



Department of Wisconsin American Legion Auxiliary

6th District Newsletter



September 2026

Notes from National Convention

The 105th National Convention kicked off in classic Kentucky style, featuring lively traditional Bluegrass music performed by the Kaintuck Band. National President Pam Ray led attendees through an exciting three-day conference packed with insightful program reports, well-deserved awards, and valuable breakout sessions.

Twelve American Legion Auxiliary departments were recognized as Merit Medallion winners on stage at the ALA's 105th National Convention in Louisville, Ky. The Department Merit Medallion Award focuses on recognizing and celebrating departments that strive for and achieve excellence in mission and business practices. Department President Sue Hembrook received the award on behalf of the Department of Wisconsin. Congratulations!!

Dr. Coral May Grout of Massachusetts was elected national president of the American Legion Auxiliary by delegates during the convention. The 2026-2027 ALA administrative year emphasis is on education, with expanding the Spirit of Youth scholarships to two military spouses and celebrating the 20th anniversary of Give 10 to Education. For more information on the National President's Focus, Special Project and highlights from the National Convention, go to: www.legion-aux.org/meetings/national-convention

6th District Fall Conference

Our District Fall Conference is scheduled for Saturday, October 17, 2026 at Oshkosh Post 70, hosted by Oshkosh Unit 70. Registration form is included with this mailing. I would very much like to see a representative from each of our 23 units. This conference is open to all members, not just unit officers. Remember each unit is to bring a raffle basket with a value of \$25.00.

A reminder of the District Fall Executive Board Zoom Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, September 15, 2026, start time 6:00 pm.

Membership

The first Unit **"Prepare for Take-Off"** Award will be drawn soon - 75% membership by September 30th for chance to win \$100. Your officers should be some of the first renewals sent in and Honorary Life members paid. Units must have the 2026-2027 Unit Officer Form submitted to Department with Officers' dues paid to be eligible for membership awards.

'Helping Our Heroes Take Flight'

Department Fall Junior Conference

The Department Junior Activities Fall Conference will be held on **Saturday, October 24, 2026, from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm** at the **Wisconsin Veterans Home at King**, Moses Hall. In the spirit of *Wings of Honor: Helping Our Heroes Take Flight* we will have several exciting activities that will be fun for all passengers! This will include a business meeting, a Patch project, an activity with residents of the King Veterans Home, and a project in support of Honor Flight. Registration, including lunch, is \$10, and Junior T-shirts can be ordered for \$10 each. A registration form was included in the August monthly mailing.

9/11 National Day of Remembrance and Service

This September 11th marks the 25th anniversary of the devastating terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center, the Pentagon, and Flight 93, where nearly 3,000 innocent lives were tragically lost. It is a defining moment in American history—one that the American Legion Family holds close to heart as we ensure our community never forgets those who perished that day, nor the more than 7,000 service members who made the ultimate sacrifice in the Global War on Terrorism.

Please consider attending a local memorial event to honor the lives lost on September 11, 2001, the thousands of brave men and women who volunteered to serve in our armed forces following the attacks and the heroic first responders who rushed into danger, including those who have since passed away or continue to fight illnesses caused by toxic exposure at Ground Zero. May we always remember their service, their sacrifice, and their legacy.

For additional information go to: [How to Participate in the 9/11 National Day of Service](#)

POW/MIA Recognition Day

National POW/MIA Recognition Day is observed annually on the third Friday of September (September 18, 2026) to honor former prisoners of war and those still missing in action, as well as their families. As part of the day of recognition, Americans are asked to pause and reflect on the sacrifices made by the military men and women who are imprisoned or unaccounted for as a result of their military service. Individuals and businesses should also fly their POW/MIA flags.

All Units are encouraged to conduct POW/MIA remembrance at their meetings and to participate in community POW/MIA ceremonies.

For additional resources and information regarding the ALA National Security and the National Security Contest go to www.amlegionauxwi.org/nationalsecurity

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6TH DISTRICT FALL CONFERENCE

Date: Saturday, October 17, 2026

Place: American Legion Post 70
1332 Spruce St, Oshkosh, WI 54901

Cost: \$25.00 per person (includes continental breakfast and lunch)

Deadline: October 2, 2026

Registration: 8:30 am – 9:00 am

Call to Order: 9:00 am

Contact person for conference details: 6th District President Diane Steinert
(920-573-1846 djdmsteinert@gmail.com)

Make check payable to: ALA Unit 70
Mail to: Diane Steinert, 2850 Homestead Dr, Oshkosh, WI 54904

Unit # _____ **Unit Location:** _____

Contact Name: _____

Contact Phone: _____ **Email:** _____

Registration and meals: # _____ **X \$25.00 = \$** _____ **Total due**

Name (Print clearly)	Name (Print clearly)

Use additional page if needed for more members attending.

Remember to bring a raffle basket with a value of \$25.00 from each Unit.