



2nd District Newsletter

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Amy's Angle....

Thank you to everyone who attended our District Spring Conference in Germantown. We had a record-breaking attendance and a fun-filled day! Congratulations to the newly elected and appointed officers for the District:

President: Sandy Mack

1st Vice President: Donna Maly

2nd Vice President: Tammy Feller

Secretary/Treasurer: Mary Montag

Chaplain: Carol Stein

Historian: Donna Auscue

Sgt @ Arms: Eunice Seering

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At the District Conference it was voted and approved to move all future spring conferences to the first Saturday in May. Therefore, the next Spring Conference will be on May 4, 2024 in Columbia County. The location will be communicated when confirmed.

Please make sure that you complete your 2023-2024 Unit Officer forms – even if there are no changes with your officers the form needs to be completed.

You did it! You finished your year-end reports! I'm happy to announce that we had 100% reporting of the Unit Year-End Impact Reports. The complete District report will be sent to all units in the upcoming weeks. Thank you for your hard work!

Blessings,

Amy

NATIONAL SECURITY

Danie Wilson, 2nd District Chair

As I wrote the Second District National Security year-end narrative report, your efforts made it very clear how we as dedicated members of the American Legion Family inspired others to serve and strengthen America.

Our American values and patriotism were evident in the honoring of military service by participating in memorial events throughout the year. Members' attended Veterans Day events, marched in Memorial Day and Fourth of July parades, celebrated Armed Forces Day and held poppy drives.

Youth were educated in responsible citizenship when encouraged to recite the Pledge of Allegiance and to sing the Star-Spangled Banner at sporting events. They are also taught to honor and respect all past and present military to ensure they are not forgotten by creating greeting cards and care packages. Selfless service is performed without expectation or reward for performing it.

As National Security Chairman for the Second District, I would like to thank each of you for all the time and effort you devoted to supporting our military members and their families and promoting a strong national defense.

More on National Security....

Is your unit interested in starting, or improving, a troop care package event? The ALA and Shipthriftly have partnered to provide you with tips and tricks to make your event a success:

- Set your timeline: Keep in mind delivery times around the holidays.
- Determine your budget: Will you ask for donations? Think about product, shipping, and materials.
- Find servicemembers: You must ship to specific individuals, so collect addresses from the community.
- Pick your box: Not all boxes are the same!
- Consider restrictions: There are restrictions on what you can send, and they vary from base to base.
- Create and attach labels: Shipthriftly makes this process easy with their online tools.
- Know your drop off options: You can drop off packages or schedule a USPS pickup.

Are you wondering what the servicemember in your life may want? These items are always a hit:

- Drink mix packets like water flavorings, cocoa, tea, and apple cider (note — coffee is restricted in some areas).
- Pre-packaged, individual-size healthy snacks like protein bars, nuts, seeds, dried fruit, or beef jerky.
- Non-perishable, pre-packaged food and sauces.
- Pre-packaged, individually wrapped candy, cookies, and chips.
- Hygiene items like toothbrushes, toothpaste, floss, roll-on deodorant, baby wipes, and feminine hygiene supplies.

Visit www.ALAforVeterans.org/troop-care-packages or www.ALAforVeterans.org/Shipthriftly to see more care package drive advice.

*I don't think any of us should forget that the security of America is our highest responsibility.
Ronald Reagan~*

CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS

Mary Montage, 2nd District Chair

By now all units should have their Unit & County Constitution, Bylaws, and Standing Rules, revised and updated. The updated and/or revised Constitution, Bylaws, and Standing Rules should be approved, signed and dated and sent into Department Headquarters.

Constitution and Bylaws is the most important document governing a unit's activities and provides a framework for all the discussions and decisions generated at your unit and Executive Committee meetings. A carefully prepared and crafted document provides for a successful organizational process. Always keep in mind that Department, District, County and Unit Constitutions and Bylaws cannot be in conflict with the national governing documents.

Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised provides the governing document for all matters pertaining to the unit, unless they are specified in the bylaws of the organization, or any special rules adopted by the organization.

Changes can be made to the Constitution and Bylaws with written notice to the members at a regularly scheduled meeting, **if a written copy of the proposed changes are mailed to each member prior to the meeting taking place, and if the bylaws are silent and everyone has been sent a copy of the amendments, then there is no need to read unless ordered by a vote of the members.** A review of this document should be done **annually** by a committee appointed for this express purpose, but hopefully it will not change every year.

The Department Chairman of Constitution and Bylaws will review all documents sent to be reviewed and a response given to the submitting entity, and if all are in order, the document will be sent to Department Headquarters to be filed.

A good time to review your Constitution and Bylaws would be AFTER Department and National Conventions. At that time if there have been any changes made to the Department and/or National Constitution and Bylaws, those changes should then be reflected in the Unit, County, and District Constitution and Bylaws.

As part of your Narrative Report for Constitution and Bylaws, please include answers to the following questions:

- Have you done an annual review of your Constitution and Bylaws?
- When were your organization's Constitution and Bylaws last reviewed?
- What plans do you put in place to review regularly?
- Do you appoint a chairperson for this committee?
- Do you do any type of training or discussion at a meeting regarding Constitution and Bylaws their necessity and impact on your organization? (Suggestion: have a member create a game of questions for members to participate in at a meeting, thus making Constitution and Bylaws fun!)

Sign-up now for the Department Convention!

**July 19 – 23
Rothschild, WI**

Details on the Department website. Registration form:

https://www.amlegionauxwi.org/files/ugd/8bea47_76b1635d413c41d29fa5eac3eca0cddb.pdf

Be There or Be Square.