MEMBERSHIP

Meet with National Auxiliary President

Variety of Events Planned—Don’t miss out! Register today!

The Department of Wisconsin will be honored with a visit by National President Kris Nelson of Minnesota from June 20-22, 2012. On June 20th and 21st, she will be attending our American Legion Auxiliary Badger Girls State session on the UW-Oshkosh campus.

You are invited to meet National President Kris Nelson at any of the following activities scheduled for June 22nd. Reservations are limited to the first 200 people.

American Legion Post 243, located at 42 Stafford Street (Plymouth) will be open between activities on June 22nd. For additional information, please contact Jan Pulvermacher-Ryan at 608-246-9707 or email jlp004@charter.net.

May 2012 - Total Membership: 95.12%

6th Dist. 98.41% 9th Dist. 96.67%
2nd Dist. 98.22% 4th Dist. 96.77% 10th Dist. 95.16%
3rd Dist. 94.96% 5th Dist. 93.53% 11th Dist. 89.42%
4th Dist. 96.59% 7th Dist. 96.21% 8th Dist. 92.81%
5th Dist. 93.23% 12th Dist. 90.23% 1st Dist. 96.16%
10th Dist. 96.21%
**GREETINGS FROM HEADQUARTERS**

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Executive Secretary/Treasurer  
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Any candidate for Department Office must submit her announcement and photo by June 1st for publication in the “Wisconsin.” Electronic copy is preferred (deptsec@amlegionauxwi.org) but hard copies may be mailed to Department Headquarters, Attn: Department Secretary. May is Poppy Month. Honor the many veterans who served unselfishly for our freedom by distributing poppies in your community. All donations received directly support veterans throughout Wisconsin.

Thank you to everyone who supports ALA programs with financial donations. To ensure donations are used as intended, please submit a Poppy Fund or General Fund Donation Sheet with all donations. These forms list the programs and activities currently in need of financial support and are available on the ALA website (Online Forms) or by contacting Department Headquarters.

The 92nd ALA Convention will be held at the Madison Marriott West in Middleton, July 20-22, 2012. Convention information was mailed to all Unit Presidents in the May Monthly-Unit Mailing. Information is also posted on the ALA website. Pre-registration is $25 per person or $30 after July 16th. See Page A4 for hotel information. Please pay special attention to all deadlines. Resolutions approved by Units 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 July 6th.

**Hope to see you in Middleton!**

Joanie Dickerson  
Department Chairman  
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The month of June offers us two occasions on which we can demonstrate our national pride by flying our flag and remembering those who sacrificed so much for our freedoms. This year, we commemorate the 68th anniversary of the D-Day Invasion of Normandy on June 6th, 1944. Beginning with the airborne assault in predawn darkness, 24,500 paratroopers were dropped behind German lines. At 6:30 am, the landing of 160,000 allied troops began. American forces fought hard to gain a foothold in two separate areas, code named “Omaha” and “Utah” beaches. Omaha Beach was the most heavily fortified of the five landing areas and by mid-morning, initial reports painted such a bleak portrait of beachhead conditions that Lt. Gen. Omar Bradley, United States First Army Commander, considered pulling off the beach. Brigadier General Theodore Roosevelt Jr., who accompanied the first wave, decided to exploit the opportunity and altered the original plan. He ordered a landing craft carrying the successive assault waves to land reinforcements, equipment and supplies to capitalize on the first wave’s success. Within hours, the beachhead was secured and the 4th Division started inland to contact the airborne divisions scattered across its front. As in the Omaha zone, at day’s end Utah Beach forces had not gained all of their planned objectives. However, a lodgment was secured and, most importantly, once again the American soldiers’ resourcefulness and initiative had rescued the operation from floundering along the Normandy coast.

With these successes came a very high price, in human lives. By day’s end, 9,000 Allied troops were wounded or dead. We can take great pride this month in recognizing Ozaukee as the birthplace of Flag Day. This day is set aside to commemorate the Continental Congress’ approval of the design for a national flag. What began in 1785 as a schoolteacher’s assignment for his students on our flag and its significance has grown into a national day of recognition. Although there is no official assignment of meaning or symbolism to the colors of the flag, Charles Thomson, secretary of the Continental Congress, in describing the Great Seal, related its colors to those of the flag. According to Thomson, “White signifies purity and innocence, Red, hardiness and valor, and Blue … vigilance, perseverance and justice.” So the Red and White stripes of 13 represent the link to the original ground of 13 states on which the nation has been built. And the stars, representing the union of now 50 states, have been laid on the blue canton to bind all of them with the bond of vigilance, perseverance and justice. She’s America’s “Old Glory”.

May long may she wave, dear God, long may she wave.

**Bed Frame Needed!**

If you are located in the Appleton area and have a queen-size bed frame you are willing to donate, please contact Kathy Wollmer, Homeless Women Veterans Chairman at 608-343-5502.
Department Convention
Honored Guest: Diana Blom

Diana Blom, Department President 1997-1998, will be the honored guest at the Past Presidents Parley Luncheon on Saturday, July 21, 2012, at 12:30 pm at the Madison Marriott West Hotel during the 92nd Department Convention in Middleton, Wisconsin.

Past Department President Jeannine Conradt will give a special tribute. Advance tickets are required – reservation form is included in this publication and on the department website (www.amlegionauxwi.org). Reservation deadline is July 2nd. Blom will also be presented to the Convention during the session on Friday, July 20th. Diana Blom was installed as Department President at the annual convention held in downtown Madison in 1997. Members were encouraged to “Follow the WAVE” during the year and serve as Women Aiding Veterans Everywhere. She selected Lorretta Shellman, then a Department Vice President, as her Membership Chairman. Janiece Fischer served as Senior Vice President during that year.

Diana is a 51-year member of Shiocton Unit 512 in 9th District and served as Unit and District President before becoming a Department Officer. She is eligible for membership through the service of her husband William. Her special project was to provide Spinoza Bears to as many hospitalized and ill children as possible. She set a goal of 136 bears, a number that was met and then surpassed by Units throughout the Department. Her year culminated in Green Bay where she presided over the 1998 Department Convention.

Please join the American Legion Auxiliary in honoring Diana Blom.

Florence Wasley
Department Chairman
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Our leaders in Washington, D.C. are elected by us. As American Legion Auxiliary members it is our job to make sure they do their best. How do we know it is our job? The answers can be found when we read or recite our Preamble. It states, “to participate in and contribute to the accomplishments of the aims and purposes of The American Legion.” This tells us we are charged with promoting and supporting the priorities and agenda of The American Legion.

How can we do this? Visit the American Legion and Auxiliary websites at http://www.legion.org/legislative and http://www.alaforveterans.org. They will help you find out what the priorities are for our military, their families, and children.

As your National Executive Committee person, I was pleased to attend the Washington D.C. conference in February. Those in attendance gathered at the Legion’s Legislative meeting and were briefed about Veterans priorities. The next day we met with our state senators and legislators on Capitol Hill and discussed our concerns regarding Veterans issues.

As members we must get involved – attend town hall meetings, send emails or write letters, make phone calls; inform our Senators and local Legislators of our concerns for Veterans issues. These issues are on the forefront of the country’s platform due to possible defense cuts, the needs of our wounded warriors, and the ongoing war.

Remember, the action you take does matter. Our Veterans and their families are counting on you. So please make contact.

Centurion Lifetime Achievement Award

Leona (Onie) Graf, a member of Lake Mills Unit 67, was presented a Centurion Lifetime Achievement Award. Onie, 102 years old, retired after volunteering 43 years at the Wm. S. Middleton Memorial Veterans Hospital. She is pictured with Auxiliary Representative Rose Wegener.

LEGISLATIVE

PAST PRESIDENT’S PARLEY LUNCHEON

Honoring Diana Blom
Department President 1997 – 1998
Saturday, July 21, 2012
at 12:30 PM
Marriott Madison West
Salons A, B, C, D

Menu Choices
• Chicken Parmesan with Marinara over Linguini and house salad
• Herb Roasted Pork Loin with Mushroom Marsala Sauce, vegetables and starch, and house salad
• Gluten Free or Vegetarian options (Chef’s Choice) available if requested with reservation

Cost: $15.50 per Person (includes beverage, tax & tip)

Reservation For Past President’s Parley Luncheon

Name _____________________________
Unit Number __________ District _______
Address ___________________________
City __________________ Zip __________
Phone (_______) _____________
Total Tickets Ordered _______ @ $15.50 Each = $ __________
Name on Ticket _____________________
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Reservation Deadline July 2, 2012
Make Check payable to: ALA Unit 501 – PPP
Mail to: Sandy Lovell - PPP
3721 Sky High Rd Cottage Grove WI 53527

Attention Candidates for Department Office

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ALA-WI (Attn: Dept Secretary), PO Box 140, Portage, WI 53901-0140.

Complete Schedule Information

Complete Badger Girls State Orientation schedule can be found on the Badger Girls State website: www.badgergirlssate.org
American Legion Department of Wisconsin

2012 SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

H. S. & ANGELINE LEWIS – (1) - $1,000
Graduate Student
No applicant

H. S. & ANGELINE LEWIS – (5) - $1,000
Lauren Gilstrap Grafton Grafton #355
Brianne Wichlacz Pulaski Pulaski #337
Abigail Clausing Moquon Moquon-Thiensville #457
Hunter Beggs Nekoosa Wisconsin Rapids #442
Rachal Hansen Sturgeon Bay Forestville #372

MERIT & MEMORIAL – (7) - $1,000
Merit Scholarship
Collin Enstdt Sun Prairie Sun Prairie #333
Harriet Hass Scholarship
Kimberly Ebner Onalaska Onalaska #336
Adalin Maculey Scholarship
Brandon Lynch Necedah Necedah #277
Eleanor Smith Scholarship
Daniel Galloy Tomahawk Tomahawk #93

DEPARTMENT PRESIDENTS – (3) - $1,000
Sierra Tackett Lake Mills Lake Mills #67
David Domine Fountain City Fountain City #56
Lisa Donner Park Falls Park Falls #182

PAST PRESIDENTS PARLEY
Registered Nurse – $2 - $1,000
Kyler Steffe Ridgeland Ridgeland #511
Kelsi Sarbacker Verona Cross Plains #245

PAST PRESIDENTS PARLEY
Health Career – $2 - $1,000
Mindy Kelly Barneveld Barneveld #433
Morgan Touchstone Wilton Wilton #508

CHILD WELFARE – (1) - $1,000
Lacey Reeson Barneveld Mt Horeb #113

CHILDREN OF WARRIORS NATIONAL PRESIDENT’S SCHOLARSHIP – (1) - $750
Wisconsin’s Candidate
Cara Argus Helenville Johnson Creek #305

NON-TRADITIONAL SCHOLARSHIP – (1) - $2,000
Wisconsin’s Candidate/National Winner
Tami Joe DeLisle Reesville Soldiers Grove #220

SPIRIT OF YOUTH SCHOLARSHIP – (1) - $750
Wisconsin’s Candidate
Alyssa Manteufel Waupaca Barneveld #433

BADGER GIRLS STATE SCHOLARSHIP – (4) - $500
Ahnastasia Kielar Sturgeon Bay Forestville #372
Raven Wilson Ripon Ripon #347
Casey Blochel Elcho Elcho #377
Abby Wiersma Scandinavia Iola #14

EILEEN KNOX SCHOLARSHIP – (1) - $500
Lily Zehfus Sheboygan Sheboygan #83

American Legion Auxiliary “WISCONSIN”
May 17, 2012

Convention Hotel Information

American Legion Auxiliary-Department of Wisconsin 92nd Annual Convention, Middleton, WI
Thursday – Sunday, July 19-22, 2012

The Convention Center and Headquarters Hotel for the American Legion Family is the Marriott Madison West Hotel in Middleton.

DEADLINE
The American Legion Family Headquarters Hotel Block will be available on a first come first serve basis. The cost is $94.00 plus applicable tax for double occupancy. Call 608-831-2000 and tell them you are with the American Legion Convention to make reservations.

ADDITIONAL HOTELS NEAR CONVENTION

Baymont Inn & Suites $84.99 King/Double
8102 Excelsior Drive
(608) 836-3033 or 836-0949
Courtyard by Marriott $89.00
2266 Deming Way
(608) 203-0100

Comfort Suite Madison West $94.00
1253 John Hammonds Drive
(608) 831-1942
Fairfield Inn & Suites $89.00
8212 Greenway Blvd
(608) 831-1400

Country Inn & Suites-Middleton $89.00
2212 Deming Way
(608) 831-6970
Hilton Garden Inn $89.00
1801 Deming Way
(608) 831-2220

Holiday Inn Hotel & Suites $94.00
1109 Fourwheeler Drive
(608) 826-0500

Residence Inn-Madison West $94.00/$104
8400 Market Street
(608) 662-1100

Staybridge Suites-Middleton $95.00/$105
7790 Elmwood Avenue
(608) 664-5888

Camp American Legion Donation Item of the Month

Kevin Mosha, Director Camp American Legion, thanks the American Legion Auxiliary for the many donations received to support the “donation of the month.”

Thanks to the generosity of Auxiliary members across the state, Camp has received:

November
Book of Forever stamps – 29 donations = $605.70

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March
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