



For April /May Meeting 2022



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American Legion Auxiliary Mission Statement:

In the spirit of Service, Not Self the mission of the American Legion Auxiliary is to support The American Legion and to honor the sacrifice of those who serve by enhancing the lives of our veterans, military, and their families, both at home and abroad. For God and Country, we advocate for veterans, educate our citizens, mentor youth and promote patriotism, good citizenship, peace and security.

The Monthly Unit Mailing is posted on the Wisconsin Department website under the Unit Mailing link:
www.amlegionauxwi.org



NOTES FROM PRESIDENT DIANE WEGGEN...

Just as we are catching our breath after compiling our volunteer hours and dollars donated to complete our **annual reports**, it's time to start over again. April 1 is the beginning of the 2022 – 2023 Auxiliary program year for reporting. This is a perfect time for units and members to consider activities and programs that will best serve area veterans and the community.

National **Mission Training** emphasized units connecting and working with community members and organizations to gain volunteers and to better meet the goals of the ALA mission programs. Assist each other in program work and at fundraisers while wearing the Auxiliary brand.

Also presented was a “**Menu**” **approach** designed to assist units in planning activities and engaging members. The thought is that we think in terms of an appetizer—what gets people interested or in the know, followed by the entrée—the actual program or function and finish with a dessert—recognition or celebration of a job well done. Just a different way of looking at things that might help getting more involvement.

Department now has the **Caregiver certificate** with my signature in **fillable form** on the Dept website. You can just go to the home page at amlegionauxwi.org and click on Program Info. "Additional Program Info" should pop up. Scroll to the bottom for VA&R documents. The very first bullet is the "Caregiver" certificate that already has National President Kathy and my signatures.

Check out the last Unit Mailing to nominate your unit for the Department President's **Award for Excellence**. Give specific examples of how the unit and members met the four goals while supporting the mission of the American Legion Auxiliary. Identify who, what, when, where and why when writing about events, meetings or activities. Please include pictures— if emailing jpgs are preferred (dsweggen@gmail.com).

If your unit, county or district has not donated to this year's President's Special Project, I'm asking you to do so. The **Chippewa Veterans Home Courtyard** will enhance the quality of life for members by providing an accessible outdoor lighted area with seating and tables for visiting, group activities, and programs. Just think of how much you enjoy going outside on a warm, sunny spring day. Put yourself in the shoes of a wheelchair-bound veteran who can only look out the window. Now you know how important this project is... Poppy funds, unit, county, district and individual donations may be used to fund this project. Mail checks payable to ALA-Wisconsin, PO Box 140, Portage, WI 53901 and write 'President's Special Project' in the memo field or send with a Poppy Fund Suggested Donation form.

When I hear of Units wanting to disband—not because their numbers are low, but because no one is willing to **take a leadership role**—I'm reminded of the parable where the person whose fig tree was not bearing fruit. He asks his gardener to chop down the tree—get rid of it. The gardener asks the owner to let it be and he'd cultivate the ground around the tree and give it fertilizer to improve the chances of it bearing fruit. As with the tree, members need to be mentored or engaged to gain the knowledge and confidence needed to take on leadership roles. They need to know they are not alone. County, district, and department officers and program chairpersons are willing to assist. Please ask for assistance and/or training.

PRESIDENT DIANE WEGGEN'S TESTIMONIAL



SATURDAY, JUNE 11, 2022

Hosted by ALA Cecil Tormey Unit 118

**Holy Family Hall
136 East 3rd Avenue
Stanley, WI 54768**

**5:30 pm – Cocktails
6:30 pm – Dinner, program to follow**

Cost: \$30.00
(includes two drink tickets plus meal served buffet style)

Reservation Deadline: May 20, 2022

**Send check payable to: Virginia Kodl
N15109 Fisher Avenue
Thorp WI 54771**

Housing: AmeriVu Inn & Suites, Stanley: 715-644-3332
(*Note: Phone number listed was incorrect in the February issue*)
Room block under “Diane Weggen”





Caring for Those Who Care for Others

Americanism

The Americanism Essay Contest Prompt ("*How can we support families who provide care to their Veterans?*") is an opportunity for President Kathy Daudistel's focus of "caring for those who care for others".

The promotion of Americanism is heartwarming to Veterans who have given so much to protect our Country. This in turn provides comfort to the Caregivers of our Veterans.

Children & Youth

A new initiative called the **Youth Caregiver Award** has become a part of the ALA Children & Youth program. This certificate can be downloaded from the national website, completed, and presented to any worthy young person who has demonstrated caregiving to another.

Community Service

1. For the elderly who are alone, send them a card or visit them.
2. The military families who have a loved one deployed, ask to sit with the kids so mom and dads can do their Christmas shopping or run errands. Provide gift cards to help them have a wonderful Holiday.
3. A veteran who is at risk due to PTSD. Reach out to them and make sure they are doing well.
4. Talk to your city councils to see if there is any community initiative to help the members of the community. Maybe the food bank needs extra donations, as children will be home for the holidays or due to COVID and not getting their meals at school.
5. You could organize a soup and salad/sandwich lunch for the underserved children and adults in the community so they have a nourishing meal.
6. With all the weather concerns throughout the country, does your community have an emergency plan in case of fire, blizzards, tornadoes, floods etc.? If not, work with the community leaders to establish one or just start with your Unit and how you would call for help and check on each other in case of an emergency. Set up a hotline in your Unit to be used for any reason that a person would need help.
7. Check out the National website alaforveterans.org and go to the Community service page under the member portal for information about The **Community Service Caregiver Appreciation Award**. It's a great way to acknowledge those members in your Units who are always there to volunteer to help.
8. Offer to hold a clinic that teaches CPR and emergency measures.
9. Host a community Blood Drive.

Education

1. A Junior member is assisting with the care of a parent or grandparent and is struggling to find the time to apply for scholarships. Legion, Auxiliary or a SAL member are also looking at other scholarships and need that extra time. Auxiliary members could help with the care long enough for the applicants to finish what they need to complete their application processes.
2. Same goes here for a candidate who is not necessarily a member who is applying for the Children of Warriors National Presidents' Scholarship. They must complete 50 hours of community service during their high school years.

Junior Activities

There is a new patch that Juniors can earn focused on caregiving. Many Juniors are helping to care for grandparents or other relatives. The **Caregiver Patch** requires Juniors to learn information and skills related to caregiving.

Poppy

This year, the Poppy Program incorporates focus on caring by ensuring that everyone understands that the poppy symbolizes the sacrifices made by our Veterans and that of their families and caregivers. The National Poppy Chairman's Challenge (to encourage stores in your town to put the pictures of veterans and/or poppy displays in their windows) this year will allow for community members to recognize both our Veterans and caregivers. Through this challenge—to encourage stores in your town to put the pictures of veterans and/or poppy displays in their windows—Units are providing poppies in the windows to acknowledge both the Veterans and caregivers.

Public Relations

Incorporate Caring for those Who Care for others in Public Relations by telling units when they do something for caregivers, such as sending care packages, to promote what they're doing by telling the media, advertising, putting it on Facebook and remembering to show the Auxiliary brand. Check out the blog that was published for Caregivers on ALA National's Facebook page.

Service to Veterans

Caregivers can now be awarded "Service to Veterans" hours which may accumulate for hour bars for time spent providing care and assistance to Veterans within their families if they do not receive PROFESSIONAL compensation for doing so. If the caregiver lives with the Veteran, they may be awarded 10 hours a week. If they do NOT live with the Veteran relative then they may be awarded 5 hours a week. The onus is placed upon the caregiver to report these hours through the existing structure within the unit and department. Only the highest earned hour bar will be awarded.



GREETINGS FROM DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS

Executive Secretary/Treasurer – Bonnie Dorniak

Website: www.amlegionauxwi.org ~ Email: deptsec@amlegionauxwi.org ~ Phone: 608-745-0124

POPPY DISTRIBUTIONS: National Poppy Day is Friday, May 27, 2022, but *Units are reminded that Poppy Distributions can be done all year long.* If you are unable to do a poppy drive during the traditional May timeframe, consider doing one for Flag Day (June), Independence Day (July), community events (all summer long), Veterans Day (November), etc.

POPPY PROFITS: 20% Poppy Profit Reports are due at Department Headquarters as soon as poppy distributions are completed. If you have any questions, please contact Linda Cason at Department Headquarters at 608-745-0124 ext. 113 or via email at bookkeeping@amlegionauxwi.org.

2022 MEMBERSHIP DUES: Units are reminded to compare the biweekly membership report with their records to ensure the numbers are correct. If you believe more members have paid than the number reflected on the report, verify that all the transmittal checks have cleared the bank. If they have not been cashed, the transmittal and check were not received at headquarters. Questions? Please contact Andrea Stoltz at alawi@amlegionauxwi.org.

2022 ALABGS UPDATE: The ALABGS Committee met in March and approved the 2022 ALABGS Session to be held in-person at UW-Oshkosh. COVID vaccines and boosters are recommended, but not required. However, all ALABGS delegates must submit negative rapid antigen test results (home test) within 3 days before arrival at UW-O. More information about how to upload the test results will be provided to all registered delegates prior to the session. Delegates who fail to provide negative test results will not be allowed to participate in the ALABGS session. Delegates are strongly encouraged to wear masks during the ALABGS session but will not be required to do so. ALABGS will have masks available upon request.

2022 DEPARTMENT CONVENTION: The 2022 Department Convention is scheduled for July 14-17, 2022 at the Hyatt Regency/KI Convention Center in Green Bay. Convention information is included in this mailing and is posted on the department website. We hope to see you there!

HIGHLIGHTED EVENTS!

- ❖ NOTE: Flower orders are no longer being arranged through Department Headquarters. Anyone interested in purchasing corsages for convention must purchase them on their own.
- ❖ Thursday, July 14th, 3:00 pm – Recognition Program including a Tribute to Honored PDP Diane Kranig, 2021-2022 district membership awards, and a Parade of Checks for National President Kathy Daudistel. Checks should be made payable to “ALA-Wisconsin.” Donations will be forwarded to the American Legion Auxiliary Foundation.
- ❖ Friday, July 15th and Saturday, July 16th – General Session: Since District Caucuses have been discontinued, **convention session will be called to order on Friday, July 15th at 9:30 am.** Convention will include reports from Department Chairmen; nominations and election of department officers; review proposed changes to Constitution, Bylaws, and Standing Rules; and a Past Presidents Parley business meeting.
- ❖ Saturday, July 16th – Installation of 2022-2023 Department Officers and District Presidents will be conducted at the end of the convention session on Saturday afternoon.
- ❖ Sunday, July 17th – Post-Convention Department Executive Board Meeting with 2022-2023 Department Officers and District Presidents.

2023 MEMBERSHIP CARDS/ROSTERS: Although we are still actively collecting dues for 2022, National has already pulled the information for the 2023 membership cards and rosters that will be distributed in July. The information printed on them is what department had on record as of March 25th. Any changes submitted after that – including name or address changes, dropped or deceased members – will be listed incorrectly. It takes time for national to distribute this information for every unit, so thank you for your patience and understanding.

2022 NATIONAL CONVENTION: **National Convention is in Milwaukee from August 26-31, 2022.** Details will be posted on the department website as they become available.

ALA IN THE KNOW CONFERENCES: ALA in the Know Conferences are being planned for this Fall, so watch for more information as details are finalized.

2022 DISTRICT SPRING CONFERENCES

<u>Dist</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Registration Time/Fee</u>	<u>Lunch Fee</u>	<u>Make check Payable to:</u>	<u>Send check to:</u>	<u>Contact Person</u>	<u>Dead-line</u>
#1	5/7/2022	American Legion Post 375 627 E Veterans Way Mukwonago WI 53149	8-8:45 am Fee: \$15.00	Included in Reg. Fee	ALA Unit 375	Linda Aldrich S106W30730 Sandy Beach Rd Mukwonago WI 53149	Victoria Laitsch Luebke 262-363-5272 victorial@wi.rr.com	4/30/22
#2	4/30/2022	Laack's Ballroom W4302 State Hwy JM Sheboygan Falls WI 53085	8:00 – 8:55 am Fee: \$2.00	\$18.00	ALA 2 nd District	Mary Montag 726 Jean Court Allenton WI 53002	Amy Luft 414-651-7300 amyluft@gmail.com	4/23/22
#3	4/30/2022	Century Hall 213 E Front Street #B Wauzeka WI 53826	8:00-8:45 am Fee: \$5.00 pd to District	\$10.00	Crawford County Council	Bernice Dombeck 33863 Little Bush Lane Prairie du Chien WI 53821	Bernice Dombeck 608-875-5857 dombeckbernice6@gmail.com	4/10/22
#4	5/14/2022	American Legion Post 537 9159 W Beloit Road Milwaukee WI 53227	9:30-10:00 am Fee: \$21.00	Included in Reg. Fee	ALA 4 th District	Sue Hembrook 24215 60 th Street Salem WI 53168	Sue Hembrook 262-945-9791 genesuehem@wi.rr.com	5/4/22
#5	No Information							
#6	4/23/2022	St. Martin Lutheran Church 717 Memorial Drive Chilton WI 53014	8:30-9:15 am Fee: \$12.00	Included in Reg. Fee	ALA Unit 125	Diane Steinert 2850 Homestead Drive Oshkosh WI 54904	Diane Steinert 920-573-1846 djdsteinert@gmail.com	4/15/22
#7	3/26/22	American Leigon Post 201 800 Wisconsin Avenue Tomah WI 54660	8:00-9:00 am Fee: \$2.00	\$10.00	ALA Unit 201	Rita Steffel 1532 LaGrange Avenue Tomah WI 54660	Christina Petranovich 715-512-0628 christina.petranovich@yahoo.com	3/18/22
#8	4/9/2022	American Legion Post 239 223 Pine Street Tigerton WI 54486	8:30-9:15 am Fee: \$3.00	\$17.00	ALA Unit 239	Virginia Kauffman 115 High St Tigerton, WI 54486	Virginia Kauffman 715-535-2561 ktours@frontiernet.net	3/18/22
#9	5/7/2022	Elcho Town Hall N11234 Dorr Street Elcho WI 54428	8:00-9:00 am Fee: \$1.00	\$16.00	ALA Unit 377	Kay Hetto N5822 Koshick Rd Deerbrook WI 54424	Marian Brown mbrown4283@yahoo.com	3/15/22
#10	4/2-3/22	American Legion Post 53 634 Water Street Eau Claire WI 54703	8:00 am Fee: \$10.00	\$8.00	ALA Unit 53	Chrys Porter 5110 Mischler Road Eau Claire WI 54701	Chrys Porter 715-797-1289 momchrys@gmail.com	3/11/22
#11	4/9/2022	American Legion Post 89 121 Front Street Minocqua WI 54548	9:00-10:00 am Fee: \$3.00	\$5.00		Pay at Door – RSVP lunch attendance to John Polvin by 3/31/22	John Polvin 715-965-2284	
#12	5/14/2022	Webster Community Center 7421 Main Street W Webster WI 54893	9:00 – 9:45 am Fee: \$15.00	Included in Reg. Fee	ALA Unit 96	ALA Unit 96 PO Box 584 Webster WI 54893	Betty Stone 608-738-9542 bjstone626@hotmail.com	4/30/22

Current as of 3/21/22



OFFICIAL CALL TO THE 2022 ALA DEPARTMENT CONVENTION

American Legion Auxiliary, Department of Wisconsin

Thursday-Sunday, July 14-17, 2022

KI Convention Center/Hyatt Regency, 333 Main Street, Green Bay, WI 54301

Department Convention

The 2022 ALA Department Convention will be called into session at the KI Convention Center/Hyatt Regency, 333 Main St, Green Bay, WI 54301 at 9:30 a.m. on Friday, July 15, 2022.

Purpose

The purpose of the department convention is to elect officers for the 2022-2023 administrative year, elect delegates and alternates to the national convention, amend the department constitution, bylaws and standing rules as needed, receive reports of the department officers and chairmen, recognize outstanding unit achievements, and transact business as may be brought before the convention body.

Representation

Representation in the department convention shall be by unit, in accordance with the provisions of the department constitution. Units with less than ten paid members or whose district dues have not been paid shall have no representation. Delegates to department convention shall be unit members duly elected for that purpose.

Delegates & Alternates

Prior to department convention each unit will receive information showing the total number of paid members as of June 15, 2022 and advising them of the number of delegates the unit is allowed. Each unit is entitled to alternates equal to the number of delegates. It is the responsibility of each delegate and alternate to attend all convention sessions so the district has a full delegation at all times. An alternate shall have all privileges of the delegate when the delegate is not present.

Delegates-at-large to department convention include the Department President, Department Officers, National Executive Committeeperson, Alternate National Executive Committeeperson, Past Department Presidents, and current District Presidents, who shall each be entitled to one vote at the department convention. Delegates-at-large shall be listed separately as additional votes and not included among the unit's total allowable delegate/alternate count. Units must return a list of their delegates-at-large and approved delegates/alternates to department headquarters for voting certification.

NOTE: Incoming Presidents of Districts 1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 11 are not delegates-at-large for this convention. They assume their positions after installation of officers at convention and serve from 2022-2024.



American Legion Auxiliary-Department of Wisconsin
2022 American Legion Auxiliary Department Convention
KI Convention Center/Hyatt Regency
333 Main Street, Green Bay, WI 54301



2022 OFFICIAL PROGRAM SCHEDULE
(SUBJECT TO CHANGE - current as of 03/21/2022)

Thursday, July 14, 2022

10:00 am – 11:00 am	Registration Setup (Lobby South Counter)
11:00 am – 5:00 pm	Registration (Lobby South Counter)
12:00 pm – 5:00 pm	Fundraiser Raffle (KI Convention Center West-Hallway)
2:00 pm – 4:30 pm	Headquarters Office/Supplies/Exhibits (KI Conv. Ctr. East-Ballroom A1)
1:00 pm – 2:30 pm	Legion Family Joint Executive Committees Luncheon (Riverview 1)
2:00 pm	Tellers, Credential Chairman & Judges of Election meeting (KI Conv. Center West-Grand E)
2:30 pm	Resolutions Committee Meeting, if necessary (KI-Hyatt, Meeting Room 2)
3:00 pm – 5:00 pm	Recognition Program (KI Convention Center West-Grand E) <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Honored PDP Diane Kranig○ District Membership Awards○ Introduction/Remarks – National President Kathy Daudistel
5:00 pm – 6:00 pm	National President Kathy Daudistel Meet & Greet/Parade of Checks (Riverview 1)
6:30 pm	Past Department Presidents Dinner (<i>by invitation only</i>)

Friday, July 15, 2022

7:00 am – 5:00 pm	Registration (Lobby South Counter)
7:30 am – 5:00 pm	Headquarters Office/Supplies/Exhibits (KI Conv. Ctr. East-Ballroom A1)
8:00 am – 5:00 pm	Fundraiser Raffle (KI Convention Center West-Hallway)
8:00 am – 8:45 am	Flag Rehearsal (KI Convention Center West-Grand E)
9:00 am – 9:15 am	Processional Line-Up (Hallway by KI Convention Center West-Grand E)
9:15 am	Processional (KI Convention Center West-Grand E)
9:30 am – 4:00 pm	Convention Session (KI Convention Center West-Grand E)
4:00 pm	Past Presidents Parley Business Meeting (KI Convention Center West-Grand E)

Saturday, July 16, 2022

7:00 am – 8:00 am	Registration (Lobby South Counter)
7:30 am – 11:00 am	Headquarters Office/Supplies/Exhibits (KI Conv. Ctr. East-Ballroom A1)
8:00 am – 12:00 pm	Fundraiser Raffle (KI Convention Center West-Hallway)
8:00 am – 4:30 pm	Convention Session (KI Convention Center West-Grand E) <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ 9:00 am-VOTING (Convention doors will be closed during voting)○ Convention reconvenes immediately following voting○ Judges of Elections, Credential Chair, Dept Tellers – vote counting (KI Convention Center West-Grand F)○ Flag Recessional○ Installation of 2022-2023 Department Officers and District Presidents○ Adjournment of 2022 Convention○ Reception Line for 2022-2023 Department Officers & District Presidents
5:00 pm – 6:00 pm	Catholic Church Services (KI Convention Center East-Ballroom A4)
5:00 pm – 6:00 pm	Protestant Church Services (KI Convention Center East-Ballroom A3)
6:30 pm	Joint Memorial Service Practice (KI Convention Center East-Exhibit Hall C)
7:00 pm – 11:00 pm	Saturday Evening Entertainment (KI Convention Ctr East-Meeting Rooms B1&2) <i>(Legion Family invited to attend; ticket purchase required w/Registration)</i>

Sunday, July 17, 2022

8:00 am	Joint Legion and Auxiliary Memorial Service (KI Conv. Ctr. East-Exhibit Hall C)
9:30 am	Department Executive Board Meeting (KI Convention Center West-Grand E)



**American Legion Auxiliary, Department of Wisconsin
 2022 American Legion Auxiliary Department Convention
 Hyatt Regency Green Bay
 333 Main Street, Green Bay, WI 54301
 July 14-17, 2022**



REGISTRATION FORM

This is your registration form only; **NOT YOUR DELEGATE FORM.** Delegate forms are mailed to the Units **30 Days prior to Convention (June 15, 2022)**, 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. You can also register online at www.wilegion.org.

First Name _____ Last Name _____
 Street Address _____ City, State Zip _____
 Home Phone () _____ Cell Phone () _____
 Email _____ Member ID # _____ District _____
 AL Post # _____ ALA Unit # _____ SAL Squadron # _____

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Registration Fee	\$25.00	
Registration Fee after July 11, 2022	\$30.00	
Saturday Evening PCC Event: <i>Entertainment by Daddy D Productions</i>	\$15.00	

TOTAL ENCLOSED: _____

Make checks payable to *"The American Legion, Department of Wisconsin"*
 OR enter credit card information below.

Check No. _____ Credit Card

Card Type _____ Card # _____
 Expiration date ____ / ____ Security Code _____

Return with payment to:
 The American Legion, Department of Wisconsin
 Attn: Convention
 P.O. Box 388, Portage, WI 53901
 Or email to: angela@wilegion.org



AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY - DEPARTMENT OF WISCONSIN
2022 ALA DEPARTMENT CONVENTION DETAILS
Thursday-Sunday, July 14-17, 2022
Hyatt Regency, 333 Main Street, Green Bay, WI 54301

Convention Center: The 2022 Department Convention will be held at the KI Convention Center/Hyatt Regency in Green Bay and **called into session at 9:30 am on Friday, July 15, 2022.**

Housing Blocks: Housing has been arranged at the following hotels until the deadlines listed or when the room blocks are filled, whichever comes first:

Hyatt Regency
333 Main Street
Green Bay, WI 54301
920-432-1234
Group: AM Legion
Cut off June 22, 2022

Hampton Inn
(attached to the Conv. Center)
Reservations call 770-299-2095
Thursday-Saturday (7/14-7/16)
Group: WI American Legion
Cut off June 14, 2022

Tundra Lodge (Waterpark Hotel)
Reservations call 877-886-3725
Thurs & Friday only (7/14-7/15)
Group: American Legion
Cut off June 17, 2022

Registration: All attendees to the 2022 Department Convention must preregister by returning a registration form and \$25.00 per person to The American Legion by July 11, 2022. Registrations after that date will be \$30.00 at the convention.

Delegate Forms: Each unit is entitled to representation at Department Convention as defined in the Department Constitution. Delegate Forms will be mailed to all units who have paid their district dues by June 15, 2022. The form must be completed and returned to Department two weeks prior to convention.

Recognition Program: A recognition program will be held on Thursday, July 14, 2022 from 3:00–6:00 pm in the ALA convention hall. The Auxiliary will pay tribute to Honored Past Department President Diane Kranig, present 2021-2022 District membership awards, and meet the National President. A parade of checks will be held during the Meet & Greet segment in honor of National President Kathy Daudistel. Checks should be made payable to “ALA-Wisconsin” and will be donated to the ALA Foundation.

District Caucuses/Alternates for National Convention: Per action taken at the 2021 Department Convention, ALA District Caucuses have been discontinued. Therefore, each of the 12 districts may nominate alternates to National Convention at the district level, with the selection process possibly done at their spring conference. Names of nominees shall be sent to Department Headquarters as soon as selected, but no later than July 1st.

Opening Ceremonies/Call to Order: **Opening processional will start on Friday, July 15th at 9:15 am.** President Diane Weggen will call convention to order upon arriving on the stage at approximately 9:30 am.

Flag Processional Rehearsal: Friday, July 15th at 8:00 am – Units or Counties participating in the Flag Processional during opening ceremonies must bring their own flag stands. Stands will be provided for the district flags. Color Bearers should bring flags to rehearsal in the convention hall. Department is not responsible for any flags left in the convention hall prior to rehearsal. Color Bearers will retire the flags on Saturday afternoon, July 16th.

PPP Business Meeting: The Past Presidents Parley will meet on Friday afternoon, July 15th.

Voting: On Saturday, July 16th, all delegates must be registered and seated with their District by 9:00 am for voting. Business will resume as soon as voting is completed.

Installation: Installation of 2022-2023 Department Officers and District Presidents will be on Saturday, July 16th, upon conclusion of convention business.

Deceased Members: Names of deceased members that are sent to Department Headquarters by April 29, 2022 on a Member Data Form will appear in the Joint Memorial Service Program.



American Legion Auxiliary – Department of Wisconsin
Delegates to Department Convention

Constitution, Article VII: Department Convention

Section 1. The Legislative body of the American Legion Auxiliary shall be the Department Convention to be held annually for the purpose of electing officers, receiving reports, and transacting such other business as shall properly come before it.

Section 2. The annual Convention shall be composed of delegates and alternates from each Unit. 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 which it shall have in excess of fifty members, whose District dues have been paid, and whose State and National dues have been received by the Department Executive Secretary-Treasurer at least thirty days prior to the date of the Convention. No Unit shall be entitled to be represented unless it has at least ten members whose District, Department and National dues for the current year have been paid.

Section 3. Delegates shall cast their own votes; the votes to be collected (in case of ballot), counted and announced without reference to district, as set forth in the latest edition of ROBERTS RULES OF ORDER NEWLY REVISED.

1. An alternate shall have all privileges of the delegate when delegate is not present.
2. A quorum shall exist at a Department Convention when there are present seven or more districts, wholly or partially represented.
3. All Past Department Presidents shall be made delegates-at-large to the annual convention and entitled to vote.
4. The Executive Secretary-Treasurer, Parliamentarian, Sergeant-at-Arms and Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms shall be delegates-at-large to the Department Convention and entitled to vote.
5. Members of the Department Executive Board, as defined by the Constitution, Article V, Section 2, shall be seated as delegates-at-large with vote in the Convention.
6. The Convention Credentials Committee shall be the final judge of qualification of delegates.
7. Proxies shall not be permitted.

Standing Rules: Department and National Conventions, Executive Board Meetings and National Meetings

13. The delegates and alternates to department convention shall be chosen by a plurality vote of the members of the Unit who are present at a meeting called for that purpose. If at any time of the department convention, a duly elected delegate and alternate shall be unable to attend, the Unit President shall have the power to appoint a substitute delegate and alternate.

14. A list of the elected delegates and alternates from each Unit must be filed with the Department Executive Secretary-Treasurer at least fourteen days before the opening of the department convention except in case of appointment by Unit President as provided in Section 13, and of Units organized within fourteen days preceding the convention. Otherwise no representation shall be allowed.

10 thru 75	2 delegates and 2 alternates
76 thru 125	3 delegates and 3 alternates
126 thru 175	4 delegates and 4 alternates
176 thru 225	5 delegates and 5 alternates
226 thru 275	6 delegates and 6 alternates
276 thru 325	7 delegates and 7 alternates
326 thru 375	8 delegates and 8 alternates
376 thru 425	9 delegates and 9 alternates
426 thru 475	10 delegates and 10 alternates



NOMINATIONS OF DEPARTMENT OFFICERS

Friday, July 15, 2022

Department Bylaws, Article I, Section 1: *The following officers shall be elected annually at the Department Convention by a majority of the ballots cast. When there is but one candidate for an office, the nominee can be elected by voice vote or acclamation: Department President and Senior Vice President.*

The following officers shall be elected annually at the Department Convention by plurality vote of the ballots cast. When there is but one candidate, the nominee can be elected by voice vote or acclamation: First Vice President, Second Vice President, Historian and Chaplain.

Standing Rules, Elections and Campaigns, #2: *In line with The American Legion Counsel General’s opinion, any member may run for any office as a right of membership. While each experience as an officer or chairman helps to prepare the member for higher office, members have the right to pursue any office that is personally fulfilling without obligation to seek other offices.*

NOMINATIONS FOR NATIONAL CONVENTION ALTERNATES

Due to Department Headquarters by July 1, 2022

National Constitution, Article VI, Section 2: *Representation in the National Convention shall be by Departments. Each Department shall be entitled to delegates based upon the number of members whose dues are paid up-to-date as provided in the Standing Rules.*

National Standing Rules, Section II, Subsection 2: *Each Department shall be entitled to five (5) delegates; and one (1) additional delegate for each fifteen hundred (1,500) members or major fraction thereof, whose current dues have been received by the National Treasurer thirty (30) days prior to the meeting of said National Convention, and to one (1) alternate for each delegate. The delegates and alternates shall be selected not less than two (2) weeks before the National Convention at Department Conventions or in any manner specified by any Department Constitution.*

Department Bylaws, Article III, Section 1, Subsections 5-6: *Each of the twelve districts may nominate alternates to the National Convention at the district level. The nominee selection process shall be determined at the discretion of the district, possibly at their spring or fall conferences, or by executive action. Names of nominees shall be sent to Department Headquarters as soon as selected and no later than July 1st. There shall be no nominations from the floor and election of alternates shall be held at a designated time during Department Convention and named in order of plurality count. No alternates shall be named to fill vacant positions until all delegates have been selected according to the [priorities stated in subsections 1-5].*

- Nomination forms for Alternates to National Convention were sent to all District Presidents and must be returned no later than July 1, 2022.
- Elections will be held on Saturday, July 16, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. in the convention hall.

DELEGATES TO NATIONAL CONVENTION

1	Delegation Chairman (2021-2022 Department President Diane Weggen)
7	2022-2023 Dept Officers (President, Sr. VP, 2-VPs, Historian, Chaplain, Exec Secretary-Treasurer)
12	2022-2023 District Presidents (based on term of office and membership ranking)
1	2021-2022 National Chair or committee member whose expenses are paid by National
<u>0</u>	<u>Additional Delegates elected from supplemental list (based on current membership totals)</u>
21	Total (subject to change, determined by membership totals 30 days prior to National Convention)

Wisconsin has four (4) delegates-at-large: Past National Presidents Barbara Kranig, Jan Pulvermacher-Ryan and Diane Duscheck, and National Executive Committeewoman Bonnie Jakubczyk.



American Legion Auxiliary-Department of Wisconsin
2022 American Legion Auxiliary Department Convention



Saturday, July 16, 2022 at 9:00 a.m.

VOTING PROCEDURE

- 1) Convention delegate registration will close at 8:00 am on Saturday, July 16, 2022.
- 2) Delegates and delegates-at-large will be verified by the Convention Credentials Committee. The Convention Credentials Committee shall be the final judge of qualification of a delegate.
- 3) Voting packets will be prepared for each district containing ballots equal to the total number of delegates and delegates-at-large registered and certified by 8:00 am on July 16, 2022.
- 4) An alternate shall have all privileges of the delegate when the delegate is not present. Alternates will be seated in a designated section for the convenience of a District President to locate and expedite a replacement delegate. Alternates may only replace delegates from within their own unit.
- 5) Voting will be at 9:00 am on Saturday, July 16, 2022 in the convention hall. Promptly at 9:00 am, the American Legion Auxiliary's convention hall entrance doors will be closed, with no one being allowed to enter or exit until the voting process is completed. Only delegates and delegates-at-large shall be seated in their respective district's delegation during voting.
- 6) Districts will be called in numerical order to pick up their voting packet from the Election Judges.
- 7) Districts will commence the voting process after all packets have been distributed. Delegates must present their signed voting credentials to receive a ballot.
- 8) Immediately after voting has been declared ended, the Credentials Chairman, election judges and the tellers appointed by the Department President will move to a designated counting room to tabulate votes and convention business will resume.
- 9) The Judge of Elections will take results, compare numbers with the Credentials Chairman, and provide a written report to the Executive Secretary-Treasurer.
- 10) The Credentials Committee Chairman will give an oral report of total number of delegates, alternates and delegates-at-large by district that had registered to vote as of 8:00 am on July 16, 2022.
- 11) The Judge of Elections will give an oral report of the numerical results of the election and give the written report to the Department President.
- 12) The Department President will declare the winners of the election during the convention session on Saturday.



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PROPOSED RULES & ORDER OF BUSINESS

- 1) All cell phones will be turned off while convention is in session.
- 2) Convention sessions shall be started at the stated time.
- 3) A quorum shall exist when there are present seven or more districts, wholly or partially represented. All delegates must be seated with their districts.
- 4) Delegates desiring recognition shall go to the nearest microphone, address the presiding officer as “Madam President,” and upon receiving recognition from the presiding officer, shall give their name, unit number and district number. A speaker shall be permitted to speak no more than twice on any one question but cannot speak again so long as any member who has not spoken on that question desires the floor.
- 5) Before the election, time shall be granted in the regular order of business to nominate candidates for Department and National Offices.
- 6) Nominations will not be called by roll call of each district. The nominators and the candidates will be called to the stage as a group. Districts with known and endorsed candidates for office will be called in numerical order. Other nominations will be asked for from the floor. There shall be no seconds to nominations.
- 7) Nomination speeches shall be limited as follows:
 - a. One (1) candidate for office - two (2) minute limit
 - b. Two (2) or more candidates for office - three (3) minute limit
 - c. One (1) candidate for Department President - three (3) minute limit
 - d. Two (2) or more candidates for Department President - four (4) minute limit
- 8) Immediately following their nomination, the nominee shall be presented from the stage and granted one (1) minute for any response or remarks they may wish to make.
- 9) There shall be no nomination speeches for delegates to the National Convention.
- 10) All resolutions shall be referred to the proper committee for study and recommendation and shall be reported back to the convention for adoption or rejection. The resolutions committee shall present all resolutions.
- 11) When giving reports, chairmen shall address the presiding officer as “Madam President” and reports will be accepted by general consent of the convention delegates. If there is an objection, a vote will be taken.
- 12) Delegates must attend all convention sessions.
- 13) Delegates may leave the convention hall only at the end of a speaker’s report. Upon returning, delegates shall remain at the back of the convention hall until the current speaker has ended.
- 14) District Pages shall be responsible for distributing all convention materials to the district’s delegates.
- 15) Guests shall be honored at the convention by applause only.



DEPARTMENT BASKET RAFFLE

July 14-16, 2022

CONVENTION FUNDRAISER

As we **Salute** our Veterans, we will **Serve** together raising funds to further the efforts of our American Legion Auxiliary and President Diane Weggen's special project:
The Chippewa Veterans Home Courtyard.

I am asking every Unit to please donate a Raffle Basket with a minimum value of \$30.00. Please display a card stating everything in the basket, as well as your Unit and District numbers. Make sure all baskets are wrapped in cellophane. If an individual would also like to donate, please follow the same instructions.

Different baskets will be raffled off every day of the convention (Thursday, July 14 through Saturday, July 16th at 10:00 am). Last year at the end of the convention, we auctioned off several baskets. It was really fun, and we earned even more money! This year we will **Celebrate** the close of convention with another auction!

Please do not hesitate to call or email with any questions.

Thank you ALL so very much!
Sue Turowski, Department Fundraising Chairman
sueturowski@hotmail.com or 262-389-4644



2022-2023 Unit Officers Form

Return A.S.A.P

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY
DEPARTMENT OF WISCONSIN
PO Box 140, Portage WI 53901
Ofc: 608-745-0124 • Fax: 608-745-1947
Email: alawi@amlegionauxwi.org

Unit City Location _____ Unit # _____

County _____ Dist # _____

Meeting Location/ date & time _____

DO NOT LEAVE ANY POSITIONS BLANK

- Department **REQUIRES** a contact person (even if it is temporary) for each of the positions listed.
- (Please designate **ONE PERSON** to receive Unit mailings and other important Unit information)

President's Name _____ Membership ID # _____

Mailing Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

Home _____ Work Cell : _____

Email _____

Secretary's Name _____ Membership ID # _____

Mailing Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

Home _____ Work Cell : _____

Email _____

Treasurer's Name _____ Membership ID # _____

Mailing Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

Home _____ Work Cell : _____

Email _____

↪ (Dues Remit To Person - name & address will be printed on the members' payment dues reminders sent from National)

↪ **Renewal Notice Name** _____ Membership ID # _____

Mailing Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

Home _____ Work Cell : _____

Email _____

↪ Complete - If Dues Mailing address is different from mailing address above

↪ Dues Mailing Address/City/State/Zip _____

↪ (**The person in the UNIT** who will receive ALABGS information. **DO NOT put the delegate's name here**)

↪ **ALABGS Chairman's Name** _____ Membership ID # _____

Mailing Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

Home _____ Work Cell : _____

Email _____

Signed _____ Date _____

Person submitting form



DONATION FORM

Date _____

Name: _____

Address (City/State/Zip): _____

Email: _____

If applicable

Unit CITY location _____ Unit # _____ Dist # _____

\$ _____ (4202) **General Donation** – Additional funds for general support of the ALABGS program.

\$ _____ (4201) **Scholarship** – American Legion Auxiliary Badger Girls State (ALABGS) Scholarships in the amount of \$500 each are offered to citizens of the most recent ALABGS session who plan to attend a college, university or approved technical school. The ALABGS Committee will determine the number of scholarships awarded based on available funding. Scholarship applications will only be sent to delegates/citizens who attended the immediate past ALABGS session.

\$ _____ (4203) **Reservation/Sponsorship** – ALABGS is a nonpartisan program that teaches young women responsible citizenship and love for God and Country. These young women learn government by creating the mythical state of Badger through the election of public officials on local, county and state levels; carrying out the duties of these respective offices; and living together as self-governing citizens with the duties, privileges, and responsibilities of citizenship in a representative form of government. Full sponsorship is \$350 per delegate, but any donation amount is gratefully accepted.

\$ _____ **TOTAL ENCLOSED**

Make check payable to: ALABGS

Send to: PO Box 140, Portage WI 53901

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

THE STATE OF WISCONSIN



CITATION BY THE ASSEMBLY

KNOW YOU BY THESE PRESENTS:

WHEREAS, American Legion Auxiliary Badger Girls State is sponsored by the American Legion Auxiliary; and

WHEREAS, American Legion Auxiliary Badger Girls State is organized to prepare young women of Wisconsin for the duties and privileges of citizenship by acquainting them with the functions of government in a democracy and allowing them to participate in the operations of government; and

WHEREAS, Wisconsin's reputation for effective and progressive state government is nationally and internationally recognized; now,

THEREFORE, the Members of the Wisconsin State Assembly on the motion of Assembly Speaker Robin Vos, do congratulate the Wisconsin American Legion Auxiliary and the citizens from throughout Wisconsin that will comprise Badger Girls State for the week of June 19-24, 2022, and commend them for their dedication to the State of Wisconsin.

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Representative Robin Vos
Speaker of the Assembly

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Tyler August".

Representative Tyler August
Speaker Pro Tempore

STATE CAPITOL
MADISON, WISCONSIN

June 19, 2022
Date

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Edward A. Blazel".

Edward A. Blazel
Assembly Chief Clerk



Chaplain Article

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I want to wish everyone a Happy Spring!

Spring is a time for renewal, growth and hope. It is a time to be thankful that the coldest and darkest days of winter are gone and we are able to once again enjoy the beauty of regrowth in the trees, plants and flowers in our community. It should also be a time to thank God for all the gifts he gives us and to use those gifts fully to help and serve others. Serving others is what we do as Auxiliary members. Remember to also spread joy and a sense of hope to those we serve. If we approach volunteering with a grateful and thankful heart, that will spread to those we come in contact with. I have always found that by approaching activities with positive energy, not only does it make the task more enjoyable, but contributes to receiving more than I give.

Please continue to send me prayers, poems and inspiration items to add to President Diane Weggen's Prayer Book. Thank you to those who have already sent them to me but there are still many more pages to fill. I can accept submissions until the Department convention in July.

They can be sent by email (djensen20@gmail.com) or mailed to: 6936 N 86th Street, Milwaukee, WI 53224.

Many busy Spring activities such as Spring Conferences, Poppy Distribution, and elections are coming up. I continue to ask for God's blessings for the American Legion Family. Keep in mind the goals and purposes of the American Legion Auxiliary as we Serve, Salute and Celebrate active-duty military, veterans and their families.



American Legion Auxiliary
Department of Wisconsin
LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM

Joanie Dickerson, Department Chairman
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Letter writing, phone calls, emails and face-to-face meetings are all effective ways to communicate The American Legion's legislative priorities to our elected officials. The collective voice of the nearly 3 million members of The American Legion Family speaks loud and clear the importance of taking care of our veterans' needs once their service is completed. A direct, concerted effort helps bring attention to the bills that will bring about the policy changes that will address those needs. Specific areas in which efforts are being directed are:

- VA Healthcare Modernization
- Suicide Prevention and Peer Support
- Address Toxic Exposure and Burn Pits
- Improve Healthcare for Women Veterans
- Concurrent Receipt of retirement pay and disability compensation
- Guard and Reserve GI Bill Parity
- GI Bill for Honorable Service
- Citizenship for Honorable Service
- Pay the Coast Guard
- Address the Forever Wars & Restore Congressional War Powers
- Protect the American Flag

Information about these items from The American Legion Legislative Agenda for the 117th Congress, 2nd Session can be found at: <https://www.legion.org/legislative/agenda>

Computer users in your unit can download this information and use it as a starting point for discussions in your meetings. Encourage your members to write letters or go online to express their support for these needed policy changes. Together we can make a difference in the lives of our treasured veterans.



LEADERSHIP

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Leadership Program Awards:

There are six awards that will be given out for the most outstanding Leadership Programs in our units, counties and districts. I have listed the awards but a more detailed description of what is required for each award is available on the Department website (www.amlegionauxwi.org) under the Program Info tab (Dept. Chrm/Action Plans).

- A. Citation for the best County/District President or Leadership Chairman with the best overall Leadership program.
- B. Award for the Unit with the most Outstanding Overall Leadership Program Award.
- C. Award for the County/District Leadership Training.
- D. Award for the Unit Leadership Training Award for building leadership skills.
- E. Award for Junior Member Outstanding Leadership Award.
- F. Award for Unit Member of the Year (application can be found under Program Info tab /Leadership).

Narrative reports must be (or have been) submitted by **April 15, 2022**. Each category requires a written narrative of the accomplishments of the member, unit, county or district. For more info contact Department Chairman Deanna Farley.

Award entries need to be postmarked by **May 1, 2022**. Send to Department Leadership Chairman Deanna Farley, W14870 Kimball Lane, Silver Cliff WI 54104 or email to farleyofsc@gmail.com.

Midwinter Leadership Conference Presentation can be reviewed from the Department website (www.amlegionauxwi.org) under the Program Info tab / Midwinter Handouts.

WHAT IT TAKES TO BE A GOOD LEADER

To some, the title “leader” implies a domineering, take-charge, charismatic individual. Leadership isn’t an adjective. Leadership is a mindset in action; it stems from social influence, not authority or power. Leadership has nothing to do with titles. You can be a leader in your workplace, your neighborhood, your family, and/or our organization, all without having a title.

Be Knowledgeable: It is not necessary to be an expert on everything, but basic knowledge is essential.

- Familiarize yourself with documents that govern the operation of your unit or committee
- Possess a level of familiarity with programs of the American Legion Auxiliary
- Strengthen knowledge on Parliamentary Procedure
- Know the process for the appropriation and control of money. Bad financial practices do not just hurt the organization; they can result in criminal investigations and prosecution.

Be Passionate: A good leader exhibits excitement; and through demonstrated, unswerving commitment to our vision, instills hope and inspiration to other members. A good leader “walks the talk” and in doing so, earns the right to lead.

Listen: If you exhibit a proper attitude in listening, really listening to your members, the potential for identifying new opportunities will emerge. Instill in yourself, and others, that listening is an opportunity to grow. In the end, your success as a leader will be predicated upon your ability to listen and understand the viewpoint of others.

Have a Positive Attitude: Leaders should have an upbeat, optimistic attitude that serves as a source of inspiration for others. If leaders seem discouraged or apathetic, members are likely to also become uninspired and demotivated.

- Be a cheerleader. Motivate others by your enthusiasm.
- Follow up with your members to ensure they are achieving the goals, objectives, and milestones established.

Lead with Integrity: A good leader must possess unquestionable character and lead with integrity. Integrity gives you so much as a leader; credibility, trust, confidence, influence, and more.

Lead by Example: Who says leadership is a one-way relationship? As you work toward developing leadership qualities in yourself, don’t forget to look to your fellow members for feedback and inspiration.

- Pay attention to the things that have been effective in the past and always be on the lookout for new ways to inspire, motivate, and reward your members.
- Be willing to delegate responsibility – use the talents of others!
- Always instill a climate of goodwill.
- Be respectful. Remember those all-important “shout outs” to deserving members and certainly the two most important words — thank you.
- Do you care about your members and strive to help build leadership capacity in them?

Be Confident: Be aware of the way and manner which you present yourself. Bearing is everything! Be confident and decisive in your decision-making. Members will pick up on your approach to leadership and find reassurance, clear direction, and security when a leader portrays confidence and positive demeanor.

Act Professionally: As a leader, you should be cordial to all of your members. You should also recognize the importance of dressing appropriately, showing up for meetings on time, and communicating in a professional manner. Your goals and expectations should be clear from the beginning. Members will be more motivated and less confused. Ask for input. Tell them that their perspective is crucial to your success.



MEMBERSHIP



As I draft this article, my attention gets drawn outside to how gloomy it is. It is the time of year where we've all had enough of winter. It's time for spring! Many of us are longing to get outside and work in our gardens to bring them back to life.

Like our gardens, we need to check on our commitments and goals to our Units and bring them back fresh and new. Our goals of the American Legion Auxiliary membership team, whether it is at National, Department, District or Unit level, is "growth."

The goal of our American Legion Auxiliary Units should be to increase membership every year. One method to achieve this is through recruitment and retention. Recruiting new members is not always easy. How do you, or your Unit, go about recruiting new members? Do you wear the ALA emblem or a shirt with an ALA pin or patch, when out and about? Do you set up tables at community fairs with displays of your activities and programs? Attend your local school activities where Veterans are recognized for their service? Hold a membership drive with your local Legion post? These are all great examples of how to recruit new members.

Now that you have your new member, how do you retain them after that first or second year? Often, members who do not renew their membership say it's because they have had little to no contact with their Unit. I find sending out new "membership packets" helps. I remember my first meeting and trying to retain all that information in one night, it was overwhelming. A new "membership packet" will give them the information right at their fingertips, on their own time. Other ways to keep your members in the loop is to send out monthly newsletters and by posting your Units activities on social media (Facebook, Instagram, etc.), in your local newspaper or through your Chamber of Commerce.

We have planted the seed for new growth, it's now time to fertilize our new members, and don't forget about your Junior members. They are our future leaders, and we must teach them the value of being a leader in the American Legion Auxiliary. Remember to encourage your younger Auxiliary members, as they often have fresh and innovative ideas. Nurture them and allow them to spout. They will have ideas to make our programs look fresh and brand new, all while being the same, strong program.

By the time you read this article, we will have new growth sprouting up, and Easter knocking at our door. Happy Spring and Happy Easter to all of you!

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POPPY PROGRAM

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We are about to hit a milestone in the Poppy year, especially those Units who do poppy distribution in conjunction with Memorial Day. Now is the time to motivate the entire Legion Family to spread the word throughout the membership and your community. Remind everyone on poppy history, the symbolism for sacrifices made in service to country and the benefits which poppy revenue brings to veterans, military and families.

→ **National Poppy Day is Friday, May 27.** Do you do an annual proclamation? Download the template off the national website, tweak it for your community and connect with local government officials for presentation. Have you done a Poppy storefront window sharing what your Unit does in support of veterans? Does your Unit do one or two days of distribution or do you utilize special events year-round? Make every moment count.

→ **Poppy Contests & Awards.** This is a busy time of year as members are wrapping up school contests and writing year-end and award narratives. Please take time to review the Poppy Plan of Action. While the year-end **Poppy Narrative** is due to Department Chairman by **April 15**, there are other Poppy deadlines that are coming up soon, also due to Department Chairman.

Poppy Poster contest deadline is *May 1st. Usually judged at spring conference, there are four districts that are holding their conferences in May – their deadline is **May 14**. Take a picture of posters being submitted. Winning posters in each Class are sent on to regional and national for further competition. Every effort will be made to return the originals back to the Units.

Little Miss Poppy participants must submit a scrapbook with narrative to Department Chairman by **May 1st**. The winner will be invited to Department convention and her scrapbook goes on for further competition. If the poppy scrapbook is to be returned, Unit must include a self-addressed, stamped envelope.

Poppy Usage Award, Best Overall Poppy Program and Poppy Revenue Award deadlines are all **May 1st**. Review the POA requirements for each, noting word count, pictures encouraged, and for the Poppy Revenue, a copy of Unit's Poppy Profit Report. *Please remember to include the 2021-22 Poppy Award cover sheet with each entry.*

Feel free to call, text or email me for additional information or questions on each of the categories. I would like to hear more of those success stories shared in your mid-year reports. Then take time to review and plan for the next program year. Change it up and try something new or expand on a tried and true endeavor. Good luck and thank you for fulfilling the American Legion Auxiliary mission!



Public Relations

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Social media: Tips from Social media zoom course offered by The American Legion.

Online interactions with eligible non-members can become conversations and your best recruiting tool. Do you use Facebook or any of several media sources available? Using social media makes for timely results and increases sharing and interacting with more people.

Your basic newsletter should and can be an important communication, especially for your members unable to attend meetings and gatherings. The newsletter is vital for members who do not use a computer. Publish your photos in your newsletter with captions, it will be a small conversation with those unable to attend.

The newsletters and all social media published items can engage your audience, but you must do quality writing that is relevant to your audience. This in turn can create conversations, questions and give feedback and answers to input you are looking for.

A newsletter and social media source need not be entirely handled by a Unit, sharing is a number one option and maybe helpful for both the Post and Unit.

Social media is an awesome public relations tool, but you must know and abide by the The American Legion's principles when participating in social computing networks. Understand your personal responsibility for what is published, follow the rules and regulations for writing to the public.

Remember to submit your pictures, newspaper clippings and newsletters to show what your members are doing by **May 13th, 2022**. Materials should be sent to either Ann Lotter or Barbara McDaniel.

Ann Lotter: 7792 County Road I Lot 5, Oconto Falls WI 54154

Barbara McDaniel: PO Box 151, Hawthorne WI 54842



SERVICE TO VETERANS

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As we enter into the end of our year of “Salute, Serve, Celebrate” it is important to our “Service to Veterans” program that all service hours relating to a veteran outside the home and within your communities have been documented and reported.

However, in a change this year to promote and celebrate caregivers, National President Kathy Daudistel is promoting the service of the caregivers and wants us to recognize all the hours we accrue while offering those services.

Caregiver Hour Bars: *Per National guidelines, Caregivers can now be awarded “Service to Veterans” hours which may accumulate for hour bars for time spent providing care and assistance to Veterans within their families if they do not receive PROFESSIONAL compensation for doing so. If the caregiver lives with the Veteran, they may be awarded 10 hours a week. If they do NOT live with the Veteran relative then they may be awarded 5 hours a week. The onus is placed upon the caregiver to report these hours through the existing structure within their units and departments. Only the highest earned hour bar will be awarded. For those departments that track both “hospital” hours as well as “Service to Veterans” hours, these hours would fall under “Service to Veterans”. This change will have bearing on how we ask Impact Numbers to be reported-specifically what is included, and that information will be updated on the National website.*

How did the unit/members provide support to caregivers and/or military families is the question most often asked annually. In looking for ideas for future reference, check into the [Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation Guide](#). You can download your own digital copy at:

<https://member.legionaux.org/member/guides/volunteerguide>

Remember, 2021-2022 Service To Veterans Volunteer Award hours form is due by April 15, 2022.

As we continue to Salute, Serve and Celebrate this year, remember to honor all of our veterans, past and present, by promoting the poppy in the month of May, or at any time throughout the year.

VETERANS AFFAIRS & REHABILITATION

Mike Rohan, Department Chairman

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It is time to share

As we move into spring, it is time to clean out your calendar and your camera/phone and share the stories of your individual and Unit activities. Share those pictures and let the world see what you did for our veterans in Wisconsin. ***Here are some ways you can report your activities:***

- First and foremost, fill out the **VA&R Unit Annual Narrative Report** for 2021-2022. It is due to the Department Headquarters by April 15, 2022.
- Please include pictures, stories, newspaper clippings, flyers, news articles, activity reports, or anything that helps share success stories and shows activities that serve our mission. The narrative reports do not need to be complicated. It is your message!
- Be sure to encourage your unit members to fill out a Member Year-End Impact Report. It is so easy to complete and send to unit presidents. You can find a fillable report at https://www.amlegionauxwi.org/files/ugd/8bea47_2ea7ba8b1fcb429586eaa58e1fa609ff.pdf – ***It only takes a few minutes.***
- If you plan to take office in the next membership year, look at https://www.amlegionauxwi.org/files/ugd/8bea47_d1cfbca699374ece855dc6b73ca89b26.pdf, where you will find all of the years' reports. Tracking worksheets will help you and your unit members keep track of your monthly activities (volunteer hours, spending, veterans served, etc.).

In filling out your annual reports (April 1, 2021 – March 31, 2022), consider these points:

- Did you try a new project or fundraiser benefiting the VA&R program?
- Does your Unit have a favorite tried-and-true project?
- Did you partner with another unit or organization on a project? Did it work well? Will it be repeated?
- Has a picture or two (please email in a JPEG format) been sent showing your activities?
- Do you have a special story about one of your veterans? (ask his or her permission)
- What makes your Unit stand out from others?

Wisconsin Caregiver recognition – National President Kathy Daudistel wants to recognize a deserving military or veteran non-paid caregiver in every department. Our national headquarters has provided a Certificate of Appreciation for our unit and district presidents to use to recognize our members for their work as caregivers. Meanwhile, here are some links related to caregiver support:

- Watch a webinar on Mission Delivery through Caregiver Support. <https://member.legion-aux.org/member/online-training>
- Apply for a Junior or SAL Activities Caregiver Patch https://www.legion-aux.org/cmsdesk/ALA/media/PDF/Programs/Junior_Activities_SAL_Patch_Program_Level_3.pdf

The American Legion Auxiliary Foundation exists to ensure the mission of the American Legion Auxiliary thrives for years to come. To assist ALA units, districts/counties, and departments in their efforts to support local veterans, military, and their families, the ALA Foundation offers four different grants. <http://alafoundation.org/grants/>. Please consider the American Legion Auxiliary Foundation in your discussions.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES YOU CAN USE

1. Quilts of Valor: <https://www.qovf.org/>
2. VA Homeless Programs www.va.gov/homeless/
3. HUD Homeless Assistance Program
https://www.hud.gov/program_offices/comm_planning/veteranhomelessness
4. Handbook for Homeless Veterans and Service Providers
www.Legion.org/publications/168493/homeless-veterans-handbook
5. National Veterans Creative Arts Festival www.creativeartsfestival.va.gov
6. The American Legion Auxiliary Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation (VA&R) Facebook group,
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/ALAVAR/>
7. Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation: A Guide for Volunteers – download online at
<https://member.legion-aux.org/member/guides/volunteer-guide>
8. Elizabeth Dole Foundation www.elizabethdolefoundation.org
9. U.S. Chamber of Commerce – Hiring Our Heroes <https://www.uschamber.com/program/us-chamber-foundation/hiring-our-heroes>
10. The American Legion and Habitat for Humanity Volunteer involvement toolkit
<https://www.legion.org/documents/legion/pdf/habitat.pdf>
11. VA Caregiver Support www.caregiver.va.gov
12. Department of Wisconsin Annual Reports <https://www.amlegionauxwi.org/annual-reports>
13. Department of Wisconsin Program Information <https://www.amlegionauxwi.org/program-info>
14. Department Chairman Action Plans <https://www.amlegionauxwi.org/dept-chrm-action-plans>



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Red Book Corrections

- Pg. 6 Add Janet Heidtke (Unit 118) to the Bowling Committee
- Pg. 7 Replace Teresa Isensee with Deanna Farley as Dept. Leadership Chairman
- Pg. 7 Add Pat Griswold (Unit 537) as 4th District Children & Youth Chairman
- Pg. 10 Update Sheila's Frye to Representative of Madison VA
- Pg. 10 Add Helene Stein as Deputy of Tomah VAMC
- Pg. 10 Remove Lillian Bitters as Deputy of Union Grove WVH
- Pg. 10 Add Kathie Wilhelm (Unit 71) as Deputy of Union Grove WVH
- Pg. 11 Add Donna Lewens (Unit 21) as Kenosha County President – Ph: 262-496-1095 / Email: dleuens@outlook.com
- Pg. 11 Update - Delores Bruch Unit # to 317
- Pg. 11 Add Jeanne Flaskrud as Eau Claire County President (Unit 550)
- Pg. 16 Maggie Geiger's email address is maggieg4ala@gmail.com
- Pg. 18 Diana Sirovina's email address is: dsirovina@icloud.com
- Pg. 18 Update Dany Thompson's address to: 1614 Prarie Place #105, Holmen WI 54636
- Pg. 19 Daralyn Wessels' email address is: daralynwessels5@gmail.com

*updated 2/18/2022

DATES & DEADLINES

Last updated 3/24/2022

(subject to change)

2022		
DATES	EVENT	LOCATION
April 15, 2022	Unit Year-End Reports Due	Impact Reports: To District Presidents Narrative Reports: To Department HQ
April 23, 2022	6 th District Spring Conference	St. Martin Lutheran Church, Chilton, WI
April 30, 2022	2 nd District Spring Conference	Laack's Ballroom, Sheboygan Falls, WI
April 30, 2022	3 rd District Spring Conference	Century Hall, Wauzeka, WI
May 7, 2022	1 st District Spring Conference	American Legion Post 375, Mukwonago, WI
May 7, 2022	9 th District Spring Conference	Elcho, WI
May 14, 2022	4 th District Spring Conference	American Legion Post 537, Milwaukee
May 14, 2022	12 th District Spring Conference	Webster Community Center, Webster, WI
May 14, 2022	Commander Eirich's Testimonial	Sheboygan Yacht Club
May 21, 2022	Sweat-4-Vets Post-to-Post Walk	American Legion Post 288, Cedarburg, WI
May 30, 2022	ALA HQ Closed for Memorial Day Holiday	
June 3-4, 2022	Orientation for Incoming Department Officers and District Presidents	American Legion Headquarters, Portage, WI
June 11, 2022	President Diane Weggen's Testimonial	Holy Family Hall, 136 E 3rd Ave, Stanley, WI
June 19-24, 2022	ALA Badger Girls State	UW-Oshkosh, Oshkosh, WI
July 4, 2022	ALA HQ Closed for Independence Day Holiday	
July 14-17, 2022	Legion Family Department Convention	Green Bay, WI
Aug 26-Sep 1, 2022	Legion Family National Convention	Milwaukee, WI