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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



JOANIE DICKERSON  
Department  
President

Happy Holidays to all! Whether you celebrate Hanukkah, Christmas, Kwanzaa, or a combination of these, I pray you have a blessed holiday season. Now is the time we gather family near, send greetings to those who are far away, unable to join us, and share wishes of joy with all we meet. Our homes are decorated with signs of the season and are filled with the scents of baked goods that reflect the tra-

ditions of our families. But not everyone is sharing in our holiday festivities.

Within our communities, many don't have enough to feed their families, warm their homes, much less purchase gifts for one another. During this time of giving, have you considered sharing with some who don't have as much? Have you thought about giving to a charity rather than exchanging gifts? This has been a topic of discussion in my family this holiday season.

This past spring, we experienced the untimely passing of a

loved one. He was young, only 38, definitely too young to die, and yet he did. This year, our family plans to donate to a charity of our choice, the money we would have spent on gifts for one another. (Of course, we are still buying gifts for our younger family members!) We all have plenty. We don't need more things. The joy our gifts will provide for people who have so little will be more than enough this year.

If you read the October unit mailing, you saw the "wish lists" for the various VA medical cen-

ters and Veterans Homes we support. Many of them support our homeless veterans. A gift of clean socks can make a huge difference in the life of someone who doesn't have the opportunity to shower every day. Warm gloves and knitted hats will reduce the loss of body heat on these cold days. Do you have a unit/post holiday party planned? Consider collecting items to donate for our veterans in lieu of exchanging gifts this year. They will go a long way to improving the life of a veteran.

It has been a busy fall. I have

had the pleasure of visiting some of our VA facilities and the honor of presenting gifts on your behalf. Your generous donations to our VA medical centers, Veterans Homes, and outreach centers have permitted me to select gifts that will enhance the lives of the veterans they serve. On their behalf, I thank you for your generosity.

I pray each of you are blessed with a holiday season that will become one of your fondest memories for years to come and a new year filled with all the best things life has to offer.

## MEMBERSHIP

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Merry Christmas! Can you believe we are half way through this Auxiliary year? I pray your "member" ships are still sailing and collecting members - old, new and renewed! After some major course changes, we should all be back to "setting our course for the future!"

After much anguish and many questions about the information on members more than "two degrees of consanguinity," I hope gaining new members will not be a problem. Do not allow that iceberg to steer you away from the course we are sailing! We need to remember to use the correct wordage when using old membership forms. Under the relationship portion of the application, please circle, underline or highlight "Daughter or Granddaughter" as the

great-granddaughter and direct descendants options can no longer be used. National's computer system will not allow processing membership applications marked with direct descendant or great-granddaughters. As a result, Andrea Stoltz has returned many new member applications that were submitted to department that way. Our member affiliation is very important to us, even if the IRS has a say in it. As we continue to voyage ahead, let's hope this is the only iceberg we come across! There are new members out there, we just need to look for them.

Full steam ahead - what are your goals for the future? Sailing into the New Year should allow us to push aside the muddy waters of the past and look toward clear water for smooth sailing into new lands. In the past few months, Wisconsin was in third place in overall National Membership! Congratulations! I know

Iowa wants to be in first place, but my predictions in the New Year puts Wisconsin ahead of them in the standings, so please, do not tie an anchor to my ankles and let me down! I believe our membership goals for this 2019-2020 year are very reasonable and attainable. If you are fortunate to have your membership done and/or under control, please consider taking a look at the units in your county or district that may be struggling. Please offer to help make "Sailor Shout-outs." Set a date, ask other units in your county to join you and make an afternoon of making calls to units in need. Membership is not just the responsibility of the chairman or the officers, it is something everyone should be helping with. Make it fun. Make it an adventure that will excite eligible people to be a part of what you are doing. Continue "Setting a Course for the Future!" Happy New Year!!!

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Are you looking for ways to provide support to those in uniform and family members?

If you wish to be a Family Readiness Group volunteer with an Army National Guard unit, please contact Carina Sween at [carina.a.sween.ctr@mail.mil](mailto:carina.a.sween.ctr@mail.mil) or 608-242-3961 to learn more or to begin volunteering. Opportunities are in many locations throughout the state.

Additional ways to support the National Security program include: providing support on a spouse to spouse or family to family basis, completing a

Community Emergency Response Training course, or donating blood. When you meet a member of a military family, say "thank you" and it will make a difference.

### Upcoming dates to keep in mind:

- April is the Month of the Military Child
- May is the month of Military Family Appreciation
- May 8, 2020 is Military Spouse Appreciation Day
- May 23, 2020 is Armed Forces Day

These are the designated days to recognize their service to our country. For more information or for any questions or ideas you may have, please contact me.

### THE AUXILIARY HEADQUARTERS OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON:



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|------------------------------|----------------------|
| Friday, December 20, 2019    | - After 12:30pm      |
| Tuesday, December 24, 2019   | - Christmas Holiday  |
| Wednesday, December 25, 2019 | - Christmas Holiday  |
| Wednesday, January 1, 2020   | - New Year's Holiday |

## SETTING A COURSE FOR THE FUTURE



## CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

**Becky Mueller**  
**Department Chaplain**  
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*Psalm 100:4 "Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name."*

Let us enter the holiday season with Thanksgiving! Let us be thankful for all the past year has brought and what the New Year will bring. It has been a year of changes and challenges – a year of triumph and of loss – a year of beginnings and endings. Sometimes it is hard to be thankful in the face of adversity but therein lies our greatest opportunities. We, as children of God, need to be thankful for whatever happens as we journey through this life. We need to be thankful for those who journey with us. We need to be thankful for those who we help and to those who help us. We need to be thankful for the roadblocks and the detours that result. I know this is a difficult and sometimes impossible task. I know the despair of depression that accompanies the holidays for so many. I know the trauma of loss with the empty chair at the table. I know the fear of the diagnosis we don't want to hear. I know the dark and gloom that fills the cold days and nights. Yes, our Lord says – I know – and I understand.

Yes, our Lord says – I am with you – and I have sent angels to minister to you. They are called the American Legion Family. They are here. They are loving and kind. They understand in a way that many in the world do not. They are willing and able to touch each other with understanding and without judgment. They have been there and done that. They are family – your family.

Our challenge/opportunity this holiday season is to reach out to our extended family members and really see them. Really hear them. Really care for them. If each of us connects with just one or two other family members we will have enveloped the entire family with love and caring this season. Isn't that a wonderful thing to be thankful for! Whose life do you need to touch?

Thank you, Lord, for our American Legion family that has connected to us in so many ways. They offer us variety and diversity. They offer us faith and hope. They offer us encouragement and opportunities. They offer us challenges and solutions. Let us be grateful for all they are and all they can become. Bless our family. Bless our veterans. Bless our military. Bless their (our) families, Bless our communities. Bless us. Amen.

**Music: Winkworth/Cruger/Mendelssohn**  
*"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 still is ours today."*

## GREETINGS FROM HEADQUARTERS

**Bonnie Dorniak**  
**Executive Secretary/Treasurer**  
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Looking for a last-minute holiday gift? Give the gift of ALA membership!!! December 27, 2019 is the last day for processing 2019 Paid Up For Life (PUFL) membership applications. Members who apply after that will need to pay their 2020 dues before the PUFL application can be accepted. Contact Linda Cason at department headquarters for more information.

The American Legion Auxiliary will be conducting a Junior Activities Patch workshop at TAL Midwinter Conference on Saturday, January 18, 2020 at 9:00 am. Auxiliary Juniors and SAL youth members are invited to attend. At 11:00 am, the ALA will be holding a discussion on TAL Four Pillars and how the Auxiliary programs compare – what is their focus and how the Legion Family can work together to accomplish our mission. Anyone attending Midwinter must register for the conference. Registration is \$20/person now or \$25 after January 6, 2020. Registration and housing forms are on the Legion website at [www.wilegion.org](http://www.wilegion.org), under 2020 Midwinter Conference.

National headquarters will mail the final

2020 dues renewal notices around January 15th. They already pulled the mail list so if you receive a renewal notice but believe your dues were paid, please confirm that your Unit Membership Chairman forwarded your dues to department. Dues are not considered "paid" until they have been processed by department headquarters. The January renewal notices will instruct members to send their dues directly to department to ensure they are processed in a timely manner, so members do not lose their benefits. Members may also pay dues to their unit, online ([www.ALAFORVeterans.org](http://www.ALAFORVeterans.org)) using a debit or credit card, or by phone at 317-569-4500, Monday through Friday from 7:00 am – 3:30 pm.

American Legion Auxiliary Badger Girls State (ALABGS) session will be held at UW-Oshkosh from June 21-26, 2020. The reservation fee of \$350/delegate is due by January 27, 2020. If your unit has decided it will no longer participate in the Girls State program, please notify Carrie at department headquarters and your school – before the school starts its selection process!

Unit Annual Year-End Report forms will be mailed this month to all unit presidents. Members are reminded to track their volunteer hours and money spent to support Auxiliary programs to ensure they are included

in the unit's totals. Every unit should submit a report and acknowledge their members for all the hard work accomplished throughout the year. Department President Joanie Dickerson will review the Unit Year-End Reports and select units for recognition at department convention. Program chairmen also use the information to prepare their annual reports for the national organization.

Members are encouraged to check out the department website ([www.amlegionauxwi.org](http://www.amlegionauxwi.org)) for a wealth of information. The 2019-2020 Red Book and the unit mailings that are sent to unit presidents each month are posted on the 'More' tab, 2019-2020 action plans for each program are on the 'Dept Chrm/Action Plans' page, current membership reports and forms are on the 'Membership' page, and updated donation forms can be found under 'Forms.'

During this holiday season, please remember the many military service men and women who are separated from their loved ones. Continue to pray for their safe return and support their families during their absence.

ALA Department Headquarters will be closed: Friday afternoon, December 20th for the Employee Christmas Party; Tuesday and Wednesday, December 24-25 for the Christmas holiday; and Wednesday, January 1 for the New Year's holiday.

## COMMUNITY SERVICE

**Beth Puddy**  
**Department Chairman**  
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The hardest part of Community Service is probably deciding what you are going to focus on. The list of things a member or unit can do is endless. Many members and units will look at doing community service around Thanksgiving and/or Christmas.

You may also want to look at what you could do on Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, which is a Congressionally Designated Day

of Service. The day is to honor the memory of Dr. King by serving our neighbors and communities, as well as to answer the question: "What are you doing for others?"

The Corporation for National and Community Service ([www.nationalservice.gov/mlkday](http://www.nationalservice.gov/mlkday)) is the federal agency that leads service and volunteering. Each year, on the third Monday in January, the MLK Day of Service is observed as a "day on, not a day off." Next year the date will be January 20, 2020. MLK Day of Service is intended to empower individuals, strengthen communi-

ties, bridge barriers, create solutions to social problems, and move us closer to Dr. King's vision of a "Beloved Community."

The intention of the American Legion Auxiliary is to promote patriotic community service activities and to build community partnerships. Our service on this day elevates our presence in the community while focusing on the needs of our national heroes. It is encouraged not to use this day for membership recruitment purposes, but to approach this holiday as an opportunity to serve veterans in accordance with our mission.

## VETERANS AFFAIRS & REHABILITATION

**Mary Petrie**  
**Department Chairman**  
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A century ago, a group of insightful, dedicated women charted their course, embarked on a full-speed-ahead journey, and sailed into the hearts of their veterans. Little did they know or suspect the impact they would have on the future of The American Legion Auxiliary!

Their future is our present – both the here and now and a gift anchored in service, as we continue the VA&R mission. Whether sailing smooth seas or weathering choppy waters, the ALA remains a beacon of light, serving those who served.

This program dedicates itself to our past and present heroes and their families. Ask any of our Hospital Representatives, Deputies, or facility volunteers about "their" vet-

erans. You'll see an immediate smile and receive a heartfelt reply noting they are gifted with so much more than they give.

Check in with our crafty Service to Veterans volunteers and they will proudly display a variety of handmade gifts from the heart, waiting to be distributed to our veterans. Yet others spend time providing a meal or treats, driving veterans to appointments, relieving a caregiver, and visiting nursing home veterans.

Monetary donations can secure temporary housing for a homeless veteran or provide a security deposit on a new apartment – a boost of encouragement, showing someone cares and is willing to help. Funding has also extended to services for car repairs, allowing veterans the independence and ease to get back and forth to doctor appointments or to seek and maintain employment.

The next generation's future is possibly

sailing into uncharted waters. The needs of our veterans have varied over the last century and most likely will continue to do so, but the ALA mission stays the course.

As we celebrate a century of service, we are grateful to those who saw a need and strived to fill it. We thank those who served and remember those who gave their all, for it is because of these heroes we are privileged with the freedoms we have today.

A few weeks ago, we commemorated a special day, Veterans Day. Communities across the country held festivities to honor those who wore the uniform. But it doesn't stop there. The American Legion Auxiliary continues to celebrate Veterans Day every day! As we sail into the next century, our course is set.

Thank you, Veterans, for your service, and thank you, members, for serving those who served. Smooth sailing and God bless!

## CHILDREN & YOUTH

**Kitty Larkin**  
**Department Chairman**  
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“Anchored in Service, Setting a Course for the Future” with the Children & Youth Program focuses on our main resource for our future and is one of the pillars of The American Legion as its programs remain committed to serving the nation’s youth. Children & Youth is our hope and future for our everlasting longevity beyond 100 years.

Helping children matters and dollars count by donating to the Child Welfare Foundation, which is dedicated to the betterment of all children. The foundation’s purpose is to contribute to the physical, mental, emotional and spiritual needs of children and youth through the dissemination of knowledge about new and innovative organizations and their programs.

For more far-reaching power with the Children & Youth program, partner with your American Legion Child Welfare Chairman. The American Legion handles the majority of the administrative costs for the foundation, so every dollar collected is entered into the trust fund to be used for grants awarded to youth-serving non-profit organizations and programs that benefit youth. It helps every child to know that someone cares.

You can find how the American Legion Child Welfare pillar is parallel with our Children & Youth program by visiting [cwf@legion.org](mailto:cwf@legion.org). You will see that all parts of the Legion Family help youth set their course through the ALA Badger Girls State/TAL Badger Boys State programs which are designed to train youth in the science of government and to develop their leadership skills. The TAL Oratorical Contest not only promotes

citizenship, but it serves as a good incentive for scholarships and can be promoted through the schools for youth participation. These same schools can be used to demonstrate the meaning of the US Constitution by using a veteran or service member as a speaker.

The ALA promotes the Youth Hero Award, which recognizes youth under the age of 18 who perform a heroic act of physical bravery, and the Good Deed Award, which is given to youth under the age of 18 who contribute in a special way to society through community service. These awards help youth to recognize that they have valuable skills and they are important to society in many ways. Many times, these individuals feel as though what they have done is what anyone else would have done under the same circumstances, but

they need to know that they are special and have reacted in very supportive ways.

Group activities that can be done by units or families can consist of participating in school supply drives, promoting Americanism programs to appropriate level grades, and placing books or comic books that focus on military families and children in local or school libraries. These supplies can be purchased from Emblem Sales at <https://emblem.legion.org/>. Participation in local Veterans Day or Memorial Day parades brings out the issue of remembering how and why we are a free nation and that it is because of those who gave so freely of their time and lives years ago that we can enjoy the freedoms that we have today. The service members and their families of today are those who are ensuring our freedoms for tomorrow.

## JUNIOR ACTIVITIES

**Leah Stiff**  
**Department Honorary**  
**Junior President**

My name is Leah Stiff and I am currently serving as the Department Honorary Junior President of the Wisconsin American Legion Auxiliary. I’m in 9th grade at Benjamin Franklin Junior High School in Stevens Point. I qualify for The American Legion Auxiliary through my grandfather and my great great grandfather. I’ve served as both Junior and Senior Poppy Princess for Berens-Scribner Unit 6 and always enjoy helping with my unit’s activities. I look forward to serving the Department as the Honorary Junior President.

I’d like to introduce my special project. Along with serving in the Auxiliary, I also participate in swimming, softball, music, Girl Scouts, and some art activities. These activities are a large expense to my parents, and I am fortunate enough to have the opportunity to be able to participate in these. Extra-curricular activities can provide a stability when stressful events hap-

pen in a child’s life. That’s why I chose Our Military Kids for my project this year as Honorary Junior President. Our Military Kids provides grants to support children of deployed soldiers to be able to continue in sports, arts or other extra-curricular activities. My goal is to raise \$3000, which will fund 10 grants. Each family will receive \$300 to help the child continue in these activities. More information can be found at [www.ourmilitarykids.org](http://www.ourmilitarykids.org).

Donations to this project may be sent to Junior Activities Chairman, Laura Calteux, 7012 W. Squire Avenue, Greenfield WI 53220. Checks should be payable to The American Legion Auxiliary, Department of Wisconsin or “ALA-WI.”

I also encourage units to learn more about the program. You may know children who can benefit from the grants available. Or maybe you would even like to hold your own fundraiser. If you do, I’d love to hear about it. Let’s work together to keep military kids strong when their parents are overseas.

## 2019-2020 PAST PRESIDENT PARLEY (PPP) DUES

**PPP Dues are \$5.00 per member.** Dues should be submitted to Department using the PPP Dues Form. PPP cards will be mailed by PPP Chairman Teresa Isensee.

For questions, please contact Teresa Isensee at 715-667-3528.

- **Make check payable to:** Past Presidents Parley
- **Complete PPP Dues & Donation form** ([www.amlegionauxwi.org](http://www.amlegionauxwi.org) > Forms > PPP Dues & Donation Sheet )
- **Mail check and form to:** ALA Headquarters, P.O. Box 140, Portage WI 53901

## ENTER THE 2020 DAILY SWEEPSTAKES TODAY!



The 2020 American Legion Auxiliary Daily Sweepstakes were mailed out and must be **returned by December 31, 2019** to be eligible for participation. Contact Headquarters at 608-745-0124 for additional entry forms; only original entry forms will be accepted.

- **366 Winners!**
- **\$11,810 in Cash prizes!**
- **One \$500 winner every month!**

*No donation is required to participate. However, proceeds benefit our veterans, the military and their families, so your generous contributions are greatly appreciated.*

Visit [www.amlegionauxwi.org](http://www.amlegionauxwi.org) for complete sweepstakes rules.

## 6TH DISTRICT HOSTS THEIR ANNUAL FALL FUN DAY



This was the first time that 6th District held its Fall Fun Day with both Junior and Senior members and everyone had a great time! The idea of having the Juniors join was well received by all Seniors present.

Members learned about the Junior Patch program from Chairman Char Kiesling, then went on to decorate Christmas trees. Each unit took some trees home for the veterans in their local nursing homes, assisted living locations and even some shut-ins. Some of the members tied fleece blankets which will be taken to King for the homeless veterans. Many of the ladies worked with the Juniors to fold pocket flags for the Camo Quilt Project. To round out the day,

members signed Christmas cards that will be delivered to the Veterans Museum between Oshkosh and Neenah to be shared with deployed troops.

President Joanie Dickerson even made a quick stop to share in the day’s festivities!



# 45<sup>TH</sup> WALASBA TOURNAMENT 18TH ANNUAL 9-PIN TAP TOURNAMENT

**March 28-29, 2020 and April 4-5, 2020**

**Circle B Recreation Center • 6261 State Road 60 • Cedarburg, Wisconsin**

**EVENTS:** Team (4-woman), Singles, Doubles and All Events

**SQUAD TIMES:** Saturday (11am or 2pm) & Sunday (9am or 12pm)

**ENTRY FORMS, RULES and HOTEL INFO:**

Visit the department website, [www.amlegionauxwi.org](http://www.amlegionauxwi.org)



**CONTACT INFORMATION:**

Jenni Syftestad, Chairman / Tournament Manager

205 Thompson Street, Verona, WI 53593-1043 | Ph: 608-845-7857 | E: [syftes@chorus.net](mailto:syftes@chorus.net)

**ENTRY CLOSING DATE:**

Entries must be postmarked no later than **MARCH 1, 2020**

Entry forms may be photocopied **BUT NOT** altered in any other way.

100% Prize Fee Returned  
75% Handicap - 200 Scratch

Circle B Recreation Center  
6261 State Road 60  
Cedarburg WI 53012

Entry # \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

The names listed below make entry in the below specified contest at the annual WALASBA Tournament and hereby agree to comply in all respects with the rules of said tournament. The individual members are bona fide 2020 members of the Wisconsin American Legion Auxiliary

**WALASBA IS NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR PROVIDING SUBSTITUTES!**

TEAM NAME	UNIT CITY LOCATION	UNIT #
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TEAM (PLEASE PRINT):	Indicate what Events bowler is entering:		Highlight or Circle your choice:	
	TEAMS	TEAMS	SATURDAY: MARCH 28	11AM OR 2PM
1	Y	N	TEAM	OR DOUBLES/SINGLES
2	Y	N	TEAM	OR DOUBLES/SINGLES
3	Y	N	TEAM	OR DOUBLES/SINGLES
4	Y	N	TEAM	OR DOUBLES/SINGLES

DOUBLES AND SINGLES:	DOUBLES	SINGLES	ALL EVENTS	If you want to enter ALL EVENTS
1	Y	N	Y	N
2	Y	N	Y	N
1	Y	N	Y	N
2	Y	N	Y	N

Bowling	\$7.50
Prize	\$5.50
Expense	\$6.00
Total	\$19.00 per person per Event

PLEASE PRINT COMPLETE ADDRESS & PHONE # WHERE MAIL WILL RECEIVE IMMEDIATE ATTENTION

Captain: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City / ST / Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

MAIL ENTRIES TO: JENNI SYFTESTAD  
205 THOMPSON STREET - VERONA WI 53593-1043

Do not write in this space:

TEAM _____	DBLS _____	SINGLES _____
ALL EVENTS _____	TOTAL PAID _____	

Visit [www.amlegionauxwi.org](http://www.amlegionauxwi.org) (Program Info>Bowling) for tournament rules and hotel information.

## Wauzeka Veterans Memorial Completed



After five years of hard work, the Wauzeka Veterans Memorial has been completed. More than 150 people attended the dedication and showed their respect and support of all veterans. The memorial is located at the Wauzeka Cemetery on Hwy N, north of Wauzeka. A special stone for women veterans sits in front of the large eagle.



## MISSION IN ACTION: 10TH DISTRICT



At their "Fall Gathering," The American Legion Auxiliary members of the 10th District donated school supplies for 'Give 10 for Education.' From crayons to tissues, they filled the table. The supplies were given to the Augusta School District. Mary Townsend, 10th District Education Chairman, coordinated the event.



Watch for details in upcoming issues of the Wisconsin!

**PRESIDENT JOANIE DICKERSON'S TESTIMONIAL**

**Prairie du Chien | June 6, 2020**

**JUNIOR ACTIVITIES CONFERENCE  
June 14, 2020**

# Wausaukee High School Students Awarded 1st Place in National Poppy Poster Contest



Dept. President Joanie Dickerson and Unit 66 President Deanna Farley

At the ALA in the Know Conference held in Crivitz, Department President Joanie Dickerson presented President Deanna Farley of Athelstane/Silver Cliff Unit 66 with three 1st Place National Awards. Unit 66 sponsored the winning students of the 2019 National Poppy Poster Contest.

As a kick-off for the 2020 ALA Poppy Poster Contest, members of Legion Post 66 and other area veterans visited the Art and History classes at Wausaukee High School. Two Wausaukee High School students, 2019 graduate Emily Shaw and senior Courtney Peterson, won

1st Place in their respective classes in the 2019 national Poppy Poster contest. Courtney also received an award for Best Overall Poppy Poster in Central Division. Congratulations to Courtney, Emily and all other students who participated in the competition.

After the award presentation, the Veterans had a panel discussion about their military service. Panelists, representing the Air Force, Air Force Airborne Infantry, Army, Women's Air Corp (WAC) and Marine Corps, served during the Korean War, the Cuban Crisis and the Vietnam War/Era.

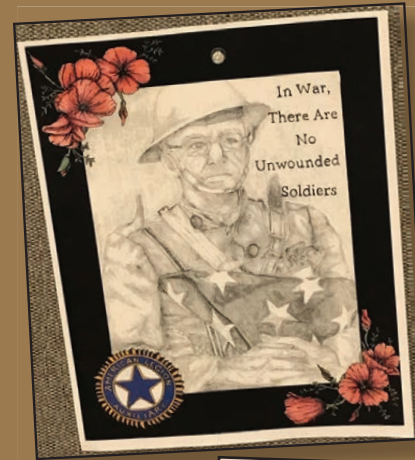


Pictured (top row): Cheri Leiphart, Mike Zindars, Bill Jose, Chuck Cable, Chuck Willens, Post Commander Duaine Coenen, Mark Delaski and Unit President Deanna Farley; (bottom row): Gary Van Boxtel, Mike Strauss, Terry Weyers and Dee Cline.



Pictured (L to R): Art Teacher Cheri Leiphart, Courtney Peterson, Emily Shaw and Unit 66 President Deanna Farley.

## 1ST PLACE POSTERS



**COURTNEY PETERSON AWARDED**  
 • 1st Place in respective Class  
 • Best Overall Poppy Poster in Central Division

**EMILY SHAW AWARDED**  
 • 1st Place in respective Class



### 2020 MIDWINTER CONFERENCE AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY OPPORTUNITIES January 18, 2020 • Ho-Chunk Wisconsin Dells, Lower Dells H

**SESSION ONE: (9am -10am) - AUXILIARY PATCH PROGRAM**

**LEADERS: Laura Calteux and Char Kiesling**

**ATTENTION JUNIORS and SAL YOUTH!**

Come and learn about The American Legion Auxiliary Patch Program and actively work toward earning a patch from many of those offered. Patches cover programs such as Poppy, Americanism, Leadership, Community Service, Health & Physical Fitness, Star-Spangled Kids, Education, Technology, National Security, and VA&R. There is also a new Goodwill Patch! Criteria for attaining each patch is different and is geared to the age of the member, grades K5 thru 12th grade. With guidance from ALA and SAL Leadership, take your first step towards earning your very own patch!

If you are interested in attending the Auxiliary Patch Program session, please return this form to: Laura Calteux, 7012 W. Squire Ave., Greenfield, WI 53220 or lauracalteux@yahoo.com.

**Yes, I am interested in the ALA Patch Program at Midwinter Conference!**

Name	Senior	Junior	SAL	Age
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**SESSION TWO: (11am -12pm) - LEGION FAMILY FOUR PILLARS**

**LEADERS: Becky Mueller and Maggie Geiger**

A discussion will be held on The American Legion programs and how the Auxiliary programs compare. What is their focus, and how can the Legion Family work together to accomplish our mission.

*NOTE: Anyone attending Midwinter must register with TAL (www.wilegion.org). Registration is \$20/person now or \$25 after January 6, 2020.*

## WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA: DECEMBER 14, 2019

PDP Char Kiesling thanks all who supported her special project, Wreaths Across America. \$12,500 was used to purchase wreaths for the Wisconsin Veterans Cemeteries in 2018 and the balance of \$7,818.75 purchased wreaths for this year. THANK YOU!

Wreaths Across America coordinates wreath-laying ceremonies at more than 1,600 locations across the United States, at sea and abroad, to help remember our fallen US veterans, honor those who serve, and teach our children the value of freedom. Ceremonies will be held on December 14, 2019 at the Veterans

Cemeteries at King (10:00 am), Spooner (11:00 am) and Union Grove (11:00 am). Everyone is welcome to participate.

*"In many homes, there is an empty seat for one who is serving or one who made the ultimate sacrifice for our country. There is no better time to express our appreciation than during the hustle and bustle of the holiday season. We hope you will join us at any of our more than 1,600 participating locations to show our veterans and their families that we will not forget. We will never forget."* — from the Wreaths Across America website (www.wreathscrossamerica.org.)





**MILWAUKEE COUNTY CONFERENCE OF UNITS**  
**Invites all Legion Family Members and Guests**

**The 94th Annual**  
**George Washington Luncheon**

**President's Day | Monday, February 17, 2020**

Meyers Restaurant & Banquet Hall • 4260 S 76th St, Greenfield, WI 53220

**Social Hour - 11:00 am • Lunch - 12:00 pm • Cost - \$22.00 per person**

For information, contact Sue Middlestead at (414) 545-2727

**Reservation deadline: FEBRUARY 3, 2020 – NO EXCEPTIONS!!**

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**George Washington Luncheon Registration**

**Make checks payable to: MCCU**

**Send to: Laura Calteux, 7012 W. Squire Ave., Greenfield, WI 53220**

Unit Name & Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Unit Contact & Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**NAME OF EACH PERSON ATTENDING: AUXILIARY, LEGION, SAL, GUEST**

Please Note: Tables will be assigned, 8 people per table - no exceptions. If you are registering more than 8 people, please list who will be sitting together

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| 3. _____ | 4. _____ |
| 5. _____ | 6. _____ |
| 7. _____ | 8. _____ |

**Amount Enclosed:                      Number of Reservations: \_\_\_\_\_ X \$22.00 = \_\_\_\_\_**



*Just a  
 Little  
 Reminder:*

**Poppy Order forms  
 must be received  
 at Department  
 Headquarters  
 by December 15, 2019.**

**2020-2021 NATIONAL APPOINTMENTS**

Help elevate the ALA into our next century of service! Consider applying for a national committee leadership position during the 2020-2021 administrative year. Members with strong professional backgrounds that relate to the Auxiliary's many programs are needed; some require physical agility. You need not have served as an ALA officer within the department to be eligible for a national appointment. **Online applications must be submitted by January 6, 2020 at: <https://www.alaforveterans.org/ala-national-appointment-application/>.**



**2019-2020 UPCOMING DATES**

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION
Dec 14, 2019	Wreath Laying Ceremonies	Veterans Cemeteries at King, Spooner and Union Grove
Feb 17, 2020	George Washington Luncheon and CDNVP Ruth Gott's Official Visit	Meyers Restaurant, Greenfield, WI
Mar 28-29, 2020 April 4-5, 2020	WALASBA 9-Pin Tap Tournament	Cedarburg, WI
May 2, 2020	6th District Spring Conference	American Legion Post #364, Winneconne, WI
May 16, 2020	5th Annual Sweat4Vets Walk	Cedarburg Post to Grafton Post
June 6, 2020	President Joanie Dickerson's Testimonial Junior Activities Conference	Prairie du Chien, WI
June 14, 2020	ALA Badger Girls State Department Convention and NP Nicole Clapp's Official Visit	TBD
June 21-26, 2020 July 16-18, 2020	ALA Badger Girls State Department Convention and NP Nicole Clapp's Official Visit	UW-Oshkosh, WI Appleton, WI
Aug 28-Sep 3, 2020	National Convention	Louisville, KY

**SEPTEMBER SWEEPSTAKES WINNERS**

1	25.00	Elaine Brunner	Fredonia
2	15.00	Lorraine Large	Port Washington
3	15.00	Donna Hart	Hales Corners
4	15.00	Pauline Glentz	Alma
5	15.00	Erin Beaty	Cascade
6	15.00	Dianne Campapell	La Crosse
7	15.00	Erica Kroening	Harrisburg SD
8	25.00	Shirley Cornils	Sun Prairie
9	15.00	Lori Hilgart	Park Falls
10	15.00	Lola Parker	La Farge
11	15.00	Nicole Vidal	West Salem
12	15.00	Marilyn Brandt	Pittsville
13	15.00	Norene Rochester	Holmen
14	15.00	Wendy Miller	Wisconsin Rapids
15	25.00	Sandra Matsch	Ellsworth
16	15.00	Lynn Stetson	Reedsville
17	15.00	Valerie Reinholz	Kaukauna
18	500.00	Sandra Hubing	Belgium
19	15.00	Luella Lee	Waterford
20	15.00	Shelby Osborn	Granton
21	15.00	Barbara Hammond	Viroqua
22	25.00	Barbara Moore	St Francis
23	15.00	Phyllis Taft	Boscobel
24	15.00	Tammy Beringer	New Holstein
25	15.00	Elizabeth Weber	Bloomer
26	15.00	Claudine Germer	Hustisford
27	15.00	Diane Peachey	Markesan
28	15.00	Jeff Mills	Onalaska
29	25.00	Jean Zimmerman	Monroe
30	15.00	Pat Wontor	Amberg

**OCTOBER SWEEPSTAKES WINNERS**

1	15.00	Mary Zwirlein	West Bend
2	15.00	Judith Kruzan	Trevor
3	15.00	Ann Sigourney	Westville OK
4	15.00	LaVonne Mason	Thorp
5	15.00	Mae Miller	Owen
6	25.00	Richard Barton	La Crosse
7	15.00	Pamela Pomrenke	Madison
8	15.00	Cheryl Brossmann	Wauwatosa
9	15.00	Pat Anderson	Sun Prairie
10	15.00	Nancy Hein	Lake Mills
11	15.00	Diane Mayhugh	Neosho
12	15.00	Mickie Punjak	Delafield
13	500.00	Dale Birch	Eau Claire
14	15.00	Shirley Smith	Crivitz
15	15.00	Jean Kundert	Monroe
16	15.00	Rebecca Lovell	Madison
17	15.00	Barbara Goodman	Pardeeville
18	15.00	Judy Anderson	Wittenberg
19	15.00	Richard Wallock	Cedarburg
20	25.00	Kyle Pozorski	Platteville
21	15.00	Judy Senkowski	Poynette
22	15.00	Elaine Musser	Black River Falls
23	15.00	Lori Hilgart	Park Falls
24	15.00	Mary Geurts	Greenleaf
25	15.00	Margaret Shidell	Marathon
26	15.00	Carol Rudesill	Rice Lake
27	25.00	Carol O'Neill	New Castle DE
28	15.00	Patricia Eisentraut	Neillsville
29	15.00	Maryann Evans	Lone Rock
30	15.00	Betty Peters	McFarland
31	15.00	Sharon Connery	Muscoda