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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



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W e l c o m e Aboard, ALA Wisconsin Crew, for our second voyage of *Setting a Course for the Future!* Who could have imagined, one year ago, that we would be where we are today? Our world has changed dramatically this past year, but our mission has not. As we continue to navigate these uncharted waters of our new reality, we must remember our commitment to improving the lives of our veterans, military, their families and our communities. Course corrections have been necessary, but our ultimate destination remains unchanged.

Thank you to everyone who sub-

mitted unit reports for the 2019-20 administrative year. I enjoyed reading about your activities and will be highlighting a few of them in the coming months. Units large and small reported their program accomplishments and their centennial celebration events. I am always amazed at the creativity of our members!

Two units reported their efforts to publicize our mission by reaching out to families of our active duty military. Wolf River Unit 391 in Fremont, District 8, created a list of families with someone currently serving in the military. These families were invited to a luncheon prior to a regular unit meeting. The meeting was called to order, and the first order of business was to explain the meaning and history of the

Blue Star Banner. As each service member's name was announced, family members were presented with a banner and information about support groups for families with deployed members. Their event was publicized in the local newspaper. Way to get the word out about who we are, what we do, and why we matter, Fremont!

Lockman-Jensen Unit 499 in Gordon, District 12, also held a Blue Star Banner presentation. They created posters announcing their event and placed them in three area communities. Families were invited to register for the event and once they had the name and address of military families, personal invitations were sent. Their afternoon event included poppy corsages, light refreshments, fel-

lowship time, special presentation ceremonies and information about the American Legion Auxiliary. They stated that although they were disappointed in the low response they received to their public invitation, they felt the event was a success because of the personal contact they made with families of current service members. It's their hope that each family will display their Blue Star Banner, which will generate conversation in their neighborhoods, and thus further publicize the mission of the ALA. Great job, Gordon!

Activities like these are just some examples of how we can increase public awareness of our great organization and potentially generate interest in joining us. It's often been said that we are the best kept secret in America. Now is the time to change that perception.

The American Legion Auxiliary, Department of Wisconsin mailed a fundraising request to all current members in May to support the General Fund. Other than the annual calendar sweepstakes, this is the only fundraiser conducted by the Wisconsin Auxiliary.

Despite the uncertainty people are facing with the COVID-19 pandemic, our members stepped up and generously responded. For God and Country, thank you for your dedication to our mission!

~ President Joanie Dickerson



MEMBERSHIP

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Hello Auxiliary Members! I am back and ready to jump start your 2021 Membership Year! Ready or not, it has begun! It's time to roll out the new year. It does seem odd there was no state convention to kick-off the new year, but then again, about the only thing everyone is looking to kick off is their face masks!

Sailing on...we are more than halfway through the 2020 Membership year and still collecting those dues. Congratulations to the three counties and 97 units at or above 100%. Second District is the lead ship in the 2020 race to 100% with Sixth District at a very close second. Since I am lucky enough to be your Membership Chairman again this year, I just might have the opportunity to award a District

for being 100% by the year's end. Let's see whose sails are set the highest to come in first.

Speaking of repeats, most unit and district goal incentives have stayed the same with just a few date changes. National will be setting membership goals after their August NEC meeting, but it is projected that units will only need to get 1 new member again this year. In response to the concern from units with memberships larger than 100 members not able to achieve awards as easily as smaller sized units, I have reduced their award requirements to allow them an opportunity to be eligible with a lower percentage. However, only one unit will be drawn to win that incentive.

Also, in an attempt to avoid excessive phone calls to unit and/or district officers, any member holding an officer position must have their unit dues paid for that unit and/or district to be eligible to re-

ceive any incentive awards! As an officer myself, I find it difficult to "preach protocol" to members if I am not doing so myself. I would hope this holds true for all unit members holding an office of any type. We are the example; we are setting that sail to lead.

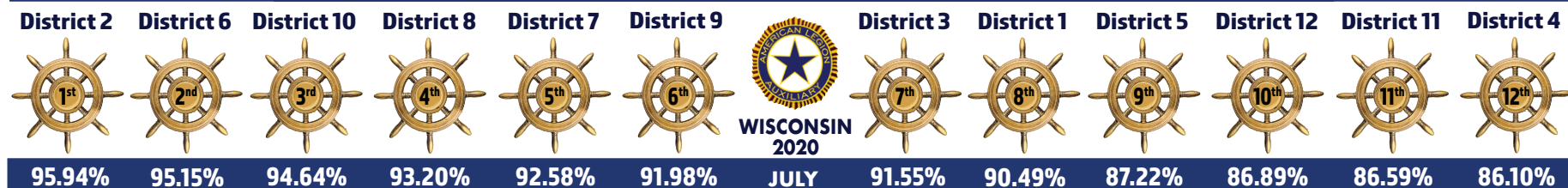
Sailing into the new year, now is the time for District Presidents and District Membership Chairmen to look at the membership numbers of their units. Low numbers potentially lead to a unit disbanding. To avoid a last-minute rush to cancel a charter, we need to get ahead of that game now, so come spring, you are prepared to act on that process at your Spring Conferences. I am not encouraging cancellations by any means but resolving issues now will help everyone in the long run. Stay on course, continue sailing smoothly for 2020 while anchored in service, and set the course for clear sailing into 2021!

22 IS... 22 TOO MANY!



President Joanie Dickerson joined SAL Detachment Commander Bob Sirovina, headquarters staff and community members on an Engage 22 Veterans Suicide Awareness Walk. On average, 22 veterans commit suicide in the US each day. If you know a veteran who needs help, please refer them to the Veterans Crisis Line at 800-273-8255 (then press 1) to reach caring, qualified responders with the Department of Veterans Affairs. They offer free, confidential support, 24/7, serving all veterans, service members, National Guard and Reserve, their family members and friends.

SETTING A COURSE FOR THE FUTURE



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"And it came to pass..."

Genesis – Revelation

According to MY plan I would not be writing to you at this time. I would have been elected Second Vice President of the Auxiliary and continued forward on MY goal of becoming your Auxiliary President. That didn't happen – no convention; no election; no closure to one position and on to the next.

At some time, all of us have been left feeling let down, frustrated, stuck in a rut. The way things used to be has changed forever. We are facing a new normal and, in the process, facing a new us – both as individuals and as a Legion family. It is up to us to determine if we can view this as a chance to do over, to do better, in our lives and relationships or stay in mourning over what could have been.

Can you remember – two weeks of shut down, three at the most, and all this would be over – just a bad dream – and we would resume our lives as they had been. Just like a computer. We would shut down, wait a few seconds, restart and everything would work like we wanted it to. In reality I am not sure where we are in the reboot process. Some days I feel like the screen is still going dark, other days I feel like a new blank screen is appearing. All I know for sure is that it is still in process but unlike my computer I will NOT be the same as before.

All our lives have been affected. We are being given an opportunity to reevaluate our very lives. What is important? What relationships need to be restored or strengthened? Who am I in a position to help and encourage? How can I still work our Auxiliary programs and projects and fulfill our organization's mission? Most importantly – what is God showing and telling me about my place in the Kingdom of God?

My prayer for each of you and our organization is that you reach out to God for strength, comfort and hope; that you are able to connect with the Creator and know the joy of being a child of God. I pray that we each find ways to share God's love with others and offer encouragement to those who so desperately need it. I pray that our eyes open to see others, our ears hear what others are saying, our words become blessings to others, and our hands and feet find compassionate ways to help and lift up others, that we seek justice, and extend God's grace to all. AMEN

"The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious to you, the Lord lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace. Amen." Numbers 6:24-26

GREETINGS FROM HEADQUARTERS

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2020 has been an unusual year because of the COVID-19 pandemic. Normally at this time, we would extend our appreciation to the department officers and chairmen for all their hard work during the past 12 months and offer congratulations to the newly elected officers and chairmen appointees. However, because Department Convention was cancelled, most department officers will continue in their current positions for another year. Who would have thought that in the American Legion Auxiliary's 100th anniversary year, the department president would serve for two years – the first time in Wisconsin history?!? So...THANK YOU President Joanie Dickerson for all you have accomplished as you close out the Auxiliary's first 100 years of service and CONGRATULATIONS as you start the next century of service!

After serious consideration, it was decided that ALA in the Know (ALAITK) Conferences should be cancelled this Fall. A special ALAITK session is being planned for The American Legion's Midwinter

Conference at Ho-Chunk in Baraboo on January 16, 2021. Space will be limited, so watch the unit mailings and the next issue of the Wisconsin publication for registration details.

In other news from department headquarters, please be aware that 2021 membership cards and rosters have been mailed to all units. Any unit that has not received their membership packet should contact Andrea Stoltz at department headquarters immediately. 2021 renewal notices won't be mailed by the national organization until mid-September, but members shouldn't wait until then to renew their dues. To expedite processing, you can pay your dues online (www.ALAFORVeterans.org) or call the national organization during regular business hours (Monday through Friday, 7:00 am – 3:30 pm, Central Time). Members who pay for multiple family members can take care of everyone's dues with a debit or credit card and one simple phone call to 317-569-4570. New members for 2021 will be processed after September 1st.

Wisconsin is also pleased to announce that we may be the first Department to have a male unit president. William Lansing Unit 360 in Waunakee elected Theodore (Ted) Kubiak as Unit President this

spring. Thanks to the expanded eligibility requirements established by The American Legion, Ted joined the Auxiliary to honor the military service of his wife, Shirley. Congratulations, Ted!

Don't forget to attend The American Legion's Celebration of Freedom event in Portage on Saturday, September 12, 2020. Visit www.wilegion.org for more information.

Unit mailings have been sent to unit presidents who requested a hard copy each month except July and December. These mailings will now be sent bi-monthly, starting in August. The information is also posted on the department website under the "More" tab, then Unit Mailings. Members are encouraged to check out the website to learn more about the Auxiliary's mission and get new ideas on how to further support our veterans, the military and their families.

As we approach upcoming elections, Legion Family members are reminded that we are a non-partisan organization. Although everyone has their own political beliefs, they should not wear Legion-family branded attire to political rallies or other events that could be misconstrued as an endorsement of a particular candidate or political party.

NATIONAL SECURITY

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The ALA National Security program provides support for our military members and their families, and emergency preparedness for all. In these days of social distancing, there are still many ways we can help individually or in our own small groups. Many soldiers and airmen are currently supporting the COVID-19 testing and needs in our communities throughout the state. While not on foreign soil, they are not at home with their families and many are gone for long periods of time. We are here to assist them and their families when or if the need arises.

Do you like to sew? The USO of Wisconsin is in need of more sewers to make

Camo Bears for the children of deployed troops. Materials (donated old military uniforms, stuffing, and button eyes) and a pattern to make three bears will be supplied. If you or someone you know is interested in helping, please contact the volunteer who is organizing everything at: WisconsinSupport@uso.org. Monetary donations allow the USO of Wisconsin to provide food at the USO Centers at the Milwaukee and LaCrosse airports for military families, free WIFI at the USO Center locations, the Fort McCoy USO Center and truck use and so much more. You can make a donation and/or find out more at: www.wi.uso.org or by calling 414-763-2214.

We can recognize and thank those in uniform and their families during National

Military Family Appreciation Month in November, "Purple Up" in April for the Month of the Military Child, and Military Spouse Appreciation Day and Armed Forces Day in May. Suicide Awareness and Prevention can help those struggling. Do you want to learn more about emergency preparedness, C.E.R.T., See Something / Say Something, volunteer Family Readiness opportunities with the Wisconsin Army National Guard? If so, you can find these and more at: <https://dma.wi.gov/DMA/>.

I would like to hear from you on other ways you are supporting our military communities and engaging in emergency preparedness. As always, feel free to contact me for more details, provide suggestions, request other ways to offer support or with any questions you may have.

M. LOUISE WILSON EDUCATIONAL LOAN FUND

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• **Purpose:** To aid women veterans and female members of the Wisconsin American Legion Auxiliary to attain a higher education.

• **History:** On February 4, 1925, the Executive Committee of the American Legion Auxiliary, Department of Wisconsin, established the M. Louise Wilson Educational Loan Fund with the sum of \$200. Since 1925 the maintenance and growth of the fund has been entirely dependent upon the repayment of loans and voluntary contributions from units and

friends of the American Legion Auxiliary.

• **Additional Information:** The M. Louise Wilson Educational Loan Fund is an interest-free loan of \$800 per year and may be received for up to five years, with a total loan limit of \$4,000. Money may be borrowed each year the student attends college. There shall be no interest charged unless the loan is in default. The usual time for processing a loan is approximately one month. All loans must be co-signed by a responsible party, usually a parent or guardian. Loans are repaid through nominal monthly payments after the student graduates or withdraws from full-time student status. Guidelines and application can be found on the Department website (www.amlegionauxwi.org) under

the program information tab or by contacting Department Chairman Joan Chwala.

• **Award:** The District that donates the most money to M. Louise Wilson Educational Loan Fund will receive a citation at State Convention. Deadline is April 15, 2021.

• **Question:** Why do we ask for donations?

Answer: By donating, you and your unit ensure that future generations will be able to take advantage of this program.

Your unit president has a copy of the donation sheets, which are also posted on the Department website. Spread the word about the loans and the need for additional funding.

AUXILIARY EMERGENCY FUND

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The Auxiliary Emergency Fund (AEF) was created over 50 years ago with a bequest from Helen Colby-Small of Wisconsin, and thanks to members from all 50 states this fund is still going strong.

AEF is for American Legion Auxiliary members who experience a financial crisis or maybe a weather-related emergency or natural disaster. It may help to pay for food and shelter. In some cases, the fund could provide educational training if a person lacks the

qualifications or required skills for employment or to upgrade skills in a specific field of employment.

The eligibility determination and administration of the fund are done at the national level. The grant committee keeps all information in confidence and decisions are made on a case by case basis. The eligibility remains the same as other years: the applicant must be an American Legion Auxiliary member for a minimum of two years and paid this year's dues. Therefore, applicants must have three years of current membership paid. The maximum amount granted is \$2,400. When emergency funds are granted, the payments

are made directly to the mortgage or utility company, school, etc.

To apply for a grant, visit the Wisconsin ALA website at www.amlegionauxwi.org. Complete the online application and forward it to one of the officers in your unit. The unit president and secretary will complete the unit's portion and forward the application to the Department Secretary. Once the member's eligibility has been verified, the Department Secretary will submit the application to National Headquarters for review by the AEF Grant Committee. If you need help completing the application, please contact me or review the AEF page on the national website

(www.ALAforVeterans.org) before beginning the process. The website also lists specific requirements that must be adhered to.

As we go forward this year, Auxiliary members may need our help more than ever. Be sure to learn what you can about the program so you can share information about AEF and review the AEF Plan of Action to see what awards are available. As we continue to set the Course for the Future, we can contribute to this program to assist all our Auxiliary members in times of crisis. Donations payable to "ALA-WI" and designated to AEF in the memo line may be mailed to ALA-Wisconsin, P. O. Box 140, Portage WI 53901.

EDUCATION

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In 2020, schools have had to go through some choppy waters, and navigated during uncertain times. I ask you to be creative in your endeavors related to the Education Program this year. Reach out to contacts in your local school districts and ask what they need, but be patient. Some are approaching this school year very differently and may be teaching in virtual situations or limiting visitors to classrooms, but that doesn't mean we can't help!

Twenty-two of our units participated in

the Give 10 to Education Program last year. Families of students may have even more difficulty getting the supplies they need this year. Consider picking up extra scissors, glue sticks, notebooks, pencils, pens, highlighters, colored pencils, and/or erasers and donating them as part of the American Legion Auxiliary's Give 10 to Education program, which promotes collecting school supplies and donating them to local schools in increments of 10. Backpacks, folders, 3-ring binders, crayons, rulers, calculators, and tissues are items to consider. This year, hand sanitizers and wipes may be especially helpful donations. Also consider water

bottles. Some schools are asking students to bring these and extras for kids who can't afford them or lose them. Contact local schools to find out what they really could use. Backpacks could be filled and donated for military families as well.

It is not too early to plan to honor American Education Week, which is November 16-20, 2020. School staff would love to feel appreciated, so you could reach out with cards or treats for educators in your area, or those who have positively impacted the lives of your own children or grandchildren.

When in contact with schools, remember also to share our scholarship opportu-

nities with them. Share these also with the members of your units who may be eligible. Student applications need to be submitted to units by March 1st and sent on to me so that I receive them by March 15th.

I look forward to hearing about all the great things our units in Wisconsin will do to support the Education Program, teachers, and students around our state this year. Having your unit participate in the Give 10 to Education Program and recognizing school staff during American Education Week, helps the American Legion Auxiliary, teachers, and students set sail towards their future.

CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES!



Carl Nelson Unit 324 in Osseo presented three graduating members of their Auxiliary unit with stoles designed by the unit membership. The graduating members are Mollie Graham, Grace Lawrence and Leah Reynolds.

"You have brains in your head, you have feet in your shoes, you can steer yourself any direction you choose."

~ Dr. Seuss



Congratulations to ALL GRADUATES! May you enjoy the road ahead.

JUNIOR FIREFIGHTER DYLAN DEBAUCHE



The American Legion Auxiliary Unit 66 of Athelstane/Silver Cliff presented a National Good Deed Award to Junior Firefighter Dylan DeBauche for service to his community. Dylan is a four-year active member of the Silver Cliff Fire Department. He attends regular training sessions with the other members of the fire department. Pictured from left to right are parents Jeff and Tammy DeBauche, Dylan and Unit 66 President Deanna Farley. The second picture is Dylan suited up for a training session.

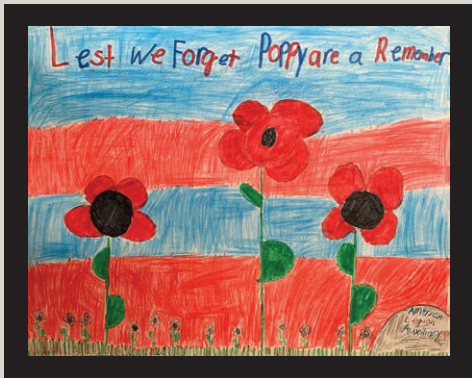
2020 – 2021 DEPT. CHAIRMEN, COMMITTEE MEMBERS, HOSPITAL REPRESENTATIVES & DEPUTIES

CHAIRMEN & COMMITTEE MEMBERS	TERM	DIST.	UNIT	NAME	CHAIRMEN & COMMITTEE MEMBERS	TERM	DIST.	UNIT	NAME
ALA in the Know Program					National Security	2019-2021	2	243	Karen Degner
Chairman	2019-2022	9	106	Becky Mueller	Office Policy Committee				
Vice Chairman	2019-2021	2	288	Maggie Geiger	Chairman	2018-2022	3	360	Jan Pulvermacher-Ryan
Americanism	2019-2021	2	288	Maggie Geiger	Committee	2020-2023	4	434	Bonnie Jakubczyk
Auxiliary Emergency Fund	2019-2021	9	38	Rose Heinz	Committee	2017-2021	1	171	Diana Sirovina
ALABGS Committee					Past Presidents Parley/Cavalcade of Mem.	Automatic	10	326	Teresa Isensee
Chairman	2017-2021	3	352	Danyelle Thompson	Poppy Program	2019-2021	6	234	Diane Steinert
Vice Chairman	2018-2022	8	339	SuAnn Pagel-Rast	Public Relations Committee				
Executive Director	2019-2023	3	42	Delores Woolf	Chairman	2019-2021	3	352	Bethany Fredericks
Assistant Executive Director	2018-2022	3	352	Jennifer Grinder	Committee	2019-2021	3	220	Brandi Kochera
Committee	2019-2023	4	416	Laura Calteux	Committee	2019-2021	TO BE DETERMINED		
Committee	2018-2022	3	352	Bethany Fredericks	Standing Rules	2019-2021	7	118	Virginia Kodl
Committee	2017-2021	2	288	Shirley Krier	Strategic Planning Ad Hoc Committee (Pending new NHQ Plan)				
Committee	2017-2021	3	352	Jennifer Leahy	Chairman	2019-2021	3	360	Joyce Endres
Committee	2019-2023	11	547	Theresa Schindler	National Advisor	2019-2021	3	360	Jan Pulvermacher-Ryan
Department President	Automatic	3	482	Joanie Dickerson	Executive Secretary/Treasurer	2019-2021	6	329	Bonnie Dorniak
Senior Vice President	Automatic	7	118	Diane Weggen	President	Automatic	3	482	Joanie Dickerson
Executive Secretary/Treasurer	Automatic	6	329	Bonnie Dorniak	Senior Vice President	Automatic	7	118	Diane Weggen
Americanism Chairman	Automatic	2	288	Maggie Geiger	Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation (VA&R)				
Bowling Committee					VA&R Chairman	2019-2021	2	189	Mary Petrie
Chairman/Tournament Director	2017-2021	3	385	Jenni Syftestad	Director of Hospital Volunteers	2019-2021	4	192	Sue Hembrook
Committee	2018-2022	9	512	Lisa Blom	Christmas Gift Shop Supervisor	2019-2021	1	171	Diana Sirovina
Committee	2019-2023	3	385	Shannon Churchill	Christmas Gift Shop Assistant	2019-2021	5	1	Linda Bartell
Committee	2018-2022	9	512	Linda Coppock	Homeless Women Veterans Grant Chairman	2019-2021	7	81	Kathy Wollmer
Committee	2019-2023	3	85	Germaine Hying	Service to Veterans Chairman	2019-2021	7	118	Diane Weggen
Committee	2017-2021	11	90	Linda Kostka					
Committee	2017-2021	4	192	Sue Middlestead	HOSPITAL REPRESENTATIVES & DEPUTIES: TERM DIST. UNIT NAME				
Committee	2019-2023	1	209	Zondra Morris	Chippewa Falls – Wisconsin Veterans Home				
Committee	2018-2022	1	209	Debi Stuvengen	Representative	2019-2021	10	53	Nancy Randen
Dept President	Automatic	3	482	Joanie Dickerson	Deputy	2019-2021	VACANT		
Senior Vice President	Automatic	7	118	Diane Weggen	Iron Mountain, MI – Oscar G. Johnson USVAMC				
Executive Secretary/Treasurer	Automatic	6	329	Bonnie Dorniak	Associate Representative	2019-2021	9	476	Joyce Sporrer
Children & Youth/Liaison-Child Welfare Fdn	2019-2021	1	449	Kitty Larkin	Associate Deputy	2019-2021	9	476	Janet Mullard
Community Service	2019-2021	6	75	Beth Puddy	Kenosha Care Facility				
Constitution & Bylaws	2019-2021	3	360	Jan Pulvermacher-Ryan	Representative	2019-2021	4	192	Sue Hembrook
Distinguished Guests	2019-2021	6	282	Diane Duscheck	Assistant	2020-2021	VACANT		
Education	2019-2021	3	352	Lauren Miller	King – Wisconsin Veterans Home				
Finance Committee					Representative	2019-2021	8	161	Nancy Neuroth
Chairman	2019-2023	6	282	Diane Duscheck	Deputy	2019-2021	8	161	Alice Bentley
Vice Chairman	2017-2021	7	284	Pat Smith	Deputy	2019-2021	8	161	Dawn Lind
Committee	2018-2022	7	81	Kathy Wollmer	Deputy	2019-2021	8	161	Pat Daniels
Office Policy Chairman	Automatic	3	360	Jan Pulvermacher-Ryan	Madison – Middleton Memorial VAMC				
Alternate NEC	Automatic	6	33	Char Kiesling	Representative	2019-2021	VACANT		
Fundraising	2019-2021	3	42	Vicki Flynn	Deputy	2019-2021	7	172	Sheila Frye
Junior Activities	2019-2021	4	416	Laura Calteux	Milwaukee – Zablocki Memorial VAMC				
Assistant Jr. Activities	2019-2021	6	33	Char Kiesling	Representative	2019-2021	4	434	Bonnie Jakubczyk
Leadership Committee					Deputy	2019-2021	4	192	Sandra Kaebisch
Chairman	2019-2021	4	416	Kathy Baranzyk	Deputy	2019-2021	4	192	Sue Middlestead
Committee	2019-2021	4	434	Bonnie Jakubczyk	Deputy	2019-2021	1	449	Sharon Miller
Committee	2019-2021	4	415	Donna Jensen	Minneapolis, MN – Minneapolis VA Health Care System				
Legislative	Automatic	6	33	Char Kiesling	Associate Representative	2020-2021	10	121	Jeanne Williams
Liaison to TAL Communications Committee					Associate Deputy	2020-2021	10	121	Betty Swenson
Editor – Wisconsin Publication	2019-2021	6	329	Bonnie Dorniak	Tomah – VA Medical				
M. Louise Wilson Educational Loan Fund	2019-2021	10	326	Joan Chwala	Representative	2019-2021	7	201	Patricia Flanders
Membership					Deputy	2019-2021	7	52	Mary Callaway
Chairman	Automatic	9	512	Linda Coppock	Deputy	2019-2021	7	201	Laura Hubert
UD & R	2019-2021	9	106	Becky Mueller	Deputy	2019-2021	VACANT		
UD & R	2019-2021	2	15	Julie Muhle	Union Grove – Wisconsin Veterans Home				
Junior Representative	2019-2021	3	85	Olivia Rottman	Representative	2019-2021	1	71	Mary Ellen Crandall
UD & R	2019-2021	12	DISTRICT PRESIDENTS		Deputy	2019-2021	1	294	Lillian Bitters
Music (current Chaplain)	Automatic	9	106	Becky Mueller					

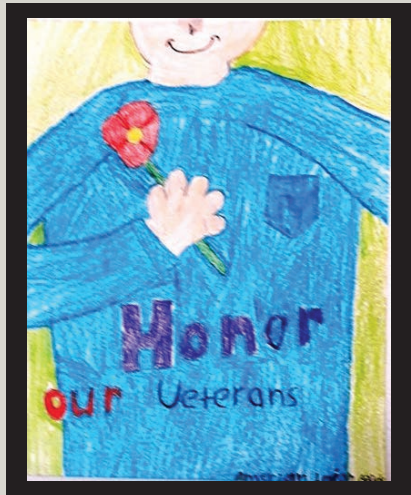
2020 – 2021 DEPARTMENT & DISTRICT OFFICERS

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President	2019-2021	3	482	Joanie Dickerson	1st District President	2020-2022	1	TO BE DETERMINED	
Senior Vice President	2019-2021	7	118	Diane Weggen	2nd District President	2019-2021	2	355	Amy Luft
First Vice President	2019-2021	9	512	Linda Coppock	3rd District President	2020-2022	3	85	Deb Rottman
Second Vice President	2019-2021	2	288	Maggie Geiger	4th District President	2019-2021	4	434	Diana Richard
Historian	2019-2021	3	352	Danyelle Thompson	5th District President	2020-2022	5	1	Linda Bartell
Chaplain	2019-2021	9	106	Becky Mueller	6th District President	2019-2021	6	306	Patti Westpfahl
Executive Secretary/Treasurer	2019-2021	6	329	Bonnie Dorniak	7th District President	2020-2022	7	52	Becca Gleason
National Executive Committeewoman	2019-2021	4	416	Laura Calteux	8th District President	2019-2021	8	10	Amanda Szalewski
Alternate Nat'l. Executive Committeewoman	Automatic	6	33	Char Kiesling	9th District President	2020-2022	9	38	Marian Brown
Parliamentarian	2019-2021	10	326	Teresa Isensee	10th District President	2019-2021	10	53	Aimee Korger
Sergeant-at-Arms	2019-2021	3	482	Anna Tolle	11th District President	2020-2022	11	547	Theresa Schindler
Asst Sergeant-at-Arms	2019-2021	3	352	Morgan Johnsen	12th District President	2019-2021	12	316	Betty Stone

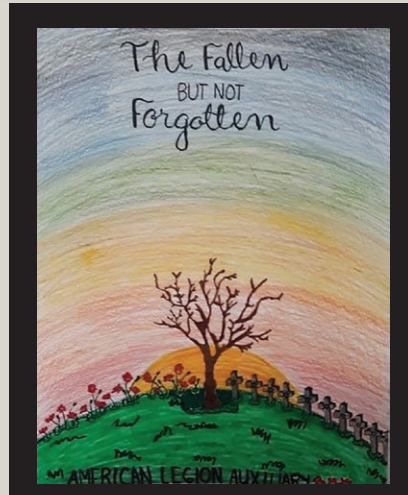
American Legion Auxiliary, Department of Wisconsin • 2019-2020 Poppy Poster Contest Winners



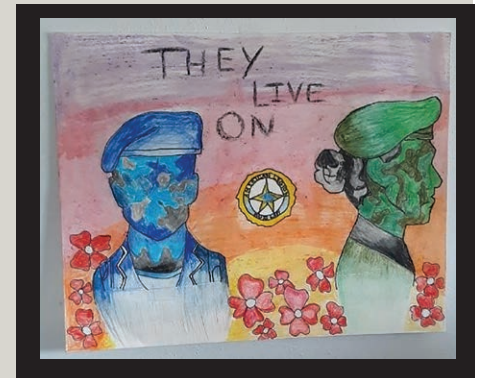
CLASS I: WILLOW BIBEAU
Thorp Unit 118, District 7



CLASS II: LOGAN PINK
Union Grove Unit 171, District 1



CLASS III: MACY BARDIN
Union Grove Unit 171, District 1



CLASS IV: CAITLYN CARLETON
Union Grove Unit 171, District 1



CLASS V: KAILEE SIEVERT
Amberg Unit 428, District 9



CLASS VI: COURTNEY PETERSON
Athelstane-Silver Cliff Unit 66, District 9



CLASS VII: ANNA JAMES
Athelstane-Silver Cliff Unit 66, District 9

Diane Steinert, Department Chairman

DRUM ROLL PLEASE! AND THE WINNERS ARE...

President Joanie Dickerson randomly selected eight winners who recruited at least one new member for the 2020 membership year. Each winner won \$75. Winners will be announced in the next issue of this publication.



WAUPUN RAISES MONEY FOR VETERANS

American Legion Post and Auxiliary #210 in Waupun held a raffle offering three top prizes with the proceeds supporting Veterans needs and community projects. Dave Weber of Waupun won the top prize, a special ordered metal bench made by the late Randy Kurtz of Beaver Dam. Diane and George Peachey won second prize, a gift card from Brandon Meats. Third prize, a gift card from LeRoy Meats, went to Kathy Kirchoff. Pictured (left to right): Legionnaire Harvey Smit, Dave Weber, and Auxiliary member Christina Stachowski.

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AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY DEPARTMENT OF WISCONSIN 2019-2020 STATISTICS

Statistics are current as of May 18, 2020 and are based on the annual year-end reports from 203 of Wisconsin's 388 Units.

Wisconsin has over 18,000 members – grandmothers, mothers, sisters, spouses, daughters and granddaughters of veterans.

Service, Not Self

Mission Statement

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.

OUR SERVICE FOR VETERANS AND MILITARY

- * Number of Veterans/Military assisted: 85,327
- * Hours volunteered: 183,078
- * Dollars spent: \$403,580
- * Dollar value of in-kind donations: \$45,340
- * Number of poppies purchased for distribution in WI: 329,805
- * Number of poppies purchased by other states: 79,900
- * Poppy dollars raised to support veterans: \$306,563
- * Number of veterans who made poppies: 13

OUR SERVICE FOR MILITARY FAMILIES:

- * Number of military families served: 4,141
- * Hours volunteered: 26,574
- * Dollars spent: \$51,057



OUR SERVICE FOR CHILDREN/YOUTH:

- * Number of children & youth served: 18,996
- * Hours volunteered for Legion Family youth activities: 9,848
- * Dollars spent on children & youth: \$72,032

OUR SERVICE THRU ALA BADGER GIRLS STATE:

- * Hours volunteered: 17,846
- * Dollars spent: \$359,595
- * Number of ALA Badger Girls State delegates in 2019: 696

SCHOLARSHIPS:

- * Number of scholarships awarded: 413
- * Dollar amount of local scholarships: \$72,373
- * Dollar amount of Department scholarships: \$23,500

OUR SERVICE IN OUR COMMUNITIES:

- * Hours volunteered: 147,536
- * Dollars spent: \$157,737

To learn more about the American Legion Auxiliary, visit

www.ALAforVeterans.org
or www.amlegionauxwi.org

IN MEMORIAM:

PDP Rose Wenger (2007-2008)

Past Department President Rose M. Wenger (2007-2008) passed away at her home on August 2, 2020 after losing a battle to cancer. She was an active member of Zilmer-Riley Unit 84 in Monroe, having joined the Auxiliary through the service of her husband Fritz, a Korean War veteran. Rose was a member of St. John's United Church of Christ where she taught Sunday School and participated in the vocal and bell choirs. Rose's legacy was her unselfish service as a dedicated volunteer at the William S. Middleton Veterans Hospital in Madison, accumulating 12,115 hours of volunteer service over the past 23 years.



MAY 2020 SWEEPSTAKES WINNERS

1	15.00	Dorothy Bump	Balsam Lake
2	15.00	Francis & Arlene Furlano	La Crosse
3	25.00	Lorraine Seichter	Boyd
4	15.00	Maureen Kraak	Sun Prairie
5	15.00	Karen Klunck	Sheboygan
6	15.00	Caroline Olson	Black River Falls
7	15.00	Marian Henningfield	Union Grove
8	15.00	Mary Peterson	Janesville
9	15.00	Rita Mead	Reedsburg
10	25.00	Margaret Meacham	Marathon
11	15.00	Emily Rihn	Sun Prairie
12	15.00	Michelle Kahelski	Jackson
13	15.00	Nancy Whitehead	West Bend
14	15.00	June Free	Oxford
15	15.00	Dorothy Mueller	Randolph ME
16	500.00	Isabell Moudry	Radisson
17	25.00	Rose Wenger	Monroe
18	15.00	Pauline Olinske	Cadott
19	15.00	Barbara Ostrowski	Baraboo
20	15.00	Amber Hubing	Random Lake
21	15.00	Paula Kieser	Unity
22	15.00	Carol Jahnke	Appleton
23	15.00	Kathleen Cook	Oak Creek
24	25.00	Shirley Beattie	Boscobel
25	15.00	Jessica Pulec	Friesland
26	15.00	Elizabeth Bourdon	Withee
27	15.00	Marie Hathaway	Fort Atkinson
28	15.00	Chikako Schneider	Evansville
29	15.00	Duane Runge	Colby
30	15.00	Vicki Buschmann	Fort Atkinson
31	25.00	Jean Christen	Hollandale

JUNE 2020 SWEEPSTAKES WINNERS

1	15.00	Barb Wittmann	Brillion
2	15.00	Donna Anderson	Monroe
3	15.00	Hannah Hornung	Marathon
4	15.00	Betty Becker	Eleva
5	15.00	Penny Keeser-Uselman	Johnson Creek
6	15.00	Lorraine White	Viroqua
7	25.00	M&M James Kasper	Eagle River
8	15.00	Betty Swenson	River Falls
9	15.00	Jensine Myers	Nelson
10	15.00	Diane Schultz	Alma
11	15.00	Bernice Steffens	Union Grove
12	15.00	Jean Blindauer	Plymouth
13	15.00	Shirley Chambers	Mineral Point
14	500.00	Janice Ovans-Davie	Franklin
15	15.00	Linda Aldrich	Mukwonago
16	15.00	Jo Poull	Port Washington
17	15.00	Kris Huset	Ridgeland
18	15.00	Bonnie Petrick	New Lisbon
19	15.00	Lester Simon	Campbellsport
20	15.00	James Rudek	Oconomowoc
21	25.00	Donna Greeley	Madison
22	15.00	Shelly Cullom	Oshkosh
23	15.00	Mary Geurts	Green Bay
24	15.00	Shirley Toellner	Mayville
25	15.00	Bernadette Frank	Beaver Dam
26	15.00	Betty Aiello	Kenosha
27	15.00	Richard Malewiski	Phoenix AZ
28	25.00	Sally Lisko	Juneau
29	15.00	Debbie DeMarre	Grantsburg
30	15.00	Margaret Yonke	Howards Grove

ALA IN THE KNOW CONFERENCES – CANCELLED FOR FALL 2020

The ALA in the Know Conferences scheduled for this Fall have been cancelled. Plans are being made to hold a similar workshop during The American Legion Midwinter Conference at Ho-Chunk, Wisconsin Dells. Watch for details in the next issue of the Wisconsin.