



Department of Wisconsin
American Legion Auxiliary
8th District Newsletter
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Honor Our Country, Support Our Veterans



Dear Lord,

In these perilous times, we look to you to bring wisdom and perseverance to our leaders that are working towards a peace agreement. Please keep our Armed Forces in your care until a peace agreement can be reached and they are safely back home. Continue to bless our nation as we approach our 250th anniversary. Continue to make our flag a symbol of freedom, hope and democracy. In your name we pray. Amen

It's time to get ready for Department Convention.

Poppies: There will be a poppy making class at **King this Thursday June 4 at 1:00 PM**. It will be held at the Marden Center, lower level card/social room. President Sue is conducting the class. We desperately need poppy makers. Now is the time to get your poppy maker to King! Any questions please contact me at 715-881-1843

Department Convention is coming.

Membership: Membership at the Department level is at 95%. However District 8 is in 11th place (out of twelve). Looks like we will sit in the back of the room at convention. But we only need 60 more members and we can move up. We have six units that met and exceeded their goal for 100%. Let's talk up our organization and spark interest for potential new members.

Good News: New London unit 263 planted an Honor garden at the entrance to Hatten Park. The perimeter holds 250 blue hyacinth. They will compliment this with red day lilies. They invited four TV stations for the dedication. Two responded. Now they will be featured on the ALA National site. When I see the article, I'll pass along the link to it. What a great way to tell the public Who we are, What we do, and Why we matter.

Department convention: Did I mention Department Convention is next month? July 17-18 at the Hilton Paper Valley in Appleton. Get your reservations in now as rooms are limited. Many Committee meetings are held pre-convention via Zoom making for a shortened convention. If you were a unit president, you are eligible to join the Past President's Parley. It costs \$7.00 with dues used for a scholarship. There is little for members need to do so it's easy to join and help a student(s) in the process.

Help needed: I need three positions filled for convention. I need two flag bearers and a page. The flag bearers are required to arrive early Friday to rehearse the procession and recession. The recession is approximately 2:30 Saturday. The page will be responsible for picking up the cash bag with tickets and returning it to the convention office 1-2 times a day. If you or someone from your unit will be at convention please consider filling one of these openings. You should receive your delegate information from Department by mid-July. Please read this over and act ASAP per the directions.

National Convention: Is anyone going to National? If you are, please get your name to me so I can list you as a possible alternate if needed. This is past due so this I needed to know last week.

Speaking of getting forms in on time: Last week I was scurrying to leave phone messages and emails to several units that did not return forms needed at Department. These forms are needed so Department can complete their work. I am trying to put together a calendar listing what forms are needed when, who receives it, why it's needed and the link to find the form online. Hopefully that helps us all stay on task. Right now, all units should be submitting the Unit Officer Form as elections should be completed. Even if you have two year terms, this form is submitted annually.

Looking ahead: Fall Conference is September 26. Date and time TBD. Get it on your calendars now.

ALA In the Know is held Sept. 12, 19, 26 and Oct 3 at various locations. These are excellent learning sessions about our organization. I encourage you to try to attend one.

Americanism: What is more American than flying your flag? Unless you attend the nation's largest Flag Day parade since 1950 in Appleton on June 13. All you need to know is here: https://www.appletonwi.gov/community/appleton_parades/flag_day.php

What's Up? It's summer – there must be something going on. Please send me you events and I'll pass them along.

Fremont is hosting a Chicken BBQ. See attached poster.

Don't forget: **Department Convention!** Get those registrations in.