



# 10<sup>TH</sup> DISTRICT AMERICAN LEGION FAMILY NEWSLETTER APRIL 2026



## GREETINGS FROM 10<sup>TH</sup> DISTRICT COMMANDER

10th District Many salutations and greetings to our counties and posts.

We are gearing up for spring and with that comes a great deal of activities in our posts.

1. Consolidated post reports should be completed by April 1 2026 .
2. Spring Conference April 25 2026 in Bloomer Wisconsin.
3. May 9th Auxiliary Appreciation Meal to serve our auxiliary as they have done so much to assist and serve our local posts. Remember this is to honor them in your local posts. Please take pictures and show how well it went. It can be breakfast, brunch, lunch or supper

Remember to look out for one another. There is so much coming up and some changes coming to our District 10 leadership stay tuned and as always God Bless and keep you !

Warm Regards,  
Felicia M Decker  
10th district Commander

## CUMBERLAND POST 98 RECEIVES \$9,000 GRANT FROM 50 PEOPLE AND MORE WHO CARE

Congratulations to the Cumberland American Legion Post 98 for receiving the 4th quarter grant from the 50 People and More Who Care! 🇺🇸 To date our organization has given out more than \$220,000 to local businesses and nonprofits. We depend on the continued support of our current membership as well as the regular addition of new members in order to continue to provide these grants. All grant nonprofits/businesses must be located in either Cumberland, Barronett or Comstock so your money stays local! Just \$100/quarter is all that is required to make a difference in our little slice of heaven in NW Wisconsin. Please consider joining our group so we can continue with our mission for years to come! To learn more or to join, visit our website at [www.50peoplewhocare.org](http://www.50peoplewhocare.org)



## WOULD YOUR POST AND AUXILIARY LIKE TO HOST 2028 DISTRICT CONFERENCES

The 10<sup>th</sup> District American Legion Time and Place Committee is looking for Posts to host **2028 Spring or Fall Conference.** Contact Jerry Townsend 715-651-1403 or Richard VanderMolen at 360-410-7322 if interested.

2026 Spring Conference – Saturday April 25, 2026 – Bloomer Area Veterans Center, Bloomer Wisconsin

2026 Fall Conference – Saturday September 26, 2026 – Osseo

2027 Spring Conference – April – Baldwin Wisconsin

2027 Fall Conference – Saturday September – Boyd American Legion Hall



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## THANK YOU FROM CAMP AMERICAN LEGION

Good Morning 10th District Legion Family,

Attached is the formal thank you letter. I just want to re emphasis the role the van will play at Camp American Legion. By having the van, it opens a lot of doors for new activities that we would be unable to do because of transportation issues. We can now start taking campers over to our Rainbow Flowage area for a relaxing picnic or take campers into town to enjoy multiple activities that are available in Minocqua.

Thank You  
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Camp Director  
Camp American Legion  
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Cell: 715-613-3600  
[caldirector@wilegion.org](mailto:caldirector@wilegion.org)

## YELLOW RIBBON CAMPAIGN



### American Legion Auxiliary Units and Legion Family:

As the Easter season dawns, we pause to reflect with gratitude on the many blessings that enrich our lives. In that spirit, let us also remember the brave men and women of our Armed Forces, and especially our deployed servicemembers, in our blessings this year.

The Wisconsin American Legion Auxiliary encourages all Units to honor and support our service members by displaying Yellow Ribbons throughout their community, a visible symbol of our unwavering support. • Work together as a proud Local Legion Family.

- Start with your Post or meeting facility as a place of tribute.
- Encourage community-wide participation by providing ribbons for them to display.
- Partner with local organizations to broaden the effort.
- If you have community members who are deployed, work with local government, business, civic groups, schools, Scouts, and other service groups to support the families of those who are deployed.

Now is the time to begin your Yellow Ribbon campaign. Whether your efforts are large or small, each ribbon sends a message to those who serve, and the families who stand behind them.

Let us show them just how deeply we care.

- Bob Shappell  
American Legion Auxiliary – Department Chair of National Security

## ANNUAL REPORT INSTRUCTIONS

**NEW** – Narrative reports can be **submitted online** and will go directly to the Department Chairperson.

Impact Reports are **NOT** submittal online – but need to be printed and emailed or mailed to your District President Teresa Steinke at [teresa.steinke\\_cmx@yahoo.com](mailto:teresa.steinke_cmx@yahoo.com) or mail to 141 Rolling Hills Drive, Augusta WI 54722

Instructions are attached with this Newsletter – if you have any questions contact Mary Townsend, Teresa Isensee or President Teresa Steinke.



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## RIDGELAND UNIT 511 BAKE SALE

Ridgeland Unit 511 held a bake sale with proceeds going to the Chippewa Falls Veterans Home, Badger Girls State and Wreaths Across America. Pictured left to right: Mary Peterson, Dunn County President, Betty Glaser, Unit Secretary and Elizabeth Thompson, Unit Member.



## HIGHLIGHT OUR HERO'S

**Name:** Herbert Tschumperlin  
**Branch of Office:** Army  
**Rank:** Specialist Third Class (SPC 3)  
**Places Served:** England

**Legion Post:** Plum City Post 365  
**Time Served:** 2 years  
**Military Occupation:** Vietnam

Herbert Tschumperlin served in the United States Army for two years, achieving the rank of Specialist Third Class (SPC 3). Volunteering to serve his country, Herbert answered the call to duty with commitment and dedication. During his time in the Army, Herbert was stationed in England. While there, he recalls a period when an airstrip was being rebuilt to accommodate larger aircraft, including B-52 bombers. Although he did not directly participate in the reconstruction and did not see its completion before his departure, he remembers the significance of the project and the evolving needs of military aviation at the time.

Herbert's role involved training and preparation to defend against aerial threats. He describes training with his weapon that was designed to track and engage on remote-controlled or radio-controlled target planes. The equipment he operated on was substantial—a large, wheeled gun weighing several tons. It was equipped with advanced technology for its time, including radar and a computer system capable of locking onto a target aircraft prior to firing. This training ensured that he was ready to respond effectively if called upon. Through his service, Herbert contributed to the readiness and strength of the United States military during a critical time. His willingness to volunteer and his commitment to mastering complex equipment reflect the dedication and quiet professionalism of those who serve.

We are honored to recognize Herbert Tschumperlin and thank him for his service to our country.

## 10<sup>TH</sup> DISTRICT ORATORICAL CONTEST

The 10<sup>th</sup> District Oratorical Contest was held on Saturday February 7 at the Cumberland Legion Post #98, with 4 contestants. Pictured left to right – Dept Vice Commander Larry Larson, District Chairman Steve Isensee, Annarose Winey, Chloe Renfree Weiss, Hannah Stone, 1<sup>st</sup> Place Winner Violet Small, District Commander Felicia Decker, and District President Teresa Steinke





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## LEGISLATIVE NEWS

One of the greatest ways to advocate for our Military & Veterans is through the legislative process. We can be a part of the American Legion Grassroots, which includes Action Alerts. Department of Wisconsin Legislative Chairman Becky Mueller has issued a challenge for all districts to report the number of contacts made to elected officials. We are just completing the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter of reporting. This includes the months of January – March. Unit Presidents, please report the number of contacts made for this quarter to your County President.

County Presidents please send me the totals contacts for your county by April 10.

What do contacts look like?

- Complete Legion Action Alerts
- Write letters/emails
- Attending Town Hall meeting
- Call officials directly

Please advocate for the U.S. Coast Guard members to be paid.

April 7, there is a spring election for the Wisconsin Supreme Court, Please remember to vote!!

Mary Townsend – 10<sup>th</sup> District Legislative Chairman  
(715) 234-5155 or [getmet77@hotmail.com](mailto:getmet77@hotmail.com)

## VETERANS SERVING AT SAME LOCATION IN VIETNAM

While on vacation in Florida – Steve had a nice conversation with a Veteran who was stationed at the same Hospital Air Base in Vietnam, just 5 years apart from each other. Many stories were told while enjoying the beautiful weather sitting on the Pier in Pompano Beach Florida. Veterans also seem to find one another and share stories.



## 10<sup>th</sup> DISTRICT LEGION RIDERS CHILI COOK-OFF

The Chili Cook-off was held on Saturday March 21, 2026 at the Prescott Legion Hall. There were basket Raffles (Rosie and Gerry Gully) and of course lots of Chili to taste. 1<sup>st</sup> Place winner was Gary Lubich, shown in front holding certificate.





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### AUXILIARY UNIT 77 CHIPPEWA FALLS – HONORING PAST UNIT PRESIDENT

Unit 77 from Chippewa Falls honored Joyce Lillevold with an engraved clock for serving as a former President of our Auxiliary for over 9 years and numerous years of service to our Auxiliary. Pictured left to right – Unit President Stephanie Benson, Joyce Lillevold, and Patty Jansky.



### WOMEN VETERANS - RIVERS OF RECOVERY

Women Veterans Rivers of Recovery Northern Wisconsin Trips - Rivers of Recovery (ROR)([www.riversofrecovery.org](http://www.riversofrecovery.org)), a national nonprofit organization founded in 2008 to provide recreational therapy opportunities for combat veterans, is coming to your area. Six female Vets (active duty members also welcome) of all fishing experience levels and all physical abilities will enjoy an all-expenses-paid 5-day/4-night fly-fishing trip.

**Dates: Summer 2026**

**July 20-24**

**August 10-14**

**September 7-11**

See attached flyer and application form with this newsletter. Website: [www.riversofrecovery.org](http://www.riversofrecovery.org) for more information.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

April 3, 2026	Fish Fry at the Plum City Legion Post
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April 17, 2026	Fish Fry at the Plum City Legion Post
April 25, 2026	10 <sup>th</sup> District Spring Conference – Bloomer Area Veterans Center
May 15-17, 2026	Junior Activities Spring Conference – Camp American Legion, Lake Tomahawk, WI
June 14-20, 2026	Badger Boys State – UW Eau Claire
June 21-26, 2026	Badger Girls State – UW Oshkosh
July 4, 2026	250 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary 1776 – 2026 – Celebrate America!!
July 16-19, 2026	Department Convention – Hilton Paper Valley - Appleton
August 28-Sept 3	National Convention – Louisville KY

**Deadline for articles and pictures will be May 31, 2026**

**To submit articles and events for the 10<sup>th</sup> District Family Newsletter send to: Teresa Isensee [tisensee2173@gmail.com](mailto:tisensee2173@gmail.com)**