American Legion Auxiliary Department of Wisconsin

2016-2017 STATISTICS

THANK YOU to all the Units that took time to submit their annual Year-End Impact Report. Forty more units reported this year than last year – what an awesome response! Imagine how much more impressive the results would be if every unit submitted a report. Totals are based on the annual reports from 276 of Wisconsin’s 412 Units. This demonstrates WHO we are, WHAT we do, and HOW we make a difference!

OUR SERVICE FOR VETERANS:
- Hours volunteered in service to veterans: 344,036
- Dollars spent in service to veterans: $374,646
- Dollar value of in-kind donations: $121,014
- Veterans assisted: 18,403
- Number of poppies purchased by units: 414,550
- Poppy dollars raised to support veterans: $358,720
- Number of veterans who made poppies: 24

OUR SERVICE FOR MILITARY FAMILIES:
- Hours volunteered: 18,290
- Dollars spent: $23,870
- Number of military families served: 4,251

SCHOLARSHIPS
- Number of scholarships awarded: 224
- Dollar amount of local scholarships: $97,320
- Dollar amount donated to Department scholarships: $4,930
- Number of ALA Badger Girls State Delegates: approx. 720

MEMBERSHIP

Department Convention is finished, but membership recruiting and renewing never do. The membership year runs from January 1st through December 31st so there is still time to renew members for 2017.

Our newly elected department president, Bonnie Jakubczyk, has chosen the theme “Wisconsin Proud and S.M.I.L.E. – Support Member Involvement – Let’s Encourage.” Step one toward achieving this goal is to renew memberships and recruit additional members for our units. In order for us to work the mission and be active supporters of our programs, we need members to help with the tasks associated with any activity or event we choose to initiate. Now is the time to encourage our members to renew, thus continuing to honor the service of the family member or members that provided their eligibility. We can never forget the sacrifices they made for us.

Through our active participation in fulfilling the mission of the American Legion Auxiliary we can be proud of the many ways we touch the lives of those who gave so much to preserve our freedoms. The online renewal portal is available and renewing by telephone takes only a few minutes. Both make it possible to renew quickly and easily.

A member may only renew their own membership online. Step one is to create an account on the American Legion Auxiliary National Headquarters website at www.ALAforVeterans.org. An email confirming your account will provide a link to finalize setting up the account and you are ready to click “renew membership” link on the welcome screen.

If you prefer to renew by phone, or would like to renew the membership of other family member(s), call 317-569-4536 (Monday-Friday, 7:00 am – 3:30 pm) and the staff member will assist you with the renewal process.

Once you’ve completed your renewal, either by phone or by using the website, you will receive a message with a membership card you can print. Once a week, Andrea Stoltz at Department Headquarters in Portage notifies unit membership chairmen that members have paid online or by phone.

At department convention, a $5 dues increase was approved by the delegation. This increase will take place with the 2019 membership year and will be used to reduce the current shortfall in the department’s budget, resulting from our declining membership. At the national convention in Reno, a proposal to increase the national portion of our dues by $3.00 will be presented which will also take effect in the 2019 membership year. This increase is also necessary to ensure continued operation of our national headquarters offices.

What can you do to offset the effects of this increase? Consider becoming a Paid Up For Life (PUFL) member. Your unit membership chairman has the necessary forms.

Be Wisconsin Proud, renew today!

2018 DEPARTMENT MEMBERSHIP TEAM
Nancy Helms, nhelms420@att.net
Mary Krutz, wkruz7@new.rr.com
Renee Calteux, Junior Member
Andrea Stoltz, Headquarters Staff
alawi@amlegionauxwi.org

2017 National Installation Invitation
All Wisconsin American Legion Family members attending the 2017 National Convention in Reno, Nevada are encouraged to attend the installation of Diane Duscheck as National President on Wednesday, August 23rd at 2:00 pm.

Details will be available at National Convention.

Save the Date! October 7th 2017 National President Diane Duscheck’s Official Visit to Wisconsin
The American Legion Family is invited to a reception for National President Diane Duscheck on October 7 from 4:30 – 6:00 pm at American Legion Post 106 in Green Lake. A Parade of Checks will take place at 5:00 pm to support her special project. Details were included in the August Unit Mailing for September meetings and a reservation form is posted on the homepage of the department website.
President’s Banner

The children of the Beyer Family in Lena, painted a four by six foot banner depicting President Laurel DuBois’s theme, “Soar for Our Veterans.” The banner was proudly displayed on the convention stage throughout the convention. Thank you Bayers for sharing your talent and supporting the American Legion Auxiliary!

President’s Awards of Excellence

2017 American Legion Auxiliary Department Convention, five units were selected to receive a Department President’s Award of Excellence based on information provided through their year-end reports.

Winners include:

• Howard-Campbell-Ganske Unit 179 of Chetek, Lou Ann Novak, President
• Elmer Peterson Unit 333 of Sun Prairie, Charlene Pulliam, President
• James G. Delaney Unit 461 of Pembine, Joan Erickson, President
• Milwaukee Unit #1, Elaine Forster, President
• Rose-Harris Unit 355 of Graton, Cathy Brunquell, President

Pictured: Laurel DuBois and 1st Vice President President Bonnie Jakubczyk’s special project.

Little Miss Poppy

Camryn Steier, a member of Daughters-of-Hamilton Unit #234 in Omro, was named Little Miss Poppy at the 2017 Department Convention. Camryn is pictured with PDP Laurel DuBois, Poppy Chairman Danie W. Daveline, also known as “Papa Dave” Steier, through whom she earned her membership eligibility in the American Legion Auxiliary. Camryn aspires to be a “little girl out there who grows up to be a woman with vision!”
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AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY JUNIOR ACTIVITIES WORKSHOP
Fletcher Hall (Enter off parking lot) St. Paul Methodist Church 600 Wilshire Blvd., Stevens Point, WI 54481
September 16, 2017 9am ~ Noon
Fee: $5 to cover materials

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Joan Chwal, Department Chairman

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Children & Youth –
Joanie Dickerson, Department Chairman

Certificate of Merit for Outstanding promotion of the Star-Spangled Kids Program (1) – awarded to New London Unit 263, District 8.

Community Service –
Beth Puddy, Department Chairman

Outstanding Service to Veterans & Community Service (1) – awarded to Anaheim-Silver Sliver Unit 66, District 9.

Chaplain –
Linda Coppock, Department Chaplain

Unit Prayer Book (2) – awarded to Lindo Brown of Grafton Unit 355, District 2; Pat Lindstein of Abrams Unit 523, District 9.

51st State of Badger was formed.
2017 JUNIOR CONFERENCE REGISTRATION
Reservations Due October 8, 2017

Form submitted by (please print clearly):
Name: __________________________  District #: ________  Unit #: ________
Phone: __________________________ Email: __________________________

NAME / UNIT

GUEST
ATTENDEE
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ACTIVITIES INCLUDE

• Scavenger Hunt
• Camp Games
• Nature Hike

Dress Appropriate for Weather.

T-SHIRT REQUESTS TO ME ASAP SO I CAN GET THEM ORDERED.
T-SHIRT ($5) SIZES: CHILD S, M, L / ADULT S, M, L, XL, XXL, XXXL.

2017 Convention Citations (Continued from Page 3)

• Most Outstanding Unit Scholarship Program (1) – awarded to Mukwonago Unit 575, District 1.
• Most Outstanding National Education Week Program (1) – awarded to Gordon Unit 499, District 12.
• Most Outstanding Support for Veterans on Campus Program (1) – awarded to Grafton Unit 355, District 2.
• Most Outstanding Assistance to Needy Students Program (1) – awarded to Marshfield Unit 54, District 8.
• Most Unique Education Program “Our Veterans wore many hats” (1) – awarded to Haugen Unit 540, District 10.

HISTORY

• Diane Wiegand, Department Historian

• Certificate of Merit (5) – awarded to Marla Knaufel of New London Unit 263, District 8; Lail Schwantes of Brookfield Unit 449, District 1; Yvonne Hill of District 10.
• Certificate of Participation (7) – awarded to Patricia Katalmick of Chilton Unit 125, District 6; Donna Olikowski of Thorp Unit 118, District 7; Rose Mary Schmitt of Hubertus Unit 522, District 2; Jody Wickman of Abrams Unit 523, District 9; Kris Klages of Eau Claire Unit 53, District 10; Kathleen Cook of Oak Creek Unit 434, District 4; Jacqueline Rom of Plymouth Unit 243, District 2.

JUNIOR ACTIVITIES

• Lorrie Barber, Department Chairman

• Best Overall Junior Activities (1) – awarded to Lisa Bowen of Lone Rock Unit 383, District 3.
• Joining our Juniors (1) – awarded to Germaine Hyung of Muscoda Unit 85, District 2.
• Junior of the Year (1) – awarded to Kamberi Oliver of Elm Grove Unit 449, District 1.
• Outstanding Junior Award (5) – awarded to Jocelyn Adams of Lone Rock Unit 383, District 3; Caitlyn Rosemeyer of Thorp Unit 118, District 7; Megan Wallenfang of Pewaukee Unit 71, District 1; Kira Hunkin of DeForest Unit 348, District 3; Kallic Erickson of Pembine Unit 461, District 9.

LEADERSHIP

• Kitty Larkin, Department Chairman

• Nurturing a Culture of Goodwill (1) – awarded to Judy Kuta of Grafton Unit 355, District 2.
• Leadership Training (1) – awarded to Amy Luft of Grafton Unit 355, District 2.
• Outstanding Overall Leadership by a Unit (1) – awarded to Cathy Brunnpaell of Grafton Unit 355, District 2.

MEmBERSHIP

• Char Kieling, Department Chairman

• District with the highest percent (1) – awarded to District 5.
• Unit with the highest percent (1) – awarded to Ann Lotter of Abrams Unit 523, District 9.
• Soaring Eagle (3) – awarded to Abrams Unit 523, District 9; Milwaukee Unit 479, District 5; Lone Rock Unit 383, District 3; Hartford Unit 19, District 2; Pewaukee Unit 71, District 1.
• Most members recruited by a Unit (3) – awarded to Brookfield Unit 449, District 1; Lone Rock 383, District 3; Cedarburg Unit 228, District 2.
• First Unit to achieve 100% (1) – awarded to Nancy Taylor-Sowatzke of Menasha Unit 152, District 6.

M. Louise Wilson – Joan Chwala, Department Chairman

• Certificate of Recognition (3) – awarded to the American Legion Auxiliary of Menasha Unit 152, District 6.

• Certificate of Appreciation (1) – awarded to Karen Johnson, District 9.

• Certificate of Recognition (1) – awarded to Karen Hansen, District 10 President; Lydia Miller of Seymour Unit 106, District 9.

• Certificate of Recognition (1) – awarded to Stacey McDowell of Stevens Point Unit 6, District 8.

• Certificate of Recognition (3) – awarded to New London Unit 263, District 8; Saukville Unit 470, District 2; Omro Unit 234, District 6.

• Certificate of Appreciation (1) – awarded to Mary Ellen Race of Saukville Unit 470, District 2.

• Certificate of Appreciation (1) – awarded to Strategic Planning Chairwoman Joyce Endres of Waunakee Unit 365, District 9.

• Certificate of Appreciation (1) – awarded to the American Legion Auxiliary of Menasha Unit 152, District 6.

• Certificate of Recognition (3) – awarded to the American Legion Auxiliary of Mequon Unit 461, District 9; New London Unit 263, District 8; Saukville Unit 470, District 2; Omro Unit 234, District 6.

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• Certificate of Recognition (1) – awarded to Seymour Unit 106, District 9; Mercer Unit 424, District 11; River Falls Unit 121, District 10; Brookfield Unit 449, District 1; Ayleg Unit 251, District 3.

• Best Overall Service to Veterans Narrative Report (1) – awarded to Saukville Unit 470, District 2.

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• Best Overall Service to Veterans Narrative Report (1) – awarded to Pardeeville Unit 215, District 2; Grafton Unit 355, District 2; Cambria Unit 401, District 2; Franklin Unit 192, District 2; Oshkosh Unit 70, District 6; Sparta Unit 100, District 7; La Crosse Unit 52, District 7; Chesebrough Unit 202, District 7; New London Unit 263, District 8; Pembine Unit 461, District 9; Eau Claire Unit 53, District 10; River Falls Unit 121, District 10; Minocqua Unit 89, District 11.