

Department of Wisconsin
District Eleven



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Serving our Veterans, Military and Each Other from the Depths of our Hearts

****Summer sunshine and August 2024 smiles to each 11th District Auxiliary member!** You are truly gems in the north central area of our beautiful state as you work the mission of the American Legion Auxiliary. I look forward to meeting and/or reconnecting with each of you. I am “recycled” in this role of District leadership. I thank Claudia Osero of Tomahawk for her past two years as District 11 President. I also thank all the previous District Presidents, officers, mentors, and Unit leaders for their service. Now we all need to roll up our sleeves and continue the work...as our new Department President, Becky Mueller, says...from the Depths of our Hearts.

****Department President Becky’s pin is featured in the top right corner of this newsletter. She has two special projects:**

1. **Raising awareness** of the 1,800 MIA/POW’s still missing from Wisconsin. The UW MIA Recovery and Identification Project is working to find and identify missing U.S. military personnel. We need to reach out to families that may still be waiting for closure to let them know we care and encourage them to submit DNA samples to aid in the identification of recovered remains.
2. **Raising money** for the Auxiliary Emergency Fund. AEF is a grant assistance program that provides financial assistance to eligible members of the ALA who have endured a significant financial setback as the result of an act of nature or other personal crisis. President Becky’s goal is to raise \$1 per member. Each Unit is encouraged to do this! Send your donations along with the 2024-2025 General Fund Suggested Donations form available on the Department website:
www.amlegionauxwi.org

****Forms:** Has your Unit sent in the 2024-2025 Unit Officer Form? Even if there is no change in leadership, this form **must** be completed and sent to Department. Your Unit will not be eligible for membership awards if this current year form is not on file at Department Headquarters. Also, 2025 membership dues **must** be paid by all current officers to qualify for Unit awards. This form is also available on the website. I encourage you to use the website for information...such as programs, conferences, scholarships, monthly Unit mailings, etc.

****Membership:** Let’s make sure that our 11th District heart beats strongly for 2025 membership. Strive to get your Unit’s 2025 membership to 100% as quickly as possible. Your Unit has received the new Membership Packet. Take a look at all the opportunities for Unit and individual awards. This information is also in the August Unit Mailing.

****Trifold Display Board:** Department President Becky has asked that each District President begin compiling a Trifold board of all our Unit’s events and highlights. **SO...**I am asking that each **Unit** in District 11 also begin working on a Trifold board of all your Unit events. Pictures speak volumes. Of course your Trifold board will not be completed by the time of our Fall Conference, but I would love to have you bring it to our Fall Conference with pictures and information of what you have done since April 1, 2024. This will be part of your Unit report at the Fall Conference. Your Unit Trifold board should be completed by the time of our Spring Conference...and once again will be a big part of your Unit report at the District 11 Spring Conference. Please provide me with copies of your pictures and highlights to be placed on the District Trifold Board that I will be working on. **Thanks!**

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY
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District Eleven Fall Conference

Date: October 26, 2024 Registration & Refreshments: 8:30–9:30 AM Fee: \$3

Where: St. Paul's Catholic Church, Catawba, WI. W9485 State Hwy 8 Catawba
This is a beautiful zero entry facility. No steps.

Hosted by: Unit 362 Kennan

Lunch: Legionnaires will join the Auxiliary at the Church at noon.

Meal will be provided by Ape Hanger's Saloon and consist of pulled pork, potato salad, baked beans, dessert and bottled water for \$12.

Please RSVP to ensure food amount for cooks to prepare. Those who do not RSVP will be charged an additional \$5.00. Payment may be made on day of Conference.

RSVP to American Legion Post 362 Commander, Rosanna Bogle at 608-387-2670 or Rosanna.bogle@outlook.com by Saturday, October 12, 2024.

Basket Raffle: Each Unit is asked to donate a basket for our District fundraiser. Be creative! Your basket may be any theme of your choice. Some ideas are: Fall, Halloween, Wine & Cheese, Tools for Guys, Movie Night, etc. etc. etc. It's always fun to see what everyone brings. Consider listing all items in the basket, so people know what's included. Raffle tickets will be 6 for \$5. or 25 for \$20.

Drawing will be held following lunch.

District Dues: Each Unit Treasurer is asked to be prepared with a check to pay your Unit's District dues to our District Treasurer. The amount is fifty cents (\$0.50) per member based on your 2024 membership total. By taking care of this matter at the Fall Conference, the District will be spared the expense of mailing out the invoices. Thanks!

Guest Speaker: PDP Teresa Isensee, Department Leadership Chm.

Teresa and members of her team will educate us on the importance of leadership.

Program Reports: Each District Program Chairman will give a brief 3–4-minute report and answer any questions you may have on Auxiliary programs.

Unit Reports: Each Unit President or representative will briefly share Unit highlights.

FUN, SONGS, & GAMES: Everyone is invited to join in the fun as we learn and share love from the depths of our hearts.

Halloween Socks: Wear Halloween Socks and be eligible for a fun prize!

More News

Upcoming Events:

National Convention – August 26-28 – New Orleans

Follow Convention events and highlights on social media. See if you can spot Linda Kostka from our 11th District or other Wisconsin Auxiliary members. Think ahead about attending the 2025 National Convention in Tampa Bay. These gatherings are educational and great fun.

American Legion Auxiliary in the Know

Sept. 14th – **Cumberland** Sept. 28th – **Gillett** Oct. 5th – **Cedarburg**

Grab an ALA friend and attend one of these gatherings. The more you learn and know about this great organization, the more excited you become to get involved and engaged in our mission of service to Veterans, military and their families, and community.

Registration was due by August 1st, but there may still be room for more participants. You will have a great day at ALAITK.

October 12th – King. **Junior Fall Conference.** Get your Junior members excited and involved. They will have so much fun as they meet other delightful girls from all over Wisconsin. They will learn about Veterans while working on fun activities. Be the grandma or mom that takes a car full!



How about a Unit field trip?

Get a car full of your Unit members and travel somewhere to learn more about Veterans, the ALA mission, etc. Consider...

- War Memorial Center in downtown Milwaukee. This is the new home of our Wisconsin ALA Poppy Shop. Learn all about the poppy makers. Learn about this beautiful building and all that goes on inside it. Learn about the architect that designed this facility that overlooks Lake Michigan and all the symbolism in the design. Research the War Memorial online. Then phone 414-273-5533 to make arrangements.

- Camp American Legion. Stay right within our 11th District and visit this wonderful place near Lake Tomahawk where Veterans can spend a week relaxing and rejuvenating with other Veterans. Call ahead to arrange your visit. Be sure to ask what items you can bring along to donate to Camp. 715-277-2510

- Chippewa Falls, Wisconsin Veterans Home. 715-720-6775 Phone ahead to ask when you may volunteer to help with Bingo or Happy Hour and about donations.

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