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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Joyce E. Endres  
Department  
President

Serving as your Department President has been one of the best experiences of my life. Why? Because ALA members share their life to serve our brave veterans, enthusiastic youth, and progressive communities. Why? Because our veterans shared their lives to serve America so we continue to be free Americans today. What a joy it's been to travel the state with PDC Leo and see the Wisconsin American Legion Auxiliary and its family IN ACTION serving our mission!

The American Legion Auxiliary makes a huge impact on all we serve. This impact was defined by the 2013-14 statistics, narratives, and pictures gathered from your annual unit reports. Your reports illustrate who we are, what we do, and why we matter!

"To have joy, one must share it," Lord Byron. Your wholehearted support for my special project warms my heart as you honored

our son Leo, who shared his life so others could live. You raised awareness of the need for and value of organ donation. Your financial support helped Madison VA veterans awaiting or recovering from transplant, COTA (Children's Organ Transplant Assoc.) and the Restoring Hope Transplant House. All donations are earmarked to help veterans, active military and their families. Thank you.

In June, 731 high school junior students gathered at UW-Oshkosh to learn about government, leadership and themselves. A Waunakee ALABGS citizen said to me, "Thank you for sponsoring me for BGS. It has been an amazing experience." Each ALA Badger Girls State delegate you sponsor builds stronger citizens today and effective leaders tomorrow.

Units and members are the foundation of the ALA. In June, it was a pleasure to present two new unit charters ~ ALABGS e-Unit 352, Cassville and Unit 234, Omro!

Freedom is never more than a generation away from extinction. The Junior Conference reminds our members that our Junior members are the future

of the ALA. National President Nancy's theme 'PASS IT ON' reminds us in twenty years many of us will be gone. Encourage daughters, granddaughters, great-granddaughters, sisters, mothers and women veterans to become active ALA members. Share your volunteerism spirit to help others understand the value of carrying on our legacy of service-not-self.

Be a mentor, share your strengths, encourage positive energy and learn from each other's experiences. Stop "But we have always done it this way" attitudes and embrace positive change. As an engaged member, you gain personal joy and fulfillment. Each member, dollar donated and hour volunteered makes a difference.

Einstein said, "Try not to become a person of success, try to become a person of value." ALA members show us we can be both! "Share Your Life ~ Be Gems of Service" for years to come. Share a smile everyday!

Joyce E. Endres  
Department President

## Welcome to the Family!

The American Legion Auxiliary welcomes Daugherty-Hamilton Unit 234 in Omro and Munn-Welsh Unit 352 of

Cassville (Wisconsin's first e-Unit) to the American Legion Family. The units were presented their new charters in June.



Pictured (left to right): 6th District President Beth Puddy, Omro Unit 234 President Diane Steinert, and Department President Joyce Endres.



Back Row: Department President Joyce Endres, Unit 352 President Danyelle Thompson, unit members Bethany Fredericks, Jennifer Bailey, Jennifer Grinder, Bridget Cooke. Front Row: Mariah Pursley, Emma Molls, Nicole BellCorelli.

## MEMBERSHIP

Congratulations to 5th District President Wilma Kidney and her wonderful members for becoming the first district to hit 100% in membership!!!! WAY TO GO!!! With perseverance and tenacity, each and every district can reach and exceed 100%. Just keep on making those calls and asking everyone that you meet if they are eligible to join the American Legion Auxiliary.

Now, I know we say that membership is a program that we work on every day and that is true because every time you work on one of our programs, you are working on membership. Every time you help a veteran or their family, you are working the VA&R program. Volunteering in your schools, promoting the scholarships available

and the Americanism Essay contest in your schools, is working the Education and Americanism programs. When we distribute poppies, we are showing our communities that we all support our veterans. Being visible in your community and inviting other community organizations to help with your programs, is working the Community Service and Public Relations aspects of our organization and all the while you are working the membership program. Always be prepared to answer any questions someone may have and always have a membership application with you wherever you go. As the Boy Scouts say, be prepared!

As we go through the summer months, we will be more visible in

our communities as we participate in parades and festivals, hold fry's and sausage fests. We have our Department Convention in Appleton in July and our program chairmen will be preparing for the coming year, so keep working our programs and you will see that membership will just come naturally.

Keep shining as the *Gems of Service* that you are and *Pass It On!*

Your team:  
Laura Calteux, Chairman  
Berne Baer, UD & R  
Ruth Mengsol, UD & R  
Morgan Johnsen,  
Junior Member

## Fisher House Ground Breaking

Members of the Wisconsin American Legion Auxiliary were proud to attend the groundbreaking of the Fisher House at Zablocki VAMC on June 3rd. Auxiliary members throughout the state donated \$9,420 to the

Milwaukee Fisher House during the 2013-2014 fiscal year to help make this project possible. Pictured (L to R): Bonnie Jakubczyk, Laura Calteux, Joyce Endres, Governor Scott Walker, Kathy Cook and Donna Jensen.



## CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

**Char Kiesling**  
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Summer has treated us kindly so far. With summer festivities being planned, our country's Independence Day is a celebration unmatched. Many take our freedoms for granted but for those who have served so valiantly...from the Revolutionary War until now, WE will NEVER forget. Courage unmatched among our servicemen and women is what has ensured our independence for 238 years. The American Legion Family will be eternally grateful to our veterans and all military for the freedom we again celebrate with picnics, fireworks, and family. Our Lord, we praise you for the gift of freedom and give us faith in our leaders to lead with the same confidence, honor, and pride as our forefathers.

### PRAYER:

Lord, we ask you to rekindle the flame of compassion and let us be sensitive to the needs of others. Grant that as Americans and as a Legion Family, we will continue to be there for our veterans and those in need. We pray that because of our forefathers, we will always carry forward the ideals of JUSTICE, FREEDOM, and DEMOCRACY.

Remember, MUSIC gives a soul to the universe, wings to the mind, flight to the imagination and life to everything.

### GOD BLESS AMERICA!

(Irving Berlin, 1918)

While the storm clouds gather far across the sea,

Let us swear allegiance to a land that's free,

Let us all be grateful for a land so fair,  
 As we raise our voices in a solemn prayer.

God bless America,  
 Land that I love,  
 Stand beside her, and guide her  
 Through the night with a light from above.  
 From the mountains, to the prairies,  
 To the oceans, white with foam  
 God bless America, My home sweet home.  
 God bless America, My home sweet home.

This being my last Chaplain's Corner, I thank my Lord for this past year as your Department Chaplain, the spiritual leader of the American Legion Auxiliary. I hope I have inspired and comforted your lives and you were able to share my words and prayers and the songs we all love. It has been a gift that I will always treasure. SEE YOU AT CONVENTION!

For God and country....long may it endure.



## DISTRICT YEAR END REPORTS



### 1st District Report Chris Ertl, District President

As I sit here and compose my report I reflect back to the 2012 Convention where I was installed as 1st District Auxiliary President and wondered "where did these past two years go?" It has been a wonderful, rewarding and learning experience! The "Gems of Service" were found all over 1st District!

1st District has had a very busy year with membership being a major objective. Membership chairmen of district, counties and units have worked very hard on meeting their goals. I THANK each and every unit member for doing their share to get renewals and new members into the "family."

This year's objective of the Children and Youth Program was to teach the youth of the 1st District the meaning of the American flag and what the flag means to Americans. Many unit members went into their local communities and provided instruction on the proper use and disposal of the American flag. A number of units adopted an elementary school in their area and will continue this project for years to come.

The district spring conference, which was held in Union Grove, was very well attended and included an update on the homeless veterans at Union Grove. President Joyce and her husband Leo also attended our conference. Members donated items for the homeless veterans, which required TWO full vans to transport the items back to Union Grove facilities! During the year, units within the district held parties for veterans and holiday parties for children, participated in Poppy Days, held numerous fundraisers for veterans, participated in parades, sponsored girls to attend ALA Badger Girls State, held special programs in area schools, participated in Veterans Day activities, the Camo Quilt and Glove Programs, blood drives and various other activities too numerous to mention! 1st District members do so much within the district for our veterans and they deserve a round of applause for this!

The "GEMS" of the 1st District out did themselves this year, as usual, and I THANK EACH OF THEM for this!

In ending, I would like to thank each and every one of you for entrusting me as your District President these past two years! Being invited to so many units for meetings, social events and installation of officers are memories that will stay with me forever!



### 2nd District Report Judy Kuta District President

The Mighty Second District members are Gems of Service. They truly shared their lives with our veterans, military and their families as well as with their communities all in the spirit of Service, not Self, as they passed on the legacy of this great organization.

The units worked together as a district to provide Christmas Bags to homeless veterans and Easter baskets for children of active duty military. As individual units, they provided Camo Quilts and Trees from Home to deployed military members. They worked to support a camp for children of fallen he-

roes. They remembered Honor Flight veterans with letters of thanks for their mail call and cheered them at airports as they returned from their trip to our nation's capital. They provided welcome home letters to soldiers returning from Afghanistan. They demonstrated their thankfulness by providing needed items to VA Medical Centers throughout the year and to the Christmas Gift Shop at holiday time. They provided basic needs for veterans making the transition from homelessness to independent living in an apartment and getting a job. They worked at veteran job fairs providing homemade cookies and bottles of water for veterans seeking employment. They also participated in community events and promoted patriotism and true Americanism by honoring veterans throughout the year. They marched in parades, gave speeches, flew flags, served meals, and developed veterans' memorials in cities, towns and villages across the district. They went to schools and taught children about our flag and about POWs and MIAs. They provided books and supplies to schools and neighborhood libraries and the list goes on and on.

I could not be more proud of all of them, and I am honored to be the President of this truly remarkable group of women.



### 3rd District Report Joanie Dickerson, District President

My second year as president representing the ladies of 3rd District began with a successful Spring Conference in Darlington. Reports of units throughout the district "Working Together" abounded and funds were donated through a parade of checks to support the Homeless Women Veterans Grant Fund.

Busy days followed with state and national conventions and Fall Informational Forum. Another joint membership roundup with 7th District kept me on the road, meeting members and hearing more about their successes and challenges working the auxiliary's programs. We took every opportunity to share President Joyce's message of "Share Your Life Be Gems of Service" and the video about the importance of organ donation. It was well received each time we shared it and the discussions it generated helped dispel misconceptions about organ donation. Hopefully our members have passed on the information from the video so more people will talk with their families about their decision to become an organ donor.

Membership remains a challenge this year and we continue to work toward 100%. We are very proud to be the home of the first e-unit in Wisconsin with Unit 352 sponsored by the Cassville American Legion Post. These ladies are former ALA Badger Girls State citizens, live in multiple states and meet online once a month to conduct business.

As my term draws to an end, I'm focused on a combination of President Joyce and Commander Ken's mottos...Share your life - be gems of service; Do it for someone you don't know, may never meet, but have to know they are out there. What a great way to express our mission as a Legion Family! It's been an honor and a pleasure to serve as your district president these past two years and I promise to continue to serve as a dedicated member of the "Fighting Third."



### 4th District Report Donna Jensen, District President

Some of the exciting things in 4th District this year have been all the time and money donated to our veterans, active duty military and their families by the American Legion Family. When I received the year-end unit reports and compiled all the information sent to me, I was amazed!

Many members of the Legion Family volunteered with "Welcome Home" celebrations for veterans who went on an "Honor Flight" to Washington DC. I was very moved to see these men and women who fought in WWII and Korea and how much gratitude was shown to them by the people who filled the entire lobby area of the airport. They brought their children, signs, and flags and wore red, white and blue to show their appreciation to these veterans.

During February, the preliminary competition for the Veterans Creative Arts Festival was held at Zablocki VAMC. It was amazing to see the level and variety of talent by the participants. Wisconsin is fortunate to be hosting the National Veterans Creative Arts Festival in downtown Milwaukee, with performances by finalists from every state on November 2, 2014. Many American Legion Family members are supporting this event by volunteering and making donations.

Another important project for veterans and their families was the groundbreaking for the Fisher House on the Zablocki VA grounds, which is scheduled to start serving the veterans by next summer.

Unfortunately, 4th District has struggled in membership all year and we have not been able to get out of last place. Great efforts were made by many people to contact unpaid members to get their dues paid or find out what is going on in their lives. As with many other districts, many units have aging members who have faced serious medical issues and are no longer able to perform the tasks they did for many years. We are still making efforts to reach members as well as trying to get new members and revitalize several units.

I want to thank all the Legion Family members who participated in events this past year and have contributed to being "Gems of Service" for our veterans.



### 5th District Report Wilma Kidney, District President

I still feel like I am having a dream. It seems almost unrealistic that our little 5th District could go from 12th place to 1st place, plus reach 100% in membership! I can't take all the credit for having it happen. With one unit, I happened to talk to a person about something else and that following Saturday they were having their meeting. I explained how important the dues are even for units that aren't very active. She brought up the importance of dues at the meeting and they came through. I also had a lot of help from my unit and Diana Sirovina. From the phone calls I made, the unit officers worked harder at getting renewals as well as new members. Thank you so much everyone. It was greatly appreciated.

My Unit 406, plus Unit 1, did a lot of community service so we know it can be done. I hope to get more units reactivated, to hold several meetings per year and to do community service.

I'm still having problems getting district officers. It's hard to find the perfect time to meet as many of our retired members don't drive at night, some members still work, Saturdays don't work for others who have church work to do. So any ideas of what works for you that you would like to share would be greatly appreciated. Have a great new year everyone.



**6th District Report  
Beth Puddy,  
District President**

Thank you for the opportunity to represent the 6th District! I learned a lot this first year and look forward to my second year and being better prepared for what needs to be done. I met incredible women through the Auxiliary, from "just" UNIT MEMBERS to our National President. One of my favorite things this year was reading the nominations for the Americanism awards for our district. I don't know how many times I said "WOW" as I read the accomplishments of this small representation of what's being done in our district.

It was very exciting to be part of chartering Omro Unit 234 this year. It was a process that spanned over many months but the ladies of Omro made the commitment and worked together to make it happen. I was proud to be at the celebration in June when their charter was presented to them by Department President Joyce.

There were many firsts for me this past year: National Convention, 6th District Americanism Banquet, joining the American Legion Riders, Leadership Conference, laying wreaths at King, President's Testimonial, Commander's Testimonial, oratorical contests and ALA Badger Girls State. What a year! None of the things I listed require being a District President but I don't think I would have done them all if I hadn't been District President. I would have missed A LOT of great memories! So, thanks again for the opportunity! For God and County, Beth Puddy, 6th District President.



**7th District Report  
Andrea Page,  
District President**

The Mighty Seventh continues to be a hard working group. We have definitely stepped forward to assist our veterans. Our district members assisted at two stand downs in La Crosse and Wausau. Our Auxiliary members found many ways to be of assistance during these sessions.

Leadership training has continued to flourish. Not only did we have several members participate but also a large group of juniors got involved. What a way to encourage our juniors to be active in our activities and continue as they move into the senior ranks. Caitlin Rosemeyer of Thorp #118 was once again the Honorary Department Junior President. Caitlin has attended many department functions and has definitely made us proud in the 7th District.

We are always encouraging an increase in our membership. Past District Presidents and Past Department Presidents from the district were asked to step up again and call members that had not paid their dues. A special thanks goes out to these amazing ladies who stepped up when I was not able.

I am proud to say that a new unit was established this year. Unit #65 of Rome in Adams County has thirteen members and looking to add more. We certainly welcome this unit and do look forward to help-

ing them grow.

As a whole, we had a successful, busy year as the RUBYS of the Department. We will continue to shine because of the great group of ladies that continue to do all we can for our veterans!



**8th District Report  
Joan Wilkinson,  
District President**

The 8th District had a very eventful year although the events were not what we were looking for. I am so grateful for and proud of the officers from District 8 for stepping up to the plate and going to bat for me after I was diagnosed with cancer in October of 2013.

As I was going through the unit year-end reports, I noticed almost every unit participated in the distribution of poppies. The unit with the biggest fundraiser was King. They took in over \$15,000 with their barbeque chicken sales. The units are very involved in the Homeless Women's Projects and the various scholarships being offered to our youth. The Veterans Hospitals at King and Tomah are other places where money, food and clothing are being given to help our veterans.

I also sent out monthly newsletters to the department officers, district presidents and anyone else wishing to receive one. Before radiation and chemotherapy, I visited with King Unit and the New London Unit. I attended Fall Forum sessions. I also attended the National President's dinner for Nancy Brown-Park.

After those events took place, everything came to an abrupt stop for me but my officers, Shelley Wilkinson, District 1st Vice President and Lorrie Barber, Secretary came to my rescue and attended meetings for me as well as making sure membership was taken care of. They also gave a recognition dinner for me for all members of the American Legion Auxiliary, Department of Wisconsin. My hope is to have a better year for the 2014-2015 Auxiliary year. Thank you.



**9th District Report  
Linda Coppock,  
District President**

Hello - my name is Linda Coppock and I am the 9th District President, but you can call me Cora!

As a result of a misprint, I had the opportunity to share "Cora the Explorer" and the "Sapphires" of the 9th District with all of you. As "Gems of Service" my officers helped show how easy it is to have fun while promoting the Auxiliary programs and still learn in the process. Thank you, President Joyce, for inviting us to Midwinter.

My officers and I have been very busy throughout the past two years maintaining memberships and revitalizing a few units. We offered advice during the creation of bylaws for Oconto County, we met with Legion members of Algoma Post 236 to explain our ability to help retain and maintain their Auxiliary unit, and we offered a membership/leadership workshop on the district level. We have worked hard to be the best "Gems of Service" in the state.

I have been very fortunate to travel to many units within my district. Some of this year's most memorable moments - the bus trip to National Convention, the dedication ceremony of the Shiocton Area Veterans Memorial and mostly, the visit to Camp

American Legion during the lady veterans' week with the Seymour Unit, who gave cloth totes of personal items to each veteran attending camp that week. I will never forget their smiling faces when they were told they could have a home-made hat and keep it. Hugs were flying all day!

What a wonderful experience being District President has been. The Wisconsin ALA family is truly a "Gem" to be proud of! You make it so easy to want to be part of something so wonderful! Who would have thought I'd survive these two years!



**10th District Report  
Jean Erlewine,  
District President**

My year as 10th District President started in June of 2014 when I attended the Presidents Orientation in Portage. This is where I met all the other District Presidents and Membership Chairmen. This is also where we learned what the incoming Department President had planned for the coming year, which was definitely a learning session.

The next event that I attended was the State Convention where I felt like an honored guest, but it was also a learning weekend because I observed our outgoing District President Jeanne Williams as to what is to be done at state convention and what is expected of the District Presidents. I must say I was in good company at State Convention because I had my good friend Karen Hansen who knows so many people and was introducing me to all of them. By the time the weekend was over, I knew I would have my work cut out for me.

As my year started, I knew my job would keep me busy and I would have some challenges. Well, the first challenge I had was my newsletter. Oh what a time I had with this. I could not get my email page to produce a newsletter so who did I call? You're right - Karen Hansen helped me get my newsletter up and running so now I was ready to rock and roll!

I attended the Fall Forum in southern Wisconsin and again learned a lot from President Joyce and the other department officers. What an awesome group we had the privilege to work with. Thank you, Joyce, for all that you have done and all that you will continue to do for our organization.

As the year progressed, I came upon another challenge. My membership chairman had to resign from her position due to health reasons so I worked on membership alone. Then came Spring Conference and my dear friend Karen was there again to take on the duty as membership chairman and did a fine job at conference.

I want you to know that this first year has been a learning year but a good year and I look forward to seeing all of my American Legion Auxiliary Sisters when we get together for whatever reason.

I apologize to my district for not getting out and visiting your county or unit. With my brief bout with leg problems and trying to hold down a job, I did not find the extra time to travel but I will do a better job to get out and meet those who I serve. I want to thank you all for your service to our veterans and their families and for all that you do to make our units successful. I look forward to

this next year and I am honored to share my story of my commitment to the American Legion Auxiliary



**11th District Report  
Barbara Johnson,  
District President**

It seems impossible that two years have passed, but I found that I had strengths I didn't know I had. I want to thank all my unit presidents for their support and patience. It was greatly appreciated and made my job easier. Thanks to the staff at Department for putting up with all my questions. All of you are awesome! Thanks to everyone's support during my husband's surgery and all the wonderful messages and prayers.

I had two very busy years, not to mention lots of snow. I now know that if the road is open, I'm not missing anymore conferences.

One of the saddest parts of my term was losing the Ogema Unit. They had been struggling for awhile and with their membership going down, it was the members' decision to turn in their charter.

I am looking forward to starting my new position as District Membership Chairman and being a support to Linda Kostka like she was for me. She tried to teach me what to do and when to do it. Thanks, Linda. I look forward to seeing you all at Department Convention, Fall Forum, and our District Fall Conference.



**12th District Report  
Barbara McDaniel,  
District President**

Challenge - that is what being the president of the 12th District is and I don't regret the work it has involved. When asked if I'd accept the nomination as the district president I was surprised. After all, I'd been planning on retiring from an active role in The American Legion, not taking on the leadership of the American Legion Auxiliary District. I did learn one very important fact about the members of the American Legion Auxiliary: they are patriotic and loyal to the veterans of our state and country. Now the big challenge is locating and inviting more neighbors and friends to join us in all our activities.

It has been quite an experience visiting as many units as I could for the year. It was a pleasure to say "thank you" to the units making 100% membership and encouraging them to keep going upwards. The membership ideas were as different as the members proposing them and how the ideas can be used for other units, especially the units having problems with their membership.

The projects that units do for veterans and communities are also as varied as the members of the units. The hard work the 12th District units do for the Legion and communities is awesome and an inspiring reflection of working together and sharing, not for self, and being "gems of service."

A big THANK YOU to all the officers and ladies of all the units in the 12th District.

*Auxiliary Friends,  
Thank you for all the beautiful cards and words of encouragement. I  
have been on a road of many never-ending health issues. Hopefully  
I will be back soon, maybe Fall Forum. See you soon!*

*~ Diana Blom*

**GREETINGS FROM HEADQUARTERS**

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As we prepare for Department Convention to celebrate the 2013-2014 American Legion Auxiliary year, I would like to commend everyone for their hard work in supporting the Auxiliary's mission of service, not self. Almost 62% of our units reported their activities through the year-end reporting process. Although this doesn't allow us to accurately demonstrate our full impact to Congress, we can be proud of what has been accomplished by the units that reported:

- In service for our veterans: Reporting units spent almost \$264,000 and more than 373,000 hours in volunteer service to support 24,186 veterans. Over \$95,000 was received through in-

kind donations and approximately \$360,000 was collected in poppy distributions!

- In service to our active duty military and their families: Reporting units spent more than \$77,000 and 32,000 hours in volunteer service to 11,000+ service members and 7,700+ military families.

- More than \$42,000 and 18,000 volunteer hours were spent to support children and youth.

Although more units reported this year than last year, imagine the results if the 160 units that didn't report were included in these numbers?!? For units that think they are too small, or members who think they are too old to make a difference, please see the Letter to the Editor below to see that what we do really does matter! "Never be afraid to try something new. Remember, amateurs built the Ark.

Professionals built the Titanic," author unknown.

After Department Convention, 2015 membership cards and unit goal sheets will be mailed to the person designated to receive renewal notices for each unit. Membership processing guidelines will not be mailed automatically, but are available upon request to Andrea Stoltz at headquarters.

The national organization doesn't mail the first renewal notice until the week of September 15th. Please don't wait until then to pay your dues. Units are reminded to forward members' dues to Department Headquarters regularly (at least monthly, but more frequently is appreciated) since a member's dues are not considered paid until they have been processed by Department Headquarters.

**FALL INFORMATIONAL FORUM 2014**

September 19th & 20th • The Plaza Hotel & Suites • 1202 W. Clairemont Ave. ~ Eau Claire

Join us for the 2014 Fall Informational Forum! Department program chairmen will present workshops and provide information to get units off to a great start for 2014-2015. Registration forms and more details are posted on the department website.

Junior members will hold a Fall Workshop during the 2014 Fall Informational Forum on Saturday from 10:30 am to 2:30 pm. Hands-on activities will be conducted during the workshop. Registration Fee:

\$5.00--Deadline: September 2nd.

A Membership Kickoff Luncheon will be held on Saturday at 11:30am. Reservation deadline is Sept. 2nd.

Hotel reservations must be made directly with The Plaza Hotel & Suites by September 2nd. Please call 1-800-482-7829 and indicate you are making reservations for the American Legion Auxiliary Fall Forum, Block #8221, to receive the discounted rate of \$92 per night per room.

**Friday, September 19th**

4:00 - 5:30 pm Registration  
4:00 - 8:30 pm Fundraiser  
5:30 - 7:30 pm Department Executive Board Meeting & General Session (all Auxiliary members are encouraged to attend)  
7:45 - 8:30 pm Workshop Sessions  
8:15 - 9:30 pm Paper Fair w/Program Chairman

**Saturday, September 20th**

7:15 - 8:15 am Registration  
7:30 - 11:00 am Fundraiser  
8:30 - 11:15 am Workshop Sessions  
11:30 am-12:30 pm Membership Kickoff Luncheon  
12:45 - 3:30 pm Workshop Sessions  
3:30 - 4:30 pm WALA Bowling Meeting

**WORKSHOP SCHEDULE - FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 19**

TIME	CRYSTAL ROOM 1	CRYSTAL ROOM 2	CRYSTAL ROOM 3	FOUR SEASONS ROOM 2/3	TWO RIVERS BALLROOM 2
7:45 pm - 8:30 pm	Membership	Leadership	Past Presidents Parley / Cavalcade of Memories	Child Welfare Fdn / M. L. W. Loan Fund	
8:15 pm - 9:30 pm					PAPER FAIR

**WORKSHOP SCHEDULE - SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20**

TIME	CRYSTAL ROOM 1	CRYSTAL ROOM 2	CRYSTAL ROOM 3	FOUR SEASONS ROOM 2/3	FOUR SEASONS ROOM 1/4
8:30 - 9:15 am	VA&R	Constitution & Bylaws	Finance (Treasurers)	Junior Activities	
9:30 - 10:15 am		Standing Rules	Presidents & Secretaries	Children & Youth	
10:30 - 11:15 am	Hospital Rep Mtg	Parliamentary Procedure	Education (Scholarships)	Public Relations	Junior Members Fall Workshop
11:30 am - 12:30 pm	LUNCH IN TWO RIVERS BALLROOM 2				
12:45 - 1:30 pm	Leadership	National Security / Legislative	Americanism	ALA Badger Girls State	Junior Members Fall Workshop (cont'd)
1:45 - 2:30 pm	Homeless Women Veterans	Historian	Poppy	Community Service	
2:45 - 3:30 pm	Membership	Chaplain/Music	AEF	Personal Development-Computer 101	
3:30 - 4:30 pm	WALA Bowling Meeting				

**94TH ANNUAL NATIONAL CONVENTION OF THE AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA • AUGUST 22-28, 2014**

Contact Department Secretary Bonnie Dorniak at deptsec@amlegionauxwi.org by July 21, 2014 to request an information packet or visit www.ALAforVeterans.org for full details.



**May and June Calendar Fundraiser Winners are Posted on the Department Website.**

**ALA Badger Girls State Memories**



Citizens of the 2014 ALA Badger Girls State session were excited to meet Wisconsin Governor Scott Walker during Inauguration Night, especially as he took time to pose for special "selfies" during the event.

**2014 AMERICANISM ESSAY CONTEST WINNERS**

**CLASS I**

1ST PLACE - Cora Gassner	Unit #512	9 Shiocton
2ND PLACE - Antonio Fonseca	Unit #457	2 Mequon/Thiensville
3RD PLACE - Trent Forehand	Unit #13	3 Richland Center
4TH PLACE - Navdeep Singh	Unit #382	1 Menomonee Falls
5TH PLACE - Samuel Cegler	Unit #316	12 Sheldon

**CLASS II**

1ST PLACE - Jordan Kratochwill	Unit #85	3 Muscoda
2ND PLACE - Jeremiah Auer	Unit #161	8 King
3RD PLACE - Brielle Trembl	Unit #106	9 Seymour
4TH PLACE - Austin Arnold	Unit #125	6 Chilton
5TH PLACE - Jamia Jefferson	Unit #449	1 Brookfield

**CLASS III**

1ST PLACE - Anna Rathe	Unit #6	8 Stevens Point
2ND PLACE - Jammia Warren	Unit #449	1 Brookfield
3RD PLACE - Joshua Brown	Unit #272	11 Butternut
4TH PLACE - Jada Alexander	Unit #450	1 Darien
5TH PLACE - Conner Miknerzer	Unit #52	7 La Crosse

**CLASS IV**

1ST PLACE - Rachel Joas	Unit #364	6 Winneconne
2ND PLACE - Andy Tepp	Unit #6	8 Stevens Point
3RD PLACE - Mercedes Kropidlowski	Unit #13	3 Richland Center
4TH PLACE - Anthony Ebensperger	Unit #365	10 Plum City
5TH PLACE - Monica Williams	Unit #118	7 Thorp

**CLASS V**

1ST PLACE - Kaytlynn Riel	Unit #210	6 Waupun
2ND PLACE - Brooke Noah	Unit #118	7 Thorp
3RD PLACE - Ellen Rathe	Unit #6	8 Stevens Point
4TH PLACE - Samantha Seeber	Unit #305	2 Johnson Creek
5TH PLACE - Lily Miller	Unit #117	8 Shawano

**Letter to the Editor —**

**MIDDLETON MEMORIAL VA CENTER IN MADISON**

Who we are and what we do, does make a difference! The following note acknowledges the work of American Legion Auxiliary members who support Middleton Memorial VA Medical Center in Madison:

On behalf of my father, I'd like to thank everyone associated with the American Legion Auxiliary of Madison, Wisconsin.

My father was admitted to the VA Hospital in Madison twice in the last couple of months. Each time, he received a beautiful afghan. He has a small one and a larger one now and both are so helpful. Every time I have been to visit, we have used one or the other to keep him warm when I take him outside

to get some fresh air. Just having something homemade, by people who care, is very soothing, even if it is just to look at in the room. I have used them myself when resting there.

I was also with him on the day of an ice cream social at the hospital. He was in the CCU then, and someone brought ice cream to his room for the two of us. It happened to come at a particularly stressful time and was a most welcome bright spot in an otherwise worrisome day. In fact, that visit convinced me that I want to do something similar as soon as I am able to retire.

Thank you so much,  
Gail Olbrich