



# 8<sup>th</sup> District Newsletter



## President's Message

Hello Everyone!

Congratulations to Mosinee, Wild Rose, Vesper and Plover for being a 100% Unit for 2025! Tigerton only needs 1 more renewal and Caroline and Wisconsin Rapids only needs 2 renewals for 100%. Keep up the good work everyone! Officers make sure you get your memberships in.

The nomination is working on gathering the next slate of officers. If you know any that would be interested in being a district officer, please contact the following individuals: Fran Bender (715-359-8469), Bonnie Schult (715-212-2034) or myself.

Spring Conference will be held on April 26<sup>th</sup> in Wautoma and is being sponsored by the Waushara County Units - Wautoma, Wild Rose and Hancock-Coloma. Registration form is included with this newsletter along with the information and tickets for the district fundraiser. Names of members that have passed since the last Spring Conference should be sent to the District Chaplain - Ruth Henkelman ([rrrhenk35@gmail.com](mailto:rrrhenk35@gmail.com)). Unit History Books will be judged at the conference. Please bring your completed books along to the district conference.

Year-end reporting is coming up. Members need to submit their year end reports to their Unit president by April 1<sup>st</sup>. The Unit Impact Report should be sent to me by April 15<sup>th</sup>. You can either email me a copy of the report or mail it to me directly - 807 S 9<sup>th</sup> Ave, Wausau WI 54401. All program narrative reports should be sent to Department Headquarters by April 15<sup>th</sup>.

A reminder to all Units, if any Unit has any upcoming events that they would like included in this newsletter, please let me know!

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1<sup>st</sup> Vice President: Fran Bender

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President: Lorrie Barber

Secretary: Amanda Szalewski

Treasurer: Sarah Stiff

Chaplain: Ruth Henkelman

Historian: Penny Peeters

Parliamentarian: Diane Kranig

**Mark your Calendars!!**

**District Spring Conference  
April 26<sup>th</sup>**

**World War II Building  
Wautoma**

## Unit Updates - Fremont Unit 391

Reminder - Fremont Unit 391 invites you to Pizza Night - Monday March 24<sup>th</sup>. Serving begins at 4:30pm until gone. Dine in or carry out. Bar opens at 4:00pm. American Legion Post 391 - 322 Waupaca St in Fremont.

As always, if you have any questions, please feel free to contact me either by phone or email. Thank you for all you do! Linda Tryczak

## 5 Ways to Keep your Members

1. Reward renewal efforts as much as you do recruitment efforts. There is nothing wrong with building in an incentive or recognition for retention efforts. Such a program can even be integrated into your recruitment incentives by giving the member who recruits a new member some form of appropriate recognition when the new member joins and again when the new member renews.
2. After a couple of renewal notices, begin personal contacts. When members fail to respond to dues notices, it isn't always because they intend to drop out for a particular reason or because they are generally disappointed with your unit. Some members just want to know if your unit cares that they are out there. A personal call to let members know they are missed can make a big difference at renewal time.
3. Send non-renewals a newsletter with the front and back cover printed and the inside blank. Print a message inside about what the former member is missing by not renewing. Your unit's newsletters are among its most valuable membership benefits. When members drop out, they need to be reminded that they are losing these valuable benefits forever. By sending a newsletter with nothing in it except the table of contents listing all of the valuable information the former member isn't getting, you graphically describe the lost benefit.
4. Dig beyond the "never did anything for me" answer. Try to find out exactly why they chose to not renew their membership. There's always something more. Your unit should prepare questions that probe beyond the surface and get to the heart of why members are leaving.
5. Pay special attention to those who renew last. They are most likely to not renew next year. As your unit begins identifying the non-active members it needs to contact, add these payers to the priority list.

## Program Chairman

Legislative: Kay Grosskopf

Juniors: OPEN

VA&R: OPEN

Americanism: Betty Blume

Membership: Fran Bender

Children & Youth: OPEN

Poppy: Sarah Stiff

Fundraising: Betty Blume

Please let me know if interested in any of these open positions.

## Attachment

Spring Conference Registration Form



8th District American Legion Auxiliary  
Spring Conference  
Registration

Saturday April 26, 2025

WWII Building  
440 W Main St  
Wautoma, WI 54982

Registration will be from 8:00 – 9:00. Light Breakfast will be served. Conference will begin at 9:15AM with lunch being served at noon. Conference will re-convene following lunch.

Cost: \$20.00 (\$3.00 Registration/ \$17.00 Lunch)

Registration should be returned by April 12th

Return this portion -----

Checks should be made payable to ALA Unit 317

Number of people registered \_\_\_\_\_

Mail to:

Katherine Miller

Enclosed is \$ \_\_\_\_\_ from Unit# \_\_\_\_\_

W5087 Blackhawk Rd

Wild Rose, WI 54984

List names below:

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