson at their Unit.

Reminder you can still pay dues for 2026 and add new members.

Membership Goals – Denali Style

The email has gone out to the Unit President showing each Units progress. You will see the following animal when you are at the corresponding membership percentage:

Moose	20%
Caribou	40%
Dall Sheep	60%
Grizzly Bears	80%
Wolves	100%

Columbia County has 3 Units that have seen all 5 animals, 3 Units that have seen 4 animals and 1 that has seen 3 animals.

Dodge County has 7 Units that have seen 4 animals and 1 Unit that has seen 3 animals.

Jefferson County has 2 Units that have seen all 5 animals, and 4 Units that have seen 4 animals.

Ozaukee County has 4 Units that have seen all 5 animals and 3 Units that have seen 4 animals.

Sheboygan County has 4 Units that have seen all 5 animals, 1 Unit that has seen 4 animals, and 1 Units that have seen 3 animals.

Washington County has 2 Units that have seen all 5 animals, 3 Units that have seen 4 animals, and 1 Unit that has seen 3 animals.

Who will be the next Unit to see all 5 animals? Your next animal may be waiting right around the corner.

Membership as of 5/19/2026

100% UNIT		2027 Unit Dues Collection Person form needed		2026 Membership processed as of 05/19/26				
	UNIT	CITY	2026 GOAL	JUNIOR	SENIOR	TOTAL	PERCENT	
02	Columbia	0062	Columbus	16	0	15	15	93.75%
		0187	Wisconsin Dells	38	1	36	37	97.37%
		0208	Rio	32	0	32	32	100.00%
		0215	Pardeeville	39	3	32	35	89.74%
		0216	Lodi	40	3	28	31	77.50%
		0271	Poynette	25	0	28	28	112.00%
		0401	Cambria	48	3	45	48	100.00%
		Total		238	10	216	226	94.96%
	Dodge	0015	Juneau	67	4	43	47	70.15%
		0069	Mayville	85	2	78	80	94.12%
0146		Beaver Dam	78	6	63	69	88.46%	
0157		Horicon	86	6	67	73	84.88%	
0270		Theresa	30	6	18	24	80.00%	
0347		Lomira	34	1	28	29	85.29%	
0420		Hustisford	17	0	15	15	88.24%	
0521		Fox Lake	98	3	92	95	96.94%	
Total		495	28	404	432	87.27%		
Jefferson	0067	Lake Mills	51	0	49	49	96.08%	
	0164	Jefferson	33	0	28	28	84.85%	
	0166	Fort Atkinson	52	2	50	52	100.00%	
	0189	Watertown	82	7	68	75	91.46%	
	0233	Waterloo	39	7	33	40	102.56%	
	0305	Johnson Creek	27	0	25	25	92.59%	
	Total		284	16	253	269	94.72%	
Ozaukee	0082	Port Washington	70	4	70	74	105.71%	
	0288	Cedarburg	159	16	151	167	105.03%	
	0355	Grafton	155	12	132	144	92.90%	
	0410	Fredonia	18	0	19	19	105.56%	
	0412	Belgium	31	0	26	26	83.87%	
	0457	Mequon-Thiensville	53	5	49	54	101.89%	
	0470	Saukville	155	2	124	126	81.29%	
Total		641	39	571	610	95.16%		
Sheboygan	0083	Sheboygan	32	10	25	35	109.38%	
	0145	Random Lake	20	1	19	20	100.00%	
	0149	Sheboygan Falls	28	0	29	29	103.57%	
	0243	Plymouth	135	10	108	118	87.41%	
	0387	Franklin	53	4	33	37	69.81%	
	0462	Adell	12	0	12	12	100.00%	
	Total		280	25	226	251	89.64%	
Washington	0036	West Bend	32	4	26	30	93.75%	
	0321	Germantown	39	13	26	39	100.00%	
	0384	Kewaskum	75	18	56	74	98.67%	
	0483	Allenton	88	10	70	80	90.91%	
	0486	Jackson	82	3	60	63	76.83%	
	0522	Hubertus	32	1	37	38	118.75%	
	Total		348	49	275	324	93.10%	
Total			2286	167	1945	2112	92.39%	