



# 10<sup>TH</sup> DISTRICT AMERICAN LEGION FAMILY NEWSLETTER JUNE 2025



## DISTRICT 10 AUXILIARY PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

### Spring Conference Report:

There were 59 members who attended the Spring Conference in Prescott. One guest, Department of Wisconsin 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Christina Petranovich, who brought greeting from Department President Becky Mueller. There were several first-time attendees. Reports were given by County Presidents and Program Chairmans. A donation of \$500.00 was given to Camp American Legion for the 100 Year Celebration on June 14<sup>th</sup>. Awards were presented for membership and District Red/White and Blue recipients. Thanks to all who attended the conference. Special thanks to Sue Simonet and the Prescott Unit for hosting the Conference!

Thank – you to outgoing District Officers – Chrys Porter and Jean Erlewine. Teresa Isensee will remain as the District Secretary/Treasurer, thank – you Teresa.

### State Convention:

The Department of Wisconsin State Convention will be July 18 – 20 at the Hyatt Regency KI Center in Green Bay. There is still time to register if you wish to attend. The Department website has a registration form and schedule of events. [www.amlegionwi.org](http://www.amlegionwi.org)

### On Friday July 18<sup>th</sup> at 3:30 PM there will be a special tribute to Past Department President Joan Chawla.

Please try to attend and celebrate with Joan, who is a member of the Boyd Unit. See the attachment Joan's 2011-2012 servings as Department President. New Officers will be installed on Saturday approximately 2:45 PM – Teresa Steinke will be installed as 10<sup>th</sup> District President at this time. There will be a joint Memorial Service on Sunday morning at 8:00 AM.

### Please send me pictures of your unit activities for my District Photo Board at State Convention!

Send to (715) 931-9236 (Thanks)

## 2025-2027 10<sup>TH</sup> DISTRICT AUXILIARY ELECTED OFFICERS



Officers pictured from right to left (Chris Boardman not pictured)

District President  
1<sup>st</sup> Vice President/Membership Chairperson  
2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President  
Chaplain/Historian  
Executive Committee Member  
Executive Committee Member

Teresa Steinke  
Rhiana LeMere  
Tamera Lampro  
Jeanne Hart Flaskrud  
Chris Boardman  
Brenda Tryba

Osseo Unit #324  
Augusta Unit #291  
Plum City Unit 365  
Brackett Unit #550  
Somerset Unit #111  
Chetek Unit #179



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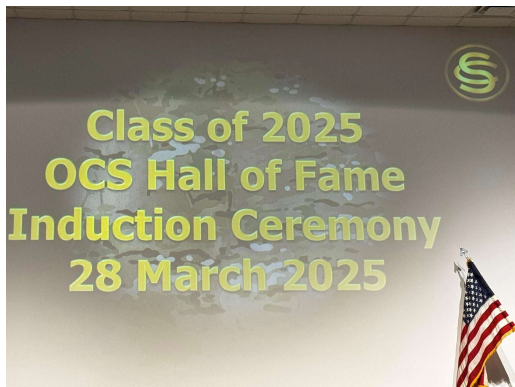
District Commander	Felicia Decker	Alma Post #224
1 <sup>st</sup> Vice Commander	Mike Riedel	Chippewa Falls Post #77
2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander	Kathryn Vandermolen	Cadott Post #159
3 <sup>rd</sup> Vice Commander	Kenneth Lampro	Plum City Post #365
Adjutant/Finance Officer	Steve Isensee	Boyd Post #326
Chaplain	Marilyn Galoff	Elmwood Post #207
Sergeant-at-Arms	Gerald Townsend	Cumberland Post 98
Sergeant-at-Arms	James Jansma	Baldwin Post #240

## INDUCTED INTO THE OFFICER CANDIDATE SCHOOL HALL OF FAME KATHRYN SIVERLING-VANDERMOLLEN CADOTT POST #159 MEMBER

On March 28, 2025, Kathryn Siverling-VanderMolen was inducted into the Officer Candidate School Hall of Fame for Lifelong Service and Volinterism. She graduated 39 years ago on April 16, 1986. After 34 years of service, Kathryn and 23 others were inducted and attended the reception and ceremony at Fort Benning, Georgia. Kathryn retired in 2017 as a Colonel in the US Army Logistics Branch.

Kathryn stated in her Facebook post - Thank you to my husband, CW3 (R) Richard VanderMolen, my children Andrew and Adam, brother, Duane, Mary Danielson and friends Mike and Carolyn Ingram for spending the last couple of days with me attending this great honor.

Thanks to Frank Harman, OCS Alumni Association, 3rd Battalion, 11th Infantry, and Infantry Museum for making this all possible



## HIGHLIGHT OUR HERO'S

PFC Harold H. Ziehme from Elmwood Post #207. Harold joined the National Guard and registered for the draft in 1940. He was inducted into the Army in 1943. He qualified as an M-1 sharpshooter. He volunteered for, and was accepted into the newly formed Ranger Battalion, serving with the Fifth Ranger Battalion Company F. He served during the invasion of Normandy, and in Northern France and Rheinland Germany. He is credited as being a hero, earning a Purple Heart, Oak Leaf Cluster, and other service ribbons. On Dec. 4<sup>th</sup>, 1944, while in Germany he was severely wounded and left for dead. He was found alive the next morning by a Canadian Squad. He was transferred to a hospital in England, for surgery and six weeks of recovery. He finally received his honorable discharge in 1945. We salute Harold!

Kathryn VanderMolen from Cadott Post/Unit #159. (Dual Member) Kathryn served 34 years in the U.S. Army Logistics Branch. She retired as rank of Colonel. She was the first women to join the Cadott Legion Post #159, and first women to serve as Commander. Her and her husband Richard volunteer many hours at Camp American Legion! We salute Kathryn and Richard!



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## DISTRICT CHILDREN & YOUTH CHAIRPERSON – MARGARET LARSON

### YOUTH HERO AWARD

Ryan Beierman and his 12-year-old son Owen of River Falls thought they would embark on a normal hunting and fishing trip to their cabin, when everything changed in a hurry. The two left to hunt bear around 6pm when Ryan briefly spotted a bear. After quickly escaping their vision, Owen eventually spotted the bear, and his dad gave him the okay to take a shot. The bear started spinning in circles and biting where he had been shot and ran off. They began to track the bear with their neighbor's tracking dog. After some time they arrived at a small opening and the dog became startled. There stood the bear in a pounce type position. Ryan started to draw his sidearm and never got to pull the gun up when the bear knocked him to the ground. He hit the bear with his 10mm pistol as hard as he could a few times, but it felt like punching a brick wall. Nothing was working and the bear took its turn on the offensive. The bear was coming towards my face with claws and teeth. I instinctively put my right arm up in front of my face to block it, when I heard the crunch of the first bite. Ryan's cheek had been sliced open. The world of pressure all fell into the hands of Owen to help his dad. Owen fired at the bear, ultimately allowing his dad to break free. Ryan remembers hearing the muzzle report, then seeing the flash, and then the bear moving from on top of me. Ryan had some major wounds to his face and arm and received many stitches.



### GOOD DEED AWARD

Caleb Larson earned the Good Deed Award by growing pumpkins in his family's garden and selling them, raising \$601 and donating the money to the Fire and Rescue in Baldwin, WI







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## RED, WHITE, AND BLUE 2025 AWARDS

The Red, White and Blue Awards were presented by District President Mary Townsend at the 2025 Spring Conference held in Prescott Wisconsin on April 26, 2025.

### RED AWARD

The Red Award was presented to Independence Unit #186 for the “Markers for Members” project.



Pictured left to right: President Mary Townsend and Debbie Kampa Independence Unit

### WHITE AWARD

The White Award was presented to Eleva Unit #459 for “Coffee with Veterans” project.



Pictured left to right: President Mary Townsend and Monica Bahr Eleva Unit

### BLUE AWARD

The Blue Award was presented to Colfax Unit #131 for the “400 Stars for Veterans” project.



Pictured Colfax Unit Members. In the Middle President Mary Townsend and Colfax Unit President Kathy Dunbar

## CAMP AMERICAN LEGION 100-YEAR CELEBRATION

The 100-year celebration for Camp American Legion will be held on Saturday June 14<sup>th</sup>, at 11:00 AM. The camp is located at Lake Tomahawk. The celebration will include live music and self-guided tours, and the history of the camp. Food and drinks will be provided. It is recommended to arrive early!



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## RIVER FALLS SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION SCHOLARSHIP PRESENTATION

Detachment Commander Gary Lubich of the River Falls Sons of American Legion presented this young gentleman Nicholas Toffolon with a scholarship on May 7 the first scholarship SAL River Falls has ever handed out.



## CHIPPEWA FALLS VETERANS HOME VOLUNTEER LUNCHEON

On April 16, 2025 a Luncheon was held for the Volunteers at the Chippewa Falls Veterans Home, we were honored to have Department President Becky Mueller join us.



## EAU CLAIRE COUNTY BOLTON HOUSE PROJECT

Units from Eau Claire County District 10 joined together for a collection of items needed for the Bolton Refuge House in Eau Claire. Units included Augusta #291, Brackett #550, Eau Claire #53, and Fall Creek #376, and President Mary Townsend.





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## 10<sup>TH</sup> DISTRICT VOLUNTEERS AT THE BADGER BOYS STATE REGISTRAION ON SUNDAY JUNE 8, 2025



Pictured left to right: Jeanne Flaskrud, Brenda McMahon, Mary Townsend, Jim McMahon, Teresa Isensee, Steve Isensee, Harry Bauer, Gerry Townsend, Brian Flaskrud. (Missing from picture Geoff Groh and Larry Werner)

### PRAYER

Most gracious God, abide with us and inspire our thoughts.  
We thank you for our many blessings. We thank you for our freedom,  
as we remember those who have sacrificed their lives for us. We ask Your  
blessings on our veterans, our military, and their families. We pray that you  
would grant wisdom and guidance to the new officers of our Legion Family.  
May we ever be loyal to God & Country.  
Amen

Please keep Chaplain Jean Erlewine in your prayers, she is experiencing health issues.

### UP COMING EVENTS

June 8-14, 2025	Badger Boys State – UW Eau Claire
June 14, 2025	100 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration at Camp American Legion at 11:00am – come early for parking
June 15-20, 2025	Badger Girls State – UW Oshkosh
July 17-20, 2025	Department Convention – KI Convention Center – Green Bay
August 10, 2025	Legion Baseball All Star Game at American Family Field <a href="http://wilegion.org/all-star">wilegion.org/all-star</a> for tickets
August 25-27, 2025	National Convention – Tampa Bay Florida
September 20, 2025	ALA in the Know – Cumberland Legion Post
September 27, 2025	10 <sup>th</sup> District Fall Conference in Alma

**Next Newsletter will be August 2025 – Deadline for articles and pictures will be July 31, 2025**

**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)**