



# 10<sup>TH</sup> DISTRICT AMERICAN LEGION FAMILY NEWSLETTER OCTOBER 2024



## DISTRICT 10 AUXILIARY PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

We were all saddened to hear of the passing of Past District President Judy Walters, on September 1<sup>st</sup>. We extend our condolences to her family.

The past two months have been busy with activities and events. Tuesday Aug. 13<sup>th</sup> Farm Technology Days was held in Cadott. Different veterans’ organizations including the American Legion Family participated in the Opening Ceremony by posting colors. The 10<sup>th</sup> District Auxiliary flag was posted by District Secretary/Treasurer Teresa Isensee from the Boyd Unit. ALA Department of Wisconsin President Becky Mueller and Department Legion Commander Jim Johnson attended the event.

August 25-28 – I attended my first National Convention in New Orleans, as a Wisconsin delegate. The National Memorial Service was moving and inspiring. A tour of the World War 2 Museum reminded me of the service and sacrifice of the men and women of the “greatest generation”. The Central Division caucus to the general sessions were full of awards, reports, speeches, and useful information. Even with all the “greatness” I felt that every member was valued.

Saturday September 14<sup>th</sup> the ALA In the Know was held in Cumberland. With 55 members in attendance, many were first time attendees. Different ALA programs were on topic, and the facilitators did a great job presenting ideas for each program. Thank-you facilitators, and thanks to Barron County Council/Cumberland Unit 98 for hosting this event.

On September 21<sup>st</sup> the 10<sup>th</sup> District Fall DEC/Conference was held in Chetek. After the morning business was out of the way, membership awards were presented. Harry Baurer, Legion member spoke on veteran suicide awareness and how we can “Be the One”. Plum City unit member Verna Weiss read two Americanism essays that won recognition at the Department level. Dual member Brenda Tryba from the Chetek unit did a Poppy making demonstration. We were all encouraged to get the word out, we need more veterans to make Wisconsin Poppies!!! Nancy Randen gave an update on the Chippewa Veterans Home, and a “wish list” was circulated. BGS Chairman Lori Reynolds spoke as well as Margaret Larson about Public Relations.

The District 60/40 fundraiser was donated to the Homeless Female Veterans Grant Fund in memory of Judy Walter’s. Thank – you Chetek Unit #179 for hosting the Conference. Thanks to all the District Officers for being a part of a great Fall Conference.

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I am pleased to announce that Teresa Isensee has agreed to be the Chippewa County President! Thank-you!

Mary Mueller of the Alma Unit has been appointed to the position of Buffalo/Pepin County President. Thank – you Mary!

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Looking forward to 2025 please promote Veteran Poppy making, Highlight Our Hero’s and send me pictures of your unit activities!! Keep working the ALA Programs, serving veterans, military, and others!

**Department of Wisconsin President Becky Mueller’s special project is the AEF – Auxiliary Emergency Fund. Please consider a donation in the wake of the recent hurricanes. Use the General Fund donation sheet found on the Department of Wisconsin website. [amlegionauxwi.org](http://amlegionauxwi.org) Thank you for thinking of others!**

Thanks for all your dedicated service!

For God & Country – Mary Townsend – 10<sup>th</sup> District President, Department of Wisconsin  
(715) 234-5155 or [getmet77@hotmail.com](mailto:getmet77@hotmail.com)

**NOTE:** Pictures from above-mentioned events on page 2 and 3.

## LEGISLATIVE ACTION ALERTS (GRASSROOTS)

Have you signed up to get Legislative Action Alerts be proactive and sign up to let your legislators know that you support our Veterans. Sign up to get the latest National Legislative updates. Receive emails on upcoming issues.

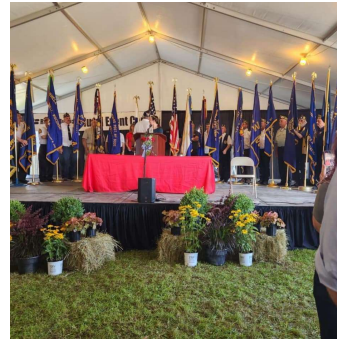
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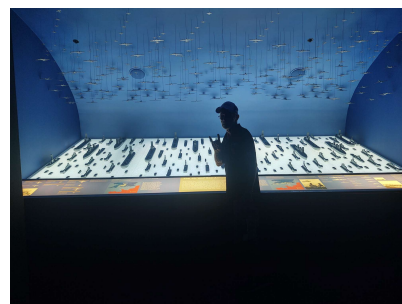
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The Farm Technology Days were held in Cadott Wisconsin at the Jamie Close Farm and Country Fest/Rock Fest grounds. Chippewa County Veterans Organizations posted their Post Flags and 10<sup>th</sup> District posted their Legion and Auxiliary District flags.



National Convention in New Orleans August 25-28 attended by Jerry and Mary Townsend, and Steve and Teresa Isensee, John Healy and Nadia, and Aimee Korger and from 10<sup>th</sup> District.



ALA in the Know in Cumberland – September 14







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## DISTRICT 10 FALL CONFERENCE PICTURES



Past Commander Harry Bauer  
Talking about “Be the One”



Teresa Steinke giving  
out Membership Award



Veteran and Dual member  
Brenda Tryba demonstrating  
How to make poppies.

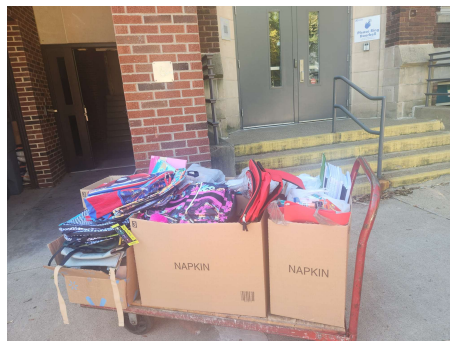


President Mary and Teresa  
Isensee talking about National  
Convention.

## GIVE 10 TO EDUCATION



Collection at the Fall Conference



Bracket American Legion Auxiliary collected additional items and donated to the Longfellow School in Eau Claire.



## ALA HALLOWEEN AND POPPY COLORING BOOKS

It is that time a year again. What better way to promote our Auxiliary at this time of year. Hand out these coloring book sheets to your Treat or Treaters in your local communities. Even better yet share your ideas on how you would plan to distribute these great Halloween or Poppy coloring sheets in your community.

The ALA Halloween and Poppy coloring books are now available for purchase or to download! The books are available from Emblem Sales starting at 30 cents each, or download from the Wisconsin American Legion Auxiliary website at <https://www.amlegionauxwi.org/childrenandyouth> under resources on the Children & Youth program page



**Now Available: ALA Poppy  
and Halloween Coloring Books**

Purchase at [emblem.legion.org](http://emblem.legion.org) or by calling (888) 453-4466,  
or download free at [ALAforVeterans.org/Resources](http://ALAforVeterans.org/Resources)



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## BARRON COUNTY AMERICAN LEGION NEWS

The big highlight for Barron County is hosting the All-Veterans Picnic in September. Veterans and their families from all around the county come and enjoy a program with speakers and a wonderful meal. This past picnic Legion Department Commander Jim Johnson was in attendance along with Auxiliary Department President Beckey Muller and with the VFW District 9 Commander Krist Besler and other speakers.

I also presented the Past County Commander Cal Briggs with an award and a certificate of Appreciation for the many years as the Barron County Commander.

Gerald Townsend  
Barron County Commander  
715-651-1403



## CHILDREN & YOUTH

Leaves are turning, temperatures are dropping, and kids have returned to school. It is time to get our fall thinking caps on. What fun things can we come up with for our children and youth? Here are some fun ideas for the upcoming holidays: Trunk or Treat Pumpkin Carving Contest Decorating Pinecones.



When holding these events, consider handing out the “Youth Programs brochure”. They can be found and downloaded from [alaforveterans.org](http://alaforveterans.org). Another idea is to perform the “Military Child Ceremony” for the kids. This would probably be the only time some of them would get to see this. How about asking the kids who came to the event to bring a picture of a veteran or military person from their family, if they have one. This might give you a chance to find some possible new members. Their families may not know they’re eligible to join. Have membership applications available! Make up a small letter or card to invite them to join. You can pass out flyers to let them know you are looking for kids who have done a good deed or might qualify as a youth hero.

Margaret Larson - Chairman



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## TRIBUTE TO JUDY WALTERS FROM NANCY RADEN

I had just moved back to Eau Claire, and finally had a chance to get to Auxiliary meetings. The first person I sat next to was Karen Adank, and she walked me through the officers. Karen said the President was Judith Walters, and she knew her stuff. There were some other new members, so Judy said my name is Judy and that the other name is for legal purposes.

Judy joined the American Legion Auxiliary, in 1997, and right away some of the girls asked her to run for President, and Judy agreed after a few meetings someone asked her how she liked it, and she said I got thrown under the bus, but I love it. Judy had Helen and Florence, as her mentors, she always said. Judy served 2 terms as President, and then said someone else should have the chance. Judy didn't get to sit long before several member and other Unit members asked her to run for 10<sup>th</sup> District President, and off she went. Many members followed Judy to other Units she visited just to listen to how to run meetings and get things done but still have fun.

Judy had a passion and was learning about the Camo Quilts project, so she and a couple others went out of town to watch and learn how to sew, and wrap them the right way. At the next meeting Judy asked if anyone would be willing to take a day every week and work on them. All together we make over 200 for the program. Judy came to all of us and said that she had a call to make 186 quilts for the 186<sup>th</sup> National Guard Unit leaving for Afghanistan, but we only had 3 weeks to make and send to Fort Mc Coy, we were asked to come and hand them out.

Judy's, life held another passion she was asked to be the State Representative for the Homeless Women Veterans. Hardly anyone knew what the project was but after talking to Judy, you knew it was something to get moving in other Units. If you knew Judy, she would not leave a stone in place to help a Veteran. Many time we went to anything on the programs. Judy, Virgie and I went to many malls to promote the program and what the American Legion Auxiliary had to offer to them. After watching the movie on Women Veteran's in the service who were abused, she ordered the movie for the Unit, and it is something everyone should watch she said.

Judy was into many projects for the State and the Unit. Judy was the Rep for our Unit at the Recreational Meetings for the good of the Chippewa Falls, Veteran Home. Did many Happy hours for the Veteran's, and also served many meals at Klien Hall. Was always one of the first to help others. You all have special memories of Judy so think of them all. Will leave you with this.

In 2019 this is what memories we can have of Judy. Women Homeless Veterans.

**"PRESIDENT'S AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE"**

## WISCONSIN AMERICAN LEGION COLLEGE

Basic Course: October 19-20 (weekend mornings). 9-12 am

Intermediate Course: October 23-24 (weekday evenings) 6-9 pm or November 2-3 (weekend mornings)

Advanced Course: November 13-14 (weekday evenings) or November 23-24 (weekend mornings).

To Register for the online courses, go to: <https://wilegion.org/legion-college>

HARRY P BAUER, Past Vice Commander, The American Legion, Department of Wisconsin

## UP COMING EVENTS

October 11, 2024	Boyd American Legion Fish Fry 135 Clark Street, Boyd 4:00pm to 7:00pm
October 27, 2024	Pancake Breakfast at the Brackett Legion Post – 8:00am to noon. Freewill donation
November 8, 2024	Boyd American Legion Fish Fry 135 Clark Street, Boyd 4:00pm to 7:00pm
November 8, 2024	Cumberland Unit 98 annual Charity Bazaar - 8am to 3pm - Cumberland Legion Post
November 11, 2024	Veterans Day
December 7, 2024	American Legion Auxiliary Holiday Craft Sale Sponsored by Unit 365, Plum City – Molly's on Main – 10:00am to 2:00pm

**Next Newsletter will be December 2024 – Deadline for articles and pictures will be November 29, 2024**

**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)**