



**Department of Wisconsin
District Eleven Newsletter**
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Honor our Country Support our Veterans

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* **Prayer:** “Sing to God a new song: skillfully play with joyful chant.” Psalm 33:3

Robin redbreast has returned. Sunshine is warming the ground. Flowers and grass are beginning to respond to the ground’s warmth. Our winter-weary souls smile with renewed life. As we witness the green of spring, let us rejoice with energy, smiles, and service to our Veterans and communities. Amen.

* **Membership:** Eleventh District remains in **2nd place** among the twelve districts in the Dept. of Wisconsin. **Over 100%:** Land O Lakes 165%, Kennan 137%, Mercer 125%. Park Falls 118%, Rib Lake 110%, Boulder Junction 106%, Odanah 104%, and Lublin 101%. **Fifield needs only 1 more member, and Presque Isle only 3 more to be at 100%. Three Lakes is at 92%.** We’re getting there! Eleventh District is “**Hiking the Redwood National Park**” toward **100% Membership** to honor our Country’s 250th birthday.

* **Unit Year-End Impact Numbers Reports due to me NOW!** so that I may complete the District report. Send it via email or snail mail. Let’s be 100% for reporting. Special recognition at our upcoming Spring Conference to all Units that get this report to me before April 15th. Thus far I’ve received reports from the Unit presidents of **Presque Isle, Three Lakes, and Tomahawk**. Thank You to these spring early birds!

* **Annual On-Line Program Reporting Process:** All Program reporting needs to be done on the Department website with reports due by **April 15, 2026**. This saves so much time and money!
See www.amlegionauxwi.org, ‘Annual Reports’ for details.

* **ALA Badger Girls State:** If your Unit sponsors a delegate(s) check with the school to make sure the girl(s) have registered on-line through the school contact person. The delegates should then be going on the ALABGS website to do the orientation in preparation for a successful and unforgettable experience at ALA Badger Girls State in June on the UW-Oshkosh campus.

* **District Spring Conference in Three Lakes:** Page 2 of this newsletter has the details of our Eleventh District Spring Conference. I’m looking forward to seeing all of you in beautiful Three Lakes.

* **May is Poppy Month:** May 22 is National Poppy Day. How does your Unit distribute poppies? Hopefully, you include Legionnaires, Junior ALA members, Sons of the American Legion, and the entire American Legion family in your efforts. Remember that we “**distribute**” poppies for donations. Never use the term “**sell**”. Poppies may be distributed throughout the year...not just during **Memorial Day** time.

* **May Graduates:** Check with your local school to see if any graduates will be going into Military service. Your Unit may consider honoring these graduates with red/white/blue cords or in some other special way.

* **June 14th is Flag Day:** Does your Unit recognize local businesses that fly the flag?

* **July 4th Happy 250th Birthday USA:** What will your Unit / Community do to celebrate?

Please note my new email address at the top of this newsletter.

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY

What: District Eleven American Legion Auxiliary Spring Conference

When: Saturday, April 25, 2026 Registration & Refreshments: 8:30 – 9:30 Fee: \$3.
Executive session: 9:00 am General session: 9:30 am – 3:30 pm

Where: Reiter Center, 1858 S. Michigan St, Three Lakes, WI Hosted by: Unit #431

Who: All Unit members, Guests, Junior members & prospective new Senior members welcome!

What: Unit Oral Reports (provide brief written copy of unit report for inclusion in conference minutes),
Program Chm. Reports, Election of 2026-2027 District officers, Guest Speakers, Business matters

Lunch: Joint lunch with the Legionnaires, SAL, and Riders at 12 noon.

Menu: Ham, Pulled Pork, Rolls, several Side Dishes, Desserts, and Beverages \$15.

Please RSVP to Post #431 Commander Chris Lamon at 715-482-0553 or cmlamon97@gmail.com
by **April 11** to ensure food preparation amounts. Payment in advance or on day of the conference.

Basket Raffle: Each Unit is asked to donate a basket for District fundraising. The basket may be any theme of your choice. Be creative! Please list all items in the basket, so people realize what's included.

Raffle ticket prices: **6 for \$5. OR 25 for \$20.** Drawings will be held near the close of lunch.

Memorial Service: Joint service remembering our departed comrades / members at conclusion of lunch time.

FUN: Sprinkled between business agenda will be songs, games and **prizes**. Join the fun!



Note: No motels in Three Lakes. Local lodging options include:

Holiday Inn Express & Suites, 1958 Navajo St, Rhinelander, WI 715-420-2201

Days Inn of Eagle River, 844 N. Railroad St, Eagle River, WI 715-479-5151

AmericInn by Wyndham, 200 W Pine St, Eagle River, WI 715-477-0888

Consider a Friday evening arrival with overnight lodging.