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2<sup>nd</sup> District Newsletter-March 2025

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.....**Sandy's Corner**.....

**Membership**

Currently 2<sup>nd</sup> District is in 5<sup>th</sup> place for membership. We are only about 4 ½% away from District 4 which holds 1<sup>st</sup> place. We have 40 units in 2<sup>nd</sup> District with 8 units at or above 100%, 5 units between 90-99%, 18 units between 80-89%, 4 units between 70-79% and the remaining units are under 70%.

**We Got This!!**

Contact Danie Wilson-2<sup>nd</sup> District Membership Chair with any questions you may have. All the Program chairs are here to assist you.

**Reporting**

Unit members need to be turn in their hours to the unit Presidents by April 1<sup>st</sup>. **Unit Impact Reports are due to me by April 15<sup>th</sup>**, let's be 100% in reporting. Unit Narrative reports are due to Department Headquarters by April 15<sup>th</sup>. If you need help with your reports, a member of the District Executive team will work with you. Don't hesitate to reach out. Also, if you could please e-mail me a copy of just your Community Service report, it would be greatly appreciated. It will help me complete my Department Community Service report.

**Sweepstakes**

Please turn in any funds received from your unit's sweepstakes tickets to Mary Montag. If you need more tickets Mary can help you with that also. Remember this is the one District fundraiser held annually. Funds raised enable 2<sup>nd</sup> District to make donations to other non-profit organizations.

**I have also attached the 2<sup>nd</sup> District Conference Invitation!**

It is important that you attend as new officers will be voted in. If you are interested in being an officer or Committee Chair please contact Shirley Krier, Kathy Olson or Danie Wilson prior to the meeting.

*Remember to bring your history book for judging!*

Thank you all for serving our mission.



REMEMBER the fallen... HONOR those who serve...  
TEACH our children the value of freedom.  
For God and Country-God Bless America  
"Together We Can Make a Difference."



Wear your  
Red/White/Blue  
Attire

**American Legion Auxiliary/Department of WI  
2nd District Spring Conference**

**Saturday April 26, 2025  
American Legion Post 69 Mayville  
134 S Main St/Mayville**

**Cost \$19 per person (\$2 Registration & \$17 Meal)**

**8:00 A.M.-8:55 A.M. Registration-Yogurt/bagels/Donuts/Fruit/Coffee/Juice  
9:00 A.M.-3:00 P.M. Meeting**

**Noon hot lunch (Hot Turkey/Ham Sandwich-Cheesy Potatoes, Salads, Relishes & Desert)**

**Pre-registration & payment required. RSVPs Due by April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

**Make checks payable to: ALA 2<sup>nd</sup> District.  
Mail Check and Registration form to:  
Mary Montag/2<sup>nd</sup> District ALA Treasurer  
726 Jean Court  
Allenton, WI 53002**

**Hosted By Dodge County: Contact Eunice Seering with any questions:  
920-382-5776 or euniceserring@gmail.com**



**Please Print**

**Mail only one registration form per unit.**

**Will your Unit be entering a History Book for judging? Yes No**

Name	Delegate	Delegate-at-Large	Alternate	Guest	First Time Attendee

**\* Attached separate piece of paper if necessary**

**Total Number Attending: #1 \_\_\_\_\_ Total Amount Enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

Ways & Means  
Program Chair: Dawn Rudey

## **ATTENTION ALL AUXILIARY MEMBERS!**

There are still tickets available to sell prior to the 2<sup>nd</sup> District Spring Conference, April 26<sup>th</sup>.

If you have an event coming up at your post or in your community in March or April, you could sell them there. It doesn't matter if it is a Legion, Auxiliary, SAL or Legion Rider function. These tickets can be sold to your unit, co-workers, friends, family, even at a membership recruitment event.

Remember, this is the *only* fundraiser that 2<sup>nd</sup> District has annually. This allows us to make donations to support our veterans.

*For more tickets, please contact:*

*Dawn Rudey @ 920-382-9644 or 920-485-0925  
(Please leave a message & I will return your call)*

*All name stubs and a check made out to:*

*ALA 2<sup>nd</sup> District  
Can be mailed to:  
Mary Montag  
726 Jean Ct,  
Allenton, WI 53002*

## THE ABC'S OF MEMBERSHIP (THESE ARE LISTED UNDER THE MEMBERSHIP PROGRAM)

There are many ways you can make yourself valuable to the team, and here are the ABCs of them. You don't have to check off everything on the list; the benefit of a team is that each person will bring something to the table.

**Availability:** Make yourself available to others. Being a member of a team means that sometimes you have to be available to do the things you don't necessarily want to do.

**Brainstorming:** If you're good at coming up with ideas, you'll be a great addition to any team that has a problem to solve. The ability to come up with fast ideas in a brainstorming session will set you apart.

**Constructive:** Not every idea will be good... if you're able to offer constructive criticism to help improve upon an idea, your team will turn to you for suggestions.

**Dependable:** If you always follow through with what you say you're going to do, and show up when you say you're going to, your team will know that they can depend on you to get things done.

**Efficient:** Using your time wisely, and complete tasks correctly and quickly are a great benefit to offer a team. If you're efficient, there will be time for work and play, and your team will thank you for that.

**Friendly:** This should not need an explanation, but if you're pleasant to your other ALA members, working with them will be a positive experience for all those involved.

**Goal-Oriented:** If you're the type of person who sets your mind towards a goal, and doesn't let anything get in your way, your team will look up to you when they need direction.

**Hard-working:** In the perfect world, every member of a team would be hard-working, but this isn't often the case, making the hard workers a true prize to their team.

**Informative:** Providing information to the team can help make them more efficient as a whole, because setbacks due to misinformation will be eliminated.

**Judicious:** Every team needs a person who they know will have good judgment and lead them towards success.

**Kind:** Kindness can make any situation a lot smoother, especially when the going gets tough in a team oriented situation.

**Level-headed:** When tensions run high and stress in through the rough, the level-headed team member is the one who can assess the situation and devise a plan to move forward.

**Motivated:** No one likes a slacker on the team. Be a person who has the motivation to keep working, even when they might not otherwise want to tackle a project.

**New Ideas:** Ideas can get stale, but if you have a fresh perspective, you can be the person to bring fresh ideas to the table, giving your teammates a new way to look at something.

**Organized:** Organization can help a team to stay focused, on schedule, and with tasks assigned to the best person for the job, ultimately improving efficiency and productivity.

**Productive:** Be the person on the team who makes things happen and produces quality

contributions to the end product.

**Quick:** If you say you're going to do something, that's great, but if it isn't done in a reasonable amount of time, you're going to lose credibility with your team members. Be quick to remain valuable.

**Reliable:** Your team members need to know that they can count on you when you say you're going to complete a task or attend a meeting, and doing so ensures you are a reliable member of the team.

**Supportive:** There are going to be times in a team setting where you are lacking direction, people are stressed, and nothing seems to go right. Being supportive of your team during these times makes you a valuable member.

**Timely:** Everyone hates waiting around for the last member of the team to show up, five, ten minutes late. Don't be that person, be on time.

**Useful:** When a task needs to be completed, and no one is stepping up to the plate, be the person who is useful to have around. Your help will be appreciated making your contributions to the team valuable.

**Valuable:** Make yourself the person who the team doesn't want to lose by offering a skill that no one else does, making you integral to their success.

**Willing to Lend a Hand:** If you see a team member struggling, offer to help them. Offer to bring coffee to the meeting or help unload a presentation. Your team will appreciate the assistance.

**Xenial:** (How about that word!?!?) Being hospitable to guests and those who are helping your team will make you a great addition and leave a positive impression on not only your team but your peers as well. AND . . .you might even be able to recruit those guests!!!

**Yielding:** In a team setting, it can be hard to deal with many different ideas and perspectives coming together. Recognizing when it is okay to yield your idea in favor of a better idea will make your time better spent.

**Zealous:** Offering enthusiasm will help move the team forward towards the end with encouragement and energy. There are times the team will need zealousness to succeed.

## Dates to Remember

### Daylight Savings Time (March 9<sup>th</sup>)

April 1<sup>st</sup>- Volunteer hours and fundraiser reports are to be turned into the unit President.

April 15<sup>th</sup>- Unit Narrative Report Summary is due to Department Headquarters.

April 15<sup>th</sup>- Unit Year-End-Impact Reports are due to me.

April 26<sup>th</sup>-2<sup>nd</sup> District Spring Conference/Mayville

**Theme is Red/White & Blue**

All County Presidents are to bring their county trifolds.

July 17<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> Department Convention/Green Bay

August 22<sup>nd</sup>-28<sup>th</sup> National Convention/Tampa Bay



2<sup>nd</sup> District March 2025

Department of Wisconsin-American Legion Auxiliary/President Sandy Mack

**DID YOU KNOW?**

**MARCH IS WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH**

- March 1<sup>st</sup>, 1961, President Kennedy signed Executive order 10924, establishing the Peace Corps as a Department of State agency.
- March 1, 1781, The Continental Congress adopted the Articles of Confederation, the first constitution of the United States
- March 3 U.S. Navy Reserve Birthday
- March 3 National Anthem Day
- March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1933, During the great depression in the 1920's & 1930's, Franklin D Roosevelt was inaugurated as the 32<sup>nd</sup> President and offered 20 minutes of reassurance hope, and promises for urgent action in his first inaugural address, with the famous line, "the only thing we have to fear is ...fear itself..."
- March 4<sup>th</sup> Mardi Gras New Orleans (Colors of the beads are purple, green, and gold, symbolizing justice, faith & power)
- March 6<sup>th</sup>, 1950, Silly Putty was invented.
- March 7<sup>th</sup> Employee Appreciation Day
- March 7<sup>th</sup>, 1876 Alexander Graham Bell patented the first telephone.
- March 9<sup>th</sup> Daylight Savings time
- March 1918 The Spanish flu infected approximately 27% of the world's population and killed an estimated fifty million people worldwide.
- March 11, 2020, Covid became a pandemic.
- March 12, 1912, Girl Scouts was officially founded.
- March 13 K-9 Veterans Day
- March 17<sup>th</sup> St. Patrick's Day (celebrated in the U.S. since 1601)

**MARCH MADNESS**

***(Unproductive workers cost their employers \$4 billion in 2019)***

***(This money was paid to employees spending company time on betting pool priorities.)***

- March 19<sup>th</sup>, 2003, U.S. launched its first attack to remove the dictator Hussein from power.
- March 20<sup>th</sup> Cherry Blossom Festival
- March 20<sup>th</sup> First Day of Spring
- March 21, 2006, Twitter was launched.
- March 1886 John Pemberton invented Coca-Cola
- March 25 Medal of Honor Day
- March 29 Vietnam War Veterans Day
- March Animals start waking up from hibernation.

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