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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Diane Weggen
Department
President

Happy Valentine's and Presidents' Days to The American Legion Family. It is heartwarming to see and hear about all that TAL Family members are doing to "Salute, Serve and Celebrate" veterans and their families throughout the state.

The New Year began with the Auxiliary hosting a round table activity at Midwinter. Legionnaires, Sons and Riders joined Auxiliary members in five groups of Round Table discussions to **both** listen **and** to share. Questions focused on ways to work together, build relationships, make connections, engage members and caring for those who care for others.

Make America stronger with your mem-

bership in the American Legion Auxiliary. Paying Auxiliary membership dues **both** honor **and** serve veterans in our communities and throughout the nation. If not having the time to attend meetings or assist with events is an issue, know that dues dollars are needed to provide program materials that assist and support veterans in need. How veterans are treated sends a message to those who volunteer to serve all of us with their time in the military.

Auxiliary Reps at the VA Centers deserve hearty thanks for the work they are doing, and the challenges met during this pandemic to serve veterans and their families at VA facilities. In addition to Iron Mountain, Commander Eirich and I have been honored with virtual meetings at Zablocki and the Chippewa Veterans Home, plus an in-person visit at the Tomah

VA. Getting a tour of the Whole Health program and meeting the program coach informed us about innovative ways the Tomah VA is approaching individualized care and addressing alternative pain treatment for veterans.

Throughout my travels, I have been privileged to witness first-hand **TAL and Units working and celebrating** together:

- Port Washington and Belgium: Christmas food drive
- District 7 and Marathon County: winter clothing drive
- Post & Unit 123 with Post & Unit 547: Veterans Day banquet

Working together results in successes. Find time and create ways for TAL Family to work or play together with all members of veteran families in our communities.

Join Auxiliary members for the fun of attending the Wisconsin American Legion Auxiliary **State Bowling** Association tournament as a bowler, spectator or cheerleader. This is a Nine Pin Tap tourney and will be held on April 2 & 3 and 9 & 10 at New London Lanes.

District Spring Conferences will begin in March and run through April and May. Take time to attend, preferably your district, but any of the conferences. No two are alike, thus present great opportunities for learning about the Auxiliary and for meeting others who share their time and talents to *Salute, Serve, and Celebrate veterans, families, and communities.*

In the words of 112-year-old WWII Veteran Laurence Brooks for a good life, "Serve God. Be nice to people."

MEMBERSHIP

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The other day while I was scrolling through Facebook, I came across this quote about volunteering, "If you want to touch the Past, touch a Rock. If you want to touch the Present, touch a Flower. If you want to touch the Future, touch a Life." ~ Author Unknown

As we continue our journey for the next 100 years as a volunteer organization, we can look back and celebrate the accomplishments of those before us, who understood and were moved to help the needs and hardships that many veterans, military, and their families were facing. The American Legion Auxiliary programs grew from The American Legion 4 Pillars: Veterans

Affairs & Rehabilitation, National Security, Americanism, and Children & Youth.

This is our past, our "rock," our strong foundation. Our predecessors worked hard looking to the future. I imagine them trying to figure out all the "possibilities" that a unit and its members might face. They tried to think ahead of the issue. If you don't believe this, just read your unit's original Constitution & Bylaws and Standing Rules. They knew the importance of members being kind, understanding and working well together, because the better we work together, the more we can accomplish to help our vets.

Flowers are used to decorate homes, gardens and are given as gifts. Some describe the smell of flowers as heavenly. As volunteers, we bring the beauty of a flower to those around us. Decorating the post for an event, making brightly

colored blankets, cards, tray favors the list goes on and on. As far as heavenly smells, close your eyes and imagine the smell of brat frys, potluck dinners, and every type of dessert imaginable, need I say more! This just scratches the surface of what our members do to make events and meetings more personable and pleasing.

We may never know how many lives are touched by us or how their lives were affected. The young child who receives a backpack with school supplies. The Military family that is in need of a gift card for groceries or gas because they have not received their benefits on time. The

veteran that needs a ride to an appointment or help in their yard. The young man or woman who attends Boys or Girls State whose life is changed because of the opportunity they received. By touching their lives, we touch the future.

Your membership is so important and appreciated. Think of what your unit does, then multiply it by the 373 units in the Department of Wisconsin. You don't think we make a difference? Think again! Be proud to wear your ALA emblem, share with others why you joined the ALA, and what you enjoy most by being a member!

Ordinary people, doing extraordinary things.

SALUTE, SERVE, CELEBRATE! UNIT 33



PDP and Neenah Unit 33 President Char Kiesling presented a Certificate of Honor and gifts to Patricia Lison for her amazing 75 years of ALA membership!

2022 MEMBERSHIP RANKINGS

District 2 (87.16%)

District 3 (85.54%)

District 6 (85.36%)

District 9 (83.01%)

District 7 (82.97%)

District 10 (82.65%)

District 4 (81.80%)

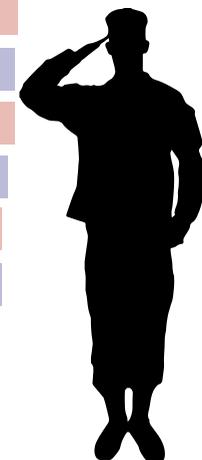
District 1 (81.10%)

District 5 (81.08%)

District 8 (80.84%)

District 12 (80.42%)

District 11 (73.40%)



CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

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Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs.

1 Corinthians 13:4-5

This bible verse is often used at weddings, and it is the time of year when there is a lot of attention on Valentine's Day and "love." There are many kinds of love and romantic love is only one. Love of family, friends, community, country, and self are just a few others. Love given is not divided but multiplied. (The more you give, the more you receive.)

We have a great capacity to give and accept love, but we need to remain open to finding love in unexpected places. When a friend or neighbor does a kind deed, that is an act of love. An encouraging word or smile can brighten someone's day and that is a way of showing love for others. Adapting and expressing gratitude are also ways to show love for ourselves and others. Being a good citizen by voting and following the laws, being generous with our time and resources, looking out for each other and being considerate are also ways to show love. God loves all of us unconditionally and we can share that love with each other.

This is a hard time of year for many people, especially those who are older, isolated or not able to get out due to bad weather or do as many things as they did in the past. A type of love is to find and reach out to those who may be in your community, and your American Legion family. There are many ways to reach out without making an in-person contact, which can be challenging right now. A phone call or card can often make a big difference in someone else's life.

Thank you to everyone who has sent me prayers, poems and inspirational items for President Diane Weggen's Prayer Book. I am asking everyone to send something, even if you already sent an item to me. You can send by email or mail to: 6936 N. 86th St., Milwaukee, WI 53224. This will be a wonderful reflection and remembrance of her year.

We are all encouraged to be more loving and accepting of others as we continue to *Salute, Serve, and Celebrate* active-duty military, veterans and their families.

"Somewhere My Love"

(Lara's Theme from Dr. Zhivago)

Music By: Maurice Jarre

Lyrics by: Paul Francis Webster

Somewhere, my love there will be songs to sing. Although the snow covers the hope of spring. Somewhere a hill blossoms in green and gold. And there are dreams all that your heart can hold.

GREETINGS FROM HEADQUARTERS

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It's hard to believe that we are well into 2022 already. The national organization mailed final renewal notices on February 1. If you received a notice but think your dues were paid, please verify with your Unit Membership Chairman that your payment was transmitted to department headquarters. Members who have not paid their 2022 dues are now delinquent and lost all benefits of membership – including the right to hold office, vote on unit matters, bowl in the annual 9-pin Tap Bowling Tournament, qualify for financial assistance through the Auxiliary Emergency Fund, or to have an American Legion Auxiliary memorial service or grave marker. Members may reinstate their mem-

bership by paying their dues to their unit or department headquarters. To expedite processing, members may also pay by phone (National Headquarters: 317-569-4570, Monday through Friday, 7:00 am – 3:30 pm) or online at www.ALAforVeterans.org. Questions about paying online should be directed to alahq@ALAforVeterans.org.

Anyone interested in running for department office for the 2022-2023 administrative year must email their announcement with a head/shoulder photo to deptsec@amlegionauxwi.org by Monday, March 21, 2022 for publication in the next issue of the *Wisconsin*. Announcements should be 300-350 words.

Unit presidents are reminded to submit Unit Year-End Reports by April 15. Members should report their activities to their unit president by April 1 so they can be included in the unit report. The Impact Report is a numeric report that details direct support to our veterans, the military, and their families and

is presented to Congress. Narrative Reports allow units to describe in detail the various activities they accomplished throughout the year. This information is used by the department chairmen in their annual reports to the national organization.

Department Convention will be held at the Hyatt/KI Center in Green Bay from July 14-17, 2022. In keeping with the Department By-laws approved last year, the American Legion Auxiliary will NOT be holding district caucuses at convention. Therefore, each district may nominate alternates for National Convention at the district level – possibly at their spring conference or by executive action. Any member planning to attend National Convention this year should inform their district president and ask to be nominated as an alternate. Names of nominees must be submitted to Department no later than July 1.

May you all enjoy peace and good health during the year ahead.

2022 DEPARTMENT CONVENTION – RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTIONS - INSTRUCTIONS

A resolution is a main motion, offered as a resolution either because of its importance or because of its length or complexity. Resolutions for this reason should always be prepared in writing.

Resolutions usually are comprised of two parts, the preamble and the resolved clause(s). However, a preamble is not required for a resolution to be proper. The preamble explains the reasons for the motion, and each idea or reason therein begins with "Whereas." The "Resolved" clause is the motion itself and should be written as a motion.

The Bylaws of the Department of Wisconsin American Legion Auxiliary (Article II, Section 1) require that:

4. The Department President shall, not less than 30 days prior to the annual Department Convention, appoint a Resolutions Committee consisting of five members chosen from the delegates.

a. Resolutions presented by an individual member must be approved by the Unit or District to which the member belongs. Resolutions must be received at Department by June 1. Copies of these resolutions shall be transmitted to Units not less than 30 days before Department Convention.

b. Any resolution not approved by a Unit or District, or when the district conference is held after June 1, must be approved by the appropriate Department Chair of the program to which the resolution pertains. The Department Chair will submit approved resolutions to the Resolutions Committee for consideration.

c. The Resolutions Committee will forward any approved resolutions with a financial impact to the Finance Committee for their approval.

Once the Resolutions Committee and other appropriate chairs/committees have acted on all resolutions, the Resolutions Chair will report recommendations to the convention delegates.


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


RESOLUTION

Submitted by:
 Unit Name: _____ City _____ Unit # _____ Dist. # _____

Contact Name: _____ Phone # () _____

Subject: _____ Date: _____

Resolution # _____

Program: _____

SAMPLE

Signature of UNIT President/Secretary: _____ Date: _____

Signature of DISTRICT President/Secretary: _____ Date: _____

FOR DEPARTMENT USE ONLY:
 Committee Chair Name & Signature _____

_____ Date: _____ Approved Rejected Revised

_____ Date: _____ Approved Rejected Revised

_____ Date: _____ Approved Rejected Revised

Convention Action: Approved Rejected Date: _____

ALA BADGER GIRLS STATE

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As we head into 2022, the ALABGS Committee is hard at work planning the 2022 session. It's more important than ever to give all the delegates an experiential learning experience on how to run for office, how to pass legislation, and the importance of voting. Along with these important civics' lessons, we also make sure to teach about the American Legion Auxiliary, the American Legion family, and the significant contributions Vet-

erans have made both in Wisconsin and the country at large.

We can't do this alone, however. We are always looking for Auxiliary members to help us put on this program. It takes between 70-80 counselors to create and sustain this program – we need help on every level and look for people of all ages. This year especially we are looking for people willing to learn and help with the program, and for nurses. If you are interested in learning more, please go to <https://www.alabgs.org/volunteer-for-alabgs.html> and read about the different types of counselors and fill out the application via google form. Come join our dynamic team!



CHRISTMAS GIFT SHOP

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The 2021 ALA Christmas Gift Shop season was another great success! Veterans in some of the VA long-term care facilities in Wisconsin were once again able to send gifts to their families for Christmas.

For the second year, the Christmas Gift Shop was done without our members being at the facilities to visit with the veterans and assist them in making their selections. Staff members in the various areas were gracious enough to help the veterans with their orders and all gifts were shipped directly to the veterans' loved ones.

Wrapping the hundreds of gifts is always a great day. This year was no exception. Many

dedicated and talented Auxiliary members came together one chilly Sunday morning and in a matter of a few hours wrapped all the items with great care. The beautifully wrapped gifts were carefully packed for shipment and delivered to shipping facilities so the veterans' families would have them in plenty of time to open at Christmas.

Although Christmas Gift Shop season only lasts for a couple months each year, your unit can make it a year-round project by sending donations to Auxiliary Headquarters in Portage, earmarked for Christmas Gift Shop, whenever you have funds available. We can only continue to bring this program to our hospitalized veterans because of your generous support. We cannot do it without you! Thank you for remembering our hospitalized veterans and their families at Christmas!

CANDIDATES FOR DEPARTMENT OFFICE

Candidates for Department office must email their announcement (300-350 words) with a head/shoulder photo to Executive Secretary-Treasurer Bonnie Dorniak (deptsec@amlegionauxwi.org) by Monday, March 21 for publication in the *Wisconsin*.

Department Standing Rule: 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.

EDUCATION

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WOW! Where has the time gone? We are in the final stretch of the school year and need to make sure our students know about our scholarships. Make sure to reach out through your school district to get the word out so that the students understand they are available to them to apply for, and the deadline is March 1 to all Unit Presidents.

Unit Presidents need to make sure that the students followed all the rules and guidelines for each scholarship, that the packets are complete, and then forward them to me by March 15. Unit Presidents must sign them to make the packet valid. Units may only enter one candidate per scholarship for each National scholarship. However, units can certify as many department scholarship applications as they receive. Applicants may apply for each

scholarship they are eligible for. I will be busy in March when I receive all of these!

If you are looking to answer a few questions you can check out the <https://www.legion-aux.org/scholarships>. The National website shows the different scholarships available and can answer a few questions.

One of the questions I have been getting is the SAT/ACT requirement for some of the scholarships. With the pandemic still ongoing, some students have not been able to test for the SAT/ACT, so those requirements are still waived for 2022. If the student has been able to take the test they need to be included in the packet. If the student has been unable to take the test, please state that they are unable due to COVID-19 restrictions.

Don't forget to make sure that you let your area teachers know how much we appreciate them. Teacher Appreciation week is May 2-6, 2022. I would love to hear and see what you do for the teachers in your area.

M. LOUISE WILSON EDUCATIONAL LOAN FUND

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Wisconsin's Mission Met in Unique Loan Fund Program: More than ninety years ago, a lady named M. Louise Wilson had a vision. She wanted to assist women who required financial support to further their education. Because the American Legion Auxiliary made this vision a reality, the lives of unit members have been enhanced as we use these loans to further educate our own members.

Q. What makes this loan so unique?

A: It is simple to apply for the loan. Applicants must contact the department chairman to indicate their interest in a loan. The chairman then sends all necessary information to the applicant. There is no interest on this loan unless the student fails to pay it back. Six months after graduation or withdrawal from full-time student status, payments of \$50 per month will be due.

Q. What are the requirements?

A: The applicant must be a current member of the American Legion Auxiliary. She must

submit a copy of the DD214 document for the veteran that made her eligible to belong, a transcript of her high school grades and three letters of recommendation. She must be approved by the program chairman. (Most correspondence can be done through emails.) A responsible adult must co-sign the promissory note.

Q. What is the amount of the loan?

A: If approved, the applicant can borrow up to \$800 per year for up to five years. One year from the date of the first loan, the applicant can get an additional \$800 by sending a copy of college grades and being a current member of the American Legion Auxiliary. If approved, she may continue to borrow until she graduates from college or withdraws from full-time student status.

Q. Why do you ask for donations?

A: By donating, units and members ensure that future generations will be able to take advantage of this program.

Unit Presidents have a copy of the donation sheet and it is on the Department website. Spread the word about the loans and the need for additional funding.



GOT POPPIES?

The Poppy Shop still has a limited supply of poppies available. Place an order today while supplies last.

Poppy Order Form is available on the department website or call Linda Cason at HQ (608-745-0124).

AMERICANISM

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For God and Country! Our organization continues to lead the way in example and education about the flag and patriotism. Members, every time you salute the flag or sing the National Anthem, you are working our program. Remember to report it. Did you have a Junior member lead the pledge at a meeting or event? Report it. Did a member perform the National Anthem for a special occasion? Report it. Did you teach your child or grandchild the Pledge of Allegiance and explain the meaning behind the special words? Did you share a patriotic story or comic book while you snuggle together? Report it!

I hope all of you entered the drawing for the ALA Star-Spangled Kids Americanism box – I am waiting to hear who the winners will be.

Please stay in touch with your local school districts, including private and parochial, as well as home-schooled students to encourage participation in our annual Americanism Essay contest. Make sure the cover sheet is filled out correctly and completely. If you have any questions, please reach out to me or your district's Americanism chairman.

It will be interesting to read the thoughts of our young people on, **"How can we support families who provide care to their Veterans?"**

I need your unit's winning entries to me by April 1, 2022. Remember to keep in mind that some of these entrants may also qualify for Good Deed awards or even the Youth Hero Award. Many of our young people are hands-on with family member caregiving and will have a unique perspective. If these students are eligible for membership, introduce them to the Junior Patch program – specifically the Americanism patch.

We have had a tremulous year in 2021. Our freedoms and beliefs have been challenged but we have remained strong. Continue to support our veterans, military, their families (US!) and our communities. I read that we had 92 days when the flag was authorized to be flown at half-staff in Wisconsin last year. That speaks of the sacrifice and courage of our community members and their commitment to make our country a better place. May God Bless those families as we continue to offer care to those who care for our country and community.

Please report your activities and send your photos to me (Becky Mueller, N7737 Miller Road, Black Creek, WI 54106) on a regular basis. If you have questions or comments, text/cell 920-464-0320.

AMERICANISM ESSAY CONTEST SUBMISSION FORM

Essay Title: "How can we support families who provide care to their Veterans?"

Department: 1st place winning entry in each class will receive \$50 from Department and will be forwarded to Central Division for further competition. 2nd place winning entry in each class will receive \$25 from Department and 3rd thru 5th place winning entries in each class will receive \$10.

National: One award in each of the six classes will be presented in each division. Winners will receive \$50 and a \$50 donation in the student's name will be made to the Children of Warriors National Presidents' Scholarship fund. National winners will be posted at www.ALAforVeterans.org at the start of September.

Materials and Guidelines: The contest shall include six classes.

Class	Grade Level	Word Requirement
I	3 and 4	150-250
II	5 and 6	250-300
III	7 and 8	350-400
IV	9 and 10	450-500
V	11 and 12	450-500
VI	Students with special needs	Word count should correspond with student's grade level.

ESSAY CHECKLIST:

- ___ Class competing in _____
- ___ Sponsoring ALA Unit _____
- ___ Typed or neatly written essay conforming to the word requirement for class
- ___ Completed essay coversheet as first page of essay
- ___ Word count of essay _____
- ___ Due date for student to return to ALA unit _____

To be completed by the Student/Parent (print clearly):

Student name: _____ **Grade Level:** _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Email address: _____ **Phone:** _____

School name: _____

School city/state: _____

Teacher's name: _____

Teacher's signature: _____

Auxiliary Use Only (Must be completed for entry to be considered.):

Sponsoring Unit city location & number: _____

Signature of Unit Americanism Chairman: _____

Unit winner due to Department on April 1, 2022

Department: _____ **Signature of Department Chairman:** _____

Send to Becky Mueller, N7737 Miller Road, Black Creek, WI 54106

Department winner due to National Americanism Division Chairman by April 15, 2022

SAVE THIS DATE!

DISTRICT SPRING CONFERENCES

1st District	May 7, 2022	7th District	March 19, 2022
2nd District	April 30, 2022	8th District	April 9, 2022
3rd District	April 30, 2022	9th District	May 7, 2022
4th District	May 14, 2022	10th District	April 2-3, 2022
5th District	No Info	11th District	April 9, 2022
6th District	April 23, 2022	12th District	May 14, 2022

TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE!

Do you want to know more about what the American Legion Auxiliary does and how we make a difference? Check out the department website!

If you learn better through in-person training, there are plenty of opportunities for that as well:

- Contact your District President to find out when and where the district spring conference is being held
- Request Leadership Chairman Deanna Farley (farleyofsc@gmail.com) to conduct a workshop for your unit
- Attend Department Convention, July 14-17 in Green Bay.
- Attend National Convention in Milwaukee from August 26 through August 31! Watch for details in future issues of this paper.



Have you ever wondered what it's like to participate in a National Convention? Here's your chance!

Numerous volunteer opportunities for inside/outside greeters, office assistants, and support staff will be available for the National Convention in downtown Milwaukee, Aug. 26 – Sept. 1.

Members who are interested or would like to learn more should contact:

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JUNIOR ACTIVITIES

ZABLOCKI VA MEDICAL CENTER



Hello, I'm Renee Calteux, the new honorary president of the American Legion Auxiliary, Department of Wisconsin Juniors. This year my special project is Our Military Kids! Our Military Kids is a program that recognizes the sacrifice of children of deployed National Guard, deployed reserve, or post 9/11 combat-injured service members. Our Military Kids offers extracurricular activity grants that build child confidence, enhance family wellness, and strengthen a shared community.

The story of Our Military Kids:

Our Military kids first began in 2004 as a way to give back to the National Guard and Reserve troops who were deployed in response to the 9/11 attacks. At first, this was a pilot project for children of the Virginia Army National Guard. The nonprofit project quickly expanded to serve children throughout the United States. Since Our Military Kids began, it has given over 74,000 grants to military families throughout the United States!

If you would like to donate to my special project, you can send your donation to Laura Calteux, Junior Chairman, 7012 West Squire Avenue, Greenfield, WI 53220. Make checks payable to: American Legion Auxiliary, Dept. of WI. Any donation you make will make a child of one of our service people a little happier. Thank you!

SCHOLARSHIPS: DUE MARCH 15, 2022

The American Legion Auxiliary offers more than \$25,000 in scholarships at the state and national levels. Encourage eligible college students to apply for a scholarship today! Applications are available from the department website.

- 3/1/2022** Students submit completed applications to a local unit.
- 3/15/2022** Unit presidents review applications, sign and mail to Education Chairman Chrys Porter.

Incomplete applications will be disqualified.

Questions? Please contact Chrys at momchrys@gmail.com.

THANK YOU ... FOR CARING FOR THOSE WHO CARE FOR OTHERS!

Donations designated to Zablocki VA Medical Center were used to purchase over \$1,500 of items, packaged into 150 gift bags for Family Caregivers. Each gift bag included a journaling notebook, adult coloring book, colored pencils, puzzle book, lip balm, hand lotion, hand sanitizer, and a pocket calendar. The following thank you note was received in recognition of this donation.

*Dear Ms. Jakubczyk (as well as the American Legion Auxiliary),
I am the local Program Manager for the Caregiver Support Program at the Milwaukee VA Medical Center. I wanted to thank you for the incredibly generous donation in response to our "wish list" through our VA Voluntary Services!*

As you may be aware, our program serves the family caregivers of our Veterans. We provide an array of supportive services, but our main goal is to assure the family members caring for our nation's Veterans that we are here for them as well. The VA has long recognized the family members of our Veterans as a vital link in helping maintain the health and safety of our nation's heroes, and our program specifically attempts to help support those individuals with education, support groups and

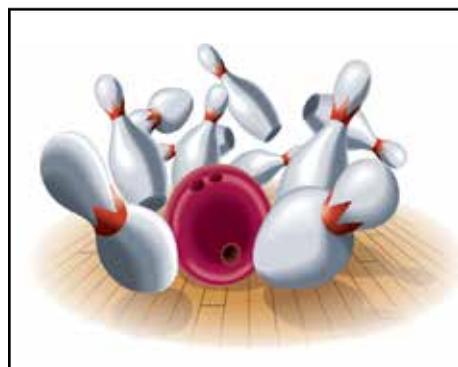
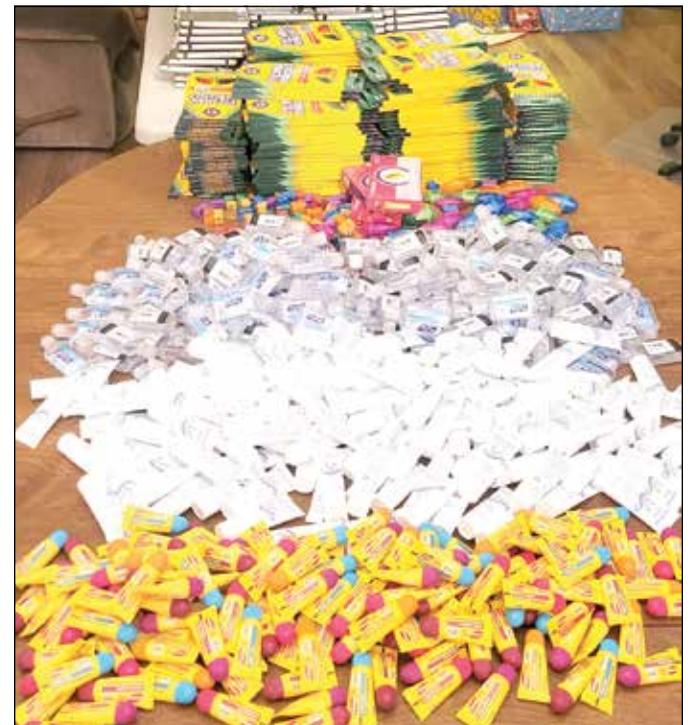


other supportive approaches. Your generous donation will enhance our ability to do so, and will likely be a major component of our next caregiver resource event.

Again, I want to thank your wonderful group from the bottom of my heart. I truly appreciate your compassion and desire to support our

Veterans and their family caregivers! Thank you, and Happy New Year to all of you!

*Sincerely yours,
Kevin Thomsen, MSW
Caregiver Support Program Manager
Clement J. Zablocki VA Medical Center*



Wisconsin ALA State Bowling Association Annual Tournament

April 2 & 3 and April 9 & 10
11am or 2pm (Saturday) / 9am (Sunday)
New London Lanes, 106 E Wolf River Avenue
New London WI 54961

Entry forms are due March 15, 2022
 For more information, contact Tournament Director Jenni Syftestad (syftes@chorus.net)

NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2021 DAILY SWEEPSTAKES WINNERS

NOVEMBER 2021			DECEMBER 2021		
1	\$15	Ann Smith Green Bay	1	\$15	Victoria Morse Wisconsin Dells
2	\$15	LaVone Havlik Janesville	2	\$15	Carol Schaub Neillsville
3	\$15	Margaret Persells Gordon	3	\$15	Mary Graber Mineral Point
4	\$15	Scott Gonstead Menomonee Falls	4	\$15	Karen Maier Wausau
5	\$15	June Dopkins Webster	5	\$25	Thomas Robl Oregon
6	\$15	Dawn Kyhos Mosinee	6	\$15	Vicki Lindemer Prairie Farm
7	\$25	Jane Wilcox Wautoma	7	\$15	Julie Milz Loyal
8	\$15	Kathryne Humbel La Crosse	8	\$15	Alice Moen Stoughton
9	\$15	Clement Wagner Howards Grove	9	\$15	Joanne Netland Theresa
10	\$500	Lilly Kloes-Wisotzke Mequon	10	\$15	Jacqueline Crosby Luck
11	\$15	Lisa Egner Monona	11	\$15	Betty Wolf Brillion
12	\$15	Noreen Schmidt DeForest	12	\$25	Janice Davenport Brodhead
13	\$15	Mary Samuelson Hudson	13	\$500	Carol Simonar Luxemburg
14	\$25	James Kasper Eagle River	14	\$15	Sandra Herfel Monona
15	\$15	Marjorie Krueger Appleton	15	\$15	Victoria Laitsch-Luebke Mukwonago
16	\$15	Yine Verbrugge Houston TX	16	\$15	Lois Babros Fox Lake
17	\$15	Cathy Meinholz Waunakee	17	\$15	Joseph & Rita Stern River Falls
18	\$15	Patricia Ann Wilber Elkhorn	18	\$15	John Schumacher Malone
19	\$15	Ann Lawrence Las Cruces NM	19	\$25	Jack Kruck Milwaukee
20	\$15	Nicole Hanson Stoughton	20	\$15	Dennis Herrmann Franklin
21	\$25	Karen Gasper Bangor	21	\$15	Judy Korth Appleton
22	\$15	Dorothy Biese Kimberly	22	\$15	Alice Richards Marshall
23	\$15	Joanne Volla Cambridge	23	\$15	Barbara Seamandel Watertown
24	\$15	Kelly Webster Gilman	24	\$15	Margaret Crummy Monticello MN
25	\$15	Lorna McMahan Portage	25	\$15	ALA #459 Eleva Strum
26	\$15	Tina Streicher Clintonville	26	\$25	Julie Davis Warner Springs CA
27	\$15	Julie Katorski West Allis	27	\$15	Diann Goodger Delavan
28	\$25	Jessica Campbell Medford	28	\$15	Mary Deprey Silver Cliff
29	\$15	Linda Clark Withee	29	\$15	Louise Reed Montello
30	\$15	Ann Raven Green Bay	30	\$15	Karen Henselin Marion
			31	\$15	Betty Conlon Pewaukee

POPPY POSTER CONTEST

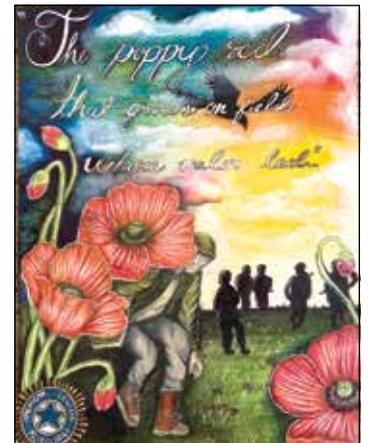


Madelyn is pictured above with Deanna Farley, President of Unit 66 of Athelstane/Silver Cliff who sponsored the local Poppy Poster Contest.

BALES WINS TWO FIRSTS IN POPPY POSTER CONTEST

Madelyn Bales of Wausaukee High School won two first place awards in the 2021 National Poppy Poster Contest: Best Poppy Poster Central Division, Class VI and Best Overall Poppy Poster Central Division. Congratulations, Madelyn! A special "thank you" to Wausaukee School District Art Teacher Jaime Wszelaki for promoting the Poppy Poster Contest in her classroom.

Entries for the 2022 Poppy Poster Contest are due to Department Chairman Marla Knuettel by May 1, 2022.



Madelyn's Poppy Poster, above, now has a permanent home in the ALA Archives at National HQ.



HELP WANTED!

ALA Badger Girls State Counselors & Nurses
Sunday, June 19 – Friday, June 24
UW-Oshkosh Campus

Counselors and nurses are still needed!

If you can volunteer the whole week or just a couple days, please submit an application (www.ALABGS.org > About ALABGS > Volunteer for ALABGS)

or contact ALABGS Chairman Dany Thompson for more information at alabgs.chairman@gmail.com.

WANTED: A Member for the Department Finance Committee



Per Department Bylaws, any member with appropriate experience may serve on the Department Finance Committee.

Each year, the Department Vice Presidents will appoint one member from qualified applicants to serve for a three-year term.

Candidates should submit a resume highlighting their skills in accounting, finance, budgeting, auditing or other relevant experience by April 15, 2022 to deptsec@amlegionauxwi.org.

Upon receipt of all resumes, candidates will be scheduled for a telephone interview with the appointment committee.

SAVE THIS DATE: JUNE 11

PRESIDENT DIANE WEGGEN'S TESTIMONIAL

Hosted by
ALA Cecil Tormey Unit 118
 at Holy Family Hall
 136 East 3rd Avenue
 Stanley, WI 54768

5:30 pm
Cocktails

6:30 pm Dinner,
program to follow

Housing at AmeriVu Inn & Suites, Stanley
715-644-2668
Room block under "Diane Weggen"