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10TH DISTRICT FALL CONFERENCE UPDATE

The 10th District Fall Conference was held in Alma on Saturday September 27, 2025 – a great turnout and Agenda, meeting was chaired by District President Teresa Steinke. Agenda items included Membership Report by 1st Vice Rihana LeMere, National Convention Report by Teresa Isensee and Margaret Larson, Department Convention report by Teresa Steinke, Greetings from 10th District Commander Felicia Decker, Legislative report by Mary Townsend, Year End Report changes ahead, Training Opportunities, and Explanation of the Auxiliary Preamble to the Constitution.



Give 10 to Education collection at Fall Conference



A visit from Marina looking for hidden Treasure “Highlight our Heroes”



Commander Felicia bringing Greetings



Serving from the Heart Department Education Award to Fall Creek Unit 376



Heart of the ALA certificate and trophy for Markers for Members Independence Unit 186



Alma 100% Unit Award



Hammond 100% Unit Award



Osseo 100% Unit Award



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DISTRICT CHAIRPERSON LEGISLATIVE REPORT

The purpose of the Legislative program is to **provide information and assistance** to American Legion Auxiliary members **in** supporting the legislative agenda of **The American Legion**. To be **informed on all levels of government, the local, state and national legislation**. Please remember that the Legion Family is to be **nonpartisan, without** regard to political affiliation. **We** can subscribe to **the American Legion Dispatch** to **receive timely** National legislative information. www.legion.org/newsletters and click on Digital Dispatch.

I also recommend joining the Action Alerts at: grassroots@legion.org

The Action Center is where you can receive updated information on pending national legislation. This is also the place to sign up for Action Alerts. Some of the pending legislation is SAVES Act. Service Dogs Assisting Veterans. This would make sure all veterans living with physical disabilities/PTSD/ or other service-connected conditions have a trained support dog.

The SHIPS for America Act is endorsed by the American Legion and would strengthen the harbors infrastructures and improve maritime security.

There is more pending national legislation, but I wanted to highlight the top two. When you receive an action alert, it will instruct you to send your government officials a message. I believe you can send messages to them daily. Let's advocate for our Military and Veterans!!!

Respectfully Mary Townsend 10th District Legislative Chair

BILLS IN WISCONSIN SENATE AND ASSEMBLY SUBMITTED

Senate Bill 385 – relating to Veterans housing and recovery program asking that dollar amounts be increased for the 2025-2026 by \$900,000 and 2026-2027 by \$1,050,000 for supplies and services costs for the program's in three locations – Chippewa Falls, Green Bay, and Union Grove and for costs associated with leasing a different facility for the Chippewa Falls based program due to space and facility deficiencies of the current location.

Contact Senator Chris Kapenga Chairperson at Sen.kapenga@legis.wisconsin.gov (608) 266-9174, PO Box 7882, Madison, WI 53707-7882 relating to Bill 385

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CHETEK UNIT 179 HONORING UNIT PRESIDENT

The Chetek Unit 179 honored Louann Novak on September 2nd for her 10 years of serving at the Unit as President. A certificate of appreciation and a ribbon with pins was presented to her. Pictured in photo left to right, current Unit President Lerline Rochocki, Louann Novak, and 1st Vice President Brenda Tryba. Also attending, but not in photo was Past District President Mary Townsend.



HIGHLIGHT OUR HERO'S

Do you know that there is hidden treasure at all American Legion Posts? What is this treasure? Well, it's not gold, silver, or a left-over raffle basket from a fundraiser. It is our veterans! The men and women who have served our country and now serve their Post and communities. The Auxiliary needs to get to know "their stories", so we can highlight them in the 10th District newsletter!

If your unit meets at the same time as the post, do some interviews with these veterans. If you don't meet at the same time, contact your post commander and let him know what information you need.

Here are some guidelines:

- Must be an honorably discharged veteran
- Member of a Legion Post
- Can be living or deceased

Interview information needed:

- Name of City/Post #
- Nominee's name
- Branch of service/rank/service occupation
- Number of years served
- Service commendations/ribbons
- Civilian service
- Interesting service stories

Please send all information to 10th District Highlight Our Hero's Chairman Mary Townsend – getmet77@hotmail.com

(You may include photos)



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BARRON COUNTY LEGION NEWS

The biggest 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 year's picnic. Cumberland Post 98 member Mike Sainburg present a prayer and a devotion, Legion Department Commander Nathan Bond was in attendance along with Auxiliary Department President Sue Hembrook, Deputy Chief of Staff for the VFW State Commander Greg Routh, 10th District Commander Felicia Decker, 10th District ALRA Director David Schiedler, Barron County Auxiliary President Yvonne Hill, 10th District Auxiliary President Teresa Steinke, other speakers, and a band Moonshine Alibi band.

The VFW and the AL Auxiliary help serve and the AMVETS cook the chicken. We serve about 160 people. They got to walk around the Pioneer Village for the afternoon.

Gerald Townsend, Barron County Commander
715-651-1403



Pictured left to right:

Teresa Isensee, President Sue Hembrook, President Teresa Steinke, Department Commander Nathan Bond, County President Yvonne Hill, District Commander Felicia Decker, 4th District 1st Vice Commander Gene Hembrook, Historian Morris Sadicario, and County Commander Gerry Townsend



Pictured left to right:

Teresa Isensee, President Sue, Mary Townsend, Teresa Steinke, and County President Yvonne Hill



MEMBERSHIP ELIGIBILITY EXPLAINED

Know a potential member? Use this information for recruiting!

RELATIONSHIP TO VETERAN:



- ★ MOTHER
- ★ DAUGHTER
- ★ SISTER
- ★ GRANDMOTHER
- ★ GRANDDAUGHTER
- ★ SELF — FEMALE VETERANS WHO HAVE SERVED
- ★ MALE or FEMALE SPOUSE

ELIGIBILITY PERIODS:
April 6, 1917, to November 11, 1918; and any time after December 7, 1941



For more information, please visit
www.AL4forVeterans.org

TWO PATHS FOR ALA ELIGIBILITY:

PATH ONE:
The potential member is related to a living veteran by one of the relationships stated at left and the veteran is living AND a current member of The American Legion.



If the potential member is a female veteran, she only needs to have served during the eligible time periods to be eligible for ALA membership.



PATH TWO:
The potential member is related to a deceased veteran who served during the eligible time periods and was honorably discharged.



The deceased veteran did not have to be a member of The American Legion in order for the potential member to join the ALA.



PLEASE RENEW IN SERVICE TO OUR VETERANS. THANK YOU!



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Attached with this email is a listing of the Honor Flight Hubs for Wisconsin Veterans.

Donate using the Hub websites listed on the attachment - REMEMBER that you can use Poppy Funds for donations.

NATIONAL MISSION TRAINING

Would you like to learn more about working the mission of the American Legion Auxiliary? Would you like to network with national leaders and other members who share your passion and enthusiasm for helping our veterans? Then Mission Training may be what you are looking for. Training Sessions for Senior and Junior Members are:

NOVEMBER 15 – ALBANY NY
NOVEMBER 15 – MINNEAPOLIS MN
JANUARY 31 – LAS VEGAS
JANUARY 31 – INDIANAPOLIS IN
FEBRUARY 7 – ATLANTA GA

Website to Register is: <https://www.legion-aux.org/meetings/mission-training/>

AUXILIARY MISSION STATEMENT

In the spirit of Service, Not Self, the mission of the American Legion Auxiliary is to support The American Legion and to honor the sacrifice of those who serve by enhancing the lives of our veterans, military, and their families, both at home and abroad. For God and Country, we advocate for veterans, educate our citizens, mentor youth, and promote patriotism, good citizenship, peace and security.

AUXILIARY VISION STATEMENT

The vision of the American Legion Auxiliary is to support The American Legion while becoming the premier service organization and foundation of every community providing support for our veterans, our military, and their families by shaping a positive future in an atmosphere of fellowship, patriotism, peace and security.

UP COMING EVENTS

October 10, 2025	Fish Fry – Boyd American Legion 135 Clark Street in Boyd WI
October 26, 2025	Pancake Breakfast 9:00am to Noon – Brackett Legion Post 550, 9150 Beaver Creek Road, Fall Creek. Free will Donation
November 11, 2025	Veterans Day!!
November 14, 2025	Fish Fry – Boyd American Legion 135 Clark Street in Boyd WI
November 17-21, 2025	American Education Week

Next Newsletter will be December 2025 – Deadline for articles and pictures will be November 30, 2025

To submit articles and events for the 10th District Family Newsletter send to: Teresa Isensee tisensee2173@gmail.com