



Department of Wisconsin
American Legion Auxiliary
8th District Newsletter
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Honor Our Country, Support Our Veterans



Greetings to Eighth District:

What a difference a day makes! We woke up Saturday to a different world. Now the ALA must step up to care for our active military and their families. Seek out those in your community who are impacted by Operation Epic Fury and ask what the ALA can do for them. And always, keep them in our prayers.

Dear Lord, As our country enters a military conflict overseas, keep our men and women safe from harm. Please bring a speedy end to this action and bring our troops home safely. For those who have lost loved ones, we pray you keep the families in your protective care. Let the ALA serve those who are serving to the best of our ability. In your name we pray. Amen

Spring Conference:

Spring conference is fast approaching. March 28 we will gather in Fremont for our business meeting. We start at 8:30 and break at 10:15 for brunch. Then back to business to try to wrap up between noon and 12:30. This leaves you the rest of the day. I ask you prepare for the meeting by have a 3 minute report of your unit activities. Pick one or pick several, whatever you can cover in 3 minutes. Please bring a written copy to leave with secretary Amanda. In District business, we will select a location for the 2027 Spring conference. Look over the requirements attached and talk to your unit about hosting.

District will hold a Blind Silent Auction. We are asking each unit to bring a "basket" to auction. See the explanation attached for all the details.

Reporting:

I received my first Impact report today and am expecting 25 more. I know units are in transition with changing to electronic reporting but we can work through this. If you have any questions please contact me. If I don't hear from you, you'll be hearing from me! Let's "git er done".

Note from President Sue:

The Department is counting on you to be our cheerleaders in this new and exciting step forward with our reporting process. You are the vital links to our units. I am challenging you in this endeavor to support the online process. At Department Convention, I will have an award for the top 3 districts with the highest percentages of online reporting. If you have any questions please let me know. Department will be able to track the reports so the challenge is on!

I have confidence in you, "the cheerleaders", this new method will save our members time and postage and will allow them to be assured their reports have been received.

Membership:

District 8 is currently in 11th place in Department. We need 202 more members to meet our goal. Let's start the conversation with people we know and don't know (who attends your events?). *Has anyone in your family served? Yes, you could join the ALA!* Just take it from there AND have an application handy. Let's move up the line (and we won't have to sit in the back of the room at convention). Congratulations to Vesper, Tigerton and Mosinee – 100%

Looking ahead:

Speaking of Convention. Have you thought about nominating someone for Unit Member of the Year? Who in your unit is always there, baking, cleaning, helping? Nominate them. Did your unit take on a large project and complete it? Apply for an award. It's up to the units to apply for various awards.

Bowling:

State bowling is April 11-12 in Weston. Get your team of four and join us for fun. You don't have to be a good bowler, just a bowler. Combine with other units for a team. All information is on the Department site <https://www.amlegionauxwi.org/bowling>. Hurry, deadline is March 20 to enter and they are looking for teams and bowlers. Contact Jenni at syftes@chorus.net

What's Up?

Fremont Post 391 has one more Pizza Night in 2026. Monday March 23 at 322 Waupaca St. We start serving at 4:30, bar opens at 4:00.

Spring Chicken BBQ Saturday April 11 at Fremont Post 391. Drive thru or dine in starting at 11:00 AM.

Please send me your events and I'll get them in the newsletter.

I hope you are all planning something for American Legion Family day. If you are not, I encourage you to visit a nearby AL Family that is. Take some notes and get ready for next year.

Eighth District Fundraiser

Spring Conference

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We will be hosting a MYSTERY SILENT AUCTION at Spring Conference as the District Fundraiser. We are asking Units that attend to bring a "Gift" for the auction. Your gift should:

- Have a value of at least \$20
- Be fully wrapped so the contents are not visible
- Have a tag/description attached that includes the value of the gift and clues to what it might be*
- Clearly indicate on the label if alcohol is included
- The wrapping should entice bidders

Attendees will be able to purchase bidder numbers at the conference for \$1. With the number, you will be able to place a bid on the gift/gifts that you want to purchase.

Closing time of the auction will be announced at the conference. Highest bidder will be expected to pay at the conference.

*Please do not "list" the items included. Be crafty with your clues.

For a Spaghetti Dinner you might say "This box contains all you need for a special feast with lots of carbs, a saucy topping, and a bottle of red."

For a quilted poppy wall hanging I'd write:

It's RED white and blue, and quilted too.

Hang on your wall

To display the favorite program
of Department President Sue.

We're hoping for good participation, unique gifts and lots of fun!