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2nd District Newsletter-April 2025

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.....Sandy's Corner.....

Membership

Currently 2nd District is in 5th place for membership. We are only about 4 ½% away from District 4 which holds 1st place. Message from Department Membership Andrea Stoltz: Just because a member hasn't paid yet or has moved and they haven't completed their transfer to their new unit, DO NOT drop them. Only members that have stated they do not wish to continue their membership should be dropped. Membership goals are not based on the number of people on your roster. Hopefully you all have done your updating of members by the March 28th deadline. April 1st, National will be sending whatever is listed in the database to their printers for the 2026 membership cards and roster.

Reporting

All members should have their volunteer hours in as the unit President now needs to complete the **Unit Impact Reports which are due to me by April 15th**, let's be 100% in reporting. Unit Narrative reports are due to Department Headquarters by April 15th.

Sweepstakes

Please turn in any funds received from your unit's sweepstakes tickets to Mary Montag. If you need more tickets Mary can help you with that also. Remember this is the one District fundraiser held annually. Funds raised enable 2nd District to make donations to other non-profit organizations.

I have also attached the 2nd District Conference Invitation!

It is important that you attend as new officers will be voted in. If you are interested in being an officer or Committee Chair please contact Shirley Krier, Kathy Olson or Danie Wilson prior to the meeting.

Remember to bring your history book for judging!

Thank you all for serving our mission.



REMEMBER the fallen... HONOR those who serve...
TEACH our children the value of freedom.
For God and Country-God Bless America
"Together We Can Make a Difference."



Wear your
Red/White/Blue
Attire



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**American Legion Auxiliary/Department of WI
2nd District Spring Conference**

**Saturday April 26, 2025
American Legion Post 69 Mayville
134 S Main St/Mayville**

Cost \$19 per person (\$2 Registration & \$17 Meal)

**8:00 A.M.-8:55 A.M. Registration-Yogurt/bagels/Donuts/Fruit/Coffee/Juice
9:00 A.M.-3:00 P.M. Meeting
Noon hot lunch (Hot Turkey/Ham Sandwich-Cheesy Potatoes, Salads, Relishes &
Desert)**

Pre-registration & payment required. RSVPs Due by April 12th, 2025

**Make checks payable to: ALA 2nd District.
Mail Check and Registration form to:
Mary Montag/2nd District ALA Treasurer
726 Jean Court
Allenton, WI 53002**

**Hosted By Dodge County: Contact Eunice Seering with any questions:
920-382-5776 or euniceserring@gmail.com**



Please Print

Mail only one registration form per unit.

Will your Unit be entering a History Book for judging? Yes No

Name	Delegate	Delegate-at-Large	Alternate	Guest	First Time Attendee

**Attached separate piece of paper if necessary*

Total Number Attending: #1 _____ Total Amount Enclosed: \$ _____

Ways & Means
Program Chair: Dawn Rudey

ATTENTION ALL AUXILIARY MEMBERS!

There are still tickets available to sell prior to the 2nd District Spring Conference, April 26th.

If you have an event coming up at your post or in your community in March or April, you could sell them there. It doesn't matter if it is a Legion, Auxiliary, SAL or Legion Rider function. These tickets can be sold to your unit, co-workers, friends, family, even at a membership recruitment event.

Remember, this is the *only* fundraiser that 2nd District has annually. This allows us to make donations to support our veterans.

*For more tickets, please contact:
Dawn Rudey @ 920-382-9644 or 920-485-0925
(Please leave a message & I will return your call)*

All name stubs and a check made out to:

*ALA 2nd District
Can be mailed to:
Mary Montag
726 Jean Ct,
Allenton, WI 53002*



AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY DISTRICT 2 DEPARTMENT OF WI

APRIL 2025 CONSTITUTION, BYLAWS & STANDING RULES REPORT

Each Unit is a separate entity that operates independently as affiliates of the American Legion Auxiliary National Organization. Units are governed by their own constitution, bylaws, and standing rules. A committee of three or more members, with the unit president as an ex-officio member, should be appointed by the president to draft a constitution and bylaws for newly chartered units and for units to update and review your constitution, bylaws, and standing rules every year.

The constitution, bylaws, and standing rules usually include the following; amount of unit dues; frequency of unit meetings; whether electronic meetings will be used (as permitted under state law); The composition of the executive committees; what constitutes a quorum at meetings; how vacancies of offices should be filled; the procedure for admission of applicants for membership; the method of amending the constitution and bylaws; discipline of members; and similar matters.

The **constitution** starts with the Preamble. The constitution follows with;

Article I – Name of the Unit

Article II – Nature

Section 1. The American Legion Auxiliary is a civilian organization.

Article III – Object

Section 1. The object of the American Legion Auxiliary, (post name) Unit Number, Department of Wisconsin shall be as stated in the Preamble of the Constitution.

Article IV – Eligibility

Section 1. Who is eligible

Section 2. Classes of membership

- a. Senior membership
- b. Junior membership
- c. Dues for both classes shall be paid annually or for life

Article V – Unit Officers

Article VI – Executive Committee

Article VII – Amendments

Bylaws

Article I – Executive Committee

Section 1. When Executive Committee meets

Section 2. How vacancies are filled

Section 3. What constitutes a quorum

Section 4. When special meetings are called

Article II – Duties and Powers of Officers

Section 1. Unit President duties

Section 2. Vice President duties

Section 3. Secretary Duties

Section 4. Treasurer duties

Section 5. Chaplain duties

Section 6. Historian duties

Section 7. Sergeant-at-arms
duties

Section 8. Secretary and treasurer may be combined as secretary/treasurer

Article III – Dues

Article IV – Unit meetings

Section 1. When, what time, and where meetings are held

Section 2. What month the annual meeting is held for the election of officers and receiving annual reports

Article V – Elections

Article VI – Committees

Article VII – Transfers

Article VIII – Discipline

Article IX – Parliamentary

Authority Article X - Amendments

District 2 Constitution, Bylaws, and Standing Rules Chair

Mary Montag

Parliamentary Procedure Meetings & Elections

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Spring is the time of County meetings and elections. Having a base knowledge of parliamentary procedure and how to run a meeting can help with efficiency and provide success. Here are some tips to help make your meetings and elections run smoothly.

Meeting Minutes

The secretary has one of the most critical jobs for the organization by keeping record of all meeting minutes. The minutes should contain record of what is done, not what is said. This means that it isn't necessary to record the entire discussion. The minutes should focus on any action. This includes date and place of meeting, names of people in attendance, approval of minutes, any reports made, time of adjournment and any special programs. All motions should be listed in the minutes along with the person who made them. The name of the person who seconded the motion isn't necessary, but the minutes should reflect if the motion was carried or lost.

Use of the Gavel

Using a gavel seems to be rare anymore but when used correctly, it can be an effective way to keep meetings on track. How a gavel is used is important. **One tap** follows the completion of a business item, to seat members, or the announcement of adjournment. **Two taps** call the meeting to order. **Three taps** are used to signal all the members to stand. **A series of short taps** can be used to return order in a meeting.

Options for Voting

It is the president's responsibility to call for a vote for motions or during elections.

- **Voice voting** is the most common method. The president will ask for an "aye" or "nay" to signify a vote for or against. It is the president's responsibility to determine if the vote was carried by the majority. However, this can be challenging in close votes.
- **Rising or show of hands** is another option. When this method is used, the president should count and announce the outcome of the vote.
- **Secret ballot** is most commonly used for elections. It can also be used for sensitive matters to allow members to cast their vote while avoiding the influence of others.
- **Roll call** is where each person is polled, and the secretary records the results.

Most votes require a simple majority - this is merely one over half. However, some votes may require a two-thirds majority. This is typically related to motions which limit the rights of the membership. In this case, a rising or ballot vote is a good choice because it allows the vote to be counted.

Quorum

This is the minimum number of members required to be present at the meeting to conduct business. This number is usually one member over half, unless specified otherwise in the Bylaws. If a quorum is not present, general discussion can take place, but no official business can be conducted. If approved by the membership or specified in the bylaws, alternative communication and voting methods such as phone, email or proxy voting can be used in order to conduct business.

PUBLIC RELATIONS
APRIL 2ND DISTRICT ARTICLE

We all support our Veterans and Active-Duty Servicemen and Women. Let us review some of the benefits they are entitled to but may not be aware of and some of the programs that we can support and connect them to.

Starting with Active Duty Deployed Service members, we can provide a powerful connection between parents and their children no matter how many miles separate them. The Wisconsin USO Reading Program enables deployed military personnel to record themselves reading books to their children. Then the recordings and books are given to the child. For more information, visit www.USO.org. We can donate the children's books to this USO program.

Under the US Department of Veterans Affairs "Veterans Benefits Act of 2024", Veterans can receive expanded Education Benefits, Increased funding for housing, transportation, and caregiver support. On or after October 1, 2024 the VA pays up to \$978 toward burial and funeral expenses for non-service-connected death. They provide a US flag to drape the coffin. The Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs provides Military Funeral Honors. The Veterans Administration and the County Veterans Service Office may provide flags and flag holders to be placed on graves on Memorial Day. Wisconsin has two National Veterans Cemeteries: Wood National Cemetery in Milwaukee and Northwoods National Cemetery in Harshaw. There are 3 State Veterans Cemeteries: Southern WI – Union Grove in Racine County, Northern WI – Spooner in Washburn County, and Central WI – Wisconsin Veterans Home at King in Waupaca County.

Other support groups include:

Veterans America which assists veterans in obtaining VA Home Loans,
Wisconsin Veterans Network which provides extra support for veterans as they age,
Synergy Home Care www.synergyhomecare.com can provide services such as errands, shopping, appointments, housekeeping, meal preparation, personal care, respite, and end of life supportive care.

Veterans may also be entitled to:

Homemaker Home Health Aid Benefit,
The Caregiver Support Program,
Aid and Attendance Pension.

If you, your veteran, or one you know is in need, reach out. Make sure you and your Veteran are receiving all benefits you/they are entitled to!

Did you know that one of our own Auxiliary members has experienced the full slate of VA benefits during her veteran spouse's prolonged illness? Being forever grateful for the care provided, she has the honor of speaking at the 2025 Memorial Day Ceremony at Wood National Cemetery in Milwaukee. More info will be available as the Program is compiled.

Pat Bruss

Public Relations

Dates to Remember

April 1st- Volunteer hours and fundraiser reports are to be turned into the unit President.

April 15th- Unit Narrative Report Summary is due to Department Headquarters.

April 15th- Unit Year-End-Impact Reports are due to me.

April 26th-2nd District Spring Conference/Mayville

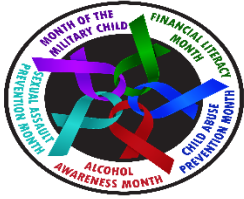
Theme is Red/White & Blue

All County Presidents are to bring their county trifolds.

All units should bring their history books

July 17th-20th Department Convention/Green Bay

August 22nd-28th National Convention/Tampa Bay



2nd District April 2025

Department of Wisconsin-American Legion Auxiliary/President Sandy Mack
DID YOU KNOW?

April is the month of the military child, the key risk and protective factors include military children’s well-being, child abuse prevention, sexual assault prevention and response, alcohol abuse prevention and financial capability.

- April 1st April fool’s day—If it thunders on All Fools Day, it brings good crops of corn & hay
- April 4th, 1968, Martin Luther King, was, assassinated.
- April 4th, 1975, Bill Gates, and Paul Allen founded Microsoft.
- April 4th, 1973, The World Trade Center in New York City officially opened.
- April 4th, 1949, The North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) was, established.
- April 4th, 1818, The U.S. Congress adopted the flag seen today, featuring 13 stripes/20 stars.
- April 5th Gold Star Spouses Day
- April 6th, 1929, Anniversary date of the United States entry into WWI
- April 12, 1908, Army Reserves Birthday
- April 14th National Gardening Day
- April 14th Air Force Reserve Birthday
- April 15th National Tax Day

April 17th Purple Up!

Day recognizes the military’s most unsung heroes—their children.

- April 18th Good Friday
- April 19th, 1775, The, revolutionary War began when the British were, attacked in Boston.
- April 19th, 1993, The Waco siege
- April 19th, 1995, The Oklahoma City bombing
- April 20th Easter Sunday
- April 22nd Earth Day
- April 23rd National Picnic Day
- April 23rd National Administrative Professionals Day
- April 23rd, 1988, A federal smoking ban is introduced during domestic airline flights of 2 hours or less.
- April 24th National Arbor Day

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