

**District 1 LEGISLATIVE Committee Report**  
**District Spring Conference: Sunday, May 7, 2023**

**Committee Chair: Nathan M. Bond**  
**Vice-Chair: Roger Walton**

**Activities since last report:**

- **Veterans Day at the Capital was April 26<sup>th</sup>:** Several Legislators responded by becoming Co-sponsors of the UW MIA-Recovery and Identification Project and the PTC Expansion bills
  
- **Department is supporting the following legislation that has been introduced this session:** See Reverse side.

**Upcoming activities:**

- **Department will be selecting the winner of the Legislator of the Year Award:** First District's nominee is Barbara Dittrich, from Oconomowoc, of the 38<sup>TH</sup> Assembly District.

**Due from Counties/Posts:**

- Find and contact your Legislator(s) and ask for them to support AB 102 and SB 102 (PTC Expansion), and AB 26 and SB 8 (UW MIA-RIP).

Go to: [www.legis.wisconsin.gov](http://www.legis.wisconsin.gov) and type your address into the "Find Your Legislator" box on the homepage.

BILL NUMBER	RELATING TO	CURRENT STATUS
AB-12	tuition and fee remission for certain veterans	
SB-12	tuition and fee remission for certain veterans	
AB-26	The UW Missing-in-Action Recovery and Identification Project	Adoption Recommended 13-0
SB-08	The UW Missing-in-Action Recovery and Identification Project	
AB-24	Posting the child abuse and neglect reporting hotline in school buildings	Public Hearing Scheduled
SB-23	Posting the child abuse and neglect reporting hotline in school buildings	
AB-71	Disabled Veterans Sporting Opportunities Act	
SB-44	Disabled Veterans Sporting Opportunities Act	
AB-19	Spinal Cord Injury Research and Grants	Adoption Recommended 13-0
SB-27	Spinal Cord Injury Research and Grants	Adoption Recommended 5-1
AB-07	Talent Attraction Fee Remission	
SB-16	Talent Attraction Fee Remission	
AB-08	expanding Veterans benefits to those who served in Laos	Adoption Recommended 13-0
SB-17	expanding Veterans benefits to those who served in Laos	
SB-53	Disabled Parking	
AB-49	Disabled Parking	Adopted by Assembly 4/18/2023
AB-91	UW Admission Fees	
SB-94	UW Admission Fees	
AB-102	Lowering the Threshold for the Disabled Veteran Property Tax Credit	Adoption Recommended 9-0
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AB-112	Establishing November as a day when State Offices are Closed	
SB-114	Establishing November as a day when State Offices are Closed	
SB-70	2024-2025 Executive Budget	
AB-43	2024-2025 Executive Budget	
SB-129	Federal Public Assistance Program Reporting Information System	
AB-126	Federal Public Assistance Program Reporting Information System	
SB-205	Grants to Prevent Suicide by Firearm	
AB-173	Grants to Prevent Suicide by Firearm	
AB-	Council on Veterans Programs	
SB-251	Council on Veterans Programs	
AB-225	Benjamin H. Neal Highway	
SB-223	Benjamin H. Neal Highway	
SB-149	Definition of sexual contact for the purposes of Crimes against children and Providing a penalty	
AB-166	Definition of sexual contact for the purposes of Crimes against children and Providing a penalty	
SB-166	Code of Military Justice	
AB-177	Code of Military Justice	
SB-167	Sexual Assault Reporting	
AB-179	Sexual Assault Reporting	
SB-168	Misconduct Reporting	
AB-178	Misconduct Reporting	
SB-238	Veteran Fee Remission	
AB-	Veteran Fee Remission	
SB-249	Desert Storm Highway	
AB-223	Opioid Antagonists	
SB-908	Talent Attraction	

# LEGISLATOR OF THE YEAR AWARD

Our Candidate: Barbara Dittrich  
Address: 380 Yosemite Rd City: Oconomowoc  
Zip Code: 53066 County: Waukesha District: 38th AD  
Recommended by Post No: 91 of The American Legion located in: Oconomowoc  
How long has the candidate been serving as Legislator? Since 2018  
Present Position: State Representative  
*(U.S. or State Senator, State Assembly or U.S. Representative)*

**REQUIREMENTS:** *(Use the reverse side or attach your typewritten recommendations to this application.)*

- (a) Provide a written description of legislators' efforts and contributions to Wisconsin Veterans that makes them worthy of the award.
- (b) Please provide any additional information that you would like the committee to consider.
- (c) Due at Department Headquarters not later than May 1<sup>st</sup>.

**DO NOT SUBMIT ANY SCRAPBOOKS** as judging will be on the above criteria

Check here if you have any additional information you would like to have the Legislative Committee review when making its decision.

Applicant must be an incumbent Legislator.

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## DISTRICT WINNER

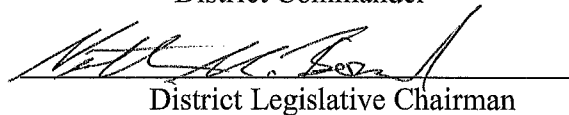
(To be completed by District Commander, Adjutant and Legislative Chairman.)

The American Legion, Department of Wisconsin District 1 winner is the individual listed above under "Our Candidate".

  
District Adjutant

  
District Commander

5-1-2023  
Date

  
District Legislative Chairman

## **Veteran/Military Legislation Cosponsored or Passed by Rep. Dittrich**

### **2019-2020**

- AB 684/SB 537 – veteran-related tuition grants for certain veterans and dependents enrolled in private nonprofit institutions of higher education and making an appropriation
  - Enacted into law; Act 149
- AB 230/SB 205 – transferring academic credits from military transcripts to University of Wisconsin System schools and technical colleges
  - Enacted into law; Act 147

### **2021-2022**

- AB 888/SB 843 – talent attraction and retention initiatives focusing on veterans
  - Passed by both Senate and Assembly; vetoed by Gov; veto override failed
- AB 870/SB 823 – indication of veteran status on an operator's license or identification card
  - Not scheduled for public hearing
- AB 724/SB 707 – defining veteran in state employment relations
  - Passed by both Senate and Assembly; vetoed by Gov; veto override failed
- SJR 74 – observing November 11, 2021, as Veterans Day and honoring all veterans who have served our state and country

## **Efforts to Assist Veterans and Military Members**

- Wrote letters and sent packages with homeschool children 2004-2006 during Iraq War
- Honored by the 32<sup>nd</sup> MP for support during Iraq War
- Presented veterans with flags flown over the Wisconsin State Capitol for Wisconsin Hero Outdoors both August 17, 2020 and August 7, 2021
- Father-in-law served in both the European and Pacific arenas during WWII
- Assisted National Guard Members who were repeatedly deployed during the COVID-19 pandemic