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Serving our Veterans, Military and Each Other from the Depths of our Hearts
President Becky Mueller

Happy New Year!

I hope all of you have had a wonderful holiday season! Now comes winter. Some of our units meet in winter and some do not, but we should all be working our mission. Now is the time when people do not get out as much and we need to make sure that our members are healthy and safe by making our poppy calls. Call, text or email every member in your units.

SAVE THE DATE

The 9th District Spring Conference will be in Outagamie County on May 3rd. It will be held at the Colonial House in Freedom, WI. More information and registration forms will be included in the February newsletter. It would be really great if we could have a representative from each unit there to support the district. We will be asking each unit to bring a board with pictures and a few details about how they are working the missions of the Auxiliary. I would like to be able to take a few pictures off of the boards to be included in the one that I will need to take to the Department convention in July.

CORRECTION

In my last newsletter I said that you will be sending your poppy posters to Department. I was wrong. Your 1st Place posters should be sent to Deanna Farley, Department Poppy Chairman. They should get to Deanna by March 15th, but if you have already picked your winners, you can send them now. Her address is W14870 Kimball Ln, Silver Cliff, WI 54104-9471.

MEMBERSHIP

The membership report that I received for the December incentive had mostly good news. We have 5 units that are over 100%. They are Oconto, Kewaunee, Loomis, Forestville and Washington Island. We also have 5 units over 90% and 10 units over 80%. The leading County is Door/Kewaunee with 97.62%. The winner of the December incentive is Forestville. I will be meeting with them on March 11th to bring them their checks.

I met with the members of Kewaunee unit 29 on Dec 7 at their Christmas get together to give them their November incentive winnings. They normally meet on the 1st Tuesday of the month at the Post 29 clubhouse, but we met at the for lunch at Waterfront Bar and Grill. They decided to donate to the Kewaunee Historical Society.



Ann Brunner, President, Sue Keyzers, Lorelee DeCramer Secretary



Members of Kewaunee Unit 29

Front row: Lorelee DeCramer, Annette Teske, Sue Keyzers. Back row: Brenda Prucha, Sharon Prucha, Ann Brenner, Bernice Buchanan, and Carol Kacer.

AMERICANISM

Please get this information to your schools as soon as possible. These are 2 really great programs that any student can do on their own. The A&G test has scholarship prizes and the student can win multiple years. The same is true for the Essay Contest.

Americanism & Government Scholarship Test 2025 Test Dates: March 3-14, 2025

Students are given the opportunity to receive recognition and scholarships by taking an online test comprised of 50 multiple-choice, true and false questions followed by an essay question of 300 words or less. The program is endorsed by the State Superintendent of Public Instruction and is open to any Wisconsin student in the 10th, 11th or 12th grade. Scholarships are:

- 10th Grade- 11 \$250 Scholarships awarded
- 11th Grade- 11 \$300 Scholarships awarded
- 12th Grade- 11 \$750 Scholarships awarded

The test access button will be live after March 2, 2025, at wilegion.org/scholarships/

Americanism Essay Resources

The Americanism Essay Contest was created to teach students the value of patriotism and what it means to be Americans. Students (grades 3 to 12) explore the fundamental rights and freedoms we enjoy today. Each year's contest has a different theme; one student in each category per division is awarded a prize. There is a category for students with special needs.

Units select from the submitted essays the top one from each category. Send the top essays to DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN by March 15, 2025

Current Essay Theme: "What does America the Beautiful mean to me (regarding veterans and our military)?"

Essay Cover Sheet

Americanism Essay criteria and rulic

www.amlegionauxwi.org/_files/ugd/8bea47_4d796b91b27545868c2dd7816ac838c5.pdf

Americanism Essay Contest flow chart

www.amlegionauxwi.org/_files/ugd/8bea47_65726fa6a1694b2e90ce3d9dbce15884.pdf

Americanism Essay Contest submission form

www.amlegionauxwi.org/_files/ugd/8bea47_00c332fbd6474da19524f837c9ab5e29.pdf

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Children & Youth e-Newsletter Issue No. 4

CENTRAL DIVISION CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Happy New Year!!! Central Division. I hope all had a joyous and safe holiday with family and friends.

April is designated the Month of the Military Child, emphasizing military children's critical role in the armed forces community.

- Encourage your units to contact the city or county officials to request a proclamation for the Month of the Military Child.
- Wear purple on Purple Up Day, April 15.

The American Legion Child Welfare Foundation has officially transformed into the American Legion Well-Being Foundation (CWF). Despite the name change, our mission continues to thrive. I urge you all to support this important cause with your donations. Central Division, let's take the lead and become the top contributors among all divisions! We've got this!

Let's spread the word about the Youth Hero Award and the Good Deed Award! It's an excellent opportunity to celebrate and recognize the amazing things our children and youth are doing. Let's shine a light on their positive actions and reward their goodness!

Have you joined the C&Y Facebook group yet? If not, you are missing out on a lot of valuable information. Scan this QR code to join.



I looked at the Facebook page today and noticed just a couple of articles from the Central Division Units. I know that all the units, districts, and departments in the Central Division are working really hard to support Children and Youth, so let's celebrate our efforts and share our successes on Facebook! Let's make some noise about the great work we're doing!

Have you purchased your ALA Challenge Deck yet? This 46-card deck helps American Legion Auxiliary members implement programs like Americanism and Children & Youth. For the 2024-2025 administrative year, we're focusing on the Veteran Projects Fund. Donate \$35 or more to receive an ALA Challenge Deck. Text "CARD" to 1-844-940-3450 or send a check to ALA National Headquarters, 3450 Founders Road, Indianapolis, IN 46268, noting "for the cards" on the memo line.

For questions, contact Development Director Carley Schutz at cschutz@ALAforVeterans.org.

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ALA NATIONAL SECURITY ARTICLE
FOR NINTH DISTRICT
BY
CHAIRMAN NELLIE P. DE BAKER

DECEMBER 08, 2024

PURPOSE: To promote a strong national defense taking care of the homefront while supporting military service members serving "Somewhere" around the globe keeping peace in the world and preserving freedom for the United States of America.

The American Legion Auxiliary (before it was so named) women were the forerunner of taking care of war troops when they came home from serving overseas and troops who served stateside from all wars. Their (women) years of continual contributions to all men and women is a testimonial why the American Legion Auxiliary has passed their 100th year centennial.

The homefront is one of two entities (the other is world-wide) on the Cognizant Wheel of Components for National Security: a) Awareness of Surroundings, b) Community Support, c) Emergency Preparedness, d) Family at Home, e) Keeping Communities Safe, f) POW/MIA Continuum, g) Readiness of the Unexpected, h) Somewhere World, i) Support Military at Home, j) Support Military Returning Home, k) Care of the Wounded, l) Communications. All the above have Security Needs in some fashion to Get Ready, Have Ready, Keep Ready for you, your community and support of your surroundings. Being alert needs to be second nature, meaning it is somewhere close to you at all times.

Be aware of and keep current the USO of Wisconsin Website www.usowisconsin.org and the American Red Cross website www.redcross.org/give-blood.html. Have ready an evacuation plan so you can depart on a moment's notice. Also note where the community shelters are in case of an emergency. What will be your plan if you are suddenly without heat or electricity. Do you have contact information to grab at a moment's notice?

Stay Alert. Stay Safe.

Thank You. Nellie P. De Baker

**Today, I wish everyone who
sees this message peace, joy,
and endless blessings. May
your day be filled with light
and love.**



*Made By
Jessica*

DID YOU KNOW?

Originally January was the 3rd month of the year!

January 1 st	New Year's Day-symbolizing fresh starts and resolutions. Time to plan for a new year.
January 1 st	Global Family Day/World Peace Day
January 2 nd	World Introvert Day, National Buffet Day & National Cream Puff Day.
January 4 th	National Spaghetti Day, World Braille Day and World Hypnotism Day.
715-673BCE	The Roman republican calendar was revised replacing March being the 1 st month of the new year to January.
January 8 th	Earth rotation day.
January 1890	The Rose Parade started in Pasadena, CA.
January 15 th	Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday
January 20 th	Inauguration Day (every 4 years following a presidential election).
January	Individuals born in January are generally talkative and like Experimenting, with new things.
January 20 th	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.
January 27 th	International Holocaust Remembrance Day.
January 1855	King Camp Gillette invented the safety razor.
January 1874	Joseph Erlanger, invented shock therapy & won the Nobel Prize in 1944
January 1900	Dennis Gabor, a physicist invented holography.
January	Colors of Cancer for January is Teal/White-Cervical Cancer Awareness
January 31 st , 1970	The 1 st National Blood donor Month occurred.

Random Fun Facts

- 1) A cloud weighs around a million tons.
- 2) Giraffes are 30 times more likely to get hit by lightning than people
- 3) Identical twins don't have the same fingerprints.
- 4) Earth's rotation is changing speed. (600mm years ago a day lasted just 21 hours).
- 5) Your brain is constantly eating itself.
- 6) Wearing a tie can reduce blood flow to the brain by 7.5%.
- 7) The sun makes a sound, but we can't hear it.
- 8) You can die laughing.
- 9) Chainsaws were first invented for childbirth.
- 10) Your brain burns 400-500 calories a day.

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"

I saw this in the 2nd District newsletter and thought this was interesting. I looked up the 715-673BCE to figure out what it meant. The BCE stands for Before Common Era. Politically correct, I guess.