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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



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Setting a Course for the Future. Celebrating our milestone birthday is one way to focus our thoughts on the future of our organization. Gathering members together and celebrating all our efforts over the years is a wonderful way to remind everyone of the impact we've had on the lives of those we serve. As times changed, so did our focus. We now have veterans surviving injuries that

once meant certain death. Medical advances now permit our warriors to return home, although often in need of extended care because of disabilities. As a result, we have modified our programs to meet those ever-changing needs.

As you plan your centennial celebrations, consider developing a display of what you have done in the past and options for what you may do in the future. Invite members of the community to share in your celebration. Some of them may not be aware of all the different things you do for our veterans

and their families. It could be a great opportunity to recruit a new member or two. Share your celebration stories and photos of your events with our centennial celebration chairman, Joyce Endres. We hope to profile a few of them during our Department Convention in July.

I had the honor of attending a Quilt of Valor presentation recently. When I was an ALA in the Know presenter, I shared information about this wonderful program but had never attended a presentation. It was amazing! The presenter, Bonnie Camp, sat down with the veteran, 94-year-old Bud Wood, a 73 year member of The American Legion, and explained why she was visiting him. She presented him with a certificate recognizing his service and then the quilt. His wife, three daughters and two sons-in-law were also present. I admit, I had tears in my eyes as he humbly accepted the quilt and made light of his contribution in World War II.

Conversations with his daughters confirmed he was in-country during the war and had seen combat.

That is the mission of Quilts of Valor, to cover service members and veterans touched by war with comforting and healing Quilts of Valor. Do you know someone who should receive a quilt? Nominate them by going online to: <https://www.qovf.org/>. Want to get involved? Even if you aren't a quilter (like me), you can assist (as they assured me!) with no sewing required. What a wonderful way to show our love and respect for our veterans. Working together, we can demonstrate the meaning of



our organization's new tagline, A Community of Volunteers Serving Veterans, Military, and their Families. It's time to muster your crew and sail into our new centennial of Service, not self!



MEMBERSHIP

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Happy February!

I hope everyone enjoyed the warmer weather over the past few months? Are we ready to get the ship out of dry dock and set sail again?

Before we can leave port, a few housekeeping items need to be mentioned first.

• If you are an officer, in any capacity, your 2020 dues must be paid! Actually, they should have been paid back in September after the first notice from National.

In the past, it was tradition for any member holding an office (unit, county, district, department and/or national level) to pay their dues prior to attending the state convention in July (so 2020 dues should have been paid by officers prior to State Convention in July of 2019). I am not sure when this mindset changed but it seems this tradition has become a thing of the past. Members holding officer positions are not honoring their membership by paying in a timely fashion. I ask that in the future, if you are considering to be an officer, VA Hospital Rep or Deputy, please be the example

and pre-pay your dues.

• Membership Chairmen, Unit Presidents, Treasurers – whom ever is collecting/processing memberships and sending the money to Department, please do so in a timely manner. Do not hold a member's renewal for more than a week. By holding checks/membership money, you are creating a disservice to that member. Example: if a family tragedy occurred and they applied for an AEF grant, but their membership was not current (paid for 3 years or more), they would not be eligible for funds. I understand Units do not like writing several

checks to department to pay for memberships, so they prefer to send just one. To hold any membership, for any reason, is not a good practice. Please reconsider, would you want someone holding your check?

• Membership is every member's responsibility and I am not talking just collecting dues. Membership is a team effort. All members should be looking for that new potential member. It is our responsibility to let non-members know who we are and what we can do to help veterans, active military, their families, and people of the communi-

ty that need help. We need to be visible. Sail your flags high!

• Next award to be presented: Notable Navigators – One Unit to be picked at random will win \$100 if they are over 85% by February 5, 2020. Will this be your Unit? Are you working membership in your area? If you are 100% or better, consider helping a unit that is struggling. Anyone can make "Sailor Shout-outs" to any ALA member!!!

• No paid membership is ever refunded!
All right sailors, time to pull anchors and set sail again...

March On!!

SETTING A COURSE FOR THE FUTURE



CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

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"The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make His face shine upon you, and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up His countenance upon you, and give you peace." Numbers 6:24-26

Peace on earth! Good will to men! Each year we pray that this will be the year that peace will break out and the end of war will happen. Once again, our dream of peace was shattered by bombings and attacks in the first days of the new year.

Where, we ask, is the peace that God promised us? He called blessed those that are peacemakers for they shall be called sons of God. From ancient times, shalom – peace, was the greeting of choice. When and where is that peace? We are an angry people, struggling against each other; we are hurt, discouraged, discontented, and insecure in our homes and lives, in a state of warfare. Yes, physically we are not at peace and haven't been for centuries. Individually, we feel powerless to change this culture of conflict and war. But God, through Jesus, offers us a different kind of peace – an inner, spiritual kind of peace – that leads us to a place of inner tranquility in possession of trust in Christ. This gives us peace as a combination of hope, trust, and quiet in mind and soul. Our faith results in peace and spiritual blessedness. Throughout the scriptures, especially the Psalms and in the Epistles, we are to actively seek and pursue peace. Without our personal peace, we are powerless to change the culture of war in our world.

Let us pray together for the granting of such peace to each one of us as we strive to be the peacemakers for the world beginning with our families, our neighbors and our communities. It is only through our actions and thoughts that we can make a difference and obtain peace within ourselves and in the world. Let us indeed be blessed in this coming year and the future.

God is in control and we are his people. Let each of us strive to live in his image of love, hope and peace. AMEN.

"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 our creator, children all are we. Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony.

Let peace begin with me; let this be the moment now,

With every step I take, let 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." Miller, Jackson, Webb 1987

GREETINGS FROM HEADQUARTERS

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Happy 2020! Poppy orders were due December 15th, but the Poppy Shop still has some poppies available. They are going quickly – so place an order today if you still need some. Orders will be accepted on a first-come, first-serve basis while supplies last. If your unit or post placed an order last year but didn't submit a 20% poppy profit report to department, the order will be delayed until the report is received. The poppy profit report and order forms can be downloaded from the department website.

ALA Badger Girls State (ALABGS) is scheduled for June 21-26, 2020. Unit reservation fees were due January 27th. Units that sponsored girls for ALABGS should contact their schools at the end of February to ensure they received registration materials and offer assistance with the delegate selection process. Orientations are currently being scheduled. Details will be posted on the ALABGS website (www.alabgs.org) as they become available and posted in the monthly unit mailings. Would you like to help at ALABGS? Check out the website for a complete description of positions available and submit a Staff/Counselor Interest form today! If you do not have time to serve on staff for the entire week, contact

Chairman Dany Thompson at alabgs.chairman@gmail.com to discuss what part-time opportunities may be available.

Do you know someone graduating high school this year and planning to attend college? The American Legion Auxiliary (ALA) offers more than \$25,000 in scholarships at the state and national levels. Encourage potential college students to apply for a scholarship today. Applications are on the department website, must be signed by a sponsoring unit president, and mailed to Education Chairman Lauren Miller by March 15, 2020. Unit presidents should carefully review the applications before certifying them to ensure they are complete and to help reduce the number that are disqualified for failing to follow the rules. Questions? Please contact Lauren at hurricanealoren11@gmail.com.

The national organization mailed final renewal notices to members whose 2020 dues were not processed by December 1st. If you received a notice but think your dues were paid, please verify with your Unit Membership Chairman that she forwarded the payment to headquarters as things may have crossed in the mail. Members who have not yet paid their 2020 dues are now considered delinquent and have lost all benefits of membership – including the right to hold office, vote on unit matters, or qualify for some scholarships or the Auxiliary Emergency Fund. Members can rein-

state their membership by paying their dues to their unit or department headquarters. To expedite processing, members may pay by phone at 317-569-4500 (Monday through Friday, 7:00 am – 3:30 pm) or online at www.ALAforVeterans.org. Questions about paying online should be directed to the national organization at alahq@ALAforVeterans.org.

Unit presidents are reminded to submit their Unit Year-End Reports by April 15th. Members should report their activities to their unit president by April 1st 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. The Narrative Reports allow units to describe in detail the various activities they accomplished throughout the year. These reports are used by the department chairmen when they write their annual reports for the national organization. President Joanie Dickerson will also review the narrative reports to select units for recognition at department convention. PLEASE – be proud of your accomplishments and take time to report them. You can't be recognized for your efforts if you don't report.

Check out the unit mailings posted on the department website. Department Chairmen provide information about the various programs each month and you might learn something new!

LEADERSHIP

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Let's start the new year off with choosing your Unit Member of the Year. The Unit Member of the Year award recognizes those serving at the unit level who exemplify the values and ideals of the Auxiliary and whose accomplishments significantly impact the program work in their units.

Unit Member of the Year Criteria & Selection Process: Nominees must be an adult American Legion Auxiliary unit member not in an elected or appointed leadership role higher than Unit President. A narrative of 1,000 words or less describing the nominee's accomplishments and activities must be submitted by a unit to its department Past Presidents Parley Chairman. Each department selects one Unit Member of the Year from its submitted candidates. The se-

lection of the winner is at the discretion of the department Past Presidents Parley chairman. Recognition of the department winners occurs at the American Legion Auxiliary's national convention.

Leadership Classes: Get together with your District and discuss a unit to sponsor a Leadership class. The Department Leadership team offers a variety of classes that will provide valuable education materials for those who are leaders and those who are interested in becoming leaders.

I'M A MEMBER, WHAT'S NEXT: Attendees will become familiar with the history of the ALA - its purpose, growth, development, mission and vision. New members will learn all about the ALA jargon, the structure of our organization and how to get involved. Seasoned members will learn how to mentor and work with new members.

REPORTING-MAKING YOUR NUMBERS COUNT: Attendees will

learn how to make reporting fun. Participants will learn the reporting structure, what forms to use and how, when to use them and where to send them. Participants will learn how to utilize the Program Plans of Action and apply for awards.

HOW TO RUN A MEETING & USES OF TECHNOLOGY: Attendees will learn how to develop and improve protocol in running a meeting. They will learn how to be knowledgeable and informed leaders. We will show our organization's websites and how to navigate.

CONFLICT RESOLUTIONS AND COMMUNICATION: Attendees will learn how to deal with conflict, which at times makes its way into our units. You will learn positive ways for dealing with stressful situations with difficult people, how to solve the situation effectively with communication and leadership skills.

Classes will be held until July 1st. Contact me with details and to set up a date.

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, 2020. Resumes may be sent via email (preferred) to deptsec@amlegionauxwi.org or mailed to ALA-Wisconsin, Attn: Dept Executive

Secretary-Treasurer,
 PO Box 140, Portage,
 WI 53901-0140.

Upon receipt of all resumes, candidates to be considered will be contacted by the appointment committee for a telephone interview.



AMERICANISM

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February 1945, Mt. Suribachi on Iwo Jima was captured by an American patrol. Six servicemen fastened the US flag to a pipe and raised it. Old Glory flying during times of celebration or disaster is a symbol of our freedom. Sometimes as Americans, we take for granted or forget what the cost has been for us to be free.

What can we do to promote Americanism, patriotism, and responsible citizenship in our communities or schools? Contact your local schools and community youth groups to encourage participation in the American

Essay Contest. The Americanism Patch for ALA junior members and SAL youth members is a great way to have them learn about patriotism and leadership by participating in this program. There are three different age levels; Red Level (K-3rd), Gold Level (4th-8th), and Blue Level (9th-12th grades). Junior Activities Patch Program information can be found on the department website (www.amlegionauxwi.org, programs tab, Junior Activities).

Help our youth learn about the U.S. Constitution. Hold a scavenger hunt to find facts about the Constitution. Hand out pocket size US Constitutions to school children or youth that participate in or are visiting your post. "What

is the Constitution?" written by Patricia Brennan Demuth, is a book full of information about events surrounding the Constitution's signing. Promote the "Star Spangled Kids" initiative to educate youth on the history of the United States, patriotism, Americanism and the US Constitution.

Thank local business and home owners who fly the flag by leaving an "I Spy" door hanger thanking them for flying the flag; include your unit name, phone number and contact information. Perhaps include a calendar of upcoming events and dates and times of the Legion Family meetings.

With more deployments on the horizon, assembling pocket flags would be a great

way to include junior members and to reach out to our communities by inviting community members and youth to help fold the flags. Three hundred pocket flags can be purchased for \$94.00 but the 3x3 plastic bags would need to be purchased separately. More information about the pocket flags can be found at www.pocketflagproject.com.

ALA Badger Girls State will be held at UW-Oshkosh from June 21-26, 2020. Volunteers are always needed during this exciting week! If you have questions, please contact Department Chairman Dany Thompson at alabgs.chairman@gmail.com.

Please feel free to contact me anytime and thank you for all you do to make the lives of our veterans better one day at a time!

EDUCATION

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One of the goals of the Education Program is to promote the unit, department, and national scholarships available. Consider following up with contacts at your local schools so students are reminded to apply and can ask about the required paperwork or eligibility criteria. Deadlines for scholarships are approaching soon. Remember that applications are due to the Unit President by March 1st and to me by March 15th. Unit Presidents/Chairmen, please thoroughly review applications. Make sure

that the applicant has filled out everything completely and has followed all the rules of the scholarship, and then be sure to sign it. Units may enter only one candidate per scholarship. Applicants may apply for each scholarship for which they meet eligibility requirements. I look forward to receiving a great number of applications by March 15, 2020. Applications cannot be submitted or accepted beyond deadlines.

Did you know that the ALA has revealed a new scholarship for any Auxiliary member who was a Junior member and has continued membership as a senior member? This Junior Member Loyalty scholarship

can be awarded to a traditional college student who has not yet earned her bachelor's degree and who has had ALA membership in 2017, 2018, 2019, and the current membership year of 2020, and maintains continuous membership for the length of the scholarship. Each Division will award two of these scholarships. Please go to www.amlegionauxwi.org, "more" tab > Scholarships, for more information about this exciting opportunity to acknowledge students who keep their membership going into adulthood.

While the majority of this article is about scholarships, I'd also like to send a big

thank you to the units that sent in mid-year reports. I enjoyed reading about what you are doing to support the Education Program and seeing photos of what your units have collected for Give 10 to Education. Remember that you can participate with Give 10 to Education all year, and schools would appreciate the refreshed supplies. Your units may also wish to plan now to recognize Teacher Appreciation Week from May 4-8, 2020. When we help our students find out about scholarships, donate school supplies, and support school staff in our community, we are definitely "Setting a Course for the Future!"

CHRISTMAS GIFT SHOP

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City sidewalks, busy sidewalks dressed in Holiday style, in the air there's a feeling of Christmas...

Familiar song lyrics from the wonderful old Christmas song *Silver Bells* written way back in 1950. Today it would probably be more appropriate to say busy malls or even websites! The meaning is the same either way, it was holiday time and we all got busy and distracted with important decisions about what gift we would buy for someone close to us. Such an easy thing and we take for granted that we will always be able to take care of this annual task. But what about our veterans who now live in long-term care facilities? Being able to select gifts to give their loved ones for Christmas is something that would not be possible without the generosity of our members. Your donations made it possible this holiday season for nearly 130 of our veterans to select gifts for their families!

This year's Christmas Gift Shop started in late October with visits to Zablocki VAMC and the Wisconsin Veterans Home

at Union Grove. Linda Bartell, SAL Detachment Commander Bob Sirovina and I had the pleasure of visiting several areas at these facilities, meeting the veterans and assisting them in selecting great gifts for the special people in their lives. Talking with the veterans and hearing some things about their family members was a wonderful experience. The veterans were very grateful for all the gifts we provided, and they liked having some company for a little while, too. Like the song says, *hearing the snow crunch* in October, or *meeting smile after smile* on the veterans faces, made memories for us that will last a long time.

Once we visited all the veterans, it was time to get going on the next phase of Christmas Gift Shop 2019. All the gifts were ordered – and we participated in the Amazon Smiles program, designating the ALA Foundation to receive the benefit of this program! The Cudworth-Stenz-Griesell-Smith Post 449 in Brookfield again welcomed us for wrapping day, and the 25+ volunteers wrapped 454 gifts and prepared them for delivery back to the veterans because *soon it would be Christmas Day*. Many thanks to our Auxiliary and SAL members and friends that came together to make this another very successful year.

Christmas Gift Shop operates for around

two months each year, but your support is needed throughout the year to keep this awesome and unique program funded so that our hospitalized veterans will always be able to select gifts for their families. This program cannot continue without you! Please send your generous donations to Portage any time you have funds avail-

able. Remember to use the Poppy Fund Suggested Donation form, located on the Department website www.amlegionauxwi.org under the forms tab.

Thank you for all you have done and continue to do to support this great program! *Silver bells, silver bells, it's Christmas time at the VA!*

MISSION IN ACTION: STOUGHTON UNIT 59



Stoughton Unit 59 hosted an ice cream social at the William S. Middleton Veterans Memorial Hospital. Fourteen members of all ages participated, along with Hospital Representative Rosie Wenger. The American Legion Auxiliary served about 125 sundaes. Unit members were amazed at how much a dish of ice cream and a friendly smile could brighten a veteran's day...and their own as well!

45TH WALASBA TOURNAMENT 18TH ANNUAL 9-PIN TAP TOURNAMENT

March 28-29, 2020 and April 4-5, 2020
Circle B Recreation Center • 6261 State Road 60 • Cedarburg, Wisconsin

EVENTS: Team (4-person), Singles, Doubles and All Events

SQUAD TIMES: Saturday (11am or 2pm) & Sunday (9am)

ENTRY FORMS, RULES and HOTEL INFO:

Visit the department website, www.amlegionauxwi.org

CONTACT INFORMATION:

Jenni Syftestad, Chairman / Tournament Manager

205 Thompson Street, Verona, WI 53593-1043 | Ph: 608-845-7857 | E: syftes@chorus.net

ENTRY CLOSING DATE:

Entries must be postmarked no later than **MARCH 1, 2020**

Entry forms may be photocopied BUT NOT altered in any other way.



100% Prize Fee Returned Circle B Recreation Center
75% Handicap - 200 Scratch 6261 State Road 60 Entry # _____ Date _____
Cedarburg WI 53012

The names listed below make entry in the below specified contest at the annual WALASBA Tournament and hereby agree to comply in all respects with the rules of said tournament. The individual members are bona fide 2020 members of the Wisconsin American Legion Auxiliary

WALASBA IS NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR PROVIDING SUBSTITUTES!

TEAM NAME	UNIT CITY LOCATION	UNIT #

TEAM (PLEASE PRINT):	Indicate what Events bowler is entering:	TEAM	Highlight or Circle your choice:
1	DOUBLES AND SINGLES:	Y N	SATURDAY: MARCH 28 11AM OR 2PM TEAM OR DOUBLES/SINGLES
2		Y N	SUNDAY: MARCH 29 9AM TEAM OR DOUBLES/SINGLES
3		Y N	SATURDAY: APRIL 4 11AM OR 2PM TEAM OR DOUBLES/SINGLES
4		Y N	SUNDAY: APRIL 5 9AM TEAM OR DOUBLES/SINGLES

DOUBLES AND SINGLES:	DOUBLES	SINGLES	ALL EVENTS	If you want to enter ALL EVENTS
1	Y N	Y N	Y N	\$3.00 PER PERSON
2	Y N	Y N	Y N	
1	Y N	Y N	Y N	
2	Y N	Y N	Y N	

Bowling	\$7.50
Prize	\$5.50
Expense	\$6.00
Total	\$19.00 per person per Event

Make checks payable to WALASBA. When two or more teams are inter-bowling for doubles partners, please be sure to send your entries together.

PLEASE PRINT COMPLETE ADDRESS & PHONE # WHERE MAIL WILL RECEIVE IMMEDIATE ATTENTION

Captain: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

City / ST / Zip: _____

Email: _____

MAIL ENTRIES TO: JENNI SYFTESTAD
205 THOMPSON STREET - VERONA WI 53593-1043

Do not write in this space:

TEAM	DBLS	SINGLES

ALL EVENTS _____ TOTAL PAID _____

Visit www.amlegionauxwi.org (Program Info>Bowling) for tournament rules and hotel information.

2020 UPCOMING DATES

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION
Feb 17	George Washington Luncheon and CDNVP Ruth Gott's Official Visit	Meyers Restaurant, Greenfield, WI
Mar 21	7th District Spring Conference	Fusch Community Center, Reedsburg, WI
Mar 28-29 April 4-5	WALASBA 9-Pin Tap Tournament	Cedarburg, WI
April 4-5	10th District Spring Conference	Eau Claire, WI
April 4	8th District Spring Conference	Veterans Home at King
April 18	4th District Spring Conference	American Legion Post 537 Milwaukee, WI
April 18	11th District Spring Conference	Stetsonville, WI
April 25	1st District Spring Conference	Orfordville Post 209, Orfordville, WI
	2nd District Spring Conference	Country Inn & Suites, Port Washington, WI
	3rd District Spring Conference	Darlington Post 214, Darlington, WI
	5th District Spring Conference	Veterans Manor, New Berlin, WI
	9th District Spring Conference	Stadium View Banquet Hall, Green Bay, WI
May 2	6th District Spring Conference	American Legion Post #364, Winneconne, WI
May 16	5th Annual Sweat4Vets Walk	Cedarburg Post to Grafton Post
June 6	President Joanie Dickerson's Testimonial	Prairie du Chien, WI
June 12-13	Orientation for 2020-2021 Dept Ofcrs, District Presidents and Dept Chairmen	Department Headquarters, Portage, WI
June 14	Junior Activities Conference	NEW Zoo & Adventure Park, Green Bay, WI
June 21-26	ALA Badger Girls State	UW-Oshkosh, WI
July 16-18	Department Convention and NP Nicole Clapp's Official Visit	Appleton, WI
Aug 28-Sep 3	National Convention	Louisville, KY

FRANKLIN UNIT 387: THANK YOU SANTA & MRS. CLAUS

Every year our Post and Auxiliary, Franklin #387, have a joint Christmas Party. A pot luck supper is provided along with a huge assortment of Christmas cookies. Leftover cookies are given to members that are shut-ins. It is a night of singing Christmas carols and sharing the holiday spirit. We are also visited by Santa and Mrs. Claus who have been coming to our party for 25+ years bringing bags of goodies for the young children of our members. This is a shout out to Santa and Mrs. Claus for always taking the time to arrive right on time every year and making sure that the reindeer know their way to our annual Christmas Party. Thank You Santa and Mrs. Claus!!!

*Darlene Meyers
Franklin Auxiliary #387*

CANDIDATES FOR DEPARTMENT/ NATIONAL OFFICE

Candidates for department or national office must email his/her announcement and head/shoulder photo to Executive Secretary-Treasurer Bonnie Dorniak (deptsec@amlegionauxwi.org) by Monday, March 16th for publication in the Wisconsin.

MISSION IN ACTION: GILMANTON UNIT 264

Jensine Myers, a member of Gilmanton Unit 264, donated 500 American Legion Auxiliary poppy placemats last year for Gilmanton Elementary School students to color. The placemats are being used on the tables in the American Legion Hall for community events and meals. This is one of the ways the unit involves students in activities of patriotism in the community.



Department of Wisconsin JUNIOR SPRING CONFERENCE

Sunday - June 14, 2020

NEW Zoo and Adventure Park - 4378 Reforestation Road, Green Bay 54313

The Junior Spring Conference will be held at the NEW Zoo and Adventure Park in Green Bay, WI on June 14, 2020 at 10:00 am. There will be activities for all ages at either the Zoo or Adventure Park. The Adventure Park has ropes courses, a zip line and climbing wall for those who are at least 6 years old, weigh 70 lbs or more and are over 48" tall. Those not wishing to, or unable to attend the Adventure Course, will go to the NEW Zoo for a Behind the Scenes program.

A meeting to elect new Honorary Junior Officers and discuss any other important topics will be held at 10:00 am and then the fun begins! Bring your family along for the adventure and learn more about the American Legion Auxiliary and yourself. Registration of \$20.00 per person includes admission, programs and lunch. If you have any questions, please call Laura Calteux at 414-379-2943.

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REGISTRATION Reservation Deadline: May 15, 2020

Form submitted by (please print clearly):

Name: _____ District #: _____ Unit #: _____

Phone #: (____) _____ Email: _____

NAME/UNIT	FIRST TIME ATTENDEE? (YES/NO)	Junior member	Senior member	REGISTRATION/ LUNCH \$20 PER PERSON
GRAND TOTALS:		#:	#:	\$

*Please send reservation form with check payable to American Legion Auxiliary to:
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ALA BADGER GIRLS STATE (ALABGS)



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Happy New Year and welcome to 2020! As we enter the new year, the ALABGS Committee is ramping things up to make our June 2020 session the best ever, which takes place at the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh from June 21st-26th. In order to do that, we need the best of the best in terms of counselors – in other words, we need YOU!

Many different types of counselors are needed – from those who are with the girls 24/7, to those who work in the background – managing the store, running elections, etc. UW System rules require that we have 1 counselor for each 10 delegates, meaning we typically need between 70-75 counselors at any given time. **We also need NURSES!**

I understand that an entire week is a commitment. If you wish to help but can't dedicate an entire

week, please contact me. We have been experimenting with having counselors help for a few days at a time (Sunday-Tuesday and Wednesday-Friday). This doesn't work for all positions, but it can be done for some of them – especially our nursing staff.

In order to be a counselor, you must be a member of the American Legion Auxiliary or have attended any Girls State program in the past. If you or someone you know is interested, please check our counselor descriptions at <https://www.alabgs.org/volunteer-for-alabgs.html> and fill out the application! If you are wondering what ALABGS is all about – watch the video on the main page of our website. It gives a good snapshot of the week.

If you have any questions, feel free to email me at alabgs.chairman@gmail.com or call me at (920) 379-6789 (after 4:30 pm works best for me as I work during the day). I hope to see some of you at session in June!



2020 ALA BADGER GIRLS STATE ORIENTATIONS

Orientations for the 2020 ALA Badger Girls State (ALABGS) session are currently being scheduled. Watch the monthly unit mailing for a list of orientations or check the ALABGS website (www.alabgs.org) as information becomes available.



2020 SET THE COURSE NEW MEMBER AWARD ENTRY FORM

Sign up one **NEW 2020 Senior or Junior Auxiliary** member and be entered in to a cash drawing for \$75.

A Set the Course entry may be submitted for **EVERY** new member you recruit. 8 winners will be picked at random for a cash prize of \$75.

Entry forms must be submitted to Department no later than **May 29, 2020**.

TAL and SAL members that recruit a **NEW 2020 AUXILIARY** member are also eligible for the drawing.

Recruiter: _____ Unit # _____ District # _____

Recruiter's Address _____

City / State / Zip _____

NAME OF NEW 2020 MEMBER - Senior or Junior Auxiliary member

Transferring and rejoining members **DO NOT** count.
Submit a **separate** Set the Course entry for **EVERY** new member you recruit.
Entry forms must be submitted to Department no later than **May 29, 2020**.

Submit this completed form to: American Legion Auxiliary
PO Box 140
Portage, WI 53901
Fax: 608-745-1947 / Email: alawi@amlegionauxwi.org

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(This form is available on the department website)



**American Legion Auxiliary-Department of Wisconsin
100th Annual American Legion Auxiliary Convention**



RESOLUTION

Submitted by:

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

Contact Name: _____ Phone # (_____) _____

Subject: _____ Date: _____

Resolution # _____

Program: _____

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 of which she is a member. 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 chairman of the program to which the resolution pertains. The Department chairman will submit resolutions that she approves 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 chairmen/committees have acted on all resolutions, the Resolutions Chairman will report recommendations to the convention delegates.

Signature of UNIT President/Secretary: _____ Date: _____

Signature of DISTRICT President/Secretary: _____ Date: _____

FOR DEPARTMENT USE ONLY:

Committee Chairman Name & Signature

_____ Date: _____ Approved Rejected Revised

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_____ Date: _____ Approved Rejected Revised

Convention Action: Approved Rejected

Date: _____

**MISSION IN ACTION:
CABLE UNIT 487**



Members of Stokes-Liebman Unit 487 in Cable gathered to send off donated articles to the Veterans Gift Shop at the Minneapolis VA Medical Center. Pictured (left to right): Kathy Johnson, Kari Bjork, Katie Hanks, Susanne Johnson, Darlene Hanks, and Judy Hinman.

NOVEMBER 2019 SWEEPSTAKES WINNERS

1	15.00	Sally Szalewski	Wausau
2	15.00	Virginia Broehm	Brillion
3	25.00	Donna Willfahrt	Sheboygan Falls
4	15.00	Sue Young	Union Grove
5	15.00	Dion Szpek	Oak Creek
6	15.00	Carol Omernik	Schofield
7	15.00	Marcia Long	Menomonee Falls
8	15.00	Charles Schlueter	Eagle River
9	15.00	Cheryl Brossmann	Wauwatosa
10	500.00	Laverne Peterson	Chetek
11	15.00	ALA Unit #60	Kimberly
12	15.00	Rita Steffen	St Nazianz
13	15.00	ALA Unit #461	Dunbar
14	15.00	Leola Stanko	Baraboo
15	15.00	Janet Thom	Hustisford
16	15.00	Merlyn Elver	Verona
17	25.00	Gloria Blakesley	La Crosse
18	15.00	Jeanette Giedl	Monroe
19	15.00	Margie Lowe	Hustler
20	15.00	Ann Urben	Cross Plains
21	15.00	Katharine Tanty	Brookfield
22	15.00	Joyce Sinkula	Kewaunee
23	15.00	Chari Veloon	Boulder Junction
24	25.00	Jennifer Smart	Butternut
25	15.00	Donna Gethings	Lone Rock
26	15.00	Elizabeth & Ben Kiley	Deerfield
27	15.00	Dorothy Schmitz	Chilton
28	15.00	Eva Kelly	Briggsville
29	15.00	Roberta Joyner	Rocky Mount, NC
30	15.00	ALA Unit #40	Bangor

DECEMBER 2019 SWEEPSTAKES WINNERS

1	25.00	Sandra Krutza	Stevens Point
2	15.00	Sue Beine	Slinger
3	15.00	Linda Carney	Beaver Dam
4	15.00	Kelsey Braunschweig	Waterloo
5	15.00	Thomas Rock	Dodgeville
6	15.00	Marlene Schewe	Wausau
7	15.00	Janet McCormick	Soldiers Grove
8	25.00	Marlene Schewe	Wausau
9	15.00	Julie Kodl	Thorp
10	15.00	Rita Schiller	Pittsville
11	15.00	Audrey Shneider	New Holstein
12	15.00	Tara Foster	New Glarus
13	500.00	Reann Holmes	Waterford
14	15.00	Joyce Hill	Elroy
15	25.00	Karen Campbell	Pewaukee
16	15.00	Donna Breitkreutz	Hancock
17	15.00	Debbie Paul	Beaver Dam
18	15.00	Marilyn Boardman	Holmen
19	15.00	Kathleen Olds	Stevens Point
20	15.00	Floyd Theis	Hartford
21	15.00	Erika Abbate	Spring Grove, IL
22	25.00	Marlene Schewe	Wausau
23	15.00	Bernice Baumann	Lowell
24	15.00	Luena Meister	Plain
25	15.00	Diane Mayhugh	Neosho
26	15.00	Paula Kieser	Unity
27	15.00	Sylvia Cross	Milwaukee
28	15.00	Char Tomasi	Iron Mountain, MI
29	25.00	Evaleen Hutchens	Itasca, IL
30	15.00	Lila Albrent	Hatley
31	15.00	Rita Menge	Montello