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From the President's Desk

Think spring!

It is wonderful to see how many units are embracing the 250 challenge this year. It is for a worthy cause and a good way to grow the ALA brand. I also see several units posting activities on Facebook, but please also get this to Kristy Wakeman our District 2 Facebook/PR chair so the posting can be shared District wide. You never know who will be in the area on the day of the event or who looks at the various pages.

I also want to share a recent opportunity that District 2 ALA took part in – a call for help was received to help fund 200 large snack bags for a recent troop deployment. District 2 Executive members, Committee Chairs and County Presidents were contacted to vote on approving up to \$200.00 to help with this venture. It was approved and members from District 2 also helped with the packing of the items. This was a Legion family venture with Legion, Sons of the Legion, Legion Riders and Auxiliary members all pitching in to get it done.

WE ARE FAMILY!

Kathy Olson



Chaplain's Corner

District 2 Chaplain

Natalia Genovesi King

MARCH

March 8 – Celebrating Women of Service – A Day to Honor Courage, Dedication, and Impact

March brings us the opportunity to honor the American Legion Auxiliary's "Women of Service Day", celebrated on March 8.

This day aligns with International Women's Day, offering a meaningful moment to recognize the incredible women who have devoted their lives to service and volunteerism. While we are encouraged year-round to express our gratitude to those who serve and have served, this special day allows us to focus on the women whose contributions leave a lasting legacy. By making a tribute donation to the ALA Foundation in honor of a woman who inspires you, you not only pay tribute to her but also support the ALA's mission to positively impact the lives of veterans, military personnel, and their families.

In honor of the American Legion Auxiliary's "Women of Service Day", let us come together in a heartfelt prayer:

Heavenly Father,

We lift up the women who serve in our military, honoring their courage and the sacrifices they make to protect our freedom. We ask for Your divine protection over them, guiding each step they take. Surround them with strength, keep them safe, and bless their health and well-being. May they feel the depth of Your love and know their value, today and always.

Grant them peace, grace, and unwavering support in all that they do.

Amen.

*For more information on Women of Service Day, please visit the American Legion Auxiliary National website: <https://www.legion-aux.org/celebrate-women-of-service>



Get to know your District 2 Officers

District 2 is made up of 6 Counties, 40 Units and 2,114 members (2025 paid memberships). The area ranges from Wisconsin Dells, Fort Atkinson, to Sheboygan and all the area in between. It is a far-reaching District. There are 9 officers that lead the District from all different Units. Let's get to know a little about these 9 officers. This month highlighting...

Mary Montag is our 2nd District **Treasurer**.

Mary has been a member of the American Legion Auxiliary for 37 years.

She has belonged to the Fohl-Martin Unit 483 of Allenton for all those years.

Mary is currently the District 2 Treasurer and has been in this position since 2006. She was previously the Washington County President, the Fohl-Martin Unit 483 President & 1st Vice President and the District 2 Secretary.

Mary is eligible for membership through her husband who served in the Marine Corps.



District 2 Spring County Conferences

The dates for the District 2 Spring County Conferences have been set. Following are the dates –

Columbia – April 18, 2026 @ Lodi

Dodge – March 28, 2026 @ Juneau

Jefferson – April 15, 2026 @ Lake Mills

Ozaukee – April 4, 2026 @ Peter Wollner Post 288, Cedarburg

Sheboygan – April 4, 2026

Washington – March 21, 2026

District 2 Spring Conference – April 25, 2026 @ Fort Atkinson

SPRING 
CONFERENCE



AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY



2nd District
Department of WI
Spring Conference

Saturday, April 25, 2026

American Legion Post 166 Fort Atkinson
201 S Water St E, Fort Atkinson, WI 53538

Cost \$19.00 per person (\$5.00 Registration & \$14.00 Meal)

8:00 a.m. - 8:55 a.m. Registration & donuts, coffee, tea, water and juice

9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Meeting

Noon lunch - Spaghetti with meat sauce, salad, veggie tray, garlic bread, Gluten free spaghetti and dessert

Registration & Payment REQUIRED - RSVPs due by April 1, 2026

Make checks payable to: ALA 2nd District

Mail Check and Registration form to:

Kristy Wakeman

2nd District ALA Secretary

450 Union St

Rio, WI 53960

Hosted by Jefferson County: President Sharon Burbach 920-478-3242 or shortybach@gmail.com

Please Print

Mail Only One (1) Registration per Unit



Will your Unit be entering a History Book for judging?

Yes

No

Table with 6 columns: Name Unit # & City, Delegate, Delegate-at-Large, Alternate, Guest, First Time Attendee. Includes 5 empty rows for data entry.

*Attach a separate sheet of paper if necessary

Total Number Attending: _____

Total Amount Enclosed: \$ _____

Ways & Means

Marcella Woodward, District 2 Chairperson



The District 2 American Legion Auxiliary Ways and Means Committee oversee the only fundraiser held by District 2 – the Spring Sweepstakes.

The Sweepstakes tickets are for cash prizes. The tickets are created currently by a local business in Lodi, WI. They are then distributed to all Unit Presidents in the District. The Units are then encouraged to seek donations for the tickets. Return any donations and stubs to Marcella by April 15, 2026. If the District 2 President Kathy Olson is at your County Spring meetings she will bring them back to Marcella, if you choose. Any distributed after April 15, 2026, should be brought to the Spring Conference on April 25, 2026.

If there are unused tickets in one Unit they can be shared with other Units that are looking to distribute more tickets. Make sure that you keep Marcella informed on where your tickets are so that she can monitor the process.

The tickets are then entered into a barrel the day of the Spring Conference and a drawing is held.

Please try to distribute as many tickets as possible as this is our only fundraiser.



Dates to Remember

March – Women’s History Month

March 3, 2026 – Navy Reserve Birthday (1915)

March 4, 2026 – Hug a GI Day

March 5, 2026 – U.S. Navy Seabee Birthday (1942)

March 8, 2026 – “Women of Service Day”

March 13, 2026 – K-9 Veterans Day

March 15, 2026 – American Legion Birthday (1919)

March 21, 2026 – Rosie the Riveter Day

March 29, 2026 – National Vietnam War Veterans Day

April 25, 2026 – District 2 ALA Spring Conference, Fort Atkinson

July 15-19, 2026 – Department Convention, Appleton, WI

August 28-September 3, 2026 – Nation Convention, Louisville, KY



Membership

REMINDER - County Presidents contact your Units and Unit Presidents contact your members to keep the membership numbers rolling.

This year's membership theme is "National Park Service".

The 2nd District's National Park is **Denali**. Membership will be calculated for each Unit, County and District.

Dues can either be paid over the phone by calling National direct @ 317-569-4570 (Mon.-Fri. 7:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m.), online by logging on to the National website at www.ALforVeterans.org, or they can pay their membership chairperson at their Unit.

There is also a "Park Pass" Award. If a Unit has 100% membership dues to Department Headquarters PRIOR to December 31, 2025, you will receive 2 entries per Unit or January 31, 2026, you will receive 1 entry per Unit. The Unit must also have their 2025-2026 Unit Officer from on file at Department Headquarters. The "Park Pass" Award will be one winner, selected at random on February 14, 2026, to receive:

- Two Paid Department Convention registrations
- One paid room for a 2-night stay at the Hilton Appleton Paper Valley Hotel
- Two passes for Saturday night's (July 18, 2026) Commander's party
- Special Convention recognition.

Winner has not been posted at this time.

Membership Goals – Denali Style

In 1917, Congress created this park for one main reason: to protect Dall sheep. Overtime, Congress expanded the park boundaries and added other reasons for its existence, including protection of North America's tallest mountain (Mount McKinley). Today, most people arrive in Denali hoping to see the mountain, view wildlife, and experience the vast wilderness.

Five mammals are popular and are referred to as the "big five". They are the moose, the caribou, the Dall sheep, the grizzly bear and the wolf. The moose is the most common to see and can be seen right at the entrance to Denali National Park and the wolf is the rarest.

AS FOR THE MOUNTAIN PEAK – Due to cloudy conditions, only 30% of people that visit Denali see the top of the mountain.

We used these facts to create a visual for your Unit's membership. We have set a membership percentage to each animal. You will "see" the animal as you reach each goal.

And if any county reaches 100%, they will see the top of Denali/Mount McKinley.

In the next few weeks, each Unit will receive an email showing your progress.

Everyone's goal should be to see the big five animals and the top of Denali/Mount McKinley.

** Every Unit must complete this form and send it to the Department Headquarters no later than **March 20, 2026**

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 PO Box 140 – Portage WI 53901
 Phone: 608-745-0124 – Fax: 608-745-1947 – email: alawi@amlegionauxwi.org

2027 Unit Membership Dues Billing Amounts

THIS IS NOT A BILL. DO NOT SEND MONEY

Unit City Location _____ Unit # _____ Dist. # _____

This form must be returned by EVERY unit no later than March 20, 2026.

Available in fillable format on the Department website www.amlegionauxwi.org / Programs / Membership

The amounts listed below will be the amount EACH Senior and Junior will be billed for 2027.

| 2027 Dues Rates | | | | | | | |
|-----------------|--------------------|---|----------------------|---|--|---|--|
| | National Dues Rate | + | Department Dues Rate | + | Insert Your Unit's Portion of Dues below | = | Total Dues = Natl + Dept + Unit Portion |
| Senior Dues | \$18.00 | + | \$16.00 | + | _____ | = | _____ |
| Junior Dues | \$2.50 | + | \$2.75 | + | _____ | = | _____ |

Please indicate in the **Total Dues** box above how much your Unit Dues are **per INDIVIDUAL member**. This amount will be reported to National for you unit members **2027** membership dues billing.

If your unit collects only the minimum fill in \$34.00 for Total Dues per senior box and \$5.25 Total Dues per junior box.

Signature of person completing this form

Date

** Every Unit must complete this form and send it to the Department Headquarters no later than **May 22, 2026**

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2027 Unit Membership Dues Collection Person

Unit City Location _____ Unit # _____ Dist. # _____

This form must be returned by EVERY unit no later than May 22, 2026.

Available in fillable format on the Department website www.amlegionauxwi.org / Programs / Membership

Who & Where are your unit members supposed to send their 2027 dues to?

The person and address listed below will receive all 2027 membership materials AND be printed on each Renewal Notice as the person and **MAILING** address your unit members are to send their 2027 dues to.

2027 Unit Dues Remittance Person (Membership Chairman)

This is the PERSON to whom dues and membership related items should be mailed to.

Name: _____

Member ID number (REQUIRED): _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

2027 Unit Dues Remittance Address

This is the ADDRESS all members should send their dues to, AND Department should send all membership related items to.

Personal Address

Unit Address

Post Address

Street OR PO Box – (not both): _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip code: _____

I understand that the above name and address will be printed on all 2027 Membership Renewal Notices National will be sending out.

Signature of person completing this form

Date

Membership as of 2/24/2026

100% UNIT

2026 Membership processed as of 02/24/26

| | | UNIT | CITY | 2026 GOAL | JUNIOR | SENIOR | TOTAL | PERCENT |
|-------------------|-----------------|--------------------|-----------------|-------------|------------|---------------|-------------|---------------|
| 02 | Columbia | 0062 | Columbus | 16 | 0 | 13 | 13 | 81.25% |
| | | 0187 | Wisconsin Dells | 38 | 1 | 36 | 37 | 97.37% |
| | | 0208 | Rio | 32 | 0 | 32 | 32 | 100.00% |
| | | 0215 | Pardeeville | 39 | 3 | 32 | 35 | 89.74% |
| | | 0216 | Lodi | 40 | 3 | 28 | 31 | 77.50% |
| | | 0271 | Poynette | 25 | 0 | 27 | 27 | 108.00% |
| | | 0401 | Cambria | 48 | 3 | 45 | 48 | 100.00% |
| | | Total | | 238 | 10 | 213 | 223 | 93.70% |
| Dodge | 0015 | Juneau | 67 | 4 | 39 | 43 | 64.18% | |
| | 0069 | Mayville | 85 | 2 | 77 | 79 | 92.94% | |
| | 0146 | Beaver Dam | 78 | 6 | 63 | 69 | 88.46% | |
| | 0157 | Horicon | 86 | 6 | 63 | 69 | 80.23% | |
| | 0270 | Theresa | 30 | 6 | 18 | 24 | 80.00% | |
| | 0347 | Lomira | 34 | 1 | 28 | 29 | 85.29% | |
| | 0420 | Hustisford | 17 | 0 | 15 | 15 | 88.24% | |
| | 0521 | Fox Lake | 98 | 3 | 90 | 93 | 94.90% | |
| Total | | 495 | 28 | 393 | 421 | 85.05% | | |
| Jefferson | 0067 | Lake Mills | 51 | 0 | 44 | 44 | 86.27% | |
| | 0164 | Jefferson | 33 | 0 | 25 | 25 | 75.76% | |
| | 0166 | Fort Atkinson | 52 | 2 | 47 | 49 | 94.23% | |
| | 0189 | Watertown | 82 | 7 | 64 | 71 | 86.59% | |
| | 0233 | Waterloo | 39 | 7 | 31 | 38 | 97.44% | |
| | 0305 | Johnson Creek | 27 | 0 | 22 | 22 | 81.48% | |
| Total | | 284 | 16 | 233 | 249 | 87.68% | | |
| Ozaukee | 0082 | Port Washington | 70 | 4 | 68 | 72 | 102.86% | |
| | 0288 | Cedarburg | 159 | 11 | 138 | 149 | 93.71% | |
| | 0355 | Grafton | 155 | 11 | 127 | 138 | 89.03% | |
| | 0410 | Fredonia | 18 | 0 | 18 | 18 | 100.00% | |
| | 0412 | Belgium | 31 | 0 | 26 | 26 | 83.87% | |
| | 0457 | Mequon-Thiensville | 53 | 4 | 41 | 45 | 84.91% | |
| | 0470 | Saukville | 155 | 2 | 122 | 124 | 80.00% | |
| Total | | 641 | 32 | 540 | 572 | 89.24% | | |
| Sheboygan | 0083 | Sheboygan | 32 | 10 | 25 | 35 | 109.38% | |
| | 0145 | Random Lake | 20 | 1 | 13 | 14 | 70.00% | |
| | 0149 | Sheboygan Falls | 28 | 0 | 28 | 28 | 100.00% | |
| | 0243 | Plymouth | 135 | 10 | 105 | 115 | 85.19% | |
| | 0387 | Franklin | 53 | 4 | 33 | 37 | 69.81% | |
| | 0462 | Adell | 12 | 0 | 12 | 12 | 100.00% | |
| Total | | 280 | 25 | 216 | 241 | 86.07% | | |
| Washington | 0036 | West Bend | 32 | 1 | 25 | 26 | 81.25% | |
| | 0321 | Germantown | 39 | 13 | 25 | 38 | 97.44% | |
| | 0384 | Kewaskum | 75 | 17 | 53 | 70 | 93.33% | |
| | 0483 | Allenton | 88 | 10 | 67 | 77 | 87.50% | |
| | 0486 | Jackson | 82 | 3 | 49 | 52 | 63.41% | |
| | 0522 | Hubertus | 32 | 1 | 36 | 37 | 115.63% | |
| Total | | 348 | 45 | 255 | 300 | 86.21% | | |
| Total | | | | 2286 | 156 | 1850 | 2006 | 87.75% |