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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

BONNIE JAKUBCZYK
Department President

Thank you to the Department of Wisconsin for giving me the honor to work with you as we continue our mission of service not self. I am looking forward to working and meeting many of you during the year as we work together to help our veterans and their families and as we work together with the American Legion Family to make Wisconsin proud.

An explanation on the red noses at installation. When Unit President Chickie Cummings had to give her first report at spring conference, her unit members put on red noses to make her laugh so that she would not be nervous – and it worked. I jokingly told our unit members to do that at my installation, but never thought they would – so yes, this was her payback.

My main goal this year will be to work on civility in the American Legion Auxiliary. We need to work on the number one problem in the Auxiliary. That is why we have S.M.I.L.E. - **S**upport **M**ember **I**nvolvement **L**et's **E**ncourage and make us Wisconsin Proud.

This year's special project is the ALA Foundation Endowment Fund. The monies of the ALA Foundation mission endowment fund are restricted so that future generations may benefit from ALA programs that support all our veterans and promote education, good citizenship and outreach to veterans facing tough challenges. I am hoping we will be Wisconsin proud with our donations, as this will also be the National President's special project. Donations should be sent to Department, earmarked President's Special Project, using a General Fund Suggested Donation Sheet. Poppy funds may not be used for this fund.

The Jakubczyk's proudly attended the installation of President Bonnie at the 2017 Department Convention. Family members traveled from New York, Florida and Louisiana for this serious occasion.

There is still time to get 2017 membership renewals in. As for 2018 membership, please do not wait until you get your dues notice from National. There are several ways that you can pay dues:

1) You may pay online with a debit or credit card by going to the national website www.ALAforVeterans.org. Once there go to the "Members Only" tab and create a log in ID if you don't already have one. The pay dues option will be at the top of the screen. If you need assistance, contact the National helpline at alahq@alaforveterans.org or (317) 569-4536. Once payment has been accepted the member will be sent a confirmation and a membership card via e-mail.
2) You may call National directly at (317) 569-4536, Monday-Friday, 7:00 am – 3:30 pm. You will speak to a real person and can pay for several members at one time.
3) You may contact your membership chairman to get it taken care of. By paying now you will not have to worry about it and it is a great way to show support for our incoming National President Diane Duscheck.

S.M.I.L.E *and make Wisconsin Proud!*

MEMBERSHIP

Department Convention is finished, but membership recruiting and renewing is never done. The membership year runs from January 1st through December 31st so there is still time to renew members for 2017.

Our newly elected department president, Bonnie Jakubczyk, has chosen the theme "Wisconsin Proud and S.M.I.L.E. – **S**upport **M**ember **I**nvolvement – **L**et's **E**ncourage." Step one toward achieving this goal is to renew memberships and recruit additional members for our units. In order for us to work the mission and be active supporters of our programs, we need members to help with the tasks associated with any activity or event we choose to initiate. Now is the time to encourage our members to renew, thus continuing to honor the service of the family member or members that provided their eligibility. We can never forget the sacrifices they made for us.

Through our active participation in fulfilling the mission of the American Legion Auxiliary we can be **proud** of the many ways we touch the lives of those who gave so much to preserve our freedoms. The online renewal portal is available and renewing by telephone takes only a few minutes. Both make it possible to renew quickly and easily.

A member may only renew their own membership online. Step one is to create an account on the American Legion Auxiliary National Headquarters website at www.ALAforVeterans.org. An email confirming your account will provide a link to finalize setting up the account and you are ready to click "renew membership" link on the welcome screen.

If you prefer to renew by phone, or would like to renew the membership of other family member(s), call 317-569-4536 (Monday-Friday, 7:00 am – 3:30 pm) and a very helpful staff member will assist you with the renewal process. Once you've completed your renewal, either by phone or by using the website, you will receive a message with a membership card you can print. Once a week, Andrea Stoltz at Department Headquarters in Portage notifies unit membership chairmen that members have paid online or by phone.

At department convention, a $5 dues increase was approved by the delegation. This increase will take place with the 2019 membership year and will be used to reduce the current shortfall in the department's budget, resulting from our declining membership. At the national convention in Reno, a proposal to increase the national portion of our dues by $3.00 will be presented which will also take effect in the 2019 membership year. This increase is also necessary to ensure continued operation of our national headquarters offices.

What can you do to offset the effects of this increase? Consider becoming a **P**aid **U**p **F**or **L**ife (PUFL) member. Your unit membership chairman has the necessary forms.

Be *Wisconsin Proud*, renew today!

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AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY DEPARTMENT OF WISCONSIN
2016-2017 STATISTICS

THANK YOU to all the Units that took time to submit their annual Year-End Impact Report. Forty more units reported this year than last year – what an awesome response! Imagine how much more impressive the results would be if every unit submitted a report. Totals are based on the annual reports from 276 of Wisconsin's 412 Units. This demonstrates WHO we are, WHAT we do, and HOW we make a difference!

OUR SERVICE FOR VETERANS:
- Hours volunteered in service to veterans: 344,036
- Dollars spent in service to veterans: $374,646
- Dollar value of in-kind donations: $121,014
- Veterans assisted: 18,403
- Number of poppies purchased by units: 414,550
- Poppy dollars raised to support veterans: $358,720
- Number of veterans who made poppies: 24

OUR SERVICE FOR ACTIVE DUTY MILITARY:
- Hours volunteered: 25,548
- Dollars spent: $89,855
- Number of US service members served: 36,822

OUR SERVICE FOR MILITARY FAMILIES:
- Hours volunteered: 18,290
- Dollars spent: $23,870
- Number of military families served: 4,251

SCHOLARSHIPS
- Number of scholarships awarded: 224
- Dollar amount of local scholarships: $97,320
- Dollar amount donated to Department scholarships: $4,930
- Number of ALA Badger Girls State Delegates: approx. 720

2017 National Installation Invitation

All Wisconsin American Legion Family members attending the 2017 National Convention in Reno, Nevada are encouraged to attend the installation of Diane Duscheck as National President on Wednesday, August 23rd at 2:00 pm. Details will be available at National Convention.

Save the Date! October 7th 2017
National President Diane Duscheck's Official Visit to Wisconsin

The American Legion Family is invited to a reception for National President Diane Duscheck on October 7 from 4:30 – 6:00 pm at American Legion Post 306 in Green Lake. A Parade of Checks will take place at 5:00 pm to support her special project. Details were included in the August Unit Mailing for September meetings and a reservation form is posted on the home page of the department website.

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Judy Kuta
Department Chaplain/Music Chairman
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It is my honor to serve as your chaplain this year. I am excited about working with President Bonnie and with all of you. Every member of the American Legion Auxiliary in Wisconsin is part of my Legion family (and yours, too). I look forward to getting to know you better this year as we will move forward with SMILES.

In Ephesians 4:32 we read, *"Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other."*

What if we all did that? What if we were all kind to each other? There would be no more back stabbing or talking behind each other's backs, no more bad attitudes. There would be smiles on all our faces. We would live in a peaceful world all because we were kind to each other.

We have no control over how others act, but kindness can begin with us. It begins with me. I will choose to be kind. Will you too? If we all choose to be kind, we will send a message of love toward others and acceptance of each other. One person can make a difference, but what if we all did that? Imagine the impact if we were all kind to each other. Others would see our kindness and want to join us. I challenge you and ask you to challenge yourself to be kind daily. You can make a difference. Will you accept the challenge?

Dear Lord,

Please look down on us with your love. Help us to be kind to each other as we work for our veterans. May the programs we work be acceptable in your sight. Help us to show kindness and love to everyone we work with and teach us to be forgiving to those who struggle to be kind. Be with us all. Grant us your blessings and please continue to bless the United States of America. Amen.

Music: Let There Be Peace on Earth (Written by Jill Jackson Miller and Sy Miller)

Let there be peace on Earth
And let it begin with me
Let there be peace on Earth
The peace that was meant to be
With God as our father
Brothers all are we
Let me walk with my brother
In perfect harmony

Let peace begin with me
Let this be the moment now
With every step I take
May this be my solemn vow
To take each moment
And live each moment
In peace eternally
Let there be peace on Earth
And let it begin with me

GREETINGS FROM HEADQUARTERS

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Congratulations to Laurel DuBois on a successful year as Department President. Laurel's year culminated with the 97th Department Convention at the Radisson Paper Valley Hotel in Appleton where the American Legion Auxiliary (ALA) was pleased to have keynote speakers Shep Crumrine and Marisa Straub of Zablocki VAMC share information about the Veterans Creative Arts Festival, Laurel's special project. Shep and Marisa shared heart-warming stories about the value of music and art therapy in the healing process used by many of our American heroes. Thanks to the generosity of Auxiliary members around the state, Wisconsin contributed more than $16,000 to this national program during the past fiscal year!

Drew MacDonald shared information about Honor Flight, an organization that many members and units of the ALA have financially supported for years. Honor Flight coordinates one-day trips to Washington DC at no cost to participating veterans so they can see the memorials with other veterans who shared some of their same experiences. Drew requested Auxiliary members to encourage veterans from World War II and Korea to apply for an Honor Flight. Applications are also being accepted for Vietnam era veterans, so encourage them to apply as well. There are six different Honor Flight regions in the state of Wisconsin.

Visit http://www.wisconsinhonorflight.org/ for more information about the Honor Flight organization nearest you.

Another highlight of department convention included Honored Past Department President Virginia Kodl, who reflected on her year as president in 2002-2003 during the Department Executive Committee (DEC) meeting, the convention general session, and at a reception on Friday evening.

Although many units and individuals are worthy of recognition, Laurel DuBois presented five Department President's Awards of Excellence to units that demonstrated their dedication to the ALA mission through their unit year-end reports. See pages 3 and 4 for a complete listing of convention award winners.

ALA-Wisconsin has been operating with a deficit budget for many years. This has been addressed by the Department Finance Committee and the DEC. As membership numbers decline, revenue declines because it is primarily based on dues income. Unfortunately, operating expenses continue to rise year after year. The Finance Committee presented two recommendations to the DEC to balance the budget: 1) eliminate the Wisconsin publication, or 2) increase membership dues. The 2017-2018 approved General Fund budget has a deficit balance of almost $30,000. The cost to the Auxiliary for the Wisconsin publication averages $60,000 per year and will increase in the coming years.

The DEC felt this decision should be made by more than 20 members of the organization and moved to forward a recommendation to the convention delegation. After significant discussion, the convention overwhelming defeated the motion to eliminate the Wisconsin publication and supported the motion to increase dues by $5.00 per senior member and $1.00 per junior member, effective with the 2019 membership year.

The convention closed with the installation of new district and department officers. President Bonnie Jakubczyk's theme for the upcoming year is "S.M.I.L.E." – **S**upport **M**ember **I**nvolvement **L**et's **E**ncourage. SMILE and encourage new members to join the ALA, but don't forget to keep your current members involved, too, so they will want to renew their membership. President Bonnie's special project this year is the ALA Foundation's Endowment Fund. Units and individuals can support this effort by submitting donations and marking #4843 on the General Fund Suggestion Donation sheet.

President Bonnie Jakubczyk, TAL Department Commander Laurel Clewell, and SAL Detachment Commander Chris Sherman challenged each other to achieve the highest percentage of membership RENEWALS by June 12, 2018 (30 days prior to convention). Let's demonstrate Wisconsin pride by renewing all of our Auxiliary memberships!

In other news from headquarters, please be aware that 2018 membership cards have been mailed to all units. Any unit that has not received their membership packet should contact Andrea Stoltz at department headquarters immediately. 2018 renewal notices won't be mailed by the national organization until mid-September, but please don't wait until then to renew your dues. The national organization is offering a $1,000 award to departments that have no "goose egg" units by the end of October, so please RENEW TODAY! To expedite processing, you can pay your dues online (www.ALAforVeterans.org) or call the national organization during regular business hours (Monday through Friday, 7:00 am – 3:30 pm CDT). Members who pay for multiple family members can take care of everyone's dues with one simple phone call to (317)-569-4536! New members for 2018 will be processed after September 1st.

If you haven't done so already, please register for an ALA in the Know conference at a location that works best with your schedule. Sign up early as space is limited. A registration form is included on page 4.

National President Diane Duscheck will be conducting her official visit to Wisconsin by attending the October 7th ALA in the Know session at Green Lake. A reception will also be held in her honor. A reservation form is posted on the department website. Please plan to attend so you can congratulate Diane on her national achievement and wish her success as she starts her adventures during the year ahead.

President's Banner

The children of the Beyer Family in Lena painted a four by six foot banner depicting President Laurel DuBois's theme, "Soar for Our Veterans." The banner was proudly displayed on the convention stage throughout convention. Thank you Beyers for sharing your talent and supporting the American Legion Auxiliary!

President's Awards of Excellence

2017 American Legion Auxiliary Department Convention, five units were selected to receive a Department President's Award of Excellence based on information provided through their year-end reports.

Winners include:

- Howard-Campbell-Ganske Unit 179 of Chetek, Lou Ann Novak, President
- Elmer Peterson Unit 333 of Sun Prairie, Charlene Pulham, President
- James G. Delaney Unit 461 of Pembine, Joan Erickson, President
- Milwaukee Unit #1, Elaine Forster, President
- Rose-Harms Unit 355 of Grafton, Cathy Brunquell, President

Pictured: Laurel DuBois and 1st Vice President Joanie Dickerson presented an award to Joan Erickson of Unit 461.

Little Miss Poppy

Camryn Steinert, a member of Daugherty-Hamilton Unit 234 in Omro, was named Little Miss Poppy at the 2017 Department Convention. Camryn is pictured with PDP Laurel DuBois, Poppy Chairman Danie Wilson and her grandfather "Papa Dave" Steinert, through whom she earned her membership eligibility in the American Legion Auxiliary. Camryn aspires to be a "little girl with big dreams who grows up to be a woman with vision!"

AMERICAN AUXILIARY BADGER GIRLS STATE 2017

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The 74th session of American Legion Auxiliary Badger Girls State (ALABGS) was held June 18-23, 2017 on the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh campus with 713 delegates from various parts of the state completing the session. Sixty counselors mentored the delegates as they formed mock governments at the city, county and state levels. The officials who were elected by their peers completed the nomination process, followed by campaigning and then elections. This year, voting was streamlined with chrome books using a google doc format. Overall the entire process went smoothly with each election having an election board composed of a ballot clerk, an election clerk and a judge of elections.

In preparation for the ALABGS session, many of the delegates attended orientations in their respective counties and referenced the website (www.badgergirlsstate.org) for more information about the schedule, what to wear and bring, as well as download health forms, media release forms and the pledge form to bring with them for the Sunday registration.

Some delegates rode buses from the La Crosse and Green Bay areas to the session. This transportation was paid for in many cases by the local Auxiliaries. Many thanks to Sheri Brasda and Loretta Shellman for arranging these.

During Monday's session, delegates had schools of instruction for the various political offices. City governments were officially established and set up their commissions. County and senate and assembly elections were held on Tuesday, followed by the writing of bills. The Lobbyists and senate and assembly had hearings on their bills on Wednesday evening. We were privileged to have Wisconsin TAL Commander Dan Seehafer and Badger Boys State Director Fred Burns as guests for the hearings and the flag retirement ceremony presented by the Oshkosh Legion Post and American Legion Riders. Blue star banners were then presented to delegates with immediate family members actively serving in the military. Thursday's highlights were the state fair followed by the inaugural ceremony for the state officials and senate and assembly. Justice Shirley Abrahamson swore in the newly elected officials. Governor Scott Walker was also a speaker at the inaugural. The Girls Nation Senators, Grace Boyle and Tamia Fowlkes, were announced and represented Wisconsin at Girls Nation in Chevy Chase, Maryland from July 22-29, 2017.

The ALABGS session ended on Friday with a mock senate and assembly session, a career fair featuring 43 presenters including colleges, the military and more. Parents were invited to attend the opening assembly, the career fair and the closing assembly. Units and posts who sponsored delegates, as well as contributors, are following up the session by inviting the girls to be part of their group activities. Many of the girls completed applications indicating they would like to be assistant counselors for the 75th ALABGS session in 2018.

All in all, the session was its usual fast pace. New friendships were formed and governmental knowledge put into practice as the 51st State of Badger was formed.

AUXILIARY EMERGENCY FUND

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SMILE with a Heart!

Flood, fire, health and many other challenges face our American Legion Auxiliary members, so it is time to SMILE with a Heart: **S**upport **M**embers by helping the Auxiliary Emergency Fund. Get **I**nvolved and **L**et's **E**ncourage your unit to 'SMILE with a Heart' and reach out to help through the Auxiliary Emergency Fund.

To encourage and involve members, there will be a "SMILE with a Heart" award at the next department convention to the unit that shares the best way to encourage involvement in this worthwhile program. Please keep a record of your efforts for the Auxiliary Emergency Fund so everyone can share in your success!

Let's show our heart, Ladies, and SMILE!

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY JUNIOR ACTIVITIES WORKSHOP

Fletcher Hall (Enter off parking lot)
St. Paul Methodist Church
600 Wilshire Blvd., Stevens Point, WI 54481

September 16, 2017 9am – Noon

Fee: $5 to cover materials

Fun Activities **Recruit Juniors**

Name	Unit & City	$5 fee Enclosed

Please send reservation form by September 11 with check payable to:
ALA - Wisconsin
Lorrie Barber
3257 Minnesota Avenue
Stevens Point, WI 54481

Department will implement a $25.00 administrative fee for checks returned by the bank

JUNE 2017 CALENDAR FUNDRAISER WINNERS

1	15.00	Lawrence Hagemann	Mauston
2	15.00	Ruth Dier	Algoma
3	15.00	Jean Kramp	Waukesha
4	25.00	Rene Sailer	Elmwood
5	15.00	Robert Gerhardt	Jefferson
6	15.00	Laura Calteux	Greenfield
7	15.00	Carol Hanus	Elcho
8	15.00	Elaine Stiehl	Arcadia
9	15.00	John Ustruck	Milwaukee
10	15.00	Cindy Denk	Nelson
11	25.00	Freda Green	Marshfield
12	15.00	Luanna Fenz	Juneau
13	15.00	Linda Regester	Lake Geneva
14	500.00	Marge Nachreiner	Sauk City
15	15.00	Ronda Lichtensteiger	Port Washington
16	15.00	Carole Gahlman	Juneau
17	15.00	Rhonda Karnopp	Prairie du Chien
18	25.00	Victoria Ross	McFarland
19	15.00	Maureen Smith	Onalaska
20	15.00	Dorothy Bump	Balsam Lake
21	15.00	Ed Kairis	Minocqua
22	15.00	Jeff & DeAnn Schurman	Lakeshore MN
23	15.00	Lynette Fiegel	Harvard IL
24	15.00	Nancy Tretsven	St Croix Falls
25	25.00	Judith Albert	Thorp
26	15.00	Rose Skramstad	Prescott
27	15.00	Marion Alsum	Friesland
28	15.00	Janice Chatham	Beaver Dam
29	15.00	Mona Scott	Hollandale
30	15.00	Laverne Schroeder	Lake Tomahawk

American Legion Auxiliary 2017 State Convention Citations

President's Award for Excellence –
Laurel Dubois, Department President
Awarded to Lou Ann Novak of Chetek Unit 179, District 10; Charlene Pulham of Sun Prairie Unit 333, District 3; Joan Erickson of Pembine Unit 461, District 9; Elaine Forster of Milwaukee Unit 1, District 5; and Cathy Brunnquell of Grafton Unit 355, District 2.

AEF –
LaVon Schurman, Department Chairman
- Certificate of Merit for Personal Donation of $50.00 or more (3) – awarded to Rose Wenger of Monroe 84, District 3; Diane Duscheck of Markesan Unit 282, District 6; and Mary Crandall of Pewaukee Unit 71, District 1.
- Certificate of Recognition for highest donation by District (1) – awarded to District 2.
- Certificates of Recognition for highest donation by Unit (3) – awarded to Eau Claire Unit 53, District 10; Saukville Unit 470, District 2; and Lone Rock Unit 383, District 3.

Americanism –
Amy Luft, Department Chairman
- Most Overall Outstanding Americanism Program (1) – awarded to Donna Bellettiere of New London Unit 263, District 8.
- Most 'I Spy Stars & Stripes' (1) – awarded to Mary Beth Shea of King Unit 161, District 8.

Cavalcade of Memories –
Joan Chwala, Department Chairman
- Certificates of Recognition (4) – awarded to Diana Sirovina of Franklin Unit 192, District 4; Susan Simonet of Prescott Unit 61, District 10; Lou Ann Novak of Chetek Unit 179, District 10; and Donna Bellettiere of New London Unit 263, District 8.

Chaplain –
Linda Coppock, Department Chaplain
- Unit Prayer Book (2) – awarded to Linda Brown of Grafton Unit 355, District 2; Pat Lindsten of Abrams Unit 523, District 9.

Children & Youth –
Joanie Dickerson, Department Chairman
- Certificate of Merit for Outstanding promotion of the Star-Spangled Kids Program (1) – awarded to New London Unit 263, District 8.

Community Service –
Beth Puddy, Department Chairman
- Outstanding Service to Veterans & Community (1) – awarded to Ann Wender of Athelstane-Sliver Cliff Unit 66, District 9.
- Certificate of Appreciation (2) – awarded to Haugen Unit 540, District 10; Reedsburg Unit 350, District 7.
- Achieving 1000+ volunteer hours (1) – awarded to Catherine Goetz, Seymour Unit 106, District 9.
- Unit's Commitment to Community Service (1) – awarded to Muscoda Unit 85, District 3.

Education –
Mary Krutz, Department Chairman
- Give Ten to Education (1) – awarded to Shiocton Unit 512, District 9.
- Most Outstanding Education Program (1) – awarded to New London Unit 263, District 8.
- Most Outstanding Veterans in the Classroom Program (1) – awarded to Reedsburg Unit 550, District 7.

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'CAMP SMILE"

American Legion Auxiliary Dept. of Wisconsin
Junior Fall Conference
Saturday, October 14, 2017

Come have some camp fun at Jordan Park Shelter in Stevens Point, WI. Registration is 10am with a short meeting to follow. Activities include scavenger hunt, camp games, and nature hike. Dress appropriately for weather.

Honorary Junior President Anna has chosen 4H Wisconsin Military Kids Summer Camp as the Junior Project this year. Funds are needed to continue this camp. The camp provides an environment where Military Kids can learn to manage their emotions and stress, form a network with other military kids, and discover they are not alone. Federal grants have been discontinued so our help is needed.

You can order a junior t-shirt to wear throughout the year even if you are unable to attend the conference. Please get your T-shirt requests to me ASAP so I can get them ordered. T-shirt ($5) sizes: Child S, M, L / Adult S, M, L, XL, XXL, XXXL.

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2017 JUNIOR FALL CONFERENCE REGISTRATION
Reservations Due October 8, 2017

Form submitted by ***(please print clearly):***

Name: _____ District #: _____ Unit #: _____

Phone #: _____ Email: _____

NAME / UNIT #	FIRST TIME ATTENDEE? (YES/NO)	REGISTRATION ($5)	T-SHIRT SIZE	JUNIOR SOCIAL LUNCH ($5)	Junior member	Senior Member	TOTAL COST Per Person
GRAND TOTALS:							

Please send reservation form with check payable to:
ALA - Wisconsin
Lorrie Barber
3257 Minnesota Avenue
Stevens Point, WI 54481

Total Amount Enclosed:_____

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American Legion Auxiliary, Department of Wisconsin
ALA IN THE KNOW *(Important Info for Every Member)*
FALL CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FORM
(Please submit one form per attendee)

Members are encouraged to attend any conference that is convenient for them. Register early and save $5.00! No refunds will be made. Fee includes continental breakfast, light lunch, and program materials. Meals are provided by the local host and vary by location. Dietary restrictions may not be able to be accommodated. ***Seats will be assigned.***

Members are encouraged to register early since space is limited to 100 people per conference, except Rice Lake which has a capacity of 60. Registrations will be accepted on a first-come, first-serve basis. Registrations received after capacity has been reached, will be returned. **No reservations will be accepted on site.**

Sessions may include information on: Report Writing, Meeting Protocol, Civility, Americanism, National Security, Poppy and Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation (VA&R).

Schedule for all conferences:

8:00 am – 9:00 am Registration/Continental Breakfast
9:00 am – 3:00 pm Various topics as indicated above, lunch break, interactive program session, questions & answers

Please print clearly:

District #: _____ Unit #: _____ Unit (City): _____ Member ID #: _____

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____
(to be printed on nametag)

Email: _____ Phone: ☐ home ☐ cell: ___(_____)_____

Select One:

	DATE	LOCATION	$25 RESERVATION	$30 RESERVATION
☐	9/23/17	American Legion Post #449 3245 N. 124th Street, Brookfield WI 53005 (Presenters: Diana Sirovina, Sue Hembrook, Becky Mueller, Danyelle Thompson)	Postmarked by 9/1/17	Postmarked by 9/13/17
☐	9/23/17	Oconto Falls High School 210 N. Farm Road, Oconto Falls WI 54154 (Presenters: Amy Luft, Laura Calteux, Linda Coppock, Teresa Isensee)	Postmarked by 9/1/17	Postmarked by 9/13/17
☐	9/30/17	American Legion Post #100 1116 Angelo Road, Sparta WI 54656 (Presenters: Diana Sirovina, Sue Hembrook, Becky Mueller, Danyelle Thompson)	Postmarked by 9/8/17	Postmarked by 9/20/17
☐	9/30/17	American Legion Post #69 134 S. Main Street, Mayville WI 53048 (Presenters: Amy Luft, Laura Calteux, Linda Coppock, Teresa Isensee)	Postmarked by 9/8/17	Postmarked by 9/20/17
☐	10/07/17	American Legion Post #306 518 Water Street, Green Lake, WI 54941 (Presenters: Diana Sirovina, Sue Hembrook, Becky Mueller, Danyelle Thompson)	Postmarked by 9/15/17	Postmarked by 9/27/17
☐	10/07/17	Rice Lake Veterans Center 1404 Macauley Avenue, Rice Lake WI 54868 (Presenters: Amy Luft, Laura Calteux, Linda Coppock, Teresa Isensee)	Postmarked by 9/15/17	Postmarked by 9/27/17

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED: $_____

Mail check, payable to ALA-Wisconsin, **by the deadline listed** above to:
ALA Wisconsin, P. O. Box 140, Portage, WI 53901-0140.

NOTE: 2017-2018 Red Books will be available for purchase at the conferences for $6.00 by check only. CASH WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

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

2017 Convention Citations *(Continued from Page 3)*

- Most Outstanding Unit Scholarship Program (1) – awarded to Mukwonago Unit 375, District 1.
- Most Outstanding National Education Week Program (1) – awarded to Gordon Unit 499, District 12.
- Most Outstanding Support for Veterans on Campus Program (1) – awarded to Grafton Unit 355, District 2.
- Most Outstanding Assistance to Needy Students Program (1) – awarded to Marshfield Unit 54, District 8.
- Most Unique Education Program "Our Veterans wore many hats" (1) – awarded to Haugen Unit 540, District 10.

History –
Diane Weggen, Department Historian
- Certificate of Merit (3) – awarded to Marla Knuettel of New London Unit 263, District 8; Lilli Schwantes of Brookfield Unit 449, District 1; Yvonne Hill of District 10.
- Certificate of Participation (7) – awarded to Patricia Katalinick of Chilton Unit 125, District 6; Donna Olkowski of Thorp Unit 118; District 7; Rose Mary Schmitt of Hubertus Unit 522, District 2; Jody Wickman of Abrams Unit 523, District 9; Kris Klages of Eau Claire Unit 53, District 10; Kathleen Cook of Oak Creek Unit 434, District 4; Jacqueline Ronn of Plymouth Unit 243, District 2.

Junior Activities –
Lorrie Barber, Department Chairman
- Best Overall Junior Activities (1) – awarded to Lisa Bowen of Lone Rock Unit 383, District 3.
- Joining our Juniors (1) – awarded to Germaine Hying of Muscoda Unit 85, District 3.
- Junior of the Year (1) – awarded to Kimberli Oliver of Elm Grove Unit 449, District 1.
- Outstanding Junior Award (5) – awarded to Jocelyn Adams of Lone Rock Unit 383, District 3; Caitlyn Rosemeyer of Thorp Unit 118, District 7; Megan Wallenfang of Pewaukee Unit 71, District 1; Kira Hankin of DeForest Unit 348, District 3; Kalli Erickson of Pembine Unit 461, District 9.

Leadership –
Kitty Larkin, Department Chairman
- Nurturing a Culture of Goodwill (1) – awarded to Judy Kuta of Grafton Unit 355, District 2.
- Leadership Training (1) – awarded to Amy Luft of Grafton Unit 355, District 2.
- Outstanding Overall Leadership by a Unit (1) – awarded to Cathy Brunnquell of Grafton Unit 355, District 2.

Membership –
Char Kiesling, Department Chairman
- District with the highest percent (1) – awarded to District 5.
- Unit with the highest percent (1) – awarded to Ann Lotter of Abrams Unit 523, District 9.
- 'Soaring Eagle Award' (5) – awarded to Abrams Unit 523, District 9; Milwaukee Unit 479, District 5; Lone Rock Unit 383, District 3; Hartford Unit 19, District 2; Pewaukee Unit 71, District 1.
- Most members recruited by a Unit (3) – awarded to Brookfield Unit 449, District 1; Lone Rock 383, District 3; Cedarburg Unit 228, District 2.
- First Unit to achieve 100% (1) - awarded to Nancy Taylor-Sowatzke of Menasha Unit 152, District 6.

M. Louise Wilson –
Joan Chwala, Department Chairman
- Greatest total of Donations (1) – awarded to Dawn Rudey of District 2

National Headquarters –
- Awarded to Strategic Planning Chairman Joyce Endres of Waunakee Unit 360, District 3.

National Security –
Karen Degner, Department Chairman
- Certificate of Recognition (3) – awarded to Loyal Unit 175, District 7; New London Unit 263, District 8; Waunakee Unit 360, District 3.
- Certificate of Appreciation (1) – District 7

Past Presidents Parley –
Joan Chwala, Department Chairman
- Outstanding Active Service Woman of the Year (1) – awarded to SFC Beth Gilbertson, nominated by Green Bay Unit 11, District 9
- Certificates of Merit (1) – awarded to Karen Hansen, District 10 President; Lynn Cartier of Seymour Unit 106, District 9.

Poppy –
Danie Wilson, Department Chairman
- Certificate of Recognition (1) – awarded to Stacey McDowell of Stevens Point Unit 6, District 8.
- Poppy Usage Contest (3)– awarded to New London Unit 263, District 8; Saukville Unit 470, District 2; Omro Unit 234, District 6.

Public Relations –
Barbara McDaniel, Department Chairman
- Outstanding Facebook page (1) – awarded to Ann Lotter of Abrams Unit 523, District 9.
- Best Overall Public Relations program (1) – awarded to Grafton Unit 355, District 2.
- Outstanding Public Relations program (2) – awarded to DeForest Unit 348, District 3; Reedsburg Unit 350, District 7.
- Brand Ambassador Certificate (1) – awarded to Mary Ellen Race of Saukville Unit 470, District 2.

Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation –
Mary Petrie, Department Chairman
- Soar for our Veterans (5) – awarded to Seymour Unit 106, District 9; Mercer Unit 424, District 11; River Falls Unit 121, District 10; Brookfield Unit 449, District 1; Argyle Unit 251, District 3.
- Best Overall Service to Veterans Narrative Report (1) – awarded to Saukville Unit 470, District 2.
- Service to Veterans Outstanding Narrative Report (13) – awarded to Pardeeville Unit 215, District 2; Grafton Unit 355, District 2; Cambria Unit 401, District 2; Franklin Unit 192, District 4; Oshkosh Unit 70, District 6; Sparta Unit 100, District 7; La Crosse Unit 52, District 7; Chaseburg Unit 202, District 7; New London Unit 263, District 8; Pembine Unit 461, District 9; Eau Claire Unit 53, District 10; River Falls Unit 121, District 10; Minocqua Unit 89, District 11.