



AMERICAN  
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AUXILIARY



2<sup>nd</sup> District Newsletter-February 2025

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

**Membership**

Congratulations to the following units: Rio, Cambria, Waterloo, Johnson Creek, Port Washington, Fredonia, Sheboygan & Allentown, they have all reached 100% or better.

**Welcome to the 100% Club!**

Unfortunately, though we have slipped back to 6<sup>th</sup> Place in State. Please continue to focus on membership, we have so many units that are so close.

**We Can Do It!**

Danie Wilson-2<sup>nd</sup> District Membership Chair is always willing to help any unit in need.

**Mid-Winter Conference**

It was nice to see so many members from 2<sup>nd</sup> District, attend the conference. If you couldn't attend, you missed our junior members teaching us all how to fold a pocket flag. It's not as easy as you may think. They also taught (or tried to teach) us how to say the Pledge of Allegiance in sign language. President Becky invited all Legion Family members to attend a session with Charles Konsitzke-UW/MIA Recovery ID Project speak.

**Reporting**

Now is the time to make sure all unit members should be tracking their hours. These need to be turned into the unit Presidents by April 1<sup>st</sup>, **Unit Impact Reports are due to me by April 15<sup>th</sup>**, Unit Narrative reports are due to Department Headquarters by April 15<sup>th</sup>. If you are in need of help with your reports, a member of the District Executive team will work with you. Don't hesitate to reach out.

**Unit/County Upcoming Events**

Do you have any upcoming events you would like to share within the district? Perhaps we have some members that would like to show their support for your unit.

**I have also attached the 2<sup>nd</sup> District Conference Invite!**

Thank you all for serving our mission.



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



2<sup>nd</sup> District ALA February 2025 Newsletter  
Facebook Article by  
Committee Chair Kristy Wakeman

I asked AI (the internet) why we should use Facebook for The American Legion Auxiliary. It replied that it is a way to connect with members and share information about their programs and events. These are a few of the key benefits that it came up with:

- large user base (you can reach many members at one time),
- community building (we can share our events, accomplishments, and articles between all Units),
- cost-effective marketing (we don't need to mail out flyers or brochures to members),
- content sharing (we can share images and articles),
- timeliness (information can be sent/seen immediately), and
- accessibility (you can read your Facebook on any device, anywhere).

Using Facebook will allow us to be connected to each other more easily. If you have any articles, events, or accomplishments please send them to me at [kareuter19@gmail.com](mailto:kareuter19@gmail.com). I will then get approval from the 2<sup>nd</sup> District President Sandy Mack and post your item.

Kristy Wakeman



**AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY  
DISTRICT 2 DEPARTMENT OF WISCONSIN  
Community Service Report: Jan Williams Committee Chair**

Hello Wisconsin ALA members. Hope all is well with you, and everyone is staying warm.

Midwinter Legion family conference is in the books. It was great to be together in Appleton learn new things and do projects for our veterans. Now we can look forward to spring. The end of March is coming, and all unit members are getting their annual reports ready. It's ok to remind them now so last-minute anxiety isn't a problem.

Community service is a very broad category. There're many items that fit into this spot on the reports. The key is to write it down, so all your good work is credited for veterans' services.

Every time we provide food, knit, sew, shovel the neighbors snow... Well, you get the idea everything counts. Don't forget to include milage and any money spent for projects.

Enjoy every day, speak to at least one person, and look forward to the future.

Thanks for all you do, Jan Williams

Here is a list of some suggestions for Community Service:

Super Bowl Party, Washington's Birthday Luncheon, Valentines Day Dance, Fashion Show, Brat Fry, Pancake Breakfast, Bingo, Meat Raffles, Fish Fry, walk for a veteran, board game night, popcorn & a movie just to name a few.

*Let's get our Community Involved.*

## **ALA February Newsletter**

### **Public Relations-Committee Chair Pat Bruss**

We all support our Veterans and Active-Duty Servicemen and Women. Let us review some of the benefits they are entitled to but may not be aware of and some of the programs that we can support and connect them to.

Starting with Active Duty Deployed Service members, we can provide a powerful connection between parents and their children no matter how many miles separate them. The Wisconsin USO Reading Program enables deployed military personnel to record themselves reading books to their children. Then the recordings and books are given to the child. For more information, visit [www.USO.org](http://www.USO.org). We can donate the children's books to this USO program.

Under the US Department of Veterans Affairs "Veterans Benefits Act of 2024", Veterans can receive expanded Education Benefits, Increased funding for housing, transportation, and caregiver support. On or after October 1, 2024, the VA pays up to \$978 toward burial and funeral expenses for non-service-connected death. They provide a US flag to drape the coffin. The Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs provides Military Funeral Honors. The Veterans Administration and the County Veterans Service Office may provide flags and flag holders to be placed on graves on Memorial Day.

Wisconsin has two National Veterans Cemeteries: Wood National Cemetery in Milwaukee and Northwoods National Cemetery in Harshaw. There are 3 State Veterans Cemeteries: Southern WI – Union Grove in Racine County, Northern WI – Spooner in Washburn County, and Central WI – Wisconsin Veterans Home at King in Waupaca County.

Other support groups include:

Veterans America which assists veterans in obtaining VA Home Loans,

Wisconsin Veterans Network which provides extra support for veterans as they age,

Synergy Home Care [www.synergyhomecare.com](http://www.synergyhomecare.com) can provide services such as errands,

shopping, appointments, housekeeping, meal preparation, personal care, respite, and end of life supportive care.

Veterans may also be entitled to:

Homemaker Home Health Aid Benefit,

The Caregiver Support Program,

Aid and Attendance Pension.

If you, your veteran, or one you know is in need, reach out. Make sure you and your Veteran are receiving all benefits you/they are entitled to!

Did you know that one of our own Auxiliary members has experienced the full slate of VA benefits during her veteran spouse's prolonged illness? Being forever grateful for the care provided, she has the honor of speaking at the 2025 Memorial Day Ceremony at Wood National Cemetery in Milwaukee. More info will be available as the Program is compiled.



Wear your  
Red/White/Blue  
Attire

## American Legion Auxiliary/Department of WI 2nd District Spring Conference

Saturday April 26, 2025  
American Legion Post 69 Mayville  
134 S Main St/Mayville

Cost \$19 per person (\$2 Registration & \$17 Meal)

8:00 A.M.-8:55 A.M. Registration-Yogurt/bagels/Donuts/Fruit/Coffee/Juice  
9:00 A.M.-3:00 P.M. Meeting

Noon hot lunch (Hot Turkey/Ham Sandwich-Cheesy Potatoes, Salads, Relishes & Desert)

**Pre-registration & payment required. RSVPs Due by April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

**Make checks payable to: ALA 2<sup>nd</sup> District.  
Mail Check and Registration form to:  
Mary Montag/2<sup>nd</sup> District ALA Treasurer  
726 Jean Court  
Allenton, WI 53002**

Hosted By Dodge County: Contact Eunice Seering with any questions:  
920-382-5776 or euniceserring@gmail.com



Please Print

*Mail only one registration form per unit.*

*Will your Unit be entering a History Book for judging? Yes No*

Name	Delegate	Delegate-at-Large	Alternate	Guest	First Time Attendee

*\* Attached separate piece of paper if necessary*

Total Number Attending: #1 \_\_\_\_\_ Total Amount Enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

## Dates to Remember

March 1<sup>st</sup> – 2<sup>nd</sup> District Executive Meeting/Mayville 9-noon

### Daylight Savings Time (March 9<sup>th</sup>)

April 1<sup>st</sup>- Volunteer hours and fundraiser reports are to be turned into the unit President.

April 15<sup>th</sup>- Unit Narrative Report Summary is due to Department Headquarters.

April 15<sup>th</sup>- Unit Year-End-Impact Reports are due to me.

April 26<sup>th</sup>-2<sup>nd</sup> District Spring Conference/Mayville

**Theme is Red/White & Blue**

All County Presidents are to bring their county trifolds.

July 17<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> Department Convention/Green Bay

August 22<sup>nd</sup>-28<sup>th</sup> National Convention/Tampa Bay





# AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY



2<sup>nd</sup> District February 2025

Department of Wisconsin-American Legion Auxiliary/President Sandy Mack

## DID YOU KNOW?

The February birth flowers are Violet & Iris

- February 1<sup>st</sup> National Freedom Day  
February 1<sup>st</sup> Black History Month  
February 1<sup>st</sup>, 1865, President Abraham Lincoln signed the 13<sup>th</sup> Amendment. (Abolished Slavery)  
February 1<sup>st</sup> Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month-1 in 3 teens will experience some form of abuse from someone they are dating before they become an adult.

**The Army is the oldest and largest service branch in the U.S. military, tracing its roots to the Continental Army established in 1775.**

- February 2<sup>nd</sup> Groundhog Day  
February 3<sup>rd</sup> Four Chaplains Day  
February 4<sup>th</sup> World Cancer Day  
February 4<sup>th</sup> USO Birthday  
February 9<sup>th</sup> Super Bowl Sunday played at Caesars Superdome in New Orleans  
February 14<sup>th</sup> Valentines Day  
February 14<sup>th</sup>, 1929, St. Valentine's Day massacre occurred in Chicago as seven members of the Bugs Moran Gang were gunned down by five of Al Capone's mobsters posing as police.  
February 15<sup>th</sup> Susan B. Anthony's Birthday

**The Marine Corps is often considered, the toughest branch of the military, both physically and mentally.**

- February 17<sup>th</sup> Presidents Day/Washington's Birthday  
February 17<sup>th</sup>, 1972, The VW Beetle broke the record for the most popular automobile in history.  
February 19<sup>th</sup> Coast Guard Reserve Birthday

**I am proud to be the daughter of a Marine who proudly served.**

**Thank you to all the men and women in uniform for their courage, and our veterans!**

**Thanks for our freedom always.**

### Random Fun Facts

- 1) It is physically impossible for pigs to look up into the sky.
- 2) Rubber bands last longer when refrigerated.
- 3) There are 293 ways to make change for a dollar.
- 4) A cat has thirty-two muscles in each ear.
- 5) You can, die laughing.
- 6) One in eighteen people have a third nipple. (polythelia)
- 7) Hippos cannot swim.
- 8) All 50 states are listed across the top of the Lincoln Memorial on the back of a \$5 bill.
- 9) You remember more dreams when you sleep badly.
- 10) You inhale fifty potentially harmful bacteria's every time you breathe.

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