



**10TH DISTRICT
AMERICAN LEGION FAMILY
NEWSLETTER
MAY/JUNE 2022**



Hello Members,

Well the District Spring Conference has come and gone. Planning for the Fall Conference is going on as we speak. Most of the feedback received was very positive. A lot of good information was discussed, and we had some great training afterwards. A great big THANK YOU need to go out to Eau Claire Post 53. They did an excellent job. The Banquet was a huge success. The Department Commander was excited to be here with us and got a chance to speak with several of you.

The District has several Posts that have events going on that you can visit and show support. Alma Post 224 will be holding a Garage Sale and Brat Feed on May 6th. This sounds like a good time. Take your money, you may find something you would like to bring home. Rice Lake Post 87 is having a Burger Night on May 25th from 5PM-7PM. They will be having burgers, wings and shrimp. These all come as baskets. They use the funds raised for the Veterans Center. River Falls Post 121 will be hosting a Ruck March and Open House on May 14th from 10AM-4PM. Several Non-Profit organizations will be set-up and also Pierce and St. Croix County VSO's. Kids games, bounce house, obstacle course, static display and Flag Ceremony are on the agenda. River Falls Post 121 SAL will be hosting a euchre tournament on May 21st from 10AM-4PM. If you enjoy euchre you can go to our website to register: americanlegionpost121.org. This only a sample of what is happening in the District. All of these events will be fun to attend.

In July the Department Convention will be held on July 14th-17th in Green Bay. I would encourage your attendance. Several items of interest are going to be happening at the Convention. The most meaningful would be election of our next year's Department Officers. The Convention itself has many speakers that bring some great information. It is a superb way to find out how each of the District Posts play a role in how the Department functions.

The next Department Commander also gets to select people for the Department Committees. Unfortunately not enough people show an interest in serving on these committee. It's a great way for you to have a voice in what the Department does each year to support our Posts. We have some very talented people in The 10th District. If you any questions in that regard, please contact me at email: larrylarson103@gmail.com.

That's all I have.

Larry Larson
The American Legion
District 10 Commander

**BADGER BOYS STATE
SUNDAY JUNE 12 – SATURDAY JUNE 18
UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN – EAU CLAIRE**

This upcoming June, Badger Boys State will be holding its first session since 2019. We are excited to welcome nearly 900 young leaders from across Wisconsin to the UW-Eau Claire campus and are working diligently to plan an impactful session.

Upon arriving, participants become citizens of one of 27 cities and one of 9 counties. Citizens are tasked with electing public officials at the city, county, and state levels and governing effectively throughout the session.

Through this process, young leaders not only learn the fundamentals of civics, but also develop the interpersonal skills and confidence necessary for the next generation of leaders to feel empowered to be leaders in their local communities.



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HAPPY SPRING!

Hoping you all had a Blessed Easter and the kids didn't have too much frost on their decorated eggs for their egg hunt.

The 10th District Spring Conference held in Eau Claire was, in my eyes, a great success. If you attended the conference, then you saw first-hand that I struggle with motions and amending motions! I am still having nightmares!

I want to thank all my Unit Presidents who took the time and energy to send me their Unit Year-End Impact Reports. They were compiled and sent to Department on the 28th, as they needed to be at Department by May 1st. If you still plan on filling one out, send it directly to Department.

Juliane Webb, Durand Unit President, passed away on March 15th. The Durand Unit Auxiliary members with the Post Legion members will be doing a walk-thru at the visitation starting around 6:00pm, on Friday, May 13th. If you would like to be a part of this, please be at the Rheil Funeral Home in Durand at 5:30pm. Memorials can be made out in Julie's name to the Durand American Legion Auxiliary or St. Henry's Catholic Church.

NATIONAL POPPY DAY - Friday, May 27, 2022, but Units are reminded that poppy distributions can be done all year long. If you are unable to do a poppy drive during the traditional May timeframe, consider doing one for Flag Day (June) Independence Day (July) even Labor Day (September) Chippewa Falls, Unit 77, has their poppy drive during Labor Day weekend. President Joyce Lillevold commented on not only is it much warmer sitting outside, there is more foot traffic. They also have Legion members/Veterans who sit with them that helps bring in more donations. Does your Unit have any special projects they use the poppy for? My Unit 121 took (2) 18" Styrofoam crosses and filled them in with poppies. We gave one to each of our local Funeral Homes to display for our deceased Veterans, Auxiliary members, SAL and AL Riders. Picture is attached to this newsletter.

BADGER GIRL STATE - Attached to this newsletter is a bus schedule and letter sponsored by the Trempealeau County ALA. It outlines cost and pick-up/return schedule for the Units listed on the schedule that have delegates going to BGS. Please encourage your delegates to ride the bus so that Trempealeau County can continue to provide this service. Trempealeau County sponsored ALABGS Bus information is included with this District Newsletter.

DEPARTMENT NEWS - President Diane Weggen's Testimonial will be held on Saturday, June 11th 2022 at Holy Family Hall in Stanley WI - Hosted by ALA Cecil Tormey Unit 118 - Cost: \$30.00 - send checks to Virginia Kodl, N15109 Fisher Ave., Thorpe, WI 54771 - 5:30pm Cocktails - 6:30pm Dinner - Reservation Deadline: May 20th, 2022.

Diane Weggen's Special Project is THE CHIPPEWA VETERAN'S HOME COURTYARD which will enhance the quality of life for members by providing an accessible outdoor lighted area with seating and tables for visiting, group activities, and programs. Poppy funds, unit, county, district and individual donations may be used to fund this project. Mail checks payable to ALA-Wisconsin, PO Box 140, Portage, WI 53901 and write "President's Special Project" in the memo field or send with Poppy Fund Suggested Donation form.

THE DEPARTMENT CONVENTION - will be held at the KI Convention Center/Hyatt Regency, 333 Main St., Green Bay, WI 54301. Dates are: Thursday July 14, 2022 – Sunday July 17, 2022. Delegation forms will be mailed out 30 days prior to convention on June 15, 2022. It is advised to register prior to this date. Please encourage all your members to attend. The Department Convention is not just for delegates and alternates. You can register online at: www.wilegion.org.

Remember, if you are holding elections this year, please fill out a new 2022-2023 Unit Officers Form which was in the April/May 2022 Department mailing, and send in ASAP. Thank you! Flyer included with newsletter

FOR GOD AND COUNTRY

Margaret Larson
American Legion Auxiliary
District 10 President



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EDUCATION CHAIRMAN UPDATE

Teachers Appreciation Week is May 2-6, even if you miss it, you still have until the end of the school year to show your thanks to your local teachers. Send them some donuts for their morning coffee break or a meat & cheese tray for them to enjoy. Spring means awards time at many schools, look at your Junior Membership and see if any may qualify for a Scholarship.

Mary Townsend
10th District Education Chairman

MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN UPDATE

Congratulations to the following Units for recently reaching 100%, Rice Lake, Osseo and Eleva. District 10 is currently in 8th place in the Department standings. Keep trying to get memberships in, and contact those who have not paid. Department Membership Chairman Maggie Geiger has a great form letter that can be sent to unpaid members. Contact me if you need one of these letters. There is still a chance for your Unit to be in a drawing to win \$100.00!! Be at 100% by June 14th. Let's get this done Mighty 10th!!!

The April 27, 2022 Membership Report for 10th District is included with this email.

Mary Townsend
10th District Membership Chairman

EVENT LISTING OF POSTS AND UNITS IN THE 10TH DISTRICT

Chetek Post/Unit 179

The Poppy Proclamation will be signed by Chetek Mayor
Poppy Distribution over Memorial Day weekend
March in parade on Memorial Day
Serve Drive in Chicken Dinner on Monday - Memorial Day
Award one local Scholarship

Eau Claire Unit 53

Poppy Distribution by Unit 53 will be held May 26-28
Unit 53 will be participating in the Memorial Day Parade and Program, with a Chicken dinner at the Post on Water Street following the program.
Memorial Day May 30th there will be a Dedication Ceremony at the Chippewa Valley Veterans Tribute at 1:00pm at the River Prairie Park, Altoona, WI

Bay City Unit 357

Memorial Day Services
Esdaile Cemetery 8:00am
Heartland Methodist Cemetery 8:30am
Tabor Lutheran Cemetery 9:00am
Bay City Cemetery 10:00am
Trenton Cemetery 10:45am
Diamond Bluff Cemetery 11:30am
Seva Lutheran Cemetery 12:00pm
Bay City Legion – Memorial Flag Raising Ceremony

Baldwin Post/Unit 240

Saturday May 21st – Baldwin Cave-Dahl Post 240 American Legion will have their 2nd annual “Tappers for Troops”
Doors open at 4:00pm Music starts at 5:00pm by Trigger Happy.
To purchase tickets, contact 715-928-0000, tickets are \$25 that includes a souvenir glass and one drink.

Cadott Unit 159

May 30th Memorial Day Ceremonies
Brooklawn Cemetery @ 10:00am, Rain location at Lions Club Pavilion, East Riverview Park
Bohemian National Cemetery @11:00am, Rain location At Bohemian Hall 26054 135th Ave, Cadott.
Potluck lunch to follow at the Bohemian Hall after 11:00 Ceremony

Haugen Unit 540

Saturday August 13 - Bear Lake - Haugen Fire Hall
7:00am Come early for yummy Pancakes
9:30 A.M0 - Quilts of Valor Presentation by Colette Piskie and Member Patti Anderson



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1:00pm - W6450 Main Street, Bay City

National Poppy Day is Friday May 27, 2022



ALA BADGER GIRLS STATE MESSAGE

As you may now, we are planning our ALA Badger Girls State session after a two year absence. We are looking for members who are willing to be counselors and help set our program off with a bang! Counselors must either be members of the Auxiliary or a former delegate to ALABGS. The dates are June 17th-24th at UW Oshkosh. We pay for your room and board, and mileage for travel to and from the session. We need counselors for all sorts of roles, so if you think you are interested please check out the website for the description of counselors and complete the form to let us know you are interested (<https://www.alabgs.org/volunteer-for-alabgs.html>).

We need around 20 more people to be compliant with UW System requirements of one counselor per 20 delegate ratio (and a 1:10 ratio for nighttime). If you have any questions don't hesitate to ask!

Dany Thompson
ALA Badger Girls State Chairman

ALA BADGER GIRLS STATE 10TH DISTRICT BUS

Trempealeau County again this year is offering bus rides for Girls to Badger Girls State, Letter and bus routes are included with this newsletter.

Please encourage your delegate to ride the bus so that Trempealeau County can continue to provide this service.

President Diane's Testimonial Dinner