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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



LAUREL DuBOIS
Department
President

Thank you for a very exciting year. I have traveled some 22,400 miles so far this year and participated in 83 different functions or meetings with our Legion Family. I feel rejuvenated each time. You are my heroes. You give so much to help our veterans, their families and your communities. Thank you, thank you, thank you!

Our units use the funds raised from Poppy donations to help those in our local communities in need. Almost every week we help a Homeless Female Veteran receive help from the Department of Wisconsin.

Membership is our life blood. Try and invite your relatives and neighbors to participate with you. It can be hard. Not everyone has the enthusiasm you do. We must continue to reach out to our fam-

ily and community.

Take a moment to reevaluate why you belong to the American Legion Auxiliary. Why did you join? Was it the social aspect you liked? Is it the good feeling you get when you see the smile on someone's face when you give them a check to fix a broken car or stove? Is it knowing you are helping to perpetuate the "American way of life?" When someone asks you why they should join, you should have an answer ready. We are a great organization. I am proud to have been your President this year and I hope you are proud of all the wonderful things you have accomplished and the people you have helped.

The "ALA in the Know" conferences were a great success. We had a lot more people attending than the previous Fall Information Forums. This year should be even better.

The department convention is just around the corner. I am looking forward to seeing the many

new friends I made this year. We have made many changes in order to improve communication and participation. We are also trying to streamline the department convention. "We have always done it this way" is a thing of the past. It is the 21st Century. We must change to meet the needs of our veterans and our members.

We are approaching 100 years as an organization and we must change. We are competing with so much technology. We are a caring and giving group. We need to remember that human touch and interaction is still the most effective way of healing. Reach out and continue to help our veterans and their families.

Thank you members of the American Legion Auxiliary for an exciting and rewarding year. I will never forget the warmth and love you have shown. We are friends forever.

Together, we will "Soar for our Veterans." Remember to say "hello".

MEMBERSHIP

I just read something that I had put aside but saved because I was so proud of this young writer. It illustrates why we are members of The American Legion Family and especially why we belong to the greatest women's patriotic service organization in the world! How proud we should be. It reads,

"Brave. Encouraging. Revered. Inspiring. Our American veterans deserve much higher titles than these four simple adjectives. What does a veteran mean to you? Each and every one of them sitting in this auditorium and all of the ones who couldn't join us today; what do those people mean to you? The men and women who have put their lives on the line for the rest of their country are nothing short of a perfect role model for me, and hopefully all of you as well. The individuals sitting in these seats in front of me who have fought for our freedom, along with and ESPECIALLY all of the heroes that are no longer with us today, make me so proud to say that I live in this country; proud that I can speak freely; proud to know that I can follow my own religion; proud to be an American. Knowing that I live in a country where people sacrifice their lives by saying good-bye to friends, mothers and fathers, spouses and children, and then go forth into a whole different world, never knowing if they'll return to the ones they left behind, makes me extremely grateful to them and in awe. Whether you know it or not these men and women have left a positive impact on us. They went forward and stood up for what they believed in and for all of us...."

So, what do our Veterans mean to me? After just joining the

Army National Guard, I now want to be sitting where these men and women sit today...they mean we, the people of America, have the chance to speak freely, live confidently, and stand up for what we believe in. For that we thank you, our brave, encouraging, revered, and inspiring Veterans."

This was written by Marissa Kiesling and spoken at the Veteran's Day observance at Fox Valley Lutheran High School in Appleton. Since then she received the Minuteman Scholarship. This will provide a full scholarship for four years at UW-Stevens Point. Marissa is now at boot camp at Ft. Jackson, South Carolina.

As an American Legion Auxiliary member for 18 years, most of it in Junior Activities, Marissa was instilled with feelings of patriotism and love of country. She was surrounded by Veterans and knew first-hand what sacrifices they made. Her Junior membership gave her a definite purpose.

With my last Membership article... I am reaching out to our future of the American Legion Auxiliary. Our Veterans need them too...and love them! Get them "Soaring for our Veterans," ladies!

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CALL FOR THE 97TH ANNUAL NATIONAL CONVENTION

American Legion Auxiliary
to meet in Reno, Nevada
August 18 - 24, 2017

In conformity with Article VI, Section 1 of the National Constitution, which provides that the annual National Convention of the American Legion Auxiliary shall be held at the same time and place as The American Legion National Convention, the 97th Annual National Convention of the American Legion Auxiliary is hereby called to meet in Reno, Nevada, from August 18 - 24, 2017. The convention business sessions will be in the Reno-Sparks Convention Center.

Purpose

The annual National Convention is the legislative body of the American Legion Auxiliary. The convention is called for the purpose of electing officers for the ensuing year, amending the National Constitution & Bylaws, receiving reports of national officers and committees, and for

the transaction of such other business as may be brought before it. Officers for the ensuing year will be elected August 23, 2017.

Representation

Representation in the convention shall be by department and in accordance with the provisions of the National Constitution, Article VI, Section 2.

Admission to Convention Session

Admission to convention sessions will be by delegate, alternate or guest badge.

Anyone interested in attending National Convention should contact Department Secretary Bonnie Dorniak for an information packet.

Auxiliary registration and housing forms are due by July 17, 2017.

KEEP MEMBERSHIP SOARING • JUNE 20, 2017 • 75.20%

DISTRICT 7
71.25%

DISTRICT 3
74.42%

DISTRICT 11
75.39%

DISTRICT 12
76.42%

DISTRICT 2
77.95%

DISTRICT 5
101.46%

DISTRICT 4
65.70%

DISTRICT 8
73.69%

DISTRICT 1
75.25%

DISTRICT 9
76.34%

DISTRICT 6
77.94%

DISTRICT 10
79.71%



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"For we exercise foresight for what is honorable, not only in the sight of the Lord but also in the sight of man."

2 Corinthians 8:21

...and here we are, to the close of yet another year of service...Soaring for our Veterans, their families and our communities. It has been an honor to represent the Department of Wisconsin as your Chaplain. I have been blessed with a wonderful, memorable year. I have fond memories that will warm my heart for many years to come, one being the guest speaker for my home Post/Unit on Memorial Day. However, the memory I will hold most dear was the opportunity to offer blessings at the Grafton/Cedarburg Joint Auxiliary event, Sweat4Vets. My "veterans," my husband and son, my two granddaughters and I had a great time participating in this walk between the two communities. Halfway through the walk we caught up to "Uncle Kenny," my daughter-in-law's uncle, a Grafton Post member. He walks with a bit of a limp as a result of surgery, but was determined to finish that walk. I offered him my hand before we approached the first hill and he graciously accepted and we walked the rest of the way hand in hand. By the time we got to the end, people were cheering and clapping, shouting his and Bob's name (Bob is a 90-year young veteran on dialysis!). I had to fight back the tears! What a rush of excitement, pride and appreciation I had for those men; for all veterans. That event and that moment validated me, validated us as an organization. I don't think I can ever look back on a memory more profound than that.

Teach us, oh Lord, to be of service to one another. Remind us we are a family. Keep us on a path to offer kindness and compassion. Strengthen us to become more valuable to those seeking guidance, needing assistance or offering us a hand. Help us to be ever mindful of our mission; to be of service to our veterans, their families and our communities. Bless and empower us to continue to support the welfare and well-being of those we strive to serve. Bless all veterans, service members, families and all others that need comfort. We ask you keep them safe and always in our prayers. Amen.

Music: This Land Is Your Land by Woody Guthrie

*This land is your land; this land is my land
 From California to the New York Island
 From the Redwood Forest, to the Gulf Stream waters*

This land was made for you and me.

*As I went walking that ribbon of highway
 I saw above me that endless skyway
 And saw below me that golden valley
 This land was made for you and me.*

*I roamed and rambled and I followed my footsteps
 To the sparkling sands of her diamond deserts
 And all around me, a voice was sounding
 This land was made for you and me.*

GREETINGS FROM HEADQUARTERS

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Many American Legion Auxiliary (ALA) units and Legion posts equate Memorial Day with Poppy Day. For those who recently completed poppy distributions, don't forget to submit the 20% Poppy Profit report to department headquarters. The form is available on the department website or by contacting Linda Cason at headquarters. The money from poppy profits is split equally between VA&R and Children & Youth programs to support the Auxiliary's mission. VA&R program funds specifically assist our veterans, military, and their families, while Children & Youth funds support our Junior Activities program and pay scholarship awards to well-deserving students.

If anyone has questions regarding the appropriate use of poppy funds, please review the one-page fact sheet that is posted on the department website or contact the Department Poppy Chairman or Department Secretary for clarification. The fact sheet explains the restrictions as defined by Resolution No. 20, which was approved by the National Ex-

ecutive Committee of The American Legion (TAL) in 2013. An updated Poppy Fund Suggested Donation sheet will be posted on the department website after department convention.

Poppy Orders for 2018 are due by December 15, 2017, but **Units and posts are encouraged to order early.** We want to ensure we can meet the needs of Wisconsin's units and posts but we have already received orders for more than 100,000 poppies from other departments who no longer have veteran poppy makers! Orders will be filled in the order received, based on whatever our poppy makers are able to produce. Don't risk not receiving poppies because you submit your order after December 15th. Please use the updated poppy order form on the department website; the postage chart has been changed to reflect an increased cost in postage.

National Convention is scheduled from August 19-24, 2017 in Reno, Nevada. Wisconsin's candidates, Diane Duscheck for National President and Denise Rohan for National Commander, will be installed at this year's national convention. Any members interested in attending should contact Department Secretary Bonnie Dorniak as soon as possible for a registration packet. Housing

and registration forms must be completed and returned no later than July 17, 2017!

Per Department Bylaws, each of the twelve districts may nominate one or two members to create a supplemental list to the National Convention. Nominations will be held during the district caucus at department convention, with elections taking place on Saturday, July 15th. Department pays no expenses for individuals on the supplemental list who attend National Convention unless they are elevated to delegate status due to delegate vacancy. Members planning to attend national convention are encouraged to submit their name for nomination as an alternate.

Six ALA in the Know conferences have been scheduled for 2017. All members are encouraged to attend a conference at their convenience to learn more about the Auxiliary. The registration form for the ALA in the Know Conferences is on page A4 for your convenience. The National President's official visit is scheduled for October 7, 2017 at the ALA in the Know conference in Green Lake. If you would like to meet the National President, please register soon. Space is limited. Other details regarding the National President's visit will be shared when arrangements are finalized.

DISTRICT YEAR END REPORTS



1st District Report Debi Stuvengen District President

First District had a very busy, challenging and exciting year. With no longer having Fall Informational Forums, ALA in the Know Conferences were held in six different areas of Wisconsin to make travel not as long. This is a very informative meeting that I feel would benefit all.

Once again the installation and Christmas Party were held as Legion Family events, with all levels represented at both events. This year's District Fall Conference brought in Mark Finnigan with the Vets Roll organization where veterans and Rosie Riveters go on a four day road trip to Arlington Cemetery. This event is free to these travelers. They are escorted part of the way by cycles, police, fire trucks, etc.

At District Spring Conference, information was shared about the district's event planned for 2017-2018, which is Camp Yellow Ribbon, a camp to help kids adjust to their returning or departing parent. A presentation will be provided at our 2017 fall conference.

Many units have gone up and beyond, assisting with the many needs of the Veterans Homes, veterans' homeless shelters, and the Hoptel. Unit members have been great in sharing their time and creativity.

The year's new officers have been challenged with a lot of new and different criteria and events, at least to them, such as having our Wisconsin Auxiliary and Legion candidates taking on the roles of National President and National Commander. Helping promote and support them through this journey has been a busy road, and this couldn't have been done without the many hours our members put in. Good luck to both ladies taking on these titles. May you both have a very successful year in 2017-2018.



2nd District Report Dawn Rudey District President

I am so very proud of this District for the way they all come together for "one purpose" - to work together either in our local units or as a district. We are strong together as one and that's how we shall shine on for generations to come after us. And we will continue to mentor our youth as they come up in the American Legion Auxiliary organization.

The 2nd District has volunteered over 58,000 hours for service to our Veterans, distributed over 44,000 poppies and raised more than \$59,000 from poppies. They have generously volunteered nearly 10,000 hours to active duty and reserved military, served 9,000+ US service members, and nearly 6,000 hours volunteered for serving almost 2,000 military families.

I have traveled around the district to see what the units have done and I have helped them when they have asked for advice or to solve a problem that may have arose in their units. Everyone has been very gracious in accepting ideas and new ways of looking at things, some took a little longer, but started to turn around and except the reason WHY we do the things we do and why we matter.

I had organized a district tie blanket project with the 2nd District Children and Youth chairperson Leslie Sanzo and with Beaver Dam's Unit President Lois Levenhagen. The turnout wasn't quite as I would have hoped but we did have a nice turn out for what we had there. We physically made 33 blankets and there was one lady that that made 11 tie blankets on her own and donated them to the project. Many of the blankets went to local Police and Fire Departments. Fourteen blankets went to the Fisher House in Milwaukee for the children of Veterans who are housed during treatment. The Fisher House has asked us for more blankets when we make more.



3rd District Report Florence Wasley District President

Third District units have been striving to soar with the Eagles as we have been busy with projects to benefit our Veterans and families.

Our ALA members are happy to see the new 3rd District Flag and American Flag. No more ironing!

Fundraisers have helped the units, which in turn has benefited several American Legion Auxiliary programs. Our ladies from Unit 335 in Avoca raised \$1,000 for the Homeless Women Veterans for ordering Butter Braids. This project not only helped our Homeless Women Veterans, but sure was tasty!

At the District Spring Conference, our members with 30 years and more were honored with a certificate of membership. Many smiles were seen. We had 17 ladies with over 70 years of membership!

Membership has been a struggle but we are trying. We have several units struggling to keep flying with the Eagles.



4th District Report Sue Middlestead District President

It is very hard to believe my term as 4th District President is coming to a close. Over the last year I have been to many of your events, installations, pancake breakfasts, Veterans luncheons, blanket tie events, many poppy events throughout the district, Memorial Service at Zablocki VA Medical (Woods Cemetery). We even had a visit from National President Mary Davis for one of our Blanket Tie events.

I am proud of the hard work that 4th District has done. We donated over 14,000 hours of service to our veterans! Keep up your hard work because it does pay off in the long run and our Veterans need us to be there for them.

A special thank you to all district officers and chairman. I gained a lot working with all of you.

DISTRICT YEAR END REPORTS



**5th District Report
Arlene Burgardt
District President**

I know the 5th District is the smallest district in the state. After Department Convention last year, we had one unit transfer to another district and one unit that disbanded. But in September we got Unit 479 started. To date, they are the hardest working unit in recruiting new members. They have reached 200% membership! We have two other units, Unit 1 and Unit 448 that have gone over 100% membership. Because of these units, we are not only in 1st place, but we have reached 100% for the district. I am so proud of all of the units in the district as this is my first year as President.

We had our first District Spring Conference in over ten years. There has been a lot of interest shown.

We had a fall fundraiser which was very successful and we were able to donate to many Veterans organizations. We were able to donate to Diane Duscheck's campaign for National President and Denise Rohan for The American Legion National Commander. Good luck in Reno, this would be the first time we have two women in the top position for the nation.

As our President Laurel DuBois says, "Let's Soar Like Eagles."



**6th District Report
Nancy Helms
District President**

I don't know where the time has gone. It's hard to believe I have been President for two years already. I guess the saying is true, time flies when you're having fun.

I have had a great time the last two years. The first year I learned a lot and the second year I traveled around to 17 of the 27 units in the district. I have met a lot of great people that I will never forget.

I think that my favorite part is meeting all the people and learning more about our great organization. I have also made some new friends along the way. I have attended training for the Auxiliary and The American Legion to learn as much as I can about each group.

I am very grateful for having this opportunity, plus now I get to do it for another two years. Thank you!



**7th District Report
Becca Gleason
District President**

You all need to know how great and amazing the women of the 7th District American Legion Auxiliary, Department of Wisconsin really are.

Each of the members of the Mighty 7th District are committed to the veterans, their families, and their own communities. And each of YOU women should be proud of how you have soared within your units; it is remarkable. You have set yourselves to the mission statement of the Auxiliary – Service, Not Self.

7th District started off quickly by supporting a veteran's family in dire need of help. We collectively gave clothes, diapers, and gifts at Christmas, money cards for gas, and an air conditioner. These items made the lives of five people just a bit easier. It gave

them hope and a trust in the community that there is help for those in need. These units soared into a collective commitment to this family with ease: Thorp 118, Holmen 284, Rome 65, West Salem 51, La Crosse 52, and the American Legion Auxiliary La Crosse County organization. I thank you all!

I have to thank, New Lisbon 110 for hosting a magnificent Fall Workshop and Rome 65 for hosting a splendid Spring Conference, the atmosphere was wonderful at both facilities.

Sparta Unit 100; you, who have raised the awareness in your community and money for "Freedom Honor Flight" of just over \$160,000 to send veterans to Washington DC to view their monuments, is monumental to say the least! The flight on May 7, 2017 was named "Sparta American Legion Post 100 Flight" in recognition of all the hard work this Unit and Post does for sending veterans on flights. Amazing Sparta!

I also have been able to meet a few units during their own meetings and I have to say the women of Black River Falls 129, Reedsburg 350, Rome 65, and Chaseburg 202 keep the togetherness growing along with your "get'er done" attitude! I love all the hours you have gathered to make your community proud. Your cohesiveness is a blessing and it was a delight to have had the time with you.

From the largest to the smallest unit, you all are the heart and soul of this Mighty 7th District! You women collectively gather up as "family!" You are working together, teaching, guiding with loving hands, and most of all honoring those who have gone before us with your loyalty, compassion, and love of what we do the best and that is HELPING those in need.

I have seen some of the best but I have also witnessed the worst time as a District President. The worst is when a unit's Charter needs to be called back to Department. That is the worst. The tears and the heavy hearts of those that don't have a younger stronghold in the unit. The women of these units who are giving up their Charter, YOU need to stand proud as you have served with heart and soul as those before you. You also are to be commended. God Bless.



**8th District Report
Sarah Stiff
District President**

What an awesome year for District 8! I am so excited about where we are headed. This past year was full of fun. I attended

my first national convention and came back with more enthusiasm than ever before. I feel like I can finally see the "big picture" of the American Legion Auxiliary. That experience made me realize that if I want to see growth in the Auxiliary, I need to get more of my units to attend the district and department events. I have set a goal to have 60% of District 8 units represented at department conventions and 75% of the units represented at district conferences. I have been sharing with my units the benefits from attending those gatherings and the importance of our representation. Let's go District 8!

Congratulations to the 2017-2019 district officers, I look forward to working with you to build a stronger membership.

Super congratulations to Paula Jensen and the newly re-chartered Vesper unit! You rock!

See you all at Department Convention!



**9th District Report
Becky Mueller
District President**

Greetings from all the wonderful ladies of the Noble Ninth District to the Department of Wisconsin. What an exciting year this has been for me as I have met and worked with so many units and counties within our district. At each event, I was greeted by gracious hostesses and welcomed into their midst. It is amazing to reflect upon all that has been accomplished this past year. These talented, generous ladies have worked the Auxiliary mission statement to the best of their abilities.

Our district stretches from the metro Fox River Valley to scenic Washington Island to the outdoor wonderlands of the north - Marinette, Forest and Langlade counties, the crossroads of Oconto County and the Sturgeon loving Wolf River waterway. The projects and programs involving our units are as diverse as our landscape. We embrace the opportunities and challenges presented by our military and veteran populations.

We have two VA facilities that receive most of our attention - Iron Mountain VA and King Veterans Home, but our units support all of the veteran facilities statewide and in Minneapolis. We support and look for solutions for the homeless veteran population, especially the Homeless Women Veterans project. We assist in fundraising, special projects, and visit Camp American Legion.

Our district is actively involved in our community and schools. Children and youth are held very dear to these loving women. We open our hearts, hands and wallets to make our communities a better place to live for everyone.

Some numbers to crunch - 40,000 volunteer hours and \$34,000 for veterans; 34,000 poppies distributed generating \$38,000 for projects; 10,000 volunteer hours and \$45,000 for military and their families; 24 scholarships totaling almost \$10,000; 5,000 volunteer hours and \$14,000 dollars for children & youth. Forty-eight active volunteers for ALA Girls State and almost 30,000 volunteer hours and \$36,000 for community service.

I am humbled and honored to be the District President for these amazing women of the Noble Ninth District of the Department of Wisconsin American Legion Auxiliary. Thank you ladies.



**10th District Report
Karen Hansen
District President**

The 10th District had another very busy year. Our new "District Mentoring Committee" continued their commitments to UNA's (department's name for Units Needing Assistance).

I have acted as president for one unit for the entire two years of my term. I am sad to say that we are in the process of disbanding two of those UNAs, but not until we could find no other choice. On the bright side, so far all of those members have either transferred to another unit or to the department headquarters unit.

That is not to say that our district has not been active. We have donated over \$52,000 in service to our Veterans, raised

over \$48,000 from Poppy distributions, presented over 22 scholarships in the amount of \$6,750 and spent over \$13,000 and 9,689 in volunteer hours serving our communities. I am also very proud that we are in second place in membership and the Rice Lake Unit is going to sponsor an ALA in the Know Conference this fall. Another busy and successful year for the Mighty Tenth!



**11th District Report
Theresa Schindler
District President**

Greetings from District Eleven. Eleventh District ladies are proud to be members of the American Legion family, and they work very hard for veterans, children, and their communities. Hearing about successful events and generous donations by various units encourages all of us to continue with the mission and goals of our organization. Whether it's a coat drive, a parade, or a local dinner, our members are there working with enthusiasm.

One goal we'd like to improve on is communication via email and the internet. An 11th District Facebook page was set up recently. Check it out! At the 11th District Fall Conference held in beautiful Tomahawk, a female veteran shared her experiences in the military. We also looked at the five goals of the Strategic Plan and are trying to implement them...particularly "branding," by wearing the logo, and the "culture of goodwill," by treating everyone with dignity and respect.

At the 11th District Spring Conference, hosted so wonderfully by Unit 114 in Eagle River, a mother of four deployed sons touched our hearts with her perspective of service to our country.

The warmer temperatures bring renewal to the Eleventh District members. Membership chairman, Barb Bell, and I hope to contact many units to encourage growth in numbers, participation and success. It is an honor to serve as the District President. I hope to see many familiar faces at the Department Convention. May God continue to bless the USA.



**12th District Report
Betty Stone
District President**

12th District located in the North loves their Veterans and do many things for them. The American Legion Auxiliary members enjoy sewing and making things for the hospitals and nursing homes. They are eager helpers at The American Legion post functions. They participate in Veterans Day, Memorial Day and other programs alongside their Legionnaires. Auxiliary members also participate in stand downs and other projects for our military personnel and their families.

The 12th District is proud of the funds raised from distributing poppies to help our veterans. Auxiliary members also serve their communities with pride, serving hours of fun and donating much needed items to the children of the community.

We are the Terrific Twelve! Even though we are small in numbers, we have big hearts and our ladies in their nineties are still working with us today.

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY BADGER GIRLS STATE 2017

American Legion Auxiliary Badger Girls State (ALABGS) is a unique and exciting government-in-action learning program. 713 young women completed this year's session, thanks to the 60 dedicated counselors and staff who donated their personal time during this exhaustive

program. ALABGS epitomizes the ALA's mission to honor those who brought us our freedom by developing young women as future leaders grounded in patriotism and Americanism. Citizens of ALABGS become knowledgeable of the democratic process and how our republic

form of government works at the state and national levels.

ALABGS operates through a nonpartisan curriculum where students assume the roles of government leaders, campaign in mock political parties (called "Federalists" and "Nationalists") to become mayors and county

and state officials of the State of Badger. The program is a week long immersive learning experience, where girls live in "cities" and "counties" within the dorms of UW-Oshkosh.

Developing leadership skills, confidence and action-based understanding of the

government process gives young women a lasting foundation for success, both personally and professionally. The American Legion Auxiliary believes that educating youth about the basic ideals and principles of government will help ensure the survival of our democracy.



Front Row: Attorney General Cora Purdue, Supreme Court Justice Fernanda Jimenez, Superintendent of Public Instruction Mariana Beltran-Hernandez, and Secretary of State Emma Shortreed. Back Row: Governor Isabella Scaffidi, Lieutenant Governor Ellie Madsen, and State Treasurer Lindsey Bjornstad



Front Row: Jessica Jurcek, Kalista Arendt, Rebecca Mendez, MacKenzie Dorth, Hannah Hart, Carley Rider, Pilar Sharp, Carlina Sii. Middle Row: Jenna Boeck, Kelly Sweeney, Lindsey Fuchsberger, Paige Cooper-Rolefson, Amanda Linskens, Madeline Vogel, Isabel Atkinson, Annamarie Allen, Molly Asleson, Paris Boswell, Sydney Sherry. Back Row: Brecca Miller, Stephanie Peitersen, Athena Hiemsera, Emme Rogers, Chloe Baumstark, Sarah Webber, Brianna Turner, Grace Boyle, Vienna Wieland



Front Row: Naomi Mathew, Delaney Agnew, Leah Rodewald. Middle Row: Samantha Henschel, Adriana Kotchkoski, Hazel Peterson, Kath Zamarripa, Juliana Griesbach. Back Row: Lindsey Mathews, Eden Evans, Madison Huseboe, Sofia Scekic, Mariah Lelewicz, Erin Fugate

American Legion Auxiliary, Department of Wisconsin

ALA IN THE KNOW (Important Info for Every Member)

FALL CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FORM

(Please submit one form per attendee)

Members are encouraged to attend any conference that is convenient for them. Register early and save \$5.00! No refunds will be made. Fee includes continental breakfast, light lunch, and program materials. Meals are provided by the local host and vary by location. Dietary restrictions may not be able to be accommodated. **Seats will be assigned.**

Members are encouraged to register early since space is limited to 100 people per conference, except Rice Lake which has a capacity of 60. Registrations will be accepted on a first-come, first-serve basis. Registrations received after capacity has been reached, will be returned. **No reservations will be accepted on site.**

Sessions may include information on: Report Writing, Meeting Protocol, Civility, Americanism, National Security, Poppy and Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation (VA&R).

Schedule for all conferences:

- 8:00 am – 9:00 am Registration/Continental Breakfast
- 9:00 am – 3:00 pm Various topics as indicated above, lunch break, interactive program session, questions & answers

Please print clearly:

District #: _____ Unit #: _____ Unit (City): _____ Member ID #: _____

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____
(to be printed on nametag)

Email: _____ Phone: home cell: _____

Select One:

	DATE	LOCATION	\$25 RESERVATION	\$30 RESERVATION
<input type="checkbox"/>	9/23/17	American Legion Post #449 3245 N. 124th Street, Brookfield WI 53005 (Presenters: Diana Sirovina, Sue Hembrook, Becky Mueller, Danyelle Thompson)	Postmarked by 9/1/17	Postmarked by 9/13/17
<input type="checkbox"/>	9/23/17	Oconto Falls High School 210 N. Farm Road, Oconto Falls WI 54154 (Presenters: Amy Luft, Laura Calteux, Linda Coppock, Teresa Isensee)	Postmarked by 9/1/17	Postmarked by 9/13/17
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