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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



CHAR KIESLING
Department
President

Another rainy day but temperatures are still mild, and we are able to enjoy the golden leaves everywhere, showing God's handiwork. It is always hard to leave summer behind, but autumn brought new opportunities for our American Legion Auxiliary with Fall Fun Days, "ALA in the Know" conferences, and working our programs and MEMBERSHIP! Hopefully membership has been a priority with all units and your Department President will jump for joy if we can triumph with NO GOOSE EGGS in Wisconsin! That is my sincere wish. I

know I can count on my members to come through and know that my theme, "KINDLE THE FLAME" will show how committed our Department is by getting that flame roaring hot!

It won't be long until December 15th will be here along with my special project, WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA (WAA). The special project fund for WAA has been growing steadily, but if you want your donations to go towards 2018 wreaths, please donate to Department before November 15th!! Donations received after that will be used to purchase wreaths next holiday season. Each wreath costs \$15 but by donating for two wreaths, we receive an extra wreath free! Please - every unit, county, district, individual,

other organizations and businesses - send your donations NOW!

With the help of hundreds of volunteers, mostly from the American Legion Family, the wreaths are laid with dignity, respect, and gratitude for the freedoms we enjoy each and every day. The wreath laying ceremonies are held on the same day and in conjunction with the Arlington National Cemetery event on December 15th. There are three Veterans Memorial Cemeteries in Wisconsin: northern area in Spooner, central area at King, and southern area at Union Grove, with a combined number of approximately 23,000 graves and of course more every year.

The annual tribute went on quietly for several years until 2005 when a photo of the stones at Arlington

in Washington, D.C., adorned with wreaths and covered in snow, circulated around the internet. Suddenly, the project received national attention. Thousands of requests poured in from people all over the country wanting to help at Arlington or to emulate the project at their own National and State cemeteries, or to simply share their stories and thank Morrill Worcester for honoring our nation's heroes. You see, Mr. Worcester visited Arlington as a young boy of 12 and left with the memory of the thousands of headstones. This experience followed him throughout his life and successful career, reminding him that his good fortune was due, in large part, to the values of this nation and the Veterans who made the ultimate sacrifice for their country.

In 1992, Worcester Wreath found themselves with an excess of wreaths nearing the end of the holiday season. Remembering his

boyhood experience at Arlington, Worcester realized he had an opportunity to honor our country's veterans. Arrangements were made, and his extra wreaths were placed on the older sections of the cemetery that had been having fewer and fewer visitors. The effort grew until now it is held at thousands of locations and more than 700,000 memorial wreaths are placed. This effort will remain to remind people how important it is to REMEMBER, HONOR, and TEACH!

WAA is also dedicated to teaching the younger generation about the value of their freedoms and the importance of honoring those who sacrificed so much. There is a quote that says it all and was said by Mr. Worcester's daughter, "We are not here to decorate graves. We're here to remember not their deaths but their lives." Please REMEMBER, HONOR, and TEACH this holiday season.

MEMBERSHIP

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Congratulations to Wisconsin Dells Unit 187, winner of the \$100 Early Bird Unit drawing. Veterans Day, November 11, will bring the Smoldering Unit drawing from all units at 65% or higher in membership.

Congratulations, also, to the three units that have already reached or exceeded 100%; Milwaukee #1, Fall Creek #376 and Vesper #520.

American Legion Auxiliary member volunteering—sharing time, talent and self—works like a candle. In his book *The Nibble Theory*, Kaleel Jamison wrote, "When you give away some of the light from the candle, by lighting another person's candle, there isn't less light because you've given some away—there's more." Rather than being a diminishing act, sharing time, talent and self builds light in the lives of others.

American Legion Auxiliary (ALA) members have many ways to "Kindle the Flame" of service to light candles for others making a positive difference in their lives. Ask others to join in:

- Honoring the veterans in their lives by becoming a member

- Renewing memberships
- Working a fundraiser or participating in an event
- Learning more about the American Legion Auxiliary
- Attending county, district and Department meetings/conferences/workshops
- Focusing on positive communication
- Sharing knowledge and experiences
- Building a sense of belonging
- Engaging in ALA Mission delivery
- Valuing members
- Recruiting new members
- Nurturing new members
- Rejoining members
- Accepting new ideas
- Acting in a civil manner
- Treating others as all would like to be treated
- Highlighting achievements of members and the unit
- Creating a culture of goodwill
- Volunteering for veterans, military, their families and communities
- Promoting Service not Self every day

"Kindle the Flame" by paying dues and recruiting members to increase ALA program work that serves veterans, military,

their families and communities.

Rather than diminishing the light, any and all of these actions "Kindle the Flame" that builds civility and values members and their works.

Renewal Notices: several members have questioned why they have not received renewal notices. National sent paper renewal notices via U.S. mail on September 14. Dues for both 2018 and 2019 can be paid directly to units, by calling 317-569-4500 or online at www.alaforveterans.org. Members do not need a renewal notice to pay their dues. Members wishing to talk to National about renewal notices may call 317-569-4500. Once again, both National and Department are waiving dues for new female veteran members. Join in the work of enhancing ALA member strength.

FL.A.M.E. "I have **faith** in the **leadership** and **attitude** of American Legion Auxiliary members who **mentor** and work to **encourage** others as they **Kindle the Flame to Serve our Heroes.**"

2019 MEMBERSHIP TEAM
Chairman *Diane Weggen*
Virginia Kodl, Linda Kostka
Kallee LeCloux, Junior Member;
Andrea Stoltz, Headquarters Staff

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY 2018-2019 NATIONAL PRESIDENT

Kathy Dungan of Wesson, Mississippi, was elected national president of the American Legion Auxiliary (ALA) during the 98th National Convention in Minneapolis. Dungan has held numerous positions in the organization at the unit, district, department, and national levels. At the national level, she chaired ten committees and served many special appointments. Dungan also served as ALA Mississippi Girls State Director for three years.



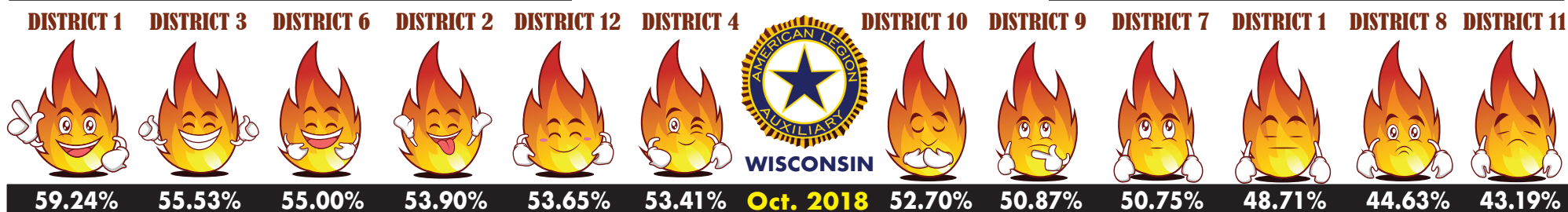
KATHY DUNGAN
National President

After more than 20 years with the Mississippi Supreme Court, she retired as judicial assistant for a Supreme Court judge. She is actively involved in her community, including as a member of Little Bahala Baptist Church

where she volunteered as church treasurer, Youth Sunday School teacher, and as a member of the widows' ministry committee and planning committee. Kathy's love for God and Country is the guiding reason for her dedication to make a difference in the lives of veterans, and she steadfastly believes in the ALA's mission of Service Not Self.

Dungan, a 40-year member of the ALA, is eligible for membership through the service of her father, Wittie Card, who served in the Army in WWII. Kathy and her husband, William, have one son and two grandchildren, all of whom are members of the American Legion Family.

KINDLE THE FLAME



CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

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Psalm 100:4 "Enter into His gates with Thanksgiving, and into His courts with praise. Be thankful to Him and bless His name, for the Lord is good."

God asks us to be thankful for our blessings. How often do we forget that – only seeing what we feel is lacking to make our life perfect? During this Thanksgiving season let's make a special effort to be grateful for all the things we do have.

During this Thanksgiving season, can we share with others what we have in abundance? Can we share the fixings for a special meal? Can we volunteer to visit those in our VA facilities and tell them thank you and what a blessing they are? Can we volunteer to prepare meals and serve at a shelter? Can we invite someone who is alone to come to our home and share our meal with us? Can we offer assistance to someone who needs a friendly hand? Can we send a letter or a care package to a service member serving far from home? Can we give a caregiver a needed break? Can we write a note to someone and thank them for being special to us? Can we spend as much time and money to be a blessing to someone on Thanksgiving as we spend on Black Friday to make us happy? Can we be the understanding ear for those who have an empty chair at their dinner table? Can we be the lifeline to someone who struggles during this time of the year with depression and other mental health issues?

Pray with me that my (your) heart is open to others, especially during the start of the holiday season. Pray with me that my (your) hands will be open to the work before us. Pray with me that my (your) feet will be willing to go where I (you) am needed. Pray that my (your) pocketbook will be open to meet the needs of others. Pray with me that I (you) become part of the solution to the problems that surround us. Pray that I (you) can fulfill the vision and mission of our organization. Pray with me as I (you) count my (your) blessings and strive to be a blessing to others especially our service members, veterans, their families and our communities. Thank God that we are all part of this wonderful American Legion family and have each other to care about us and for us. Let us remember to count each other when we count our blessings.

May all of you have a wonderful Thanksgiving. God bless you and your family.

*Now thank we all our God
 ~ Rickart/Cruger*

*Now thank we all our God,
 with heart and hands and voices.
 Who wondrous things has done,
 in whom this world rejoices;
 Who from our mothers' arms
 has blessed us on our way
 With countless gifts of love
 and is still ours today.*

GREETINGS FROM HEADQUARTERS

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What a difference a year makes! One year ago, Camp Director Don Grundy and Department Adjutant Amber Nikolai requested support from the American Legion Auxiliary (ALA) to renovate the Women's Quarters at Camp American Legion. The Women's Quarters are on the upper level of the Main Lodge and were

in desperate need of structural repair and updating. Auxiliary members and units are generous when it comes to supporting Camp American Legion; therefore, upon recommendation by the Department Finance Committee, the Department Executive Board overwhelmingly approved the request.

This \$45,000 project included demolition of all plaster walls and ceilings in five bedrooms, two storage rooms, and two bathrooms; replacing all carpeting, windows, doors, and floor trim; demolishing the drop ceiling in the living room; replacing all

bathroom fixtures and plumbing; updating electrical wiring as needed; installing new lighting and smoke/fire alarms; replacing insulation; and installing cabinetry to convert a storage area into a kitchenette.

Whew! After many months of hard work, a ribbon cutting event was held in June. Work was suspended during the summer to allow the space to be used, but finishing touches are being done now to finalize the project. Thank you for making this project successful through your donations designated to Camp American Legion!



Living Room "Before"



Living Room "During"



Living Room "After"



Bathroom 1 "Before"



Bathroom 1 "After"



Sunroom "After"



Past Department President Bonnie Jakubczyk with Camp Director Don Grundy cutting the ribbon at the Camp Renovation

Please extend my sincere appreciation to all the Wisconsin Auxiliary members for the generous donation of \$45,000 which was designated for the Main Lodge Women's Quarters Renovation Project. While the stairway and sunroom carpeting remain to be completed, the rest of the project is simply beautiful! The comments we've received from veterans and guests have been overwhelmingly positive. Thank you seems insufficient for all you have done, but I want you to know how much this donation is appreciated.



Sincerely,
 Don Grundy
 Camp Director

CHRISTMAS GIFT SHOP

As the Christmas Gift Shop prepares for the 2018 holiday season, units and members across the state are encouraged to send financial donations to Department Headquarters. Checks should be made payable to "ALA-Wisconsin," designated to "Christmas Gift Shop."

Donations will be used to purchase gifts for family members of veterans being treated at VA facilities. These gifts are provided FREE OF CHARGE so your generous support is needed to make this holiday extra special for our veterans and their families!

REMINDER:
 Donated gifts cannot be accepted.



PUBLIC RELATIONS

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Who are we? What do we do?
 Why do we matter?

These are the questions you should be asking about our organization and questions you should be prepared to answer when someone new asks you about the American Legion Auxiliary (ALA).

The Public Relations Team is here to assist you answer these questions and give you the tools you need to succeed! Check out the department website for a printable business card we designed for you! You can print this out and have it handy to give to anyone who asks you about the ALA and why you belong.

Have you attended the ALA Academy online yet? All members can attend – it's free! The series will help expand anyone's knowledge of our organization. You can find it on the national website – <https://www.alaforveterans.org/ALA-Academy/>.

What else can you do as members to promote our amazing organization? Distribute ALA brochures and posters throughout your community at libraries, job fairs, medical facilities and Post homes. Anywhere you go, you can drop a card or brochure. Keep them in a pocket in your purse and just hand them out or drop them in places for others to find. You can also give gift subscriptions of the Auxiliary magazine to your

local library, senior center and/or doctors' offices.

Remember to also keep wearing your officially branded ALA apparel and pins! There is no easier branding than wearing a shirt with a logo on it.

Something new your PR Team is doing this year is "show and share pictures of you and your veteran." They are your "why" for joining the American Legion Auxiliary, so we want you to show us who they are! They are special to you, make them special to us, too. Sometimes with everything we have going on in our lives, it's easy to forget why we wanted to join an organization and we are hoping to change that this year. By showing off our veterans, we hope to remind everyone of what it was like to be a new member wanting to do all we could for our beloved veterans and military members. By doing this we can rejuvenate ourselves and reenergize our volunteer spirits.

Join us and follow your PR Team on Facebook! We like to post information and fun things, too, and would love to connect with you during the year! Search "ALA Department of Wisconsin Public Relations" or use this link: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/504867603282708/>. Come see our veterans that we have shared and then show us YOUR veteran! What's their story? What about this special person made you join the ALA? Tell us all about them!

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According to statistics, women veterans comprise the fastest-growing segment of the homeless veteran population. From 2016 to 2017, the number of homeless female veterans increased by 7%, compared with 1% for their male counterparts.

It has been reported that 25% of homeless women have children. However, with the Homeless Women Veterans Grant Program, I find that to be a higher percentage. Women are reluctant to seek help, but when it comes to children, they will swallow their pride and ask.

In Wisconsin, there are very few shelters that are gender specific. But for those that are, it creates a problem for individuals who have children with them that are of the opposite gender. Usually those shelters have an age limit for children of the opposite gender. In

those cases, once the child reaches the age of 10, the child must move to a different shelter. Most mothers would rather live on the streets than to put a child in a different shelter and not be there with them. One can only imagine the effect that would have on a child!

Luckily, the American Legion Auxiliary Homeless Women Veterans Grant program has been able to consistently help women veterans who qualify for assistance. This program was started in 2010 and through May 31, 2018, Department received donations of \$244,916 and paid grants totaling \$228,745. From June 1, 2018 through September 30, 2018, donations were \$9,071 and grants paid were \$7,654. With winter fast approaching, we will see grant requests increase steadily. Other agencies have budgeted monies to help veterans but once the money is gone they have to wait for the next year's budget. That is why the American

Legion Auxiliary typically sees a lower number of requests from June through September. Until next spring, we will see a definite increase in grant requests. The impact your donations make for women veterans is unbelievable.

A big thank you to all of you for your continued support. Without your donations, this program would not be able to exist. Everyone of you should be extremely proud of the difference you have made in the lives of our women veterans. I feel very honored to play a role in this program.

If you wish to financially support this program, please send donations to department headquarters. Checks should be payable to "ALA-Wisconsin", with "Homeless Women Veterans Grant" in the memo field, or submit donations with a Poppy Fund Suggested Donation Sheet found on the department website and marking #4456.

THANK YOU!

VETERANS AFFAIRS & REHABILITATION

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Perhaps you've seen the TV commercial where a veteran is talking about his addiction to prescription pain killers. His perception had been that he didn't know he could get help. Those in uniform are accustomed to providing assistance. However, when it's personal, asking for help can be very difficult. What a heart-rending situation; thinking there is nowhere to turn... but it doesn't have to be that way.

The American Legion Auxiliary, and the entire Legion Family, can gently guide these veterans in the right direction. Continuing to get the word out about available services and supporting them on their journey to overcome their struggles can provide the "permission" they may be seeking to move forward.

There is a very special unspoken camaraderie among those who served. Many Posts host weekly open houses where vets of all ages,

as well as active duty military, are welcome to stop in. Sharing experiences with others who have undergone some of the same things, sitting in on a card game, or simply chatting over lunch, can ease the pain they may be wrestling with. Some offer mini health checks now and then, and there is certainly an abundance of information on available benefits and services. This is a safe place where they can be themselves, build mutual trust, and form friendships.

For nearly one-hundred years, the Auxiliary has rolled up its sleeves to enhance the lives of veterans, military and their families. With every volunteer hour, every stitch lovingly placed in a quilt or afghan, and every monetary and in-kind donation, the organization stands strong to assist when and where needed.

Our hospital representatives, deputies, and regular volunteers are the face of our organization at our VA facilities. Supplementing the care given by the staff, these wonderful ladies, sporting blue vests, lend a

hand where they can, offer a smile and kind word to brighten the day, and are absolutely priceless.

For those unable to volunteer on site, other opportunities abound. Through the Service to Veterans program, members undertake projects in their homes and communities. Visiting veterans in local nursing homes or their own homes, baking or cooking for a homebound veteran, creating cards, writing notes, or crafting items from the Wish Lists are only a few thoughtful ways to serve – all to benefit our veterans.

Donations, solely from the Wisconsin Legion Family and friends, benefit Wisconsin's homeless/at risk female veterans through Wisconsin's Homeless Women Veterans Grant Fund.

Today's American Legion Auxiliary VA&R program kindles the flame through the continued dedication of hundreds of thousands of members pooling resources to carry on the mission...a simple, sincere way to say thank you to those who served.



Just a Little Reminder:

**Poppy Order forms
 must be received at
 Department Headquarters
 by December 14, 2018.**

- Thank You -

*I am overwhelmed with the prayers and sympathies sent to me and my family since my brother, Charles James Lenz, passed away on August 27th. He is in my heart and memories now.
 Thank you so much for your support and kindness.
 God bless my American Legion Family.
 - President Char Kiesling*

ALA 2018-2019 CENTRAL DIVISION NATIONAL VICE PRESIDENT



TERESA ISENSEE
CDNVP

Teresa Isensee is a dedicated person who has shown leadership qualities through her American Legion Auxiliary (ALA) membership. She was elected by the Department of Wisconsin and by the Central Division to serve as 2018-2019 Central Division National Vice President. Teresa will serve as a representative of the ALA National President within Central

Division on all matters referred to her by the National President, as an ambassador for good governance and advisory head of Central Division, and perform other duties as assigned by the National President – including official visits to the nine states in Central Division. She will also preside at the Central Division Caucus held at the 2019 National Convention.

Teresa is eligible for the ALA through the service of her husband, Steve Isensee, a Vietnam Veteran who served as a medic attached to the 25th Infantry in Vietnam and finished his service stationed

in Hawaii at Schofield Barracks.

She joined the ALA so she could bowl in the State Auxiliary Tournament. Since then she has served as Unit Secretary and Unit President at Boyd ALA Unit 326, Chippewa County President, District Ten Secretary/Treasurer, District President, and various Department chairmanships and Department offices including Department President in 2014-2015. She continues to serve on the Department level as Finance Chairman. On the National level, Teresa has served as National Executive Committeewoman,

Alternate NEC, Central Division Poppy Chairman, National Scrapbook Chairman, and 2018 Convention Rules Chairman.

Teresa has been an IT Programmer/Analyst for National Presto Industries in Eau Claire for 24 years. She served for eight years as a Village of Boyd Trustee, Past Chairperson of the Chippewa County Economic Development Corporation, member of the Boyd Chamber of Commerce, and a member of the Boyd Lions Club.

For fun, Teresa bowls on a Ladies League on Monday nights and a Couples League with her

husband Steve on alternate Sundays. Teresa can be seen crafting and tying blankets for donations to Auxiliary events and sharing the junior membership program with granddaughters Ashley and Aleigha. She also loves spending time with her children and grandchildren, going to zoos, parades, fairs, and spending time at the park.

The entire family are members of the Boyd American Legion Family and this includes their three daughters (Brenda, Debra, Angela), one son (Paul), four grandsons and six granddaughters.

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY • DEPARTMENT OF WISCONSIN 2017-2018 NATIONAL AWARDS



NATIONAL PRESIDENT'S AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE

For creating a culture of goodwill by offering various opportunities to include everyone in projects and activities
Cathy Rigdon, Unit President
Otis Sampson Unit 59, District 3

AMERICANISM

Best Department Americanism Program
in Central Division
Department of Wisconsin
Diane Weggen, Department Chairman

National Americanism Essay Contest
Class II, Best Essay in Central Division
Grace Levere

Sponsored by Orville Arnold Unit 100, District 7

National Americanism Senior Essay Contest
Certificate of Participation

Joan Chwala, Walter Nelson Unit 326, District 10

National Americanism Senior Essay Contest
Certificate of Participation

Diane Weggen, Cecil-Tormey Unit 118, District 7

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY EMERGENCY FUND

For contributing the largest amount
per capita giving in the Central Division
Department of Wisconsin

Bonnie Jakubczyk, Department President
Sharon Zales, Department Chairman

CHILD WELFARE FOUNDATION

The American Legion's
Meritorious Achievement Award for Achieving
the Top Ten Departments in per capita
giving for 2017-2018

Department of Wisconsin

Bonnie Jakubczyk, Department President
Donna Jensen, Department Chairman

HISTORIAN

Best Department History in the Central Division
Linda Coppock, Department Historian

JUNIOR ACTIVITIES

Best Overall Department Junior Activities Program
in the Central Division

Department of Wisconsin

Lorrie Barber, Department Chairman

MEMBERSHIP

RECRUIT 5 AWARDS:

Gail Andree-Kjell, Mary-Ellen Crandall, Maureen
Dalton, Edna Dennis, Bonnie Jakubczyk,
Bonnie Kennedy, Kay McKenna,
LaVonne Pulvermacher, Marie Tabat,
Nicole Vidal

ROCK STAR AWARDS:

Zondra Morris, Norma Socha, Rita Steffel,
Reedsburg Unit 350, Marathon Unit 469

PAST PRESIDENTS PARLEY

Unit Member of the Year

Regina Tepp

Sponsored by Berens-Scribner Unit 6, 8th District

POPPY

Best Department Poppy Program in Central Division
Department of Wisconsin

Maggie Geiger, Department Chairman

VETERAN AFFAIRS & REHABILITATION

Gold Award for Donations to National Veterans Creative
Arts Festival

Department of Wisconsin

Bonnie Jakubczyk, Department President

Volunteer Service Award for providing over
10,000 hours of volunteer service to veterans

Rose Wenger, Hospital Representative

Middleton Memorial Veterans Hospital - Madison, WI

VAVS MEETINGS PERFECT ATTENDANCE CARD

Rose Wenger, Hospital Representative

Middleton Memorial Veterans Hospital - Madison, WI

Lesley DiSalvo, Hospital Deputy

Middleton Memorial Veterans Hospital - Madison, WI

Pat Flanders, Hospital Representative

VA Great Lakes Health Care System - Tomah, WI

Sue Middlestead, Hospital Deputy

Zablocki VA Medical Center - Milwaukee, WI

MISSION IN ACTION:

CHRISTMAS TREES TO MILITARY



Willis Chapel Unit #306 in Green Lake worked with the area Brownie Troop to assemble and decorate 48 trees for 'Trees From Home,' an organization that ships Christmas trees to military troops deployed overseas. The Auxiliary members and girls had a great time decorating, a small lunch was served, and plans are already in the works to do this again in early 2019!

RAISING AWARENESS FOR SUICIDE



Members of ALA Unit 401 in Cambria showed their concern for the rising number of suicides among veterans and those living in Columbia County through their corporate sponsorship of the Hope Walk. The unit raised funds by co-sponsoring a patriotic concert and serving lunch. Auxiliary members proudly wore their ALA emblem or a poppy corsage to remind the public who they were. Proceeds benefited several organizations including Camp American Legion and Prevent Suicide of Columbia County. Regarding the huge effort required to make this event successful, "It brings out the best in our members and we get to know each other on a personal basis to form a bond of friendship."

HATS AND GOODIE BAGS FOR TROOPS



Members of S/SGT Henry F Gumm American Legion Auxiliary Unit 486 in Jackson crocheted and knitted 200 hats for 'Trees From Home' and collected a box of personal hygiene products for the goodie bags. Thanks for supporting our deployed troops!

BENEFIT HOMELESS FEMALE VETERANS



When numbers along with aging and able people became a problem, two small ALA units joined efforts on a fundraiser. Abrams Unit 523 and Oconto Falls Unit 302 teamed together for a brat fry at the Festival Foods store in Howard. Later, they set one up at the Family Dollar in Oconto Falls. Veterans from both American Legion Posts also helped with cooking and serving. A special collection was held at the Family Dollar to benefit homeless female veterans. While the money raised may not have been overwhelming, the camaraderie and promoting the organizational brands created a valuable experience.

Green Lake Anniversary Celebration



The Willis-Chapel Legion Family in Green Lake thanked the community for their support during a celebration of the 100th anniversary of The American Legion and 90th anniversary of their local Post. Post Commander Mark Kramer thanked everyone present and especially those who helped make the construction and completion of their new Post a huge success. ALA Unit 306 President Laura Bartow and Poppy Princess Katie Luepke are pictured with the anniversary cake!

AUXILIARY EMERGENCY FUND (AEF) RAFFLE

The American Legion Auxiliary is holding a raffle at
**The American Legion
MIDWINTER CONFERENCE!**
January 18th-19th at
Ho Chunk Hotel & Casino
in Wisconsin Dells.

Proceeds will be forwarded
to the national Auxiliary
Emergency Fund (AEF).
Please stop by our table and
buy some raffle tickets for items
handmade by ALA members!

Questions?

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