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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



LAURA CALTEUX
Department
President

How do you get the information that you need to Energize Our Programs? There are many places to find all the information that you could possibly need to work the mission and programs of the American Legion Auxiliary and I just received one of those items in the mail. The Auxiliary magazine is a wealth of information with wonderful articles that will help our mem-

bers and units work the mission. If you don't read it from cover to cover, you are really missing out. Not only do you get information on our programs, but you get to see what is happening all around our organization. My unit is making sleeping mats out of plastic bags for our homeless veterans and what did I read about in this issue, an article about an Auxiliary unit in California doing the same thing! You never know, you might find a new idea to use in your unit. The articles are very informative and powerful, with articles about PTSD, the Washington DC

Conference and National Commander Dale Barnett's address to the joint hearing of the Senate and House of Representatives Committees on Veterans Affairs, and stories about our Juniors and other units in the organization.

Another couple of great places to get information and ideas are the national and department websites. On our department website (www.amlegionauxwi.org) you will find all the program information from our chairmen to make your programs successful. There you will find past unit mailings and Wisconsin publications, links to many other web-

sites to further the information available to you and contact information for all of the officers, chairmen and department employees, so that if you have any questions, you can get them answered. The National website (www.ALAforVeterans.org) provides more in-depth information on our programs. You will need to have your member number available and sign in to get the "members only" information. There is a wealth of information on both the department and national websites, so visit them and surf around to see what you can find!

No matter where you get your information, remember that your department, district, and county officers are always available to answer your questions. Their contact information is, of course, on the department website or in the Red Book, which is also posted on the department website.

Now that you know where to get the information on our programs, pick one or two and make the sparks fly for our veterans, our military, their families and our communities.

Keep working the mission, Be The Spark For Our Veterans and God Bless America!

MEMBERSHIP

Bonnie Jakubczyk, Chairman
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Congratulations to the 118 Units that made the 85% Keeping the Promise date. The five-year strategic plan has changed goal number one from 'Attain a Million Members' to 'Enhance Membership Strength.' We need to focus on the other goals so that we can achieve this goal.

We need to stop the membership slide. When was the last time you asked someone to join?

'Just ask' was the most common reply on your narrative reports on how units recruited new members. I hope this will work for other units as well. I know it may be hard at times but remember to keep it positive and be civil to everyone. Do not let personal issues interfere with our service to veterans and their families.

Remember to wear your brand loyalty (shirts, Auxiliary pin) at your events so they know who we are. Once they see who you are and what you are doing, be

prepared to let them know all about the American Legion Auxiliary.

Keeping the Promise: May - I promise to continue to support our military.

Promise Date: Armed Forces Day, May 21, 2016 - 90% membership goal.

Be the Spark for our Veterans!

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

Showing Veterans We Care



Miranda Busch, member of American Legion Auxiliary Unit 236 and a senior at UW-Oshkosh pursuing a degree in Marketing and Sales, wanted to give back to the veterans who served our country. She organized a program called "Showing Veterans We Care" to make tie blankets for veterans. Thrivent Financial sponsored the project by providing funding through their fraternal program called Action Teams. Miranda involved 52 UW-Oshkosh students to make 32 tie blankets and thank you cards. Then she and dual member Nellie DeBaker delivered the blankets and cards to Wisconsin Veterans Home at King.

SPARKS DO PAYOFF!

New Member Incentive for the American Legion Family

Running from June 1st to June 30th

Your Membership Team wants you to ignite our membership by signing up new members for the American Legion Auxiliary

We are offering monetary incentives for these new members:

- Sign up 10 new members— Get \$100
- Sign up 5 new members — Get \$50 (first 5 entries)
- For everyone that signs up one new member, your name will be entered into a drawing to win \$10*

So get those new members in and make sure you fill out the recruiter's information section on the back of the application Remember this is for new members only between June 1st and June 30th

* Number of winners to be determined; one entry per person

CREATE A SPARK MEMBERSHIP IS BOOMING



80.91% MAY 2016

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

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It's not too late to send prayers and/or inspirational thoughts to be included in President Laura's prayer book. Make her book special by having an entry from your unit. Please mail or email to me.

Thank you to the 192 units that submitted chaplain reports. After only twelve reports at mid-year, this was a welcome surprise.

Opportunities to think in terms of "For God and for country" abound this time of year. Celebrating Mother's Day and Father's Day with Memorial Day and Flag Day in between, then July 4th closely following, creates difficulty focusing on only one special day because they all are special. In addition to these holidays and the traditional May Poppy Day, there are all the graduations and weddings. There is so much to be thankful for and many opportunities afforded for giving.

Deuteronomy 15: 10-11 When you give to him, give freely and not with ill will; for the Lord, your God, will bless you for this in all your works and undertakings...I command you to open your hand to your poor and needy kinsman in your country.

Heavenly Father, we give You thanks for the Moms and Dads who provided needed guidance. We give You thanks for all the military men and women who gave some and especially to those who gave all for their country. Their willingness to serve on behalf of all Americans compels us to remember.

Heavenly Father, we ask Your blessing as we give to others in our everyday lives. May our giving be with open minds and accepting hearts. We thank You for all You have given and continue to give to us. Amen

In "America the Beautiful" by Katharine Lee Bates (1913), we are reminded of the God-given beauty and strife suffered for the country in which we live.

O beautiful for spacious skies,
For amber waves of grain,
For purple mountain majesties
Above the fruited plain!
America! America! God shed His grace on thee,
And crown thy good with brotherhood
From sea to shining sea!

O beautiful for pilgrim feet,
Whose stern impassion'd stress
A thoroughfare for freedom beat
Across the wilderness!
America! America! God mend thine ev'ry flaw,
Confirm thy soul in self-control,
Thy liberty in law!

O beautiful for heroes proved In liberating strife,
Who more than self their country loved,
And mercy more than life!
America! America! May God thy gold refine
Till all success be nobleness,
And ev'ry gain divine!

O Beautiful for patriot dream
That sees beyond the years
Thine alabaster cities gleam,
Undimmed by human tears!
America! America! God shed His grace on thee,
And crown thy good with brotherhood
From sea to shining sea.

What would life be without God and country?

GREETINGS FROM HEADQUARTERS

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Amy Luft of the Department Membership Committee was interviewed by Milwaukee WTMJ AM620 on April 18, 2016. Please take five minutes to listen to the interview, which is posted on the home page of the department website. She did a great job of promoting membership in the Auxiliary!

The website for units to submit their 990N ePostcards changed, effective February 29, 2016. The IRS is now managing the process rather than Urban Institute. Individuals who filed the 990N ePostcard for their units in the past will need to establish a new user account on the IRS website (www.IRS.gov). Directions on how to create a new user account are posted on the home page of the department website. Units who are in good standing with the IRS and have not had their tax exempt status revoked may authorize me to file the tax report for them by sending me a request form, which is also located on the home page of the department website.

I recently attended the Department Lead-

ership National Conference in Indianapolis and am eager to share information from that meeting. The national organization has planned six ALA Mission Trainings during Fall 2016. The two closest training sessions for Wisconsin members are in Columbus, OH on October 15th and Minneapolis, MN on November 5th. For those who are looking for a great winter getaway, you may want to attend the training in Las Vegas, NV on January 28th! National Junior Meetings will be held in conjunction with each Mission Training. Junior members age 8 and older are encouraged to attend any of these one-day meetings. Registration for the Mission Trainings and National Junior Meetings opens July 18, 2016. Go to www.ALAforVeterans.org/Meetings for more information.

Due to declining participation at the National Junior Convention, the National Junior Meetings were instituted this past Fall. National reported that more girls attended and 80% of them had never been to a national meeting previously. Junior members must attend one of the national meetings in order to be eligible to vote and/or run for Honorary National Division Vice President. Elections will be done electronically. Questions should

be directed to JuniorActivities@ALAforVeterans.org.

The 96th Annual ALA Convention is scheduled for July 14-17, 2016 at the Madison Marriott West in Middleton. Convention information was sent to all Unit Presidents. Pre-registration fee is \$25; registration after July 11 is \$30. The number of delegates each unit is allowed is based on total paid membership 30-days prior to Department Convention. Delegate forms will be sent to each Unit and must be returned to headquarters so voting credentials can be recorded and voting cards printed prior to convention. Please visit the department website for a full schedule of activities and convention information.

National Convention is August 27-September 1, 2016 in Cincinnati, OH. Details are not available at this time. Information packets should be mailed to all automatic delegates (Department Officers and District Presidents) as soon as possible. Anyone else interested in attending national convention as a guest or Auxiliary Alternate (if elected at Department Convention) should email the Department Secretary at deptsec@amlegionauxwi.org and request an information packet when it is available.

PUBLIC RELATIONS

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The American Legion Auxiliary (ALA) is well thought of in communities throughout the nation. The ALA has a reputation for performing worthwhile community endeavors. How did we earn this reputation?

This reputation of worthwhile work has been built by over 700,000 dedicated women volunteering thousands of hours in service to veterans, active duty military, their families, our youth and communities, doing outstanding jobs working our programs, and making sure the public is aware of the efforts and the results.

Overwhelming program success is due to

the phenomenal support and volunteerism of the wives, mothers, daughters, sisters, granddaughters, great-granddaughters and grandmothers of our veterans committed to our mission: For God and Country, we advocate for veterans, educate our citizens, mentor youth and promote patriotism, good citizenship, peace and security.

The goal of the Public Relations program is to share with the world 'Who we are,' 'What we do' and 'Why it matters' and to promote, publicize and re-educate the general public and our members about our core program values of serving veterans and their families. Our message is conveyed to vast audiences through proactive communication networks of social media, newspaper articles, cable/television advertizing, local radio interviews, personal conversations and public service announcements. When we actively share interesting, relevant information about our pro-

grams with the public, we increase visibility and awareness of the ALA.

Good Public Relations = Positive Reactions = Goodwill!!

Internal Public Relations also fosters 'Goodwill' among members. Keeping the lines of communication transmitting information to inform and educate our members about new and existing programs enables members to become more comfortable initiating conversations about the ALA and more likely to extend an invitation to join the organization.

Many sources of valuable information are available online to all members; www.ALAforveterans.org, www.amlegionauxwi.org, ALAEnews.com, www.legion.org.

Knowledge is Power! Let us keep the knowledge flowing to Energize our Programs - Be a Spark for our Veterans and we will be Keeping the Promise to our veterans, their families and our nation.

WALA STATE BOWLING

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The WALASBA 9 pin tournament was hosted by Seymour Unit 106 and a job well done by them. There were no 300 games rolled this year. The high score was 256. We had 19 teams, 66 six doubles, 64 singles and 59 ladies entered all events.

President Laura Calteux rolled the first ball and her team went on to win the competition between the President and Secretary's Teams. This year each team only consisted of three person each. President Laura's team scored 1519 points and Secretary Bonnie's team scored 1492 points. This is always a great competition!

Next year's tournament will be in Monroe on April 1-2 and April 8-9, 2017. Leisure Lanes has sixteen lanes. Mark your calendar and plan to attend!

Please consider hosting a bowling tournament. The WALASBA Committee would love to come to your area. Submit your letter of interest to Department Headquarters and

mark it to the attention of Bowling Tournament Manager.

TOURNAMENT RESULTS

Team

1st Place - (2722) - Seymour Unit 106
2nd Place - (2352) - Mom & The 4M's - Almond Unit 339
3rd Place - (2347) - Shiocton Ladies - Unit 512

Doubles

J Marsh / R Marsh - (1475) - Seymour Unit 106
L Phillips / K Rowan - (1324) - Sparta Unit 100
K Luepke / B Luepke - (1314) - Seymour Unit 106

Singles

Cheryl McNurlin - (800) - Richland Center Unit 13
Rhonda Marsh - (750) - Seymour Unit 106
Jodi Marsh - (749) - Seymour Unit 106

All Events

Rhonda Marsh - (2254) - Seymour Unit 106
Kylene Luepke - (2193) - Seymour Unit 106
Jodi Marsh - (2084) - Seymour Unit 106

PRAYER BOOK

Do you have prayers for President Laura's prayer book?

Please mail prayers, inspirational thoughts or quotes to Chaplain Diane Weggen, 16266 361st Street, Stanley, WI 54768 or email them to dsweggen@centurytel.net. Please call 715-644-2668 with questions, concerns or success stories.

Thanks to all the units that submitted Chaplain Reports.



THANK YOU!

Past Department President Berne Baer fell and broke her hip in February but reports she is 95% on her way to full recovery. Berne truly enjoyed all the cards and get well wishes she received from Auxiliary members around the state. She expects to be 100% by Department Convention and hopes to see you all in Middleton!

WORKING THE ALA MISSION

UNIT 249



Frederic Elementary School's 3rd grade class has reached out and done another community service program. The students received a grant from Thrivent Financial to purchase 13 books titled "The Poppy Lady." The story tells how the poppy flower became the symbol for service men and women all over the world. Mrs. Schauls' third grade students took turns going to classrooms to read and talk about the story and donated a book to every classroom in the elementary school. Their goal is to make students and families aware of Memorial Day and the poppy distribution in their community.

UNIT 302



Members of Oconto Falls American Legion Auxiliary Unit 302 delivered quilted lap robes to the Wisconsin Veterans Home at King. Donna Bubolz, second from right, made them and she was joined by (L-R) Bev Umentum, Marie Magnin and Loretta Shellman. The robes were accepted by volunteer Nicholas, far right.



UNIT 75 SUPPORTS AMERICANISM ESSAY CONTEST

This is the first year that Fond du Lac American Legion Auxiliary Unit 75 offered youth the opportunity to participate in the Americanism Essay Contest. This was possible through a donation from the Dave and Rose Kuter Family Foundation. Congratulations on a successful event!



Back row (l-r): Unit 75 Americanism Chairperson Linda Phillips; Grades 9 & 10, Drew Jorgenson-1st place, Madelyn Dyk-2nd place; Grades 7 & 8, Christina Beaubrun-1st place, Lydia Dyk-2nd place. Front row (l-r): Grades 3 & 4, Weston Huempfer-1st place, Teva McQuitty-2nd place; Grades 5 & 6, Ava Huempfer-1st place, Caleb LaBatte-2nd place, Auxiliary Unit 75 President Sandi Smet.

American Legion Auxiliary

2016 SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

- H. S. & ANGELINE LEWIS – (1) - \$1,000.00 – GRADUATE STUDENT**
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| Rachal Schlise | Forestville #372 | 9 |
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- H. S. & ANGELINE LEWIS – (5) - \$1,000.00**
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| Morgan Duley | Hartford #19 | 2 |
| Jolyn M. Schleis | Carlton #538 | 9 |
| Peyton Jean Gunnison | Hartland #294 | 1 |
| Emily May Mogden | Stoughton #59 | 3 |
| Abigail Marie Voegeli | Sun Prairie #333 | 3 |
- MERIT & MEMORIAL – (7) - \$1,000.00**
- Merit Scholarship**
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| Emily Ione Drone | Muscoda #85 | 3 |
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- Harriet Hass Scholarship**
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| Austin Carlson | Pittsville Post #153 | 8 |
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- Adalin Macauley Scholarship**
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| Melissa Eilbes | Lomira #347 | 2 |
|----------------|-------------|---|
- Eleanor Smith Scholarship**
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| Keegan Chad Buros | Fond du Lac #75 | 6 |
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- Pearl Behrend Scholarship**
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| Noah Lorey | Union Grove #171 | 1 |
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- Barbara Kranig Scholarship**
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| Benjamin Heeringa | Waupun #210 | 6 |
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- Jan Pulvermacher-Ryan Scholarship**
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| Lexi Jo Hinker | Greenwood #238 | 7 |
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- DEPARTMENT PRESIDENTS – (3) - \$1,000.00**
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| Garrett E. Haller | Eau Claire #53 | 10 |
| Danielle Seeger | Waunakee #360 | 3 |
| Jessica H. King | Stoddard #315 | 7 |
- DELLA VAN DEUREN MEMORIAL (2) \$1,000.00**
- | | | |
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| Jacob W. Rielly | Spring Valley #227 | 10 |
| Robyn Thompson | Brookfield #449 | 1 |

- PAST PRESIDENTS PARLEY – MAXIMUM OF (3) \$1,000.00 AWARDS**
- Nursing:**
- | | | |
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| Taylor Smiley | Kewaunee #29 | 9 |
| Sierra Bates | Durand #181 | 10 |
- Health Career:**
- | | | |
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| Skylar Elizabeth Clark | Milwaukee #537 | 4 |
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- CHILD WELFARE – (1) - \$1,000.00**
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| Kristy Gaudio | Kenosha #21 | 1 |
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- BADGER GIRLS STATE SCHOLARSHIP – (4) - \$500.00**
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| Olivia Steidl | Milwaukee #537 | 4 |
| Elizabeth Reinowski | Hartland #294 | 1 |
| Paige Sprink | Headquarters #2930 | |
| Elisha Jaeke | Allenton #483 | 2 |
- EILEEN KNOX MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP (1) \$500.00**
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| Lexi Hinker | Greenwood #238 | 7 |
|-------------|----------------|---|
- HARRY & SHIRLEY KUEHL FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP – (1) - \$500.00**
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| Kayla Lentz | Plymouth #243 | 2 |
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- WI NOMINEES FOR NATIONAL SCHOLARSHIPS**
- Children of Warriors National President's Scholarship – 1st Place National Winner ~ \$3,500
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| Allissa R. Frisle | Prairie Fame #259 | 10 |
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- Non-Traditional Student Scholarship Department Award ~ \$1,000**
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| Jill Hennes | Winneconne #364 | 6 |
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- Spirit of Youth For Junior Members Scholarship – Dept. Award ~ \$1,000**
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| Kayla Rose Lentz | Plymouth #243 | 2 |
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2016 AMERICANISM ESSAY CONTEST WINNERS

- CLASS I (GRADES 3 & 4)**
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| 1ST PLACE - Joley Berger | Unit #461 | Pembine |
| 2ND PLACE - Morgan Stalter | Unit #544 | Twin Lakes |
| 3RD PLACE - Simar Arora | Unit #382 | Menomonee Falls |
| 4TH PLACE - Katie Ciolkosz | Unit #118 | Thorp |
| 5TH PLACE - Alexis Schmidt | Unit #106 | Seymour |
- CLASS II (GRADES 5 & 6)**
- | | | |
|----------------------------|-----------|-------------------------|
| 1ST PLACE - Ava Huempfer | Unit #75 | Fond du Lac |
| 2ND PLACE - Caydon Lomas | Unit #458 | Wauzeka |
| 3RD PLACE - Corrina Haynes | Unit #66 | Athelstane-Silver Cliff |
| 4TH PLACE - Lily Sanderson | Unit #38 | Appleton |
| 5TH PLACE - Caleb Tracy | Unit #85 | Muscoda |
- CLASS III (GRADES 7 & 8)**
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| 1ST PLACE - Micah Missall | Unit #62 | Columbus |
| 2ND PLACE - Savannah Norwood | Unit #470 | Saukville |
| 3RD PLACE - Rachel Karweick | Unit #106 | Seymour |
| 4TH PLACE - Mary Kristy Eweama | Unit #100 | Sparta |
| 5TH PLACE - Hailey Barth | Unit #118 | Thorp |
- CLASS IV (GRADES 9 & 10)**
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| 1ST PLACE - Drew Jorgensen | Unit #75 | Fond du Lac |
| 2ND PLACE - Chloe DeYoung | Unit #401 | Cambria |
| 3RD PLACE - Gracie Hauser | Unit #118 | Thorp |
| 4TH PLACE - Josh Brown | Unit #272 | Butternut |
| 5TH PLACE - Bekah Henn | Unit #365 | Plum City |
- CLASS V (GRADES 11 & 12)**
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| 1ST PLACE - Austin Marcks | Unit #106 | Seymour |
| 2ND PLACE - Rachel Joas | Unit #364 | Winneconne |
| 3RD PLACE - Alyssa Fraser | Unit #118 | Thorp |
| 4TH PLACE - Benjamin Glaus | Unit #365 | Plum City |
| 5TH PLACE - Maria Tischer | Unit #486 | Jackson |
- CLASS VI (STUDENTS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS)**
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| 1ST PLACE - Rylan Girdeen | Unit #357 | Bay City |
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STATE of WISCONSIN



OFFICE of the GOVERNOR

Proclamation

WHEREAS: American Legion Auxiliary Badger Girls State teaches the principles of democracy in a representative government, and prepares girls of high school age in Wisconsin for citizenship in a modern world where government touches their lives in many different ways; and

WHEREAS: American Legion Auxiliary Badger Girls State provides an opportunity for living together as self-governing citizens while sharing experiences that demonstrate the duties, privileges, and responsibilities of good citizenship; and

WHEREAS: American Legion Auxiliary Badger Girls State instills a love of country and a desire to preserve the fundamental features of our form of government as founded by our forefathers;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Scott Walker, Governor of the state of Wisconsin, do hereby proclaim the week of June 19 – 24, 2016 as

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY BADGER GIRLS STATE WEEK

throughout the state of Wisconsin and I commend this observance to all of our citizens.



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the state of Wisconsin to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in the city of Madison this 4th day of February 2016.

Scott Walker
SCOTT WALKER
GOVERNOR

By the Governor:

Douglas LaFollette
DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE
Secretary of State



April Sweepstakes Winners are posted on the Department Website

Candidate for Department President LAUREL DuBOIS

Laurel DuBois has been a PUFL member of Ellis Hagler Unit 278 of Balsam Lake, Wisconsin for 17 years, joining under the service of her father who served in the 101st Airborne Screaming Eagles in World War II and her husband Steven who served 22 years in the United States Air Force. Laurel has been endorsed by her Unit, County, and the 12th District for the high office of Department President.



and Youth Chairman. Laurel has served on the Executive Board of ALA Badger Girls State and held the position of Head Nurse. Laurel has been a Registered Nurse for 30 years. Laurel is honored to be involved with the National Veterans Creative Arts Festival and is currently working with local units to help improve membership. She is very proud to share her knowledge and provide assistance.

Laurel has held offices at the unit, county, district and department levels. She is currently serving as Senior Vice President and Chairman of Service to Veterans. Laurel has served as President of her unit, County, and district. In 2009-2010 she served as Membership Chairman. In 2010-2011 she served as Children

Laurel and Steve have been married for 45 years. They have two sons and two grandsons and are very proud of their family. If elected for Department President, Laurel promises to continue her dedication, devotion and loyalty to this great organization, and to move it into the 21st Century.

Candidate for Department Senior Vice President BONNIE JAKUBCZYK

Bonnie Jakubczyk has been a member of the Oelschlaeger-Dallmann Unit 434 for 36 years. Her eligibility for the Auxiliary is through the Army service of her father Raymond, the Air Force service of her husband Dan, and her son Dennis who is currently in the Air Force Reserves. Their family consists of two married children, two grand dogs, and a granddaughter.



President, Department Membership Chairman, and the ALA Hospital Representative for Zablocki VAMC. On the department level she has served as Chaplain, Historian, Leadership Committee, Standard Officer Curriculum Training subcommittee, Constitution and Bylaws, Resolutions, and ALA Badger Girls State.

Bonnie has held many offices at the unit, county, district and department levels, and is currently serving as Department First Vice

Bonnie is proudly endorsed by her family, Oak Creek Unit 434, the 4th District, and Milwaukee County Conference of Units. She strongly believes in our mission statement of service not self.

Candidate for Department 1st Vice President CHAR KIESLING

As we approach another year honoring our veterans, active military, and their children, we have much to accomplish in the American Legion Auxiliary year, 2016-2017. Char is asking for your continued support as she announces her candidacy for your next 1st Vice-President in the Department of Wisconsin.



Char retired as an RN after 47 years and was a Director of Nursing and a Nursing Supervisor in home care for 27 of those years. She continues her license to attend ALA Badger Girls State (ALABGS) as a nurse counselor along with doing ALABGS orientations.

This office will entail Department Membership Chairman. Charlayne Kiesling has been a member for 24+ years and joined under her husband, Kent, Vietnam era, and her father, Charles Lenz, Jr., WW II. Char was raised in a very dedicated American Legion Family and desires to continue in her parents' footsteps in service not self.

Kay and David. Char is a very dotting grandmother to her eight granddaughters and finally a grandson, #9. She also has four great-grandchildren she manages to spoil. She has a son and daughter-in-law that she is very proud of, disabled during their service, along with several nieces soon to retire. Char attends Mt. Olive Ev. Lutheran Church, attends Bible studies and choir regularly. Char has given her whole life to serving and caring for others and that's why this organization fits her like a glove. This is why she does what she does. Thank you for your consideration.

Char has filled many offices and chairmanships on all levels of the ALA, completing Department Chaplain, Historian, and presently 2nd Vice-President. Her history of the Department of Wisconsin was judged as best in the Central Division at the 2015 National Convention. She is also completing a year as Americanism chairman.

Candidate for Department 2nd Vice President JOANIE DICKERSON

A 57-year Paid-Up-For-Life member of the American Legion Auxiliary, Joanie Dickerson is eligible for membership as the result of her own service and that of her late husband, her grandfather, father, and brothers. She is an active dual member of Liscum Brothers Unit and Post 482 of Bagley, serving as Unit Treasurer and Post Commander.



continues to serve on a local level as a member of the US Coast Guard Auxiliary where she coordinates public education activities for members of the boating public and verifies navigational aids on the Mississippi River. A long-time supporter of Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts, she is a Brotherhood member of the Order of the Arrow, the Boy Scout Honor Society, is a religious award counselor and a committee member for Troop 88.

Joanie has held numerous chairmanships for the district and department. She is currently a member of the ALA Badger Girls State committee, serves as the assistant executive director, and was recognized in 2014 for 20 years of service to the program. She is a member of the Department Strategic Planning Committee.

Joanie's two sons, daughter, son-in-law, four grandsons and granddaughter are all members of The American Legion Family. She has been endorsed by her unit, county and district. Joanie has been blessed to serve as your Department Historian this past year and prays for your support as she offers herself as a candidate for Department Second Vice President 2016-2017.

An active member of St. Mary Parish, she assists where needed and has been employed as a teacher at their school for the past 14 years. Joanie

Candidate for Department Historian DIANE WEGGEN

Diane Weggen is a Gold Star sister and a 31-year Paid Up For Life ALA member who is eligible for membership through the service of her husband Don, son James and three brothers. Granddaughter Amanda has been inducted into the National Guard and is in Basic Training this summer. Grandson Nick will be a Naval officer upon graduation in a year.



ing in a national leadership workshop, successfully completing the Auxiliary Basics Course and The American Legion's four-hour leadership training (ALEI), attending a national Learning and Listening Conference and two national Mission Trainings. She has participated in fall forums, department conventions and two national conventions.

Diane's family wholeheartedly supports her Auxiliary work and Cecil Tormey Unit 118, Clark County Council, and District 7 have endorsed Diane for the office of Department Historian.

In addition to being unit, county, and district president, Diane has held a number of other ALA offices and chairmanships and served as Assistant Mailroom Chairman for the 2010 National Convention held in Milwaukee. Currently she is Department Chaplain, Music Chairman and a member of Wisconsin's Strategic Planning Team.

Diane has gained much experience and knowledge about the Auxiliary by serving as Department Leadership Chairman, participat-

After 50 ½ years of marriage, Diane lost her husband Don to cancer last October. As a member of the Chippewa Veterans Home Recreation Committee, Diane serves as Vice President and on the Steering Committee and is treasurer for Otter Lake Booster Club, Inc. Diane is an active member of All Saints Parish and Holy Family PCCW, of the Junior Achievement program for Thorp, and of Our Lady of Victory Hospital Auxiliary.

Understanding the importance of the past, Diane Weggen will work to accurately record the history and to highlight significant events of ALA Wisconsin events. A firm believer in "Service, not self," Diane is passionate about The American Legion Family and volunteering.

Candidate for Department Chaplain Linda Coppock

Shiocton Unit 512, Outagamie County ALA Council and the "Noble" Ninth District have wholeheartedly endorsed Linda Coppock as a candidate for Department Chaplain. Linda is a 55-year Paid Up for Life Auxiliary member. Her eligibility is through her step-father (WWII); grandfather (WWI); brother (Vietnam); and son (currently active reserve) – all serving in the Army; husband (Vietnam Era Navy); daughter (Persian Gulf Air Force); and grandson (current USMC).



Linda and husband, Gary, are members of Most Precious Blood Catholic Church. When the children were young, she served on the Parish Education Committee. She is an active member of New London Girls Youth Softball Association and is a member of the Shiocton Area Veterans Memorial Committee. She served many years ago as a 4-H leader and coached girls' softball.

Linda began as an active Junior Member and has been active ever since. She held all offices as a Junior member and many offices on the unit, county and district levels, including Past 9th District President. On the department level, Linda has served as Department Sergeant-at-Arms four times, served as AEF Chairman, is a member of the WALAS-BA Committee, and is currently serving as a Goal Champion on the Strategic Planning Committee. Linda was also appointed by President Laura Calteux to be on the ALA Centennial Year Committee.

Her three daughters, son, four grandsons, and five granddaughters are all members of the Legion Family. Over the years, Linda always found strength in prayer and in family, and in recent years found that life can really be a challenge. Believing God always has a plan, she has smiled at adversity and found the strength to continue to move forward, and much of the strength was given through support of the American Legion Family. It is for this reason she has become passionate about becoming Department Chaplain and giving back to this organization. With God's help, and a little "SPARK" of her own, she accepts the challenge to give back to the friends and family she appreciates most.

Candidate for Department Chaplain Sue Hembrook

Sue Hembrook's journey in the American Legion Auxiliary began 13 years ago at the Unit level where, in addition to chairing many committees, she served as President for four years. She recently completed a term as President of the Milwaukee County Conference of Units. On the Department level, Sue has served as Education Chairman and is currently the Hospital Representative for the Dayton House Residential Facility in Kenosha, Poppy Shop Supervisor and a Strategy Captain on the Strategic Planning Committee. In addition, she was appointed to serve on the 2016-2017 National Legislative Committee and the 2010 National Convention Committee as Chairman of Pages.



Sue is eligible for membership through the service of her late father, Norton Kaiser, a WWII Army veteran and her husband, Eugene, an Air Force veteran. She has four children and nine grandchildren, all members of the Legion Family. One of her sons is currently a member of the Air Force Reserve and her son-in-law is active duty Navy serving in San Diego.

Sue and her husband of 43 years are members of St. Martin of Tours Catholic Church in Franklin, where she has been involved in many committees and leadership positions. Her deep and abiding faith has brought her through many challenges in life and will guide her as the spiritual leader of the Department of Wisconsin for 2016 – 2017.



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