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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



**Diana Sirovina**  
Department  
President

“Support The American Legion... honor the sacrifice of those who serve by enhancing the lives of our veterans, military, and their families... advocate for veterans, educate our citizens, mentor youth, and promote patriotism, good citizenship, peace and security.”

Do you know where these words come from? If you don't, go to [www.ALAforVeterans.com](http://www.ALAforVeterans.com). These words are taken from the mission statement of the American Legion Auxiliary. They are words every member should not only know, but should

live every single day. Without these words being our “words to live by” we are nothing more than a social club.

As members of this premier national organization we are united by our love for God and country and our dedication to helping veterans, active duty military and their families, as well as educating our communities about our great mission. As members of this service organization, we combine our very diverse talents and **work together** to provide much needed assistance to those who have done so much so we can live in a free country.

With all the wonderful things we do in our local units and for our veterans why do so few people know who we are, what we do, and why we do it? Why do

we hesitate sharing our message with others? We are connected to our organization due to the service of a loved one, but that should not lessen our pride or our desire to share our success stories with those around us.

Our membership in the American Legion Auxiliary comes with responsibilities as outlined in the Preamble to our Constitution. If we take these responsibilities seriously and follow our mission statement, we will be there to support The American Legion. We will remember that the Auxiliary was established so many years ago as a support organization to The Legion. As one line in the Preambles states, “To participate in and contribute to the accomplishment of the aims and purposes of The American Legion.” We are here to **work together** as The Legion Family. Let's keep doing all those great things for veterans and live our mission statement in our communities every day!

*Diana Sirovina*  
Department President

## MEMBERSHIP

**Ann Rynes**  
Dept Membership Chairman  
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As I sit here looking out the window wondering when, or if, spring will ever come, I'm pondering if membership will have that same hope of rejuvenation, renewal and growth? Have you thought about that? We are so wound up in our lives that we don't take the time to look at the “big picture.” I'm guilty of it as much as the next person. However, I do regularly step back and look at the “big picture.”

What is the “big picture?” The veteran! A noun, an image, an icon. But, it's much more than that. You became a member to not only honor that loved one who gave us the many, many freedoms we enjoy every day, but the veteran who has a family, the veteran who is a part of the community, the veteran who suffers from seen and silent scars.

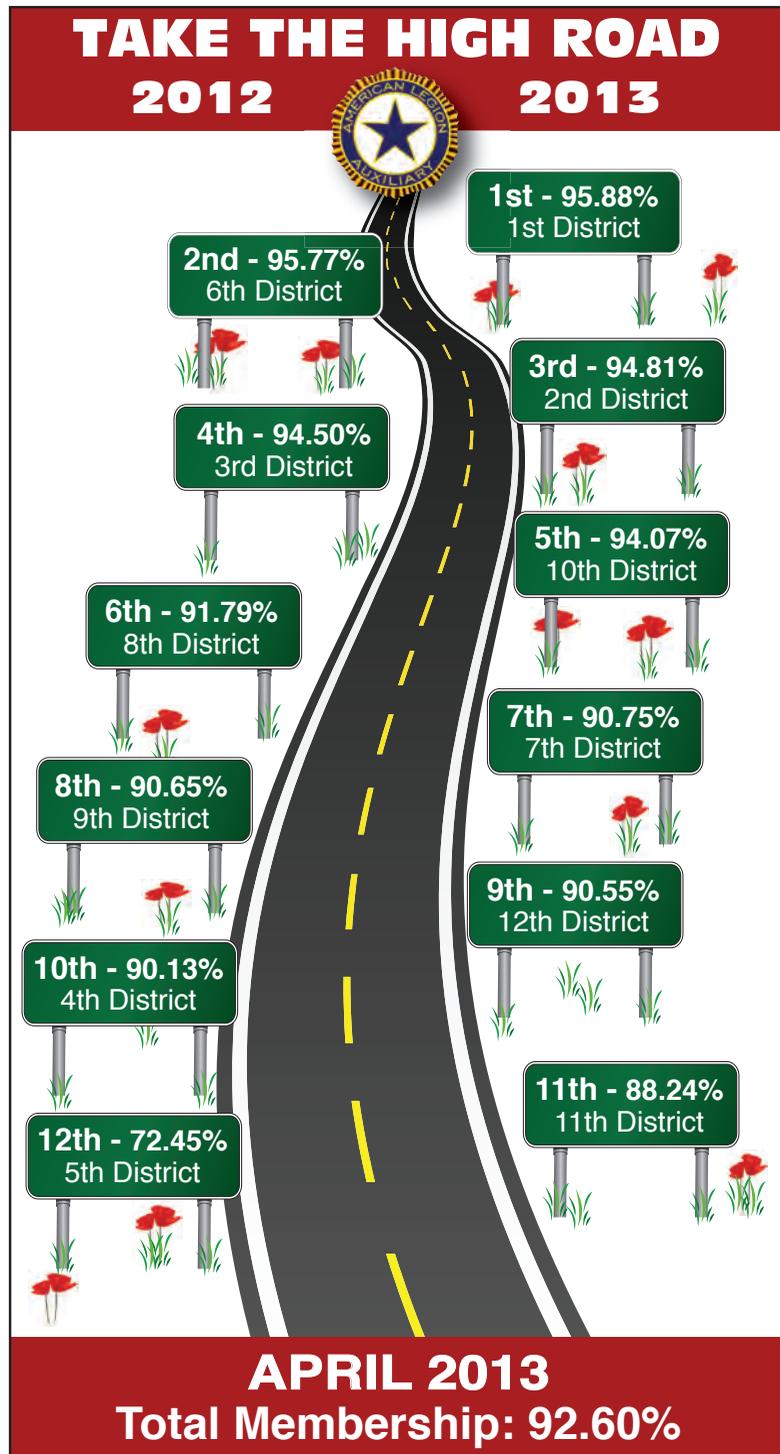
Have you forgotten that? Has it become more about what this organization does for “me”? Really?!? If this describes you, that's a sad frame of mind. I'd like to think that those who can no longer give of their time and talents, but still remain a dues-paying member for the greater good, and those of us

who are trying to keep the founding principles alive and are out there promoting the world's largest women's patriotic organization that serves the veteran, their family, their community means something!

If this inspires you to action, please call or make a personal visit to your members that have not renewed and talk to those around you because you never know if the person you've just engaged is your next new member. Maybe the next Unit President or National President?

However, rank means nothing if you don't hold what matters most in your heart. It's not about the title. You have to walk the walk. Let's keep walking. We owe it to those who have sacrificed so much so that we will never know. It is because of the sacrifice of others that we have our freedoms that are often taken as a “given.” Those freedoms came at a cost. “Lest we forget”.... Will you?

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## MESSAGE FROM PUBLIC RELATIONS

### ATTENTION: UNITS, COUNTIES, DISTRICTS AND MEMBERS

Please send articles and pictures of events, meetings, conferences, community/youth activities, newspaper articles, newsletters, etc. for the 2012-2013 ALA year to document the Department and President Diana Sirovina's year to:

Joyce E. Endres  
Public Relations Committee Chairman  
1147 Fleetwood Avenue  
Madison, WI 53716-1417

Information is needed by June 15, 2013 (sooner if possible).

## OFFICIAL CALL TO THE 93RD ANNUAL AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY DEPARTMENT OF WISCONSIN CONVENTION

**Thursday – Sunday**  
**July 18-21, 2013**  
**Milwaukee Marriott West**  
**(Waukesha, WI) and**  
**Olympia Resort (Oconomowoc, WI)**

The 93rd Annual Department Convention will be called into session at the Milwaukee Marriott West. Finance and Resolutions pre-convention meetings are scheduled on Thursday, July 18, 2013 at 2:00 pm and a Constitution & Bylaws/Standing Rules pre-convention meeting is Friday, July 19, 2013 at 7:30 am. Convention General Session will begin at 10:30 a.m. on Friday, July 19, 2013 in the Grand Ballroom. The Joint Memorial Service, Installation and post-convention Executive Board meeting will be held on Sunday, July 21, 2013 at the Olympia Resort in Oconomowoc.

### Purpose

The Convention is called for the purpose of electing officers for the ensuing year, electing delegates/alternates to the National Convention, amending the Constitution and Bylaws, receiving reports of the Department Officers/Chairmen, Unit recognition of outstanding achievements and for the transaction of such business as may be brought before it.

### Representation

Representation in the Department Convention shall be by Unit, in accordance with the provisions of the

Department Constitution. Delegates to Department Convention shall be Unit members duly elected for that purpose. Each Unit shall be entitled to two delegates and two alternates for the Unit itself and an additional delegate and alternate for each fifty members or major fraction thereof, whose District, State and National dues have been paid at least thirty days prior to the date of Department Convention. Units with less than ten paid members or whose District dues have not been paid shall have no representation.

## CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

**Bonnie Jakubczyk**  
**Department Chaplain**  
**Music Chairman**  
**Ph: (414) 764-6752**  
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With all this rain we should have some lovely May flowers. My wish for all the mothers is to have a fantastic Mother's Day.

Deadlines to remember:

**May 1st** – Unit prayer books  
**June 1st** – Prayers for Department President Diana's prayer book

### PRAYER

Heavenly Father, We give special thanks for all the Mothers and all that they have done. Please keep a watchful eye on our military men and women and keep them safe. We ask for your guidance that our faith continues to grow and that we may share your message of faith and hope.

Amen

### MUSIC

**THIS IS MY SONG**  
**(It is also called "A Song of Peace.")**  
**1934 hymn written by Lloyd Stone, melody by Jean Sibelius. Additional verses by Georgia Harkness (1939).**

This is my song, O God of all the nations,  
 A song of peace for lands afar and mine.

This is my home, the country where my heart is;

Here are my hopes, my dreams, my sacred shrine.

But other hearts in other lands are beating,  
 With hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.

My country's skies are bluer than the ocean,

And sunlight beams on cloverleaf and pine.

But other lands have sunlight too and clover,

And skies are everywhere as blue as mine.

O hear my song, O God of all the nations,

A song of peace for their land and for mine.

(verses by Georgia Harkness ca.1939)  
 May truth and freedom come to every nation;

May peace abound where strife has raged so long;

That each may seek to love and build together,

A world united, righting every wrong;

A world united in its love for freedom,  
 Proclaiming peace together in one song.

This is my prayer, O Lord of all earth's kingdoms:

Thy kingdom come; on earth thy will be done.

Let Christ be lifted up till all shall serve him,

And hearts united learn to live as one.

O hear my prayer, thou God of all the nations;

Myself I give thee, let thy will be done.

**WORKING TOGETHER**  
**FOR GOD AND COUNTRY**

## GREETINGS FROM HEADQUARTERS

**Bonnie Dorniak**  
**Executive Secretary/Treasurer**  
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**www.amlegionauxwi.org**

May is Poppy Month. Honor the many veterans who served unselfishly for our freedom by distributing poppies in your community. Donations directly support veterans in Wisconsin.

The March unit mailing included an article requesting donations of new layette items for the Women's Resource Center at Zablocki VA. Gift cards, baby clothes, gifts for new moms, etc. should be mailed directly to Dr. Feldman at Zablocki VA. Unfortunately, Dr. Feldman cannot ac-

cept monetary donations. Checks should be sent to Department using a Poppy Fund Donation Sheet, marking #4404-Zablocki Memorial VAMC and noting donation is for the Women's Resource Center. We will coordinate with Dr. Feldman to purchase the items she needs.

Thank you to everyone who supports Auxiliary programs with financial donations. To ensure donations are used as intended, include a Poppy Fund or General Fund Donation Sheet with all checks. Donation forms are posted on the department website and list the programs currently in need of assistance. Effective June 1, 2013, department will charge a \$25 administrative fee for checks returned by the bank.

The 93rd Auxiliary Convention will be held at the Milwaukee Marriott West in Waukesha from July 18-21, 2013. Convention details will be sent to Unit Presidents in the May monthly unit mailing and posted on the department website. Resolutions approved by units must be received at Department by June 1st. Unit delegate and alternate forms will be sent to units 30 days prior to convention and must be returned by July 5th. Hotel reservations at the Marriott must be made by June 26th to receive the group discount. Candidates for Department Office must submit announcement and photo by May 17th. See page A4 for more convention details.

**SEE YOU IN WAUKESHA!**

## AMERICANISM

**Teresa Isensee**  
**Department Americanism Chairman**  
**Home: (715) 667-3528 • Cell: (715) 577-5259**  
**Email: isensee@centurytel.net**

Have you promoted "Americanism" in your community? Do you plan on marching in a Memorial Day parade or attending a Flag Day ceremony on June 14th while proudly wearing red, white and blue? If not, you still have time to "**Work Together**" to plan and organize an event. What a great way to promote our organization and encourage our communities to participate in and sup-

port our flag and loyalty to our country.

Thank you to all the members who supported the Americanism Essay Contest. What a rewarding experience as I read through and chose the winning entries! Be sure to thank your schools for promoting the essay contest, and invite the winners from your unit to a meeting along with family and friends to recognize them for their participation.

What does it mean to be an American? As quoted from the Scholastic Online news by Wisconsin children: Ashley age 10, "That when I grow up I can pick the job I want."

Hannah age 10, "It means that you are free. It also means you can vote for who you want to." Austin age 11, "It is great to be an American. We get to play sports and eat lots of food. We get lots of toys, all because we are free – the best thing of all." These are just a few of the wonderful thoughts of our youth, the future leaders of our country.

Reminder to Units and Members: Please send me pictures, articles, and stories of your Americanism activities by email or regular mail, and don't forget to send your Americanism Award entries by **May 10th**.

## FIELD SERVICE

**Kelli Mades**  
**Department Field Service Chairman**  
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**Email: kelli\_mades@yahoo.com**

I am looking over the tally sheets I received from some units listing everyone's hours and thinking how amazing you ladies are with your unselfish acts of kindness.

The only two words I can think of saying right now is THANK YOU!!

I have had the privilege of conducting two Field Service orientation courses this year and one more is scheduled for June. It is never too early or too late to schedule your unit, county, or district Field Service orientation. Remember, your volunteer hours that

you do for our Veterans cannot be counted unless you had an orientation course.

If you have any concerns or suggestions, I would love to hear from you. I am only a phone call or an email away. Again ladies, "thank you" for everything you do for our Veterans.

## HOME SERVICE

**Judy Kuta**  
**Department Home Service Chairman**  
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What have you done for Veterans at VA Medical Centers, nursing homes, assisted living centers or those living in your community? If you made something in your home and then delivered it to a Veteran's home or a VA Medical Center or gave it to a veteran in a nursing home or assisted living facility, you may qualify for Home Service hours.

Women across the state are sewing, knitting, crocheting or crafting items to be used by veterans. Most of these women are

members of the American Legion Auxiliary, but some of them just enjoy the opportunity to give back to veterans who have done so much for our country. They volunteer to make lap robes, tray favors, greeting cards, wheelchair bags and more. Your Unit can get credit for the work of both ALA members and non-affiliated volunteers as well, BUT the Home Service Chairman needs to be sent a copy of the individual tally sheets for these volunteers—both ALA members and non-affiliated volunteers. These sheets tell me how many hours were spent on projects, how much money was spent on supplies to make the projects and just what was made for our veterans. If you don't report

to me, I will not know what you have done.

I should have your hours by the time you are reading this article. Remember, hours are cumulative and the time you spent this year will be added to the hours you accumulated in previous years. Home Service pins are awarded and hour bars are earned, so please report to me if you have not already done so.

If you have any questions, you may contact me by phone or email, or mail your report of hours, money and projects to me at 1742 11th Avenue, Grafton, WI 53024. I look forward to hearing from each Unit soon.

Thank you for all the wonderful items you have made for veterans. Keep up the good work. Encourage others to do the same.

## LEGISLATIVE

**Joan Chwala**  
**Department Legislative Chairman**  
**Ph: (715) 668-5661**  
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Elected officials want to hear from you! In February, Wisconsin had a large delegation of attendees at The American Legion Family's Washington Conference. We visited the members of the 113th Congress during the Hill Walks. We educated them on the American Legion's stand on legislation to be introduced during this session. We did this because it is our duty as US citizens to let our elected officials know what we expect them to do for our veterans, our troops,

and their families.

It may seem odd to us as members, but our Congressional representatives and their aides do not really understand what the American Legion Family stands for, or what we do. We explained it during our appointments, and they expressed their appreciation for our contributions, but it is up to every member to spread the word.

Did you know that your US Senators and Representatives can help veterans receive honors and awards that might have been overlooked at their time of discharge? If there is a worthy war veteran who deserves recognition, it is never too late. Call those

elected officials for assistance.

Representatives and Senators within the state of Wisconsin also need our reminders that they should help our veterans and military families. Educate them through letters and visits when they hold sessions in your community. Publicize your Legion Family projects in the paper. Some legislators send letters of thanks with a newspaper clipping to members mentioned in the articles.

This summer when candidates are making appearances at parades, take the time to let them know that you might be interested in supporting them, if they support our veterans and our troops.

## Unit 364 Reaches 100% !!



Winneconne Unit 364 values family memberships. Pictured (left to right) is the unit's four-generation family: great grandma Rona Beduhn, mother Jamie Bliske, daughter Taylor Bliske, and grandmother Jan Klemm. Baby Taylor is one of the unit's newest members in the American Legion Auxiliary, helping Winneconne Unit 364 achieve 100% with 128 members!

## American Legion Auxiliary 2013 SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS



**H. S. & ANGELINE LEWIS – (1) - \$1,000**  
Graduate Student - No applicant

**H. S. & ANGELINE LEWIS – (5) - \$1,000**  
 Rebekah French Pembine Pembine #461  
 Alec Herb Neenah Neenah #33  
 Cole Kirchenwitz Pardeeville Pardeeville #215  
 Joshua Lorenz Brillion Brillion #126  
 Maria Patrizzi Kenosha Kenosha Unit #21

**MERIT & MEMORIAL – (7) - \$1,000**

**Merit Scholarship**  
 Kate Schumitsch Stratford Marshfield #54  
**Harriet Hass Scholarship**  
 Tyler Houston Waterloo Waterloo #233  
**Adalin Macauley Scholarship**  
 Zachery Huybrecht Ashland Ashland #90  
**Eleanor Smith Scholarship**  
 Danielle Diefenbach Beaver Dam Beaver Dam #146  
**Pearl Behrend Scholarship**  
 Shauna Jorgenson Luck Milltown #254  
**Barbara Kranig Scholarship**  
 Elora Blum Coleman Coleman #280  
**Jan Pulvermacher-Ryan Scholarship**  
 Briana Bechel River Falls River Falls #121

**DEPARTMENT PRESIDENTS – (3) - \$1,000**

Michael Friedman La Crosse La Crosse #52  
 Kevin Huybrecht Ashland Ashland #90  
 Samantha Semanko Cadott Boyd #326

**DELLA VAN DEUREN – (2) - \$1,000**

Amanda Luecke Lino Lake MN Cumberland #98  
 Megan Rielly Spring Valley Spring Valley #227

**PAST PRESIDENTS PARLEY**

**Registered Nurse – (2) - \$1,000**  
 Kayla Prosser Columbus Columbus #62  
 Payton Tepp Stevens Point Stevens Point #6

**PAST PRESIDENTS PARLEY**

**Health Career – (2) - \$1,000**  
 Morgan Fischer Boscobel Boscobel #134  
 Hannah Schmit Tomahawk Tomahawk #93

**CHILD WELFARE – (1) - \$1,000 - No applicant**

**CHILDREN OF WARRIORS NATIONAL  
PRESIDENT'S SCHOLARSHIP**

**Wisconsin's Candidate**  
 Matthew Anderson Lake Tomahawk Three Lakes #431

**NON-TRADITIONAL SCHOLARSHIP**

**Wisconsin's Candidate**  
 Heather Schaller Tomah Tomah #201

**SPIRIT OF YOUTH SCHOLARSHIP**

**Wisconsin's Candidate**  
 Heather Dotson Muskego Portage #47

**BADGER GIRLS STATE SCHOLARSHIP – (4) - \$500**

Taylor Bowser Hollandale Barneveld #433  
 Courtney Bork Mondovi Gilmanton #264  
 Rebekah Erdman Oconto Oconto #74  
 Melissa Snavely LaFarge Headquarters #2930

**EILEEN KNOX MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP – (1) - \$500**

Kerry Benedict Eau Claire Eau Claire #53

**HARRY & SHIRLEY KUEHL FOUNDATION  
SCHOLARSHIP – (1) - \$500**

Kelly Burkart Green Lake Ripon #43

### Attention Candidates for Department Office

Candidates for Department Office must submit announcement and photo by May 17th for publication in the "Wisconsin."  
 Electronic copy is preferred (deptsec@amlegionauxwi.org) but hard copies may be mailed:  
 ALA-WI (Attn: Dept Secretary)  
 PO Box 140, Portage, WI 53901-0140.

## PAST PRESIDENTS' PARLEY LUNCHEON

**Honoring Janiece Fischer  
Department President 1998-1999**

Friday July 19, 2013  
at 12:30 PM

Milwaukee Marriott  
West • Waukesha



### Menu Choices

- **Caesar Salad** – salad tossed with Caesar dressing, herbed croutons and shaved parmesan cheese, with grilled boneless breast of chicken
- **Chicken Pasta Primavera** – penne pasta tossed with roasted peppers, zucchini, portabella mushrooms, diced Roma tomatoes and topped with an herb seared breast of chicken in a light parmesan cream sauce

Cost: \$17.00 per person  
(includes beverage, dessert, tax and gratuity)

### RESERVATION DEADLINE JULY 1, 2013

Submitted By:

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Unit # \_\_\_\_\_ District # \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Name on Ticket \_\_\_\_\_

Caesar Salad \_\_\_ Chicken Pasta Primavera \_\_\_

Name on Ticket \_\_\_\_\_

Caesar Salad \_\_\_ Chicken Pasta Primavera \_\_\_

Name on Ticket \_\_\_\_\_

Caesar Salad \_\_\_ Chicken Pasta Primavera \_\_\_

Name on Ticket \_\_\_\_\_

Caesar Salad \_\_\_ Chicken Pasta Primavera \_\_\_

Total Tickets Ordered \_\_\_ @ \$17.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Make Check payable to: ALA Wisconsin  
Mail to: ALA-Wisconsin  
PO Box 140, Portage, WI 53901-0140

## Thank You from VA Epilepsy Center

Thanks to the generous donations of American Legion Auxiliary members throughout the state of Wisconsin, the Auxiliary was able to purchase new laptop computers for use by patients in the Epilepsy Center at the William J. Middleton Memorial VA Hospital in Madison.

The following notes are shared with everyone who contributed to the Middleton VA during the past year to support our veterans and made this gift possible.



Rose is pictured here with Veteran Alven Borgen of Moorehead, MN as he uses one of the new laptops.

"I cannot thank you enough for the generous donation of three computers to the Madison VA Epilepsy Center of Excellence. Our patients are confined in their rooms for 5-12 days at a time having continuous EEG recordings performed. It is so awesome that we are able to offer these patients the opportunity to 'go on line and surf the web' or just relax back and watch a movie. It is a wonderful addition to the Epilepsy Center and Rose Wenger has added an extra touch of warmth and kindness to both the EEG Staff and patients who are a part of the Epilepsy Center. Thank you."

Sincerely,  
Ronda Tschumper, Neurodiagnostic Supervisor

"On behalf of our Veterans at the William J. Middleton Memorial Hospital, I would like to thank you for donating the money for laptops for our Epilepsy Center. It is truly a gift very much appreciated. These patients are confined to their room during their stay – now they can watch a movie, listen to music, or just keep connected with their families. We all know so well "Freedom Is Not Free." I would like to thank all Units and Posts for their donations, so this could be a reality. Good health and God bless America."

Sincerely,  
Rose Wenger, ALA Hospital Representative

### Complete Schedule Information

ALA Badger Girls State Orientation schedule can be found on the Badger Girls State website:  
[www.badgergirlsstate.org](http://www.badgergirlsstate.org)

2013 District Spring Conference Schedule can be found on the Department website:  
[www.amlegionauxwi.org](http://www.amlegionauxwi.org)

STATE of WISCONSIN



OFFICE of the GOVERNOR

Proclamation

WHEREAS, Badger Girls State teaches the principles of democracy in a representative government and prepares girls of high school age in Wisconsin for citizenship in a modern world where government touches their lives in many different ways; and

WHEREAS, Badger Girls State provides an opportunity for living together as self-governing citizens while sharing experiences that demonstrate the duties, privileges and responsibilities of good citizenship; and

WHEREAS, Badger Girls State instills a love of country and a desire to preserve the fundamental features of our form of government as founded by our forefathers;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Scott Walker, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, do hereby proclaim the week of June 16 - 21, 2013, as

**BADGER GIRLS STATE WEEK**

throughout the State of Wisconsin, and I commend this observance to all of our citizens.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Wisconsin to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in the City of Madison this 31<sup>st</sup> day of February 2013.



SCOTT WALKER  
GOVERNOR

## Past Department President Honored at Convention

Janiece Fischer, Department President 1998-1999, will be the honored Past Department President at the 93rd Department Convention in Waukesha, Wisconsin. Please join the American Legion Auxiliary in honoring Janiece at the Past Presidents Parley Luncheon on Friday, July 19th at 12:30 pm at the Milwaukee Marriott West Hotel. Past Department President Kay Arndt will give a special tribute. Advance tickets are required – reservation form is on page A3 and on the department website ([www.amlegionauxwi.org](http://www.amlegionauxwi.org)). Reservation deadline is July 1st. Fischer will also be presented to the Convention during the general session.



Janiece Fischer

Janiece Fischer is a 36-year member of ALA Unit 93 in Tomahawk in 11th District. During her presidency, Janiece's theme was "Soar Like an Eagle - Be a Fischer for Veterans" and she

selected Children's Miracle Network as her special project. The Department Commander was Roger Mathison.

Janiece earned her Master's Degree at Stevens Point State University and taught elementary education in Wisconsin and Michigan for 34 years. While she was teaching, she began the Red & Blue Project in the area and continued doing it for many years. It is still being held each year over Memorial Day-Patriotic Day.

Janiece has always been extremely active in her community, church and family. Her immediate family includes six children and several grandchildren. She has contributed many volunteer hours for the American Red Cross, nursing homes, the hospital, food pantry, UWSP Education Center-Tree House, as well as the Tomahawk Historical Society. She has been a very active member for over 40 years at the United Methodist Church.

She served at the unit, district, and department levels in many chairmanships, but Americanism and Badger Girls State were her primary interests. Through the Auxiliary, Janiece has made many wonderful friends all over the state. With her unique sense of humor, her outgoing and friendly manner, one can see Janiece truly enjoys life. She has many wonderful memories that will remain with her forever. Let's join her for special recognition at Department Convention.

## 2013 Department Convention

### AUXILIARY HOUSING INFO

#### MILWAUKEE MARRIOTT WEST

W231 N1600 Corporate Court, Waukesha, WI 53186

**Deadline: June 26th, 2013**

The 93rd Annual Department Convention will be held at the Milwaukee Marriott West (W231 N1600 Corporate Court) in Waukesha. Rooms are available at a discounted rate of \$99.00 per night, plus tax for rooms with 2 double beds or 1 king bed. Reservations must be made directly through Marriott. Call (800) 228-9290 and use group code "WI American Legion" or reserve

online at [www.marriott.com/mkemw](http://www.marriott.com/mkemw), using reservation code "wiawiaa." The discounted room block will be released June 26, 2013, so make your reservations early!

The American Legion's Convention will be held at Olympia Resort in Oconomowoc. The Convention Corporation is scheduling free shuttle service between the two convention centers.

## 2013 Department Convention

### BOXED LUNCH ORDER FORM

No boxed lunches can be purchased at convention

Saturday, July 20, 2013 at 11:00 am

MILWAUKEE MARRIOTT WEST, WAUKESHA

To utilize time efficiently and accomplish as much Auxiliary business as possible on Saturday, convention attendees have the opportunity to pre-order a boxed lunch for \$7.00. Boxed lunch includes: turkey sandwich, chips, cookie and bottled water and can be picked up in the hotel foyer during the lunch break on Saturday (11:00 am – 12:00 noon).

Attendees may purchase lunch on their own in the Marriott restaurant or any off-site restaurant of their choice; however, convention business will resume promptly at 12:00 noon.

**Boxed Lunches are available by advance purchase only until July 1, 2013. No refunds will be made after July 1, 2013.**

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

District \_\_\_\_\_ Unit: \_\_\_\_\_

Total Meals Ordered: \_\_\_\_\_ x \$7 each = Total Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE SEND COMPLETED ORDER FORM WITH PAYMENT OF \$7.00 PER BOXED LUNCH BY JULY 1, 2013 TO:**  
ALA-Wisconsin, PO Box 140, Portage, WI 53901-0140

## Changes to 2013 Department Convention

Although convention is a great time to renew friendships with old friends and meet new acquaintances, members are reminded that this is the Auxiliary's Annual Business Meeting and we have much to accomplish in a few short days. Delegates are encouraged to attend the pre-convention meetings to be informed prior to voting on issues brought to the convention floor so business can run efficiently.

Several enhancements have been made to the American Legion Auxiliary's Department Convention for 2013:

1) Free scheduled shuttle service between The American Legion Convention Center (Olympia Resort in Oconomowoc) and the American Legion Auxiliary Convention Hotel (Milwaukee Marriott West in Waukesha).

2) Finance and Resolutions meetings are scheduled Thursday at 2:00 pm.

3) Per direction from the national organization, significant revisions will be made to the Department Constitution & Bylaws to more appropriately move items to Standing Rules. All delegates are encouraged to attend the C&B/ Standing Rules pre-convention meeting on Friday at 7:30 am in

preparation for approval of the changes during the Convention General Session.

4) PPP Luncheon will honor Past Department President Janiece Fischer (1998-1999) on Friday at 12:30 pm. See page A3 for more information.

5) Friday's General Session will run until 5:30 pm.

6) National President Peggy Thomas will be accepting donations to her special project, "Children of Warriors National Presidents' Scholarship," during a Parade of Checks at a reception held in her honor on Friday at 6:00 pm. Everyone is invited to attend the reception and meet the Auxiliary's National President.

7) Elections will take place on the Convention floor within the District Delegations on Saturday. All delegates must be seated with their Districts by 9:30 am.

8) Convention sessions will run until 2:00 pm on Saturday. Boxed lunches will be available by advance purchase only – see order form on right.

9) Installation of 2013-2014 Officers will be held at The American Legion Convention Center (Olympia Resort in Oconomowoc) following the Joint Memorial Service on Sunday.

### HIGHLIGHTS

(subject to change)

#### Thursday, July 18

2:00 pm  
Finance & Resolutions Meetings  
3:30 pm  
285th Executive Board Meeting

#### Friday, July 19

7:30 am  
Constitution & Bylaws and Standing Rules Meeting  
9:05 am  
District Caucuses  
12:30 pm  
Past Presidents Parley Luncheon  
6:00 pm  
Reception & Parade of Checks for National President Peggy Thomas

#### Saturday, July 20

9:30 am  
Elections

#### Sunday, July 21

8:00 am  
Joint Memorial Service (at Olympia Resort, Oconomowoc)  
9:30 am  
Installation and Close of Convention (at Olympia Resort, Oconomowoc)

## Thank You from The Veterans Assistance Foundation

Thanks to the many donations received from members and Units across the state of Wisconsin, the American Legion Auxiliary was able to purchase two new washers and two new electric dryers for the Veterans Assistance Center in Chippewa Falls. We received the following acknowledgement:

*"As Founder and CEO of the Veterans Assistance Foundation, Inc. (VAF), I would like to on behalf of the Board of Directors, employees and*

*residents, thank so very much. The Wisconsin American Legion Auxiliary, has stood out as one of the leading Veteran Organizations, for service and help you have provided the VAF for over its 20 year history. It makes me so proud to be a life member of this great organization. God Bless each and every one of you and God Bless America."*

*Robert R. Piaro, CEO  
Veterans Assistance Foundation, Inc.*

## Department Convention Flower Order Information

Flowers or corsages for Department Convention must be ordered directly through the florist. Contact Rhodée Floral & Greenhouses between 8:00 am – 4:00 pm, Monday through Friday, at 800-437-0658 or 262-567-4229. All flower orders must be placed with a credit card. Flowers will

be delivered to Department Convention on Friday morning by 8:30 am and held in a cooler at the hotel until needed. There is a delivery charge of \$0.50 per order form.

A listing of flower descriptions and prices are posted on the department website



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