

# For June/July Meeting 2024

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### American Legion Auxiliary Mission Statement:

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The Monthly Unit Mailing is posted on the Wisconsin Department website under the Unit Mailing link. <u>www.amlegionauxwi.org</u>



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# Department President Maggie Geiger



### Department of Wisconsin • American Legion Auxiliary



# **QUESTION CORNER**

**Q.** How many volunteer hours were reported by members?

A. 219,961

**Q.** How many poppies were made? A. 279,792

**Q.** How much money was raised?

A. \$381, 127

"You can have anything you want if you want it badly enough. You can be anything you want to be, do anything you set out to accomplish if you hold to that desire with singleness of purpose." – Abraham Lincoln We all understand the need to be kind to one another, get along with one another, our ideas are not the only ones out there, and we need to stop saying "We've always done it that way"!

Covid is long gone, it's no longer an excuse not to work the ALA programs. Saying I'm too old to become involved is only an excuse, we have a member who decided it was time to step back and mentor someone to take her place, she is 102 years young! There are so many ways to be involved in your unit. It's what is in your heart, **Why** did you join our organization, **Who** are you honoring?

Be willing to step into leadership roles, start with a position such as unit officer or committee chair, attend ALA in the Know, ask questions, find a mentor, we are waiting and willing to help, just ask! Many of us have stepped outside our comfort zones, and have been surprised at what we've been able to accomplish together!

Visiting our VA facilities throughout the state, seeing the amount of support units give these facilities, through financial or in-kind donations, would make you all feel a sense of pride in your unit.

The Reps and Deps at each of the facilities are so important, they represent us the ALA, when they find a need they put the request out there and the need is met. That's Who we are, we meet the needs of our Veterans, Military, their Families, and the Youth in Our Communities!

Reading through units' year- end reports has been inspiring, no matter the size of your unit, how many hands helped at an event, you get it, you understand WHO WE ARE, WHAT WE DO, and WHY WE DO IT, we work the MISSION of the ALA, why? To "ENHANCE THE LIVES OF OUR VETERANS, MILITARY AND THEIR FAMILIES, ONE DAY AT A TIME".

Department Convention is coming, please come for the day, hear the reports given from the floor, help celebrate the wonderful things members do, get some new ideas for your unit, make new friends, enjoy yourselves!

During this amazing year, I have visited Units, Counties and Districts, meeting new and old friends. No matter where I traveled, I have been treated so special, your hospitality, warm welcomes, smiles and laughter will be in my heart forever!

Just saying Thank You does not express how grateful I am for all the support I have received and the honor it has been to be your ALA Department of WI President for the 2023-2024 membership year, Thank you!



## DEPARTMENT OF WISCONSIN 103<sup>rd</sup> ANNUAL DEPARTMENT CONVENTION

July 11-14, 2024 Hilton Paper Valley Hotel 333 W College Avenue, Appleton Wisconsin



The following ALA Department Convention forms can be accessed from the ALA Department website: <u>www.amlegionauxwi.org</u> under the **Department Convention tab**.

- Department President's Award of Excellence Nomination form
- Official Call to Convention
- Constitution Article VII & Standing Rules
- Instructions for Resolution form
- Resolution form blank
- Convention Details & Hotel Information
- Registration form
- Official Program Schedule
- Nomination of National Department Officers
- Voting Procedure
- Proposed Rules & Order of Business
- Honored Past Department President bio
- Fundraiser flyer

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# GREETINGS FROM DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS

American Legion Auxiliary, Department of Wisconsin Executive Secretary-Treasurer, Bonnie Dorniak www.amlegionauxwi.org ~ deptsec@amlegionauxwi.org ~ 608-745-0124

#### **DEPARTMENT CONVENTION – IMPORTANT INFO!**

The 2024 ALA Department Convention will be held at the Hilton Paper Valley in Appleton from July 11-14, 2024. Convention details were provided in the April bi-monthly unit mailing and are posted on the ALA Department website (www.amlegionauxwi.org).

- Delegate/Alternate Forms for Department Convention will be mailed to all units 30 days prior to convention (June 12, 2024). This form must be completed and returned immediately to ensure each unit is properly represented at convention. No unit is entitled to representation unless it has at least ten members and has paid its district dues.
- Proposed changes to Department Bylaws and Standing Rules to be approved at convention will also be included in the June 12<sup>th</sup> mailing.

#### **2025 MEMBERSHIP CARDS/ROSTERS**

2025 membership cards and rosters will be mailed to units in mid-July based on information on record as of April 1<sup>st</sup>. Any changes made since then (i.e., names, addresses, new members, deceased members, etc.) will not be reflected on the cards or rosters.

#### ALA IN THE KNOW CONFERENCES

Three ALA in the Know Conferences are scheduled for this fall:

- September 14, 2024 at Legion Post #98 in Cumberland
- September 28, 2024 at St John's Lutheran Church, Gillett
- October 5, 2024 at Legion Post #288 in Cedarburg.

Registrations are due August 1, 2024. A registration form is included in this unit mailing.



#### **POPPY PROFIT REPORTS**

All ALA Units and Legion Posts are reminded to send their 20% poppy profits to Auxiliary Headquarters as soon as possible following poppy distribution. The Poppy Profit Report form is available on the department website under the Forms tab.

Poppy proceeds must be used for the welfare of veterans, active military personnel, and their immediate families *where financial or medical need is evident*. For suggested projects that may be supported by the Poppy Fund, please refer to the current Poppy Funds Suggested Donation sheet or the Poppy Fund Fact Sheet.

Thank you to everyone who ordered poppies by December 15, 2023. Poppy production will resume slowly this summer, but orders are currently being accepted and will be filled as poppies are available. Please note that in order to manage production and process orders in a timely manner, order forms must be received by December 15, 2024.

Orders received after December 15, 2024 will be charged an additional processing fee. See the Poppy Order Form in this unit mailing for details.



**2024 NATIONAL CONVENTION:** National convention is in New Orleans, Louisiana. ALA general sessions are August 26-28, 2024. Anyone interested in attending should contact Bonnie Dorniak (<u>deptsec@amlegionauxwi.org</u>) to request a convention packet when available.



# ALA IN THE KNOW (Important Info for Every Member) 2024 REGISTRATION FORM

#### DEPARTMENT OF WISCONSIN

### **DEADLINE: AUGUST 1, 2024**

(Please submit one form per person)

*Members are encouraged to register early---space is limited!* Registrations are accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. Registrations received after capacity is reached, will be returned. No reservations will be accepted on site. <u>Reservation deadline for all sessions is AUGUST 1<sup>st</sup></u>.

**Session is \$25/person** and includes morning refreshments, a light lunch, and program materials. Sessions will include information on a variety of topics and Auxiliary programs. New topics will be covered, so come out and join the fun!

#### Schedule for all conferences:

8:00 am – 9:00 am	Registration/Morning Refreshments
9:00 am – 3:30 pm	Informative presentation, lunch break, interactive program session, Q&A

#### Reservation deadline for ALL sessions: August 1, 2024

Please print clea	arly:			
District #:	Unit #:	Unit C	ity:	
First Name:			Last Name:	
Email:			Phone: 🗌 home 🗌 cell:(	)
Select One:				
		DATE	LOCATION	
			American Legion Post #98 1225 Veterans St, Cumberland, WI 54829	_
			St. John's Lutheran Church 101 W. Main St., Gillett, WI 54124	_
			American Legion Post #288 W57 N481 Hilbert Ave., Cedarburg, WI 53012	-
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TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED (\$25/person): \$\_\_\_\_\_

Mail check, payable to ALA-Wisconsin, **by August 1<sup>st</sup>** to: ALA Wisconsin, P. O. Box 140, Portage, WI 53901-0140.

A \$25.00 fee will be charged for any check returned by the bank.

Please share one (1) question you would like addressed during the session:



# **DEPARTMENT OF WISCONSIN**

PO Box 140 - Portage WI 53901 608-745-0124 • bookkeeping@amlegionauxwi.org

Unit CITY location

Date

Unit #

POPPY PROFIT REPORT Due in our office after your poppy distribution

The American Legion Auxiliary poppies are hand-made by veterans through the Poppy Shop. The activity provides therapy as well as extra spending money for the workers. The American Legion Posts and Auxiliary Units purchase the poppies for distribution to the public. The donations received from the poppies should be kept in a separate fund and used only for the needs of veterans, active-duty military, and their families, where financial and medical need is evident.

The Department Redbook states - "Department Convention action in 1928 mandated that 20% of Poppy Profits be sent to American Legion Auxiliary Department Headquarters for use in Department Veteran Rehabilitation and Children & Youth Programs (10% to each program)." Its further stated under the Department Standing Rules, "Twenty percent (20%) of the net poppy profits of each Unit or Post be sent to Department Headquarters for the Department Children & Youth and Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation Funds."

The split is done automatically when your profit is sent in.

#### POPPIES WILL NOT BE SENT IF THE POPPY PROFIT REPORT IS NOT RECEIVED



# Return this form whether you had a profit or not

- 1 Poppy Receipts......\$
- 2 -Minus cost of most recently purchased poppies..... ( )
- 3 Poppy Profit (subtract line 2 from line 1).....\$
- 4 Total remittance encl (multiply line 3 x .20).....\$

#### MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO: ALA-Wisconsin A \$25.00 fee will be charged for any check returned by the bank

If poppies were purchased and not offered to the public, explain how the poppies were used. Please print legibly.

Signed: Phone #

Addr	ess:



# **COMMUNITY SERVICE** Sandy Mack, Department Chairman

smack0555@gmail.com or 262-388-9816

Flag Day is celebrated on June 14<sup>th</sup>, in the United States. It commemorates the adoption of the flag of the United States on June 14, 1777, by resolution of the Second Continental Congress. On July 4, 1776, the Second Continental Congress unanimously adopted the Declaration of Independence. The fourth of July became a federal holiday in 1870.

Now is a great time to plan a community picnic, bringing in all ages for fun, food, and music, working together as a Legion Family connecting with families in the community. Plan an area for children of all ages for coloring, painting, badminton, Frisbee, and whatever other ideas you may have to promote a positive atmosphere in the community.

Here are some other opportunities to volunteer in your community:

Local library Hospitals or Medical Centers Animal Shelters Local Park Clean-up Habitat for Humanity Best Buddies Community Arts Center School District Food Banks American Red Cross Crossing Guard Meals on Wheels

The list goes on.

Giving back is the key to building, connecting, sustainable and healthy communities. Not only is giving back good for our society, but it is also good for our soul.

Please call or e-mail me with any questions. If you have any pictures showing your unit providing Community Service, I would appreciate you sending me a copy.

"Together We Can Make a Difference" For God and Country



#### DEPARTMENT OF WISCONSIN PO Box 140, Portage WI 53901 bookkeeping@amlegionauxwi.org + 608~745~0124

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PLEASE NOTE

# Small Poppy Order Form – Due December 15, 2024

ALL ORDERS received after December 15, 2024, will be charged a processing fee whether it's your 1<sup>st</sup> order or an additional order, so plan ahead. This form is for Wisconsin orders only – if out-of-state, please call our office.

Unit City Location\_\_\_\_\_Unit/Post #\_\_\_\_

Date\_\_\_

These poppies are handmade by Wisconsin Veterans.
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Poppy Prices and Postage Chart on reverse side

Quantity	Cost
Small	\$
Postage (see reverse side)	\$
After Dec 15th 25-1000 small add \$25.00	\$
1001 + add \$50.00	\$
TOTAL remittance	\$

Please check your order immediately upon arrival to verify you received the correct amount.

Adjustments will only be made within 2 weeks of delivery.

Please ensure you paid your 20% poppy profit from the previous year. This order will be delayed until your profit report is received.

Make check payable to: ALA WI (Checks cannot be accepted 90 days beyond date of check) Department will implement a \$25 administrative fee for checks returned by the bank.

In purchasing this item, you acknowledge that 100% of the proceeds of Poppy distributions will go toward the welfare of veterans, active military personnel, and their families where financial or medical need is evident.

Poppies will not be shipped during the month of December. Poppy orders will be shipped in order of receipt allowing up to six weeks for processing.

What month are your poppies needed?

Send to	
Street Address	
City/State/Zip	Phone#( )
Print your email address clearly	
	OVER

**PLEASE NOTE** – Receipts are done on a weekly basis. To be sure we received your order, check your bank statement to make sure the check has been cashed. If it wasn't cashed, we did not receive your order.

### REMINDER

ALL ORDERS received after December 15, 2024 will be charged a processing fee whether it's your 1<sup>st</sup> order or an additional order, so plan ahead. 25-1000 poppies = \$25.00 processing fee 1001 + poppies = \$50.00 processing fee

# Small Poppies

Small poppies are sold in bundles of 25

100 - \$25.00	800 - \$200.00
200 - \$50.00	900 - \$225.00
300 - \$75.00	1000 - \$250.00
400 - \$100.00	1500 - \$375.00
500 - \$125.00	2000 - \$500.00
600 - \$150.00	2500 - \$625.00
700 - \$175.00	3000 - \$750.00

### Postage

1 ~ 500	\$12.00
501 ~ 1000	\$13.00
1001 ~ 2500	\$15.00
2501 ~ 5000	\$20.00
5001 ~ 9999	\$32.00

10,000 + ~ Call Department for Price



If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Sue Hembrook, Poppy Shop Supervisor at 262-945-9791 (Cell)



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LARGE Poppy Order Form

Deadline – December 15, 2024 – Late orders will not be accepted.

Unit City Location\_\_\_\_\_ Unit #\_\_\_\_\_

Date\_\_\_\_\_

After December 15<sup>th</sup> we will order poppy kits from Emblem Sales based on the number of large poppies needed by our Units.

After large poppies have been made and are ready for shipping, we will contact you with the cost for postage. After we receive your postage payment, poppies will be shipped.

Every effort will be made to ship large poppy orders by April 15<sup>th</sup>.

Quantity

Cost

Large\_\_\_\_\_

Make check payable to: ALA WI Checks cannot be accepted 90 days beyond date of check Dept will implement a \$25 administrative fee for checks returned by the bank

Large poppies are \$1.65 each				
10 ~ \$16.50	60 ~ \$ 99.00			
20 ~ \$33.00	70 ~ \$115.50			
30 ~ \$49.50	80 ~ \$132.00			
40 ~ \$66.00	90 ~ \$148.50			
50 ~ \$82.50	100 ~ \$165.00			

In purchasing this item, you acknowledge that 100% of the proceeds of Poppy distributions will go toward the welfare of veterans, active military personnel, and their families where financial or medical need is evident.

Send to		
PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY		
Street Address		
City/State/Zip	Phone# ( )	
Print your email address clearly		

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Sue Hembrook, Poppy Shop Supervisor at 262~945~9791 (Cell)

Please ensure you paid your 20% poppy profit from the previous year. This order will be delayed until your profit report is received.



# LEGISLATIVE

The Legislative program provides information and assistance to American Legion Auxiliary members to advocate for the legislative agenda of The American Legion.

# Looking for ideas?

ALA Committee Facebook Groups are spaces on the social media network for ALA members to discuss or share about broad or narrow topics related to each committee. Groups provide an arena for organic discussion about your local programs or services and present the opportunity to cultivate brand awareness.

This group is for anyone interested in The American Legion Legislative position on issues affecting our veterans, our military, and their families. It serves as an informational group that will also allow personal, non – partisan, comments that are supportive to issues and members of the group. It may include legislative bulletins on the department, division, or national level. It will include urgent action requests if a need is indicated by the American Legion.

https://www.facebook.com/groups/ALALegislative

Contact Legislative Committee: Legislative@ALAforVeterans.org



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# ZABLOCKI VA MEDICAL CENTER

The Milwaukee VA will be hosting a baby shower for women veterans who are expecting or new moms. The items for this wonderful event are to honor our moms. Not only will they be given resources, but our hope is to also give them and their new baby(s) gifts. Zablocki's goal is to have two baby showers per year, one in the spring and one in the fall. Donations will be used to purchase requested items for each shower.

Unit <u>CITY</u> location:	<u> </u>	Unit #
Date		Dist #
Donation Amount: \$	(4404-Zablocki Baby Shower)	8
Mail your aboals novable t	o "AIA" and mail this nartier	af the form to

Mail your check payable to "ALA" and mail this portion of the form to: ALA Wisconsin PO Box 140, Portage WI 53901-0140

A \$25.00 fee will be charged for any check returned by the bank







### **MEMBERSHIP**

We are coming to the end of our membership year. Please keep working at recruiting and retaining members. This is a job that no matter when our numbers "reset", we must work at constantly.

When you are engaged in your communities this summer, please have membership materials available. Brand, Brand, Brand is the key to start conversations with those unfamiliar with what we stand for and support. Summer holidays, Memorial Day and 4<sup>th</sup> of July are Patriotic Holidays, be visible and spread the word. Patriotism can and should be contagious. You the member are the best advertisement we have.

Everyone has really worked hard this past year, we have recruited over 621 new members, however that is slightly lower than last year. At the time of this article, 54 Units are at 100% or more. We are approximately 800 members behind where we stood last year. The race is nearing the finish, but knowing our members, we are not out of it. We will get our second wind and mush forward to do our best to win this race. It has been an enlightening year sharing in all your triumphs and stumbling blocks. This Department is strong and has determination and very dedicated members.

Department Convention will be held, July 11-14, 2024, in Appleton, Wisconsin. Delegate forms will be mailed to Units 30 days prior to Convention. Delegate counts and seating at convention are determined by the number of current year's paid members as of June 11<sup>th</sup> but keep memberships coming in on a timely basis. This Convention promises to be a fun and educational event.

Department Convention is a time to meet fellow members and renew acquaintances. It is more than a recap of the past year and the beginning of new leadership. It is a time to celebrate what has been accomplished and plan for the upcoming year as well as listen to what successes other units achieved, and also what has not worked quite so well. Please plan to attend and share in this wonderful experience.

It has been a pleasure for us, the Membership Committee, to serve you this past year. Next year brings new leadership to this committee and many other committees in our Department. We will be experiencing new ideas and we will continue to work our programs as best as we can. You the members are always willing to put your best foot forward to support our organization. Your commitment to our veterans, active-duty military and their families, and our children show immensely. Be proud of all your accomplishments and know Department leadership is proud of your achievements.

Thank you for supporting this committee!

The Membership Committee:

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Becky Mueller	clarenceandbecky@aol.com	920-464-0320
Amy Luft	<u>amyjluft@gmail.com</u>	414-651-7300





# **DEPARTMENT OF WISCONSIN**

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The American Legion Auxiliary Department of Wisconsin Bi-Monthly Unit Mailing is available for download from the Department website.

If you would like to stop receiving a paper copy of the Department of Wisconsin Auxiliary Unit Mailing and access it electronically, either email (at the address listed above) or complete the form below and return it to Department Headquarters.

> ALA – Dept. of Wisconsin Attn: Carrie Thrasher P.O. Box 140 Portage, WI 53901

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<b>Bi-Monthly Unit Mailing – Paper copy removal form:</b>				
District #:	Unit #:			
Name:				
Address:				
City:		State:	Zip	



# WISCONSIN STATE BOWLING ASSOCIATION

Jenni Syftestad, Chairman/Tournament Manager <a href="https://www.syftes@chorus.net">syftes@chorus.net</a>

It was once again a great two weekends for our 9-Pin bowling tournament. We hope every bowler had a great time and enjoyed their travels to Medford.

The competition between the President and Secretary's teams was won by the President's team. This competition has always been fun! Final results: President's team had 1984 total pins and the Secretary's team had 1813 total pins.

#### 2024 9-PIN TAP BOWLING TOURNAMENT RESULTS

(top 3 places in each category)

#### Team:

1<sup>st</sup> Place – (2457) Bonduel Gals 3, Unit 217 Bonduel 2<sup>nd</sup> Place – (2423) Betty's Foxy Bowlers, Unit 437 Mazomanie

3<sup>rd</sup> Place – (2359) The Wild Ones, Unit 118 Thorp

#### **Doubles**:

1<sup>st</sup> Place – (1303) Judy Crooks/Anna Miller, Unit 84 Monroe

2<sup>nd</sup> Place – (1255) Shannon Churchill/Stacey Zier, Unit 385 Verona

3<sup>rd</sup> Place – (1195) Mary Sawle/Stacey Sutcliffe, Unit 437 Mazomanie

#### Singles:

1<sup>st</sup> Place – (720) Jenni Syftestad, Unit 385 Verona

2<sup>nd</sup> Place – (706) Shannon Churchill, Unit 385 Verona

3<sup>rd</sup> Place – (673) Bonnie Field, Unit 84 Monroe

#### All Events:

1<sup>st</sup> Place – (1971) Kay Grosskopf, Unit 391 Fremont

2<sup>nd</sup> Place – (1946) Rosemary Tellock, Unit 391 Fremont

3<sup>rd</sup> Place – (1944) Shannon Churchill, Unit 385 Verona

Our next tournament will be in Fitchburg-Verona, April 12 & 13, 2025. We hope to see you there!

To consider hosting a bowling tournament, we request 16 lanes and a list of motels in the area. Please contract Chairman Jenni Syftestad for details.



## Education

Diane Weggen, Department Chairman <u>dsweggen@gmail.com</u> + 715-644-2668

Department of Wisconsin American Legion Auxiliary (ALA) units and members throughout the state demonstrated a firm belief in the ALA mission to educate citizens and mentor youth through the **Education** Program.

Twenty-three units gave examples of how they and/or their members incorporated "Give 10 to Education" into their activities serving students and teachers. To share a few: Unit 534 participated in "Stuff the Bus"; Unit 53 gave five boxes of school-requested items; Unit 125 provided classroom supplies; Unit 71 paid field trip fees and lunch accounts while Unit 12 sponsored a school supply drive. Needy students and military children received backpacks filled with school supplies, gift cards for groceries, as well as, receiving benefits from Snack Bag, Hungry Kids and School Closet programs.

Units reported recognizing and thanking all who work in their local school systems during *American Education Week* and *Teacher Appreciation Week*. Cards, treats, chocolates and apples were given to individuals while receptions and dinners for the entire staff were hosted. Thank-you messages were printed in daily bulletins; Unit 6 provided thanks through Facebook. Unit 118 worked with the PTO to recognize public and parochial school staffs. Unit 401 provided apples for the entire staff and going into classrooms and having students thank their teachers while handing them an apple.

"Veterans in Community Schools" promotes interaction between students and veterans. Thirteen units reported 255 veterans speaking to and interacting with students in classrooms and at assemblies in their schools.

Awarding Scholarships demonstrates ALA's firm belief in the importance of youth furthering their education. Seven "Spirit of Youth" and forty-three "Children of Warriors" national scholarship applications from WI were judged. Two of Wisconsin's nominees for national scholarships won a total of \$3,000. Department of Wisconsin awarded twenty-one scholarships for \$21,000 of the thirty-six applicants who met eligibility requirements. With only 43% reporting, WI units awarded \$88,700 in scholarships to 223 students in 2023.

Other education activities found members in classrooms being "grandparents", participating in *Read Across America*, listening to students read and tutoring or donating books and helping with the children's program at a local library. The ALA Education program "Enhances the lives of Veterans, Military, their Families" and their communities every single day.



# **2024** Americanism Essay Winners

Essay Title: "What does Freedom mean to you?"

#### Class I - Grades 3 & 4

- 1. Shubhreet Kaur
- 2. Emily Jing
- 3. Kenneth Buck
- 4. Landon Myers
- 5. Kaitlyn Johnson

#### Class II - Grades 5 & 6

- 1. Jack Egan
- 2. Stella Schluneger
- 3. Laylana Bakke
- 4. Austin Seifert
- 5. Presley Beranek

#### Class III – Grades 7 & 8

- 1. Laila Smith
- 2. Sonya Nikolai
- 3. Arabella Flegner
- 4. Nolen Luzinski
- 5. Lydia Van Gelderen

#### Class IV - Grades 9 & 10

- 1. Lizzie Henn
- 2. Eric Moser
- 3. Emma Sutton
- 4. Caleb Van Gelderen
- 5. Anna Schloer

#### Class V – Grades 11 & 12

- 1. John Guarnero, Jr
- 2. Mia McCartney
- 3. Yoselin Gea
- 4. Charity Shoultz
- 5. Jacob Ciolkosz

#### Class VI -

1. Josie Perez

#### Unit City & Number

- King #161 Menomonee Falls #382 Wauzeka #458 Richland Center #13 Port Washington #82
- Port Washington #82 Thorp #118 Plum City #365 Butternut #272 Richland Center #13
- Plum City #365 Port Washington #82 King #161 Thorp #118 Menomonee Falls #382
- Plum City #365 Pewaukee #71 Siren #132 Menomonee Falls #382 Butternut #272
- Jackson #486 New London #263 Plum City #365 Menomonee Falls #382 Thorp #118



# **Department of Wisconsin 2024 Scholarship Winners**

### H. S. & Angeline Lewis - (1) - \$1,000.00 - Graduate Student

No qualified applicant

#### H. S. & Angeline Lewis - (5) - \$1,000.00

Brooklyn Danke, Greenville Ava Toufar, Eleva Payton Skortz, Hatley Eleanor Zgonc, Brookfield Christopher Cullen, Kewaunee

#### Merit & Memorial – (8) - \$1,000.00

Adalin Macauley Adia Hardt, Chippewa Falls Eleanor Smith

Aleece Jandrain, Luxemburg

# **Pearl Behrend**

Bridget Lemanczyk, Rosholt Barbara Kranig

Jonah Slavik, Muskego

#### Jan Pulvermacher-Ryan Sadie Liebelt. Irma

**Diane Duscheck** 

Charlotte Gunby, Mt Horeb Harriet Hass

Ella Slusarski, Oshkosh

#### **Merit Scholarship** Ava Ahnen, Albany

#### Department Presidents – (3) - \$1,000.00 Sandra Brierton, Junction City Kendall Luzinski, Thorp

Raegan Davis, Luck

# Van Deuren Memorial – (1) - \$1,000.00

Colin Berger, Wautoma

### Past Presidents Parley – Maximum of (3) \$1,000.00 awards Nursing:

Pewaukee #71-1 Lydia LaPorte, Pewaukee Hannah Danielsen, Marshfield

### Health Career:

Carson Welter, Mauston Child Welfare - (1) - \$1,000.00 No qualified applicant

Unit City, Number & District

Hortonville #55-9 Eau Claire #53-10 Rosholt #509-8 Brookfield #449-1 Kewaunee #29-9

Chippewa Falls #77-10

Casco #319-9

Rosholt #509-8

Muskego #356-1

Ettrick #354-10

Madison #501-3

Oshkosh #70-6

Avoca #335-3

Wautoma #317-8 Thorp #118-7 Balsam Lake #278-12

Hancock-Coloma #343-8

### NATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP NOMINEES

#### <u>Children of Warriors National Presidents' Scholarship – Wisconsin's Nominee</u> Katelyn Eilbes, Brownsville

<u>Non-Traditional Student Scholarship – Wisconsin's Nominee</u> Leslie Kronstadt, Wisconsin Rapids

<u>Spirit of Youth for Junior Members Scholarship – Wisconsin's Nominee</u> Molly Janke, Ellsworth

Junior Member Loyalty Scholarship – Wisconsin's Nominee No applicant



## **SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS**

#### Badger Girls State Scholarship – (6) - \$500.00

Addison Bauknecht, Two Rivers Alyssa Durrant, Waupaca Jennifer Espinoza-Quiroz, Athens Katie Kim, Middleton Jade Levendoski, Westby Josie Meister, Darlington

#### Eileen Knox Memorial Scholarship - (1) - \$500.00

Kate Fechner, La Crosse

#### Harry & Shirley Kuehl Foundation Scholarship – (1) - \$500.00

Alivya Young, Richland Center





# **DATES & DEADLINES**

Last updated 6/4/2024 (subject to change)

2024				
June 16–21, 2024	ALA Badger Girls State	UW–Oshkosh		
July 10–14, 2024	Legion Family Department Convention	Appleton, WI		
Aug 23–29, 2024	Legion Family National Convention	New Orleans, LA		
Sept 14, 2024	7th District Fall Conference	American Legion Post 100, Sparta, WI		
Sept 14, 2024	ALA in the Know Conference	American Legion Post #98, Cumberland, WI		
Sept 28, 2024	ALA in the Know Conference	St. John's Lutheran Church, Gillett, WI		
Oct 5, 2024	ALA in the Know Conference	American Legion Post #288, Cedarburg, WI		
FUTURE EVENTS				
Apr 12 & 13, 2025	WALASBA Tournament	Fitchburg-Verona, WI		
Apr 26, 2025	2 <sup>nd</sup> District Spring Conference	TBD (Dodge County)		
July 2025	Legion Family Department Convention	Green Bay, WI		
Aug 2025	Legion Family National Convention	Tampa Bay, FL		
July 2026	Legion Family Department Convention	Appleton, WI		
Aug 2026	Legion Family National Convention	Louisville, KY		

# **Red Book Corrections**

- Pg. 6 Add Sandra Kaebisch as Bowling Committee member
- Pg. 8 Replace Donna Maly with Sandra Mack as 2<sup>nd</sup> District Membership Chairman
- Pg. 7 Add Karen Runk as National Security Chairman
- Pg. 10 Add Kris Klages as Eau Claire County President 715-271-0311 / kbk060709@gmail.com
- Pg. 10 Replace Patricia Randant with Mary Lannbrecht as Calumet County President.
- Pg. 10 Replace Susan Middlestead with Donna Jensen as Milwaukee County President
- Pg. 10 Add Helen Patenaude as Oconto County President
- Pg. 16 Update Sandra Hinkle's address 245 N. Brooke Street, FDL WI 54935
- Pg. 17 Updated Mary Petrie's ph # 920-285-3223
- Pg. 17 Update Susan Middlestead's email address middlesteadsusan@gmail.com
- Pg. 17 Update Claudia Osero's address 127 S 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, Tomahawk WI 54487
- Pg. 17 Update Mary Krutz's address 8436 Wildwood Court, Waterford WI 53185
- Pg. 18 Update Dany Thompson's address 2560 New Town Drive Apt 120, Sun Prairie WI 53590
- \*Pg. 18 Update Linda Tryczyk's email address: tryczak.l@gmail.com
- Pg. 43 Remove line #9