

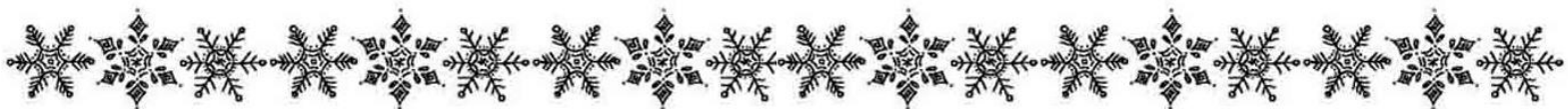


December 2023 / January 2024



This mailing includes:

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- **Holiday Greetings from Department**
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American Legion Auxiliary Mission Statement:

In the spirit of Service, Not Self the mission of the American Legion Auxiliary is to support The American Legion and to honor the sacrifice of those who serve by enhancing the lives of our veterans, military, and their families, both at home and abroad. For God and Country, we advocate for veterans, educate our citizens, mentor youth and promote patriotism, good citizenship, peace and security.

The Monthly Unit Mailing is posted on the Wisconsin Department website under the Unit Mailing link.

www.amlegionauxwi.org



Department President Maggie Geiger



Department of Wisconsin | American Legion Auxiliary



QUESTION CORNER

Question:

Do units receive the unit's portion of a PUFLs dues, and for how long?

Yes, units of PUFL's (Paid Up for Life members) receive the addition dues until the member either transfers to a different unit or is no longer living. The unit only receives the amount the unit charged above the dues at the time the member became a PUFL.

For more information or questions, contact Membership Chairman Sue Hembrook

Question:

When can a president join the Past Presidents Parley (PPP), and what is the cost to join?

A member who served as president for 1 full year, or a member who served as president for part of a year due to illness or conditions beyond their control and had to terminate their tenure. Any vice president acting as president due to the resignation or death of the president.*

Cost to become a PPP is \$7.00 per year. For more information regarding PPP scholarships, and the Mentor of the Year award, please contact PPP Chairman Char Kiesling.

*Red Book pg. 40-41

The poppy, which symbolizes freedom and the blood sacrificed by troops during war, comes from the poem *In Flanders Fields*. Written by Canadian Lt. Col. John McCrae, the poem refers to the poppies that grew out of newly dug soldiers' graves during World War I in Europe.

Last year the Department of WI purchased 243,625 poppies, 84,100 poppies were purchased by other states, and the poppy dollars raised to support veterans was \$331,864.00. All this was made possible by 8 veterans who made all the poppies.

One poppy maker, who had problems with drugs and alcohol said making poppies took his mind off his issues. Instructing veterans how to make the poppies, who were going through similar issues, was his way of helping them get through the rough times. It is easier to talk with someone that is going through similar issues, than someone that is not.

He thanked God every time he completed a poppy because it gave him the opportunity to serve someone in his own way. It also filled up his time, so he didn't have to think about his demons. Making poppies gives another veteran a purpose, it fills the gap, not being able to maintain a job, making these poppies is a way for him to help his comrades.

Many veterans when asked why they enjoy making poppies, said it redirects their thoughts from themselves, knowing that what they make directly impacts the lives of other veterans. They feel wanted and included it helps keep them from being isolated. Veterans come to the Poppy Shop located at the Zablocki VA Medical Center in Milwaukee WI. There veteran poppy makers pick up kits and take them home and in their spare time make 1000 poppies. Each poppy has a label that states that this poppy was made by a veteran.

Because of dedicated work distributing poppies by units and their TAL family; many veterans benefit by the monies donated, but the hands that make the poppies feel honored to do so.

Next time you pick up a poppy take a good look at it, how perfectly the poppy is made, the crepe paper peddles so evenly together, all made to honor those who gave their all for us, so we have our freedoms; let us never forget.

**Save the Date - The Legion Family Testimonials
May 18, 2024**

La Sure's Banquet Hall Oshkosh WI

More Information to follow



Merry Christmas

&

Happy New Year

*May your heart and home be filled
with all the joys the season brings.*

Merry Christmas to you & your family.

May the New Year

Be full of love, joy and peace.

Best Wishes from your department officers and staff



GREETINGS FROM DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS

American Legion Auxiliary, Department of Wisconsin
Executive Secretary-Treasurer, Bonnie Dorniak
www.amlegionauxwi.org ~ deptsec@amlegionauxwi.org ~ 608-745-0124

DEPARTMENT WEBSITE (NEW LOOK!):

The department website has gone through some extensive changes in recent months in an effort to make it more user-friendly. Details such as the department chairmen's contact information, Program Engagement Plans, contest rules and deadlines, important dates, and resources for each program are now listed under the "Programs" tab.

2024 DUES RENEWAL NOTICES:



- Units should forward dues collected from members to department as soon as received.
- The national organization will mail a second renewal notice on February 1st to members whose dues are not processed by department by the end of December.
- The renewal notice will instruct members to remit their dues directly to department. Units will receive their portion of dues via direct deposit on a monthly basis.
- Units may want to personally contact each unpaid member as a friendly reminder or send them a dues renewal postcard to encourage them to pay their 2024 dues before they become delinquent. Postcards can be ordered from department using the Membership Supplies Order Form.

TAL MIDWINTER CONFERENCE – ALA SESSION: The American Legion Auxiliary is holding a training session at The American Legion's Midwinter Conference on January 20, 2024 at the La Crosse Center. Anyone interested in attending must register for the Midwinter Conference through The American Legion and is asked to sign up for the Auxiliary's session using the response sheet that was in the last unit mailing. Visit (www.wilegion.org) for details. Anyone attending the ALA's session is encouraged to bring socks and hygiene items for the Socks of Love and enough fleece to make a twin tie blanket (2.5 yards/side for a total of 5 yards of fabric) for veterans in need.

ALA BADGER GIRLS STATE (ALABGS): 2024 ALABGS reservations of \$400 per delegate are due January 31, 2024. Sponsors should contact their schools now and are encouraged to work with the high school through the selection process. Sponsors may also want to use the Memo of Understanding (MOU) that was included in the information packet they received in November. The MOU stipulates that parents will repay the sponsor if the delegate withdraws from the ALABGS program after the refund date of April 15th or does not complete the session. It is the sponsor's responsibility to enforce the MOU if they wish to recover any of the reservation fee.

Due to increasing costs, ALABGS is projected to have a deficit budget this year. All members should have received a letter requesting donations to offset the operating expenses. Please consider donating if you are able.

Volunteers are needed for the 2024 ALABGS Session. Anyone interested in helping for the week or even a few days should contact Chairman Danyelle Thompson at alabgs.chairman@gmail.com. A list of opportunities are posted at www.alabgs.org.

ANNUAL REPORTS: 2023-2024 Annual Report forms were mailed to all Unit Presidents in October and are posted on the department website in fillable format. As a reminder, reports are due April 15, 2024.

ALTERNATES TO NATIONAL CONVENTION: The 2024 National Convention will be held in New Orleans, LA from August 24-29, 2024. With the resolution passed at the 2023 National Convention, Wisconsin should be entitled to more delegates and alternate positions than in previous years. Members interested in serving as an alternate to national convention should contact their District President. Per Department Bylaws, the nomination selection process shall be determined at the discretion of the district, possibly at their spring or fall conferences, or by executive action. Names of nominees shall be sent to Department Headquarters as soon as selected and no later than July 1st.

••••• HELP WANTED •••••

Department Bylaws allow any member with appropriate experience to serve on the Department Finance Committee. Candidates need to have experience in accounting, finance, budgeting, auditing or other relevant experience to be considered. Qualified candidates should submit a resume to deptsec@amlegionauxwi.org by April 12, 2024. They will then be contacted by the Department Senior Vice President for a telephone interview and subsequently notified by email after a decision has been made. The successful candidate will be appointed to serve a 3-year term (July 2024-July 2027).

HAPPY HOLIDAYS FROM THE DEPARTMENT STAFF!

ALA HQ office will be closed Monday and Tuesday, December 25th and 26th and Monday, January 1, 2024 for the Christmas and New Year's holidays.

MAIL TO:

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY - DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS
ATTN: EXECUTIVE SECRETARY/TREASURER
P. O. BOX 140
PORTAGE, WI 53901-0140
FAX: 608-745-1947
Email: deptsec@amlegionauxwi.org



DO YOU NEED HELP FILING THE 990-N (E-POSTCARD)?

If your unit/county/district's tax-exempt status has not been revoked AND your tax filing is current, but you need help filing the 990N income tax report, please submit the following information to Department Headquarters. The Department Secretary will file the IRS 990N e-Postcard based on the information provided.

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY:

Federal Employer Identification Number (EIN) _____

Legal Name of Unit/County/District _____

Complete Address where Unit mail is being sent:

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Contact Information for Principal Officer (president, vice president, secretary or treasurer)

Name _____ Title: _____

Address _____

City, State Zip: _____

Confirmation that Unit/County/District's annual gross receipts are \$50,000 or less:

I agree that _____
(Legal Name of Unit/County/District) (Unit #)

did not receive more than \$50,000 during the last tax year and I give Wisconsin American Legion Auxiliary, Executive Secretary/Treasurer permission to file IRS 990-N (e-Postcard) on our behalf.

Signature of Officer

Printed Name of Officer

DATE: _____ Contact Phone Number _____



REQUIREMENTS FOR UNIT HOSTING ALA IN THE KNOW

PROPOSED DATES FOR 2024 ALAITK:

September 7, September 14, September 28 or October 5, 2024

The American Legion Auxiliary, Department of Wisconsin, will be conducting three or four (3 or 4) ALA In the Know programs in the fall of 2024. Locations will be considered throughout the state to host these training sessions. Units interested in hosting should complete the attached form and return it to ALAITK Chairman Diane Steinert, 2850 Homestead Drive, Oshkosh, WI 54904 or email djdmsteinert@gmail.com no later than February 29, 2024. Locations selected for 2024 will be contacted by April 1, 2024 (Questions call/text 920-573-1846 or Department Headquarters.)

Requirements:

1. No charge to the Auxiliary for use of the facility
2. Seating at tables for minimum of 35 – please state capacity on Request for Proposal
3. Hall set up by 7:00 a.m. on day of event; access available until 4:00 p.m.
4. 2 Microphones with working speaker system with extra batteries
5. Working WIFI and password available
6. Screen or plain light colored wall to project presentations
7. Extension cords, duct tape
8. Tables for program chairman displays
9. Handicap Accessible
10. Parking
11. No other event in the facility that would interfere with this presentation
12. Water station or pitchers of water and glasses on all tables, including head table

Other information:

1. Registration is 8-9 a.m. We will need 2 to 3 of your members to assist with registration (note name tags and registration list provided by Department day of the event.)
2. We need 2 to 3 of your members to assist presenters in welcoming guests and final presentation set-up
3. Presentation begins at 9 a.m. and should conclude around 3:30 p.m., with a break for lunch
4. Unit will be given \$15 per person attending to cover morning refreshments and lunch with beverages
5. Flexibility in scheduling lunch is appreciated. Shorter lunch break means a possible earlier dismissal of event.
6. Final count for those attending will be given to the host unit 2 weeks prior to the event
7. Check for food will be given to the host unit on day of event
8. The unit will NOT be allowed any fundraisers or donation jars for coffee, etc.

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL—ALA IN THE KNOW 2024

1. Which date are you requesting?
 September 7 September 14 September 28 October 5
2. Complete name and street address of facility: _____

3. Maximum capacity of room when set in a classroom setting, all facing forward _____
4. Is the building and room handicap accessible? Yes No
5. Is there free on-site parking available? Yes No
6. Is there a podium with microphone available? Yes No
7. Is there a hand-held remote microphone available? Yes No
8. Is there a large screen or plain wall available to show presentation? Yes No
9. Is there working WIFI available with password? Yes No
10. List any hotels close by with contact information if possible: _____

Contact:

Name: _____

Unit No. _____ Unit Name _____ District _____

Email: _____

Phone (____) _____ Cell (____) _____

RETURN COMPLETED FORM BY FEBRUARY 29, 2024 TO ALAITK CHAIRMAN

DIANE STEINERT, 2850 HOMESTEAD DRIVE, OSHKOSH WI 54904

EMAIL: djdmsteinert@gmail.com

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY
BADGER



JUNE 16-21, 2024

UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN OSHKOSH



Open To All Eligible High School Junior Girls

Learn And Put Into Practice State Government

Strengthen Your Leadership Skills

A Unique Educational & Scholarship Opportunity

A Chance To Meet Awesome Girls From Around WI

Contact your School Counselor or visit the

ALA Badger Girls State website: www.alabgs.org





Americanism

Diane Burkhalter, Department Chairman
262-284-6873 • burkhalterdl@gmail.com

As I pondered what to write, I kept coming back to our Preamble- "...to foster and perpetuate a 100% Americanism." What is Americanism exactly? Americanism is attachment or allegiance to the traditions, interests and ideals of the U.S. (Merriam-Webster's Collegiate Dictionary, 2023). Reflecting on the words "100% Americanism" truly indicates that our efforts will always be continuously ongoing. Although this seems a bit overwhelming at first, I take this opportunity to suggest-not really.

One important avenue we can put our effort into is our children and youth. They are our future. There are so many ways we can make connections with our children and youth. If your unit has Education and Americanism committees, work together to make connections with your schools in your area. Units that do not have these committees, ask for volunteers within your unit who would like to contact schools and develop programs together with them. When you plan events with your Legion Family that are family oriented, have a variety of the materials for the various ages that the *Flag & Emblem* has to offer. At these events, you can have scavenger hunts, riddles and games that focus on American history, traditions, Constitution, etc. Contact your local library, youth groups and clubs. The opportunities are unlimited. Educating our youth can be interactive, fun and exciting!

I would like to share an example. The week of Veterans Day our Legion Family had the opportunity to visit schools at their requests to do programs honoring our military. The children and youth enthusiastically greeted us. During the flag folding ceremony, they joined us in the meaning of the sixth fold by respectfully saying the Pledge of Allegiance. They were attentive and asked great questions. Following the program, as individual classrooms were visited, the children again were excited and attentive as patriotic books were read aloud. Visiting schools and youth organizations provide many opportunities and is fun for all involved.

At Midwinter, I look forward to meeting with District Presidents and their Americanism Chairs. Not only will items be distributed from the "Star Spangled Kids Kits" that were funded by The American Legion's Child Welfare Foundation. Also, we will be sharing and brainstorming ideas for how to promote patriotism and educate our youth about our country.

If you have any questions or I can assist you in any way, please feel free to contact me. Please send me any pictures or ideas you have. I would love to share the numerous ways we foster and perpetuate a "100% Americanism".



AMERICANISM ESSAY CONTEST 2024 SUBMISSION FORM

Essay Title: " What does Freedom mean to you?"

Department: 1st place winning entry in each class will receive \$50 from Department and will be forwarded to Central Division for further competition. 2nd place winning entry in each class will receive \$25 from Department and 3rd thru 5th place winning entries in each class will receive \$10.

National: One award in each of the six classes will be presented in each division. Winners will receive \$50 and a \$50 donation in the student's name will be made to the Children of Warriors National Presidents' Scholarship fund. National winners will be posted at www.ALAforVeterans.org after Convention.

Materials and Guidelines: The contest shall include six classes.

Class	Grade Level	Word Requirement
I	3 and 4	150-250
II	5 and 6	250-300
III	7 and 8	350-400
IV	9 and 10	450-500
V	11 and 12	450-500
VI	Students with special needs	Word count should correspond with student's grade level.

Essay Checklist:

- Class competing in _____
- Sponsoring ALA Unit _____
- Typed or neatly written essay conforming to the word requirement for class
- Completed essay coversheet as first page of essay
- Word count of essay _____
- Due date for student to return to ALA Unit _____

***Note: Checks are sent directly to awarded students. Please print student's name and mailing address clearly.**

To be completed by the Parent/Teacher:

*Student name: _____ Grade level: _____

*Address: _____

*City/State/Zip: _____

Parent's Email Address: _____

Parent's Phone #: _____ Word Count: _____

School Name: _____

School city/state: _____

Teacher's name: _____

Teacher's signature: _____

Auxiliary Use Only (Must be completed for entry to be considered):
Sponsoring Unit City location & number: _____
Signature of Unit Americanism Chairman: _____

Unit Winner due to Department on March 15, 2024

Department: WI Signature of Department Chairman: _____

Send to: Diane Burkhalter, 409 Briarwood Lane, Port Washington WI 53074

Americanism Essay Criteria and Rubric

35 Points- Theme Development: This would involve answering the who, what, where, when and why about the theme. Essays should relate to the writer's personal experiences.

35 Points- Clarity of Ideas: Essays should have an easy to understand format or organization with correct spelling and grammar usage. The ideas or points are clearly expressed. The reader should have a clear understanding of the writer's explanation of the theme.

30 Points- Knowledge or Understanding of the Question: The writer shows an understanding of the key words in the question. (This assists the writer with the task of staying on the topic or the question.)

SCORING RUBRIC

35 Points- Theme Development:

- 25 Points- The writer answers the who, what, where, when and why about them.
- 10 Points- The writer provides personal experiences that relate to the topic.

35 Points- Clarity of Ideas:

- 25 Points- The essays should have an easy to understand format or organization so that the reader understands the writer's explanation of the theme. The ideas or points are clearly expressed.
* Grades 5 and up should have an introduction, smooth transitions between ideas and a conclusion.
- 5 Points- The writer uses correct spelling.
- 5 Points-The writer uses correct grammar.

30 Points- Knowledge or Understanding of the Question:

- 30 Points- The writer shows an understanding of the key words in the question. (This assists the writer with the task of staying on the topic or question.)



CHILDREN & YOUTH

Margaret Larson, Department Chairman
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My focus for this article is the American Legion's Child Welfare Foundation (CWF). When I posted the \$1 challenge to all 12 Districts, I never imagined how many would respond so quickly to this statewide challenge.

There was much confusion on when and where to send the donations, however if you want to receive a CWF banner to hang in your Post, each member of your Unit (the number is based upon the official membership total from the National Organization as of June 1, 2024), send the donation along with the banner request form (included in this mailing) to the address on the banner form, otherwise, collect what you can and send one check to Department.

Make sure you declare your donation on the 2023-2024 General Fund Suggested Donations form. Please send me a copy of your donation form so that I can track it for Department Convention. As of November 15, 2023, Wisconsin had 11,500 paid members – think of the impact this could make in the lives of our youths.

Another way you can impact a child's life is through the Youth Hero and Good Deed Awards (online nomination form can be accessed from the Department website, under the Programs tab/Children & Youth button). Youths receiving these awards do not need to be associated with the military. They just need to be kids who are doing something special in their communities.

Some ideas on how to find these deserving youths:

1. Watch or read the news.
2. Go online and google youth heroes in your area.
3. Send inquiry letters to churches, schools, fire departments, police stations or newspapers.
4. Make up a letter or flyer and give it to your Juniors to give to the teachers or leaders of other programs they might be involved in.
5. When distributing poppies, have a poster visible for the public to see that you are looking for youth heroes and you might be surprised about what they might tell you.

BE THE ONE to recognize youth this year. If you see a special youth in another community, you can recognize them also. There might not be a Unit in that community, but don't let the opportunity pass to show appreciation.

I ask that you all pray for our youths, that they will remain safe and be encouraged to always do the right thing, and they will have the strength and knowledge they need during a time when their heroism might be needed.





American Legion Child Welfare Foundation

"Dedicated to the betterment of all children"

100% Per Capita Banner Program

Request Form

2023 – 2024

Each American Legion post, American Legion Auxiliary unit, Sons of The American Legion squadron, American Legion Riders chapter or Eight and Forty salon donating at least one dollar for each member during the American Legion Child Welfare Foundation's award year (1 June - 31 May) may receive a beautiful banner/streamer.

To qualify for the 2023-2024 year a post, unit, squadron, riders, or salon must donate one dollar per member based upon its official membership total from their national organization as of June 1, 2023. The post, unit, squadron, riders, or salon has from June 1, 2023, to May 31, 2024, to submit this form, **along with the donation**, to the American Legion Child Welfare Foundation.

Post, unit, squadron, riders, or salon name

Address

City

State

Zip

Post, unit, squadron, or salon membership total as of June 1, 2023:

Total enclosed: \$

Banner Request Form

Send completed form to:

American Legion Child Welfare Foundation

PO Box 1055

Indianapolis, IN 46206

ALL REQUEST FORMS MUST BE RECEIVED BY May 31, 2024



COMMUNITY SERVICE

Sandy Mack, Department Chairman
smack0555@gmail.com ♦ 262-388-9816

Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day is observed on the 3rd Monday of January every year. This is a federal holiday to “honor” the life and legacy of civil rights leader Martin Luther King, who brought hope and healing to America.

This is the only federal holiday commemorating an African American. Colors to wear on this day are red/black & green. Martin Luther King was the leader of the civil rights movement making the way for equality for both men & women of color.

This day is also known as a “National Day of Service.” This is a time for you to give back to your communities.

Community Service activities are:

- Volunteer to help a neighbor.
- Have an operation “Warm Coat” drive. Invite the local TV stations and newspaper.
- Work at a local food bank.
- Help in building homes for Habitat for Humanity.
- Adopt a road/clean-up.
- Volunteer at an animal shelter.
- Volunteer to do meals on wheels.
- Read a book at your local elementary school.

America is, forever changed because one man had the bravery to stand against hate, and bring equality through non-violence, peace, love, and determination.

Giving back is the key to building, connecting, sustainable and healthy communities. Not only is giving back good for our society, but it is also good for our soul.

Please call or e-mail me with any questions. If you have any pictures showing your unit providing Community Service, I would appreciate you sending me a copy.

***“Together We Can Make a Difference”
For God and Country***

MILWAUKEE COUNTY CONFERENCE OF UNITS
Invites all Legion Family Members and Guests

The 95th Annual George Washington Luncheon



Presidents Day
Monday, February 19, 2024
Meyers Family Restaurant
4260 S 76th Street, Greenfield, WI

Social Hour: 11:00 AM
Opening Ceremonies: 11:45 AM
Lunch: Noon
Cost is \$30.00 per person



**Come and celebrate our first President - George Washington
our Veterans and the American Legion Auxiliary**

For information contact Laura Calteux, 414-379-2943

Deadline for reservations is February 10, 2024
Detach here and return lower portion

GEORGE WASHINGTON LUNCHEON REGISTRATION

UNIT NAME & NUMBER _____

NAME OF EACH PERSON ATTENDING: Auxiliary, Legion, SAL, Guest

UNIT CONTACT & PHONE _____

AMOUNT ENCLOSED: # OF RESERVATIONS _____ **X \$30.00 =** _____

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: MCCU
SEND TO: Laura Calteux, 7012 W Squire Ave, Greenfield, WI 53220
Reservation deadline: FEBRUARY 10, 2024 —NO WALKINS!!

WISCONSIN AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY STATE BOWLING ASSOCIATION

22nd NINE PIN TAP TOURNAMENT (48th ANNUAL TOURNAMENT)

Entry # _____

Date: _____

April 6 & 7 and April 13 & 14, 2024

100% Prize Fee Returned
75% Handicap – 200 Scratch

Sports Page Bowl
1174 W. Broadway Avenue
Medford WI 54451

ENTRY CLOSING DATE – Postmarked by MARCH 15, 2024

Mail entries to: Jenni Syftestad
205 Thompson Street, Verona WI 53593

The bowlers listed below enter the specified contest(s) at the annual WALASBA Tournament and hereby agree to comply in all respects with the rules of said tournament. The individual members are bona fide 2024 members of the Wisconsin American Legion Auxiliary. When two or more teams are inter-bowling for doubles partners, please be sure to send your entries together. **WALASBA IS NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR PROVIDING SUBSTITUTES!**

Team Name: _____

Unit/City/Location: _____

Unit #: _____

Indicate what Events bowler is entering:

Team: (Will bowl on Sunday)

Team per person = \$31.00

- | | | |
|----------|---------|--------|
| 1. _____ | ___ YES | ___ NO |
| 2. _____ | ___ YES | ___ NO |
| 3. _____ | ___ YES | ___ NO |
| 4. _____ | ___ YES | ___ NO |

Doubles and Singles will bowl on Saturday (please indicate your desired time) and Teams will bowl on Sunday.

- | | | |
|---|---|-----------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Saturday, April 6 | <input type="checkbox"/> 11am or <input type="checkbox"/> 2pm | Double/Singles |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sunday, April 7 | 9am | Team |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Saturday, April 13 | <input type="checkbox"/> 11am or <input type="checkbox"/> 2pm | Doubles/Singles |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sunday, April 14 | 9am | Team |

Doubles and Singles: (Will bowl on Saturday)

Doubles = \$31

Singles = \$31

**All Events (if you want to enter all Events)
\$3.00 Per Person**

- | | | | | | | |
|----------|---------|--------|---------|--------|---------|--------|
| 1. _____ | ___ YES | ___ NO | ___ YES | ___ NO | ___ YES | ___ NO |
| 2. _____ | ___ YES | ___ NO | ___ YES | ___ NO | ___ YES | ___ NO |
| 1. _____ | ___ YES | ___ NO | ___ YES | ___ NO | ___ YES | ___ NO |
| 2. _____ | ___ YES | ___ NO | ___ YES | ___ NO | ___ YES | ___ NO |

Bowling	\$15.75
Prize	\$7.75
Expense	<u>\$7.50</u>
Total	\$31.00
Per Person per Event	

Please complete fields (who receives mail)

Captain: _____ Ph: _____

Complete Address: _____
(City/State/Zip)

Email: _____

OFFICIAL USE ONLY:

TEAM _____ **DBLS** _____ **SINGLES** _____
ALL EVENTS _____ **TOTAL PAID** _____

WISCONSIN AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY STATE BOWLING ASSOCIATION
TOURNAMENT RULES – READ CAREFULLY

1. All senior members of the Wisconsin American Legion Auxiliary, holding 2024 membership card are eligible to enter the tournament under the below rules.
2. New bowlers enter the tournament with an average of 145 women and 165 men.
3. Entrants allowed bowling only once per event.
4. Everyone **MUST** bowl when scheduled.
5. Entries must be accompanied by full amount of fees, \$31.00 per bowler, per event. The entry fees cannot be refunded after the entry and fees have been received. Hostess city entrants will be given dates and times requested, **if possible**; otherwise the tournament manager will assign dates and times. **NO** hostess city entries will be refunded.
6. No entries shall be accepted after the entry closing date. **NO EXCEPTIONS**
7. All events are optional and may be entered for a \$3.00 fee. Paid all events are not transferable unless the substitute replaces original entrant in all three events.
8. If a team has only 3 bowlers, only 3 scores can be used. **NO** blind score will be used.
9. This tournament will be conducted on a handicap basis of 75% of the difference between each entrant's average and 200 pins.
10. **If a substitution is made in the doubles event the substitute must take the place of the bowler she is replacing. NO rearranging of partners will be permitted in the doubles.**
11. A sub shall be allowed, if one is available, in case of disability after a game has started, in team and doubles only. Only the actual score of the frames bowled shall count if a sub is not available.
12. Bowlers entered in all three events will be so scheduled to permit them to complete competition within two days, unless they are doubled with someone who is bowling on another four-person team at some other time, which prevents scheduling of these participants on same convenient dates.
13. Teams will bowl all three games on their scheduled pair of lanes. Doubles and Singles events will be bowled on another pair of lanes.
14. Every bowler entered in the individual events must have at least one ball for their personal use. No sharing balls with other bowlers. (House balls are acceptable.)
15. If a bowler is absent by the scheduled time and does not arrive by the end of the 4th frame of the 1st game, absent bowler shall forfeit the first game, but is eligible to bowl 2nd and 3rd game if arrival prior to the start of the 2nd game.
16. First place Champions and last place Champions will receive individual certificates and pins.
17. Cash prizes will be determined upon completion of tournament, based on funds received.
18. **NO SMOKING OR DRINKING WILL BE ALLOWED IN THE BOWLERS SEATING AREA.**
19. Make sure you are watching for your turn to bowl and keep the games going. There are other shifts for Auxiliary bowling and possible league bowling scheduled after our tournament.

CAPTAINS

1. Captains must check in and verify lineups **45 minutes** prior to starting time. **Registration will CLOSE 30 minutes before squad time. This is all necessary due to last minute changes. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.**
2. When substitutes not registered on entry blank are used, captains shall report same to Tournament Manager before entering contest and present 2024 American Legion Auxiliary membership card of substitute.
3. There must be a TEAM CAPTAIN FOR EACH TEAM.

CONDUCT OF ANNUAL TOURNAMENT

This tournament shall be conducted as a form of social enjoyment for all Senior members of the Wisconsin American Legion Auxiliary.

ENTRY FORMS MAY BE PHOTOCOPIED BUT NOT REPRODUCED IN ANY OTHER WAY!



WALASBA TOURNAMENT

ANNUAL 9-PIN TAP TOURNAMENT

April 6, 7, 13 & 14, 2024

EVENTS

Double – Singles
Team (4-PERSON)
All Events

SQUAD TIMES

Saturday 11am or 2 pm
Sunday 9am

Sports Page Bowl

1174 W. Broadway Avenue
Medford WI 54451
Hosted by Clark County

Contact Info

Jenni Syftestad, Tournament Mgr
syftes@chorus.net

Entry Closing Date

**ENTRIES MUST BE POSTMARKED NO LATER THAN
MARCH 15, 2024**





WALASBA Hotel Information



Boarders Inn & Suites

435 South 8th Street
Medford WI 54451
715-748-2330

- 2 Queen beds \$140 w/o tax per night
- Free full hot breakfast buffet

Block of Rooms available under **ALA Clark County** for bowling tournament until March 6, 2024



Medford Inn

321 North 8th Street
Medford WI 54451
715-748-4420

- 2 Queen beds \$95 w/o tax per night
- No breakfast – will make scones if enough bookings

Block of Rooms available under **ALA Clark County** for bowling tournament until March 6, 2024



Woodlands Inn

854 North 8th Street
Medford WI 54451
715-748-3995

- 2 Queen beds \$89 w/o tax per night
- Free breakfast

Block of Rooms available under **ALA Clark County** for bowling tournament until March 6, 2024

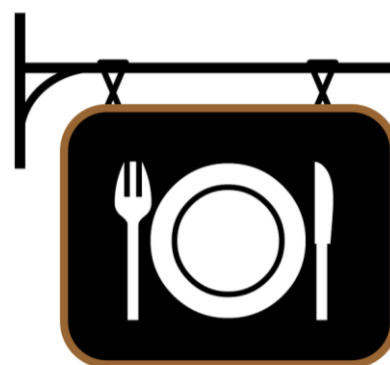
- Abbotsford is 15 miles to the south and has motels/inns.

Local Restaurants

Medford Area

- Culvers
- 8th Street Restaurant & Saloon
- Marilyn's
- Phil & Eleanors Supper club
- Cravings Restaurant
- 64th North Bar & Grill
- High View Inn
- Many fast food places

- Numerous fast food and other restaurants are available within the area



We are seeking bids for the 2025 WALABA Tournament



WOULD YOUR UNIT LIKE TO HOST A BOWLING TOURNAMENT

REQUIREMENTS FOR HOSTING BOWLING TOURNAMENT

1. Submit bid to WALASBA Chairman/ Tournament Manager – Jenni Syftestad, syftes@chorus.net.
2. Include the following information in bid:
 - a. Name of bowling establishment you have contacted and checked out.
List name of contact person and phone number at the lanes.
 - b. Number of lanes available (at least 16 required).
 - c. Do they have automatic scoring?
 - d. Name of Unit, County or District hosting event.
 - e. Name, address and phone number of host chairman.
 - f. List of housing nearby, with rates, phone numbers and map of area.
(This can be submitted once your bid has been accepted)
3. Have Sgt-at-Arms available with Unit Colors if Department doesn't provide theirs.

This is an excellent fundraising opportunity – ask the Post for assistance. Raffles, crafts and 50/50 are very popular or whatever you want to do to raise money. The more the Unit works, the more profits you reap.

The Post may even want to have a Saturday evening dinner.

Jenni Syftestad, Tournament Manager
Ph: 608-845-7857

Past Presidents Parley

Char Kiesling, Department Chairman

Email: char.kiesling@gmail.com • Ph: 920-428-5655



Just a little quiz to see how well you know the program...& GOOD LUCK!

1. What is the PPP? _____

2. Who is eligible? _____

3. What is their mission? _____

4. Are there dues & if so, how much? _____

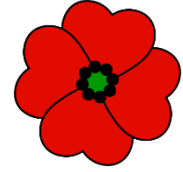
5. Why does the PPP need your dues & donations? _____

ANSWERS TO THE ABOVE QUESTIONS & EVEN MORE CAN BE FOUND IN YOUR RED BOOK OR JUST READ A LITTLE FURTHER!

If you have been a President of a Unit, County, District or Department President, for at least a year, then believe it or not you are eligible! If you have filled the Presidency after the initial President was elected but they were not able to continue their commitment, you are also eligible. If you were a Vice-President who assumed the office because of the resignation or death of the elected President you are also able to be a member of the PPP. In addition, the new President must be a paid-up ALA member.

Past Presidents Parley encourages and supports all levels of the organization to increase strength and growth. PPP members are asked to share their experiences, knowledge, and wisdom to grow future leaders. PPP dues are NEEDED MORE THAN EVER with membership decreasing and we need to continue to guarantee our 3 scholarships in nursing and other health fields. DUES WERE INCREASED TO \$7 at the recent Department Convention to cover the decreased trend. Donations can be made at any time!

WE NEED TO SPREAD THE WORD AND FIND THOSE PRESIDENTS THAT ARE ELIGIBLE AND SIGN THEM UP! There are many who may not be aware of their eligibility and we NEED THEM! There are many leaders in the ALA that are making a difference and their service is priceless to the ALA and our Veterans!



MEMBERSHIP

Sue Hembrook, Department Chairman

Email: genesuehem@wi.rr.com ♦ Phone: 262-945-9791

We have just given out the first membership award of this year, CONGRATULATIONS!!! to units 503 Dane and 379 Birchwood. They are the winners of being 100% by November 11th. There are a total of 14 units that have achieved the 100% goal, Dane and Birchwood were the lucky winners of the awards of \$150.00. Thank you to all the units that have reached this milestone, unfortunately we could only award two units with the award money.

The next award date is Pearl Harbor Day which is December 7th. This award is for units having a size of 1-99 members, their goal is 80% and units 100 plus, their goal is 70%. 1 unit from each group will be put into a drawing for \$125.00 each. Also remember that your 2023-2024 officer form must be turned in to Department to be eligible.

The Department of Wisconsin is still holding their own in Central Division as we are still in the lead. Our puppies are doing a great job holding this position. As the holidays approach and we all get busier, remember that we still have to process any memberships that are received in a timely manner. If you find yourself overwhelmed by all your holiday preparations, please ask someone in your district to assist you. Also, the department membership team is always willing to assist.

The Department of Wisconsin "Poppy Up" team is currently 5th in the nation. Please remember that membership is a team effort. Our puppies may be getting a bit tired now so it is up to all of us to get out there and demonstrate what we do and why we do it. To date we have processed 269 new members to our organization. This is marvelous and shows that there are more eligible people out there that are eager to join our ranks. Of the 269 new members only 75 Poppy Recruitment pins have been awarded. Please remember that this is a separate form to fill out. One must fill out their form as pins are not automatically sent out. It is our duty to assist staff by filling out the paperwork so the pin can be awarded.

Included in this mailing is the Membership award sheet so that you may see what awards are coming up next. If you have any questions, please refer to the Department website or call one of us on the Membership Team. The Membership Team and your District and Unit Membership chairmen are more than eager to assist you with any questions or problems you may have.

Have a wonderful Holiday Season and please know that the veterans in the Department of Wisconsin appreciate all you do to support them!

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Membership Chairman

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Committee Member

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Committee Member

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2023-2024 American Legion Auxiliary

GROW OUR MEMBERSHIP, POPPY UP FOR A VETERAN

Award entry forms are available on the Department website www.amlegionauxwi.org
 Questions? Contact Department HQ @ 608-745-0124 / alawi@amlegionauxwi.org

\$ Membership Awards \$

Individual Awards –

RECRUIT 1 POPPY UP Award: Members who recruit a NEW 2024 member will receive a POPPY pin. Only one entry per recruiter. Entry forms must be received at Department *PRIOR* to May 31, 2024.

2024: RECRUIT 10! – National will award a special gift selected by the 2024 National Membership Chairman to members who recruit 10 **new** Seniors OR Junior Auxiliary members for the 2024 membership year. The 2024: RECRUIT 10 entry form must be submitted to Department Headquarters *PRIOR* to May 31, 2024. Incomplete entries are not accepted, you must have 10 members listed. *Note: Only one entry per recruiter.*

Unit Awards

Membership dues must be at Dept. HQ *PRIOR* to the goal date to be considered eligible
Units must have the 2023-2024 Unit Officer Form submitted to Department with Officers' dues paid to be eligible.

Some of the following awards will have two groups from which one winner **from each group** will be picked.

AWARD	UNIT SIZE	%	# OF WINNERS	AMOUNT	DATE
VETERANS DAY	All Units	100%	2 Units	\$150.00	November 11, 2023
PEARL HARBOR DAY	1-99 / 100+	80% / 70%	1 Unit from each size group	\$125.00	December 7, 2023
PRESIDENT'S DAY	1-99 / 100+	90% / 80%	1 Unit from each size group	\$125.00	February 19, 2024
POPPY DAY	UNIT COUNTY DISTRICT	100%	2 Units 1 County 1 District	\$100 \$100 \$100	May 26, 2024

National 100% Award - Units reaching 100% of their 2024 membership goal by January 31, 2024 will received 100% Unit Flag Ribbon.

Department 100% Award - Units reaching 100% by June 12, 2024 will receive a Department issued citation and two complimentary 100% ribbons with the opportunity to purchase more. *No special entry form required.*



AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY DEPARTMENT OF WISCONSIN

2023-2024 SERVICE TO VETERANS AWARDS ENTRY FORM

This is not part of the annual reports, it is for award purposes only.

****DO NOT LIST COMMUNITY SERVICE VOLUNTEER HOURS****

Please mail this completed form by APRIL 15, 2024 to:
ALA-Wisconsin, Attn: Andrea Stoltz, PO Box 140, Portage WI 53901
Fax: 608-745-1947 - Email: alawi@amlegionauxwi.org

Awards will be mailed to the contact person/address listed below around October 31st

Service to Veteran pins are awarded as such: upon reaching 50 hours you will receive a Service to Veterans pin. After that, attachable hour bars are awarded for 100, 300, 500, and 1,000 hours. After reaching 1,000 hours, the award increments are increased by 1,000 (i.e., 2,000; 3,000; 4,000 up to 20,000 hours). After 20,000 hours, increments increase to 5,000 hours (i.e., 25,000; 30,000; 35,000). A Lifetime Service to Veterans pin is awarded after 35,000 hours. It is very important to report hours every year as hours accrue so the appropriate award can be distributed.

Note: In 2021-2022 reportable hours allowed for caregivers of veteran family members was changed IF the caregiver does not receive professional compensation for doing so:

- If you are a caregiver of a veteran who lives with you, you may claim 10 hours per week.
➤ If you are a caregiver of a veteran who does not live with you (i.e., nursing home), you may claim 5 hours per week.

Unit City Location: _____

Unit# _____

Date: _____

District# _____

EXAMPLES OF COUNTABLE VOLUNTEER SERVICE TO VETERANS HOURS

Service to Veterans is volunteer service that directly benefits a veteran outside a VA facility. These hours should not be reported under any other program (i.e., Community Service, National Security, etc.). Some examples of qualifying service are listed below:

- Help elderly veterans at home (cleaning, yard work, etc.)
• Provide transportation for a veteran
• Offer to run errands for a caregiver or sit with a veteran while the caregiver runs errands
• Assist with veterans' job fairs by organizing or working at an informational table
• Volunteer at Camp American Legion
• Donate/Raise money for the Veterans Creative Arts Festival
• Volunteer for the Veterans Creative Arts Festival
• Make tray favors for veterans in nursing homes on patriotic holidays
• Give gifts and cards to veterans in nursing homes
• Make tie blankets or afghans for veterans
• Make Quilts of Valor
• Create and donate items from VA&R pattern book
• Shop for and prepare care packages for home-bound veterans
• Buy school supplies, host a baby shower, or send care packages to veterans' children who are headed to college

Only CURRENT members are eligible for this award. List members on the back of this form in ALPHABETICAL order by last name (MEMBER ID# REQUIRED). Do not separate or otherwise distinguish juniors from seniors. Use additional sheets if needed. **DO NOT LIST COMMUNITY SERVICE VOLUNTEER HOURS**

Please list the contact person in case of questions and the person / address the awards should be mailed to. Awards are mailed to the address below for distribution to the members.

Person completing this form _____

Mailing Address _____

Contact Phone # () _____ E-Mail _____

Qualifying Member Information (MEMBER ID# REQUIRED) - **DO NOT LIST COMMUNITY SERVICE VOLUNTEER HOURS**	# of Hours Volunteered for 2023-2024
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Red Book Corrections

- Pg. 10 Replace Patricia Randant with Mary Lannbrecht as Calumet County President.
 Pg. 10 Replace Susan Middlestead with Donna Jensen as Milwaukee County President
 Pg. 10 Add Helen Patenaude as Oconto County President
 *Pg. 17 Update Claudia Osero's address – PO Box 343, Tomahawk WI 54487
 Pg. 17 Update Mary Krutz's address – 8436 Wildwood Court, Waterford WI 53185
 Pg. 43 Remove line #9

*updated 11/29/2023

DATES & DEADLINES

Last updated 12/1/2023
(subject to change)

2024		
Jan 18-21, 2024	TAL Midwinter Conference	LaCrosse, WI
Mar 23, 2024	7 th District Fall Conference	American Legion Post #51, West Salem, WI
Mar 23, 2024	Department Oratorical Contest	Ripon College, Ripon, WI
Apr 6-7 Apr 13-14, 2024	WI American Legion Auxiliary State Bowling Tournament (9-Pin Tap)	Medford, WI
Apr 20, 2024	3 rd District Spring Conference	American Legion Post #184, Fennimore, WI
Apr 27, 2024	10 th District Spring Conference	Plum City, WI
May 4, 2024	1 st District Spring Conference	American Legion Post #209, Orfordville, WI
May 4, 2024	2 nd District Spring Conference	Kalahari Resort & Convention Ctr, WI Dells, WI
May 18, 2024	Joint Legion Family Testimonial	LaSure's Banquet Hall, Oshkosh, WI
May 18, 2024	Sweat4Vets Walk	Cedarburg to Grafton American Legion Posts
June 16-21, 2024	ALA Badger Girls State	UW-Oshkosh
July 10-14, 2024	Legion Family Department Convention	Appleton, WI
Aug 23-29, 2024	Legion Family National Convention	New Orleans, LA
FUTURE EVENTS <i>(subject to change)</i>		
July 2025	Legion Family Department Convention	Green Bay, WI
Aug 2025	Legion Family National Convention	Tampa Bay, FL
July 2026	Legion Family Department Convention	Appleton, WI
Aug 2026	Legion Family National Convention	Louisville, KY