



Department of Wisconsin
American Legion Auxiliary

6th District Newsletter



October 2021

6th District Fall Conference

You still have time to register for our Fall Conference scheduled for Saturday, October 23rd at Oshkosh Legion Post 70. Registration form is attached. I would very much like to see a representative from each of our 27 units. This conference is open to all members, not just unit officers. Remember each unit is to bring a raffle basket with a value of \$25.00.

Membership and Unit Officers Forms

National Headquarters issued the 2022 Membership Dues Renewal Notices and Units have received their membership goals. The latest membership report shows 6th District in 9th place and two units with no renewals. The report also showed 2021-2022 Unit officer forms are needed from several units. Remember your Unit, County and District will not be eligible for any membership incentives unless this form is on file at department headquarters, and **all officers have renewed their membership**. Please send in those forms and dues as soon as possible.

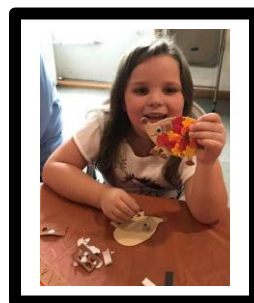
2021-2022 Red Books

A complimentary copy of the 2021-2022 Department Red Book was mailed to Department Chairmen, and to Unit and County Presidents with a current Officer Form on file with department. The Red Book is also posted on the Department website as a free resource for any member (under the "more" tab). Additional books may be ordered (while supplies last!) for \$6.00 using a Unit Supplies Order Form.

6th District Junior Fall Fun Day

October 3, 2021

Neenah Post 33



BOO to you!

Lots of ghosts for veterans &
warm socks collected!

ALA 6th District Jrs. had a busy afternoon
making hedgehog magnets & decorating
pumpkin cookies by Sophie, Natalie, Sophia, &
guest Winnie. 🍂

6th District Outstanding Americanism Person of the Year

Attached you will find the required forms for each Unit to nominate one of your outstanding members. The completed forms will need to be returned no later than December 31, 2021. Awards will be presented at the 6th District Annual Americanism Recognition Banquet to be held on Saturday, February 12, 2022 at La Sure's Hall in Oshkosh.

Plans of Action

The 2021-2022 plans of action are now out on the Department website under the "Dept Officers & Dist Presidents" tab.

Poppy Program

Please remember to get your Poppy order placed by December 15, 2021 to ensure you get the poppies you will need. If you have not yet sent in your 20% poppy profit from this year, your poppy order could be delayed until that is received by Department.

Dates to Remember

- October 7, 2021 – October 10, 2021 Vietnam Traveling Wall, Oshkosh
- October 15, 2021 – Beef Tips Dinner, Fond du Lac Post (see flyer)
- October 16th – ALA In the Know – Green Lake Unit 306
- October 23, 2021 – ALA 6th District Fall Conference
- November 2, 2021 – Winnebago County Youth Government Day

Sons of the American Legion Squadron 70 presents [American Veterans Traveling Tribute](#), the largest Vietnam Veterans Memorial replica in existence! The memorial will be available 24 hours a day from Thursday, October 7th at 3:00 pm to Sunday, October 10th at 12:00 pm at the Sunnyview Expo Center, 500 E County Rd Y, Oshkosh.

BEEF TIPS DINNER benefitting **USA PATRIOTS AMPUTEE SOFTBALL TEAM** will be held at The American Legion, 500 Fond du Lac Ave, Fond du Lac on Friday, October 15th, from 4 – 7 pm. Cost is \$12 / person and includes Beef tips, vegetable, rolls, dessert, potatoes/noodles, coffee/milk (Carry outs available). There will also be raffle baskets and a grocery raffle. The event is being hosted by The American Legion Auxiliary Unit 75.

Unit Visits

Over the course of the next two years, I hope to visit as many of the Units in the District as possible. Be sure to include when and where your Unit meets on the Unit Officer Form. If you have a special event let me know that as well. I want to meet as many of the members of the 6th District that I can and hear about your plans to *Salute, Serve and Celebrate our veterans, military, their families and our communities!*

Diane Steinert

Legislative Action

VSOS RALLY TO KEEP THE TROOPS TO TEACHERS PROGRAM ALIVE

The American Legion is one of four veterans service organizations (VSOs) that joined together to stress the value of the Troops to Teachers program and to urge Congress to reauthorize funding for the program in the Fiscal Year 2022 National Defense Reauthorization Act (NDAA).

“We believe the value of Troops to Teachers cannot be understated,” the VSOs wrote in a joint letter to leadership in the House Committee on Armed Services. “It provides employment assistance to transitioning veterans, which aids in lowering veteran unemployment; it alleviates nationwide teaching shortages, which improves education quality; and it increases access and representation among traditionally less-represented groups to teaching careers.”

Established in 1993, Troops to Teachers was designed to assist transitioning servicemembers and veterans to begin careers as educators in K-12 public, charter, and Bureau of Indian Affairs schools. The Department of Defense reported that the program placed over 21,000 veteran teachers in classrooms since its inception. Additionally, the program provides counseling and referral services to help participants meet education and licensing requirements, as well as helps them secure a teaching position. Since 1993, more than 100,000 veterans have successfully transitioned to a career in education.

The program was defunded with little notice to servicemembers as part of the Defense-Wide Review when the Department of Defense opted to realign program resources to higher priority programs more closely aligned to the National Defense Strategy. The American Legion stands firm with the other VSOs that this is unacceptable.

“Allowing the Troops for Teachers program to sunset would go against America’s critical need to support our children’s education.” The version of the NDAA recently passed by the House of Representatives did not include funding for Troops to Teachers, however the Senate version of the bill does. Negotiations on the FY2022 NDAA are expected to continue through December. American Legion Resolution No. 21: Support State and National Funding for Troops to Teachers Program resolves The American Legion’s support for renewing funding for the Troops to Teachers program at both state and national levels.

“We implore you to champion this established program and stand with veterans by protecting Troops To Teachers from termination.”

We need all members to reach out to their elected officials in Washington, D.C. asking them to support this important piece of legislation.

Char Kiesling
6th District Legislative Chairman
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6TH DISTRICT FALL CONFERENCE

Date: Saturday, October 23, 2021
 Place: Oshkosh Post #70
 1332 Spruce St, Oshkosh, WI 54901
 Cost: \$15.00 per person (includes registration fee, continental breakfast and lunch)
 Deadline: October 14, 2021 (no reservations accepted after October 14, 2021)
 Registration: 8:30 am – 9:15 am
 Call to Order: 9:30 am
 Contact person for conference details: 6th District President Diane Steinert
 (920-573-1846 djdmsteinert@gmail.com)

Continental breakfast and lunch will be provided
RESERVATIONS FOR 6TH DISTRICT FALL CONFERENCE/FUN DAY
Saturday, October 23, 2021
Cost \$15.00 per person / Deadline: October 14, 2021
NO RESERVATIONS ACCEPTED AFTER OCTOBER 14, 2021
Make check payable to: ALA Unit 70
Mail to: Nancy Helms, 2540 Clover St, Oshkosh, WI 54901

Unit # _____ Unit Location: _____
 Contact Name: _____
 Contact Phone: _____ Email: _____
 Registration and meals: # _____ X \$15.00 = \$ _____ Total due

Name (Print clearly)	Name (Print clearly)

Use additional page if needed for more members attending.

Remember to bring a raffle basket with a value of \$25.00 from each Unit.



The American Legion Auxiliary
Department of Wisconsin
6th District Americanism Program
Outstanding Americanism Person of the Year
2021

Basis for Recommendation: Outstanding in promotion of Patriotism and Americanism activities in the American Legion Auxiliary and community.

ONLY ONE MEMBER PER UNIT CAN BE NOMINATED

Auxiliary member being recommended:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Unit #/Name/City: _____

Signature: _____

(Unit President or Secretary)

Date: _____

Please return no later than December 31, 2021

Send to:

Diane Steinert

6th District President

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Oshkosh, WI 54904

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6th District Americanism Program
Outstanding Americanism Person of the Year
Nominating Form

In each category listed below, tell how your candidate has been outstanding.

1. In Community Service Activities:

2. In Service to God and Country:

3. In Educational Activities:

4. In Flag Educational Activities:

5. In Youth Activities:

6. In Patriotic Holiday Programs:

7. In Unit and Auxiliary Programs:
