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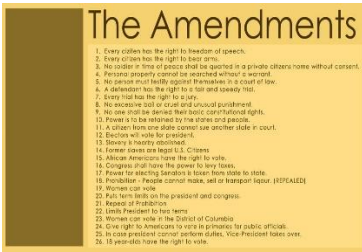
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.....**Sandy's Corner**.....

Happy Spring

- Reminder that all year-end-reports need to be turned in by April 15th.
- Sloane is in 5th place in Department membership, we are only 6.2% under 1st place. Let's continue working on our unpaid members and recruiting new ones. So many units are only in need of 1 or 2 more to reach there 100% goal. Congratulations to the 5 units in 2nd District for reaching 100% in membership.
- All units should have a nominating committee for their May elections.
- Are you mentoring all incoming officers?
- Only the Sheboygan & Jefferson Counties need to hold their Mini Forum yet.
- Department PR Chairman Bob Shappell invites everyone to join his zoom meetings held the last Wednesday of every month. For more information, please e-mail him at bobshap@aol.com.
- 2nd District Spring Conference May 4, 2024, have you rsvp'd yet?
- Legion Family Testimonials-May 18, 2024 See unit mailing for more information.
- Make sure as a unit President you share the information in the Unit mailings with your members, along with Newsletters from both the District and your County.
- Reach out to me whenever you have a question, if I don't know the answer, I will get it to you. Department committee chairs are always willing to help.
- April is month of the military child. Send me your purple up pictures, they will be posted in next month's newsletter.

**REMEMBER the fallen... HONOR those who serve...
TEACH our children the value of freedom.
For God and Country-God Bless America
"Together We Can Make a Difference."**



AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY DISTRICT 2 DEPARTMENT OF WISCONSIN CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS 2024 APRIL ARTICLE

The Constitution and Bylaws for your Units are the governing documents of your unit. They frame the organization’s fundamental policies for driving its mission. It is important for each unit to make sure they are properly written and carefully reviewed and updated for an organization to carry out its goals and objectives. They are to mirror the National and the Department Constitution and Bylaws. The Unit Constitution and Bylaws can in no way be contrary to the National or Department Constitution and Bylaws.

Updated documents allow questions about the Auxiliary, its governance, its programs, and eligibility to be answered easily to benefit all members. Unit members are entitled to a copy of the unit’s governing documents. A well written constitution, bylaws, and standing rules ensure the unit operates according to its agreed-upon rules.

All units are to send their reviewed and/or newly updated Constitution, Bylaws and Standing Rules to Department Headquarters and to the District President for them to have on file. This is to be done annually.

District 2 Constitution & Bylaws Chair- Mary Montag

PARLIAMENTARIAN

Amy Luft, 2nd District Chair

Parliamentary procedure can seem complicated. But with a little practice, parliamentary procedure enhances the democratic decision-making process by helping groups fairly weigh and consider the ideas and opinions of all its members.

Following the eight steps below, members can place a proposal before the group, have discussion, and vote on the proposal.

1. **Member obtains the floor.** Members cannot simply shout out at will. They must first obtain the floor by being recognized by chair. In smaller settings, the member simply raises his/her hand. In larger more formal groups, the member stands.
2. **Member makes a motion.** A motion is a statement for the group to take a particular action. Think of it as a proposal to do something. The proper way to make a motion is to state: "I move that...." (Followed by the specific action being proposed).
3. **Another member seconds the motion.** Another member who deems the motion worthy of consideration "I second the motion." The purpose of the second is to make sure that at least two members think the issue is important enough to bring before the body.
4. **Chair state the question on the motion.** Once the motion has been made and seconded, the chair restates the motion. Usually the restatement is "It has been moved and seconded that." By restating the motion, the chair ensures that everyone head the same proposal clearly.
5. **Members discuss.** During discussion members may undertake a host of actions, including discussion of the merits of the proposal, changing the wording of the motion, delaying action on the proposal, and referring the motion to a committee. All comments should be addressed to the chair, not toward another member.
6. **Ending discussion and putting the motion to a vote.** The chair should pay close attention to the debate and, when discussion is finished, ask, "Are you ready for the questions?" or "Are you ready to vote on the motion?"
7. **Members vote.** Once the body is ready to vote, the chair should restate the exact wording of the motion that the body will be deciding upon. It is a sound practice for the chair to state currently the effect of an "aye" vote and of a "no" vote. The presiding officer then tells the members what method of voting will be used – voice vote or ballot.
8. **Chair announces results.** The chair announces the results of the vote – whether the motion passes or fails and, if known, the number of votes on each side.

Understanding and following proper procedures during meetings can help unit members discuss issues in a product way while seeing each other as collaborative problem-solvers working on behalf of the organization.





ALA 2nd District-Poppy Chair
Cathy Brunnquell

National Poppy Day will soon be here in May!

Poppy Days are usually distributed to the communities on the Friday before Memorial Day and this year it will be May 24, 2024.

I hope each of the units in 2nd District will be participating. It is one of the oldest traditions in most communities. They will be more aware on the Friday and Saturday before Memorial Day and will feel the spirit of honoring and remembering the Veterans sacrifices for our Country, and their donations will help the Veterans and Military Families. Have your members located in busy locations where you think many people will be visiting on that weekend. Grocery stores are always a good place with the permission of the store management of course. Remember to ask them "will you wear a Poppy for a Veteran?"

Any education that you can give the local schools is always a good way to make the younger children aware. Our department website has a great deal of information you can find. The Poppy Princess Contest and Poppy Poster contest are under the direction of the Department. You can go to the Website to find all the information needed. <https://www.amlegionauxwi.org/poppyprogram> There are many items listed on the website with worksheets you could pass on to your local grammar schools. Possibly have a coloring contest organized by your unit and you can connect with the young children.

Please look over the lists and it may strike up an idea for your unit to get involved. The more your unit members help to educate and get the word out on how important the Poppy is the better.