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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



LAUREL DuBOIS
Department
President

Thank You for a very busy and exciting year. There has been a lot of "Soaring for Our Veterans" this year. We have continued to evolve to meet

the needs of our Veterans and our organization. This year we tried something new. Six "ALA in the Know" conferences throughout the state. We tried to reach out to our community of volunteers with training and mutual comradeship. The feedback was great and we have adapted next year's program to meet the needs you want addressed.

Your commitment to helping our veterans is obvious by the number of hours reported on your yearly unit reports. Visiting the VA hospitals and talking to the staff has renewed my confidence that the VA is still great and try-

ing to improve the care and treatment our Veterans receive. The thousands of hours you volunteer at the VA Hospitals and Veterans Homes and your communities are inspiring. I get goose bumps when I hear some of the stories of how your act of kindness has changed someone's life. **THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE.**

Do not forget that Department Convention is just around the corner. Try to ask some of your friends in your unit to come with you. We are a social organization and the Department Convention is a great way to renew old friendships, meet new people and be reenergized. There is nothing better than to be around others who are enthusiastic about our American Legion Auxiliary. The convention is where we get to say **THANK YOU** for your efforts. **THANK YOU** for giving your time and energy and say **THANK YOU** for being my friends.

I now know a lot more about the

beauty and diversity of our great state and the challenges we as an organization face. From the large city to the sparsely populated regions of our great state, you have continued to serve our Veterans. We must continue to find ways to be active in our communities. Team up with other groups and help them. That is where we will recruit new members. Wear your Auxiliary shirts and pins when you go into town. Be proud of all the great and life-changing things The American Legion, SAL, Riders and our great organization do to help others. After all, if you love this organization, do not be afraid to tell others about it and ask them to join.

Thank you all for a wonderful year. With your help and dedication, our organization will remain a strong force for good in our communities. up the good work. you for "Soaring for our Veterans" this year. Remember to say "Hello." God Bless.

MEMBERSHIP

"WHEN YOU SAY WISCONSIN...YOU'VE SAID IT ALL!"

We've all sung this refrain at UW sports events and we as Wisconsinites are very proud of our teams and support them. Speaking of teams...are you proud of our membership team this year? Have we supported and answered your questions? Have we encouraged all of you to RECRUIT, RENEW, REJOIN your members? Have we told you to go out and tell eligible ladies WHO WE ARE, WHAT WE DO, and WHY WE DO IT? Did we come to your aide when you needed help? Did your district, county, and unit leaders lead? I could go on but why are numbers not better and why have we been behind last year's numbers all year long?!

I guess we haven't been calling our members who still haven't paid, haven't been signing up even ONE new member this year, and haven't wanted to support our VETERANS as we have in the past. There won't be enough members available to continue our programs if membership isn't at the TOP of your list but rather at the BOTTOM!

What can we do better? Maggie, Donna, and I would like some constructive suggestions but not before all of you ask yourself if you as American Legion Auxil-

iary members are doing what you need to do to ensure the continuation of our organization.

We need 117 members to get to at least 75% of our department goal. Right now I don't know if we have the motivation to get there. We remain in 6th place in Central Division out of nine departments...and Central Division in last place in the nation!

Wisconsin has not helped the situation as in previous years. We have a reputation to live up to and I hope we are NOT giving up! Lately, memberships have dribbled into Department like we are finished for 2017. We still have through August to recruit NEW members and seven more months in the 2017 membership year!

I hope this "straight talk" motivates you to realize that we are at a turning point in membership... either forge ahead or be left in the dust!

"HAVE I SAID IT ALL?"

2017 DEPARTMENT MEMBERSHIP TEAM

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- Donna Wilhelms, dmjawilhelms@gmail.com
- Maggie Geiger, gto54@execpc.com
- Hannah Borree, Junior Member
- Andrea Stoltz, Headquarters Staff

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE!



American Legion Auxiliary Corporal Carnice D. Grace Unit #455 is proud to announce that Marissa Nicholson, an Auxiliary Junior member since she was a baby, enlisted in the Army to serve our country. She did her basic training at Fort Jackson, SC, and graduated on March 23, 2017. Her specialty is in Engineering and she is currently stationed at Sheppard AFB in Texas. Marissa is pictured with her grandmother, Calena McKnight, also of Unit #455. The American Legion Auxiliary congratulates Marissa and prays for a safe and successful military career.

62nd Annual Pilgrimage

The American Legion & American Legion Auxiliary
Sons of The American Legion
American Legion Riders

KING DAY

Sunday | June 18, 2017

KEEP MEMBERSHIP SOARING • MAY 2017 • 74.60%

DISTRICT 7
70.92%

DISTRICT 3
73.58%

DISTRICT 1
74.42%

DISTRICT 12
76.35%

DISTRICT 6
77.67%

DISTRICT 5
101.46%

DISTRICT 4
65.31%

DISTRICT 8
72.89%

DISTRICT 11
74.40%

DISTRICT 9
75.72%

DISTRICT 2
77.48%

DISTRICT 10
79.01%



CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

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"We have done what was our duty to do."
 Luke 17:10

The Month of May holds many traditions for all of us. Besides a birthday or an anniversary, we celebrate Mother's Day, Poppy Days, Armed Forces Day, graduations and Memorial Day. When I was young, I remember visiting my grandparent's farm on Mother's Day as did most of my cousins as well. We kids would walk the lane to the "pines" and pick all the wild flowers we could find – including trilliums (what did a 7 year old know!). We'd race back to bestow these great treasures to our mothers and grandmother. We were so blessed to have those ladies in our lives. This year, my 4 years old granddaughter, Evelyn, along with her mother, distributed poppies as I remember doing when I was young. It is never too early to learn the importance of the poppy and what it stands for. In years past, it was always an interesting and educational trip to the Poppy Shop to visit the veterans, and if you were lucky, got to help them make poppies. These are all fond memories I have from my youthful past. As I grew older, my brother was drafted to serve in Vietnam. I remember attending the funeral of a classmate's brother who lost his life while serving there. I was also honored to be part of the Color Guard when our little village of Shiocton lost another soldier in Iraq, not so long ago. I thank the Lord everyday my brother made it home safe. I am so very grateful my son, who served in Iraq and Afghanistan, safely returned to his wife and two daughters. On Memorial Day, I always think of the loss other families have suffered, mothers who mourn their lost child, the veterans who served and nearly survived, and those who served and paid the ultimate price. Not everyone was fortunate enough to have the great memories I now embrace. On Memorial Day, please take a moment to remember all those soldiers who valiantly served but were not ever able to come back home to give their mom that one last bouquet of flowers...

Dear Lord, let us pray for all those who serve, have served and will continue to serve for our Country, our Rights, and our Freedom. Let us never forget the sacrifices they made and may we always keep their memories alive in our hearts. In your name we pray, Amen.

TAPS

There is one original set of lyrics meant to accompany the music, written by Horace Lorenzo Trim:

*Day is done, gone the sun,
 From the lake, from the hills, from the sky;
 All is well, safely rest, God is nigh.*

*Fading light, dims the sight,
 And a star gems the sky, gleaming bright.
 From afar, drawing nigh, falls the night.*

*Thanks and praise, for our days,
 'Neath the sun, 'neath the stars, 'neath the sky;
 As we go, this we know, God is nigh.*

*Sun has set, shadows come,
 Time has fled, Scouts must go to their beds
 Always true to the promise that they made.*

*While the light fades from sight,
 And the stars gleaming rays softly send,
 To thy hands we our souls, Lord, commend.*

GREETINGS FROM HEADQUARTERS

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Member benefits! Women who join the American Legion Auxiliary not only receive the benefit of knowing that their dues help support programs for veterans, active duty military and their families but they can also receive many direct personal benefits. Once a member's dues are processed by Department Headquarters, she is considered a "member in good standing." Members in good standing have the privilege to vote on Auxiliary business matters and may hold office.

Another benefit of membership is the national Auxiliary Emergency Fund (AEF). This program was set up for members to help other members. (Donations may be submitted to Department Headquarters using a General Fund Suggested Donation Sheet and marking #4801-AEF.) At this time of year, Wisconsin often experiences flooding, tornadoes and fires. Women who have been members for three consecutive years and whose homes have been damaged by natural disasters may be eligible for assistance through the AEF. Awards up to \$2,400 can be granted to assist with emergency shelter, food or utilities, but cannot be used for medical expenses or debt such as that on credit cards. This year, three Wisconsin members

applied for and received AEF grants.

Another important benefit is the M. Louise Wilson Educational Loan Fund. Wisconsin Auxiliary members may apply for interest-free loans of \$800 per year for up to five years while attending college. Loans are repaid on a monthly basis after the student finishes or withdraws from school. Interested students should contact Chairman Joan Chwala at 715-668-5661 for a loan application.

Visit the department website (Membership page > Member Benefits) to download a listing of other available benefits including: life insurance, pet insurance, prescription savings, and discounts on dental, vision, hotels, movies, car rentals, new vehicle purchases, amusement parks and so much more!

Although the 2017 membership year runs through December 31, membership cards for 2018 will be distributed to units after Department Convention. Units may start submitting dues for the 2018 calendar year as soon as they receive the cards. 2018 new member applications cannot be processed until September 1st. But remember! Units that hold new member applications until the 2018 membership year are delaying a member's eligibility for AEF benefits for one year.

After July 1st members may pay their 2018 dues online through the national website. Visit www.ALAforVeterans.org, go to the "Members Only" tab and cre-

ate a log-in ID if you don't already have one. The pay dues option will be at the top of the screen. If you need assistance with creating a log-in ID, please contact the national organization's helpline at alahq@alaforveterans.org. Members may also call national headquarters at 317-569-3400 during normal business hours and pay their dues over the phone with a credit or debit card. This is especially convenient for women who are paying for several family members.

The 97th Annual ALA Convention is July 13-16, 2017 at the Radisson Paper Valley Hotel in Appleton. Pre-registration fee is \$25; registration after July 10 is \$30. The full schedule of activities and convention information was sent to all Unit Presidents and is posted on the department website.

The number of delegates each unit is allowed is based on total paid membership 30-days prior to Department Convention. Delegate forms will be mailed to each Unit and must be returned to headquarters so credentials and voting cards can be printed prior to convention.

National Convention is August 19-24, 2017 in Reno, Nevada. Anyone interested in attending should contact me at deptsec@amlegionauxwi.org or 608-745-0124 to request an information packet when it becomes available.

WALA STATE BOWLING

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It was a great weekend to drive to Monroe this year! Thank you everyone that made our tournament another successful year. We had 22 teams, 84 doubles, 76 singles and 73 ladies entered all events. There were no 300 games rolled this year. The high score was 280. Department Historian, Diane Weggen threw out the first ball as Department President Laurel had Spring Conferences to attend. The Secretary's team won the competition between the President and Secretary teams (1838 vs 1319). This competition has always been fun!

TOURNAMENT RESULTS

Team

1st Place - (2488)

'Mom & The Girls' - Verona Unit 385

2nd Place - (2480)

'Cheesemakers II' - Monroe Unit 84

3rd Place - (2431)

'Four M's' - Almond Unit 339

Doubles

G. Kiebenow / J. Zentowski - (1399)

Brookfield Unit 449

S. Hall / J. Iverson - (1382)

Bagley Unit 482

A. Miller / T. Whiteaker - (1351)

Monroe Unit 84

Singles

Suzanne Heuer - (720) - Shiocton Unit 512

Janet Iverson - (697) - Bagley Unit 482

Bonnie Worgull - (686) - Brookfield Unit 449

All Events

Jill Zentowski - (2137) - Brookfield Unit 449

Carol Gehrke - (2096) - Fremont Unit 339

Janet Iverson - (2041) - Bagley Unit 482

Our 2018 tournament will be in Platteville on April 7 & 8 and April 14 & 15. Contact Tournament Manager Jenni Syftestad if you're interested in hosting a bowling tournament in your area or would like more information.



BOWLING IS AN AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY FAMILY LEGACY



Submitted by Diane Weggen
 Department Historian

Joining the American Legion Auxiliary is all about honoring veterans in our families and in our communities. Part of honoring veterans is working and playing together in our ALA units and with other units. Monroe Unit 84 and New Glarus Unit 141 co-hosted the 2017 Bowling Tournament in Monroe.

The annual American Legion Auxiliary (ALA) Bowling Tournament has become a Bonduel Unit 217 family legacy.

Shirley Welcing bowled in the very first ALA Bowling Tournament in 1976 and bowled every year until her passing in 2014. Once old enough, her daughters and granddaughters joined her and now bowl in her honor, wearing shirts inscribed with "Because Mom says so" or "Because Grandma says so".

Get a team together and plan to bowl in the 43rd Annual American Legion Auxiliary Bowling Tournament at Platteville on April 7 & 8 or April 14 & 15, 2018.



★ ★ ★ **2017 AMERICANISM ESSAY CONTEST WINNERS** ★ ★ ★

CLASS I (GRADES 3 & 4)

- 1ST PLACE - Elizabeth Frankewicz Unit #118 Thorp
- 2ND PLACE - Jayden Semotan Unit #382 Menomonee Falls
- 3RD PLACE - Judah Bigonia Unit #75 Fond du Lac
- 4TH PLACE - Lucas Mangold Unit #544 Twin Lakes
- 5TH PLACE - Zakary DeVries Unit #401 Cambria

CLASS II (GRADES 5 & 6)

- 1ST PLACE - Pablo Torres Unit #100 Sparta
- 2ND PLACE - Michaela Benisch Unit #62 Columbus
- 3RD PLACE - Sidney Gronski Unit #185 Grantsburg
- 4TH PLACE - Blake Cocanower Unit #410 Fredonia
- 5TH PLACE - Alexis Widmann Unit #512 Shiocton

CLASS III (GRADES 7 & 8)

- 1ST PLACE - Maryam Khan Unit #38 Appleton
- 2ND PLACE - Jonah Zorea Unit #13 Richland Center
- 3RD PLACE - Madison Thiex Unit #132 Siren
- 4TH PLACE - Ryan Raether Unit #118 Thorp
- 5TH PLACE - Daniel Otchere Unit #382 Menomonee Falls

CLASS IV (GRADES 9 & 10)

- 1ST PLACE - Cora Luzinski Unit #118 Thorp
- 2ND PLACE - Carly Nice Unit #13 Richland Center
- 3RD PLACE - Madi Lindamood Unit #486 Jackson
- 4TH PLACE - Jane Zeratsky Unit #306 Green Lake
- 5TH PLACE - Kimberly Claggett Unit #306 Green Lake

CLASS V (GRADES 11 & 12)

- 1ST PLACE - Hannah Sargent Unit #13 Richland Ctr.
- 2ND PLACE - Benjamin Glaus Unit #365 Plum City
- 3RD PLACE - Hannah Fischer Unit #486 Jackson
- 4TH PLACE - Isabella Scheibl Unit #477 St. Nazianz
- 5TH PLACE - Caitlyn Rosemeyer Unit #118 Thorp

CLASS VI (STUDENTS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS)

- 1ST PLACE - Michael Hoeksema Unit #75 Fond du Lac

Candidate for National President Diane Duscheck

Diane Duscheck is a candidate for the high office of National President of the American Legion Auxiliary 2017-2018. Elections will be held at the National Convention in Reno, Nevada, in August.



Diane's Auxiliary service beyond the unit level began in 1979 with a phone call from her mother Viola, who asked Diane to take over the Sixth District Junior Activities program due to the resignation of the current chairman. From that simple beginning, Diane has followed in the footsteps of her parents who were actively involved in service to The American Legion Family. Diane served as District President (1987-1989), Department President (1994-1995), and Central Division National Vice President (1999-2000). Since 1995 Diane has held 13 chairmanships and numerous leadership positions for the National American Legion Auxiliary, and had special appointments including the ALA's 5-Year Centennial Strategic Plan, Future Focus Committee, and is a Designated Di-

rector of the ALA Foundation. Diane is currently National Vice President.

Diane grew up in Markesan and is a 56-year member of Abendroth-Connolly Unit 282, having joined through her father Roland's service. Her membership honors both her father's WW II service and her brother Philip's Vietnam Era service.

As part of her professional career, Diane taught seventh and eighth grade science in Fox Point for 34 years at St. Eugene Catholic School and Maple Dale Grade School until her retirement in June 2014. Diane was actively involved in her schools as a union representative for twelve years and in contract/benefits negotiations. She has enjoyed non-profit work for most of her life. Besides volunteering for the American Legion Auxiliary, Diane continues to volunteer at Easter Seals Wisconsin in Wisconsin Dells where she also worked for ten years at their camps for physically handicapped children and adults, and at the Mitchell Park Horticultural Domes in Milwaukee.

Candidate for NEC Laura Calteux

In the 30 plus years that Laura Calteux has been a member of the American Legion Family, she has been an active member on the unit, county, district and department levels.



Laura belongs to Greendale Unit 416 where she has worked many programs and held the offices of President, 1st and 2nd Vice President, Secretary and Poppy Treasurer.

On the district and county levels, she has been President and Chaplain. On the department level, she has held all offices and the following chairmanships: Membership, Poppy, Americanism, Community Service, Music and Legislative. As the Americanism Chairman, she earned the Clara B. Smith Award. She volunteers at American Legion Auxiliary Badger Girls State, where she is the

Assembly Counselor. Laura was also the Mailroom Chairman for the National Convention and the Chairman for Decoration and Publicity for the 8 & 40 conventions, both held in Milwaukee in 2010.

The most recent step in Laura's journey has been as the National Executive Committeewoman for the Department of Wisconsin. This

position is one of great importance to both the Department and our members as well. Keeping our members informed on what is happening on the national level, along with making sure our organization stays viable for many years to come, are the main responsibilities of the National Executive Committeewoman.

Laura has been endorsed by her unit, district and county. She is married, with three children and three grandchildren; all members of the American Legion Family.

Candidate for CDNVP Teresa Isensee

Teresa, a 26-year member of Walter-Nelson Unit 326 American Legion Auxiliary in Boyd, joined under the service of her husband, Steve, a Vietnam Veteran, and has been endorsed by her unit, Chippewa County, the 10th District, and her family for the office of Central Division National Vice President.



Steve and Teresa have been married for 26 years and together they have four children and ten grandchildren, all are members of the American Legion Family. In her professional career, she is an IT Project Manager/Programmer Analyst for National Presto Industries in Eau Claire.

In addition to her volunteer hours to the American Legion Family, Teresa is an active member of the Boyd Lions Club, served for eight years as a Village of Boyd Trustee, is a Past Chairperson of the Chippewa County Economic Development Corporation, Past Chairperson of the Revolving

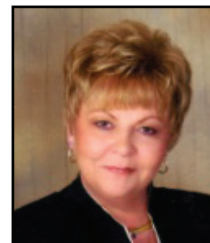
Loan Fund for Chippewa County, and Past Board Member of the Regional Business Fund.

Teresa has held offices at the unit, county, district, department, and national levels, serving as Department President, National Executive Committeewoman, and is currently serving as Alternate National Executive Committeewoman and Central Division Poppy Chairman. Teresa has attended National Mission Trainings, participated as a presenter at the newly formed ALA in the Know Conferences, attends the Department Convention annually, has attended 16 National Conventions, completed The American Legion Extension Institute, and attends The Legion Midwinter Conference.

As an American Legion Auxiliary member, Teresa proudly volunteers and supports the aims and purposes of The American Legion family, and in the spirit of service not self, will serve to enhance the lives of our veterans, military, and their families.

Candidate for CDNVP Diana Sirovina

Diana Sirovina is a candidate for Central Division National Vice President. Her eligibility for membership in the Auxiliary is through the service of her dad, Ronald Kaun, an Army veteran of the Korean Conflict. She is married to Bob, an SAL Detachment Vice Commander. They have one daughter April, who is married to Kris, active duty Navy, and one granddaughter Addison, all members of Legion Family. She has been endorsed for the office of Central Division National Vice President by her unit, county and district.



Throughout her 29 years of membership, Diana has demonstrated leadership at all levels of our organization. In addition to being a successful president of her unit and district she has served the Department on numerous committees and in chairmanships and offices. As Department President, she was honored to accept the National Presidents' Award for Excellence

for the Department of Wisconsin at the 2013 National Convention.

On the National level, she has served as National Convention Chairman, Strategic Planning-Leadership Committee Chairman, and on the Leadership Committee. She served as National Executive Committeewoman and Alternate NEC. In the Central Division, she has served as Junior Activities Chairman, Girls Nation Chairman, Membership Chairman, and Public Relations Chairman.

Through her years of holding several Central Division Chairmanships, she is uniquely qualified to hold the office of Central Division National Vice President. She is an articulate speaker, well known for her poise and confidence and her dedication to the Auxiliary and would be an outstanding choice to represent the Auxiliary as Central Division National Vice President.

Candidate for Department President Bonnie Jakubczyk

As candidate for Department President, Bonnie truly believes in the mission of the American Legion Auxiliary. In the spirit of service, not self, the mission of the American Legion Auxiliary is to support The American Legion and to honor the sacrifice of those who serve by enhancing the lives of our veterans, military, and their families, both at home and abroad. For God and Country, we advocate for veterans, educate our citizens, mentor youth, and promote patriotism, good citizenship, peace and security.



Bonnie is a 37-year member of Oelschlaeger-Dallmann Unit 434 in Oak Creek. Her eligibility for the Auxiliary is through the Army service of her late father Raymond, the Air Force service of her husband Dan, and her son Dennis who is currently in the Air Force Reserves. Bonnie and Dan have been married for 41 years and have a son and daughter, along with two grand-dogs and two granddaughters.

Bonnie has held many offices at the unit, county, district and department levels, and is currently serving as Service to Veterans Chairman, Milwaukee County President, and the Hospital Representative for Zablocki VAMC. On the Department level, she has served on the Leadership Committee, Standard Officer Curriculum Training subcommittee, Constitution and Bylaws, Resolutions, ALA Badger Girls State, Membership, Chaplain, and Historian. She has attended the National Learning and Listening Conference, Department Leadership Conference, Department Leadership National Conference, Mission Training, along with numerous State and National Conventions.

Bonnie is supported by her family and is proudly endorsed by Oak Creek Unit 434, Milwaukee County Council of Units and Fourth District. She strongly believes that by working together, The American Legion Family can continue to help our veterans and their needs.

Candidate for Senior Vice President Char Kiesling

Char Kiesling asks for your acceptance of her nomination for the American Legion Auxiliary, Department of Wisconsin, Senior Vice President for 2017-2018. She has been deeply involved in Unit 33, Neenah, in Winnebago County, and in the 6th District. She has held many offices and chairmanships during her 30 years of membership.



Char has been endorsed by her unit, county, and District 6. She has served the past several years as Department Chaplain, Department Historian for which she was awarded the best Central Division History Book, Department 2nd Vice President, and Department Americanism Chairman, receiving the Best Central Division Americanism Award.

Char has performed ALA Badger Girls State orientations for several years and served as head nurse at ALABGS. She is presently serving as Department 1st Vice President and Department Membership Chairman, with a

PUFL membership. She is a member of the Centennial Planning committee and co-captain for Strategic Planning. She has also been on the fundraising committees for her friends, Diane Duscheck and Denise Rohan.

She has been married to Kent, a Legionnaire, celebrating their 50th Anniversary this past May 13th. They have three children, ten grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. She has a deep faith and attends Mt. Olive Evangelical Lutheran Church and Bible studies regularly.

If elected to this office, Char asks for your help and continued support. She has a steadfast commitment to this organization's mission and our programs to aid our Veterans and their families and the communities in which we live. She believes in the American Legion Auxiliary and the members of this great Department of Wisconsin.

Candidate for 1st Vice President Joanie Dickerson

Joanie Dickerson is a 58-year Paid Up For Life member of the American Legion Auxiliary and is eligible for membership as the result of her own service; that of her late husband, her grandfather, father, and brothers. She is an active member of Liscum Brothers Unit and Post 482 of Bagley, serving as Unit Treasurer and Post Finance Officer.



member of the U.S. 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'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 Department 2nd Vice President this year and prays for your support as she offers herself as a candidate for Department First Vice President for 2017-2018.

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An active member of St. Mary Parish, she assists where needed and has been employed as a teacher at their school for the past 15 years. Joanie continues to serve on a local level as a

Candidate for 2nd Vice President Diane Weggen

Gold Star sister and 32-year Paid Up For Life American Legion Auxiliary member, Diane Weggen joined through the service of her brother Jerry, a Navy pilot who lost his life during the Vietnam War. Coming from a family of veterans – late husband Donald served in the National Guard; brothers Bob, Army, and Tom, Air Force; son



James and daughter-in-law Jennifer, Navy; and now granddaughter Amanda, National Guard—Diane has a vested interest in serving veterans. Two married children, daughter in California and son in Virginia, and five grandchildren comprise Diane's family. They support her Auxiliary work and, along with Cecil Tormey Unit 118, Clark County Council, and District 7, endorse Diane for the office of Department Second Vice President.

In addition to being unit, county, and district president, Diane has held a number of

other American Legion Auxiliary offices and chairmanships and was Assistant Mailroom Chairman for the 2010 National Convention held in Milwaukee. Currently, she is serving as Department Historian and a member of Wisconsin's Strategic Planning Team. Taking leadership roles in several civic activities, Diane chairs the Wisconsin Veterans Home Recreation Board in Chippewa Falls, is treasurer of the Otter Lake Booster Club, active member of All Saints Parish, group leader of Holy Family PCCW, on the committee for the Thorp Junior Achievement program and member of Our Lady of Victory Hospital Auxiliary in Stanley where she co-chairs one of three main events.

A firm believer in "Service, not self," Diane is passionate about The American Legion Family and volunteering. If elected, Diane Weggen will work to serve the position of Second Vice President well.

Candidate for Department Historian Linda Coppock

ALA Shiocton Unit 512, Outagamie County and the Noble 9th District, along with the support of her family, have all endorsed Linda Coppock as a candidate for Department Historian.



daughters, Jennifer, a Bosnia Era Air Force Veteran (dual member), Michelle and Suzanne. They are all ALA members and past Department Miss Poppies. Their son, Major Stephen B. Olk, currently Army Reserve, has served in Iraq and Afghanistan and is a TAL member. Their oldest grandson, LCpl Chasen M. Gardner, is currently serving in

Her siblings refer to Linda as the walking encyclopedia! She retains trivial information very well. They all believe being your Historian will be "right up her alley"! Linda began her

the USMC. They have three other grandsons, Trevor, Braedon and Lukas, and five granddaughters, Sage, Brielle, Annika, Evelyn and Clara, and one great granddaughter, Ariyah, all Auxiliary members. They are awaiting the arrival of another grandchild in July!

Auxiliary career as a Junior Member for Shiocton Unit 512 at the age of six and has been active ever since. She is also a 56-year Paid Up For Life member. In May, she was installed as the 2017-2019 President for Outagamie County Council and is serving as 9th District Secretary for 2016-2018, as well as the current Department Chaplain. Linda has served as Department Sergeant-at-Arms, AEF Chairman, and is currently a committee member for Leadership, WALAS-BA, Co-Goal Champion on the Strategic Plan Goal 5 Team, Strategic Planning Ad Hoc Committee, and ALA Centennial Year Committee. Linda will be a presenter for the 2017 ALA in the Know conferences and will again attend ALA Badger Girls State as a counselor.

Linda is a member of Most Precious Blood Catholic Church, an active member of New London Girls Youth Softball Association, serving as their secretary for the past 15 years and is also referred to as their "history book." She is also a member of the Shiocton Area Veterans Memorial Committee. Linda is a retired Municipal Court Clerk/Assessment Technician and is looking forward to the challenge of recording the history for the Department of Wisconsin in the year to come. She would like to thank everyone for their support this past year as your Department Chaplain.

Linda and husband of 27 years, Gary, a Vietnam Era Navy veteran, have raised three

Candidate for Department Chaplain Judy Kuta

Judy Kuta is an 18 year ALA member. Her eligibility for membership is through the service of her husband Ron who served in the USAF and the US Army Reserve. In addition, their two daughters are ALA members, three grandsons are SAL members and one son-in-law is a Legionnaire who recently retired after 30 years of service in the US Army. Her membership also honors the service of her father (WWI) and her brother (Korean Conflict) who both served in the US Army.



Judy is a member of St. Paul Lutheran Church in Grafton where she is an active member of the Women's Guild and served as their secretary for four years. She is currently a chairman for their Salad Luncheon and their Country Fair as well as a chairman for the funeral committee. Judy also enjoys serving as a greeter at the

Sunday services. Judy brings a wealth of experience through the many positions held such as Unit, County and District President. She has also held a number of Department chairmanships including Fundraising, Home Service and Poppy. Judy currently serves as a goal champion on the Strategic Planning Committee. Since becoming a member, she has attended 17 Department conventions, 12 National conventions and yearly Fall Informational Forum/ALA in the Know Conferences.

Judy feels blessed in so many ways and knows that the power of prayer can often change lives and give peace and comfort during hard times. She feels confident in serving the Department as Chaplain and is grateful that this one-year position is available to members with a desire to be the spiritual leader while not necessarily having the desire to hold other Department offices in the future.

Unit 355, Ozaukee County Council and the Mighty Second District are proud to endorse Judy Kuta for the position of Department Chaplain.

American Legion Auxiliary

2017 SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

H. S. & ANGELINE LEWIS (1) - \$1,000.00 – GRADUATE STUDENT
No Applicant

H. S. & ANGELINE LEWIS (5) - \$1,000
Meghan Kehoe Whitewater #173 1
Mariah Kent Eau Claire #53 10
Jenna Loewus Brookfield #449 1
Marissa Parkin Linden #493 3
Andrew Tepp Stevens Point #6 8

MERIT & MEMORIAL (7) - \$1,000
Merit Scholarship
Sigal Felber Verona #385 3
Harriet Hass Scholarship
MacKenzie Fischer Boscobel #134 3
Adalin Macauley Scholarship
Kimberly Franklin Sun Prairie #333 3
Eleanor Smith Scholarship
Jackson Hampton Stoughton #59 3
Pearl Behrend Scholarship
Isabella Lenz Stoughton #59 3
Barbara Kranig Scholarship
Melissa Oxtoby Franklin #387 2
Jan Pulvermacher-Ryan Scholarship
Siera Petet DeForest #348 3

DEPARTMENT PRESIDENTS (3) - \$1,000
Rachel LeClaire Brookfield #449 1
Meghan O'Connell Mazomanie #437 3
Katrina Petranovich Thorp #118 7

DELLA VAN DEUREN MEMORIAL (2) - \$1,000
Megan Klos Grafton #355 2
Kimberly Thompson Stoughton #59 3

PAST PRESIDENTS PARLEY (3) - \$1,000.00
Nursing:
Andriana Pfeffer Grand Marsh #273 7

Health Career:
Maria Tischer Mequon-Thiensville #457 2
Ellie Waters Osseo #324 10

CHILD WELFARE (1) - \$1,000.00
Jill Schultz Portage #47 2

BADGER GIRLS STATE SCHOLARSHIP (4) - \$500.00
Laura Kregel Hartford #19 2
Molly Panasuk Rice Lake #87 10
Marnie Schecklman Greenwood #238 7
Rebecca Sodemann Janesville #205 1

EILEEN KNOX MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP (1) - \$500.00
Megan Schleusner Colfax #131 10

HARRY & SHIRLEY KUEHL FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP (1) - \$500.00
Kaitlyn Woodward Cottage Grove #248 3

WI NOMINEES FOR NATIONAL SCHOLARSHIPS Children of Warriors National President's Scholarship Department Award - \$1,000
Amanda Heino Webster #96 12

Non-Traditional Student Scholarship – Department Award - \$1,000
Kelly Monroe Waukesha #8 1

Spirit of Youth For Junior Members Scholarship Department Award - \$1,000
Rachel Hansen New Holstein #124 6



MISSION IN ACTION

MARSHFIELD UNIT 54



American Legion Auxiliary Unit 54 in Marshfield celebrates our local Gold Star Mothers on the first Monday in every May with a Gold Star Mothers dinner held at the Legion Post. Gold Star Mother Jan Altmann and family members are shown in this photo. Jan lost her son, Sgt. Joseph

Altmann, a US Army Medic, to combat in Afghanistan.

Jan and her family work tirelessly in this community to honor the legacy of Joe and all veterans. The American Legion Family takes pride in serving this very special group of moms each year.