



2nd District Newsletter



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Amy's Angle....

Thank you to all who attended our Spring Conference. We had a great turnout and the highest record ever of first-time attendees! Camp Hometown Heroes was presented with a \$4,570 donation from our special District Children & Youth project. Congratulations to the Hubertus unit who was the winner of the pizza party! Thank you to all of the units who made a donation.

We are less than 30 -days away from National Poppy Day. Are you getting ready? Use this time to brand your unit and our organization. You can find some great ideas on the National Poppy Face Book page:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/ALAPoppy>

Make sure to complete your 2022-2023 Unit Officer Forms. Each Unit needs to send in the form even if your officers have not changed.

The 2nd District ALA Car Show fundraiser for Dan Seehafer's National campaign will be held on **Saturday, June 25 at the Horicon Post**. Each County is asked to supply a raffle basket valued at \$30. Individual units may also supply a basket. The more baskets we have, the more money we can raise! Members are also asked to bake cookies and/or bars for the bake sale. Please wrap items individually for pricing. Contact Dawn Rudey 920-485-0925 for pick-up arrangements.

Department Convention will be held in **Green Bay July 14 - 17**. Details can be found on the Department website: <https://www.amlegionauxwi.org/department-convention>

Thank you to all members and units for completing your Year End reports. The District totals are impressive! Make sure that you share your Unit totals with your members so they can see what a difference they have made over the past 12 months. It's now time to start tracking your hours, donations and mileage for the next reporting term (April 1 – March 31). Would you like a *Reporting Book Camp* class to help ease your reporting efforts? Sessions are now being booked for next year. Learn how to make reporting easier and more successful for your unit. Contact me and secure your class now!

Blessings,

Amy

Salute, Serve, Celebrate

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Sue Turowski, 2nd District Chair

Memorial Day is right around the corner. Wouldn't you agree that it is time to get together with your Junior members to educate them on the importance of Memorial Day? Explain exactly why we do NOT say "Happy Memorial Day".

Did you know that America was involved in 5 in country wars before we ever were involved in the Spanish American War? Since then, we have been involved in 6 additional wars! The number of lives lost is completely unconscionable!

- U.S. Military Service during Wartime: 41,892,128
- Battle Deaths 651,031 Other Deaths (In Theater): 308,800
- Other Deaths in Service (Non-Theater): 230,254
- Non-mortal wounded: 430,290
- Living War Veterans: 14,918,000
- Living Veterans: 19,210,000

Originally called Decoration Day, from the early tradition of decorating graves with flowers, wreaths and flags, Memorial Day is a day for remembrance of those who have died in service to our country. It was first widely observed on May 30, 1868, to commemorate the sacrifices of Civil War soldiers, by proclamation of Gen. John A. Logan of the Grand Army of the Republic, an organization of former Union sailors and soldiers. During that first national commemoration, former Union Gen. and sitting Ohio Congressman James Garfield, made a speech at Arlington National Cemetery, after which 5,000 participants helped to decorate the graves of the more than 20,000 Union and Confederate soldiers who were buried there.

What are you doing with your junior members? We need to take every opportunity to educate our Juniors. If we do not continue to openly have discussions on how to educate our younger members we will not continue to grow! Please share your ideas with me so that I may share with the others! Here's a unique idea happening within our District:

Boots for Veterans: Gather used military boots (or any type of men's boot) and decorate them. Fill them with plants (live or artificial) and sell them as a fundraiser or use them for Memorial Day. Junior members can decorate them as a memorial tribute to each of the wars. Or, donate them to a Post or place them around flag poles on Memorial Day in honor of the Veterans lost during those wars.



Pictures courtesy of Ozaukee County Council

2022 Spring Conference Highlights Laack's Hall, Sheboygan Falls



Back row, left to right: Department President, Diane Weggen, address the attendees. All six counties had attendees represented. The *Mid-Morning Show* gave a fun insight to ALA program. Attendees pose for a picture with a Racing Sausage courtesy of Johnsonville Sausage. Representatives from Camp Home Town Heroes receive a donation from Children & Youth Chair, Angie Dedlow. District Memorial Program presented by Chaplain, Lois Levenhagen. Patriotic cookies made by Random Lake ALA member added to the fun table decorations supplied by the Plymouth Unit. District President, Amy Luft, addresses the attendees. Guest speaker, Debbie Buchannan, from Milwaukee Homeless Veterans Initiative, addresses the crowd.

2nd District Year-End Impact Numbers

- Service to Veterans & Military: 39,417
- Dollar Spent: 91,418
- # Veterans/Military Assisted: 7,911
- # Poppies Distributed: 28,362
- Dollars Raised from Poppies: \$64,983
- Total Hours volunteers for Military Families: 2,788
- Dollars Spent for Military Families: \$14,185
- Dollars Spent for ALA Girls State: \$14,150
- Dollars for Child Service Charities: \$21,185
- Community Service Hours: 28,251
- Community Service Dollars Spent: \$85,153
- Miles Driven: 23,261
- Scholarship Dollars Awarded: \$12,075