



# 8<sup>th</sup> District Newsletter



## President's Message

Hello Everyone!

It was a great convention in Appleton!

Congratulations to Wisconsin Rapids, Tigerton and Wild Rose for being 100% Units! Congratulations to Waushara County for being a 100% county. Mosinee and Marathon only needs 1 more member. Congratulations to the District! We are in 9<sup>th</sup> place in the Department. Keep up the good work everyone!

There are several units that have members that haven't renewed their membership for 2024. If they are interested in renewing, they should turn in their dues as soon as possible.

Unit Presidents, a friendly reminder, please send in your 2024-2025 Unit Officers Form to Department Headquarters as soon as possible. This form should be completed and returned even if your officers haven't changed for the new Auxiliary year. In order to win any membership awards, you need to have your updated form in to Department.

I am still looking for District Program Chairs for the openings listed in the box below. The position would only last until July 2025. The responsibilities of being a District Chairman are that you would be the liaison between Units and District, present a report at District Conferences and submit articles to the District newsletter. It's vital that we fill these roles as soon as possible. Please let me know if you are interested in one of them. My contact information is at the top of the newsletter.

A reminder to all Units, if any Unit has any upcoming events that they would like included in this newsletter, please let me know!

As always, if you have any questions, please feel free to contact me either by phone or email.

Thank you for all you do! – Linda Tryczak

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1<sup>st</sup> Vice President: Fran Bender

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Secretary: Amanda Szalewski

Treasurer: Sarah Stiff

Chaplain: Ruth Henkelman

Historian: Penny Peeters

Parliamentarian: Diane Kranig

**Mark your Calendars!!**

**8<sup>th</sup> District Fall Conference  
September 21<sup>st</sup>**

**Additional details and registration  
form will be provided soon!**

## 5 Ways to Keep your Members

1. Accept credit cards for dues payments. Credit card payments have become the norm for almost all purchasing transactions. If your unit does not already accept them, you should consider doing so. Credit card acceptance is especially useful to units during difficult economic times because it allows members to renew and still be able to make installment payments to the credit card company. Your unit would also be able to accept dues payments on-line, which is a very popular method of payment for the younger veterans. Your finance officer must take the fee paid to the credit card company into consideration.
2. Send an audio CD with your regular publications. Even members who don't have time to read your regular publications will have time to listen to a CD on their way to or from work.
3. Create an annual slogan or theme for membership each year. It's often easier to get someone's attention if they have an image of the goals of the unit. Having an annual theme or slogan can rally the existing members around a specific program or set of objectives and create an image in the minds of those thinking about dropping. If your unit is celebrating a milestone year, that entire year can be dedicated to an anniversary theme.
4. Recognize your members as often as possible. Thank him or her for their participation in each and every program or function. Whether you do it formally or informally, it pays to express appreciation to members whenever possible.
5. Get members involved at SOME level. "Involved" members don't drop. Your unit needs to try to find ways to get members involved in a meaningful way without taking up too much of their time. This is especially true with newer members.

### Program Chairman

Legislative: Kay Grosskopf

Juniors: OPEN

VA&R: OPEN

Americanism: Betty Blume

Membership: Fran Bender

Children & Youth: OPEN

Please let me know if interested in any of these open positions.

### Upcoming Events / Dates

National Convention – August 26<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> – New Orleans

ALA in the Know – September 4<sup>th</sup> – Cumberland

8<sup>th</sup> District Fall Conference – September 21<sup>st</sup>

ALA in the Know – September 28<sup>th</sup> – Gillett

ALA in the Know – October 5<sup>th</sup> – Cedarburg

### Attachments

Honor in the Sky Documentary Information

## Convention Highlights

CONGRATULATIONS to everyone who received an award!!

- Marathon Unit 469 – received the President’s Award of Excellence
- New London Unit 263 – received Americanism Certificate of Recognition Award, Best Poppy Usage Award and Legislative Citation for “Best Overall Legislative Report”
- Wildrose Unit 370 – received Membership Award and Certificate of Appreciation
- Wautoma Unit 317 – received Leadership Program Award for Unit Member of the Year Nominee

Becky Mueller was installed as the 2024-2025 Department President.

8<sup>th</sup> District Flag Bearers – Fran Bender (Wausau Unit 10) and Diane Zwiers (Fremont Unit 391)



## Unit Updates – New London Unit 263

The three students sponsored by the Unit.



## Unit Updates - Vesper Unit 520

Awarded two Quilts of Valor.

