



# 10<sup>TH</sup> DISTRICT AMERICAN LEGION FAMILY NEWSLETTER AUGUST 2022



## DISTRICT 10 COMMANDER MESSAGE

Hello to everyone.

It is hard to believe that the Department Convention has come and gone already. There were some very good speakers. Department elections were also held. Our New Department Commander is Julie Muhle. She is from Juneau Post 15 in the Second District. She has been the Past Department membership chair for 3 years and brought the Department to 100% membership in her final year. The new Department Vice Commander for the 10th District is John Polzin from Medford. He wants to travel and see the District. I will be bringing him along to some of our District travels.

It has been brought to my attention that the Renewal notices are not displaying the correct number of continuous years for some members. I have looked up several members information and the continuous years is right on the roster. It was an error from National Headquarters. Hopefully, by the time you get this newsletter, you will have your new membership cards. They are late because of a paper shortage. Also, we will not get the green bar roster as we have for years. If you have access to Mylegion.org, go there and print a roster. If you don't have access, I can print one for you. Just let me know.

I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible this next year. My wife is the District Auxiliary President and likes to travel with me. Anytime you have something that you would like us to attend, just let us know.

Larry Larson  
District Commander

## 10<sup>th</sup> DISTRICT LEGION FALL CONFERENCE

**Mark your calendars** – the 10<sup>th</sup> District American Legion Family Fall Conference will be held on Saturday October 1, 2022 at the New Richmond Post 80. Registration Forms and Conference Information will be sent to the Posts in 10<sup>th</sup> District once details are finalized.

## 10<sup>TH</sup> DISTRICT 2022 LEGION FALL CONFERENCE MESSAGE FROM 3<sup>RD</sup> VICE COMMANDER MIKE RIEDEL

I'm Mike Riedel Tenth District Third Vice and thought I'd provide you with a glimpse of the training we will be providing at the Fall conference, to be held at the New Richmond Post 80 on Saturday October 1, 2022.

Wesley Porter is an outreach specialist for the La Crosse Vets Center and will provide information on Post Traumatic Stress Syndrome and how we as Legionnaires can assist those veterans in their time of need. He will be available to answer your questions and provide information on available resources.

Rick Vandermolen Chippewa County Commander will be providing information on the proper maintenance and minor repairs on the m1.

It has been brought to our attention that several posts are experiencing difficulties in logging into [legion.org](http://legion.org). and submitting their Consolidated Post Reports - Harry Bauer will be providing instruction and hands on assistance and in addition will cover data entry of the Consolidated Post Report.

We will have three speakers representing their veterans organizations outside of the Legion family who will familiarize you about their groups. I personally am familiar with these groups and they contain alot of young veterans who would be great members of the Legion family.

Look forward to seeing you at the conference, be sure to invite those new members



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## DISTRICT 10 PRESIDENT MESSAGE

We are now head long into summer, and a hot one it has been! I hope you all are finding fun ways to keep cool!

Another Department Conference is behind us and what a fun and great learning experience it was! We had 172 voting delegates, which 10 of them were from 10 th District. Thank you to those who attended.

Congratulations to our new Department President and her Officers.

President – Linda Coppock, with her theme being “BELIEVE”

Senior Vice – Maggie Geiger

1st Vice – Becky Mueller

2nd Vice – Sue Hembrook

Dept. Historian – Sue Turowski

Dept. Chaplin – Linda Kostka



We had two of our Units awarded certificates at Convention:

**Unit 131-COLFAX** was awarded the Membership Award:

After working 3 years for the recognition of the last Civil War Union soldier to die in Dunn County, they had the event. There was multiple contacts with the Sons of Civil War Veterans who planned the ceremony. The honored Civil War Veteran Eberhart Sorkness. Many relatives were invited and were offered free stays at the Tapestry Trunk B&B. Legion members provided an honor guard and graveyard services. They had around 75 people who attended, which family members were provided copies of Mr. Sorkness’ life history, which most did not know him. The local café provided coffee and cookies, the local media covered the event. Dunn County Historical Society and Geneological Society attended also. Out of this event Post 131 got two new members!!

**Unit 159-CADOTT** was awarded the Americanism Award for the celebration of an immigrant receiving citizenship papers and presenting her a flag as well as the continued support of the Cadott memorial site.

**Unit 121-RIVER FALLS** had two pictures shown on the big screen! A Junior member reciting the “Pledge of Allegiance” at our ALAITK for the Americanism program and two of our members holding the 18” crosses made of poppies for the Poppy program. Congratulations!!

Received three Certificates in the mail for “Anchored In Service” award for Veteran’s Affairs & Rehabilitation, for your outstanding Service to our Veterans Congratulations to: Unit 511-Ridgeland, Unit 204-Ellsworth and Unit 121-River Falls.

Thank you to Kris Klages for stepping up to be the 10th Dist. Sgt. At Arms, and Elsie Obermueller for taking the VA&R program chair for the upcoming year.

**DEPARTMENT NEW:** The American Legion, Dept. of WI, is in partnership with the Kimberly-Clark Corporation’s “SALUTE” program to distribute their donated products. Please see attached sheets.

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

ALAITK – form attached

National Convention – Aug. 27-31

Celebration of Freedom – Sept. 9-10(more info. forthcoming)

St. Croix County Fall Meeting: Sept. 19 at 6:00pm, Community Center, Glenwood City

Fall DEC Conference – Oct. 1, American Legion Post 80, New Richmond(more info. forthcoming)

KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK  
FOR GOD AND COUNTRY

Margaret Larson  
10th District President



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## MEMBERSHIP MESSAGE FROM DISTRICT CHAIRMAN MARY TOWNSEND

We are still in the 2022 membership year, keep trying to collect any unpaid dues

Let's finish strong Mighty Tenth!!

The new Department of Wisconsin Membership Chairman is Becky Mueller.

The 2023 Membership theme is **GNOME**. "Getting New & Old Members Excited".

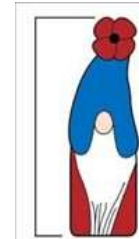
All 2023 membership packets have been mailed to the Units on July 13<sup>th</sup>.

The "remit to" person on file should have received it, if not please let me know.

It is very important to read the neon green cover sheet.

Important things to remember:

- Do not hold dues
- Options to pay dues are online, phone, or the membership chairman
- New members for 2023 can not be processed until 9/1/22 and they will receive a GNOME pin
- No price increase for the 2023 dues, however at National Convention they plan to talk about a rate increase.



Thank you for all you do for our veterans, the military and their families.

If you have any questions or concerns, please let us know!

Becky Mueller – Department Membership Chairman (920) 833-6048

Mary Townsend – 10<sup>th</sup> District Membership Chairman (715) 234-5155

## MESSAGE FROM UNIT 98 HISTORIAN – MARY TOWNSEND

### Narrative Reports

Does your Unit struggle with Narrative reports? Here is a great idea!!

Download, (from Department of Wisconsin website) the Narratives that apply to your Unit.

At the end of each month, have your Unit Historian or Secretary record the events & activities on the Narrative it applies to.

By the end of the year, your Narratives are done and you can also write a history report. The Narrative reports are year/date sensitive, but they still can be used.

Department website: [www.amlegionauxwi.org](http://www.amlegionauxwi.org) (look under reports for the Narratives)

Mary Townsend – Unit 98 Historian

## DOCUMENTS ATTACHED WITH THIS NEWSLETTER

ALA in the Know Registration Form

Kimberly Clark flyers and documentation (3 documents)

Request for Auxiliary Department President or Department Chairman Visit

Request for Legion Commander Visit Form



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## LEADERSHIP MESSAGE FROM DISTRICT CHAIRMAN TERESA STEINKE

Wow—where has the summer gone? It seems like this year is flying by so quickly—and now here it is, August already! As we listened to our new Department President, Linda Coppock speak of her theme “Believe”, I was thinking of so many ideas of how to incorporate this theme into the area of Leadership. My first thoughts were how all of our members believe in our organization, and how much more we can grow and enhance that belief through knowledge and training on all levels, because, in reality, we are all leaders in our organization and our communities, whether we realize it or not! We have younger members who look up to the more “seasoned” members, and we have community members, including our children and youth, who look to us for information about what we believe, and why we exist. (This, by the way, is a good way to actively recruit new members into the ALA.)

I love how Joyce Endres, the Department Chair for Leadership, gave this acronym for Leader:

- L learn/laugh/lead/loyal
- E engage/entertain/excited/eager/empower/empathy/encouraging
- A advocate/advise/agenda/aim/action/agree/active/adapt/act/achieve/accountable
- D delegate/diligence/determination/dream
- E example/educate/enable/energize/excellence
- R reliable/resilient/rejuvenate/respect

Do you see how these “action” words relate to being a leader? Do you want to learn more about the ALA, so you can believe in your abilities or enhance your knowledge? Join in the fun at one of the ALA In the Know training sessions, to learn more! This training is for EVERYONE, not just officers! These training sessions will help you to learn more about our programs, WHY we are members and how we can implement those programs to prepare ourselves for service to our Veterans, our Children, our Communities, and our Nation. I hope you will believe in yourself and our ALA, and consider attending one of the training sessions listed in the attached Registration Form.

For God and Country,  
Teresa Steinke, Leadership Chair, Tenth District ALA Dept of WI