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2<sup>nd</sup> District Newsletter-July 2024

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.....**Sandy's Corner**.....

Summer is here, do you have all your planting done? Take a dip in the pool? Had a water balloon toss with the kids? Make sure to take time for yourself & family.

Have you had a chance to look through the Unit mailing for June? Here you will find all the information you need on the upcoming Department Convention, if you have never attended one, this is a great time to meet other members, find out what changes will be taking place, installation of new officers and if you are a delegate or delegate at large you will have the right to vote. In the Unit mailing you will also find information on Membership, ALA in the Know, forms, Program articles, bowling association, Essay winners, BGS and much more.

**Dates to Remember:**

July 11<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup> Department Convention Appleton  
August 24<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup> Natl Convention New Orleans.  
September 7-Leadership Meeting/Beaver Dam  
September 14-Sheboygan County Meeting  
September 21-Dodge County Meeting  
September 21-Washington County Meeting  
October 5<sup>th</sup>-ALA-in-the-Know/Cedarburg Post  
October 12-Columbia County Meeting  
October 16- Jefferson County Meeting  
October 19-Ozaukee County Meeting

**If I can be of assistance, please don't hesitate to contact me.**

*Make sure you check out my last page 😊.*



**REMEMBER the fallen... HONOR those who serve...  
TEACH our children the value of freedom.  
For God and Country-God Bless America  
"Together We Can Make a Difference."**



American Legion Auxiliary  
2<sup>nd</sup> District July Newsletter/Chair: Dawn Rudey

Thank you to everyone that contributed with selling and/or buying our 2nd district sweepstakes tickets this year and every year because without you, showing your support for our Veterans, we wouldn't be able to donate as much as we do to the organizations in supporting the Veterans.

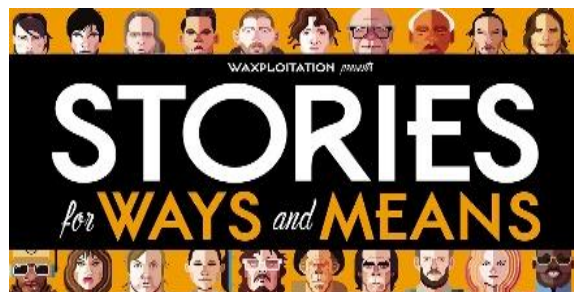
So, with that said: Here is the list of the winners from the drawing,

- 1st place winner of \$500.00 - Linda Brodeur Poynette unit
- 2nd place winner of \$ 200.00 - Donald Wachuta West Bend
- 3rd place winner of \$50.00 - Gwen Dreher Kewaskum unit
- 4th place winner of \$50.00 - Tammy Tanski
- 5th place winner of \$50.00 -Sandy Thiel Fredonia
- 6th place winner of \$50.00 - Terry Willet Irma
- 7th place winner of \$25.00 - Paul Ehmke Allenton Post
- 8th place winner of \$25.00 - Susan Melichar Allenton Unit
- 9th place winner of \$25.00 -Rodney Crane Jefferson
- 10th place winner of \$25.00 - Linda Buser Port Washington Unit

We did very well again this year, so we were able to add a few more organizations to donate to benefit our Veterans in our communities, state, and nation, and for that I thank you for your support for all these years and for many more to come.

Respectfully your Ways and Means Chairperson,

Dawn Rudey





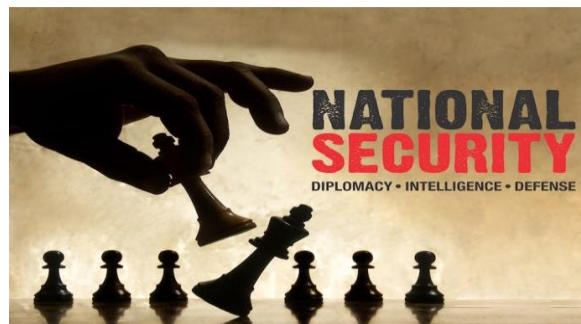
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Submitted By: National Security Chair- Carol Szudrowitz

It's summertime! Many units do not meet during the summer as vacations, family events, 4<sup>th</sup> of July Celebrations with community friends take precedence. This is a good thing...take time off, recharge your batteries for the coming Legion Family year. Go to the Department Convention in Appleton, July 11 to the 14. Get to know fellow auxiliary members and share ideas. Many are wonderful.

If you have time, you can still help our active-duty military service members and their families in small ways. Support community blood drives. Coupon donations are always helpful for overseas commissaries, especially with prices increasing all the time. Check, [www.grocerysavingtips.com/p/military-family.html](http://www.grocerysavingtips.com/p/military-family.html), for up-to-date information as to where to send them. Thank you in advance for your support. Within your community, are there any military families? Occasional childcare is appreciated, a listening ear helps as one can then, possibly offer a helping hand or sometimes just being able to share experiences with others helps.

Looking for more ideas... ALA Committee Facebook Groups on social media can be a place to learn, discuss topics related to each committee. Ask questions, share things you and your unit have done. Write cards of encouragement for service men & women overseas. <https://www.facebook.com/groups/915563745139663>. Possibilities are endless. Remember our mission: The ALA National Security program maintains and promotes a strong national defense by strengthening and supporting military service members and their families. Support all military families by working with their command group and their family readiness groups. Need more information contact Karen Runk, Department of WI, National Security Chair, or the National Security Committee: [NationalSecurity@ALAforVeterans.org](mailto:NationalSecurity@ALAforVeterans.org). Thank you for all you do.

Thank you to the units who donated to the 2<sup>nd</sup> District Fund to help military families.





## Membership

Half-way through 2024 still gives plenty of time to continue working on reaching your units goals. All officers should have their dues paid setting a good example for the unit. It is not just the Membership Chair that recruits new members, it is every member of your unit, working together. *Sloane* is currently in 4<sup>th</sup> place, holding at 86.41%. Only 2 new members and we move into 3<sup>rd</sup>. We got this!

**Please read the information provided by:  
Department Membership Coordinator Andrea Stoltz**

**NEW 2024 members must be received at Dept. HQ prior to August 31st. MAKE SURE ALL APPLICATIONS ARE LEGIBLE, COMPLETE AND LISTED ON A DUES PAYMENT FORM.** (they will receive a 2025 dues notice but, they do have until 12/31/24 to pay OR they can pay for both years at the same time and the unit can submit them as new first and then as 2025 renewal after the units receive their packets in early July)

Per National's governing documents, all new members received after September 1st have to go in for 2025. **There is NO deadline for renewing 2024 dues.** Please continue to submit them if received. Make sure to let that member know that we will be starting to collect for the 2025 dues soon, so they don't get confused and think they are paid up only to get behind again.

**As of Monday April 1st, anything received, such as name changes, deceased, new members, payments, transfers etc. will be processed but WILL NOT be reflected on your 2025 roster or cards** being mailed to the units in early July to the person and address listed on the 2025 Dues Collection form.

*Congratulations to the following units for reaching 100% plus: Rio Unit 208, Poynette Unit 271, Cambria Unit 401, Watertown Unit 189, Port Washington Unit 82, Sheboygan Unit 83, Random Lake Unit 145, Plymouth Unit 243, Adell Unit 462. We have many units that are within 1-2 new members to reaching their goals.*

**Submitted By: Sandy Mack/2<sup>nd</sup> District President**





# Picture Time

