



**WISCONSIN AMERICAN LEGION  
PRESS ASSOCIATION**  
PO BOX 388, PORTAGE WI 53901



**It's time to renew your membership in WALPA, or sign up for the 1<sup>st</sup> time.**

The Wisconsin American Legion Press Association (WALPA) is an association of newsletter editors, editorial writers, historians, public relations officers, and communication volunteers of the American Legion Family. This includes the American Legion, American Legion Auxiliary, Son's of the American Legion and the American Legion Riders.

WALPA encourages the exchange of ideas; promotes the development of local newsletters and public relation notices; strives to communicate the corporate goals of the American Legion Family, and recognizes achievement through an annual newsletter, newspaper, and electronic website awards program.

Today, the fastest growing Posts, Units and Squadrons within The American Legion family all have a successful newsletter to communicate with their members. Leaders within the American Legion Family today, recognize and accept the fact that the majority of our members never make it to the post home, or meetings. A newsletter is the best and most cost-effective tool to keep members informed about what is happening within your Legion Family. By keeping the membership informed, you never know when an activity will spark an interest and bring a member to a meeting or Legion activity. The hope is that the member will then become more involved in your Legion functions.

The WALPA membership year runs from January 1<sup>st</sup> to December 31<sup>st</sup> of each year. Join today and become an involved member of the American Legion Family communications team. WALPA strives to assist you in shaping a "Positive Image" of The American Legion, The American Legion Auxiliary, Sons of the American Legion and the American Legion Riders.

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**WALPA Membership Application or Renewal**

**ANNUAL DUES ARE \$5.00.** All Legion Posts are encouraged to have their Post, Unit, Squadron, and Riders join WALPA. Membership in WALPA is required to vote for Officers of WALPA, at the Annual Meeting held during the Annual Department Convention. Membership in WALPA is also required for all contest entries.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Post / Unit / Squadron: \_\_\_\_\_ Location: \_\_\_\_\_

Publication Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Make check payable to WALPA and mail to:  
Department of Wisconsin American Legion  
WALPA - Attn: Angie  
PO Box 388  
Portage WI 53901-0388

**WISCONSIN AMERICAN LEGION PRESS ASSOCIATION  
2015 PUBLICATION CONTEST ENTRY**

Publication entries must consist of three (3) separate editions published during the 2014 calendar year. For the "Class VI" Editorial Entry: only one (1) article is necessary. The Contest is open to all Wisconsin American Legion Posts, Auxiliary Units, SAL Squadrons, American Legion Riders Publications, County and District Publication published by American Legion Family. ALL contestant entries must be a 2015 paid member of the Wisconsin American Legion Press Association (WALPA).

Publication Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Post/Unit/Squadron Name and Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Dates of publication entries: (1) \_\_\_\_\_ (2) \_\_\_\_\_ (3) \_\_\_\_\_

Legion Membership Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Editors Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Paid 2014 Membership for class determination: \_\_\_\_\_ Class: \_\_\_\_\_

**DEADLINE FOR ENTRY IS: APRIL 1, 2015.**

**CONTEST CATEGORIES**

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| Class I   | Posts with membership of 100 or under  |
| Class II  | Posts with membership of 101 to 300  |
| Class III | Posts with membership of 300 plus  |
| Class IV  | Special Category: County, District, Auxiliary,<br>Sons of the American Legion,<br>American Legion Riders |
| Class V   | Electronic Website / Newsletters<br>Note: this is for newsletters not printed and mailed                 |
| Class VI  | Editorial: A (one (1) single article regarding an American<br>Legion or Veteran's issue.                 |

Contest winners will be announced at the 2015 Department Convention. Certificates will be awarded for 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place in each class. Judging is done by the Badger Legionnaire Editor.

Submit entries to: Wisconsin American Legion Department of Wisconsin  
WALPA Contest - Attn: Angie  
PO Box 388  
Portage WI 53901

Class: (I) \_\_\_\_\_ (II) \_\_\_\_\_ (III) \_\_\_\_\_ (IV) \_\_\_\_\_ (V) \_\_\_\_\_ (VI) \_\_\_\_\_

Date Received \_\_\_\_\_ Member \_\_\_\_\_ to Judge \_\_\_\_\_ Rank \_\_\_\_\_