



For August/September Meeting 2025

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American Legion Auxiliary Mission Statement:

In the spirit of Service, Not Self the mission of the American Legion Auxiliary is to support The American Legion and to honor the sacrifice of those who serve by enhancing the lives of our veterans, military, and their families, both at home and abroad. For God and Country, we advocate for veterans, educate our citizens, mentor youth and promote patriotism, good citizenship, peace and security.

The Monthly Unit Mailing is posted on the Wisconsin Department website under the Unit Mailing link.

www.amlegionauxwi.org



Greetings American Legion Family of Wisconsin,

First and foremost, thank you for all the congratulations, and all the wonderful participation at our Convention. It is an honor and a privilege to serve you, the members, and our organization this coming year.

My pin's design is of our beloved poppies. The poppy is our signature that gets distributed around our Department and the community. It also has the words Honor and Support, which comes from my theme:



'HONOR OUR COUNTRY, SUPPORT OUR VETERANS'

I chose this theme to represent what we were established for and to remind everyone of our mission to promote this to our communities.

Family First is the motto of The American Legion, the Sons, Riders and Auxiliary. We are promoting working together as a family. As in a family one needs everyone to work together to make that unit strong. We are all going to work together for the good of the organization to make it stronger and more united.

My project along with the Legion, Sons and Riders is Camp American Legion. Camp celebrated its centennial this past Spring. It is to all of us a very precious gem, one that needs to be maintained and cherished.

The camp has many needs, most of all a storage shed to protect their equipment, boats, etc. during our northern winters. As with anything else it is an expensive project. Hopefully with the entire Legion Family uniting together, we can make this happen first and foremost.

Camp needs many items and after the shed is built, they will keep going down the list. Our goal is to tackle as much of their needs as possible and be able to also furnish some "Wish" items as well. We are all very aware of the price of things so hopefully through your generosity we can accomplish lots.

However, we also have to remember that our organizations also have other very worthwhile programs. Please remember the Christmas Gift Shop, our Veteran hospitals and nursing homes, the A.L.F. dog project to just name a few. These projects/programs all rely on your generosity.

Our units, posts and squadrons are very hard working and come up with ingenious ways to fundraise.

The American Legion Family Department of Wisconsin is an outstanding group of both veterans and their families that truly support my theme: *'Honor our Country, Support our Veterans'*

I applaud you for all you do for our veterans, our organization and our communities.

Sue Hembrook
Department President



DEPARTMENT OF WISCONSIN

Request for Visit by Department President or Department Chairman

Please mail/Email this request directly to the invited party.

Send a copy to Department Headquarters:

P.O. Box 140, Portage WI 53901

Email: deptsec@amlegionauxwi.org

Invitation is extended to: _____

Request for visit from: Unit# _____ Unit Name: _____

Date of Event: _____ Time of Event: _____

Event: _____ Location: _____
(Post/Civic Bldg/Other Place)

Address: _____

Town: _____ Phone # _____

Name of person(s) who will meet the President/Chairman: _____

Is the event a: ☐ Luncheon ☐ Dinner ☐ Unit Meeting ☐ District Meeting ☐ County Meeting ☐ Other

Will the President/Chairman:

☐ Provide Greetings Only ☐ Be the main speaker of the event (preferred subject: _____)

☐ Expected to participate in other activities (activities info: _____)

Who is expected to attend the event: ☐ Auxiliary Members ☐ American Legion ☐ SAL ☐ Youth

☐ Others _____

Does the invitation include a guest of the President/Chairman? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Dress for the occasion is: ☐ Formal ☐ Informal (business) ☐ Casual (jeans/shirts) ☐ Other

What news media will attend? ☐ Radio ☐ TV ☐ News Publications

Will lodging be provided for the President/Chairman? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Details:

Contact Person _____

Phone #: _____ Email: _____

GREETINGS FROM DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS

American Legion Auxiliary, Department of Wisconsin
Executive Secretary-Treasurer, Bonnie Dorniak
www.amlegionauxwi.org ~ deptsec@amlegionauxwi.org ~ 608-745-0124

2025-2026 PRESIDENT'S THEME & SPECIAL PROJECT

President Sue Hembrook's theme is *"Honor Our Country, Support Our Veterans."*

She has selected Camp American Legion as her special project.

Donations may be made using the
Poppy Fund Suggested Donation Sheet included in this mailing.



MEMBERSHIP CARDS/ROSTERS/GOALS

2026 membership cards, rosters and unit goals were distributed to units in July. If you did not receive your membership packet, please contact Andrea Stoltz at Headquarters immediately.

DEPT OFFICERS/CHAIRMEN'S LIST

A list of newly elected Department Officers and chairmen appointed for the 2025-2026 administration year is included in this mailing.

NEW! SUGGESTED DONATION SHEETS!

Donation Sheets have been updated for 2025-2026 and are included in this mailing. The new donation sheets are effective immediately so please discard any old forms.

M. LOUISE WILSON EDUCATIONAL LOAN FUND

The M. Louise Wilson Educational Loan Fund is available to qualified ALA members seeking financial assistance to obtain a higher education. For more information or an application, please contact Education Chairman Delores Woolf at dwoolf@centurytel.net or 608-348-7403.

2025-2026 MISSION TRAINING & NATIONAL JUNIOR MEETINGS: The national organization is hosting Mission Training sessions and National Junior Meetings.

Mission Training: Would you like to learn more about working the mission of the American Legion Auxiliary? Would you like to network with national leaders and other members who share your passion and enthusiasm for helping our veterans? During the 1-day Mission Training conference, you'll be inspired while learning more about working the ALA's core programs in an interactive and fun environment. Many of the ALA Mission Outreach programs will be covered during this conference. If you find yourself growing more involved and have been doing the same activities for years and want a fresh approach, then Mission Training is for you! Did someone say "ROAD TRIP?!?" 😊 Registration will open for all events on August 27. Dates and locations are listed below:

- November 15: Albany
- November 15: Minneapolis
- January 31: Las Vegas
- January 31: Indianapolis
- February 7: Atlanta

National Junior Meetings: If your Junior is 8 years old or older, they are invited to a National Junior Meeting! They will have the opportunity to meet new friends, do a service project, and have tons of fun! The meetings are at the same time and place as the Mission Training conferences.

For more information, check out the national website (www.ALAforVeterans.org).

PAST PRESIDENTS' PARLEY (PPP)

Have you served as a President at the unit, county, district, or department level?

If so, you are eligible to join the Past Presidents' Parley!

Membership in the PPP is \$7.00 annually and

FUNDS THREE SCHOLARSHIPS each year in the nursing and health career fields.

Past Presidents at all levels are also encouraged to help develop and mentor new leaders.

Questions? Need more info? Contact PPP Chairman Diane Weggen at dsweggen@gmail.com or 715-644-2668.



2025-2026 UNIT OFFICERS FORM

DEPARTMENT OF WISCONSIN

PO Box 140, Portage WI 53901-0140

Ofc: 608-745-0124 ♦ Fax: 608-745-1947

Email: alawi@amlegionauxwi.org

Unit City Location _____ Unit # _____

County _____ Dist # _____

Meeting Location/Date & Time _____

- Units must have this form submitted to Department to be eligible for Unit Membership Awards.
- Please designate **ONE OFFICER** from this form to receive important Unit information.

Name & Title: _____

President's Name _____ Member ID # _____

Mailing Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

Primary Ph # _____ ☐ Cell ☐ Home Secondary Ph # _____ ☐ Cell ☐ Home

Email _____

Secretary's Name _____ Member ID # _____

Mailing Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

Primary Ph # _____ ☐ Cell ☐ Home Secondary Ph # _____ ☐ Cell ☐ Home

Email _____

Treasurer's Name _____ Member ID # _____

Mailing Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

Primary Ph # _____ ☐ Cell ☐ Home Secondary Ph # _____ ☐ Cell ☐ Home

Email _____

Membership Dues collection person: who will receive all membership material & be printed on each Renewal Notice

Name: _____ Member ID # _____

Primary Ph # _____ ☐ Cell ☐ Home Secondary Ph # _____ ☐ Cell ☐ Home

Email _____

➔ ☐ Personal Address or ☐ Unit/Post Address

➔ Mailing Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

ALABGS Chairman's Name _____ Member ID # _____

(**Note:** The person in the **UNIT** who will receive ALABGS information)

Mailing Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

Primary Ph # _____ ☐ Cell ☐ Home Secondary Ph # _____ ☐ Cell ☐ Home

Email _____

Signed _____ Date _____

(Name/Title)



MEMBERSHIP

25-26 MEMBERSHIP TEAM:

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Diane Burkhalter, Committee	262-284-6873	burkhalterdl@gmail.com
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Andrea Stoltz, Dept. Coordinator	608-745-0124	alawi@amlegionauxwi.org
12 District Presidents & Membership Chairman		

This is the year we go camping to tie in with President Sue's special project: "Camp American Legion"!

2026 Unit goals are based off total PAID 2024 membership as of 12/31/2024 x 1%. Each District President/Membership Chairman (or as I like to call them-camp counselors) randomly chose a National Park to incorporate into their membership efforts for the 2025- 2026 year, and we are excited to see what they come up with!

District 1 - The Saint Croix National Scenic Riverway

District 2 - Denali National Park and Reserve

District 3 - Everglades National Park

District 4 - Apostle Islands National Lakeshore

District 5 - Badlands National Park

District 6 - Grand Canyon National Park

District 7 - Hawaii Volcanoes National Park

District 8 - Yosemite National Park

District 9 - Glacier National Park

District 10 - Yellowstone National Park

District 11 - Redwood National Park

District 12 - Great Smoky Mountains National Park



REMINDERS:

1. Membership packets and unit goals for 2026 were distributed in July. If you have not received your membership packet, contact Andrea Stoltz at Department Headquarters.
2. There is no deadline for renewing 2025-please continue to send them in.
3. Start submitting your 2026 **renewals** now! The earlier, the better!
4. All officers must have their 2026 memberships paid prior to September 15th, have a current 2025-2026 Unit Officer form on file, and at least 75% of membership paid to be entered into the first membership award drawing worth \$100.
5. You may renew your membership online at legion-aux.org or call National HQ at 317-569-4570.
6. **New** 2026 memberships may be submitted beginning September 1st
7. All senior members whose 2026 dues are not processed through Department/National by August 8th (except HLM's) will receive a mailed renewal notice from National in mid-September.
8. Make sure to join the Membership Facebook page at: [Wisconsin ALA Membership Group](https://www.facebook.com/WisconsinALAMembershipGroup)



2026 RANGER Recruit 1

New Member Award Entry Form

Honor Our Country, Support Our Veterans

Sign up a **NEW 2026 OR REJOINING EXPIRED** **Auxiliary** senior or junior with the last paid year of 2024 or prior and receive this pin.



Only one entry/pin per recruiter.

TAL and SAL members that recruit a **NEW 2026 OR REJOINING EXPIRED** **AUXILIARY** member with the last paid year of 2026 or prior are also eligible.

TRANSFERRING MEMBERS **DO NOT** COUNT.

Entry forms must be received at Department *PRIOR* to May 30, 2026.

Unit/Post/Squadron # _____ District # _____

Recruiter's Name: _____

Recruiter's **MAILING** Address: _____

City / State / Zip _____

NAME OF NEW 2026 or EXPIRED Senior or Junior Auxiliary member

Submit this completed form to:

ALA Dept. of WI

PO Box 140, Portage WI 53901

Fax: 608-745-1947 / Email: alawi@amlegionauxwi.org

This form may be duplicated and is available at
www.amlegionauxwi.org under the Programs / Membership tab



American Legion Auxiliary Department of Wisconsin 2025 - 2026 Membership Team



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Department Membership Committee, Claudia Osero ~ countonclaudia@gmail.com ~ 715-612-2161

Andrea Stoltz, Membership Coordinator / Dept. Headquarters, alawi@amlegionauxwi.org, (608) 745-0124

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2026 JUNIOR RANGER Recruit 3

New Member Award Entry Form

Honor Our Country, Support Our Veterans

Sign up **3 NEW 2026** juniors and receive a special award from Department

Only one entry/award per recruiter.

TAL and SAL members that recruit **3 NEW 2026 junior** Auxiliary members are also eligible.

TRANSFERRING MEMBERS DO NOT COUNT.

Entry forms must be received at Department *PRIOR* to May 30, 2026.

Unit/Post/Squadron # _____ District # _____

Recruiter's Name: _____

Recruiter's **MAILING** Address: _____

City / State / Zip _____

Names of NEW 2026 Junior Auxiliary members.

Do not send with less than 3 names.

1. _____ ID# _____

2. _____ ID# _____

3. _____ ID# _____

Submit this completed form to:

ALA Dept. of WI

PO Box 140, Portage WI 53901

Fax: 608-745-1947 / Email: alawi@amlegionauxwi.org

This form may be duplicated and is available at
www.amlegionauxwi.org under the Programs / Membership tab



AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY



Celebrating the 250th birthday of the United States of America,
the Department of Wisconsin Membership theme will highlight “National Parks”

Award entry forms are available on the Department website www.amlegionauxwi.org

Questions? Contact Department HQ at 608-745-0124 / alawi@amlegionauxwi.org

\$\$ Membership Awards \$\$

INDIVIDUAL AWARDS

“RANGER” Recruit 1 Award: Members who recruit a NEW or REJOIN an EXPIRED member for 2026 will receive the Wisconsin Membership pin. Only one entry per recruiter. Entry forms must be received at Department *PRIOR* to May 30, 2026.

“JUNIOR RANGERS” RECRUIT AWARD – Members recruit 3 NEW junior members will receive a special award from Department. Only one entry per recruiter. Entry forms must be received at Department *PRIOR* to May 30, 2026.

2026: RECRUIT/REJOIN 10 Award – National will award a special gift selected by the 2026 National Membership Chairman to Members who recruit and/or rejoin 10 junior or senior Auxiliary members for the 2026 membership year. Rejoins must not have paid membership dues since 2022 or earlier. The 2026 RECRUIT/REJOIN 10 entry form must be submitted to Department Headquarters *PRIOR* to May 30, 2026. **Incomplete entries are not accepted, you must have 10 members listed.** *Note: Only one entry per recruiter.*

****Please see the National Membership Awards sheet for all National Membership awards for 2025-2026 such as the Family 3 Award****

Unit “Navigation/Compass” Awards

Membership dues must be at Dept. HQ *PRIOR* to the goal date to be considered eligible.

Units must have the 2025-2026 Unit Officer Form submitted to Department *with Officers’ dues paid to be eligible.*

%	# OF WINNERS	AMOUNT	DATE
75%	1 Unit	\$100.00	September 15, 2025
85%	1 Unit	\$100.00	October 15, 2025
95%	1 Unit	\$100.00	November 15, 2025
100%	1 Unit	\$100.00	December 15, 2025

“PARK PASS” AWARD

1 winner picked at random on February 14, 2026, will receive: 2 paid registrations, 1 paid room for a 2-night stay in the convention hotel, recognition on stage during convention, and 2 passes to the Commander’s party on Saturday night for the 2026 Department Convention.

100%	2 entries for each Unit	December 31, 2025
100%	1 entry for each Unit	January 31, 2026

100% Award – Units, County, and Districts reaching 100% by June 18, 2026 will receive a Department issued citation. TWO RIBBONS WILL BE DISTRIBUTED THIS YEAR PER UNIT, MORE CAN BE PURCHASED. *No special entry form required.*

National 100% Award - Units reaching 100% of their 2026 membership goal by January 31, 2026 will receive an ALA Key Chain with phone stand and cleaner, 2 per unit for the unit president and unit membership chairman.



2026: RECRUIT/REJOIN 10

Members who recruit and/or rejoin 10 Junior or Senior Auxiliary members for the 2026 membership year.
Rejoins must not have paid membership dues since 2022 or earlier.

One entry per recruiter

Forms must be received at ALA Department Headquarters by May 29, 2026.

New members must be paid in ALAMIS by May 29, 2026.

ENTRY/CERTIFICATION FORM

Please type or print legibly and fill out the form completely. Incomplete forms may not be processed.

Recruiter's Name: _____ Member ID#: _____

Recruiter's Department: _____ Unit #: _____ Email: _____

Recruiter's Address: _____

Names of <u>New/Rejoined</u> Members	Member ID#	Names of <u>New/Rejoined</u> Members	Member ID#
1. _____		6. _____	
2. _____		7. _____	
3. _____		8. _____	
4. _____		9. _____	
5. _____		10. _____	

Certified by Department Membership: _____ **DATE:** _____

Department Membership
Printed Name: Andrea Stoltz _____ Dept: WI _____

Dept Membership Signature (required): Andrea Stoltz _____

****I certify that all 10 members are new or rejoined into the 2026 year.***

****I've provided or verified member ID numbers and that the form is filled out legibly and completely.***

DO NOT SEND INCOMPLETE FORMS or more than 1 form per recruiter.

Units:

Submit this **completed** form **NO LATER THAN MAY 29, 2026** to:

ALA Dept. of WI
PO Box 140
Portage WI 53901

Or

Fax: (608) 745-1947
Email: alawi@amlegionauxwi.org

Each recruiter will receive a special gift selected by the 2026 National Membership Committee Chairman.
One award per recruiter.



FAMILY 3

Members who recruit 3 New Legion members, 3 New Auxiliary members and 3 New SAL members for the 2026 membership year.

One entry per recruiter.

Certified forms must be received at ALA National Headquarters by June 6, 2026.
Please send this form to your department headquarters office no later than one week prior to the deadline.

New members must be paid by June 1, 2026.

ENTRY/CERTIFICATION FORM

Please type or print legibly and fill out the form completely. Incomplete forms may not be processed.

Recruiter's Name: _____ Member ID#: _____

Recruiter's Department: _____ Unit #: _____ Email: _____

Recruiter's Address: _____

Names of 3 New Auxiliary Members

Member ID#

Names of 3 New Legion Members

Member ID#

1. _____

1. _____

2. _____

2. _____

3. _____

3. _____

Auxiliary Unit Officer Signature - Verifying Membership

Legion Post Officer Signature - Verifying Membership

Names of 3 New SAL Members

Member ID#

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

SAL Squadron Officer Signature – Verifying Membership

Forms must be signed by officers from
TAL, ALA & SAL to be valid.

Please email forms to
membership@alaforveterans.org

Or
Fax: (317) 569-4502 (Attn: Membership)

Please do not send incomplete forms.

*Must be received at ALA NHQ no later than midnight June 6, 2026.

Each recruiter will receive a special gift selected by the 2026 National President. One award per recruiter.



BADGER LEGIONNAIRE & WISCONSIN PUBLICATION POLICIES

For publication in the *Badger Legionnaire* please e-mail text and pictures in digital format to the editor, at badger@wilegion.org.

For publication in the *Wisconsin* please e-mail text and pictures in digital format to the editor, Bonnie Dorniak at deptsec@amlegionauxwi.org

Items received in digital format are much more likely to be printed than items mailed to the office.

Please do not send pictures and/or articles from your local paper for publication unless you have obtained written permission from the newspaper. Include that written permission with your submission. We cannot and will not reproduce copyrighted material without permission.

When submitting photos, please make sure they are of the highest quality and resolution possible. Pictures with members wearing their Legion caps or displaying a Legion or Auxiliary emblem will have a higher likelihood of being published. **Poor quality photos and reprints mailed to the office will not be used.** All photos should be accompanied by a listing of the individuals in the photo in the order in which they appear.

There will be six issues a year. If you miss the deadline your item will most likely not be held over until the next issue due to the volume of submissions, we receive.

There is limited space available in the *Badger Legionnaire* and the *Wisconsin*; therefore, we do not have the space to publish meeting notices, local Unit events, 50+ members, etc. These items are best left to your local newspaper and District or Unit newsletters.

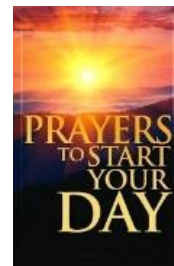
We also reserve the right to edit or refuse any submission based on interest to “all” members or objectionable content.

Submissions will not be returned whether or not they are used in the publication.

If you have a question about whether your item is newsworthy, please contact the editor in advance.



**AMERICAN
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DEPARTMENT OF WISCONSIN



CHAPLAIN

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Does your unit drape your charter when an
Auxiliary member has passed?

If not do you know how to perform the ceremony?

I hope this will help guide you:

Commemorative Services

Draping the Charter

When a Unit is, deprived of one of its members by death, it is customary to drape the Unit charter with black crepe during the period of mourning. The following ceremony is suggested for the draping of the charter.

Unit President: "We have assembled here at the call of our Maker who has taken from us one of our beloved leaders. We have come to give, by simple token, an official expression of the grief of the Unit of. Let us first bow our heads in prayer."

Chaplain: (Brief prayer) "Almighty God, who has dominion over life and death, grant to us the grace to remember with love and reverence our valiant and honored departed Member (members name.)"

(Members). Grant peace and eternal rest to those who have gone before us and make us ready for that last hour. Strengthen and console those in sorrow and bestow upon us Your everlasting blessing. Amen."

Unit President: "We stand before the document which gives our Unit life and being. Under its authority years of devoted service given by (members name.) who contributed to its significance, whose service has ended but the results will go on and on for our American Legion Auxiliary and for God and the country which the Auxiliary serves."

It is therefore fitting that about our charter we should drape this crepe of black, an expression of the sorrow that is in our hearts and of the mourning of the Unit of over its great loss." (*Drape the charter*)

"Now we will ask God's blessing for our departed friend and co-worker, then go silently to carry forward the task."

Chaplain: (Brief concluding prayer)



“Children are great imitators. So give them something great to imitate.” – Anonymous

Children are our future, so what better way to respect them than providing a listening ear, a shoulder to lean on, encouragement, and time to play, question, explore, and discover the world around them?

Consider...

Badger Youth Camp (BYC) – The estimated number of WI children with at least one parent in the military is between 10,000 and 18,000. The Wisconsin Army National Guard created camp to help alleviate deployment anxiety. Most attendees are Guard children, but all branches are welcome. Camp Lakotah in Wautoma, WI, embraces ages 8 to 17, offering a variety of fun activities in a safe atmosphere.

In 2023, S.A.L.’s participation, (now annual) involved two 90-minute patriotic sessions: Betsy Ross tells the American flag story, *That Old Rugged Flag*, flag etiquette, Pledge of Allegiance and national anthem recitation/discussion, story/playing of TAPS, flag-folding with all children participating, flag retirement explanation/procedure, and Q&A with Veterans!

Arrival: Wednesday afternoon/evening - Sunday morning/afternoon pickup. The cost is \$250 per child, but no one is turned away. Goals: Fill camp to capacity (160), increase funding and extend to a full 5-day week, and create another camp for easier accessibility, while increasing campers.

Individuals, Units, Counties, & Districts can help support BYC! *It would be fantastic if every District funded one camper (or more!?)*. Monetary donations can be sent to Tom Petrie, S.A.L. Detachment Finance Chairman, 808 E. Cady St., Watertown WI 53094.

Save the Date! September 6th – Badger Youth Camp Ride for Kids – Delafield Legion Post 196, 333 N. Lapham Peak Rd., Delafield – Accepting raffle baskets/items – Contact Randy Timms at saldistrict1@gmail.com.

A.L.F. – Deployments are inevitable. Offering comfort, S.A.L. has presented A.L.F. to the children of those deploying. A.L.F. is also gifted to hospitalized children. Send monetary donations to the address above. Orders, with accompanying payment, go to Bob Sirovina, 9428 W. Eden Pl., Milwaukee WI 53228. Forms are available on the ALA website under the C&Y program. Last year’s ALA tally: \$4,622. Let us top that!



Looking forward to a great year. Watch for more info!

Mary Petrie, Department Children & Youth Chairman – mmrtpetrie@charter.net



**DEPARTMENT OF WISCONSIN
FALL JUNIOR CONFERENCE**
Wisconsin Veterans Home at Union Grove
Boland Hall
21425 Spring Street
Union Grove, WI 53182



Saturday, October 11, 2025 10:00 am - 3:00 pm

Your Junior Fall Conference will be held on Saturday, October 11, 2025, from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm at Wisconsin Veterans Home at Union Grove, Bolland Hall. This will include a business meeting, lunch, an activity with residents, and several fun activities for all ages!

Registration, including lunch, is \$10, and Junior T-shirts can be ordered for \$10 each. Two weeks before the event, additional information will be sent to registrants by email and will be available on the ALA Wisconsin website at www.amlegionauxwi.org/junioractivities.

If you have any questions, please call or text Christine Johnsen at 715-203-2015, or email at cmj102@aol.com.

2025 JUNIOR AUXILIARY FALL CONFERENCE REGISTRATION

Registration must be received by **September 15, 2025**

Form submitted by (please print clearly):

Name: _____ District#: _____ Unit#: _____

Phone #: _____ Email: _____

NAME / UNIT #	Grade	First time attendee? (Yes/No)	Junior member	Senior member	Registration & Lunch \$10	Youth Size S, M, L, XL \$10	Adult Size S, M, L, 2XL, 3XL \$10	Total per person
Totals					\$	\$	\$	\$

Total Amount Enclosed \$ _____

**Please send registration form with check payable to American Legion Auxiliary to:
Christine Johnsen, 159991 Granite Rd., Wausau, WI 54403**



Danyelle Thompson, Dept Chair
920-379-6489 • alabgs.chairman@gmail.com

In June of 2025, ALA Badger Girls State celebrated it's 80th session at the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh. Fifty-eight (58) counselors and just under 500 delegates joined together to create the 51st State of Badger. Overall, it was a very successful week!

This year, due to the decommissioning of Gruenhagen Conference Center, the program was moved to new residence halls. Because of this, the schedule was changed significantly which made a positive impact. The delegates were given more rest and work time, and travel across campus was reduced.

The delegates became citizens on Sunday, ran for the majority of offices on Monday and Tuesday, and spent the rest of the week passing legislation and debating important issues. On Wednesday, the Oshkosh Legion Post demonstrated a flag disposal ceremony, and Department Commander Jim Johnson helped President Becky hand out blue star banners to delegates who have immediate family members serving in the military.

On Thursday, the culmination of the program was the Inauguration, and many state officials joined the delegates in this celebration – including Governor Tony Evers, Justice Jill Karofsky, Superintendent of Public Instruction Dr Jill Underly, Treasurer John Leiber, and Secretary of State Sarah Godlewski. They were generous with their time and each spoke to the delegates about their role in public service.

On Friday, the program ended with a State Fair! Not only did each city and county have a display to demonstrate everything they did throughout the week, but many of the citizens showed off their skills in the annual Talent Show. It was a fun and productive week that could not have been possible without the support of the American Legion Auxiliary units and the 58 volunteers who gave up time and vacation to make sure the program was a success.



CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS

Diana Sirovina, Chairman

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It's the beginning of a new administrative year for us so here are a few questions for you to consider as you begin preparing for another year of service to our veterans and our organization.

Do you like order? Do you like things running smoothly? Do you like to avoid procedural problems?

If you answered yes to any or all of these questions, it might be time to take a look at your Constitution & Bylaws to see if everything is in good order. There have been many changes and updates to both the National and Department documents over the last few years that essentially affect how we function.

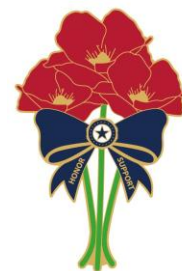
Since we are at the beginning of our Auxiliary year, it would be a great time to begin reviewing your governing documents. The process is not nearly as complicated as some make it appear, a committee of 3 to 5 members should be more than enough to tackle the job.

Begin by reading the Department Constitution & Bylaws to be sure you are aware of the latest updates. Next, get out your governing documents. Read them through once, then go back and read them again. This time, have a highlighter or pen and paper handy. Note any questions you may have, any items where you are not really sure of the meaning or intent, and any areas that you just aren't sure why they are there. Discuss the observations with your committee and then begin re-writing those sections that need updating.

If you still need more inspiration, guidance, direction, advice, support or just plain help, there is a template available for you to follow that will provide the proper format and structure for the most important documents your unit will ever have. Please feel free to email this chairman for a copy and any further information you might need to get those documents in good order.

Once your review is complete, discuss any proposed changes with your members. After all changes are added and the document is approved by your members, remember to email the revised document to this Department Chairman. Your document will be reviewed for compliance with the National and Department documents and a copy added to your unit's file at department headquarters.

Remember, up-to-date documents will keep your unit in order and running smoothly!



EDUCATION & M. LOUISE WILSON LOAN FUND

Delores Woolf, Department Chairman
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The American Legion Auxiliary Education program aims to provide educational opportunities for children and adults. Elementary and high school students have access to materials promoting many levels of learning. Scholarships are available at the National and Department levels for traditional and non-traditional students.

To this end the M. Louise Wilson Loan Fund provides interest-free loans of \$800 a year and can be renewed for up to five years. All loans must be signed by a responsible party usually a parent or guardian. Repayment begins with payments of not less than \$50 a month starting within six months after the grantee graduates or ceases to be a student. Membership in the American Legion Auxiliary must continue until the loan is paid in full. Units are encouraged to donate to the M. Louise Wilson Loan Fund and this helps ALA members with their educational goals.

Information on National and Department scholarships can be found at www.amlegionauxwi.org/education-mlw. Please encourage ALA juniors and other students in your area to apply for these scholarships early on in the school year.

Important dates for the 2025-2026 Education/M Louise Wilson Loan Fund year are as follows:

• November 17-21, 2025	American Education Week
• March 1, 2026	National scholarship online applications are due
• March 1, 2026	Department scholarship applications are due to Units
• March 15, 2026	Department scholarship applications are due to the Department Chairman and must be signed by either the Unit President or Secretary
• April 15, 2026	Purple Up! Day for Military children
• May 4-8, 2026	Teacher Appreciation Week

Now is the time to make plans for a full year of promoting educational programs for our veterans, their families and our local communities.

Let's blow our horn and let the public know what wonderful programs the American Legion Auxiliary has!

Please feel free to contact me at dwoolf@centurytel.net or at 608-348-7403 if you have further questions.



LEADERSHIP

Betty Stone, Department Chairman
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Mentor or Bully — There is a Difference

One of the biggest challenges our organization faces is the ability to get along with each other. The complaint heard most often is past leaders on all levels — unit, district, county, and department — tend to dominate and try to control activities that should be, would be, beneficial to carrying out the mission of the American Legion Auxiliary.

Are you the past leader who doesn't know she's a bully? You love the organization, you love what we do, you love our mission, but are people staying away from the meetings because you're dominating all the conversations?

You could be keeping ALA members from attending meetings because you are being a bully, which hurts the mission as well as the growth of the organization.

Are you the first one to speak up, and continue to speak up, when there is discussion on the floor? Do you dominate and intimidate others and leave them with the impression of, 'do as I say or you'll never get anywhere in this organization?'

Are you using your influence as a past leader in your unit or department to convince others that your way is the only way? Are you the one making the phone calls trying to sway other members to your way of thinking? Do you constantly criticize the actions of other members?

Are you mentoring in the wrong direction?

Ann Carlsen, founder and CEO of Carlsen Resources, a provider of executive search and consulting services for media and telecommunications businesses, stated in a recent article entitled, *Taking the Bully by the Horns*, that bullying is the opposite of dealing fairly with others. Carlsen states it may be defined as "repeated acts or comments that are not constructive and hurt or isolate a person in the workplace."

Although Carlsen's article speaks mainly to those in the workplace, her statement clearly applies to any area where a group of people are working together for a common goal.

*Guest blog post by Carlene Ashworth, National Past Presidents Parley committee member
April 15, 2018*

Are you a mentor or a bully? If you would like to have a Leadership training for your Unit or District, please contact: Betty Stone, 2nd Dept. Vice President & Leadership Chairman

Or one of the committee members:

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"Everybody can be great....because anybody can serve. You don't have to have a college degree to serve. You don't have to make your subject and verb agree to serve. You only need a heart full of grace. A soul generated by love." ~ Martin Luther King, Jr.



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The duties of a Parliamentarian are to Assist the Presiding Officer in managing meetings and advising on parliamentary procedures. To provide guidance and assistance in applying the “Rules of Order” for meetings. These rules, according to our Governing Documents and **Robert’s Rules of Order Newly Revised**, enable groups to efficiently and fairly discuss and determine actions to be taken.

How to be an effective Parliamentarian:

- They should sit beside the Presiding Officer during the meetings and advise them on matters of parliamentary procedure when asked.
- If possible, review the meeting Agenda with the Presiding Officer to be familiar with the business and possible problems that may arise.
- Have important parliamentary resources, like Robert’s Rules of Order Newly Revised and the organizations Constitution, ByLaws and Standing Rules readily available for reference. Know the rules of the organization.
- Work with members to educate them in parliamentary procedures. Give guidance in their roles as Officers or Chairpersons to further develop their knowledge and skills.

To efficiently run a meeting there should always be an Agenda, the Agenda is a list or outline of things to be considered during the meeting. It is the order in which business will be conducted for this meeting – giving the attendees knowledge of what is to be presented.

The Presiding Officer should ask at the beginning of the meeting if there are any additions or corrections to the agenda. The agenda can be changed with a member making a motion, having a second, discussion and voting on the motion.

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ZOOM CHAT DATES
Wednesday at 6:30 to 8:00 pm

September 24, 2025

October 29, 2025

January 28, 2026

February 25, 2026

April 29, 2026

This year, the Public Relations Committee will emphasize the significance of creating SMART PR campaigns, which are:

- **Specific** - Define the Goal as much as possible.
- **Measurable** - Can you track the progress?
- **Attainable** - Is the goal reasonable enough to accomplish?
- **Relevant** - Is the goal worthwhile? Will it fit with your other goals?
- **Timely** - The objective should have a time limit. Set a deadline.

Our ZOOM CHATS will kick off in September. Interested in a preview?

We'll explore various topics, including how to effectively share your story with the community to spark interest, the importance of building relationships with local businesses, strategies for marketing your events and leveraging their success afterward, and the synergy between PR and membership, among other subjects.

We have scheduled a total of FIVE ZOOM CHATS for the 2025-2026 period, with dates and times provided above. We warmly invite all members of our LEGION FAMILY to join and participate in these discussions!



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PUBLIC RELATIONS ZOOM CHAT DATES

FOR THE LEGION FAMILY

630 PM - 8 PM, Wednesdays

September 24, 2025

October 29, 2025

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April 29, 2026

TOPICS TO INCLUDE

Social Media Hashtags, Sharing Your Story with the Community, Branding, PR & Membership Go Hand in Hand, SMART PR Campaigns, Event Marketing & Post Event Strategies, Cultivating Relationships & Collaborations with Local Businesses, Newsjacking, Maximizing Your Social Media Impact & Engagement, Etiquette, Poppy Day



American Legion Auxiliary 2025 State Convention Citations

President's Award for Excellence – Becky Mueller, Department President

10 – awarded to Ozaukee County Council, District 2; Plymouth Unit 243, District 2; DeForest Unit 348, District 3; Lone Rock Unit 383; District 3; Montello Unit 351, District 6; Mauston Unit 81, District 7; Seymour Unit 106, District 9; Cumberland Unit 98, District 10; Independence Unit 186, District 10; Grantsburg Unit 185, District 12.

Americanism – Diane Burkhalter, Department Chairman

4 – Certificates of Recognition – awarded to Neenah Unit 33, District 6; Marathon Unit 469, District 8; Independence Unit 186, District 10; Grantsburg Unit 185, District 12.

Chaplain – Donna Jensen, Department Chaplain

1 – Certificate of Recognition – awarded to Grantsburg Unit 185, District 12.

Children & Youth – Joyce Endres, Department Chairman

5 – Certificates of Recognition – awarded to Port Washington Unit 82, District 2; Neenah Unit 33, District 6; Humbird Unit 320; District 7; River Falls Unit 121, District 10; Grantsburg Unit 185, District 12.
4 – Youth Hero Award Certificates – Nolan Wingert sponsored by Pewaukee Unit 71, District 1; Acie Holland sponsored by Union Grove Unit 171, District 1; Marisa Obst, sponsored by West Bend Unit 36, District 2; Owen Beierman sponsored by River Falls Unit 121, District 10.

Community Service – Sandy Mack, Department Chairman

3 – Certificates of Recognition – awarded to Hartland Unit 294, District 1; Mukwonago Unit 375, District 1; Grafton Unit 355, District 2.

Education/M. Louise Wilson Loan Fund – Diane Weggen, Department Chairman

16 – Certificates of Recognition – awarded to Mukwonago Unit 375, District 1; Plymouth Unit 243, District 2; Richland Center Unit 13, District 3; Stoughton Unit 59, District 3; Mount Hope Unit 229, District 3; Lone Rock Unit 383, District 3; Neenah Unit 33, District 6; St. Cloud Unit 478, District 6; Loyal Unit 175, District 7; New London Unit 263, District 8; Marathon Unit 469, District 8; Pembine Unit 461, District 9; Fall Creek Unit 376, District 10; Park Falls Unit 182, District 11; Birchwood Unit 379, District 12; & District 10.

Junior Activities – Christine Johnsen, Department Chairman

1 – Junior Unit of the Year – awarded to Neenah Unit 33, District 6.

Leadership – Teresa Isensee, Department Chairman

1 – Unit Member of the Year – awarded to Stephanie Benson of Chippewa Falls Unit 77, District 10.

Membership – Amy Luft, Department Chairman

2 – Certificates of Recognition – awarded to District 3 & District 4.

National Security – Karen Runk, Department Chairman

4 – Certificates of Recognition – awarded to Plymouth Unit 243, District 2; Marathon Unit 469, District 8; Appleton Unit 38, District 9; Somerset Unit 111, District 10.

Past Presidents Parley – Joanie Dickerson, Department Chairman

3 – Mentors of the Year – awarded to Joyce Endres of Waunakee Unit 360, District 3; Char Kiesling of Neenah Unit 33, District 6; and Teresa Isensee of Boyd Unit 326, District 10.

Poppy – Deanna Farley, Department Chairman

7 – Poppy Poster Awards – awarded to Julia Riihinen, District 7 (Class I); Jessa Reimer, District 9 (Class II); Alana Schmidt, District 9 (Class III); Natalie Brickner, District 2 (Class IV); Serena Love, District 9 (Class V); Frankie Hoeffeller, District 9 (Class VI); Payton Wojcik, District 9 (Class VII).
1 – Little Miss Poppy – awarded to Avery Smith, District 4.

Public Relations – Bob Shappell, Department Chairman

1 – Certificate of Recognition – awarded to Plymouth Unit 243, District 2.

Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation – Bonnie Jakubczyk, Department Chairman

1 – Certificate of Recognition – awarded to Grafton Unit 355, District 2.

District Award – Barb McDaniel, 12th District President

3 – Certificates of Recognition – awarded to Spooner Unit 12; Grantsburg Unit 185; Cable Unit 487.

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY, DEPARTMENT OF WISCONSIN
 2025-2026 Department Officers & Committee Members
 (Ratified by DEC)

OFFICERS

	<u>TERM</u>	<u>DISTRICT</u>	<u>UNIT</u>	<u>NAME</u>
President	2025-2026	4	537	Sue Hembrook
Senior Vice President	2025-2026	2	355	Amy Luft
First Vice President	2025-2026	7	118	Christina Petranovich
Second Vice President	2025-2026	12	316	Betty Stone
Historian	2025-2026	3	352	Christine Johnsen
Chaplain	2025-2026	2	288	Sandy Mack
Nat'l Exec Committeeperson (NEC)	2025-2027	2	288	Maggie Geiger
Alternate NEC	2025-2026	9	106	Becky Mueller
Parliamentarian	2025-2026	10	326	Teresa Isensee
Executive Secretary-Treasurer	2025-2026	6	329	Bonnie Dorniak
Sergeant-at-Arms	2025-2026	2	355	Sue Turowski
Asst Sergeant-at-Arms	2025-2026	9	512	Linda Coppock

DISTRICT PRESIDENTS

1st District President	2024-2026	1	494	Crystal Shaw
2nd District President	2025-2027	2	208	Kathy Olson
3rd District President <i>(finishing an unfulfilled term)</i>	2025-2026	3	437	Shelley Drager
4th District President	2025-2027	4	434	Pat Ehleiter
5th District President	2024-2026	5	1	Linda Bartell
6th District President	2025-2027	6	234	Diane Steinert
7th District President	2024-2026	7	320	Jesse Elmhurst
8th District President	2025-2027	8	391	Kay Grosskopf
9th District President	2024-2026	9	106	Sue Keyzers
10th District President	2025-2027	10	324	Teresa Steinke
11th District President	2024-2026	11	547	Theresa Schindler
12th District President	2025-2027	12	499	Barb McDaniel

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CHAIRMEN & COMMITTEE MEMBERS

	<u>TERM</u>	<u>DISTRICT</u>	<u>UNIT</u>	<u>NAME</u>
ALA in the Know				
Chairman	2024-2026	12	499	Barb McDaniel
Vice Chairman	2025-2027	2	288	Sandy Mack
Americanism	2025-2026	9	66	Deanna Farley
ALA Badger Girls State				
Chairman	2024-2027	3	352	Danyelle Thompson
Vice Chairman	2025-2028	3	352	Bethany Fredericks
Executive Director	2024-2027	3	482	Joanie Dickerson
Asst Executive Director	2024-2027	3	352	Jennifer Leahy
Committee Member	2023-2026	2	288	Shirley Krier
Committee Member	2025-2028	3	352	Lauren Miller
Committee Member	2025-2028	8	339	SuAnn Pagel-Rast
Committee Member	2023-2026	11	547	Theresa Schindler
Committee Member	2023-2026	3	42	Delores Woolf
Department President	Automatic	4	537	Sue Hembrook
Senior Vice President	Automatic	2	355	Amy Luft
Executive Secretary-Treasurer	Automatic	6	329	Bonnie Dorniak
Americanism Chair	Automatic	9	66	Deanna Farley
WALASBA (Bowling Committee)				
Chairman/Tournament Director	2024-2027	3	385	Jenni Syftestad
Vice Chairman	2023-2026	3	385	Shannon Churchill
Committee Member	2025-2028	9	512	Lisa Blom
Committee Member	2023-2026	9	512	Linda Coppock
Committee Member	2025-2028	4	537	Sandra Kaebisch
Committee Member	2025-2028	11	90	Linda Kostka
Committee Member	2024-2027	4	537	Sue Middlestead
Committee Member	2024-2027	2	355	Toni Moegenburg
Committee Member	2023-2026	2	355	Margie Schoonover
Department President	Automatic	4	537	Sue Hembrook
Senior Vice President	Automatic	2	355	Amy Luft
Executive Secretary-Treasurer	Automatic	6	329	Bonnie Dorniak
Children & Youth/Liaison-Child Welfare Fdn.	2025-2026	2	189	Mary Petrie
Community Service	2025-2026	8	10	Linda Tryczak
Constitution & Bylaws	2025-2026	1	171	Diana Sirovina
Distinguished Guests	2025-2026	2	288	Maggie Geiger
Education/M. Louise Wilson Educational Loan	2025-2026	3	42	Delores Woolf

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CHAIRMEN & COMMITTEE MEMBERS

	<u>TERM</u>	<u>DISTRICT</u>	<u>UNIT</u>	<u>NAME</u>
Finance				
Chairman	2023-2026	6	282	Diane Duscheck
Vice Chairman	2024-2027	3	482	Joanie Dickerson
Committee Member	2025-2028	8	63	Tricia Rose
Alternate NEC	Automatic	9	106	Becky Mueller
Office Policy Chairman	Automatic	1	171	Diana Sirovina
Fundraising				
Chairman	2025-2026	10	121	Margaret Larson
Junior Activities				
Chairman	2025-2026	3	352	Christine Johnsen
Vice Chairman	2025-2026	3	352	Morgan Johnsen
Leadership				
Chairman	2025-2026	12	316	Betty Stone
Committee Member	2025-2026	3	482	Joanie Dickerson
Committee Member	2025-2026	10	326	Teresa Isensee
Legislative	Automatic	9	106	Becky Mueller
Liaison to TAL Marketing & Communications				
Editor- <i>Wisconsin</i> Publication	2025-2026	6	329	Bonnie Dorniak
Membership				
Chairman	Automatic	7	118	Christina Petranovich
Committee Member	2025-2026	2	82	Diane Burkhalter
Committee Member	2025-2026	11	464	Claudia Osero
Membership Team	Automatic			12 District Presidents
Membership Team	Automatic			12 District Membership Chairs
Music	2025-2026	2	288	Sandy Mack
National Security	2025-2026	2	288	Bob Shappell
Office Policy				
Chairman	2023-2026	1	171	Diana Sirovina
Committee Member	2025-2028	10	326	Teresa Isensee
Committee Member	2024-2027	7	118	Virginia Kodl
Past Presidents Parley/Cavalcade of Memories	Automatic	7	118	Diane Weggen
Poppy	2025-2026	4	434	Kathy Grom
Public Relations				
Chairman	2025-2026	2	288	Natalia Genovesi King
Committee Member	2025-2026	2	288	Jenna Smith
Committee Member	2025-2026	2	288	Julie DeLeeuw
Standing Rules	2025-2026	2	288	Maggie Geiger

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CHAIRMEN & COMMITTEE MEMBERS

	<u>TERM</u>	<u>DISTRICT</u>	<u>UNIT</u>	<u>NAME</u>
Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation (VA&R)				
VA&R Chairman	2025-2026	4	415	Michelle Adams
Director of Hospital Volunteers	2025-2026	4	434	Bonnie Jakubczyk
Christmas Gift Shop Supervisor	2025-2026	1	171	Diane Sirovina
Christmas Gift Shop Assistant	2025-2026	5	1	Linda Bartell
Homeless Women Veterans Grant Chairman	2025-2026	10	53	Chrys Porter
Service to Veterans Chairman	2025-2026	10	324	Teresa Steinke

HOSPITAL REPRESENTATIVES & DEPUTIES

	<u>DISTRICT</u>	<u>UNIT</u>	<u>NAME</u>
Dayton Care Center - Kenosha			
Representative	4	537	Sue Hembrook
Assistant	1	494	Crystal Shaw
Middleton Memorial Veterans Hospital - Madison			
Representative	7	172	Sheila Frye
Deputy	3	348	Noreen Schmidt
VA Great Lakes Health Care System - Tomah			
Representative	7	201	Helene Stein
Deputy	7	201	Patricia Flanders
Deputy	7	115	Mary Fawcett
Deputy			VACANT
Zablocki VAMC - Milwaukee			
Representative	4	434	Bonnie Jakubczyk
Deputy	4	537	Sue Hembrook
Deputy	4	192	Sandra Kaebisch
Deputy	4	192	Sue Middlestead
Wisconsin Veterans Home - Chippewa Falls			
Representative	10	53	Nancy Randen
Deputy	10	324	Teresa Steinke
Wisconsin Veterans Home - King			
Representative	8	161	Denise Belongia
Deputy	8	161	Alice Bentley
Deputy	8	161	Pat Daniels
Deputy	8	161	Dawn Lind
Wisconsin Veterans Home - Union Grove			
Representative	1	71	Mary Ellen Crandall
Deputy	1	375	Beverly Rhode-Hillman
Oscar G Johnson USVAMC - Iron Mountain, MI			
Associate Representative	9	66	Anna Wender
Associate Deputy	9	66	Barbara VanBoxtel
Minneapolis VA Health Care System - Minneapolis, MN			
Associate Representative	10	121	Jeanne Williams
Associate Deputy	10	121	Karen Taylor

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Small Poppy Order Form – Due December 15, 2025

ALL ORDERS received after December 15, 2025, will be charged a processing fee whether it's your 1st order or an additional order, so plan ahead. This form is for Wisconsin orders only – if out-of-state, please call our office.

Unit City Location _____ Unit/Post # _____

Date _____

These poppies are handmade by Wisconsin Veterans.

Please check your order immediately upon arrival to verify you received the correct amount.

Adjustments will only be made within 2 weeks of delivery.

Please ensure you paid your 20% poppy profit from the previous order. This order will be delayed until your profit report is received.

Poppy Prices and Shipping/Handling on reverse side

Quantity	Cost
Small _____	\$ _____
S&H (see reverse side)	\$ _____
AFTER DEC 15th	
25-1000 small add \$25.00	\$ _____
1001 + add \$50.00	\$ _____
TOTAL remittance	\$ _____

Make check payable to: ALA WI (Checks cannot be accepted 90 days beyond date of check)

Department will implement a \$25 administrative fee for checks returned by the bank.

In purchasing this item, you acknowledge that 100% of the proceeds of Poppy distributions will go toward the welfare of veterans, active military personnel, and their families where financial or medical need is evident.

Poppies will not be shipped during the month of December.
Poppy orders will be shipped in order of receipt.

Send to _____
PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY

Street Address _____

City/State/Zip _____ Phone# _____

Print your email address clearly _____

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PLEASE NOTE – Receipts are done on a weekly basis. To be sure we received your order, check your bank statement to make sure the check has been cashed. If it wasn't cashed, we did not receive your order.

REMINDER

ALL ORDERS received after December 15, 2025 will be charged a processing fee whether it's your 1st order or an additional order, so plan ahead.

25-1000 poppies = \$25.00 processing fee

1001 + poppies = \$50.00 processing fee

Small Poppies

Small poppies are sold in bundles of 25

100 – \$25.00	800 – \$200.00
200 – \$50.00	900 – \$225.00
300 – \$75.00	1000 – \$250.00
400 – \$100.00	1500 – \$375.00
500 – \$125.00	2000 – \$500.00
600 – \$150.00	2500 – \$625.00
700 – \$175.00	3000 – \$750.00

Shipping/Handling

1 ~ 500	\$12.00
501 ~ 1000	\$13.00
1001 ~ 2500	\$15.00
2501 ~ 5000	\$20.00
5001 ~ 9999	\$32.00

10,000 + ~ Call Department for Price



If you have any questions or concerns, please contact
Department Headquarters at

608-745-0124

Monday – Friday 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

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bookkeeping@amlegionauxwi.org

OFFICE USE ONLY

Emailed _____

Sent _____

LARGE

Poppy Order Form

Deadline – December 15, 2025 – Late orders will not be accepted.

Unit City Location _____ Unit # _____

Date _____

After large poppies have been made and are ready for shipping, we will contact you with the cost for postage. After we receive your postage payment, poppies will be shipped.

Quantity

Cost

Large _____ \$ _____

Make check payable to: ALA WI

Checks cannot be accepted 90 days beyond date of check

Dept will implement a \$25 administrative fee for
checks returned by the bank

Large poppies are \$1.65 each

10 ~ \$16.50	60 ~ \$ 99.00
20 ~ \$33.00	70 ~ \$115.50
30 ~ \$49.50	80 ~ \$132.00
40 ~ \$66.00	90 ~ \$148.50
50 ~ \$82.50	100 ~ \$165.00

In purchasing this item, you acknowledge that 100% of the proceeds of Poppy distributions will go toward the welfare of veterans, active military personnel, and their families where financial or medical need is evident.

Send to _____

PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY

Street Address _____

City/State/Zip _____ Phone# _____

Print your email address clearly _____

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Please ensure you paid your 20% poppy profit from the previous year.
This order will be delayed until your profit report is received.

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Unit CITY location _____ Unit # _____ Date _____



NURSING/HEALTHCARE SCHOLARSHIPS DONATION

Harriet Hubbard Registered Nurse Scholarships – Applicant must be in nursing school or have positive acceptance to an accredited hospital or university Registered Nurse program.

Health Career Scholarships – course of study need not be a 4-year program. Hospital, university, or technical school program is acceptable.

These scholarships are funded by the Past Presidents Parley through a legacy from Harriet Hubbard and unit donations. The number of scholarships awarded is determined by the amount of donations received.

Units do not need to have a Parley group to support these scholarships.

☐ Yes, our Unit would like to donate to the scholarship fund in the amount of \$ _____ ①

☐ Yes, the following members would like to pay their 2026 PPP Dues (\$7/person):

NOTE: PPP membership coincides with ALA membership.

PPP members whose dues are not paid by 2/1/2026 will be dropped.

PAST PRESIDENTS PARLEY MEMBERSHIP

(please print legibly)

1. _____	6. _____
2. _____	7. _____
3. _____	8. _____
4. _____	9. _____
5. _____	10. _____

List additional names on separate sheet if necessary

Number of names listed _____ @ \$7.00 each = \$ _____ ②

Total amount ① + ② = \$ _____ ③

Make check payable to – **ALA-PPP**
and mail to ALA-Wisconsin,
PO Box 140, Portage WI 53901-0140.

Department will implement a \$25.00 administrative fee
for checks returned by the bank.
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beyond date of check.

Send PPP Membership cards to:

Name _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

PPP cards are sent out by the Chairman, Diane Weggen.
Any questions, please contact her at 715-644-2668.

2025-2026 POPPY FUND SUGGESTED DONATIONS

American Legion Auxiliary – Department of Wisconsin

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Unit CITY location: _____

Unit # _____

Name (If individual donation) _____

Date _____

Note: Some programs have been removed so funding can be used to support programs with a greater need.
If you want to donate to former programs, please contact that organization directly.

\$ _____ (4829) **Dept President's Special Project - Camp American Legion** (Lake Tomahawk, WI)

\$ _____ (4444) **Veterans & Family Assistance Fund** – to provide emergency assistance to veterans, active duty military, and members of their immediate family living in their households. Requests for assistance are reviewed and approved by the Department President, Department Finance Chairman and Department VA&R Chairman.

\$ _____ (4456) **Homeless Female Veterans Grant Fund** – to assist Wisconsin women veterans who are homeless or at risk of being homeless.

\$ _____ (4465) **Scholarships**

\$ _____ (4402) **Christmas Gift Shop** – to purchase Christmas gifts for VAMC patients' families.

\$ _____ (4420) **VA&R Program Support** – for general support of VA&R Programs.

\$ _____ (4484) **C&Y Program Support** – for general support of C&Y Programs.

\$ _____ (4814) **Veterans Creative Arts Festival**

\$ _____ (4843) **ALA Foundation Veterans Projects Fund** – national grants fund projects that meet a one-time, new need benefiting multiple veterans, military, and their families

\$ _____ (4822) **Fisher House Wisconsin - Madison**

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\$ _____ (4809) **Fisher House – Minneapolis**

Fisher houses have the same
website: www.fisherhouse.org

\$ _____ (4433) **Surgical Assistance Pillows for Veterans** (heart, lung, liver)

\$ _____ (4401) **Veterans Day & Christmas Cheer** – for Veterans in VA hospitals and WI Veterans Homes

\$ _____ (4404) **Zablocki Memorial VAMC** (Milwaukee)

\$ _____ (4405) **Middleton Memorial VAMC** (Madison)

\$ _____ (4406) **VA Great Lakes Health Care System** (Tomah)

\$ _____ (4416) **WI Veterans Home-Chippewa Falls**

\$ _____ (4407) **WI Veterans Home-King**

\$ _____ (4415) **WI Veterans Home-Union Grove**

\$ _____ (4412) **Dayton Care Center** (Kenosha)

\$ _____ (4410) **Minneapolis VA Health Care System** (Minneapolis, MN)

\$ _____ (4411) **Oscar G Johnson USVAMC** (Iron Mountain, MI)

\$ _____ **TOTAL ENCLOSED** (Checks cannot be accepted 90 days beyond date of check)

Make check payable to: ALA-WI (only one check is necessary).

DO NOT send your donations directly to these programs.

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2025-2026 GENERAL FUND SUGGESTED DONATIONS

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Unit CITY location _____ Unit # _____

Name (If individual donation) _____

Date _____

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If you still want to donate to former programs, please contact that organization directly.

\$ _____ (4801) **National Auxiliary Emergency Fund** – This fund was established with money originally donated by Helen Colby Small of Wisconsin. The fund provides temporary assistance to eligible Auxiliary members during times of financial crisis, weather related emergencies and educational training.

\$ _____ (4837) **General Fund Donation** – To reduce the deficit in the department's general fund and enable headquarters to continue programs that support the Auxiliary's mission.

\$ _____ (4420) **VA&R Program Support** – Additional donations for general support of VA&R Programs.

\$ _____ (4484) **C&Y Program Support** – Additional donation for general support of C&Y Programs.

\$ _____ (4843) **National ALA Foundation Endowment Fund** – The ALA Foundation assists in carrying out the educational, charitable, and other exempt purposes of the Auxiliary by raising funds for and providing support to Auxiliary programs. Donations to the ALA Foundation are used to support our mission, secure our legacy and heritage of *Service Not Self*, and ultimately enhances the quality of life for future generations of veterans, military, and their families.

If this is a memorial gift, please provide the family's contact information so an acknowledgement can be sent to them:

In Memory of: _____

Send Acknowledgement to: _____

Street Address: _____

City, State Zip: _____

\$ _____ (4804) **National Child Well-Being Foundation** – The American Legion Child Well-Being Foundation contributes to the physical, mental, emotional, and spiritual welfare of children and youth through dissemination of knowledge about research, studies, surveys, projects, or by supporting programs and activities benefiting the welfare of children and youth.

\$ _____ **TOTAL ENCLOSED (Checks cannot be accepted 90 days beyond date of check)**

Make check payable to: ALA-WI (only one check is necessary)

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BENEFACTORS DONATION FORM
Deadline: April 1, 2026



Thank you so much for becoming an ALA Badger Girls State Benefactor! Our program is successful because of our amazing sponsors and benefactors.

Please select the item(s) you wish to support with your benefactor donation. Many donations are required to meet all of these needs. If more money is received than is necessary to purchase the selected item, ALABGS reserves the right to designate your donation to another item where financial support is needed. Donations are needed no later than April 1, 2026 to purchase the items in time for our Girls State session.

☐ ALABGS Ink Pens (\$10)

☐ Medical Supplies (\$25)

☐ Delegate Campaign Materials (\$20)

☐ Counselor Costs (\$50)

☐ Badge Holders (\$20)

☐ Delegate Shirts (\$100)

☐ Lanyards (\$25)

☐ Staff Shirts (\$100)

☐ City Supplies (\$25)

☐ General Support (\$_____)

☐ County Supplies (\$25)

TOTAL DONATION: \$_____ (#4601)

Mail the benefactor form by 4/1/2026 with check payable to "ALABGS" to:

ALA Badger Girls State
PO Box 140
Portage, WI 53901-0140

☐ Unit ☐ Post ☐ Squadron #: _____ District #: _____

Benefactor's Name: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

ALABGS Benefactors will be recognized on the ALABGS website and Citizens Manual.

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Unit CITY location_____Unit #_____

Date_____

M. Louise Wilson Educational Loan Fund

Make check payable to: ALA WI-MLW (from the General Fund)
Mail your check and this form to the address listed above

The purpose of the fund is to aid women veterans and female members of the Wisconsin American Legion Auxiliary to attain a higher education. This is an interest- free loan program for women.

Applications are available from the Education Chairman:

Delores Woolf
390 S Court Street, Platteville WI 53818
Email: dwoolf@centurytel.net
Ph: 608-348-7403

Enclosed is \$_____ **Check payable to – ALA WI-MLW**
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Unit city location _____ Unit # _____

Date _____

PAYMENT INSTRUCTIONS – Make your check payable to ALA-WI

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Check # _____ Check amount \$ _____

Program/Purpose _____

Contact Person/Title _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Daytime phone # w/area code _____ Email _____

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Unit city location _____ Unit # _____

Date _____

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DATES & DEADLINES

Last updated 8/4/2025

(subject to change)

2025		
Aug 9, 2025	Orientation for 2025–2026 Dept Chairmen	Department HQ, Portage, WI
Aug 23–28, 2025	Legion Family National Convention	Tampa Bay, FL
Sep 6, 2025	12 th District Fall Conference	American Legion Post 499, Gordon, WI
Sep 13, 2025	ALA In The Know Conference	American Legion Post 146, Beaver Dam, WI
Sep 20, 2025	ALA In The Know Conference	American Legion Post 98, Cumberland, WI
Sep 27, 2025	ALA In The Know Conference	American Legion Post 59, Stoughton, WI
Oct 4, 2025	ALA In The Know Conference	American Legion Post 175, Loyal, WI
Oct 4, 2025	1 st District Fall Conference	American Legion Post 21, Kenosha, WI
Oct 4, 2025	11 th District Fall Conference	274 N 3rd Ave, Park Falls, WI
Oct 11, 2025	Junior Fall Conference (10 a.m. – 3 p.m.)	Wisconsin Veterans Home at Union Grove
2026		
Apr 11, 2026	9 th District Spring Conference	Woods Golf Course, Green Bay, WI
Apr 11–12, 2026	WALASBA 9–Pin Tap Bowling Tournament	Weston, WI – hosted by Wausau Unit 10
Apr 25, 2026	American Legion Family Day	Legion Family Events–Department wide
Apr 25, 2026	1 st District Spring Conference	TBD
June 21–26, 2026	ALA Badger Girls State	TBD
July 16–19, 2026	Legion Family Department Convention	Appleton, WI
Aug 28–Sep 3, 2026	Legion Family National Convention	Louisville, KY