



DISTRICT 12 NEWSLETTER – August 2024

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Unit leaders – please share at your next Unit meeting

August Newsletter

12th District

Department of Wisconsin

State Convention 2024 is complete. It was an interesting meeting of “like minds”, renewing acquaintances, meeting new attendees and learning new information. What an awesome “shopping trip” !!

Congratulations goes out to the 12th District for membership, having four Units over 100%, five Units over 90%, seven Units over 80% and seven Units over 70%. The 90% units were just 1 or 2 members short of the 100% goal. Big congratulations to Birchwood Unit 379 for winning states top honors and giving a home to “Baby Girl”. Congratulations to all Units winning awards in Americanism, Education, Poppy Program and District Unit of Distinction.

12th District also had the honor of a member winning American Legion Auxiliary Unit Member of the Year!! Congratulations to Terry Giles of Grantsburg Unit 185. See below for information on how to RSVP to her celebration party. Let’s all join Terry and give her a big celebration greeting.

The District 12 staff still has several openings for members to step up and accept the challenge of leadership. We are interested even if two members would co-chair a position, especially as 1st Vice-president/membership. Check out the current Unit Handbook for the descriptions of and duties for ALA positions.

ALAITK, American Legion Auxiliary In The Know (formerly known as Fall Forum) training is available for three different areas in the state. The registration forms were in the June mailing. The deadline for registration is 01 August 2024. The locations are 14 September, Cumberland Unit 098, 10th District, 28 September, Gillett Unit 300, 9th District and 05 October 2024, Cedarburg Unit 288, 2nd District. The Central Division Vice-president will be attending as a special guest. There is always something to learn

and this training is particularly good introduction for new members and makes a good time for a girls day out. Additional training is on the ALAFORVETERANS.org website via self-paced courses, webinar and video. These courses are excellent guideline information to check how your Unit is following protocol and encouragement to update.

Becky Mueller is our new Department President. Her theme is “Serving our Veterans, Military and each other from the depths of our hearts.” Becky has a two-fold project list.

1. Raising awareness of the 1,800 plus MIA/POW’s who are still missing from Wisconsin.
2. Raising funds for the Auxiliary Emergency Fund. This is an emergency fund system for Auxiliary members. A suggestion for Units to donate \$1.00 per member, which will generate close to \$30,000.00. What a huge investment at so small an amount from each member!!

Units: Special events or schedules of interest, please send via email or text with photos and information relevant to story to me (contact information above) or Pat Beetcher (pat.beetcher@gmail.com 715-566-4077). We will do our best to include your information in the District Newsletter as relevant to the timeframe of the newsletter. We currently are on a special quarterly issue for this year, but if there is enough interest and help on articles, I will do my best for a more frequent schedule. The newsletters go out to each District 12 Unit President, Department staff member and every District President and is on the ALA website at www.amlegionauxwi.org/district-newsletters.

FUTURE EVENTS:

- National Convention, New Orleans, LA
- Tuesday, 27 August 2024, Terry Giles Celebration Location: Grantsburg Post 185 (See below flyer for RSVP information)
- Saturday, 07 September 2024, 12th District Fall Conference, Location: Grantsburg Post 185, 108 Oak St. Grantsburg, WI
- Saturday, 09/14/2024 All In The Know- ALA Location: American Legion Post #98 1225 Veterans St, Cumberland, WI 54829

Thank you for your help,

Barb McDaniel. 12th District President

IT'S A PARTY!

We Will Celebrate!



**Terry Giles, 2024
American Legion Auxiliary,
Unit Member of the Year**

Tuesday, August 27, 2024

American Legion Hall

108 Oak Street

Grantsburg, WI.

12:30-4:00

Light lunch 1:00; Brief Program 2:00

Network with other Dist. 12 Units

RSVP before Aug. 12,

Text or call 715 431-0420

WHO IS TERRY GILES?

Terry Giles is a member of the Brask~Fossum~Janke American Legion Auxiliary; Unit 185 Grantsburg: District 12 of the Department of Wisconsin.

Terry was awarded the 2024 American Legion Auxiliary Unit Member of the Year at the Department of Wisconsin Convention in Appleton, Wisconsin on July 12, 2024.

Terry wants District 12 to celebrate with her ~ so she is hosting a luncheon for all Auxiliary members in District 12. Come celebrate with her and her unit, see what she and her unit have accomplished, network with other units in District 12, get to know each other and find out who Terry Giles is!

RSVP before Aug. 12th by texting/calling 715 431-0420. Include your name, your unit # & city, # attending. This information is needed to plan for the lunch and identify phone numbers not in my call list.

Mark your calendar and plan to attend.

STATE CONVENTION PICTURES

District 12 Commander & ALA President lighting the candle at the Memorial Service at the State Convention.



Congratulations to Terry Giles, Grantsburg Unit 185, for being honored with the Member of the Year award.

Nancy Webster, President of Birchwood Unit 379 receiving the District 12 Membership Award



District 12 President Barb McDaniel “Walking the Walk” with her District 12 Poppy Hat. State President Maggie shown wearing the same District 12 Poppy Hat during the convention.



Are you looking for a unit project or a way to help Veterans? Check out the **Veterans affairs & rehabilitation webpage** at <https://www.amlegionauxwi.org/var>

The purpose of this program is to initiate, sponsor and participate in programs and services that assist and enhance the lives of veterans and their families, ensuring restoration and/or transition to normally functioning lives - physically, mentally, socially and vocationally. This program includes bringing awareness to the plight and ever-increasing number of homeless veterans, supporting rehabilitation of veterans through art therapy by raising money to fulfill our obligation as a corporate sponsor of the National Veterans Creative Arts Festival (NVCAF), and increasing volunteer services at VA Medical Centers, State Veterans Homes, in community settings, and from their homes.

This page has links for “Wish” lists for the Needs/Wish List for the VA Homes as well as patterns if you like to create items for veterans plus a list of resources. Lots of valuable information to assist Veterans. CHECK IT OUT!