

For April /May Meeting 2024



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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.





Department President Maggie Geiger



American Legion Auxiliary • Department of Wisconsin

April 2024



QUESTION CORNER

- **Q:** How many poppies were purchased by WI and other states?
- A: 327,725 poppies were made by 8 veterans
- **Q:** How many hours/dollars were reported for Service in our Communities?
- **A:** Hours reported: 153,176 Dollars spent: \$230,533.00.
- Q: Isn't reporting VA&R and Service to Veterans hours, double "dipping"?
- **A:** Service to Veterans Hours is reported to the department Service to Veterans Chair.

A pin reflects the work of those who volunteer in their communities and at home for veterans. when specific hour milestones are achieved; 50, 100, 300, 500, and 1000 hours. *

Only the hours that qualify are pulled from the total VA&R hours that you report.

For more information regarding which hours can be reported or questions please contact Service to Veterans Dept. Chair; Linda Kostka 715-685-1111 or lkostka@ymail.com

*2023-2024 Red Book pg.46

In preparation for poppy distribution, volunteer sign-up sheets will be distributed, locations will be secured, fluffing of the poppies will occur, poppy princess will dress in their finery and our communities will generously donate to help us raise funds to help our veterans.

Wisconsin is proud to boast that our poppies are hand made by Veterans! Many departments do not have that bragging right.

The Poppy shop is located at Clement J. Zablocki VA Medical Center in Milwaukee, we share a room with volunteer services, we are extremely grateful for the long-standing relationship we have with the VA.

The War Memorial Center, located in downtown Milwaukee on the Lakefront, has given the Department of WI additional storage space where completed poppies, and supplies can be stored.

This is a wonderful opportunity to have more exposure in the community, reach out to school groups that visit the War Memorial, and explain what the symbolism is behind the poppy.

The War Memorial Center, dedicated on Veterans Day 1957, has become a symbol of sacrifice, honor and dedication to all our men and women who wore the uniform and bore the burden of war; they continue to honor the dead by serving the living.

We are excited about this new partnership with the War Memorial Center. There are many special events year-round, temporary and permanent exhibits, and wonderful educational programs for the children and youth of our communities.

We are thrilled to have such wonderful partners, that help us honor our American Hero's through our Poppy Program. Both Clement J Zablocki VA and the War Memorial Center serve veterans, heroes are honored and both facilities are a place of healing for veterans.

What is the symbolism represented in the delicate red crepe paper memorial poppy.

- The four petals represent: Dedication, Sacrifice, Responsibility, Compassion.
- The red petals, out pouring of blood.
- Black, The mud and desolation of all battlefields.
- Green of the stem and foliage, symbolic of the forest, meadows and fields where generations of Americans have perished to make this land free.
- The stem represents the courage and determination of our fallen warriors.
- Assembled produces a flower, a symbol of resurrection, which is sure to follow.

The Measure of a Man or Woman...their willingness to serve their Country
The Measure of a Country maybe its willingness to honor those who served











The American Legion Family

AMERICAN LEGION FAMILY TESTIMONIAL

Department of Wisconsin Celebrates:
TAL Commander Karl Stuvengen
ALA President Maggie Geiger
SAL Detachment Commander Allen Watry
ALRA Director Corey Doehrmann

When: Saturday, May 18, 20	24
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Where: La Sure's Banquet Hall

3125 S Washburn St Oshkosh WI 54904

Schedule: 5:30 – 6:30 pm, Social Hour/Cash Bar

6:30 pm, Opening Ceremony/Family Style Dinner

Dinner: Main Entries: Crispy Fried Chicken and Pork Loin w/Honey Garlic Butter Sauce

Cost: \$40.00 per person

Housing: Hotel accommodations on your own

Cobblestone Suites (920-303-1133, block of rooms available under American Legion

Testimonial)

Other hotels within 5 miles of La Sure's:

•	Hilton Garden Inn	920-966-1300
•	Quality Inn	920-232-0300
•	Fairfield Inn & Suites by Marriott	920-233-8504
•	Super 8 by Wyndham	920-252-6296

RSVP: Register no later than Wednesday, May 8, 2024



Register online at https://events.eventzilla.net/e/tal-family-testimonial-2138606917 OR

Mail check payable to Debi Stuvengen to: 414 E. Spring Street, Orfordville, WI 53576.

Name(s):			
	No. Attending:	x \$40/person = \$	

(Total enclosed)



GREETINGS FROM DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS

American Legion Auxiliary, Department of Wisconsin Executive Secretary-Treasurer, Bonnie Dorniak www.amlegionauxwi.org ~ deptsec@amlegionauxwi.org ~ 608-745-0124

POPPY DISTRIBUTION/PROFITS: Although National Poppy Day is Friday, May 24, 2024, *units are reminded that poppy distributions can be done all year long*. If you are unable to do a poppy drive during the traditional May timeframe, consider doing one for Flag Day (June), Independence Day (July), community events (all summer long), Veterans Day (November), etc. Poppy Profit Reports are due to Department Headquarters as soon as poppy distributions are completed. If you have any questions, please contact Linda Cason at 608-745-0124 or bookkeeping@amlegionauxwi.org.

ALA BADGER GIRLS STATE

ΑII Girls State delegates and alternates should have completed the online registration process by April 1st. Units should contact their sponsored girls to ensure they are registered and committed to the 2024 session. Full refunds of the reservation fee will be issued if requested in writing prior to April 15th. Refund requests emailed or postmarked after April 15th will be assessed a \$50 processing fee for each cancellation. reservation REFUNDS will be issued after May 1. Questions? Contact Carrie Thrasher at alabgs@amlegionauxwi.org or 608-745-0345.

2024 MEMBERSHIP DUES

Units are reminded to compare the biweekly membership report with their records to ensure the numbers are correct. If you believe more members have paid than the number reflected on the report, verify that all submitted the checks with transmittals have cleared the bank. If they have not been cashed, the transmittal and check were not received by HQ. Questions? Please contact Andrea Stoltz.

2024 DEPARTMENT CONVENTION

The 2024 Department Convention is scheduled for July 11-14, 2024 at the Hilton Paper Valley in Appleton. Convention information is included in this mailing and is posted on the department website. We hope to see you there!

HIGHLIGHTED EVENTS:

- Thursday, July 11th, 3:00 pm Past Presidents Parley meeting
- Thursday, July 11th, 4:30 pm Meeting for Judge of Elections, Credentials Chairman, and Tellers
- Thursday, July 11th, 6:00 pm Past Department Presidents Dinner (by invitation only)
- Friday, July 12th, 9:15 am Convention opening ceremonies.
- Friday, July 12th, 3:00 pm Recognition Program for Honored PDP Florence Wasley and District Membership achievements.
- Friday & Saturday, July 12-13 General sessions will include reports from Department Chairmen; nominations and election of department officers; and a presentation of proposed changes to the department's governing documents.
- Saturday, July 13th Installation of 2024-2025 Department Officers and District Presidents.
- Sunday, July 14th Joint Memorial Service and Post-Convention Department Executive Committee (DEC) Meeting.

2025 MEMBERSHIP CARDS/ROSTERS

Although we are still actively collecting dues for 2024, National has already pulled the information for the 2025 membership cards and rosters that will be distributed in July. Any changes submitted after Monday, March 25th – including name or address changes, dropped or deceased members – will be listed incorrectly.



2024 NATIONAL CONVENTION: National convention is in New Orleans, Louisiana. General sessions are August 26-28, 2024. Anyone interested in attending should ask to be nominated as an Alternate by their District President. Members who prefer to attend as a guest only, should notify Bonnie Dorniak (deptsec@amlegionauxwi.org) to request a convention packet when available.

2024-2025 UNIT OFFICERS FORM

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY • DEPARTMENT OF WISCONSIN

PO Box 140, Portage WI 53901-0140

Ofc: 608-745-0124 • Email: alawi@amlegionauxwi.org



Unit City Location			Uni	t #
County			Dis	t #
Meeting Location/Date & T	ime			
 Units must have this form s Please designate ONE OI Name: 	FFICER to receive Unit m	nailings and other imp	*	า.
President's Name			Member ID #	
Mailing Address		City	Zip	
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Secretary's Name			Member ID #	
Mailing Address				
Primary Ph #	☐ Cell ☐ Home	Secondary Ph #	□ Ce	ll 🛮 Home
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Treasurer's Name			Member ID #	
Mailing Address		City	Zip	
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Renewal Notice Name			Member ID #	
Mailing Address		City	Zip	
Primary Ph #	Cell Home	Secondary Ph #	□ Ce	ll 🛮 Home
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Complete - Only if Dues Maili	ng address is different from	m mailing address abo	ve	
Dues Mailing Address/City/	'State/Zip			
· (The person in the UNIT who v	will receive ALABGS reser	vation packet/informat	ion)	
ALABGS Chrm's Name		_	Member ID #	
Mailing Address				
Primary Ph #	☐ Cell ☐ Home	Secondary Ph #	□ Ce	ll 🗖 Home
Email				
Signed			Date	
O	(Name/Title)	_		



MEMBERSHIP

Sue Hembrook, Membership Chairman genesuehem@wi.rr.com • 262-945-9791

Why are we having difficulty recruiting new members, or even retaining our current members? It could be our outlook on things. It seems respect for others and the ability to work cooperatively have been lost. We are often so busy trying to do things our own way or control others that we've stopped listening to each other. Without teamwork within our units, counties and districts we lose the ability to accomplish our mission.

We must put aside our personal differences; we need to stand beside one another equally and work together. Our veterans had to do this to win the many battles they fought. If those we honor could make sacrifices, we should be able to be civil during a meeting or activity. Their service and sacrifice should be honored in a respectful way by all of our members. We all need to remember why we are members, who we honor, and more importantly why we serve.

Everyone has a passion for one or more of the programs we promote. Take that passion and share it with your fellow members. Your enthusiasm will be contagious, so get it out of your back pocket and let it shine.

Community events are usually well attended. We need to demonstrate to our fellow neighbors what a fun-loving compatible unit, county and district we can be. Membership will grow if we show others what a group of people who work harmoniously together can achieve.

We need to leave our personal feelings at the door and work together for the common good. If that can be achieved, it will attract others. We need to show that the Legion Family is a program driven organization that is in existence to support veterans, assist our military and their families, and mentor our youth on the values of the American way of life. We do all this by honoring our dead and the ideals they fought for by serving the living in their honor.

Membership Team:

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Membership Chairman
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Amy Luft
Committee Member
414-651-7300
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Becky Mueller Committee Member 920-464-0320 clarenceandbecky@aol.com



2024 DISTRICT SPRING CONFERENCES

			Registration					
District	Date	Location	Time & Fee	Lunch Fee	Make check payable to	Send check to	Contact Person	Deadline
1	5/4/2024	American Legion Post 209 3913 State Road 213 Orfordville WI 53576	Reg Time: 8:30-9:00 am Fee: \$15.00	Included in Reg Fee	ALA Unit 209	Penny Bastian 1812 Pershing Place Janesville WI 53546	Zondra Morris morriszondra1964@gmail.com	4/26/2024
2	5/4/2024	Kalahari Resort & Convention Center 1305 Kalahari Drive Wisconsin Dells WI 53965	Reg Time: 8:00-8:55 am Fee: \$25.00	Included in Reg Fee	ALA District 2	Mary Montag 726 Jean Court Allenton WI 53002	Kathy Olson kmolson62@yahoo.com	4/20/2024
3	4/20/2024	Fennimore Memorial Bldg 860 Lincoln Avenue Fennimore WI 53809	Reg Time: 8:00-8:45 am Fee: \$5.00	\$12.00	ALA Unit 482	Joanie Dickerson PO Box 224 Bagley WI 53801	Joanie Dickerson jomaried@gmail.com	4/6/2024
4	5/11/2024	American Legion Post 537 9159 W Beloit Road Milwaukee WI 53227	Reg Time: 9:30 am Fee: \$3.00	\$23.00	ALA District 4	Sue Hembrook 24215 60th Street Salem WI 53168	Sue Hembrook genesuehem@wi.rr.com	5/1/2024
5	5/11/2024	American Legion Post 416 6351 W Grange Avenue Greendale WI 53129	Reg Time: 9:15 - 9:30 am No Fee	\$8.00	ALA District 5	Linda Bartell 4561 S. Clearwater Place New Berlin WI 53151	Linda Bartell bartelll@sbcglobal.net	5/2/2024
6	5/4/2024	Manitowoc Airport / EAA Hangar 22 1805 Freedom Way Manitowoc WI 54220	Reg Time: 8:00 - 8:45 am Fee: \$17.00	Included in Reg Fee	ALA Unit 165	Diane Steinert 2850 Homestead Drive Oshkosh WI 54904	Diane Steinert djdmsteinert@gmail.com	4/20/2024
7	3/23/2024	American Legion Post 51 148 Leonard Street S West Salem WI 54669	Reg Time: 8:00 - 9:00 am Fee: \$12.00	Included in Reg Fee	ALA Unit 51	Nicole Vidal 121 Acorn Lane West Salem WI 54669	Brooke Parr parr.jbala@gmail.com	3/15/2024
8	4/27/2024	Mid-State Technical College 1001 Centerpoint Drive Stevens Point WI 54481	Reg Time: 8:00 - 9:00 am Fee: \$20.00 Additional \$5.00 at door	Included in Reg Fee	ALA Unit 6	ALA Unit 6 PO Box 595 Stevens Point 54481	Diane Kranig dianeqltr@hotmail.com	4/15/2024
9	4/6/2024	Red Maple Country Club 501 Golf Course Road Suring WI 54174	Reg Fee: \$1.00	\$18.00	ALA Oconto County	Helen Patenaude 5333 Hainzrs Way Oconto WI 54153	Helen Patenaude helenrosep@gmail.com	3/20/2024
10	4/27/2024	Plum City High School 907 Main Street Plum City WI 54761	Reg Time: 8:00 - 9:00 am Fee: \$2.00	\$15.00	American Legion Post 365	Plum City Legion Hall PO Box 32 Plum City WI 54761	Kenneth Lampro kvstar1100@aol.com	4/12/2024
11	4/6/2024	Mountain Funeral Home 220 3rd Avenue E Ashland WI 54806	Reg Time: 8:00 - 10:00 am Fee: \$5.00	\$10.00	ALA Unit 90	Linda Kostka 211 6th Street W Ashland WI 54806	Linda Kostka 715-209-8135	None
12	5/18/2024	American Legion Post 268 834 N Main Street Bruce WI 54819		Inform	nation Pending		Gayle Brainard 715-415-2730	Info Pending



American Legion Auxiliary, Department of Wisconsin

OFFICIAL CALL TO THE 2024 ALA DEPARTMENT CONVENTION

Thursday-Sunday, July 11-14, 2024 Hilton Paper Valley, 333 West College Avenue, Appleton, WI 54911

Department Convention

The 2024 American Legion Auxiliary Department Convention will be called into session at the Hilton Paper Valley, 333 West College Avenue, Appleton, WI 54911 at 9:30 a.m. on Friday, July 12, 2024.

Purpose

The purpose of the department convention is to elect officers for the 2024-2025 administrative year; elect delegates and alternates to the national convention; amend the department constitution, bylaws and standing rules as needed; receive reports of the department officers and chairmen; recognize outstanding unit achievements; and transact business as may be brought before the convention body.

Representation

Representation in the department convention shall be by unit, in accordance with the provisions of the department constitution. Units with less than ten paid members or whose district dues have not been paid shall have no representation. Delegates to department convention shall be unit members duly elected for that purpose.

Delegates & Alternates

Prior to department convention each unit will receive information showing the total number of paid members as of June 12, 2024 and advising them of the number of delegates the unit is allowed. Each unit is entitled to alternates equal to the number of delegates. It is the responsibility of each delegate and alternate to attend convention sessions so the district has a full delegation at all times. An alternate shall have all privileges of the delegate when the delegate is not present.

Delegates-at-large to department convention include the Department President, Department Officers, National Executive Committeeperson, Alternate National Executive Committeeperson, Past Department Presidents, and current District Presidents, who shall each be entitled to one vote at the department convention. Delegates-at-large shall be listed separately as additional votes and not included among the unit's total allowable delegate/alternate count. Units must return a list of their delegates-at-large and approved delegates/alternates to department headquarters for voting certification.

NOTE: Incoming Presidents of Districts 1, 3, 5, 7, 9, and 11 are not delegates-at-large for this convention. They assume their positions after installation of officers at convention and serve from 2024-2026.



American Legion Auxiliary – Department of Wisconsin **Department Convention**

Constitution, Article VII: Department Convention

Section 1. The Legislative body of the American Legion Auxiliary shall be the Department Convention to be held annually for the purpose of electing officers, receiving reports, and transacting such other business as shall properly come before it.

Section 2. The annual Convention shall be composed of delegates and alternates from each Unit. Each Unit shall be entitled to two delegates and two alternates for the Unit itself, and an additional delegate and alternate for each fifty members or major fraction thereof which it shall have in excess of fifty members, whose District dues have been paid, and whose State and National dues have been received by the Department Executive Secretary-Treasurer at least thirty days prior to the date of the Convention. No Unit shall be entitled to be represented unless it has at least ten members whose District, Department and National dues for the current year have been paid.

Section 3. Delegates shall cast their own votes; the votes to be collected (in case of ballot), counted and announced without reference to district, as set forth in the latest edition of ROBERTS RULES OF ORDER NEWLY REVISED.

- 1. An alternate shall have all privileges of the delegate when delegate is not present.
- 2. A quorum shall exist at a Department Convention when there are present seven or more districts, wholly or partially represented.
- 3. All Past Department Presidents shall be made delegates-at-large to the annual convention and entitled to vote.
- 4. The Executive Secretary-Treasurer, Parliamentarian, Sergeant-at-Arms and Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms shall be delegates-at-large to the Department Convention and entitled to vote.
- 5. Members of the Department Executive Board, as defined by the Constitution, Article V, Section 2, shall be seated as delegates-at-large with vote in the Convention.
- 6. The Convention Credentials Committee shall be the final judge of qualification of delegates.
- 7. Proxies shall not be permitted.

Standing Rules: Department and National Conventions, Executive Board Meetings and National Meetings

- 13. The delegates and alternates to department convention shall be chosen by a plurality vote of the members of the unit who are present at a meeting called for that purpose. If at any time of the department convention, a duly elected delegate and alternate shall be unable to attend, the Unit President shall have the power to appoint a substitute delegate and alternate.
- 14. A list of the elected delegates and alternates from each Unit must be filed with the Department Executive Secretary-Treasurer at least fourteen days before the opening of the department convention except in case of appointment by Unit President as provided in Section 13, and of Units organized within fourteen days preceding the convention. Otherwise no representation shall be allowed.

10 thru 75	2 delegates and 2 alternates
76 thru 125	3 delegates and 3 alternates
126 thru 175	4 delegates and 4 alternates
176 thru 225	5 delegates and 5 alternates
226 thru 275	6 delegates and 6 alternates
276 thru 325	7 delegates and 7 alternates
326 thru 375	8 delegates and 8 alternates
376 thru 425	9 delegates and 9 alternates
426 thru 475	10 delegates and 10 alternates



2024 Annual ALA Department Convention

Hilton Paper Valley 333 West College Avenue, Appleton, WI 54911 July 11-14, 2024

REGISTRATION FORM

This is your registration form only; this is **NOT YOUR DELEGATE FORM.** Delegate Forms are mailed to the Unit **30 Days prior to Convention (June 12, 2024)** per the Department Constitution and Bylaws. It is advised however, to **register prior to this date**.

Remember **all members are encouraged to attend** the Department Convention, not just Delegates and Alternates. Only one registration per form; if you wish to register multiple people, you can do that by registering online at www.wilegion.org (preferred).

First Name:	Last	Name:		
Street Addre	ess:			
City:		_ State:	Zip:	
Phone Numb	oer:	_ Email:		
Member ID #	#:	_ District Nu	mber:	
AL Post #: _	Auxiliary Unit #:		SAL Squadron #	<u> </u>
	ITEM	NUMBER	AMOUNT	TOTAL
Registration			\$30.00	
Registration	1 Fee after July 6, 2024		\$35.00	
Taco Bar- 7 P and Live Ente	ning PCC/Legion Family Event: PM, ½ Barrell of Beer, Soda, cash bar ertainment-Doors open at 6:30 PM urchase tickets: June 26, 2024)		\$25.00/person	
			Total Enclosed:	
	Make checks payable to The American	Legion, Depar	tment of Wisconsin	
	Check #:			
	OR enter credit card in	nformation belo	ow	
Card Type: _	Car	d #:		
	Expiration date:/	Security Co	de:	

Return with payment to:
The American Legion, Department of Wisconsin
Attn: Convention
P.O. Box 388, Portage, WI 53901

Or email to: angie@wilegion.org

2024 ALA DEPARTMENT CONVENTION

American Legion Auxiliary, Department of Wisconsin

Thursday-Sunday, July 11-14, 2024

Official Call: The 2024 American Legion Auxiliary Department Convention will be called into session at the Hilton Paper Valley, 333 West College Avenue, Appleton at 9:30 a.m. on Friday, July 12, 2024.

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Representation: Representation in the department convention shall be by unit in accordance with the provisions of the department constitution. Units with less than ten paid members or whose district dues have not been paid shall have no representation. Delegates to department convention shall be unit members duly elected for that purpose.

Registration: All attendees to the 2024 Department Convention must submit a registration form and \$30 per person to The American Legion by July 6, 2024. Registrations after July 6th will be \$35.

Voting: All delegates must be registered by 8:00 am on Saturday, July 13th and seated within their District for voting at 9:00 am. Business will resume as soon as voting is completed.

Housing Blocks: Housing has been arranged at the Hilton Paper Valley hotel. Discounted room rates will be available until June 11, 2024 or when the room block is filled, whichever comes first. Additional hotels in the area:

Hampton Inn Appleton - Fox River Mall

350 Fox River Drive 920-954-9211 Room Block: Wisconsin American Legion \$114.00 plus tax

Fairfield Inn & Suites by Marriott

130 S Nicolet Rd. 920-939-8181 \$119.00 plus tax

La Quinta Inn & Suites by Wyndham

3800 W College Avenue 920-734-7777 \$129.00 plus tax

Four Points by Sheraton Appleton

300 Mall Drive 920-993-1200 \$139.00 plus tax

Deceased Members: Names of deceased members that are sent to Department Headquarters by April 26, 2024 on a Member Data Form will appear in the Joint Memorial Service Program.

Installation: Installation of 2024-2025 Department Officers and District Presidents will be on Saturday, July 13th upon conclusion of convention business.



American Legion Auxiliary, Department of Wisconsin 2024 Annual ALA Department Convention

Hilton Paper Valley 333 West College Avenue, Appleton, WI 54911

2024 OFFICIAL PROGRAM SCHEDULE

(SUBJECT TO CHANGE)

8:00 am	Set up Headquarters Office (Crimson Room)
10:00 am − 11:00 am	Registration Setup
11:00 am – 5:00 pm	Registration
12:00 pm – 5:00 pm	Fundraiser Raffle
1:00 pm - 2:30 pm	Legion Family Joint DEC Luncheon (by invitation only) (Salon C)
2.00 4.20	Hardward Office Oran (Crimera Brane)

2:00 pm – 4:30 pm Headquarters Office – Open (Crimson Room)

3:00 pm Past Presidents Parley Business Meeting (Empire Room)

4:30 pm Tellers, Credential Chairman & Judges of Election meeting (Empire Room)

6:00 pm Past Department Presidents Dinner (by invitation only)

Friday, July 12, 2024

Thursday, July 11, 2024

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7:00 am - 5:00 pm	Registration
7:00 am – 5:00 pm	Headquarters Office (Crimson Room)
8:00 am – 5:00 pm	Fundraiser Raffle
8:00 am – 8:45 am	Flag Rehearsal (Empire Room)
9:00 am – 9:15 am	Processional Line-Up (outside Empire Room)
9:15 am	Processional
9:30 am – 3:00 pm	ALA Convention General Session (Empire Room)
3:00 pm - 5:00 pm	Recognition Program (Empire Room)
_	 District Membership Awards

Saturday, July 13, 2024

7:00 am – 8:00 am	Registration
7:00 am - 11:00 am	Headquarters Office (Crimson Room)
8:00 am – 11:00 am	Fundraiser Raffle
8:00 am - 2:30 pm	ALA Convention General Session (Empire Room)
	 9:00 am-VOTING (Convention doors will be closed during voting)
	 Convention reconvenes immediately following voting
	 Judges of Election/Credentials Chr/Dept Tellers-count ballots (Kimberly)
	Flag Recessional
2:45 pm	Installation of 2024-2025 Department Officers/District Presidents (Empire Room)
	 Adjournment of 2024 Convention
	 Reception Line for 2024-2025 Department Officers & District Presidents
5:00 pm – 6:00 pm	Church Services

Joint Memorial Service Practice (Empire Room)

Saturday Evening Entertainment – Legion Family invited to attend (\$25 ticket purchase required – see registration form for details)

Honored PDP Florence Wasley

Sunday, July 14, 2024

7:00 pm - 11:00 pm

6:30 pm

8:00 am	Joint Legion and Auxiliary Memorial Service (Empire Room)
9:15 am	ALA Department Executive Board Meeting (Empire Room)



American Legion Auxiliary-Department of Wisconsin 2024 American Legion Auxiliary Department Convention



NOMINATIONS OF DEPARTMENT OFFICERS

Friday, July 12, 2024

Department Bylaws, Article I, Section 1: The following officers shall be elected annually at the Department Convention by a majority of the ballots cast. When there is but one candidate for an office, the nominee can be elected by voice vote or acclamation: Department President and Senior Vice President.

The following officers shall be elected annually at the Department Convention by plurality vote of the ballots cast. When there is but one candidate, the nominee can be elected by voice vote or acclamation: First Vice President, Second Vice President, Historian and Chaplain.

Department Standing Rules, Elections and Campaigns, #2: In line with The American Legion Counsel General's opinion, any member may run for any office as a right of membership. While each experience as an officer or chairman helps to prepare the member for higher office, members have the right to pursue any office that is personally fulfilling without obligation to seek other offices.

NOMINATIONS FOR NATIONAL CONVENTION ALTERNATES

Due to Department Headquarters by July 1, 2024

National Constitution, Article VI, Section 2: Representation in the National Convention shall be by Departments. Each Department shall be entitled to delegates based upon the number of members whose dues are paid up-to-date as provided in the Standing Rules.

National Standing Rules, Section II, Subsection 2: Each Department shall be entitled to seven (7) delegates; and one (1) additional delegate for each one thousand two hundred (1,200) members or major fraction thereof, whose current dues have been received by the National Treasurer thirty (30) days prior to the meeting of said National Convention, and to one (1) alternate for each delegate. The delegates and alternates shall be selected not less than two (2) weeks before the National Convention at Department Conventions or in any manner specified by any Department Constitution.

Department Bylaws, Article III, Section 1, Subsections 5-6: Each of the twelve districts may nominate alternates to the national convention at the district level. The nominee selection process shall be determined at the discretion of the district, possibly at their spring or fall conferences, or by executive action. Names of nominees shall be sent to department headquarters as soon as selected and no later than July 1st. There shall be no nominations from the floor and election of alternates shall be held at a designated time during department convention and named in order of plurality count. No alternates shall be named to fill vacant positions until all delegates have been selected according to the [priorities stated in subsections 1-5].

- Nomination forms for Alternates to National Convention were sent to all District Presidents and must be returned no later than July 1, 2024.
- Elections will be held on Saturday, July 13, 2024 at 9:00 a.m. in the convention hall.

DELEGATES TO NATIONAL CONVENTION

- 1 Delegation Chairman (2023-2024 Department President Maggie Geiger)
- 7 2024-2025 Dept Officers (President, Sr. VP, 2-VPs, Historian, Chaplain, Exec Secretary-Treasurer)
- 12 2024-2025 District Presidents (based on term of office and membership ranking)
- 1 2023-2024 National Chair or committee member whose expenses are paid by National
- O Additional Delegates elected from supplemental list (based on current membership totals)
- Total (subject to change, determined by membership totals 30 days prior to National Convention)

Wisconsin has four (4) delegates-at-large: Past National Presidents Barbara Kranig, Jan Pulvermacher-Ryan and Diane Duscheck, and National Executive Committeewoman Bonnie Jakubczyk.



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Saturday, July 13, 2024 at 9:00 a.m.

VOTING PROCEDURE

- 1) Convention delegate registration will close at 8:00 am on Saturday, July 13, 2024.
- 2) Delegates and delegates-at-large will be verified by the Convention Credentials Committee. The Convention Credentials Committee shall be the final judge of qualification of a delegate.
- 3) Voting packets will be prepared for each district containing ballots equal to the total number of delegates and delegates-at-large registered and certified by 8:00 am on July 13, 2024.
- 4) An alternate shall have all privileges of the delegate when the delegate is not present. Alternates will be seated in a designated section for the convenience of a District President to locate and expedite a replacement delegate. Alternates may only replace delegates from within their own unit.
- 5) Voting will be at 9:00 am on Saturday, July 13, 2024 in the convention hall. Promptly at 9:00 am, the American Legion Auxiliary's convention hall entrance doors will be closed, with no one being allowed to enter or exit until the voting process is completed. Only delegates and delegates-at-large shall be seated in their respective district's delegation during voting.
- 6) Districts will be called in numerical order to pick up their voting packet from the Election Judges.
- 7) Districts will commence the voting process after all packets have been distributed. Delegates must present their signed voting credentials to receive a ballot.
- 8) Immediately after voting has been declared ended, the Credentials Chairman, election judges and the tellers appointed by the Department President will move to a designated counting room to tabulate votes and convention business will resume.
- 9) The Judge of Elections will take results, compare numbers with the Credentials Chairman, and provide a written report to the Executive Secretary-Treasurer.
- 10) The Credentials Committee Chairman will give an oral report of total number of delegates, alternates and delegates-at-large by district that had registered to vote as of 8:00 am on July 13, 2024.
- 11) The Judge of Elections will give an oral report of the numerical results of the election and give the written report to the Department President.
- 12) The Department President will declare the winners of the election during the convention session on Saturday.



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PROPOSED RULES & ORDER OF BUSINESS

- 1) All cell phones will be turned off while the convention is in session.
- 2) Convention sessions shall start at the stated time.
- 3) A quorum shall exist when there are present seven or more districts, wholly or partially represented. All delegates must be seated within their districts.
- 4) Delegates desiring recognition shall go to the nearest microphone, address the presiding officer as "Madam President," and upon receiving recognition from the presiding officer, shall give their name, unit number and district number. A speaker shall be permitted to speak no more than twice on any one question but cannot speak again so long as any member who has not spoken on that question desires the floor.
- 5) Before the election, time shall be granted in the regular order of business to nominate candidates for Department and National Offices.
- 6) The nominators and the candidates will be called to the stage as a group. Districts with known and endorsed candidates for office will be called in numerical order. Other nominations will be asked for from the floor. There shall be no seconds to nominations.
- 7) Nomination speeches shall be limited as follows:

a. One (1) candidate for office b. Two (2) or more candidates for office two (2) minute limit three (3) minute limit

c. One (1) candidate for Department President - three (3) minute limit

d. Two (2) or more candidates for Department President - four (4) minute limit

- 8) Immediately following their nomination, the nominees shall be presented on the stage and granted one (1) minute for any response or remarks they may wish to make.
- 9) There shall be no nomination speeches for delegates to the National Convention.
- 10) All resolutions shall be referred to the proper committee for study and recommendation and shall be reported back to the convention for adoption or rejection. The resolutions committee shall present all resolutions.
- 11) When giving reports, chairmen shall address the presiding officer as "Madam President" and reports will be accepted by general consent of the convention delegates. If there is an objection, a vote will be taken.
- 12) Delegates must attend all convention sessions.
- 13) Delegates may leave the convention hall only at the end of a speaker's report. Upon returning, delegates shall remain at the back of the convention hall until the current speaker has ended.
- 14) District Pages shall be responsible for distributing all convention materials to the District's delegates.
- 15) Guests shall be honored at the convention by applause only.



American Legion Auxiliary Department of Wisconsin



President Maggie's project is in support of Dog's 2 Dogtags. "Saving our vets one dog at a time."

For God and country we will raise funds together at the Department Convention to be held July 11th - July 13th 2024.

I am asking every unit to please bring a donated basket for the raffles. I ask that they have a card with listed items and title of a donating unit, district, or member(s). Please wrap them in cellophane.

Everyday different baskets will be raffled off. On Saturday, any unclaimed baskets will be priced to be bought outright.

There will also be a unique side fundraiser in honor of President Maggie's project.

If you have any questions, feel free to reach out. I look forward to a successful convention.

Thank you!

Crystal Shaw, Dept Fundraising Chair crystalspres@gmail.com 262-672-8205





Honored Past Department President Florence Wasley (2010-2011)



Past Department President Florence Wasley will be the honored guest at the 2024 Department Convention at the Hilton Paper Valley in Appleton, Wisconsin. Florence is a 48-year PUFL member of Unit 493 in Linden, Iowa County, District 3. She served as Department President from 2010-2011.

Florence's eligibility for membership is through the 20 years of Air Force Radio Operator service of her late husband, Emery Wasley, Sr. and her son, Emery Junior, who served 20 years as a Superintendent of Base Systems earning the rank of First Sergeant. Currently, her granddaughter, Korra Wasley, is in the ROTC program in the Nursing Corps. Upon graduation in 2025, Korra will be a 2nd Lieutenant in the Army.

Florence was employed as an elementary school teacher for 30 years in California, Japan, Florida, and Wisconsin before retiring in 1996. Florence continued substituting until 2008, when she became more involved in the Auxiliary.

Florence's experience and leadership were gained by her many chairmanships and offices in her unit, county, district, and department levels.

Florence's theme, "Striving For Excellence," has proven to be a part of her life from attending a one room country school. Her special project was helping Homeless Women Veterans, which has become one of Wisconsin's grant programs. She wants to thank each of you who contributed in any way to help our women military veterans in need. Florence also wishes to thank Kathy Wollmer and her staff for their assistance in getting this supportive program off the ground.

Florence will be honored during the recognition program on Friday, July 12 at 3:00 pm. Please make plans to join her.



American Legion Auxiliary ◆ Department of Wisconsin Past Presidents Parley

Char Kiesling, Department Chairwoman char.kiesling@gmail.com

Hello, are you there!? Still looking for past presidents of our Units, Counties, and Districts, assuming every PDP is a member without question! We understand what an honor and responsibility this membership entails. We continue to need you to share your experiences and knowledge well beyond your initial service. We need you as PPP members to look and recruit these presidents that are not aware of their eligibility!

Beyond your mentoring skills, we need continued support with your donations for our 3 scholarships. PPP helps a nursing student, and 2 other health related students continue their education, much needed in our medical community. I'm sorry to see how little we received in donations so far this year BUT there is still time to send your donation to Department.

This year we are honoring our Past Department President, Florence Wasley at our Department Convention in Appleton. I am so proud to be honoring her and to stand by her side. She has been one of my many mentors and her smile is unending! Florence was Department President in 2010-2011. Her message was "Striving For Excellence". Her special project continues on today with the forming of the HOMELESS WOMEN VETERANS Program, a grant providing assistance to returning service women who are now facing hardships. What an amazing legacy!

Speaking of our Department Convention, we are planning to meet on Friday, July 12th. We have some new business regarding the question of why PPP doesn't have a deadline for payment of dues? History shows at one time they were paid before the next convention. A discussion to follow.

SO WHAT ARE YOU WAITING FOR??? I can't wait to join my fellow PPP at our Department Convention to share ideas, experiences, renew old friendships and hopefully create new ones. Memberships and donations are gratefully accepted. Forms can be found on the Department of Wisconsin website (www.amlegionauxwi.org) under the forms tab.

Mentor of the year Award: This award is to be given to a past president that has gone beyond the unit level and is continuing to be a leader and mentor to members of our organization. We want to recognize those members who excel at encouraging and mentoring other members of the organization on a regular and ongoing basis.

To nominate someone for this award, a letter of nomination not to exceed 1000 words must be sent in by May 15th to the Past Presidents Parley Chairman.

ENJOY YOUR SPRING!





POPPY PROGRAM

Kay Grosskopf, Department Chairman kkgros44@gmail.com

As the culmination of the ALA year comes to an end, we want to look to the finish line. Memorial Day is one of the biggest Poppy awareness events of the year; but remember, May is not the only month to distribute and promote the poppy. We should be educating the public about the poppy throughout the year.

How can we educate when we are only in direct contact with most people for a few seconds? Burlington Unit 79 came up with an interesting approach, they designed a book marker to hand out with the poppy. One side has the poem "Who will wear a Poppy". The other side has poppies and a QR code. The QR code will direct the recipient to a Go Fund Me page. That page will have information about the Poppy program as well as an opportunity to donate. It's a great way to get the growing cashless people that go by.

Based on this approach, what ideas does it generate for your unit to educate the populous about the poppy, what it stands for, why it's important, and what we use the funds for. How about posting a sign stating 100% of funds supports veterans, active military and their families? Sometimes that's enough to start the conversation.

Don't be afraid to have a conversation. You will learn about them, and you can teach them not only about the poppy but the American Legion Family. Who knows, you may recruit a new member.

Don't forget to have your town, village or city post a Poppy Day Proclamation. A sample Proclamation is available on the Department website (www.amlegionauxwi.org) under the Programs/Poppy program tabs.

Let's get out there and make this a banner year for the Department of Wisconsin Poppy Program!

➤ If you are interested in learning how to create a QR code, join the monthly PR (Public Relations) Zoom meeting in May. It's the last Wednesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. Contact Bonnie Dorniak (deptsec@amlegionauxwi.org) or Bob Shappell (bobshap@aol.com) for the link. Everyone is invited to attend.



Public Relations

Bob Shappell, Department Chairman bobshap@aol.com

Forbes Magazine says that PR activities should be centered on reputation building, positioning and helping a company establish itself as a trusted authority in its industry. Once a company builds up its name, it is a lot easier for it to get its news and announcements covered by journalists, and to market its products. Warren Buffett said, "It takes 20 years to build a reputation and five minutes to ruin it. If you think about that, you'll do things differently."

If you have followed our first three ALA PR Chat sessions, you know that we have discussed the importance of how our communities view us as a valued partner. We have some awesome products (our programs), backed up by dedicated volunteers who have pledged to follow the values of our organization. As our PR efforts communicate our great products, people, and values to our communities, we make it easier for our marketing and advertising efforts to succeed. People will be more likely to attend our events, donate to our fundraisers, and encourage the youth of the community to participate in our youth programs.

Our brand exposure, enhanced by our visibility in community activities and wearing apparel with the new brand mark, helps the community get to know us beyond our products and shows them not just what we do, but who we are as individuals and an organization. If we gain their trust, we gain their confidence and their support.

Please consider attending one of our PR Chat sessions to not only learn, but to share the successful public relations ideas your unit has used. The Chats are the last Wednesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. March focuses on external PR, April on local media, May on social media, and June on community involvement and visibility. The Zoom ink for each session is

https://uso2web.zoom.us/j/84804629555?pwd=OEZoRnFCMjVsenQxc1VYMVRWZW9Vdz09



VETERANS AFFAIRS & REHABILITATION

Bonnie Jakubczyk, Department Chairman bon6862@yahoo.com

As the saying goes, sharing is caring. With Spring comes the time to share your individual and unit activities. Make sure to share those pictures because we all know the quote "A picture says a thousand words."

Please fill out the **VA & R Unit Annual Narrative Report** for 2023-2024 (April 1, 2023 – March 31, 2024) and send it to Department Headquarters by April 15, 2024. Be sure to include those pictures in JPEG format, newspaper clippings, flyers, activity reports, or anything that shares your story. The narrative reports are simple to do, just state your message.



On the report form, the **CBOC** stands for Community-Based Outpatient Clinic. Do not be afraid to ask questions.



Is your Unit looking for ways to spend your extra money?

Be sure to check out the VA & R Wish lists on the Department website under programs, click the VA & R link and look for the Needs/Wish lists. It is good to check them because some have been updated. You can also check with the Hospital Representatives for the updated needs.

Veterans Creative Arts is another place to donate to.

April is Volunteer Apprecation month



Of course you are thankful every day for our volunteers.



AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY – DEPARTMENT OF WISCONSIN



SERVICE TO VETERANS Linda Kostka, Department Chairman lkostka@ymail.com

It's time to submit reports and narratives as they relate to the service you provided to Veterans in your community. Remember this report documents American Legion Auxiliary members who provide service to veterans outside a VA facility. It includes organizing a stand down, assembling care packages/tray favors/greeting cards, assisting with a veteran's burial or gravesite upkeep, sewing, cooking, or shopping for active-duty military/veterans and/or their families. Other ideas would be providing transportation, housekeeping or yard work for a Veteran.

Also report your Poppy distribution and making and giving out pocket Flags. YES, hours put into a fundraiser for veterans, including making posters and picking up donations, can be counted as Service to Veterans hours and put on the Service to Veterans Award form. You can claim 10 hours a week if you are a caregiver of a Veteran that lives with you and 5 hours a week if the Veteran is in a nursing home. Please submit this report to document our support to our Hero Veterans through our Department of Wisconsin. Afterall, we are the largest Patriotic Organization, and we need to keep tooting our horn.

As Betty Reese commented "If you think you are too small to be effective, you've never been in bed with a mosquito."

NATIONAL SECURITY Karen Runk, Department Chairman

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April is the Military Children's Month and April 15th is Purple Up! Day

Purple Up! is a day to recognize military children for their bravery, flexibility and courage while enduring countless parental deployments, relocations, school changes and more. It's purple because of the mixture of military branch colors.

So it's time to discuss budget, strategy and activities to observe Purple Up! Day with military children in your extended Legion family or children of reserve and guards in your local school. Simply contact the school administration to find out how many children, their ages, and if you could deliver activity packs, greeting cards with gift cards or pencil pouches with star spangle kids, I Spy or Junior member and SAL info.

National Security Chairman Karen Runk and Lorie Ballweg of Unit 245 developed a printable Purple Up! Day card for Units to send to the children of active-duty Reserves/Guards and full time Military with gift cards, activity packs or pencil pouches, etc. The card can be printed from the department website (www.amlegionauxwi.org > Programs > National Security).

For God and Country, *Karen Runk*



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Red Book Corrections

- Pg. 6 Add Sandra Kaebisch as Bowling Committee member
- Pg. 8 Replace Donna Maly with Sandra Mack as 2nd District Membership Chairman
- Pg. 7 Add Karen Runk as National Security Chairman
- Pg. 10 Add Kris Klages as Eau Claire County President 715-271-0311 / kbk060709@gmail.com
- Pg. 10 Replace Patricia Randant with Mary Lannbrecht as Calumet County President.
- Pg. 10 Replace Susan Middlestead with Donna Jensen as Milwaukee County President
- Pg. 10 Add Helen Patenaude as Oconto County President
- Pg. 16 Update Sandra Hinkle's address 245 N. Brooke Street, FDL WI 54935
- *Pg. 17 Update Mary Petrie's ph # 920-285-3223
- Pg. 17 Update Susan Middlestead's email address middlesteadsusan@gmail.com
- Pg. 17 Update Claudia Osero's address 127 S 2nd Street, Tomahawk WI 54487
- Pg. 17 Update Mary Krutz's address 8436 Wildwood Court, Waterford WI 53185
- Pg. 18 Update Dany Thompson's address 2560 New Town Drive Apt 120, Sun Prairie WI 53590
- Pg. 43 Remove line #9

*updated 3/18/2024

DATES & DEADLINES

Last updated 3/20/2024 (subject to change)

	2024			
Apr 6, 2024	9th District Spring Conference	Red Maple Country Club, Suring, WI		
Apr 6, 2024	11th District Spring Conference	Mountain Funeral Home, Ashland, WI		
Apr 6-7	WI American Legion Auxiliary State	Sports Page Bowl, Medford, WI		
Apr 13-14, 2024	Bowling Tournament (9-Pin Tap)	sports rage bowl, Medicia, Wi		
Apr 20, 2024	3rd District Spring Conference	Fennimore Memorial Bldg, Fennimore, WI		
Apr 27, 2024	8th District Spring Conference	Mid-State Technical College, Stevens Point, WI		
Apr 27, 2024	10th District Spring Conference	Plum City HS, Plum City, WI		
May 4, 2024	1st District Spring Conference	American Legion Post #209, Orfordville, WI		
May 4, 2024	2 nd District Spring Conference	Kalahari Resort & Convention Ctr, WI Dells, WI		
May 4, 2024	6th District Spring Conference	Manitowoc Airport, EAA Hangar 22, Manitowoc, WI		
May 11, 2024	4th District Spring Conference	American Legion Post 537, Milwaukee, WI		
May 11, 2024	5th District Spring Conference	American Legion Post 416, Greendale, WI		
May 18, 2024	12th District Spring Conference	American Legion Post 268, Bruce, WI		
May 18, 2024	Joint Legion Family Testimonial	LaSure's Banquet Hall, Oshkosh, WI		
May 18, 2024	Sweat4Vets Walk	Cedarburg to Grafton American Legion Posts		
June 1, 2024	2024–2025 District President & 2024–2025 Dept Chairmen Orientation	ALA State Headquarters, Portage, WI		
June 1, 2024	No Next of Kin Ride	American Legion Post 375, Mukwonago, 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		
Sept 14, 2024	7th District Fall Conference	American Legion Post 100, Sparta, WI		
Sept 14, 2024	ALA in the Know Conference	American Legion Post #98, Cumberland, WI		
Sept 28, 2024	ALA in the Know Conference	St. John's Lutheran Church, Gillett, WI		
Oct 5, 2024	ALA in the Know Conference	American Legion Post #416, Greendale, WI		