



# 10<sup>TH</sup> DISTRICT AMERICAN LEGION FAMILY NEWSLETTER JUNE 2026



## GREETINGS FROM 10<sup>TH</sup> DISTRICT PRESIDENT

Greetings to the Mighty Tenth District

As I am sitting here writing this greeting for our June Newsletter, I am thinking about **how** blessed **we** are to live here in the United States, and especially blessed are we, who have the privilege to live in the beautiful rolling hills of north-western Wisconsin. Some people call it "God's Country", and I have to agree! I was reminded in the Women's Bible Study that our ladies group is currently doing, that along with privilege, comes responsibility. So, because we are so blessed and privileged to live in this great country, we also need to remember that we have so many rights and freedoms here **ONLY** through the sacrifices of our military, our veterans and their families, and we have a responsibility to honor, assist and advocate on their behalf. Remember, one **of** the four pillars of **the** American Legion is Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation. One of the major programs that help us in our mission to help our veterans is our Poppy Program-so I hope that you all had (or will be having) a successful Poppy Distribution, for which we raise tens of thousands of dollars in **the** Tenth District, all of which is spent to assist our veterans!

What are we doing to honor those men and women who made that oath to uphold and defend the Constitution of the United States of America? They were willing to do whatever it took to make sure that their loved ones, along with people like you and me, whom they would never meet, could continue to live this blessed life in the "Land of the Free **BECAUSE** of the **BRAVE!**" Some of those men and women literally gave up their tomorrows so that we could have our today. They are the reason for Memorial Day. They are the reason many of us are members of the American Legion Auxiliary-so we can honor them. We do **not** "celebrate" Memorial Day-we do commemorate (or remember) those men and women who died while defending our freedoms. It is a day for somber reflection of everything that they gave up for us. I hope that as you and your family observed Memorial Day last week and as you remember those heroes throughout **the** year to come, that you do all you can do to honor the sacrifice that they made, and the sacrifices that their families continue to make each and every day so that we can live our lives in the United States of America!

Now, as for celebrating-we do have something to **CELEBRATE** next month! How are you going to celebrate 250 YEARS since our Founding Fathers signed the Declaration of Independence? This is a huge milestone!! Let us know how and when your city will be celebrating 250 YEARS!

For God and Country,  
Teresa Steinke, Tenth District President  
American Legion Auxiliary, Department of Wisconsin

## DISTRICT PRESIDENT SPRING CONFERENCE REPORT

Wow! Can you believe we are already nearly at the half way point of 2026? I cannot **believe** how fast this year has flown by! We had a very successful Spring Conference, which was held at the Martin A. Treptow Post 295, in Bloomer, WI on Saturday, April 25th, at which we held a joint opening with the entire American Legion Family, we received greetings from Department President Sue Hembrook's representative, 2nd Vice President Betty Stone, Bloomer Unit President, Yvonne Seidling, American Legion Tenth District 2nd Vice Commander, Kathy Vander Molen, we heard from Camp American Legion Director, Jim Klement about some of the exciting news from Camp! We filled some open district positions, we heard reports from our program chairs and our County Presidents. Immediately after our joint lunch with the Legion Family, we honored our members who passed away in the past year with our Joint American Legion Family Memorial Service. Membership Chair, Rhianna LeMere discussed how the Tenth District (aka Yellowstone Park) is doing on reaching its membership goals and gave out Membership Awards to those Units who have reached or exceeded their goals for this year. We discussed online reporting and how we did better with the online version than has been done in the past, but how we can do even better **in** the future! Speaking of reporting, I am including the report that I gave at the Spring Conference, so everyone who reads this newsletter will know how busy our district has been with working our programs and providing for the welfare of our veterans, our children and our communities!

For God and Country,  
Teresa Steinke, Tenth District President



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District President Teresa noted that - It has been brought to her attention that some unscrupulous person has been sending emails, using her name, and asking the recipients of the email to purchase gift cards to give to them, and that you would be reimbursed. This is a scam-please do not fall for this! I WILL NOT SEND ANY SUCH EMAIL TO ANY OF YOU!! If you ever receive an email that appears to be from me, just remember, my email is [teresa.steinke\\_cmx@yahoo.com](mailto:teresa.steinke_cmx@yahoo.com) If my email should change for any reason, I will alert you, either in this newsletter or through official channels on the Department or District level. If you receive an email supposedly from me, but using a different email address, call me or send me a text. My cell phone is 715-828-7462

**POPPY DISTRIBUTION IN 10<sup>TH</sup> DISTRICT**

Barron County Legion Commander Jerry Townsend was seen distributing Poppies at Louie’s Finer Meats in Cumberland on National Poppy Day! Cumberland ALA Unit #98 members were also present, and reported generous donations were given.



**CHILDREN & YOUTH – MARGARET LARSON CHAIRMAN**

With our Spring conference behind us and summer fast approaching (feels more like mid-summer with this heat wave) let’s not forget about our children and youth. Do you know any children of active service members who are deployed? Why not present them with an A.L.F. dog. Have you heard of an exceptional child who has done a good deed (maybe helped a neighbor mow their lawn, help with groceries). This child would be eligible for a “Good Deed” award. Or a child who did a heroic deed (called 911 for a sick parent). This child would be eligible for the “Hero” award. As your C&Y chairman, I can help you with any of these programs. At our Spring Conference in Bloomer, I presented two certificates of Recognition for the C&Y program:

- Cumberland Unit 98 received (1) “Good Deed” award
- River Falls Unit 121 received (1) “Hero” award and (10) “Good Deed”

Thank you to the Units who participated in the C&Y program.

**THE WISCONSIN LEGION RIDERS “ CRUISE FOR A CAUSE – FAMILY FIRST 26”**

The “Cruise for a Cause” will be held June 26 – 28 with three focuses for 2026: Veterans & Children Foundation, American Legion Auxiliary Badger Girls State and Sons of the American Legion Operation ALF.

See attached Letter and ways you can Ride with us – Donate – Share sponsorship opportunities and Support our ride.

**IMPORTANT - EFFECTIVE AUGUST 2026  
MAILED COPIES OF THE UNIT MAILING WILL BE AVAILABLE  
IN PRINTED MAIL FORMAT VIA  
A SUBSCRIPTION (6 ISSUES FOR \$25 – JUNE 2026 THRU JUNE 2027**

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## ALAMIS – NATIONAL ORGANIZATION MEMBERSHIP DATA

The national organization has planned a substantial upgrade to ALAMIS (the ALA’s management information system/membership database).

### What does this mean?

- ALAMIS and the member portal on the national website will be unavailable **starting at noon ET on June 22**. **ALA MIS is expected to be back up and running on July 6**.
- During this time, membership processing, reports, and payment of dues will not be available.
- If members call National Headquarters, they will be unable to take membership payments, make changes to records, or provide information as the system will be down for national staff as well.
- Changes to the MyAuxiliary portal for members will be minimal.
- Members with ALA MIS access will see a new, more intuitive interface when they log in.

### Preparation Recommendations:

- Units should submit dues payments, new member applications, address changes, etc., ASAP because the system will be down June 22 to July 6.

### Questions?

- Please contact the national help desk at [alamishelp@ALAforVeterans.org](mailto:alamishelp@ALAforVeterans.org) or 317.569.4536.

Thanks,

Bonnie Dorniak, Executive Secretary-Treasurer/Executive Director

American Legion Auxiliary, Department of Wisconsin | [deptsec@amlegionauxwi.org](mailto:deptsec@amlegionauxwi.org) | Ofc: 608-745-0124

## HIGHLIGHT OUR HERO’S

If you would like to Highlight a veterans please send their story to: [getmet77@hotmail.com](mailto:getmet77@hotmail.com)

**Sgt. William “Bill” Christopherson** was born and raised on a farm in Ridgeland Wisconsin. He enlisted in the U.S. Army and served in WW11. He was with a group of 8 other men guarding a bridge in Italy. When surrounded by guns and tanks, they had no choice but surrender. He as a P.O.W. for 15months and a week. After being captured, they joined other prisoners In cattle cars and traveled by train. Bill spend time at the Stalag X11C prison camp in Wiebelsheim Germany. They also marched from camp to camp. Six days a week marching, but not on Tuesdays. The Americans stayed at the back of the line and were referred to as lazy. Bill explained that the ones In the front of the line, broke the trail through the snow. They would often stay in barns and other buildings at night. A fellow prisoner named Leroy and others found buckets, they would feel around in the dark barn and find milk cows. The milk was brought back to the haymow and warmed the stomachs. One night Leroy didn’t find the milk cow, but the bull. Extra food was found by digging in the snow, sometimes there was a good potato or two. At one farm, they watched the farmer’s wife put canned food into the cellar. After dark they carried off with some goods, mostly canned ears. The next morning the farmers wife put up a big fuss. The guards made us stand at attention for hours, in the snow. But no one confessed to the crime. It was on March 28, 1945, that the British Army took over the prison camp. A British Colonel came into camp at 7AM riding on the hood of a jeep. Us prisoners asked, “when do we eat”? It was at 11AM when we were served a good hot meal. It was hard to eat much food because our stomachs were in knots from being starved. They moved us out, first by trucks then we flew to Brussels Belgium. When we arrived in France, they put us on ships to sail to America. It was May 1945 when we sailed into New York harbor, pass the Statue of Liberty and docked at pier 13. We were home! Bill didn’t talk much about being a P.O.W. most of his account was written by Leroy his fellow prisoner. Rest in Peace Bill, we honor your service!





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## HIGHLIGHT OUR HERO'S

**Name:** Francis (Inky) Coulson Legion Post: Plum City Post 365  
**Branch of Office:** Army Time Served: 6 months active duty - 5.5 years in the Reserves  
**Rank:** Sergeant Military Occupation: Vietnam  
**Places Served:** Fort Ord, California  
**A Life of Service:** The Story of Inky Coulson

After graduating from high school in Plum City, Wisconsin, Inky Coulson returned to the family farm to work. His plans changed in 1959 when he received notice to report to Minneapolis for a military physical—he had been drafted. Before that process was complete, the County Commander of the Army Reserve reached out to him, and Inky made the decision to enlist in the Reserve instead. This accelerated his entry into the Army, sending him first to Fort Leonard Wood in St. Paul. Following eight weeks of basic training, Inky was assigned to Fort Ord in California, where he trained and served as a metal worker while on active duty. During his time there, he took every opportunity to explore—traveling throughout California and across the western United States during his downtime. His college education helped him advance to the rank of Sergeant. When his six months of active duty ended, Inky transitioned fully into the Army Reserve. There, he was placed in charge of the unit's only radio, located in the Company Commander's jeep. As a result, he spent many hours driving the "Old Man" from place to place. His Reserve unit, based in Ellsworth, Wisconsin, was a Pontoon Bridge Company responsible for constructing floating bridges capable of carrying heavy machinery across rivers. Over the years, his service took him to places like Fort McCoy in Wisconsin, Camp Ripley in Minnesota, and Lake Calhoun in Minneapolis. After completing his Reserve service, Inky hoped to join the American Legion. At the time, however, eligibility required more than six months of active duty, and he did not qualify. When those requirements were later revised, Inky became eligible and proudly joined American Legion Post 365 in Plum City, where he has been a dedicated member for xx years. His commitment to the Legion—and to veterans and his community—has been unwavering. Inky has participated in the annual Memorial Day Program, served as a bugler for ceremonies, and volunteered at the Summer Festival as the ballgame announcer for all three days each year. He has also worked at the Post's annual fish fries, first washing dishes and later selling tickets. For many years, he took it upon himself to clean the Legion Hall bathrooms, a task he continued faithfully until age 88.

Now 89, Inky still mows his own lawn and regularly helps others by driving them to appointments, picking up groceries, or simply offering companionship. Throughout his life, he has embraced every situation with curiosity, generosity, and a deep sense of responsibility to those around him. His dedication to service—both military and community—has left a lasting impact. It is truly an honor to know Inky Coulson.

## DEPARTMENT OF WISCONSIN CONVENTION

The American Legion Family Department Convention will be held July 16-19 at the Hilton Paper Valley in Appleton Wisconsin. Registration form is attached with this email. See additional information on Department website.

- Registration will be open – Thursday 11:00am – 5:00pm – Friday 7:00am – 5:00pm – Saturday 7:00am – 8:00am
- Flag Rehearsal will be on Friday at 7:30am
- Auxiliary Opening session will be on Friday July 17, 2026 at 8:30am.
- Voting for 2026-2027 Department Officer will be on Saturday morning at 9:00am – must be registered by 8:00am on Saturday.
- Post Auxiliary Department Executive Meeting will be on Saturday after Installation at 4:30pm.
- Past Commanders Club Party Saturday 7:00pm (advance ticket purchase required see registration form)
- American Legion Family Memorial Service Sunday at 8:00am

Click or copy Link to make a Hotel Reservation:

<https://www.hilton.com/en/book/reservation/rooms/?tyhocn=ATWPVHH&arrivalDate=2026-07-15&departureDate=2026-07-19&groupCode=LEGION&room1NumAdults=1&cid=OM%2CWW%2CHILTONLINK%2CEN%2CDirectLink>



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## RIVER FALLS LEGION FAMILY ACTIVITIES

**April 4th** – ALA Pierce County Council met for our spring meeting, discussing many topics. We voted to purchase (4) 250th garden flags and give out (4) ALA Poppy decal sets, instead of the Wisconsin flag.

**April 11th** - Post 121 held their annual awards banquet. The guest speaker was the newly named interim head coach of UW-River Falls football. It was well represented by the ALA.



**April 18th** – Post 121 hosted the Blue Grass Festival.

**April 23rd** – The American Legion Family 121 hosted a Veterans Resource Fair. This is an informational community event for Veterans. Resources provided by: Pierce and St. Croix Veterans Service Offices, Senior Living Organizations, Senior Care, Hospice, Veterans Affairs Outreach Team, Employment Assistance, Housing and other local Veterans Organizations, American Legion Auxiliary, Sons of the American Legion and Be The One.



**April 24th** – To celebrate America’s 250th anniversary, The Music Madams performed for the community at Post 121, featuring a medley of patriotic, old-time, and traditional music. The event drew a packed house, and there may even have been some dancing. Cookies, juice and coffee was served.



**April 29th** – Pierce County Youth Government Day was hosted at the Pierce County Courthouse. Six schools participated with many students attending. The purpose of Government Day is to provide youth with firsthand knowledge of how county government plays an important role in their lives. The goal of the program is to develop an awareness of how the county functions and assists students in becoming well informed and active citizens in their communities.



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**PAST PRESIDENTS PARLEY MEETING 6/30/26 AT 6:30PM – WILL BE A ZOOM MEETING**

**Open to all Auxiliary members.**

**To be a member of the Past Presidents Parley – you must have served or are serving as a Unit, County, District or Department President. Dues are only \$7.00 per year.**

President Sue Hembrook has issued a call-in for the Past Presidents Parley (PPP) Annual meeting to be held on Tuesday, June 30, 2026 at 6:30 pm via Zoom. All members of the PPP are invited to attend. Please see the attached call-in and agenda for details. The zoom link is listed below or you may join the meeting by scanning the QR code on the official call-in.

Topic: PPP Annual Meeting

Time: Jun 30, 2026 06:30 PM Central Time (US and Canada)

**Join Zoom Meeting**

<https://zoom.us/j/98011891725?pwd=vksQAALIOvXBhZ3AQL7OpZhxs1Dt6q.1>

**2026-2027 UNIT OFFICER FORM**

Has your Unit sent in their 2026-2027 Unit Officer Form to Department and District President Teresa Steinke? If not please send as soon as possible so that we have the correct addresses for contacts in your units. Form is attached.

**UNIT PRESIDENTS**

**PLEASE NOTE DEPARTMENT CONVENTION DELEGATE FORM INFORMATION**

**Due to delays in mail service last year, the delegate forms for department convention will be EMAILED to unit presidents 30 days prior to department convention (June 17, 2026).**

**Please watch for this important email message – check your inbox or spam/junk folders.**

**Complete the delegate information form and return to department headquarters ASAP.**

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

June 14-20, 2026	Badger Boys State – UW Eau Claire
June 21-26, 2026	Badger Girls State – UW Oshkosh
June 26-28, 2026	Cruise for a Cause – The Wisconsin American Legion Riders
June 30, 2026	Past President’s Parley Meeting at 6:30pm
July 4, 2026	250 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary 1776 – 2026 – Celebrate America!!
July 16-19, 2026	Department Convention – Hilton Paper Valley - Appleton
August 28-Sept 3	National Convention – Louisville KY

**Deadline for articles and pictures will be July 31, 2026**

**To submit articles and events for the 10<sup>th</sup> District Family Newsletter send to: Teresa Isensee [tisensee2173@gmail.com](mailto:tisensee2173@gmail.com)**



# 2026 Annual ALA Department Convention

Hilton Paper Valley

333 W. College Avenue, Appleton, WI 54911

July 17-18, 2026

## REGISTRATION FORM

This is your registration form only; this is **NOT YOUR DELEGATE FORM**. Delegate Forms are mailed to the Unit **30 Days prior to Convention (June 17, 2026)** per the Department Constitution and Bylaws. It is advised however, to **register prior to this date**.

Remember **all members are encouraged to attend** the Department Convention, not just Delegates and Alternates. Only one registration per form; if you wish to register multiple people at once, you can do that by registering online at [www.wilegion.org/department-convention](http://www.wilegion.org/department-convention) (preferred).

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Member ID #: \_\_\_\_\_ District Number: \_\_\_\_\_

AL Post #: \_\_\_\_\_ Auxiliary Unit #: \_\_\_\_\_ SAL Squadron #: \_\_\_\_\_

ITEM	NUMBER	AMOUNT	TOTAL
Registration Fee		\$30.00	
Registration Fee after July 6, 2026		\$35.00	
Saturday Evening PCC/Legion Family Event: Buffet - 7 PM, Half-Barrell of Beer, Soda, cash bar and Live Entertainment by Dueling Pianos!! Doors open at 6:30 p.m. <i>(Deadline to purchase tickets: June 30, 2026)</i>		\$50.00/person	
		<b>Total Enclosed:</b>	

Make checks payable to **The American Legion, Department of Wisconsin**

Check #: \_\_\_\_\_

OR enter credit card information below

Card Type: \_\_\_\_\_ Card #: \_\_\_\_\_

Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ Security Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Scan the QR code to pay online!



Return with payment to:  
The American Legion, Department of Wisconsin  
Attn: Convention  
P.O. Box 388, Portage, WI 53901  
Or email to: [events@wilegion.org](mailto:events@wilegion.org)



Department of Wisconsin

## Bi-Monthly Unit Mailing subscription form

**6 issues for \$25.00 • June 2026 - June 2027**

In an effort to stream line and to be more cost effective, a \$25.00 subscription fee will be charged to anyone ordering paper copies of the Unit Mailing. Unit Mailings will be posted no later than the 10<sup>th</sup> of every other month to the Department website, under the Unit Mailing tab.

Unit City Location: \_\_\_\_\_ Unit #: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Check #: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Print (legibly) name and full address to send Bi-monthly Unit Mailing:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

**Make check payable to: ALA-WI  
Send to: PO Box 140, Portage WI 53901**

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

**Please return form by July 24, 2026 to continue  
uninterrupted delivery of the Unit Mailing**



# 2026-2027 UNIT OFFICERS FORM

## DEPARTMENT OF WISCONSIN

PO Box 140, Portage WI 53901-0140  
Ofc: 608-745-0124 ♦ Fax: 608-745-1947  
Email: alawi@amlegionauxwi.org

Unit City Location \_\_\_\_\_ Unit # \_\_\_\_\_

County \_\_\_\_\_ Dist # \_\_\_\_\_

Meeting Location/Date & Time \_\_\_\_\_

- Units must have this form submitted to Department to be eligible for Unit Membership Awards.
- Please designate **ONE OFFICER** from this form to receive important Unit information.

**Name & Title:** \_\_\_\_\_

**President's Name** \_\_\_\_\_ Member ID # \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Primary Ph # \_\_\_\_\_  Cell  Home Secondary Ph # \_\_\_\_\_  Cell  Home

Email \_\_\_\_\_

**Secretary's Name** \_\_\_\_\_ Member ID # \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Primary Ph # \_\_\_\_\_  Cell  Home Secondary Ph # \_\_\_\_\_  Cell  Home

Email \_\_\_\_\_

**Treasurer's Name** \_\_\_\_\_ Member ID # \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Primary Ph # \_\_\_\_\_  Cell  Home Secondary Ph # \_\_\_\_\_  Cell  Home

Email \_\_\_\_\_

**Membership Dues collection person:** who will receive all membership material & be printed on each Renewal Notice

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ Member ID # \_\_\_\_\_

Primary Ph # \_\_\_\_\_  Cell  Home Secondary Ph # \_\_\_\_\_  Cell  Home

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Personal Address or  Unit Address  Post Address

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

**ALABGS Chairman's Name** \_\_\_\_\_ Member ID # \_\_\_\_\_

(**Note:** The person in the **UNIT** who will receive ALABGS information)

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Primary Ph # \_\_\_\_\_  Cell  Home Secondary Ph # \_\_\_\_\_  Cell  Home

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

(Name/Title)

Date \_\_\_\_\_

# **PAST PRESIDENTS PARLEY BUSINESS MEETING THURSDAY, JUNE 30, 2026 AT 6:30 PM VIA ZOOM**

## **AGENDA**

Invocation – Department Chaplain Sandy Mack

Pledge of Allegiance – Americanism Chairman Deanna Farley

Preamble of Past Presidents – led by Past Presidents Parley Chairman Diane Weggen

Introductions

- PPP Secretary Linda Coppock
- Honored PDP Diana Sirovina

Approval of Minutes of July 17, 2025 PPP Meeting (see attachment)

Finance Report – Past Presidents Parley Chairman Diane Weggen

2026 Past President Parley Scholarships:

***Nursing:***

Chloe Dybul, Fredonia ~ sponsored by Fredonia Unit 410, District 2

Josie Gueths, Leopolis ~ sponsored by Caroline Unit 456, District 8

***Health Career:***

Cora Healy-Dougherty, Highland ~ sponsored by Avoca Unit 335, District 3

Mentor of the Year Award

Other Business

Adjourn

## **PREAMBLE OF PAST PRESIDENTS**

“For God and Country”, we, the Past Presidents, associate ourselves together for the following purposes.”

- .. To uphold and defend the prestige of our Unit.
- .. To maintain honor and dignity.
- .. To foster and perpetuate interest and concern for the future of our Unit.
- .. To preserve the memories and incidents of our association throughout the past years.
- .. To inculcate a sense of individual obligation to the Unit, Department, and National Organization.
- .. To combat the lack of interest of members in both the classes and the masses.
- .. To make right, past mistakes.
- .. To promote peace and goodwill among all.
- .. To safeguard and transmit to those who follow us, the principles of dedication, sincerity, and hard work.
- .. To participate in and contribute to whatever task the Post may ask of us.
- .. To consecrate and sanctify our association by our devotion to our Unit.



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## **OFFICIAL CALL-IN**

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**Time:** 6:30 pm via Zoom

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Past Presidents at the unit, county, district, department or national level of the American Legion Auxiliary are encouraged to join the Past Presidents Parley. Dues are \$7 and should be paid no later than February 1<sup>st</sup> each calendar year. Membership dues currently pay for up to three \$1,000 health care scholarships each year.

If you are not sure if you paid your 2026 PPP dues, please contact PPP Chairman Diane Weggen at [dsweggen@gmail.com](mailto:dsweggen@gmail.com) or 715-644-2668. Additionally, Linda Coppock, PPP Secretary, will be collecting PPP dues at department convention which will entitle you to membership in the Past Presidents Parley through December 31, 2026.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sue Hembrook".

**Official Call-In as authorized by**  
**Sue Hembrook, Department President – June 10, 2026**

Attachment: Meeting Agenda



The Wisconsin Legion Riders – Cruise for a Cause, 'Family First – 26' will be held on June 26 - 28, 2026. We have three focuses for 2026: National Legacy Run - Veterans & Children Foundation, American Legion Auxiliary - Badger Girls State program & Sons of the American Legion - Operation A.L.F.

The Legion Riders are promoting this event; however, we want it to be a true family affair. We will have all Wisconsin leadership traveling with us through the state.

For this event to succeed, we need your help. Friday June 26<sup>th</sup> we'll be having lunch at Milwaukee Post 537 at 11:40 AM. It would be great to see you all at any of our stops. Other ways to get involved:

**Ride with us:** Join the ride for all three days or for any part you can. In order to do this you need to register at the Ride Information QR code below

**Donate:** Make a donation in person at a stop or by making a check out to "Family First – 26" and mailing it to N172W20593 Westfield Dr, Jackson, WI 53037. You can also donate online at the Donate QR code below.

**Shares:** Share our sponsorship form with Legion Family, people or businesses that you know or become a sponsor yourself. See form on back page or online options available. More info at the Ride Information QR code below.

**Support:** Even if you can't ride with us you can come out and show your support along the way. Greet us at a stop or along our route. Current, high-level plan is on our webpage at the Ride Information QR code below. Plus, we will be making updates on our Facebook page (American Legion Riders Wisconsin) throughout each day of the ride.

Ride Information



Donate



**Phone Contacts:** Corey Doehrmann (262-305-0305)

Todd Nofsinger (608-343-8188)

**Email Contact:** wialra.c4c@gmail.com



- Wisconsin – Cruise for a Cause, 'Family First – 26' supports
- National Legacy Run-Veterans & Children Foundation
  - American Legion Auxiliary - Badger Girls State program
  - Sons of the American Legion - Operation A.L.F.

**Battalion**

⇒ Large one-color Logo recognition on T-shirt

**Level**

⇒ Half page logo/ad in Cruise for a Cause booklet

**Sponsorship**

⇒ Social Media and website recognition

**\$1500**

⇒ Onsite recognition listing all sponsors

**Company**

⇒ Name on T-shirt and in Cruise for a Cause publication

**Level**

⇒ Quarter page logo/ad in Cruise for a Cause booklet

**Sponsorship**

⇒ Social media and website recognition

**\$1000**

⇒ Onsite recognition listing all sponsors

**Platoon**

**Level**

⇒ Social media and website recognition

**Sponsorship**

⇒ Onsite recognition listing all sponsors

**\$500**

To maximize your sponsorship benefits, please make your donation no later than May 22, 2026

Submit logos to: [wialra.c4c@gmail.com](mailto:wialra.c4c@gmail.com)

Company/Organization Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
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