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May / June

* **Prayer:** Heavenly Father, as we approach Mother's Day, Poppy Day, Memorial Day, and Flag Day may we honor and remember those who died that we might live in freedom. We remember that our departed loved ones will be a part of our lives forever. We pray that our flag may bind together the many elements in our dear country. Grant that the USA may remain forever a free union under your continued blessings. Amen.

* **Thank you for Reporting:** Thirteen of our District units sent me their year-end-impact reports. The donations of hours and money was amazing. I'm so proud of all you do! Your own pride was evident in the oral reports and pictures that were shared at the District Conference in Fifiield. Now it's time to continue the mission. Every member should have a fresh **Member Tracking Worksheet** (available on the website) to keep track of all you do from April 1, 2025 through March 31, 2026. Keeping that monthly record makes end of the year reporting easy.

* **Membership:** Our 11th District membership chairman, Barb Bell, reported at Spring Conference of our 5th place ranking out of Wisconsin's twelve districts. Our current status shows the same seven units over 100%. A couple other units are moving up...approaching that goal. Please remind members who have not renewed their 2025 dues to take care of that matter now. Thank you for all your membership efforts.

* **Successful Conference:** A salute to Fifiield Unit #532 for hosting a beautiful Spring Conference! The weather, the site, the food, the camaraderie, the displays, the guest speakers, the reports, the joint time with the Legionnaires.....all was wonderful! The basket raffle event brought in funds to the District treasury that allowed us to make donations to Camp American Legion, the ALA Badger Girls State fund, and the Helping Hands Quilt group that makes and donates quilts to veterans who go on the Never Forgotten Honor Flight. The place for the Fall Conference is not known at this time. However, the 2026 Spring Conference will be hosted by Three Lakes Unit #431.

* **May Events:** Units are all geared up for a busy month. Along with Mother's Day and graduations poppies will be distributed and Memorial Day services will be held. Although, poppies may be distributed anytime throughout the year, National Poppy Day is May 23rd. Cemeteries will be decorated with flags and flowers. We will remember and honor all our loved ones who have passed on, but especially those who wore the uniform. Highest honors go to those who gave all their tomorrows so that we may enjoy our present and future days of freedom and blessings. Several of our Units and Posts are doing fish boils, brat fries, dinners, & parades. We love being active and outside once again.

* **June Happenings:** Camp American Legion, located near Lake Tomahawk in our District 11 north woods, will be celebrating its' 100th Anniversary on Saturday, June 14th....which is also Flag Day! Check the website for all the happenings at 'Camp' that day. There will be a designated parking area along with shuttle rides to various areas. So, mobility issues won't keep you from a great day at Camp. The oldest of our military branches, the US Army, will celebrate 250 years on June 14, 2025. The 80th session of American Legion Auxiliary Badger Girls State will take place on the UW-Oshkosh campus June 15 – 20. Many of our District Units have sponsored girls for this leadership conference. Check the alabgs.org website and other social media to follow the highlights of this special week.

* **July "Busyness":** Most of our units have planned parades and other special celebrations for July 4th. Remember to take pictures and use all kinds of PR to let your communities and others know what the American Legion Auxiliary organization is all about. The ALA Department Convention will be held at the KI Convention Center West, 333 Main Street, Green Bay, July 17-19. Register **now** for the convention and get your hotel room reserved. Every unit is allowed voting delegates to the Convention. If you have any questions, please reach out to me. "Kudos" to Kay and Sally who volunteered to carry the 11th District flags at Convention. It is an honor and a memory that they will always cherish.



**Our Flag bears a star for every state, upon her field of blue
To prove we are united in all we believe or do.**