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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



BONNIE JAKUBCZYK
Department
President

It's hard to believe it is May, guess time does fly when you are having fun and smiling. You know it is spring when it is time for bowling. The annual American Legion Auxiliary (ALA) Bowling Tournament was held in Platteville. The Secretary's team, "Dorniak's Dangerous Dames," took on the President's team, "The Jakubczyk Jumping Jackrabbits." In the spirit of service not self, the President's team made the Secretary's team work for the series win. The Presidents team were truly good-will ambassadors.

May is when our main poppy distributions take place. It is a great American Legion Family

event, so remember to get all the members to help. During your distributions, be prepared to answer questions about the Poppy Program, the history, and where the funds will be used. The Poppy is the red memorial flower of the ALA and funds received can be used for the rehabilitation of veterans, active duty military receiving treatment in a VA hospital and the welfare of veterans, active military personnel and their families where financial and medical need is required. There is valuable information on our website and any questions may be directed to Poppy Chairman Maggie Geiger. Hope everyone has a great time distributing poppies and remember to SMILE!

Promoting who we are, what we do and why we matter, strengthens our brand and makes us appealing to potential members.

Promoting our common goal of helping veterans, service members and their families is all part of Public Relations. Check out the Public Relations information on our website at (www.amlegionauxwi.org). If you have any questions, please contact Department Chairman Amy Luft. Speaking of public relations, our department chairman has planned a spot on the Morning Blend TV show in Milwaukee on May 25th, which is National Poppy Day. We plan to share who and what the Auxiliary is, with our focus on the Poppy program. We are hoping to have a poppy maker demonstrate how the poppy is made.

SMILE and SILENCE are two powerful tools. Smile is the way to solve many problems and Silence is the way to avoid many problems.



SUPPORT MEMBER INVOLVEMENT LET'S ENCOURAGE

MEMBERSHIP

Mary Krutz Team Member

Do you have the "I don't know if it's worth it" syndrome? Are you getting discouraged as members grumble about the cost of their membership? Take heart, even the founders of The American Legion understood the need for the Auxiliary.

In 1919, when the group of 20 officers who served in the American Expeditionary Forces during World War I formed The American Legion, there were many existing auxiliaries that wanted to become affiliated with The American Legion. But the founding committee decided that the Legionnaires would be best served by a new organization made up of the women most closely related to the Legion members. The American Legion Auxiliary (ALA) was born in 1919 as a sister organization and the second component to the American Legion Family.

My opportunity and right to serve as a member of the ALA was granted through the military service of my loved ones. Except for our dual members, the highest cost of membership in the ALA is paid for by the military service of someone important to us. Considering that sacrifice, my yearly dues are a very small contribution to sustain the existence of the American Legion Family.

In the vernacular of the times, the Auxiliary was created to "carry forth the phases of Legion activities more suitably performed by women." (Quoted from the website alaforveterans.org/About/History/). We've come a long way baby as we stand next to our Legionnaires, working our programs, supporting the Legion, and helping our veterans, the military, and their families, as well as the communities we live in. But the ALA is more than just what we do locally through our units.

Membership extends to the department and national levels. Our dues help to sustain their existence to speak in a strong unified voice on behalf of all veterans.

As we decide if our membership is important, let's think about what would happen if we did not exist this prior year.

- There would be 3 million veterans that would not have received help.
- \$36 million dollars would not have been spent on veterans and military families.
- 9.3 million volunteer hours would not have been given to support veteran programs.
- \$2 million dollars would not have been available to benefit children and youth.
- 630,000 hours would not have been volunteered to help active-duty military.

We believe in "Service not Self" because we know our cause is meaningful, our work is

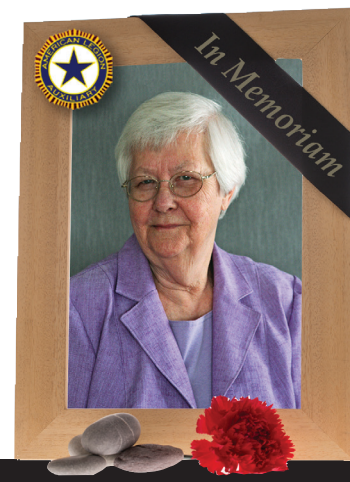
IN MEMORIAM: GAYLE JANSON

Past Department President Gayle Janson (2009-2010), passed away March 30, 2018. Throughout her many years as an American Legion Auxiliary member, she held many offices in her unit, district and the Department of Wisconsin. She was also well known in her community as an avid and caring volunteer. She spent many hours promoting the Americanism Essay Contest in the local schools and used it as a way to teach patriotism and good citizenship to the students. She also volunteered numerous hours at ALA Badger Girls State as a county counselor and taught Parliamentary Procedure classes.

Gayle will be remembered for her dedication to the American Legion Auxiliary and especially her passion for helping veterans. She held many chairmanships over the years and was a great mentor to so many. Even though she was experiencing serious health issues, she still attended state convention last year and served as Department Parliamentarian.

Gayle was dedicated to her family, her church, her community and the American Legion Auxiliary. The theme she chose for her year as Department President was "Stay on Track" and she did just that. She was devoted to what she believed in and was a woman of strength and conviction. She was the true meaning of "service not self" in all she did. Even though she is not physically here any longer, she will always be with those she mentored and taught, and especially with those who had the privilege to call her friend.

Rest in peace...



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important and our love for our Country and those who serve in the military is strong. God bless you for all you do for the American Legion Auxiliary and our veterans!

Historical information for this article was taken from www.alaforveterans.org/About/History/

DISTRICT 2



93.03%

DISTRICT 3



91.31%

DISTRICT 8



90.50%

2017-2018



APRIL
2018

DISTRICT 11



90.28%

DISTRICT 6



88.60%

DISTRICT 4



88.56%

WISCONSIN PROUD - S.M.I.L.E.

TOTAL MEMBERSHIP - 89.40%

DISTRICT 7



88.55%

DISTRICT 10



88.04%

DISTRICT 7



87.70%

DISTRICT 12



87.62%

DISTRICT 9



85.57%

DISTRICT 5



80.09%

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

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Psalm 37:3 reads, "Trust in the Lord. Be kind and good to others..."

Annie Lenox challenged us to be kind when she said, "Have you been kind today? Make kindness your daily modus operandi and change your world." Ralph Waldo Emerson said, "You cannot do a kindness too soon, for you never know how soon it will be too late." Dennis Prager expressed his thoughts on goodness when he said, "Goodness is about character - integrity, honesty, kindness, generosity, moral courage and the like. More than anything else, it is about how we treat other people." All of us can work to be kind and good to all those we meet. Let's make that our goal for this month. It will make us feel good and will promote good feelings in those we share time with. John Wesley challenged us by saying, "Do all the good you can, by all the means you can, in all the ways you can, in all the places you can, at all the times you can, to all the people you can, as long as ever you can."

This ALA year President Bonnie has encouraged us to SMILE. I have found quotes to show us how important a simple smile can be. Here are a few that may start you thinking and perhaps bring a smile to your face. Mother Teresa said, "Peace begins with a smile." Connie Stevens shared, "Nothing you wear is more important than your smile." "Everyone looks so much better when they smile", said Jimmy Fallon. Andy Rooney thought, "If you smile when no one else is around, you really mean it." "Sometimes your joy is the source of your smile, but sometimes your smile can be the source of your joy," are the words of Nhat Hanh. "I wake up every morning literally with a smile on my face, grateful for another day I never thought I'd see," shares Dick Cheney. So...remember to SMILE, it will make your day brighter.

*Dear Lord,
Teach me to be kind to others and to do good to everyone. Help me to smile and share your love.*

— Amen

MUSIC: WHEN YOU'RE SMILING
When you're smilin', when you're smilin'
The whole world smiles with you
When you're laughin', oh when you're laughin'
The sun comes shinin' through.

But when you're cryin', you bring on the rain
So stop your sighin', be happy again
Keep on smilin', cause when you're smilin'
The whole world smiles with you.

SWEEPSTAKES WINNERS



Please Check Out The
Winners Online for
March 2018

GREETINGS FROM HEADQUARTERS

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May is Poppy Month...but don't forget that you can distribute poppies all year long!

WISCONSIN IS EXTREMELY PROUD OF OUR VETERAN POPPY MAKERS.

As you distribute poppies, please pause a moment to appreciate the time and effort put into each flower by the veterans who made them. During the past eight months our veteran poppy makers successfully produced enough poppies to complete the poppy orders received from Wisconsin units and posts as well as orders from other states. Please read the Poppy article in this issue for more details about this awesome accomplishment.

Units and posts submit 20% of their profits to Department as soon as possible after poppy distributions are complete. The Poppy Fact Sheet posted on the Auxiliary website lists how poppy funds can be used in compliance with American Legion Resolution No. 20 approved at the 2013 National Convention.

At the department level, poppy profits enable the American Legion Auxiliary (ALA) to award scholarships to deserving

students, issue grants to homeless women veterans, and support five VA hospitals, three veterans' homes, Dayton Residential Care Facility in Kenosha, and Camp American Legion. Plus, units and posts use the balance of poppy funds to support veterans' causes in their local communities. Thank you to everyone who supports this valuable ALA program!

2018 Poppy Order Forms should be available in August. Because many states have lost their poppy makers, they are turning to Wisconsin for our high-quality, veteran-made poppies. Orders are processed on a first-come, first-serve basis until the poppies are gone. Therefore, Wisconsin units and posts are encouraged to submit their orders by the December deadline to ensure they get the poppies they need. This year many units and posts submitted their orders long after the deadline, which made it difficult to manage the production schedule and meet everyone's needs in a timely manner. Late orders run the risk of not being filled.

The 98th ALA Department Convention will be held at the Oshkosh Convention Center from July 13-15, 2018. Based on feedback from last year's attendees, we are making several changes to improve your convention experience so please come and let us know what you think of the new format.

Convention details are posted on the department website and highlighted information is published in this issue of the Wisconsin. Due to numerous events planned in the Oshkosh area the weekend of the Legion Family Convention, housing arrangements should be made as soon as possible. For housing, please call the Oshkosh Convention & Visitors Bureau at 920-303-9200. Descriptions of the different housing options are available at www.wilegion.org.

REMINDERS:

- 2019 membership cards and rosters will be mailed to units after department convention.
- Anyone considering a PUFL membership should apply before June 1st before the dues increase goes into effect.
- Resolutions approved by units and districts must be received at Department by June 1st.
- Unit delegate and alternate forms will be sent to units 30 days prior to convention and must be returned to Department by June 30th

IMPORTANT NOTICE:

Any candidate for Department Office must email her announcement and photo to me by Monday, May 14th for publication in the *Wisconsin*.

FUNDRAISING

Linda L. Kostka
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Department President Bonnie Jakubczyk and National President Diane Duscheck have the same special fundraising project - the American Legion Auxiliary Foundation Endowment Fund. The ALA Foundation positively impacts the lives of our veterans, military and their families by funding programs of the ALA now and into the future.

Founded in 2007, the purpose of the ALA Foundation is to assist in carrying out the educational, charitable and other ex-

empt purposes of the ALA. Raising funds for the ALA Foundation will assist in the conduct of and provide support to our Auxiliary programs. The ALA Foundation also provides a resource to engage additional investors interested in supporting our mission.

HOW CAN YOU HELP? Auxiliary members, units and districts are asked to donate gift baskets for Department Convention in Oshkosh. The Auxiliary will conduct a basket raffle from Thursday, July 12 to Saturday, July 14 with all proceeds going to the ALA Foundation Endowment

Fund. We would also like to offer small items or handcrafts for sale (cash and carry) so donations of individual items would be greatly appreciated!

Financial donations can be mailed to Department Headquarters. Send checks payable to 'ALA-Wisconsin,' and write '#4843-ALA Fdn' in the memo field. This will ensure your donation is processed appropriately. Let's support President Bonnie's theme, "SMILE - Support Membership Involvement - Let's Encourage!"

Questions? Please contact Linda Kostka at 715-209-2590.

AMERICANISM

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Support Member Involvement Let's Encourage (S.M.I.L.E.) through Americanism. The American Legion Auxiliary (ALA) Americanism program promotes patriotism and responsible citizenship. By giving young people and community members opportunities to feel patriotic and to demonstrate support for veterans and the military in an active, visible way, the ALA mission can be fulfilled. Providing Americans ways to demonstrate their loyalty to the United States keeps patriotism and America strong.

Flag Day is June 14; this date is observed as Flag Day throughout America. The flag was first authorized by Congress on June 14, 1777 and the Flag Code was adopted by the National Flag Conference in 1923. Throughout the years, amendments were made to the code, with the latest by Congress on December 23, 2013. The Flag Code gives instruction about the design, display and use of the flag, respect for the flag, and conduct during hoisting, lowering or passing of the flag.

Many Posts perform flag retirement ceremonies on Flag Day. The Flag Code states that when a flag has served its useful purpose, it "should be destroyed...preferably by burning."

Invite youth groups (Girl/Boy Scouts, church groups, 4-H, etc.) to attend or participate with The American Legion as worn out flags are ceremonially burned. Units can provide treats and/or distribute flags or flag code information to all in attendance. Units and Posts can donate flags for replacement of worn out flags.

Also, American Legion Family members are encouraged to support the current flag amendment: "The Congress shall have power to prohibit the physical desecration of the flag of the United States."

Memorial Day programs honor all who gave their lives to keep America free and mark the beginning of summer. Summer brings Legion baseball along with community celebrations, festivals and parades; all occasions for supporting local veterans and wearing the ALA brand while volunteering with program coordination and/or participating. Award "I Spy" recognition certificates to ALA members who walk in parades ex-

hibiting support for The American Legion and promoting the ALA brand.

In addition to promoting flag etiquette/history, celebrating patriotic holidays and supporting Legion programs, members are obliged to be responsible citizens. With upcoming elections June 12 for 1st Senate District and 42nd Assembly District seats, primaries and 2018 mid-terms, members can help "Get Out the Vote," offer rides to polling places, and encourage all to exercise the privilege of voting. America's democracy will be safeguarded if people who are elected use fact-based knowledge to make decisions and take actions in the best interest of Americans.

More than ever, individual members are called upon to promote and to participate in Americanism activities. All are asked to carry out the American Legion Family preamble tenet, "To foster and perpetuate a one hundred percent Americanism" throughout the year.

ALA BADGER GIRLS STATE ORIENTATIONS

Units should encourage their ALA Badger Girls State delegates to attend an orientation in their area. Please visit the website for a complete list of orientations: www.badgergirlsstate.org.





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Memorial Day... a day honoring American soldiers who made the ultimate sacrifice for their country. **Did you know?**

Memorial Day's predecessor, Decoration Day, saw graves decorated with flowers, wreaths, and flags.

Memorial Day originally honored military personnel who died in the Civil War (1861-1865). About 620,000 Americans died, making it the deadliest war in U.S. history. Almost 365,000 were Union and 260,000 Confederate, with over half the deaths caused by disease. Approximately

640,000 Americans have died in all other conflicts combined.

Although many communities had been celebrating Memorial Day for years, including Warrenton, VA, Savannah, GA, and Gettysburg, PA, in 1966, the federal government declared Waterloo, NY, the official birthplace of Memorial Day, noting the first celebration on May 5, 1866.

General John Alexander Logan officially proclaimed May 30, 1868, as Memorial Day in honor of the Union soldiers who died in the Civil War. Some states still hold Confederate observances: Mississippi celebrates Confederate Memorial Day on the last Monday of April; Alabama, the

fourth Monday of April; Georgia, April 26; North and South Carolina, May 10, and Louisiana, June 3, while Tennessee calls that date Confederate Decoration Day. Texas celebrates Confederated Heroes Day on January 19, and Virginia calls the last Monday in May Confederate Memorial Day.

Also in 1868...The first Memorial Day speech was given by Ohio Congressman James Abram Garfield, later President, at Arlington National Cemetery. The longest running Memorial Day parade takes place in Ironton, Ohio, where they have had a parade every year since.

The Grand Army of the Republic (GAR) was created by the Union

Army to honor their dead. After WWI, The American Legion took over their duties and Memorial Day included American soldiers in all wars.

In 1915, Lt. Col. John McCrae penned the poem "In Flanders Field," highlighting the poppy.

The first artificial poppy factory sprung up in Pittsburgh in 1924, employing veterans who needed work.

Memorial Day was celebrated on May 30 for decades, but in 1971, Congress established it as a federal holiday on the last Monday in May.

President Clinton signed the National Moment of Remembrance Act on December 28, 2000, designating a one-minute period at 3:00 PM on Memorial Day as a National Moment of Remembrance.

The crowd attending the first Memorial Day ceremony at Arlington National Cemetery numbered about 5000. One of the largest in the world, it is home to 400,000 graves, averaging 28 burials a day.

On Memorial Day, the U.S. flag is raised briskly to the top of the staff; solemnly lowered to half-staff position until noon; then raised to full-staff until sunset.

As you observe Memorial Day, never forget the ultimate sacrifice in freedom's name.

Today...tomorrow...always...

We remember.



STRATEGIC PLANNING

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"To climb up the mountain is the fun, not standing at the top. There's nowhere to go."

~ Robert Redford, Actor

The Wisconsin Strategic Planning committee continues to have fun as we climb the mountain to achieve the five goals outlined in the American Legion Auxiliary (ALA) 2014-2019 Centennial Strategic Plan. Strategic Planning (SP) is an evolving process used to reassess and improve strategies and initiatives to achieve goals.

Change is constant. Cultural, generational, social and economic changes impact five generations of ALA members and American veterans. A 60-year-old member has very different needs than a 5-year-old Junior or SAL member. A Korean wartime veteran may have different needs than current wartime veterans. So how do we adapt, change and address such diverse needs? Think strategically, with a SMILE!

The SP Committee strives to be agents of positive change. Who likes change? Most of us when change is positive and improves mission delivery. We strive to build cohesive in-sync teams who communicate, work and have FUN as a team to help the ALA climb the mountain to success.

You too can become an agent for POSITIVE change. As an American Legion Family member, leader, or mentor you can help real and positive change happen when you work as an ALA or AL family team and look for ways to make positive change. Then when a need for change arises, you will be ready to take advantage of the opportunity to better serve members, veterans, military, youth and communities with a positive attitude in service before self.

Ask and listen to the voice of the people. As a change agent, consider how and where you can ask questions to stimulate thoughts toward positive change. Challenge the status quo! Communicate, interview and discuss findings expressed by

members and stakeholders.

ASK: Where are we? Where are we going? How do we get there? How do we know we are there? Then ASK: What should we STOP doing? What should we START doing? What should be TWEAKED to improve an ALA program, event, meeting, and fund raise or to help build TRUST across the American Legion Family? Analyze the input. STOP doing what no longer adds value. START making positive change to improve who we are, what we do, and why we make a difference.

Long-term (strategic) and short-term (tactical) planning is an ongoing process. It doesn't end today or in 2019. Strategic decision making is needed to deliver outstanding service. With strategic thinking, teams climb to the top of the mountain often, as positive change agents to grab onto new opportunities, analyze to improve existing actions and pursue FUN exciting ways to improve how the ALA can make an even bigger difference. Remember to SMILE each step up the mountain.



POPPY PROGRAM

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Thank you for all your preparations to make Poppy distribution for 2018 a huge success!

Your unit still has time to put on the finishing touches to prepare for distribution day. If your canisters need a face lift, log on to www.alaforveterans.org, under the 'members only' tab, click on Marketing & Promotional Material, you can download ALA Poppy Posters and can labels. There are also media release templates where you fill in your unit's name, dates, times, and locations, to send to your local newspaper(s) to announce to the community your distribution days.

Wisconsin is fortunate to have a Poppy Shop, located on the grounds of Zablocki Medical Center just north of the Fisher House. There are 17-20 Veterans with various disabilities that have handmade over 400,000 poppies for the State of Wisconsin, 100,000 for Minnesota, 20,000 for Alaska, and several thousand for Kansas in 2017-2018.

I had the privilege to visit the Poppy Shop with Sue Hembrook, Poppy Shop Supervisor, who showed me the materials used to construct small and large poppies. The time and patience to produce these memorial flowers is amazing.

Veterans, referred to as "Poppy Makers," pick up poppy kits in packages of 1,000 and make the poppies at home. Every two weeks, between 10,000 to 15,000 poppies are returned and more kits are taken. The poppy making season starts in September and runs through March. The more poppies ordered, the longer these Poppy Makers are busy.

Sue shared a very powerful statement that a Poppy Maker said, "No one will ever understand the horrors of what we experienced, but making poppies is very therapeutic to me. When I finish a poppy, I know that in a small way I'm still helping one of my fellow veterans!"

The simple red crepe paper poppy symbolizes the sacrifices that our Veterans and active-duty military have made to make America safe. Please wear your poppy with pride and help educate those around you with what the poppy symbolizes.

"We Lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow, Loved and were loved and now we lie in Flanders fields."

In Flanders Field ~

Lieutenant Colonel John McCrae, December 8, 1915

Consider taking your senior and junior members to see the Poppy Shop and meet a poppy maker or have a poppy maker at one of your unit events. Contact Sue Hembrook at 262-945-9791 or genesuehem@wi.rr.com to make arrangements.



CONVENTION REGISTRATION & HOUSING INFORMATION

The 98th Annual Department Convention of the American Legion Auxiliary, Department of Wisconsin will be held July 13-15, 2018 at the Oshkosh Convention Center. Registration forms were mailed in the April Unit mailing and can be found on the Auxiliary's website (www.amlegionauxwi.org). Online registration (\$25) can be submitted through The American Legion's website (www.wilegion.org) until July 9th.

Due to numerous events planned in the Oshkosh area the weekend of the Legion Family Conventions, housing arrangements should be made as soon as possible. For housing, please call the Oshkosh Convention & Visitors Bureau at 920-303-9200.

Descriptions of the different housing options are available at www.wilegion.org.

2018 FLOWER ORDERS FOR DEPARTMENT CONVENTION

Please order corsages and boutonnieres for the American Legion Auxiliary Department Convention directly through House of Flowers in Oshkosh. Be sure to indicate wrist or pin-on for corsage orders. Contact Allie or Drew, Monday through Friday from 8:00 am to 5:30 pm, Saturday from 9:00 am - 4:00 pm, or Sunday from 10:00 am - 3:00 pm, at 920-235-3737 to place your orders and/or with any questions. All flowers orders must be placed with a credit card.

Orders will be delivered on Friday, July 13th and Saturday, July 14th by 9:00 am and will be held in a cooler at the hotel until needed. A delivery charge of \$1.00 and sales tax will be added to each order. Please review the April Unit Mailing as posted on the department website for a complete list of corsage selections and prices.

CANDIDATE ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR DEPARTMENT OFFICE: DUE 5/14/18

All candidates for Department Office must submit a head/shoulder photo in JPG format with their announcement to deptsec@amlegionauxwi.org by Monday, May 14, 2018 for publication in the next Wisconsin. Questions? Please call Department Secretary Bonnie Dorniak at 608-745-0124.

MISSION IN ACTION: UNIT 457



Howard J. Schroeder American Legion Auxiliary Unit 457 in Mequon-Thiensville presented one Gold Star and eight Blue Star flags to families at a "Pride of Our Nation" event on March 10th. The picture includes the families that were presented flags and the officers who were in attendance.

HONORED PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT JEANETTE RIEKKOFF

At the 2018 Department convention in Oshkosh, our honored guest will be Past Department President Jeanette Riekkoff. Jeanette served as our president in 2003-2004. Members will come together on Saturday, July 14th, from 2:30 to 3:30 PM at a reception in her honor and to hear more about the interesting year she spent leading our organization.



Jeanette is a member of the General Charles King Unit 406 in 5th District. She was involved in her unit and served as its president. She was also very active in the Milwaukee County Conference of Units and chaired its annual George Washington Luncheon for many years. In addition to serving as 5th District President, she chaired many programs and also served in all offices at the Department level. She also served as our National Executive Committeewoman.

"Belle's Lead for What Veterans Need" was her theme for the year. "Belle" was in reference to a gracious lady, so it wasn't unusual to see an occasional "belle" doll now and then. Jeanette traveled many miles and worked hard on membership that year and reminded everyone that "Bells Will Toll 100%", so there was also an abundance of bells to be found wherever Jeanette was.

Jeanette was widowed several years ago. She has three children, six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Now that she is retired, she enjoys reading and playing cards.

Everyone is welcome to join us for the reception. See the reservation form for all the details.

PAST PRESIDENTS PARLEY RECEPTION

When: Saturday, July 14, 2018 from 2:30 – 3:30 pm
 Where: Best Western Premier Hotel, Ahearn Ballroom
 1 N. Main Street, Oshkosh, WI 54901
 (adjacent to the Oshkosh Convention Center)
 Why: Honor Past Department President Jeanette Riekkoff
 Cost: \$5.00 per person (advance purchase only)
 \$10.00 per person (postmarked after June 15, 2018)
 No refunds will be issued



Jeanette Riekkoff
 Department President
 (2003-2004)

A reception will be held on Saturday, July 14, 2018 from 2:30 pm – 3:30 pm with a brief program and tribute in honor of PDP Jeanette Riekkoff. A cash bar and light appetizers will be available. All members of the American Legion Family are encouraged to attend. Admission to the reception is by ticket only. Advance purchase by June 15, 2018 is \$5.00 per person. Reservations received after June 15th or tickets purchased at the door will be \$10.00 per person. Space is limited to the first 150 reservations.

Names of Past President Parley (PPP) members attending the reception will be entered into a special prize drawing. You must show your current PPP membership card to be eligible for the drawing and present to win!

RESERVATIONS PAST PRESIDENTS PARLEY RECEPTION

Saturday, July 14, 2018 from 2:30 – 3:30 pm
 Advance Purchase: \$5.00 After June 15, 2018: \$10.00

Make Check payable to: ALA-Wisconsin Mail to: ALA-Wisconsin, PO Box 140, Portage, WI 53901-0140

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

Unit # _____ District _____ Contact Name: _____
 Contact Phone: (____) _____ Email: _____
 Reservation Fee \$5.00 x Number of Tickets: _____ = \$ _____
 Reservation Fee (received after June 15, 2018) \$10.00 x Number of Tickets: _____ = \$ _____
 (TOTAL DUE)

Name on Ticket (print clearly)	Name on Ticket (print clearly)
1)	6)
2)	7)
3)	8)
4)	9)
5)	10)

DISTRICT PRESIDENTS' RECOGNITION DINNER

When: Thursday, July 12, 2018 at 6:00 pm
 Where: Oshkosh Elks Lodge #292
 175 W. Fernau Avenue, Oshkosh, WI 54901
 Cost: \$20.00 per person (advance purchase only)
 \$25.00 per person (postmarked after June 15, 2018)
 No refunds will be issued



A dinner in honor of the 2017-2018 District Presidents will be held on Thursday, July 12, 2018 at 6:00 pm. The District Presidents will be recognized for their efforts during the past year and membership awards will be presented. The entire Legion Family is encouraged to attend this celebration!

Buffet Dinner will include chicken, beef tips, mashed potatoes, salad, vegetables, rolls and coffee. A cash bar will be available. Admission is by ticket only. Advance purchase by June 15, 2018 is \$20.00 per person. Reservations postmarked after June 15th or tickets purchased at the door will be \$25.00 per person. Space is limited to the first 175 reservations.

RESERVATIONS FOR DISTRICT PRESIDENTS' RECOGNITION DINNER

Thursday, July 12, 2018 at 6:00 pm
 Advance Purchase: \$20.00 After June 15, 2018: \$25.00

Make Check payable to: ALA-Wisconsin Mail to: ALA-Wisconsin, PO Box 140, Portage, WI 53901-0140

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

Unit # _____ District _____ Contact Name: _____
 Contact Phone: (____) _____ Email: _____
 Reservation Fee \$20.00 x Number of Tickets: _____ = \$ _____
 Reservation Fee (postmarked after June 15th) \$25.00 x Number of Tickets: _____ = \$ _____
 (TOTAL DUE)

Name on Ticket (print clearly)	Name on Ticket (print clearly)
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OFFICIAL CALL

TO THE 98TH ANNUAL DEPARTMENT CONVENTION American Legion Auxiliary, Department of Wisconsin Friday – Sunday, July 13-15, 2018

Oshkosh Convention Center • 2 N. Main Street, Oshkosh, WI 54901

Department Convention

The 98th Annual Department Convention will be called into session at the Oshkosh Convention Center. Convention general session will begin at 10:30 a.m. on Friday, July 13, 2018 in the Paul L. Conference Hall.

Purpose

The purpose of the department convention is to elect officers for the 2018-2019 administrative year, elect delegates and alternates to the national convention, amend the department constitution, bylaws and standing rules as needed, receive reports of the department officers and chairmen, recognize outstanding unit achievements and transact business as may be brought before the convention body.

Representation

Representation in the department convention shall be by unit, in accordance with the provisions of the department constitution. Delegates to department convention shall be unit members duly elected for that purpose.

Delegates & Alternates

Prior to department convention each unit will receive information showing the total number of paid members as of June 13, 2018 and advising them of the number of delegates the unit is allowed. Each unit is entitled to alternates equal to the number of delegates allowed. Delegates must attend their respective district caucus and all convention sessions. It is the responsibility of each delegate and alternate to attend all the sessions so her district has a full delegation at all times. An alternate shall have all privileges of the delegate when the delegate is not present.

Delegates-at-large to department convention include: Department officers, National Executive Committeewoman, Alternate National Executive Committeewoman, past department presidents and current district presidents, who shall each be entitled to one vote at the department convention. Units are to return to department headquarters a list of their approved delegate/alternate(s) for voting certification.

KING DAY - June 17, 2018

The annual King Day Pilgrimage at Wisconsin Veterans Home at King will be held on Sunday, June 17th. The Legion Family and general public are invited and encouraged to attend.

10:00 AM-1:00 PM: Musical entertainment by the KNX Band will be provided on the bandstand.

10:30 AM: A charcoal broiled chicken dinner will be served by ALA Unit 161. Cost is \$8.00 for adults and \$4.00 for children 12 and under. Meal tickets can be purchased on the day of the event.

1:00 PM: The traditional American Legion King Day Parade starting at Olson Hall.

Formal American Legion program on the bandstand immediately following the Parade.

If you wish to sponsor broiled chicken dinners for King members, please send a check made payable to ALA Unit 161 to: Nancy Neuroth, N2710 Lind Lane, Waupaca, WI 54981.