



Department of Wisconsin
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2nd District Newsletter



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Amy's Angle....

Happy New Year! What a great way to start off the new year by being in 1st place for membership! You are all rock stars and I appreciate your efforts. A special shout-out to our **100% Club Members:**

Pardeeville – Cambria – Theresa – Sheboygan - Adell

Belgium and Kewaskum are only one person away from 100%. Don't let your guard down. We must keep up this momentum to maintain 1st place. It takes a team that works together to achieve goals and District 2 is the best team around! Kudos to all of you!

As you hang your new 2022 calendar on your wall, here are a few important dates for you to pencil in:

January 15: Mid-Winter Conference, Baraboo

January 31: Badger Girls reservations due

April 1: Member Tracking Reports due to Unit Presidents

April 15: Unit Year-End Impact Report due to District Pres.

April 15: Unit Year-End Narrative Report due to Department

April 30: 2nd District Spring Conference, Sheboygan Falls

June 25: 2nd District ALA Dan Seehafer Fundraiser, Horicon

July 14-17: Department Convention, Green Bay

August 26-Sept 1: National Convention, Milwaukee

Keep your eyes out for the District Sweepstakes tickets mailing mid-January. This is our one and only fundraiser for our District. 97% of all monies taken in go directly back out as donations. The more you purchase, the more we can support our veterans and military.

January is the perfect time to start getting organized for Year-End Reporting. Please let me know if you have not received your Year-End Reporting Packet. Remind your members to update their Member Tracking Forms (reporting time frame is April 1, 2021 – March 31, 2022). Review what your unit has worked on and start writing your narratives. Make sure to include pictures with your reports. The more you do now, the easier it will be as the deadline approaches. Please let me know if you need any assistance.

Wishing you all health and happiness in 2022. I'm looking forward to a great year with you!

Blessings~

Amy

Salute, Serve, Celebrate

A Note from Shirley Krier, VA&R Chair....

I would like to thank all the Units that contributed to the Buddy Basket VA&R project: Lake Mills, Waterloo, Grafton, Jackson, Cedarburg, Allenton, Watertown, West Bend and the Sons of the American Legion from Cedarburg. These Units donated \$1,762.26 for the VA&R project. The Cedarburg SAL donated \$500. Kewaskum donated 3 buddy baskets and a box of dishes. The Saukville Unit also donated a buddy basket.

With the help of my daughter and granddaughter, we purchased cleaning supplies, laundry detergent, dish soap, kitchen towels and dish cloths, bath towels, hand towels, wash cloths, deodorant, shampoo, bath soap, body wash, laundry soap and dryer sheets. Many gift cards for fast food restaurants were also purchased. Approximately 10 - 12 boxes of canned food were packed. On Friday, December 10 members of the Grafton, Saukville, Port Washington and Cedarburg Units met at the Cedarburg American Legion Post to assemble 30 to 35 laundry baskets filled with items for the Milwaukee Homeless Veterans Initiative.

This has been such a wonderful project. It was a lot of work but as it all came together it was a very rewarding project. It was wonderful seeing all the baskets and boxes of food loaded on the truck and taken to Milwaukee. Our special project was a wish list, which was filled, for a 10-year-old girl with medical issues also loaded on the truck. This was very rewarding....thank you everyone!

Shirley Krier
2nd District VA&R Chairman



Our Veterans, Military, their Families & Our Community

AMERICANISM

Mary Petrie, 2nd Chair

*Americanism is a question of spirit, of conviction and purpose, not creed or birthplaces.
The test of our worth is the service we render."*

- Theodore Roosevelt -



Reading a quote of a past President, like the one above, illustrates a knowledgeable insight into the future. President Roosevelt was also a veteran, so truly understood the meaning of Americanism and service.

With the In Service not Self principle, serving has been a long-standing practice of the American Legion Auxiliary, and members eagerly share their efforts through the Americanism program.

Kudos to those who participated in Mission: Patriotic Bingo. Hopefully you had fun and learned something new. Unfortunately, only two County Presidents reported, so if your Unit overlooked the deadline, notify your County President ASAP. The County with the most participants will receive a token of appreciation and Units with three completely filled cards will go into a drawing.

While you're probably not yet thinking about Year-End reports, the deadline will roll around before we know it. What projects has your Unit been working on? Have you donated Symbols of America: An Activity Book for Kids (available from TAL Headquarters), or patriotic books, comic books, rulers, bookmarks, or coloring sheets to a local library or school? Were postcards sent to businesses and/or residences reminding them to replace worn flags? Check out the American Legion Flag & Emblem catalog at <https://emblem.legion.org>. You'll also find a great selection of clothing, gifts, and supplies.

Will you be offering the Americanism Essay Contest? The 2022 theme is "How can we support families who provide care to their Veterans?" Six classes/grade levels are offered, from 3rd/4th grade through high school and special needs students. A submission form (with specifics) can be found on the Wisconsin website: www.amlegionauxwi.org. The Unit winner is due on April 1st. Department Chairman, Becky Mueller, N7737 Miller Road, Black Creek WI 54106, will be awaiting your submissions!

As we step into 2022, let your light shine in ALA spirit as we "Salute, Serve, and Celebrate our veterans, military, their families and our communities."
Happy New Year!

More Buddy Baskets....

Greenbush American Legion Auxiliary Unit 261 with help from Thrivent Insurance & client Bernie Strong, purchased \$250 worth of household goods and men's & women's hygiene supplies for the Sheboygan County Buddy Basket Project.

Greenbush Auxiliary officers, Kay Keyes, Bernie Strong and Janet Biskobing presented Sheboygan County Veterans Service Officer, Todd A. Richter, with the purchases for distribution to county veterans & their families.





**American Legion Auxiliary
Department of WI
2nd District Spring Conference**



Saturday, April 30, 2022
Laack's Ballroom
W4302 Highway JM
Sheboygan Falls

Cost: \$20 per person (\$2 Registration & \$18 Meal)
8:00AM – 8:55AM Registration w/Donuts & Coffee
9:00AM – 3:00PM Meeting
Noon: Lunch/Cash Bar Available

Pre-registration & payment required. RSVPs Due: April 23

Check payable to: ALA 2nd District
Mail check and registration form below to:
Mary Montag
2nd District ALA Treasurer
726 Jean Court
Allenton, WI 53002



Unit Number: _____ Unit City: _____

Total Number Attending: _____ (Note next to each name if they are attending as a Delegate-at-Large, Delegate, Alternate, or Guest).

****Mail only one registration form per unit. Do not send individual registrations****

Names: _____

Total Amount Enclosed: _____ Will your Unit be entering a History Book for judging? Yes No