



4TH DISTRICT NEWS

Department of Wisconsin | American Legion Auxiliary

District Spring Conference

Our 4th District Spring Conference will be held on May 11 from 10:00 until 1:00. Registration is from 9:30-10:00.

Please join us at the H.A Todd Post as Unit #537 is hosting this event. Deadline for reservations is May 1. The reservation form is on the last page of this newsletter.

Department Convention

The ALA Department Convention will be held in Appleton from July 12-14. For more information click [here](#).

National Convention

The ALA National Convention will be held in New Orleans, LA from August 23-29. For more information click [here](#).

The ALA Department Convention

The 2024 American Legion Auxiliary Department Convention will be called into session at the Hilton Paper Valley, 333 West College Avenue, Appleton at 9:30 a.m. on Friday, July 12, 2024.

The purpose of the department convention is to elect officers for the 2024-2025 administrative year; elect delegates and alternates to the national convention; amend the department constitution, bylaws and standing rules as needed; receive reports of the department officers and chairmen; recognize outstanding unit achievements; and transact business as may be brought before the convention body.

Representation in the department convention shall be by unit in accordance with the provisions of the department constitution. Units with less than ten paid members or whose district dues have not been paid shall have no representation. Delegates to department convention shall be unit members duly elected for that purpose.

All attendees to the 2024 Department Convention must submit a registration form and \$30 per person to The American Legion by July 6, 2024. Registrations after July 6th will be \$35.

All delegates must be registered by 8:00 am on Saturday, July 13th and seated within their District for voting at 9:00 am. Business will resume as soon as voting is completed.

Housing has been arranged at the Hilton Paper Valley hotel. Discounted room rates will be available until June 11, 2024 or when the room block is filled, whichever comes first. So please start making your plans as soon as possible.

Here is the link to the registration form: https://www.amlegionauxwi.org/_files/ugd/

PR Chat



The Public Relations Committee has developed a plan to offer regular opportunities for our units to discuss and share their questions, frustrations, and successes with PR efforts in their community. Robert Shappell will host monthly "PR Chats" the last Wednesday of each month.

This month the subject is Local Media. All Unit members from around the Department are invited to drop into the chat to listen, share ideas, and join in the discussions. Stay for the whole session, or drop for as long as you like.

The Zoom link for this month can be found [here](#).

Upcoming Months:

May-Social Media

June-Community Involvement and Visibility

Membership

Congratulations to Unit 537 for joining the 100% club along with Unit 415. Other Units are close to joining so don't give up, call you unpaid members, check on them to see if they need any help.

As of the April 16th membership report Team Winkle is in 6th place with 82.96% needing only 98 for 100%.

Message from Andrea Stoltz/Membership Coordinator:
As of April 1st, anything received: such as name changes, deceased, new members, payments, transfers etc. will be processed but WILL NOT be reflected on your 2025 roster or cards being mailed to the units in early July to the person and address listed on the 2025 Dues Collection form. Due from EVERY unit no later than May 31st.

April 5th was the deadline for ALL units to turn in the 2025 Unit Dues Billing Amount form. If you have not turned in this form, please do so asap.

It was included in the February Unit Mailing and can be found on the Department website www.amlegionauxwi.org under the header UNIT MAILINGS/Bi-Monthly Unit Mailing-February. It can also be found under Programs/Membership in the middle of the page under the header (Form) For Unit Officer Only: 2025 Unit Membership dues Billing Amounts form.



A Message from Department Membership Chair, Sue Hembrook

PAY IT FORWARD HONOR A LOVED ONE



Mother's Day is soon approaching and if possible, honor those mothers that have sent a son or daughter off to serve our great Country!

Pay it Forward is an expression for describing when someone does something for you, instead of paying that person back directly, you pass it on to another person.

Our Veterans paid it forward to us by serving our Country allowing us freedom each and every day. We honor them with our membership to the American Legion Auxiliary. But what happens to a member's membership when they experience difficulty either physically or financially? For many, it may mean a lapse or even worse, dropping their membership all together.

This is your chance to Pay it Forward! Individuals or units can assist their members by paying their dues. If donors wish they may remain anonymous and all information is kept confidential. If you are willing to let us know that you "Paid it Forward", we would love to recognize you. However, that is up to you individually to remain anonymous or share your gift with us. If you would like to be recognized in a future Unit Mailing, please contact me directly. Kindness and generosity go a long way. Thank you for making a difference.

As always, your membership team is here to help.

Unit Events



Unit #416 is hosting a spaghetti dinner Friday, April 27th from 4:30 to 7pm. This event will include raffle baskets with the proceeds supporting Veteran and Youth programs. This is an all you can eat dinner. Adults - \$15, Children-\$8, under 3 are free.



Unit #434 has a fish fry Friday nights from 4 until 8 pm at the Oelschlaeger-Dallmann post, 9327 S Shepard Avenue. The unit's Auxiliary invites you to enjoy this popular dinner that the community loves. The last fish fry for the season is May 10. So don't wait too long!



National Security

Many are looking for ways to support our military and their families, both active duty and reserve. There are a few events coming up soon that one can honor those that serve.

April is the month of the military child with the official day of honor being April 17th. If you know of a military child of a reservist or active-duty parent currently serving. Honor these kiddos in some way. All can wear purple to honor those children. Do you wonder why purple was chosen? It is the color that is made by missing all of the colors of the branches of the military. Also conduct a military child Table setting Ceremony in your units. It can be found under ALAforVeterans.org under the Children and Youth Tab.

Friday May 10th is Military Spouse Appreciation Day. If you or anyone in your units knows of a military spouse, find some way to honor them. These spouses and kiddos are also serving our country and make many sacrifices for us. It is up to us to show them how much we appreciate them.

Sue Hembrook
National Security Chairman
4th District

Legislative Action

Please consider signing up for Legislative Action Alerts in order to contact your representatives when action is required to support our veterans. Visit <https://www.voterveice.net/mobile/AmericanLegion/home> and click on the link to sign up for action alerts.

Juniors Spring Conference

The Juniors Spring Conference is scheduled for May 18, 2024 from 9:00 - 2:00 at American Legion Post #33, 451 S Green Bay Road in Neenah, WI. Please see the registration form in this newsletter for more information.

Thoughts from the 4th District President

A few months back a car was hijacked from our local Kwik Trip. The hijackers didn't notice the two children, ages 11 and 3 in the back seat when they took the car. The driver wanted the 11-year old to get out and she refused because she wasn't going to leave her little sister behind. The good news is the hijackers then abandoned the car about a mile from where they took it.

The 11-year old girl's name is Charley Jorgenson. We had the wonderful opportunity to meet her and her family to give her the National Children & Youth Hero Award. According to the American Legion Auxiliary guidelines the Youth Hero Award recipient should demonstrate a physical act of valor. I can't imagine a better example.

The Jorgenson family was invited to come down to the Legion post in Greendale, close to their home. Kathy Baranczyk, Bonnie Jakubczyk and I presented Charley with and award letter, a certificate of heroism and a medal for her efforts. The family was grateful and honored to receive the award.



If you happen to see act of valor in your community, don't be afraid to take action. Maybe she will become one of our Badger Girls someday.

Juniors

Please get this to your units and talk it up at your Spring Conferences.

We want to celebrate all that our Juniors have been doing this past year.

Invite your young SAL to this celebration too!

Any questions, please contact either myself or Char.

Thank you,

Laura Calteux & Char Kiesling

CALLING ALL ALA JUNIORS

Join us at Neenah Unit 33 as we celebrate the Accomplishments of our Junior members in 2024!



May 18, 2024 – 9am til 2pm
 Hawley-Dieckhoff Post/Unit 33
 451 S. Green Bay Road, Neenah 54956



AGENDA FOR THE DAY:
 General meeting with election of new officers
 Tour of Bergstrom-Mahler Museum of Glass
 Service Projects and Games

If you have any questions, please call Laura Calteux at 414-379-2943.



2024 JUNIOR AUXILIARY SPRING CONFERENCE REGISTRATION

Reservation needs to be in by May 4, 2024

You will get a confirmation of your reservation with additional information.

Form submitted by (please print clearly):

Name: _____ District #: _____ Unit #: _____

Phone #: _____ Email: _____

(PRINT CLEARLY)

NAME / UNIT #	FIRST TIME ATTENDEE? (YES/NO)	T-SHIRT SIZE KID/ADULT	Junior member	Senior Member	Sons of the American Legion
GRAND TOTALS:					

Please send reservation form to:
 Laura Calteux 7012 W. Squire Ave. Greenfield, WI 53220

4th District Spring Conference Registration Form

Please consider joining us....

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4TH District Spring Conference will be held on SATURDAY MAY 11, 2024
at H.A. TODD UNIT 537, 9159 W. BELOIT ROAD, MILWAUKEE, WI

Schedule is as follows:

Registration: 9:30 AM to 10:00 AM

Coffee and Donuts will be available

Call to Order: 10 AM

Lunch: Noon

Cost is \$23.00 per person, plus \$3.00 Registration

Send your reservations to: District Treasurer, Sue Hembrook

24215 60th St., Salem, WI 53168

Make checks payable to: ALA 4th District

For information contact: Sue Hembrook

262-843-4791 H 262-945-9791 C genesuehem@wi.rr.com

Deadline for reservations is May 1, 2024

4th DISTRICT SPRING CONFERENCE REGISTRATION

UNIT NAME & NUMBER _____

NAMES OF DELEGATES, MEMBERS OR GUESTS ATTENDING:

UNIT CONTACT & PHONE _____

AMOUNT ENCLOSED: # OF RESERVATIONS _____ X \$26.00 = _____

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: ALA 4TH DISTRICT
SEND TO: Sue Hembrook, 24215 60th St., Salem, WI 53168

Reservation deadline: May 1, 2024