



Department of Wisconsin American Legion Auxiliary

6th District Newsletter

August 2024



News from Department Convention

Congratulations to Becky Mueller from District 9, Seymour Unit 106, installed as our new Department President. Her theme for 2024-2025 is “Serving our veterans, military and each other from the depths of our hearts.” President Becky has two special projects:

1. Raising awareness of the 1,800 MIA/POWs that are still missing from Wisconsin. The UW MIA Recovery and Identification Project is working to find and identify missing U.S. military personnel. Reach out to families that may still be waiting for closure – 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 national grant assistance program that provides financial assistance to eligible members of the American Legion Auxiliary 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.

A few other highlights from convention:

- The WI Legion Riders-Cruise for a Cause, ‘Stu’s Cruise-24’ raised over \$62,000 to be split between two programs: The WI American Legion, Troop & Family Support Fund and the WI American Legion Auxiliary, Women’s Homeless Veterans Grant Fund.
- Contributions President Maggie’s special project, Dogs2DogTags were almost \$72000.

2024 Convention Citations

- **President’s Award for Excellence** – St. Nazianz Unit 477
- **Americanism** – Certificate of Recognition to Green Lake Unit 306
- **History** – Certificate of Participation to Chilton Unit 125, Patricia Katalinick, Historian
- **Leadership** – Certificate of Recognition to St. Nazianz Unit 477
- **Legislative** – Certificate of Participation to Neenah Unit 33
- **Membership** – Over 100% Certificates & Ribbons to St. Nazianz Unit 477
- **National Security** – Certificate of Recognition to Omro Unit 234
- **Poppy Poster Award** – Natalie Myers, sponsored by Winneconne Unit 364

Membership

Renewals have started for the 2025 Membership year. Membership unit and individual award information and forms were included in your membership packets and the August Unit Mailing. Note: To be eligible for awards membership dues must be received by Department HQ PRIOR to the goal date. Units must have the 2024-2025 Unit Officer form submitted to Department with Officers' dues paid.

2024-2025 Unit/County Officer Information

Unit elections took place all across our District. Even if there is no change in leadership, a form must be completed and sent to Department. Please make sure to complete the 2024-2025 Unit Officer Form and County Officer Form, available on the Department website. Thanks to those that have already sent in their forms.

District Chairman Vacancies

I am still looking for District Program Chairs for the following open positions: Chairman & Youth, Junior Activities and Legislative. The positions would only last until July 2025. Please contact me if you have questions or are interested in either of these chairmanships.

Department Fall Junior Conference

To kick off an exciting new year of Junior activities, please SAVE THE DATE for the Department of Wisconsin Junior Fall Conference on Saturday, October 12, 2024, from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm. It will be held at the Wisconsin Veterans Home at King, N2665 County Rd QQ, King, WI 54946. In the spirit of *Serving Veterans, the Military, and Each Other from the Depths of our Heart*, they will have several exciting activities that will be fun for all ages! The tentative schedule will also include a business meeting (including election of Honorary Department Junior Officers), lunch, and an interactive event with residents of the King Veteran's Home. A registration form is included in the August monthly mailing.

PAST PRESIDENTS' PARLEY (PPP)

Have you served as a President at the unit, county, district, or department level? If so, you are eligible to join the Past Presidents' Parley! Membership in the PPP is \$7.00 annually and FUNDS THREE SCHOLARSHIPS each year in the nursing and health career fields. Past Presidents at all levels are also encouraged to help develop and mentor new leaders. Questions? Need more info? Contact PPP Chairman Joanie Dickerson at jomaried@gmail.com.

Dates To Remember

- August 23-29, 2024 National Convention, New Orleans, LA
- October 6, 2024 6th District DEC Meeting, Fond Du Lac Post 75, 1:00 pm
- October 26, 2024 6th District Fall Conference

Please save the dates noted above. Our 6th District DEC is scheduled for Sunday, October 6th beginning at 1:00 pm. 6th District Fall Conference is tentatively scheduled for Saturday, October 26th with location to be determined. Further information will be sent as soon as arrangements are finalized. Thanks.

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