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Ahoy, Crew!

Last year began as any other. Course set, we embarked; eagerly anticipating a fantastic journey.



Calm waters maintained the schedule, allowing quick and easy docking at each port...until dark clouds thundered overhead and a fierce storm blew, pummeling everything in its path. The rest of the voyage may not have taken the direct route first planned, but we safely anchored at harbor; mission accomplished!

As we venture out again, be assured that whatever lies ahead, we, as family, **can** weather it together. Anchors aweigh!

The first port of call...the Post at 1800 hours (6:00 PM), for the August 13th meeting. While we're skipping the usual supper and Bingo, we'll be celebrating the 2020-2021 year with a Garden Party theme. Wear your straw hat, visor, cap, or whatever you might don in your garden!

On the Calendar...

We're hoping for smooth sailing through our calendar of events, but we also know that circumstances could cause postponements or cancelations. Watch for updates.

Poppy Distribution: The postponed Poppy distribution is set for Patriot Day, Friday, September 11th. Volunteers are needed for three-hour shifts (even an hour or two helps). Contact Kathy Allermann to sign up: 261-1758 or kma3126@yahoo.com.

Halloween: Time will tell if Watertown's Trick or Treat &/or the Legion Family children's parade will happen. Stay tuned.

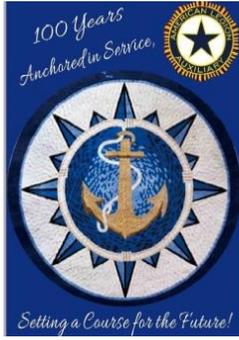
Veterans Day: Wednesday, November 11th – We are again hoping to secure Keck's window for a display to honor our area Veterans and those currently serving. Specifics are being worked out and will be announced when plans are finalized.

Membership...

Are your dues up to date? If not, now is the time get on board! Senior dues are \$30 per year. Broken down...for only \$2.50 a month, (about 58-cents a week or under a dime a day), ALA membership is one of the best deals around!

And don't forget our Juniors (birth through 17). They're only \$6 a year (50-cents a month or under 2-cents a day) and they receive the same benefits! They are our future and the ALA offers great projects and learning opportunities for them as well.

Could you sign up a family member or an eligible friend? The holidays are coming. Gift a membership! One size fits all and you can shop from home.



Updates...

All hands on deck! Please contact the Secretary or me with address, phone, or e-mail changes so the most up to date info is on file. Keeping the line of communication open and members informed is top priority. Thanks!

Calendar...Be sure to check out the accompanying calendar and keep it handy for reference. Posted on your frig or at your desk, the year-at-a-glance calendar is a good reminder of our monthly programs, special events and fun nights. Dates and times are noted for most.

Fundraisers...

Brat Fry...The Unit and S.A.L. Squadron partnered at Glenn's Brat Haus on Saturday, June 13th. The weather was perfect!

Proceeds added to the treasury for program funding. Thank you to the workers and bakers, and to the S.A.L. for including us! It seemed like everyone, mask or not, was ready to get out of the house to enjoy a brat or burger! It was quite a day.

4th of July Picnic...As you know, this and many of the area summer offerings were cancelled. While that puts a dent in the treasury, we're brainstorming other ideas.

See the flip side of the calendar for eligibility & renewal info and the **ALA Membership: The Basics** sheet, along with an explanation of the Auxiliary emblem, all of which will arm you with ammo to recruit!

Remember, we are all representatives of this great organization. Share your knowledge and excitement; then renew your membership if you haven't already done so, recruit a new member, and report the positive results!

On a Sad Note...

Our Unit supports a number of the VA facilities, but since we're located between Milwaukee and Madison, those two are 'easy access' and receive many of the crafts we create. Rose Wenger, Past Department President (2007-2008), has been the Madison ALA Hospital Rep for the past 23 years. Always full of life, Rosie had a smile for everyone, and kept 'her' Veterans near and dear to her heart. She passed away at home on August 2nd. Condolences can be shared at www.newcomerfunerlahome.net, with memorials suggested to her church or the Monroe American Legion Post 84. She will be missed...truly a Rose to Our Veterans.

Check It Out...

All members have access to the Wisconsin website. There's a lot of great information there – the Red Book (the ALA bible), present officers and chairmen, a Plan of Action (POA) for each program, contacts, program info, copies of *Wisconsin*, Unit mailings, forms, ideas, and so much more. Visit www.amlegionauxwi.org to see for yourself!

The National website offers much the same, but on the National level. To get into the Members Only section, you'll be asked to log in with a password. The ALA Academy, (short easy-to-read training sessions), provides tools to grow your knowledge of the organization. Go to www.ALAforVeterans.org to add even more information to your logbook!

We hope to see you at the meeting but understand if you cannot join us at this time. As you may have heard before, *The Irish Blessing* is a longtime favorite of mine...

*May the road rise up to meet you,
May the wind be always at your back
May the sun shine warm upon your face;
The rains fall soft upon your fields
And until we meet again,
May God hold you in the palm of His hand.*

We remain **Anchored in Service, Setting a Course for the Future!**



In Service Not Self,

Mary Petrie, Unit 189 President