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#### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



AURA CALTEUX Department President

The American Legion Family: What does that mean to you?

For me, it is The American Legion, the American Legion Auxiliary, the Sons of the American Le-

gion and the American Legion Riders all working together towards a common goal...helping our veterans, the military and their families. Helping each other on projects, supporting each other's fundraisers, always being

there for each other and opening up the line of communication between our family members, are all things that happen in every family in our state and needs to continue every day. I know that it's not always easy to get along with family members, but if you work on it and continue to be open minded to new ideas and new people, the sky's the limit to what we can do for our veterans.

Your Department Family officers are committed to working as a family and we hope that our example is something that everyone can follow, now and into the future. We are supporting each

other's projects, we are on the same track for our veterans, the military, their families and our members, and we are working the mission every day.

Since we are a family, we had our first American Legion Family Testimonial dinner at The American Legion's Midwinter Conference with over 300 members in attendance. Thank you so much for the support you give your officers. It is appreciated more than you can know. Emcee, Alternate NEC Ken Rynes, kept the evening moving, especially since the Green Bay Packers were playing that night! Each

speaker had some interesting information and we had a few laughs. Thank you to Ken for agreeing to emcee and to Angie Chappell of The American Legion staff for putting everything together for us. I sure hope that we can keep this family tradition

As we finish out the rest of the year, please know that what you do for our veterans is very important. Let everyone know what your units and members are doing to work the programs. Send the information to department so that it can be put into the Wisconsin or a unit mailing. The

more that you can get the word out to our members, the more successful your events and programs will be.

I was invited to Cedarburg Unit 288 for a blanket making day. We made almost 40 blankets for our veterans at the Zablocki VA. The newspaper was there to let the community know what they are doing for our veterans. I know that there are more units out there doing great things for our veterans, so get the word out and keep on working the programs. Keep those sparks flying! God Bless America and Be the

Spark for Our Veterans!

#### Bonnie Jakubczyk, Chairman Ph: (414) 764-6752

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Congratulations to these three Units that have sparked their way to the 100% club: Blanchardville Unit 142, Milwaukee Unit 331, and Hayward Unit 218.

Way to go to each 11 units that reached or exceeded their membership goal by December 31st! They will each receive a check from National for \$100 for being 100%. At the time of this writing, Wisconsin continues to hold

onto second place in the national ranks for total paid membership with 71.69%. Keep igniting those sparks!

For Units that are having a difficult time getting memberships in, your help is needed. I ful membership takes all of us to work positively as a team. Your District Membership team is also available if more help is needed.

Keeping the promise:

- February: I promise to show my love for our veterans.
- Promise date: Valentine's Day, February 14, 2016 - 75% Membership Goal

Be the Spark for our Veterans!

Your Membership Team: Bonnie Jakubczyk, Amy Luft, Penny Joren, Meghan Helms, Andrea Stoltz

#### MEMBERSHIP

#### am hoping that members will work together and contact these valuable members. Try having a phone tree or call center. Choose a program and invite your members to come and help. Success-

# Team Duscheck Update

#### Joyce E. Endres, Chairman

A big SHOUT OUT to the American Legion Auxiliary (ALA) and its Family who participate in fundraisers for Diane Duscheck, Wisconsin's candidate for 2017 American Legion Auxiliary National President.

"From what we get, we can make a living; what we give, however, makes a life." ~ Arthur Ashe

A variety of Team Duscheck and Team Wisconsin fundraisers are planned through the 2017 Department Convention. Please keep your eyes open for more opportunities to support Diane Duscheck and Denise Rohan.

PENS - PENS- PENS: Quality red pens scripted with "We Support the American Legion Auxiliary 2017 National President Diane Duscheck" are available to purchase for \$2.00 each or three for \$5.00. Purchase a pen for yourself or as a nice gift or award to present an American Legion Auxiliary, Legion, Son or Rider member. Pens are available from Team

Duscheck members, Virginia Kodl at kodlvirg@yahoo.com or Joyce Endres at ljendres@ charter.net.

STAINED GLASS ART handmade by ALA National President Candidate Diane Duscheck: Tickets are available for purchase for \$5.00 each or three for \$10.00. Please see pictures of the artwork on the ALA Department Website, Team Duscheck page. Winners will be announced at the 2016 Department Convention.

"CLUB 600": A joint fundraiser for Diane Duscheck for 2017 National President and Denise Rohan for 2017 National Commander. Only 600 raffle tickets are available for purchase at \$50 each. Units, posts and members are encouraged to purchase one or more tickets as another opportunity to support both candidates. Winners will be drawn at The American Legion Fall Meetings in October 2016.

"Team Duscheck and Team Rohan Holiday Boutique" at the 2016 Department Convention:

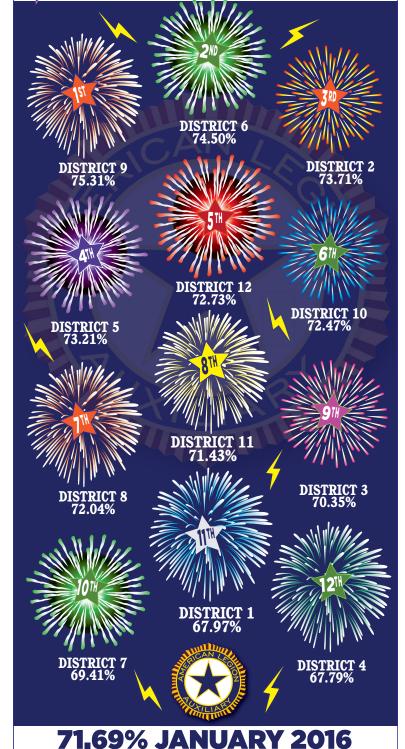


purchase. Plan to "shop til you drop" to purchase some wonderful decorations and gifts for your family or the American Legion Family to enjoy! All proceeds will be divided equally between both national candidate funds.

Personal Donations: Not a raffle or gift buyer? Consider a personal donation to support Diane Duscheck. Please make a check out to 'National Candidate Fund' and send your donation to Team Duscheck Treasurer, Diana Sirovina, 9428 W Eden Place, Milwaukee, WI 53228. We thank you.

Wisconsin is proud to support such strong leaders. We appreciate all your support from the bottom of our hearts. God Bless you and God Bless our Free America.

### **CREATE A SPARK MEMBERSHIP IS BOOMING**



## CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

#### Diane Weggen Department Chaplain/Music Chairman Ph:715-644-2668

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I was honored to participate in The Four Chaplains prayer service at The American Legion Midwinter Conference. Four Army chaplains - Methodist George Fox from Pennsylvania, Reform Rabbi Alexander Goode of New York, Catholic Priest John Washington of New Jersey, and Reformed Church in America Clark Poling of Ohio gave up their life jackets to save others when WWII U. S. Army Transport Dorchester went down February 3, 1943.

For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink. I was a stranger and you welcomed me, naked and you clothed me, I was ill and you comforted me, in prison and you came to visit me. Then the just will ask him: "Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or see you thirsty and give you drink? When did we welcome you away from home or clothe you in your nakedness? When did we visit you when you were ill or in prison?" The king will answer them: "I assure you, as often as you did it for one of my least brothers. you did it for me." Matthew 25: 35-40.

God asks us to give of ourselves for others-not necessarily our lives as the four chaplains did, but to serve and love one another. We are asked to demonstrate our love for others through our actions.

#### The Power of One

As we live our lives under God, may we always remember that the power of one truly is a God-given power. One word, one smile, one handshake can make all the difference making others feel welcome. Pray that we always remember the importance of the God-given Power of One

The hymn I have chosen this month is "The Servant Song" composed by Richard Gillard of New Zealand in 1977 and first published in 1978.

The Servant Song Will you let me be your servant Let me be as Christ to you Pray that I might have the grace To let you be my servant too.

We are pilgrims on the journey We are brothers on the road We are here to help each other Walk the mile and bear the load

I will hold the Christ light for you In the night time of your fear I will hold my hand out to you Speak the peace you long to hear.

I will weep when you are weeping When you laugh, I'll laugh with you I will share your joy and sorrow Till we've seen this journey through.

When we sing to God in heaven We shall find such harmony Born to all we've known together Of Christ's love and agony.

Thank you for the twelve Unit Chaplain reports I received. Prayer is the entire unit's responsibility. For God and country.

### CREETINGS FROM HEADQUARTERS

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The national organization sent final dues renewal notices to members whose dues had not been processed by department as of December 4, 2015. If you believe you received a notice in error, please check with your unit to confirm they forwarded your dues to department headquarters.

Any member whose dues were not received by department as of January 31st is delinquent and membership benefits and privileges have been suspended. If you let your membership lapse but still want to renew, please send your membership dues today or pay online at www.ALAforVeterans.org.

Units that sponsor girls for ALA Badger Girls State (ALABGS), should work with their local school to help select delegates and to ensure the delegates promptly register for the session and attend an orientation. Check out the AL-ABGS website (www.badgergirlsstate. org) for up-to-date information on the 2016 session, including orientations scheduled in your area.

Auxiliary scholarship applications must be submitted to Education Chairman Kelli Mades by March 15th for consideration. Late applications will not be accepted. Please encourage qualified students - unit members, friends, family and neighbors – to apply for these scholarships. Applications can be downloaded from the department website.

Do you know any Wisconsin American Legion Auxiliary members who could use financial assistance for college? The M. Louise Wilson Educational Loan Fund offers interest-free loans of \$800 per year for up to five years to Auxiliary members attending college. The loan is repaid in easy monthly payments after the student graduates or finishes school. Interested members should contact Chairman Joan Chwala for an application or more information.

Unit Year-End Impact Reports are due to District Presidents and Unit Narrative Reports are due to department headquarters by April 15th. These reports are the best tools for showcasing all the wonderful things the American Legion Auxiliary does throughout the year. Every unit does something - from distributing poppies to hosting community blood drives. Members should be proud of their service and take time report it! President Laura Calteux will review the narrative reports to select units for special recognition at Department Convention.

I would love to see every unit report SOMETHING this year. Last year, only 239 of Wisconsin's 425 units submitted a year-end impact report, but their accomplishments were phenomenal! Auxiliary units reported that 495 scholarships were awarded, totaling \$84,470. Members contributed more than 278,000 hours of volunteer service and \$363,000 to support our veterans, the military and their families! Twenty veterans made 401,675 poppies, which resulted in \$267,411 raised in poppy distributions. Can you imagine how much more impressive these statistics would be if EVERY unit submitted a report?!? Let's see if we can improve on last year's reporting.

Members are reminded to attend district spring conferences to learn more about the Auxiliary and thank the district officers for all their hard work. Current schedule (subject to change):

Mar 19:	7th District
Apr 16:	6th District
Apr 22-24:	10th District
Apr 23:	1st District
Apr 23:	3rd District
Apr 23:	8th District
Apr 23:	9th District
Apr 23:	11th District
Apr 30:	2nd District
May 7:	4th District

Additional details are provide on the conference schedule listed on page A4 and posted on the department website. The website will be updated as more information becomes available.

# STRATEGICEPLANNING

#### Joyce E. Endres, Dept. Chairman Home: 605-221-1763 Email: ljendres@charter.net

Did you read the PARADE section in the Sunday, January 24, 2016 newspaper? I read "First Lady of Laughter" about Carol Burnett. Carol's statements tie directly to Goal 2 of the American Legion Auxiliary Strategic Plan, "Create an Internal Culture of Goodwill". Carol's answer in part to the question "Who do you respect in comedy today?" was, "I know I'm going to sound like a goody two shoes...but I just think it's so important to be kind. You can still be strong, but you don't have to be nasty about it. If you're kind, you're going to get the best out of everybody." These actions are exactly what is needed to instill goodwill at all levels of our organization. Please take them to heart.

The 2014-2019 Centennial Strategic Plan's five GOALS provide objectives members can aim for to get results:

- 5. With The American Legion, raise awareness to build brand loyalty
- 4. Strengthen Department and Units
- 3. Develop Leadership at all levels
- 2. Create an internal culture of goodwill

1. Attain a million members

How we achieve these goals is driven by the STRATEGIES we develop for each goal. Strategies are achieved through defined INITIATIVES and action steps. Looking at this methodology backwards, when we perform actions to accomplish



initiatives, we achieve related strategies. Achieving strategies enables us to reach our goals, which ensures the American Legion Auxiliary will remain a viable and strong organization for years to come.

Strategy meetings have been held to

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move the Wisconsin American Legion Auxiliary Strategic Plan forward:

- Two Goal 4 Strategy teams addressed how to bring education closer to its members, more often. The strategic result was to change from a statewide Fall Informational Forum to six regional 'ALA In the Know' sessions. Details on structure, timing, curriculum and educators are currently being developed. Six sessions will be held in September and October 2016. Click unit mailings or the Wisconsin for more details on the department website (www.amlegionauxwi.org).
- Strategic Planning and Finance Committee members restructured strategies and initiatives to simplify (reduce overlap, duplication and low priority initiatives), align and prioritize strategies and initiatives.

See Strategic Planning details, documents and updates on the department website at: http://www.amlegionauxwi. org/Strategic%20Planning.htm

"By failing to prepare, you are preparing to fail." ~ Benjamin Franklin. We are preparing to excel!

## Kelli Mades, Department Chairman

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The American Legion Auxiliary believes that the more knowledge our young people gain, the better citizens they will become. That is why the organization is so committed to education. Investing in the education of our young people is investing in the future of our country.

Time and again we hear about the differ-

ence an American Legion Auxiliary scholarship has made in a person's life, providing unimagined experiences and opening up a world of opportunities. The Auxiliary supports a number of scholarship programs that benefit veterans, the children of our veterans, and the members of the organizations within The American Legion Family.

If you know someone who is interested in applying for a scholarship, make sure they check out the scholarship links for eligibility requirements, deadlines, and application

I personally want to thank everyone that sent in their Mid-Year Report. They were truly awesome reports and I was able to turn in a great report for the Department of Wisconsin. Be sure to keep working the program so you will have more to add to your Year-End Report.

Please don't forget to be The Spark through Education!!

#### **AUXILIARY SUPPORTS CAMP AMERICAN LEGION**



November, Kevin Moshea, Director of Camp American Legion, asked the American Legion Auxiliary to consider purchasing a walk-in freezer for Camp. He stated, "Right now we have some 10 home-size freezers scattered around the main lodge. All of them full with this and that. It seems to be an inefficient and costly way to do perishable food storage. A large 12' X 12' walk-in freezer would be a much better use of space AND it would actually save us money on food costs. We have companies offering to

donate food but we can only take so much because we have limited freezer space."

At the 2016 Midwinter Conference, President Laura Calteux was delighted to present Kevin Moshea, Director of Camp American Legion, a \$10,000 check for the purchase of a freezer. This contribution was made possible by the generous donations received from units and members across the state of Wisconsin. Thank you for making this gift possible and helping our veterans at Camp American Legion!

# Thank You!

Thank you to all my Auxiliary and Legionnaire friends for the flowers, cards, prayers and well wishes I received while in the hospital and rehabilitation center. Your thoughtfulness was greatly appreciated and I am thankful to be home again. I look forward to seeing my Legion Family soon.

Joann Mautz

#### LEADERSHIP Beth Puddy, Dept. Chairman

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I was thinking about what I would write for Leadership. Then I went to church and with Father's permission I am sharing a part of his sermon that I thought really applied to Leadership.

He bought a dresser for his niece for Christmas (he wanted to do something special for someone who is important to him, just like we want to do for our Veterans). He put it together with his dad on Christmas Day (we all need to ask for help), obviously at a time when he was very busy (most of us would say we have busy lives). He said the process

took a few hours (most planning/ events do). There were a few arguments (this is where the culture of goodwill kicks in). It was stressful (few things worth doing get done without some stress) and there were parts left over (he said they weren't necessary - we all know there is more than one way to put things together and have it be what it should be). But it was very rewarding when they got it done (serving our Veterans makes the process all worthwhile!). He said no one would have guessed it was a dresser if he only held up one piece of it (the parts needed to fit together to make the finished product work!).

Leadership is not one person.

No one can, or should have to, do it all. Veterans are our number one priority. Create a culture where everyone feels welcome and wants to be part of your unit. The department and national Plans of Action have a lot of ideas on what you can do as a unit. Build a "dresser" together in the end you'll have something you can all be proud of and have done something that puts a big smile on a Veteran's face.

If you have any questions, please call or email me. If you are interested in having a Leadership training in your area this spring, please contact me as soon as possible so we can get a date set.

For God and Country.

#### SERVICE TO VETERANS

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March will be here soon and spring is right around the corner! So now what? Yearly reports will be coming due soon. I hope you have been recording your hours and money spent on your individual tally sheets. These sheets need to be turned in to your unit VA&R Chairman or Unit President. I will need these sheets to record your hours and process them.

You may qualify this year for a new Service to Veterans Pin or an hour bar. The hours are cumulative from year to year. It is important for us to report your hours to the national organization so that Congress knows how much we do for our Veterans. I can only report what I get from you, so please let me know all the Service to Veterans hours and projects you have done. As your Service to Veterans Chairman, I can tell you that Kelli Mades has been working with the headquarters staff to collect this information and put it into a database.

By doing this, it will help us keep track of everyone's volunteer hours and give a more concrete picture of all the great things we in the Wisconsin American Legion Auxiliary have accomplished this year.

An added bonus is that it will help bring this program into the 21st century.

Some things we can record are: helping our Veterans by shoveling snow, mowing their lawn, babysitting, giving them a ride, and making them a meal. Most of all. we can thank them for their service and let them know we are proud of what they have done for this great country.

If you have any questions, need a tally sheet or help filling it out, please do not hesitate to contact me. I love hearing about your projects and am always happy to answer your questions.



MISSION: 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.

### PROTOCOL QUIZ

Many units and members question the proper protocol for meetings, etc. The following is a brief "quiz" that you are challenged to take to test your own knowledge. (Don't cheat, but answers are provided at the bottom of this article.) If you wish to take the full protocol quiz, it is posted on the department website (www.amlegionauxwi.org) under the Leadership

Program.	
1. Protocol for pins indicate:	b. the person escorting the guest takes the guest's arm in her
a. The Auxiliary pin should be worn	arm.
b. If a flag pin is worn, it should be above and	6. Protocol for introductions:
of the Auxiliary pin (as seen by another).	a are always introduced by the Department President or presiding officer.
2. Protocol for the Presiding Officer at a meeting dictates she:	Department President or presiding officer.
a. should and an agenda.	b. if the guests or head table officers are each to say a few words, then recognize the
b and the meeting on time.	ranking guest or officer first and go up the line.
c. conduct herself	7. Protocol seating for guests indicate:
3. Protocol for members dictates that they:	a. the presiding officer is always at the center of the head table or
a for the meeting. b. bring, and	of the podium.
b. bring, and	b. the guest of honor is seated to the of the presiding officer.
c. be courteous to speakers by not texting, crocheting or carrying on	c. at a business session, it is to have the parliamentarian seated to the
, etc.	immediate right of the presiding officer.
d. speak to the not to other members.	d. the other guests or officers are seated right, left, right, etc. of the presiding officer,
e. be brief and when speaking.	0 "C
4. Protocol for guests indicates:	8. "Cutting the Colors:"  A Many departments and write absorpts the quetors of "Why We Don't Wells
a. a invitation should be sent to all guests who will speak or participate at a function of the department, district, county or unit.	a. Many departments and units observe the custom of "Why We Don't Walk Between the Colors" that is fairly to The American Legion Family.
b. the invitation should include type of meeting; attire for the event; what's expected	b. The is that the space between the United States Flag and the flags
of the speaker;, and of the event; and	posted across from them and the space between the podium and the flags is meant to
travel information.	honor and respect our departed.
5. Protocol for escorting guests:	c. This custom is observed while the meeting is
a escorting has Sergeant-at-Arms, Distinguished Guest	d. This custom is not in the
Chairman, Distinguished Guest, and Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms.	·
	nally: 3a-arrive on time: 3b-agenda, paper and pen: 3c-personal conversations: 3d-Chair: 3e-keep

to the subject; 4a-written; 4b-date, time and location; 5a-single line; 5b-left, right; 6a-guests of honor; 6b-lowest, 7a-to the right, 7b-right, 7c-customary, 7d-according to rank; 8a-unique; 8b-custom; 8c-in session; 8d-United States Flag Code

# SWEEPSTAKES WINNERS JANUARY 2016



1	500.00	Rita Antoniewicz S	South Milwaukee
2	15.00	Joyce Clampitt	Mount Horeb
3	25.00	Carol Yttri	Cross Plains
4	15.00	Jean Mockus	Green Lake
5	15.00	Luann Steffen	New Holstein
6	15.00	Carol Zuleger	Horicon
7	15.00	Diana Thompson	Waupaca
8	15.00	Alex Kelly	Plymouth
9	15.00	Judy Crooks	Monticello
10	25.00	Louise Huffman	Richland Center
11	15.00	Laverne Nowak	Milwaukee
12	15.00	Bernadine Grundy	Minocqua
13	15.00	Connie Kohls	Lowell
14	15.00	Ashley Onsager	Franklin
15	15.00	Angela Haberman	n Cedarburg
16	15.00	Marion Trieloff	De Forest
17	25.00	Ruth Wollenschlag	jer Waukesha
18	15.00	Joan Raisleger	Kewaunee
19	15.00	Patty Blumer	Verona
20	15.00	Betty Wolf	Brillion
21	15.00	Carol Endres	Cottage Grove
22	15.00	David Lindsten	Oconto
23	15.00	Daniel Jakubowski	i Milwaukee
24	25.00	Barbara Watters	Germantown
25	15.00	Sue Lucken	St. Croix Falls
26	15.00	Wendy Porterfield	Mequon
27	15.00	Kay Tutor	Mason
28	15.00	Jessica Strand	Madison
29	15.00	Marcella Fry	St. Johns AZ
30	15.00	Ellen Cerney	Merrill
31	25.00	Arlene Schmitz	Roberts

## 2016 DISTRICT SPRING CONFERENCES

<u>Dist</u>	<u>Date</u>	Location	Registration Time/Fee	<u>Luncheon</u> <u>Cost</u>	Make check Payable to:	Send check to:	Contact Person	Dead- line
#1	4/23/16	Delavan AL Post 95 111 2 <sup>nd</sup> Street Delavan WI 53115	9:00 am Fee: \$15	Included in Fee	ALA Unit 95	Connie Lindloff 405 Creekside Place Delavan WI 53115	Connie Lindloff 262-215-7074 lindloffs@hotmail.com	4/2/16
#2	4/30/16	Cedar Ridge Grand Hall 113 Cedar Ridge Drive West Bend WI 53095	8:00 am – 9:00 am Fee: \$2.00	\$15.00	ALA Washington County	Mary Montag 726 Jean Court Allenton WI 53002	Mary Montag 262-355-6467 thumpermon50@gmail.com	4/16/16
#3	4/23/16	Waunakee AL Post 360 417 E Main Street Waunakee WI 53597	8:00 – 8:45 am Fee: \$3.00	\$8.00	ALA Unit 360	Carol Endres 424 Nightingale Lane Cottage Grove WI 53527	Joyce Endres 608-221-1763 ljendres@charter.net	4/15/16
#4	5/7/16	Ascension Lutheran Church 1236 S 27 <sup>th</sup> Street Milwaukee WI 53215	9:30 am Fee: \$2.00	\$15.00	ALA District 4	Sue Hembrook 24215 60 <sup>th</sup> Street Salem WI 53186	Sue Middlestead 414-545-2727	4/23/16
#5								
#6	4/16/16	Waupun AL Post 210 130 N State St Waupun WI 54963	8:00 -8:45 am Fee: \$1.00	\$9.00	ALA Unit 210	Judy Lyon 200 Pleasant Avenue Waupun WI 54963	Nancy Helms 920-231-5310 nhelms420@att.net	4/9/16
#7	3/19/16	Sparta AL Post 100 116 Angelo Road Sparta WI 54656	8:00 – 9:00 am Fee: \$2.00	\$8.00	ALA Unit 100	Kathy Rowan 11691 County Hwy Q Sparta WI 54656	Kathy Rowan 608-633-2372	3/14/16
#8	4/23/16	Clintonville AL Post 63 20 Memorial Circle Clintonville WI 54929	8:15 am Fee: \$16.00	Included in Fee	ALA Unit 63	ALA Unit 63 c/o Nancy Fields N11012 Quarterline Rd Marion WI 54950	Sarah Stiff 715-340-5188 drsarahstiff@gmail.com	4/5/16
#9	4/23/16	Jack LaMar Community Pavilion N11291 Dorr Street Elcho WI 54428	8:00 am Fee: \$1.00	\$11.00	Marie Schuh	Marie Schuh PO Box 265 Elcho, WI 54428	Marie Schuh 715-275-3882 shoe@plbb.us	4/16/16
#10	4/23/16	United Methodist Church 300 Stout Street Chetek WI 54728	9:00 am Fee: \$2.00	\$8.00	ALA Unit 179	Lou Ann Novak 902 Knapp Street Chetek WI 54728	Lou Ann Novak 715-764-1033	4/2/16
#11	4/23/16	Camp American Legion 8529 County Rd D Lake Tomahawk WI 54539	Fee: \$12.00	Included in Fee	ALA District 11	Claudia Osero 400 N 7 <sup>th</sup> Street Tomahawk WI 54487	Linda Kostka 715-209-8135 lkostka@ymail.com	can arrive on day
#12	5/21/16	Bruce AL Post 268 834 N Main Bruce WI 54819						

#### **VIVA THANKS YOU!**

The American Legion Auxiliary recently contributed money to support the Visually Impaired Veterans Activities (VIVA) at Zablocki VA Medical Center. This contribution was made possible through the generous donations received from our units and members across Wisconsin, so this thank you is for you!

To The Women's Auxiliary of the Wisconsin American Legion, I want to personally thank your organization for its continuing support of the Visually Impaired Veterans Activities group. Your last donation [was] used to offset the cost of the functions and activities of not only our group but for all low vision veterans. We purchased Bingo cards with extra-large print and distributed them to the Vets Club and the 9th floor residence wards.

Again thank you for your support,

Robert Ivy, Chairperson VIVA - Visually Impaired Veterans Activities

## 100 Percent Unit Awards

Congratulations!!! The following units achieved or exceeded their 2016 membership goal by December 31, 2016. Therefore, they will be receiving \$100 directly from the national organization in recognition of this accomplishment.

Unit 316 – Sheldon (129.41%)

Unit 383 – Lone Rock (127.45%)

Unit 312 – Peshtigo (114.29%)

Unit 236 – Algoma (111.76%)

Unit 510 – Hollandale (107.89%)

Unit 19 – Hartford (104.35%)

Unit 352 – Cassville (100%) Unit 142 – Blanchardville (100%)

Unit 331 – Milwaukee (100%)

Unit 65 – Rome (100%)

Unit 218 – Hayward (100%)

Thank you and keep up the great work!

# Happy Presidents Day 02.15.16

# District Penny War Fundraiser

For Diane Duscheck 2017 American Legion Auxiliary National President

## **Got some spare change?**

#### ALL members are invited to:



• Bring nickels, dimes, quarters and dollars to the 2016 Department Convention to sabotage other District's penny donations.

#### **Penny War Rules:**

- Each penny collected is worth one (1) point to your district.
- Any money OTHER than pennies SUBTRACTS points from that district. Example: 300 pennies, 5 nickels, 2 dimes, 3 quarters and \$1 bill equals 80 points (300 minus 25-20-75-100 = 80 points). The district with the most POINTS wins. Winners are not determined by the value of the money collected.
- Each of the 12 Districts is encouraged to participate. Participating Districts will have a large clear container to collect money at their 2016 District Spring Conference.
- Participating District Presidents will bring their District's container to the 2016 Department Convention.
- The entire American Legion Family will be encouraged to participate in the Team Duscheck Penny War fundraiser at convention.

# The object of a penny war is to sabotage districts with spare change. The winning District will be announced at Convention!

District Containers will be collected at noon on Saturday and points will be calculated. The District with the most points (not money) is the WINNER!

# The winning District will receive a trophy, BRAGGING RIGHTS and be featured in the Wisconsin!

All money collected will be donated to Team Duscheck to support Diane Duscheck as the 2017 American Legion Auxiliary National President.