



April 2026

Americanism Recognition Banquet



Congratulations to Vicki Hanson from Neenah Unit 33 selected as 6th District's Outstanding Americanism Person of the Year!

Also, congratulations to another outstanding member nominated by his Unit.

***Tim Wippermann
St Nazianz Unit 477***

Annual Reports Reminders

- 🌸 April 15 – Unit year-end impact report due to District President
- 🌸 April 15 - Narrative reports - due to Department Headquarters
- 🌸 *Please email me copies of all online Unit Program Reports submitted to Department.*
- 🌸 Thank you to those Units that have already submitted their reports!

Purple Up! for military kids

To show military children our gratitude and recognize their bravery, April is dedicated as Military Child Appreciation Month, officially known as the Month of the Military Child (MOMC).

In addition to April focusing on military children, there is also a specific day to honor them — Purple Up! Day — April 15, 2026. On this special day, people are encouraged to wear purple as a symbol of support for military kids. Purple symbolizes the combined colors of the branches of the military.

Is your Post or Unit planning a special event to celebrate military children? Will your Legion Family all be wearing purple on April 15th? See what Neenah Unit 33 is doing! (attached).

Membership

6th District continues in 4th place. We still have a ways to go. Please contact members who have not yet renewed with a personal visit, phone call, letter, or a combination of all three. The important part is to communicate and connect with the members in your community to let them know you care.

2026 District Spring Conference

There is still time to register for the 6th District Spring Conference, held on Saturday, April 18th, hosted by Montello Unit 351. Every Unit is asked to have representation. Any questions, please contact me at the email/phone listed below.

National Poppy Day[®], May 22, 2026

Each year, especially during the month of May, members of The American Legion Family distribute poppies with a request that the person receiving the flower donate to support the future of veterans, active-duty military personnel and their families with medical and financial needs. Start planning now to make your poppy distribution and Memorial Day programs a success.

2026 Department Convention

The 2026 Department Convention is July 17-18, 2026 at the Hilton Paper Valley in Appleton.

Highlighted Events:

- ◆ Friday, July 17th – General Session (starting at 8:30 am)
- ◆ Saturday, July 18th –
 - General Session with Elections (starting at 8:00 am)
 - Installation
 - Post Convention DEC Meeting
- ◆ Sunday, July 19th
 - Joint Memorial Service
 - Orientation for 2026-2027 Department Officers, District Presidents, and District Membership Chairmen

Visit the department website or check the unit mailing for more details.

ALA In The Know 2026

Four ALA in the Know Conferences are scheduled for this fall. The registration form was included in the April bi-monthly unit mailing. Locations are as follows:

- Saturday, 9/12/26 - New Life United Methodist Church, 721 Pleasant Way, Seymour
- Saturday, 9/19/26 - Eau American Legion Post 53, 634 Water St, Eau Claire
- Saturday, 9/26/26 - Mason-Lindsay Legion Post 385, 207 Legion St, Verona
- Saturday, 10/3/26 - Dirrigl-Sawales Legion Post 182, 274 N 3rd Ave, Park Falls

I encourage everyone to attend one of these workshops. This program is designed for all members, not just officers, and well worth attending.

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Purple Up Day is observed every year on April 15, during the Month of the Military Child.

It is an opportunity to honor military children from all branches of the military. Military children across the country play a significant role in their schools, youth organizations, and communities.

The University of New Hampshire Cooperative Extension Military Youth and Family Program established Purple Up Day as a way to support them. It lets them know that they are recognized and appreciated. They make many sacrifices to make sure the country is safe.

So deck yourself out in purple to recognize them and Come on out to the Dome Sports Bar & Grill, 1338 Commercial St. Neenah, April 10, 2026, from 5pm-8pm!

The Neenah American Legion Auxiliary will there celebrating these children and volunteering to raise funds for the American Legion Auxiliary by sharing the Dome's profits that night so, come hungry!