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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



**LAUREL DuBOIS**  
Department  
President

I am sitting here, looking out the window at a beautiful sunny day. I think how lucky we are to live in such a great country and the sacrifices it took by our brave men and women in uniform to achieve it. As stated in the American Legion Auxiliary mission statement, our mission is to support those who have served

by enhancing the lives of our veterans, the military, and their families. I am proud to belong to an organization dedicated to caring for those who have given so much for our country.

Membership is the lifeblood of our organization. We need to ask people to join. We still need to give people a reason to stay a member and we still need to treat each other with respect in our meetings. This includes communicating with The American Legion, the Sons, and the Legion Riders. The key to

treating people with respect is to treat them as you would like to be treated...“The Golden Rule.”

Recently our local “Mason” group reached out to the American Legion community. They held an area-wide meeting to form a coalition of volunteer groups. Their idea was for us to pool our resources and help each other when it came to filling unfilled slots at various fundraising and community events. There will be a forum to post our events and needs for help to the greater area of volunteer groups. In this way, we can check the upcoming events and lend a hand. By wearing our unit colors, showing our support for other organizations, and building bonds of mutual helpfulness, we show our community we care.

It is always poppy season for our organization. The time prior to Memorial Day has traditionally been the most active time for our units to distribute poppies. This is a good time to try to get some of your new members and Juniors to help. Ask some of your new members to come with you and pass out poppies. Remember, we do not “sell” poppies. We give them freely to people to show we remember our fallen veterans and then we gladly accept their offered donation.

Another reminder: your end-of-year reports are important. Hopefully you sent them all to headquarters. Even if your unit only did one thing this year, it makes a difference. All the information is collected and sent to the national organization where it is combined into one national report to Congress as part of our federal charter.

Remember the number one reason why people have not joined our great organization is no one has asked them...JUST SAY “HELLO”... Let’s “Soar for our Veterans.”

God Bless

## MEMBERSHIP

We are on the home stretch, you might say, in membership. Our Eagles are really getting tired of hovering above prospective members without results! Ladies we need to stay motivated in achieving our goals to provide enough assistance to our veterans. Motivation in membership can’t be attained from outside entirely but from WITHIN! No one can force you to get out there and recruit, rejoin, or renew. To quote Steve Adams, The Passionate Entrepreneur, we are in “deep weeds.” I am going back to our Leadership, providing encouragement and good examples. District Presidents need to make visits to units whether the unit needs assistance or not. Our members need to see our faces to make a connection and to show them that Department cares about their issues. We may be able to prevent a problem that could lead to a bigger issue and share ideas between units.

After putting out a third renewal notice (1,676 per mail and 500 via email) I found out how many unpaid members were still out there and really had my eyes opened. I was surprised how many members had already paid but their dues were not received at department, therefore, they were not counted! We are busy tracking down what happened. Membership chairmen have a tough job and at times a thankless one that can seem never-ending. Many chairmen are elderly and could use a second set of eyes to double-check the paperwork before it is sent off. This applies to all membership chairmen... a second look. Hopefully this will prevent a time-consuming problem for all. As has been said many times, MEMBERSHIP IS EVERYONE’S BUSINESS, so let’s help out each other in ALL programs. Andrea Stoltz and I

thank you!

Now a word of praise for May from National: Armed Forces Day, May 21, 2017: Membership Awards Deadlines: Recruit 1, Recruit 10, and the Silver Brigade forms were hopefully turned in to National Headquarters by May 1st in order to qualify for an award.

Don’t forget the next award from Department...the SOARING EAGLE AWARD, where 5 awesome units with the highest percentage over 100% by June 13, 2017 receive \$100!! Wow! That should help motivate!

CONGRATULATIONS TO 5TH DISTRICT ON YOUR 100%! GREAT JOB PRESIDENT ARLENE BURGARDT AND MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN LINDA BARTELL! 5TH DISTRICT HAS TRULY SOARED!

Soon we will be attending graduations of all kinds. We also need to celebrate our graduates in the American Legion Auxiliary when our Juniors become Senior members! They have been trained to be the best ever in the future of our organization. Let’s celebrate THEM and not forget their many years of service already!

Department of Wisconsin was given a “WAY TO GO!” in the Central Division newsletter for the largest reduction in the gap between last year and this year on the membership comparison report! Continue to “SOAR FOR OUR VETERANS.”

### 2017 DEPARTMENT MEMBERSHIP TEAM

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*Balsam Lake American Legion Auxiliary Unit 278  
Cordially invites you to a Testimonial Dinner in Honor of*

**DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT  
LAUREL A. DUBOIS**

Saturday June 3, 2017  
Tesora Restaurant  
23985 State Rd 35, Siren WI 54872  
Cash Bar 4:00 pm    Dinner 5:00 pm

**Menu**  
Chicken Saltimbocca, Roast Beef, Roasted Garlic Skin-On Red Potatoes,  
Green Beans French Style, Artisan Green salad, Dinner roll

**\$30.00 per person  
R.S.V.P by Wednesday, May 24, 2017**

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**HOTEL LISTING** (mention American Legion Auxiliary when making reservations)

Best Western Northwood's Lodge 23986 State Rd 35 Siren WI 54872 715-349-7800 <b>\$135 + tax</b> (across street)	The Lodge at Crooked Lake 24271 State RD 35/70 Siren WI 54872 715-349-2500 <b>\$130 + tax</b> (1/3 mile N)	Grantsburg Inn 703 Highway 70 Grantsburg WI 54840 715-463-2541 <b>\$69 + tax</b> (16 miles W)
St Croix Casino Turtle Lake 631 HWY 8 & 63 Turtle Lake WI 54889 800-782-9987 <b>\$85 + tax</b> (41 miles SE)	Best Western Spooner 101 W. Maple Street Shell Lake WI 54801 715-635-9770 <b>\$108 + tax</b> (26 miles E)	St. Croix Casino Danbury 30222 Hwy 35-77 Danbury WI 54830 715-656-3444 <b>\$101 + tax</b> (16 miles N)

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_  
Number Attending \_\_\_\_\_ Amount Enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Check # \_\_\_\_\_  
Contact Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**Make checks Payable to:**  
Steven DuBois

**Mail to:**  
1883 138<sup>th</sup> Street, Balsam Lake WI 54810

## KEEP MEMBERSHIP SOARING • APRIL 2017 • 73.43%

**DISTRICT 7**  
69.58%

**DISTRICT 3**  
72.87%

**DISTRICT 11**  
73.48%

**DISTRICT 12**  
75.18%

**DISTRICT 6**  
76.80%

**DISTRICT 5**  
100.49%

**DISTRICT 4**  
64.38%

**DISTRICT 8**  
71.40%

**DISTRICT 1**  
73.04%

**DISTRICT 9**  
74.81%

**DISTRICT 2**  
75.99%

**DISTRICT 10**  
77.55%





## CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

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

"On April 6, 1917, the United States Congress declared war upon the German Empire; on April 2, 1917 President Woodrow Wilson had asked a special joint session of Congress for this declaration."

As a result, many things became what we are now very familiar with, The American Legion, the American Legion Auxiliary, Sons of the American Legion, American Legion Riders and the Poppy! In May we observe Memorial Day in honor of those who have died while serving our country. May is also when we promote the Poppy. For years the two have been synonymous with the loss of our soldiers and their great sacrifice. Each year we need to take time to remember those who have served, fought and died for the rights and freedoms we have.

Dear Lord,

As we remember those who have passed while serving our great country, gather us close so we can share with one another the loss and pain of others. Remind us what their great sacrifice was for and that we not make little of it. Help us to celebrate what is good in life but still be humbled by those who cannot join us. Seek those who may be alone, that they be comforted by the company of another. Encourage strength in those who may be weak. Give voice to those who need to speak. Allow us to help any of those who may need help in any capacity, as we are here for all, so no one is forgotten. May we never forget what they have fought for and may we always "Soar for Our Veterans." In your name we pray, Amen.

**Artillery (Caisson) Song**  
 Lyrics & Music by Edmund Gruber (1908) Adapted by Robert Lloyd (1918)

Over hill, over dale,  
 As we hit the dusty trail,  
 And the caissons go rolling along.  
 In and out, hear them shout,  
 Counter march and right about,  
 And the caissons go rolling along.  
 Then it's hi! hi! hee!  
 In the field artillery,  
 Shout out your numbers loud and strong,  
 For where e'er you go,  
 You will always know,  
 That the caissons go rolling along.  
 In the storm in the night,  
 Action left or action right,  
 See the caissons go rolling along.  
 Limber front, limber rear,  
 Prepare to mount your cannoner  
 And the caissons go rolling along.  
 Then it's hi! hi! hee!  
 In the field artillery,  
 Shout out your numbers loud and strong,  
 For where e'er you go,  
 You will always know,  
 That the caissons go rolling along.  
 (Keep them rolling)  
 And those caissons go rolling along.  
 Then it's long, long. Batt'ry Halt

## GREETINGS FROM HEADQUARTERS

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Any candidate for Department Office must email her announcement and photo to me by Friday, May 5th for publication in the Wisconsin.

May is Poppy Month...but don't forget that you can distribute poppies all year long!

**WISCONSIN IS SO PROUD OF OUR VETERAN POPPY MAKERS.**

As you distribute poppies, please pause a moment to appreciate the time and effort put into each flower by the veterans who made them. During the past eight months they successfully made enough poppies to complete all of the poppy orders received from Wisconsin units and posts by April 1st as well orders from Minnesota, Alaska, Delaware and Oklahoma! Twenty-four (24) Veteran poppy makers made 495,975 small poppies and 5,880 large poppies to fill 350 orders across the country! What an awesome accomplishment.

The poppy profits generated from poppy distributions enable the American Legion Auxiliary to support educational scholarships, homeless women veterans, five VA

hospitals, three veterans' homes, Dayton Residential Care Facility in Kenosha, and Camp American Legion. And this doesn't take into consideration how much posts and units donate to support veterans' causes in their own communities!

Please submit your poppy profit report to Department as soon as possible after your distribution is complete. For the appropriate use of poppy funds, refer to the Poppy Fact Sheet posted on the Auxiliary website. The American Legion Resolution No. 20 approved at the 2013 National Convention strictly defines the use of poppy funds.

2018 Poppy Order Forms should be available in August. Because many other states have lost their poppy makers, they are turning to Wisconsin for our high-quality, veteran-made poppies. Orders are processed on a first-come, first-serve basis until the poppies are gone. Therefore, Wisconsin units and posts are encouraged to submit their orders early to ensure they get the poppies they need. Thank you to everyone who supports this valuable program of the American Legion Auxiliary!

The 97th American Legion Auxiliary Convention will be held at the Radisson

Paper Valley Hotel in Appleton from July 14-16, 2017. You asked – we listened. Based on feedback from our members, we are making a LOT of changes to Department Convention so please come and let us know what you think of the new format. Convention details are posted on the department website and highlighted information is published in this issue of the Wisconsin. I look forward to seeing you in Appleton.

Resolutions approved by units and districts must be received at Department by June 1st. Unit delegate and alternate forms will be sent to units 30 days prior to convention and must be returned to Department by June 30th.

Reminder: New membership applications should be submitted as soon as they are received so the member's benefits are effective immediately. Some benefits are based on years of service – such as the Auxiliary Emergency Fund. Don't risk a member's eligibility for benefits because her membership application wasn't submitted in a timely manner. New member applications received after September 1st will be applied to 2018. 2018 membership cards and rosters will be mailed to units after department convention.

## AMERICANISM

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Waubesa, Wisconsin, is a small town in Ozaukee County with a big meaning.

Even though the Fourth of July is traditionally celebrated as America's birthday, the idea of an annual day specifically celebrating the flag is believed to have first originated in Waubesa, Wisconsin, back in 1885 by a school teacher named BJ Cigarnd. Mr. Cigarnd displayed a 10-inch flag in an inkwell and had his students write essays on what the flag meant to them.

This observance commemorated Congresses' adoption of the Stars and Stripes as the flag of the United States on June 14, 1777.

The adoption read:

*That the flag of the United States shall be of thirteen stripes of alternate red and white, with a union of thirteen stars of white in a blue field, representing the new constellation.*

Mr. Cigarnd, a devout patriot with a great love of the flag of our nation, spent many long years trying to bring about national recognition and observance of Flag Day. The crowning achievement of his life came at age fifty when President Wilson, on May 30, 1916, issued a proclamation calling for a nation-wide observance of Flag Day. Then, in 1949, President Truman signed an Act of Congress designating the 14th day of June as National Flag Day.

Today, people across the United States celebrate Flag Day on June 14 each year to

honor the United States flag and to commemorate the flag's adoption. Americans also remember their loyalty to the nation, reaffirm their belief in liberty and justice, and observe the nation's unity.

Many people in the United States honor this day by displaying the American flag at homes and public buildings. Other popular ways of observing this holiday include: flag-raising ceremonies; Flag Day services; school quizzes and essay competitions about the American flag; musical salutes; street parades; and awards for special recognition.

The National Flag Day Foundation has announced that this year's official Flag Day observance will take place on Saturday, June 10. More ideas on how you can promote Flag Day in your community can be found on their website at [nationalflagday.com](http://nationalflagday.com).

## VETERANS AFFAIRS & REHABILITATION

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Memorial Day...History on this holiday presents multi-faceted and sometimes conflicting information, but always a respect for the remembrance of those who gave their all.

Originating as Decoration Day after the American Civil War in 1868, the Grand Army of the Republic (GAR), an organization of Union veterans founded in Decatur, IL, established it as a time for the nation to decorate the graves of the Union war dead with flowers. By the 20th century, competing Union and Confederate holiday traditions celebrated on different days had merged, eventually extending Memorial Day to honor all Americans who died in military service.

Warrenton, Virginia claimed its site for the first Civil War soldier's grave ever to be decorated - June 3, 1861. Documentation notes women in Savannah, Georgia decorating Confederate soldiers' graves

in 1862. Gettysburg, PA's 1863 cemetery dedication recorded a commemoration at the graves of soldiers. Boalsburg, PA promotes itself as the birthplace of Memorial Day, with local historians claiming women decorated graves on July 4, 1864. Despite an ongoing debate on the 'official' birthplace of Memorial Day, on May 26, 1966, President Lyndon B. Johnson signed the presidential proclamation naming Waterloo, NY, as the holder of the title, beginning the tradition 100 years earlier.

In 1915, following the Second Battle of Ypres, Lt. Col. John McCrae, a doctor with the Canadian Expeditionary Force, wrote "In Flanders Fields," describing the red field of poppies, flowing like blood and speaking for the deceased.

As the U.S. entered WWI in April 1917, Moina Michael, a professor at the University of Georgia was inspired by that poem and took a leave of absence, volunteering in the New York-based training headquarters for overseas YWCA work-

ers. She vowed to wear a red poppy as a symbol of remembrance. After the war, Moina returned to the University and taught a class of disabled servicemen. Realizing financial and occupational support was needed for these servicemen, she was prompted to sell silk poppies, raising funds to assist disabled veterans. In 1920, The American Legion Auxiliary adopted the poppy as the official flower of remembrance.

On Memorial Day, the U.S. flag is raised briskly to the top of the staff and then solemnly lowered to the half-staff position, where it remains only until noon; raising it to full-staff for the rest of the day. The half-staff position remembers the more than one million men and women who gave their lives in service of their country. At noon, their memory is raised by the living, who resolve not to let their sacrifice be in vain, but to rise up in their stead and continue the fight for liberty and justice for all.

We remember...



## DEPARTMENT CONVENTION HONORED GUEST

Past Department President Virginia Kodl (2002-2003) will be the honored guest at the 2017 Department Convention. Virginia is a 49-year member of Cecil Tormey Unit 118 Thorp (receiving her membership along with her marriage certificate). She is eligible through the Vietnam service of her husband Ronald and her brother Severyn Gutowski. Her son Ron is also a veteran of the Iraqi war.

Virginia served as Unit President, Unit Secretary, and chaired various programs including membership. She has served as Clark County ALA President and 7th District President. She served many years on the ALA Badger Girls State Committee and as a volunteer there. Besides her service as Department President, Virginia served as Central Division National Vice President in 2008-2009. She also served on the National Ameri-

canism, VA&R, and Membership committees. Currently, she is the department representative on the Recreation Board at the Wisconsin Veterans Home in Chippewa Falls. When possible, Virginia sets up ALA booths at job fairs and veterans stand downs throughout the state of Wisconsin. She is very well known for her mentoring skills in developing leaders for the ALA.

A glimpse into the personal life of Virginia includes the following information. Her husband Ron passed away in 2010, just two years after Virginia retired from CenturyTel where she worked as a Customer Service Representative. Her children, Julie and Ron, have made her the proud grandmother of Bo Jaymes Baehr and Taylor and Alex Kodl. She currently serves as treasurer of her township, is a board member of the



Virginia Kodl  
Past Department President

Clark County Housing Association, serves as Lector and Eucharistic Minister for St. Bernard, St. Hedwig Church and is a chairman in the Parish Council of Catholic Women. She works part time for the Thorp Courier, which supports her ALA hobby.

Everyone is invited to the Meet & Greet Reception on Friday, July 14th at the Radisson Paper Valley Hotel where Virginia will be honored. See the reservation form for additional details.

## Meet & Greet Reception

When: Friday, July 14, 2017  
5:00 pm – 7:00 pm

Where: Radisson Paper Valley Hotel, Salon D

Why: • Honor PDP Virginia Kodl  
• Recognize the 2016-2017 District Presidents  
• Meet the candidates for Department and National Offices

Cost: \$15.00 per person (advance purchase only)  
\$20.00 per person (received after June 30, 2017)  
No refunds will be issued



A Meet & Greet Reception will be held on Friday, July 14, 2017 from 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm. A tribute will be given in honor of PDP Virginia Kodl, the 2016-2017 District Presidents will be recognized for their efforts during the past year, and members will have an opportunity to meet the candidates running for 2017-2018 department and national offices. A cash bar and hors d'oeuvres will be available after the recognition program. Admission to the reception is by ticket only. Advance purchase by June 30, 2017 is \$15.00 per person. Orders received after June 30th or tickets purchased at the door will be \$20.00 per person. Space is limited to the first 200 reservations. This replaces the Past Presidents Parley Luncheon.

### RESERVATIONS FOR MEET & GREET RECEPTION

Advance Purchase: \$15.00 After June 30, 2017: \$20.00

A \$25 fee will be charged for any check returned by the bank.

Contact Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

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

Name(s) on Ticket \_\_\_\_\_

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Reservation Fee \$15.00 x Number of Tickets \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

If received after June 30, 2017:

Reservation Fee \$20.00 x Number of Tickets \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

(TOTAL DUE)

If more reservations need to be listed, please add a separate sheet. Thank you.

Make Check payable to: ALA Wisconsin

Mail to: ALA Wisconsin • PO Box 140, Portage, WI 53901-0140

### THANK YOU!

Thank you, Legion Family, for your kind words, memorials, and prayers extended at the death of my dad, Bill Connor. He was a Navy Veteran and a 62-year active Legionnaire; proud of his service in both. What a surprise

to open last month's Badger Legionnaire, finding his picture there. Your kindness will never be forgotten.

God Bless!

Department VA&R Chairman  
Mary Petrie and Family

### CANDIDATE ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR DEPARTMENT OFFICE DUE 5/5/17

All candidates for Department Office must submit an announcement and head/shoulder photo in JPG format to deptsec@amlegionauxwi.org

by Friday, May 5, 2017 for publication in the next Wisconsin. Questions? Please call Department Secretary Bonnie Dorniak at 608-745-0124.

## OFFICIAL CALL TO THE 97TH ANNUAL DEPARTMENT CONVENTION

American Legion Auxiliary - Department of Wisconsin

Friday through Sunday, July 14-17, 2017

Radisson Paper Valley Hotel (333 W. College Avenue, Appleton, WI)

### Department Convention

The 97th Annual Department Convention will be called into session at the Radisson Paper Valley Hotel. Convention general session will begin at 10:30 a.m. on Friday, July 14, 2017 in the Empire Room.

### Purpose

The purpose of the department convention is to elect officers for the 2017-2018 administrative year, elect delegates and alternates to the national convention, amend the department constitution, bylaws and standing rules as needed, receive reports of the department officers and chairmen, recognize outstanding unit achievements and transact business as may be brought before the convention body.

### Representation

Representation in the department convention shall be by unit, in accordance with the provisions of the department constitution. Delegates to department convention shall be unit members duly elected for

that purpose. Each unit shall be entitled to two delegates and two alternates for the unit itself and an additional delegate and alternate for each fifty members or major fraction thereof, whose district, state and national dues have been paid at least thirty days prior to the date of department convention. Units with less than ten paid members or whose district dues have not been paid shall have no representation.

### Delegates & Alternates

Prior to department convention each unit will receive information showing the total number of paid members as of June 14, 2017 and advising them of the number of delegates the unit is allowed. Each unit is entitled to alternates equal to the number of delegates allowed. Delegates must attend their respective district caucus and all convention sessions. It is the responsibility of each delegate and alternate to attend all the sessions so her district has a full delegation at all times. An alternate shall have all privileges of the delegate when

the delegate is not present.

Delegates-at-large to department convention include the following members: Department President, department officers, National Executive Committeewoman, Alternate National Executive Committeewoman, past department presidents and current district presidents, who shall each be entitled to one vote at the department convention. Delegates-at-large shall be listed separately as additional votes and not included among the unit's total allowable delegate/alternate count. Units are to return to department headquarters a list of their delegates-at-large and approved delegate/alternate(s) for voting certification.

*NOTE: Newly elected District Presidents (Districts 2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12) are not delegates-at-large for this current convention; they do not assume their position until after installation of officers on Sunday at department convention.*

## FLOWER ORDERS FOR DEPARTMENT CONVENTION

Please order corsages and flowers for the American Legion Auxiliary Department Convention directly through Taylor Bishop of Memorial Florists & Greenhouses.

Be sure to indicate wrist or pin-on for corsage orders. Contact Taylor, Monday through Friday from 8:00 am to 2:00 pm, at 800-634-2652 or 920-996-3512 to place your orders and/or with ques-

tions. All flowers orders must be placed with a credit card.


Orders will be delivered on Friday, July 14th and Saturday, July 15th by 8:30 am and will be held in a cooler at the hotel until needed. A delivery charge of \$1.00 and sales tax will be added to each order. Please review the April Unit Mailing as posted on the department website for a complete list of corsage selections and prices.

## CONVENTION REGISTRATION

The 97th Annual Department Convention of the American Legion Auxiliary, Department of Wisconsin will be held July 14-16, 2017 at the Radisson Paper Valley Hotel in Appleton. Registration forms were mailed in the April Unit mailing and can be found on the Auxiliary's website (www.amlegionauxwi.org). Online registration (\$25) can be submitted through The American Legion's website (www.wilegion.org) until July 10th.



STATE of WISCONSIN



OFFICE of the GOVERNOR

## Proclamation

WHEREAS, America is the land of freedom, preserved and protected, willingly and freely, by the men and women of the Armed Forces; and

WHEREAS, millions who have answered the call to arms have died on the field of battle; and

WHEREAS, a nation must be reminded of the price of war and the debt owed to those who have died in war; and

WHEREAS, the red crepe paper poppy has been designated as a symbol of the sacrifice of lives in all wars; and

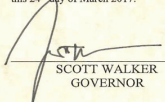
WHEREAS, the American Legion Auxiliary has pledged to remind citizens annually of this debt through the distribution of this memorial flower;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Scott Walker, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, do hereby proclaim the month of May 2017 as


### POPPY MONTH

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


IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Wisconsin to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in the City of Madison this 24<sup>th</sup> day of March 2017.



SCOTT WALKER  
GOVERNOR



By the Governor:



DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE  
Secretary of State

### CALENDAR SWEEPSTAKES WINNERS MARCH 2017

1	15.00	Beverly Harke	Kimberly
2	15.00	Pat Daniels	Waupaca
3	15.00	Barbara Rasmussen	Chillicothe OH
4	15.00	Karen Adank	Eau Claire
5	25.00	Alice Barstow	Randolph
6	15.00	Jo Ann Watkins	Rio
7	15.00	Ellen Schaub	Woodruff
8	15.00	Lilly Kloes-Wisotzke	Mequon
9	15.00	Patty Pulvermacher	Richland Center
10	15.00	Karen Maier	Wausau
11	15.00	Roger Kudek	West Bend
12	25.00	Cathy Mattison	Chisago City MN
13	15.00	Brent Wells	Eau Claire
14	15.00	Janis Brady	Appleton
15	15.00	Wendy Coulter	West Bend
16	15.00	Darlene Witcpalek	Kewaunee
17	500.00	Verna Fladhammer	Alamogordo NM
18	15.00	Ruth Trudell	Oconto Falls WI
19	25.00	Carol Schmelzel	Hortonville
20	15.00	Carol Faller	Thiensville
21	15.00	Ruth Greenwood	Waukesha
22	15.00	Marcie Surprise	Hortonville
23	15.00	Ted & Flo Wroblewski	River Falls
24	15.00	Juliann Schams	La Crosse
25	15.00	Mary Curran	Stoughton
26	25.00	Toni Smith, Sr	Waukesha
27	15.00	Sandy Hickey	Frederic
28	15.00	Lorraine Gee	Eau Claire
29	15.00	Barbara Snyder	Burlington
30	15.00	Emilie Brown	White Lake
31	15.00	Carol Andersen	Green Bay

## MISSION IN ACTION

### WAUKESHA COUNTY COUNCIL

On Saturday, March 25th Post 449 in Brookfield was the site of the first Waukesha County Council Auxiliary Blanket Tie.

Forty-three members of the American Legion Family came together from eight different units in Waukesha County, with visitors Diana Sirovina and Sue Hem-

brook, a member of the Sons of the American Legion, and a Post 71 Legionnaire, to complete 60 beautiful blankets. The blankets were distributed to the Zablocki VA, The Hoptel (on the VA grounds), Three Pillars in Dousman, Union Grove VA and The Dayton House in Kenosha.



### 2ND DISTRICT

2nd District encompasses 46 units in Columbia, Dodge, Washington, Ozaukee, Sheboygan, and Jefferson Counties. On March 18th, 2nd District members met for a Tie Blanket Workshop. Between monetary donations and the six units that participated, 33 tie blankets were made and 11 more were donated. These blankets were given to the police

and fire departments and homeless shelters in several communities to be given to children in need. 2nd District President Dawn Rudey thanks Beaver Dam Unit President Lois Levenhagen for arranging the project. The Auxiliary also thanks Nancy's Notions for the use of their event hall and sewing equipment to make the blankets.



2nd District President Dawn Rudey, Horicon Fire Captain Marc Zuelsdorf, Horicon Assistant Fire Chief Mark Tesch, Horicon Police Chief Joseph Adamson, Juneau Police Sgt Brittany Borchardt, Juneau Auxiliary 1st Vice-President Sherry Olson, Juneau Fire Chief Curt Nimmann, Hustisford EMS Kristin Retslaff, Hustisford Auxiliary member Barb Wittnebel, Beaver Dam Auxiliary President Lois Levenhagen and Beaver Dam Police Sgt Craig Retslaff

### FREDONIA UNIT 410

American Legion Auxiliary Unit 410 in Fredonia has a group of individuals and organizations who are busy recycling plastic bags into sleeping mats for the homeless veterans in the area. It takes approximately 500-700 bags to create a 33" x 72" mat. Pictured (row one): Sandy Thiel, Keith Johnson,

Cookie Gruell and (row two) Liz Zick, Sam Berry, Corrine Nordby, Judy Ruppel, Connie DenBoer, Karen Ravn, Theresa Michaels, and Jacque Plier.

Units interested in starting a similar project in their community may contact Jacque Plier, Unit President, at 262-692-9117.



### TOMAH UNIT 201

American Legion Auxiliary Unit 201 in Tomah hosted a Welcome Home Reception for Vietnam Veterans on March 26, 2017. The Auxiliary served 80 dinners and cake at no charge to the veterans and guests.

Businesses in the local community donated ten nice door prizes to this successful event. Pictured: 1st Vice President Dawn Fox and Linda Lynch, coordinators of the event.



## 2017 ALABGS ORIENTATION SCHEDULE

Counties with an asterisk(\*) conduct a joint Badger Girls & Badger Boys Orientation.  
A full Orientation schedule can be accessed: [www.badgergirlsstate.org](http://www.badgergirlsstate.org) - under the Orientation info tab.

current as of 4/14/2017

County	Date	Time	Location	Local Contact(s)	Presenter(s)
*Ashland, Iron, Price & Taylor	5/21/2017	1:00 pm	Medford HS Library 1015 W Broadway, Medford	Theresa Schindler: 715-229-2202 tschindl@ceas.coop	BGS: Theresa Schindler
*Brown, Door-Kewaunee	5/15/2017	7:00 pm	American Legion Post 11 1708 N. Irwin St., Green Bay	BBS: Jerry Willems: 920-465-6841	BGS: Mary Krutz: 920-680-7938 wkrutz@new.rr.com
*Chippewa	5/7/2017	1:00 pm	American Legion Post 326 135 Clark Street, Boyd	BGS: Teresa Isensee: 715-577-5259 Isensee@centurytel.net	BBS: Fred Berns: 715-533-0103
*Clark	5/7/2017	3:00 pm	Greenwood HS Library 306 W Central Ave., Greenwood	Cherilyn Hare: 715-267-6408	Theresa Schindler: 715-229-2202 tschindl@ceas.coop
*Columbia	5/6/2017	9:00 am	Portage HS 301 E. Collins, Rm 143, Portage	BBS: Norm Bednarek: 608-617-9839	BGS: Jen Leahy leahyj87@gmail.com
Crawford	5/7/2017	5:00 pm	American Legion Post 308 217 Orin St. Gays Mills	Karen Johnson: 608-632-0597 klmjohanson@gmail.com	BGS: Sharon Zales: 608-649-4468 samzales@charter.net
*Dane	5/15/2017	7:00 pm	American Legion Post 360 417 Main Street, Waunakee	Joyce Endres: 608-221-1763 ljendres@charter.net	BGS: Jennifer Grinder: 608-495-2733 jennifer.grinder@gmail.com
*Fond du Lac	5/8/2017	6:30 pm	St. Mary's Springs Academy 255 County Trunk K, FDL	BGS: Donna Wilhelms: 920-948-7953 dmjwilhelms@gmail.com	BGS: Char Kiesling: charbbyrn@yahoo.com BBS: Paul Williams: riplon4life@gmail.com
*Grant & Iowa	5/21/2017	1:00 pm	Fennimore Community Bldg. 860 Lincoln Ave., Fennimore	Merry Cooley: 608-822-3983 mbcooley2@yahoo.com	BGS: Dee Woolf: dwoolf@centurytel.net BGS: Joanie Dickerson: jomariad@gmail.com
*Juneau & Adams	6/6/2017	7:00 pm	American Legion Post 110 110 Welch Prairie Rd., New Lisbon	Rose Clark: 608-847-4450 rclarkjco@gmail.com	BGS: Liz Staff: 608-781-8888 raykline@centurytel.net
*Lafayette	5/10/2017	7:00 pm	American Legion Post 214 1400 Keep St., Darlington	Dan O'Brien: 608-482-0117	BGS: Dee Woolf: 608-778-1936 BBS: Jim Hying: 608-739-3367
*Marathon & Lincoln	5/7/2017	6:00 pm	UW Marathon Center 518 S 7 <sup>th</sup> Ave., Wausau	BGS: TBD	BGS: Diane Krang: 715-341-4935 dianeqltr@hotmail.com
*Marinette & Florence	5/7/2017	1:00 pm	American Legion Post 150 528 Harrison Ave., Wausaukee	Cora Gavigan: 715-923-4615 cgavigan5@gmail.com	BGS: Loretta Shellman: 920-373-5853 shellmanofplbb.us
Milwaukee	5/17/2017	6:30 pm	American Legion Post 416 6351 W. Grange Ave., Greendale	Laura Calteux: 414-379-2943 lauracalteux@yahoo.com	Bonnie Jakubczyk: 414-764-6752 bon6862@yahoo.com
*Oconto	5/7/2017	5:30 pm	Lena High School 304 E Main St., Lena	Dorothy Kloes: 920-834-3761	BGS: Loretta Shellman: 920-373-5853 shellmanofplbb.us
*Oneida, Vilas, Forest & Langlade	5/3/2017	10:00 am	Three Lakes HS 6930 W School St., Three Lakes	Diana Wheeler: 715-546-2134	BGS: Diane Wheeler: 715-546-2134 skierdi@frontier.com
*Ozaukee	5/10/2017	BGS 6:00 pm BBS 7:15 pm	American Legion Post 288 W57N481 Hilbert Ave., Cedarburg	BGS: Shirley Krier: 262-377-5026 BBS: Dennis Loberger: 414-704-7976	BGS: Shirley Krier: 262-377-5026 krier43@hotmail.com
Richland	5/21/2017	7:00 pm	American Legion Post 13 900 Flag Park Dr., Richland Ctr	Ann Rynes: 608-604-0350 ann.rynes@gmail.com	BGS: Ann Rynes
*Rusk/Sawyer	5/21/2017	4:00 pm	American Legion Post 316 W5592 Sergeant St., Sheldon	Betty Stone: 608-738-9542 bjstone626@hotmail.com	Theresa Schindler: 715-229-2202 tschindl@ceas.coop
*Saint Croix & Pierce	5/3/2017	7:00 pm	American Legion Post 240 410 Maple St., Baldwin	BBS: Fred Berns: 715-533-0103	BGS: Teresa Isensee: 715-577-5259 Isensee@centurytel.net
Shawano & Menominee	5/11/2017	7:00 pm	Wittenberg Community Center 208 W Vinal St., Wittenberg	Mary Beversdorf: 715-253-2908 wtb66@gmail.com	BGS: Sue Keyzers: 920-833-2731 suekeyzers.ala@gmail.com
*Sheboygan	5/1/2017	6:30 pm	Sheboygan Falls HS 220 Amherst Ave., Sheboygan Falls	BGS: Danie Wilson: 920-452-6907 daniewilson@charter.net	BGS: Danie Wilson BBS:
Walworth	5/21/2017	1:00 pm	American Legion Post 95 111 S 2 <sup>nd</sup> Street, Delavan	BGS: Connie Lindloff: 262-215-7074 BBS: John Loomer: 262-949-3931	BGS: Carol Lers: carolelers@outlook.com
*Washington	5/17/2017	7:00 pm	Allenton Legion Post 483 419 Railroad St (City Hwy W)	BGS: Mary Montag: 262-355-6467 BBS: Herb Kieferdorff: 262-644-7418	BGS: Shirley Krier: 262-377-5026 krier43@hotmail.com
*Waukesha	5/8/2017	7:00 pm	American Legion Post 382 Main Street, Menomonee Falls	BGS: Cheryl Cieslewicz cherylez@yahoo.com	BGS: Kitty Larkin: 262-649-3399 kittyltr@wi.rr.com
*Waupaca	5/4/2017	7:00 pm	American Legion Post 263 840 E North Water St., New London	Maria Knuettel: 920-359-1629 mk54961@yahoo.com	BGS: Rose Heinz: 920-850-1941 rozkar@new.rr.com
*Waushara	5/3/2017	7:00 pm	Wautoma HS 566 Cambridge (Hwy 21/22)	BGS: BBS: Wayne Winter: 920-293-5263	BGS: Diane Krang: 715-341-4935 dianeqltr@hotmail.com
*Winnebago	5/17/2017	7:00 pm	The Waters 1393 Washington Ave., Oshkosh	BGS: Char Kiesling: 920-428-5655 charbbyrn@yahoo.com	BGS: Char Kiesling BBS: Russ Hanseter: rhansester@new.rr.com