10TH DISTRICT AMERICAN LEGION FAMILY NEWSLETTER AUGUST 2022

DISTRICT 10 COMMANDER MESSAGE

Hello to everyone.

It is hard to believe that the Department Convention has come and gone already. There were some very good speakers. Department elections were also held. Our New Department Commander is Julie Muhle. She is from Juneau Post 15 in the Second District. She has been the Past Department membership chair for 3 years and brought the Department to 100% membership in her final year. The new Department Vice Commander for the 10th District is John Polzin from Medford.
He wants to travel and see the District. I will be bringing him along to some of our District travels.

It has been brought to my attention that the Renewal notices are not displaying the correct number of continuous years for some members. I have looked up several members information and the continuous years is right on the roster. It was an error from National Headquarters. Hopefully, by the time you get this newsletter, you will have your new membership cards. They are late because of a paper shortage. Also, we will not get the green bar roster as we have for years. If you have access to Mylegion.org, go there and print a roster. If you don't have access, I can print one for you. Just let me know.

I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible this next year. My wife is the District Auxiliary President and likes to travel with me. Anytime you have something that you would like us to attend, just let us know.

Larry Larson
District Commander

10th DISTRICT LEGION FALL CONFERENCE

Mark your calendars – the 10th District American Legion Family Fall Conference will be held on Saturday October 1, 2022 at the New Richmond Post 80. Registration Forms and Conference Information will be sent to the Posts in 10th District once details are finalized.

10TH DISTRICT 2022 LEGION FALL CONFERENCE MESSAGE FROM 3RD VICE COMMANDER MIKE RIEDEL

I'm Mike Riedel Tenth District Third Vice and thought I'd provide you with a glimpse of the training we will be providing at the Fall conference, to be held at the New Richmond Post 80 on Saturday October 1, 2022.

Wesley Porter is an outreach specialist for the La Crosse Vets Center and will provide information on Post Traumatic Stress Syndrome and how we as Legionnaires can assist those veterans in their time of need. He will be available to answer your questions and provide information on available resources.

Rick Vandermolen Chippewa County Commander will be providing information on the proper maintenance and minor repairs on the m1.

It has been brought to our attention that several posts are experiencing difficulties in logging into legion.org. and submitting their Consolidated Post Reports - Harry Bauer will be providing instruction and hands on assistance and in addition will cover data entry of the Consolidated Post Report.

We will have three speakers representing their veterans organizations outside of the Legion family who will familiarize you about their groups. I personally am familiar with these groups and they contain alot of young veterans who would be great members of the Legion family.

Look forward to seeing you at the conference, be sure to invite those new members

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DISTRICT 10 PRESIDENT MESSAGE

We are now head long into summer, and a hot one it has been! I hope you all are finding fun ways to keep cool!

Another Department Conference is behind us and what a fun and great learning experience it was! We had 172 voting delegates, which 10 of them were from 10 th District. Thank you to those who attended.

Congratulations to our new Department President and her Officers.
President – Linda Coppock, with her theme being "BELIEVE"
Senior Vice – Maggie Geiger
1st Vice – Becky Mueller
2nd Vice – Sue Hembrook
Dept. Historian – Sue Turowski
Dept. Chaplin – Linda Kostka

We had two of our Units awarded certificates at Convention:
Unit 131-COLFAX was awarded the Membership Award:
After working 3 years for the recognition of the last Civil War Union soldier to die in Dunn County, they had the event. There was multiple contacts with the Sons of Civil War Veterans who planned the ceremony. The honored Civil War Veteran Eberhart Sorkness. Many relatives were invited and were offered free stays at the Tapestry Trunk B&B. Legion members provided an honor guard and graveyard services. They had around 75 people who attended, which family members were provided copies of Mr. Sorkness' life history, which most did not know him. The local café provided coffee and cookies, the local media covered the event. Dunn County Historical Society and Geneological Society attended also. Out of this event Post 131 got two new members!!

Unit 159-CADOTT was awarded the Americanism Award for the celebration of an immigrant receiving citizenship papers and presenting her a flag as well as the continued support of the Cadott memorial site.

Unit 121-RIVER FALLS had two pictures shown on the big screen! A Junior member reciting the "Pledge of Allegiance" at our ALAITK for the Americanism program and two of our members holding the 18" crosses made of poppies for the Poppy program. Congratulations!!

Received three Certificates in the mail for "Anchored In Service" award for Veteran's Affairs & Rehabilitation, for your outstanding Service to our Veterans Congratulations to: Unit 511-Ridgeland, Unit 204-Ellsworth and Unit 121-River Falls.

Thank you to Kris Klages for stepping up to be the 10th Dist. Sgt. At Arms, and Elsie Obermueller for taking the VA&R program chair for the upcoming year.

DEPARTMENT NEW: The American Legion, Dept. of WI, is in partnership with the Kimberly-Clark Corporation's "SALUTE" program to distribute their donated products. Please see attached sheets.

UPCOMING EVENTS:
ALAITK – form attached
National Convention – Aug. 27-31
Celebration of Freedom – Sept. 9-10(more info. forthcoming)
St. Croix County Fall Meeting: Sept. 19 at 6:00pm, Community Center, Glenwood City
Fall DEC Conference – Oct. 1, American Legion Post 80, New Richmond(more info. forthcoming)

KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK
FOR GOD AND COUNTRY

Margaret Larson
10th District President

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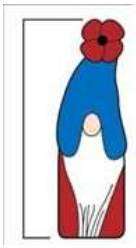
MEMBERSHIP MESSAGE FROM DISTRICT CHAIRMAN MARY TOWNSEND



We are still in the 2022 membership year, keep trying to collect any unpaid dues
Let's finish strong Mighty Tenth!!
The new Department of Wisconsin Membership Chairman is Becky Mueller.
The 2023 Membership theme is **GNOME**. "Getting New & Old Members Excited".
All 2023 membership packets have been mailed to the Units on July 13th.
The "remit to" person on file should have received it, if not please let me know.
It is very important to read the neon green cover sheet.
Important things to remember:

- Do not hold dues
- Options to pay dues are online, phone, or the membership chairman
- New members for 2023 can not be processed until 9/1/22 and they will receive a GNOME pin
- No price increase for the 2023 dues, however at National Convention they plan to talk about a rate increase.

Thank you for all you do for our veterans, the military and their families.

If you have any questions or concerns, please let us know!

Becky Mueller – Department Membership Chairman (920) 833-6048
Mary Townsend – 10th District Membership Chairman (715) 234-5155

MESSAGE FROM UNIT 98 HISTORIAN – MARY TOWNSEND

Narrative Reports
Does your Unit struggle with Narrative reports? Here is a great idea!!

Download, (from Department of Wisconsin website) the Narratives that apply to your Unit.

At the end of each month, have your Unit Historian or Secretary record the events & activities on the Narrative it applies to.

By the end of the year, your Narratives are done and you can also write a history report. The Narrative reports are year/date sensitive, but they still can be used.

Department website: www.amlegionauxwi.org (look under reports for the Narratives)

Mary Townsend – Unit 98 Historian

DOCUMENTS ATTACHED WITH THIS NEWSLETTER

ALA in the Know Registration Form

Kimberly Clark flyers and documentation (3 documents)

Request for Auxiliary Department President or Department Chairman Visit

Request for Legion Commander Visit Form

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LEADERSHIP MESSAGE FROM DISTRICT CHAIRMAN TERESA STEINKE

Wow—where has the summer gone? It seems like this year is flying by so quickly—and now here it is, August already! As we listened to our new Department President, Linda Coppock speak of her theme "Believe", I was thinking of so many ideas of how to incorporate this theme into the area of Leadership. My first thoughts were how all of our members believe in our organization, and how much more we can grow and enhance that belief through knowledge and training on all levels, because, in reality, we are all leaders in our organization and our communities, whether we realize it or not! We have younger members who look up to the more "seasoned" members, and we have community members, including our children and youth, who look to us for information about what we believe, and why we exist. (This, by the way, is a good way to actively recruit new members into the ALA.)

I love how Joyce Endres, the Department Chair for Leadership, gave this acronym for Leader:

L learn/laugh/lead/loyal
E engage/entertain/excited/eager/empower/empathy/encouraging
A advocate/advise/agenda/aim/action/agree/active/adapt/act/achieve/accountable
D delegate/diligence/determination/dream
E example/educate/enable/energize/excellence
R reliable/resilient/rejuvenate/respect

Do you see how these "action" words relate to being a leader? Do you want to learn more about the ALA, so you can believe in your abilities or enhance your knowledge? Join in the fun at one of the ALA In the Know training sessions, to learn more! This training is for EVERYONE, not just officers! These training sessions will help you to learn more about our programs, WHY we are members and how we can implement those programs to prepare ourselves for service to our Veterans, our Children, our Communities, and our Nation. I hope you will believe in yourself and our ALA, and consider attending one of the training sessions listed in the attached Registration Form.

For God and Country,
Teresa Steinke, Leadership Chair, Tenth District ALA Dept of WI

ALA IN THE KNOW (*Important Info for Every Member)*

2022 REGISTRATION FORM

DEADLINE: SEPTEMBER 1, 2022

(Please submit one form per person)

Members are encouraged to register early---space is limited! Registrations are accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. Registrations received after capacity is reached, will be returned. **No reservations will be accepted on site. Reservation deadline for all sessions is SEPTEMBER 1st.**

Session is $25/person and includes morning refreshments, a light lunch, and program materials. Sessions will include information on a variety of topics and Auxiliary programs. New topics will be covered, so come out and join the fun!

Schedule for all conferences:

8:00 am – 9:00 am Registration/Morning Refreshments
9:00 am – 3:30 pm Informative presentation, lunch break, interactive program session, Q&A

Reservation deadline for ALL sessions: September 1, 2022

Please print clearly:

District #: _____ Unit #: _____ Unit City: _____

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Email: _____ Phone: ☐ home ☐ cell: _____

Select One:

	DATE	LOCATION
☐	Saturday, 09/17/2022	American Legion Post #175 302 N. Union, Loyal, WI 54446
☐	Saturday, 09/24/2022	Hortonville Community Center 531 N. Nash Street, Hortonville, WI 54944
☐	Saturday, 10/08/2022	Portage County Public Library-Pinery Room 1001 Main Street, Stevens Point, WI 54481
☐	Saturday, 10/22/2022	American Legion Post #355 1540 13th Avenue, Grafton, WI 53024

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED ($25/person): $_____

Mail check, payable to ALA-Wisconsin, **by SEPTEMBER 1st** to:
ALA Wisconsin, P. O. Box 140, Portage, WI 53901-0140.

A $25.00 fee will be charged for any check returned by the bank.

Please share one (1) question you would like addressed during the session:

American Legion Auxiliary
Department of Wisconsin

Request for Visit by Department President or Department Chairman

PLEASE MAIL THIS REQUEST DIRECTLY TO THE INVITED PARTY.

SEND A COPY TO DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS:
P.O. Box 140, Portage WI 53901
Email: deptsec@amlegionauxwi.org

Invitation is extended to: _____

Request for visit from: Unit# _____ Unit Name:_____

Date of Event:_____Time of Event:_____

Event:_____Location:_____
(Post/Civic Bldg/Other Place)

Address:_____

Town:_____ Phone #_____

Name of person(s) who will meet the President/Chairman: _____

Is the event a: ☐Luncheon ☐Dinner ☐Unit Meeting ☐District Meeting ☐County Meeting ☐Other

Will the President/Chairman:
☐Provide Greetings Only ☐Be the main speaker of the event (preferred subject:_____)

☐Expected to participate in other activities (activities info:_____)

Who is expected to attend the event: ☐ Auxiliary Members ☐ American Legion ☐ SAL ☐ Youth

☐ Others _____

Does the invitation include a guest of the President/Chairman? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Dress for the occasion is: ☐ Formal ☐ Informal (business) ☐ Casual (jeans/shirts) ☐Other

What news media will attend? ☐ Radio ☐ TV ☐ News Publications

Will lodging be provided for the President/Chairman? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Details _____

Contact Person _____

Phone:_____

Email: _____

REQUEST FOR COMMANDER VISIT

Date of event: _____ City: _____

Occasion: _____

Type of appearance: _____
(Post, County, District Meeting/Luncheon, Club/Civic Affair/other)

Location of event: _____
(Post, Civic Building, Local Supper Club etc.)

Address: _____

Time of appearance: _____

Who will compose the audience? _____
(Legionnaires/Auxiliary/General Public/Youth Group/Other)

Will the Commander be the main speaker? ☐ Yes _____ ☐ No
How long will he/she be speaking?

Will the Commander function in other capacities? _____

Does the event allow for the Commander to bring a guest? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Is the event a dinner, luncheon or other gathering? _____

Type of attire: _____
(Formal with Legion Cap/Semi-Formal with Legion Cap/ Casual with Legion Cap)

Type of attire for Commander's guest: _____
(Formal/Semi-Formal/Casual)

If the Commander is unable to attend, do you want a Vice Commander? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Is the Department Historian welcome to attend? ☐ Yes ☐ No

What new media will be present? ☐ Newspaper ☐ Press ☐ Radio ☐ TV ☐ Other

Is there a Press Conference arranged? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Name of the person who will meet the Commander: _____

Other information that will be of assistance: _____

Note: ***Protocol dictates that meals and hotel accommodations for the Commander and a guest will be paid for by the Post.***

_____	_____	_____	_____
Name of Post	*County*	*District*	*Phone Number*

_____	_____	_____
County Commander's Name	*Address*	*Phone Number*

_____	_____	_____
Name of person extending the invitation	*Address*	*Phone Number*

_____
Signature

Return to: The American Legion ~ Attn: Commander Visit ~ P.O. Box 388 ~ Portage, WI 53901

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April 20, 2022

Good Legion Day Team,

The American Legion, Dept of Wisconsin is working in partnership with the Kimberly-Clark Corporation's SALUTE program to distribute their donated products listed on the attached sheet to Veterans and their families in financial need. These are everyday items that Veterans typically would pay for out of pocket and can be a struggle on an already short budget. To date we've received 3 semi-load deliveries of personal hygiene items to our temporary warehouse unit in West Allis. This partnership with Kimberly-Clark will continue as long as the Legion can show we're getting these products out to the Veterans and their family members IN NEED. To date, we've received monthly shipments of what items Kimberly-Clark has to offer which changes regularly with each shipment dates that vary.

Our challenge to the Districts and Posts is working together to provide the transportation of these items to your districts for distribution, unfortunately, WAL does not have funds budgeted for this purpose. So, we're looking to the Districts to get creative working together to provide transportation, storage and distribution to the folks we serve in your area who are IN NEED, such as homeless shelters, nursing homes, group homes, and even Veterans who live on their own, but could use the assistance. Deployment ceremonies and the like are easy ways we can hand out many of these products to younger generations in need of diapers and wipes. We have many of these products on hand NOW that we need to distribute ASAP before another load arrives.

Please work with your posts, districts and other Veteran Service Organizations to identify areas where Veterans in need are located and form a donation team to assist coordinating logistics. If you are interested in picking up a load of items, please return the attached "Wish List" as soon as possible including potential pickup date requested. Department will coordinate your areas Wish Lists based off availability. Currently, products are delivered to West Allis storage location at no cost to Department.

Some examples of product impact, we were able to fill a midsize 15' U-Haul truck with over $9,000 in products to distribute, to include supporting Camp American Legion program weeks. The positive impact this has on Veterans in your areas will make a huge difference to those in financial need and better quality of life. Imagine how this donation program will help increase relevance in your home areas, increasing impact within your communities helping our Veterans.

Legion Wisconsin will continue the Kimberly-Clark Corporation's SALUTE program pending we comply with their Standard Operating Procedures (SOP's). The following SOP's are mandatory for everyone to comply with and maintain this partnership: Do not donate products to anyone besides Veterans and their families who are IN NEED; Do not post social media that perceives this is open to anyone in public, must be specific IN NEED Veterans and their family only; Do not take more than you can immediately distribute; Do not request smaller vehicle loads, preferred truck & trailer loads or moving truck due to limited logistics to assist our volunteers at West Allis storage facility; Do not fraudulently return products to any store for cash, store credit or exchange as this will immediately terminate our partnership. Anyone participating in this program will sign a donation integrity receipt stating you agree to our partnership compliance terms.

Please get your Wish List in soon, products will go fast! They can be returned to Tammi Alexander at info@wilegion.org.

For God and Country,

Nathan Gear, Department Adjutant

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AVAILABLE FOR VETERANS AND FAMILIES IN NEED

The American Legion, Department of Wisconsin in partnership with the Kimberly-Clark Inc. SALUTE Program; who's mission is to provide hygiene products to our Veterans, Active Duty members, and their families.

Available products can range from baby diapers to wipes to adult depends. Since these products are donations, they can vary on availability.

Wisconsin American Legion Posts are encouraged to email Tammi at Department Headquarters to submit any requests.

Email Tammi at info@WILegion.org