



## Department of Wisconsin American Legion Auxiliary

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

December 2024



### Membership

***Congratulations to the Units that have met or exceeded their membership goals: St Cloud Unit 478, Mt. Calvary Unit 454, Two Rivers Unit 165, Berlin Unit 340, Brillion Unit 126 and Stockbridge Unit 128. Great job!!***

The last "Checking Our Pulse" award winner will be picked at random on **December 15<sup>th</sup>**. If your unit membership is at **100%** or more by that date, you'll have a chance at winning **\$100**. But you need your Unit Officer form turned in and officers paid to qualify.

Continue serving veterans, military, and their families by renewing your membership. 2024 memberships expire Dec. 31. You can renew your membership in three easy ways: online, by phone, or by mail. Go to [www.ALForVeterans.org](http://www.ALForVeterans.org), call (317) 569-4570, or mail in your renewal notice. Help your unit keep your membership strong by reminding fellow members to renew before the end of the year.

### **2025 Midwinter Conference** **ALA Session - January 18, 2025** **Hilton Paper Valley, Appleton, WI**

Auxiliary Midwinter Session is on Saturday, January 18, 2025, in Appleton at the Hilton Paper Valley Hotel. Please go to [www.wilegion.org/midwinter](http://www.wilegion.org/midwinter) to register. Registration is \$25 per member until January 2nd. After this it will go to \$30 per member. I look forward to seeing everyone there.

### **6<sup>th</sup> District Outstanding Americanism Person of the Year**

There is still time to nominate that one member you consider outstanding in promotion of Patriotism and Americanism activities in your American Legion Auxiliary unit and community. The completed forms will need to be sent to me no later than December 31, 2024. Awards will be presented at the 6<sup>th</sup> District Annual Americanism Recognition Banquet to be held on Saturday, March 29, 2025 at La Sure's Hall in Oshkosh. Banquet Invitations and registration forms will be available soon.

## 2025 Poppy Orders

The deadline for placing Poppy Orders is December 15<sup>th</sup>. To help better manage poppy production, orders received after December 15<sup>th</sup> will be charged an additional processing fee. Units and posts are reminded they must submit a 20% poppy profit report from their last order before their new order will be processed. Order forms can be found on the Department website: [www.amlegionauxwi.org/forms](http://www.amlegionauxwi.org/forms)

## Annual Reports

2024-2025 Annual Report forms were mailed to all Unit Presidents in October and are posted on the department website in fillable format. As a reminder, reports are due April 15, 2025.

## District Dues

District dues are payable in January of each year at the rate of \$1.00 (one dollar) per member based on the membership of the Unit for the previous full year as recorded in the Red Book. If you have not already done so, please pay as soon as possible. Make check payable to: 6<sup>th</sup> District ALA and mail to: Treasurer Beth Puddy, 349 Stow St, Fond du Lac, WI 54965. Thank you to those units that have already sent in their dues.

## ALA Badger Girls State (ALABGS)

2025 ALABGS reservations of \$500 per delegate are due January 31, 2025. Unit/Sponsors should contact their schools now and work with the high school through the selection process. Volunteers are needed for the 2025 ALABGS Session. Anyone interested in helping for the week or even a few days should contact Chairman Danyelle Thompson at [alabgs.chairman@gmail.com](mailto:alabgs.chairman@gmail.com). A list of opportunities is posted at [www.alabgs.org](http://www.alabgs.org).

## Dates To Remember

- December 14, 2024 – Wreaths Across American
- Outstanding Americanism Person of the Year – due to Diane no later than 12/31/24
- January 18, 2025 – Auxiliary Mid-Winter Session, Appleton
- February 15, 2025 – 6<sup>th</sup> District Oratorical Contest, Post 70, Oshkosh
- March 29, 2025 – Department Oratorical Contest, Ripon
- March 29, 2025 – 6<sup>th</sup> District Americanism Banquet, La Sure's, Oshkosh

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**A VERY MERRY**  
**CHRISTMAS**  
**and Happy New Year!**