

American Legion Walworth County Commander's Report District 1, May 2023

As of the 27 April 2023 membership report, Walworth County attained 100.13% of its membership goal. Eight of the ten Posts meet the 100% goal, leaving only two Posts still working on the goal. All Posts are challenged to meet the next National goal of 105%

Lake Geneva Post 24: 100.0%	Elkhorn Post 45: 88.5%	Delavan Post 95: 100.6%
Walworth Post 102: 104.3%	Sharon Post 130: 102.7%	Whitewater Post 173: 100%
Genoa City Post 183: 100%	East Troy Post 188; 100%	Lyons Post 327; 177.8%
	Darien Post 450; 97.2%	

Unfortunately, with the loss of long time Lyons Post Commander, Bill Mangold—Post 327 is merging with Lake Geneva Post 24.

The County held an outstanding Student Government Day for the High Schools, although attendance from the students was down slightly, sponsorship by the Post ensured a successful event.

County is expecting a good showing for the Oratorical Contest this fall, as well as participation in the summer Badge Boy's State program.

The County sponsored the September Silent March in Elkhorn for increased awareness of our Prisoner's of War and Missing in Action. World War II, Army Air Corps member Glenn Boyd was the guest speaker and shared his experiences with Burma Hump missions.

The County Posts are doing well with multitude of events from grocery and meat raffles, bingos and fish fry's, car shows and seafood boils, and sock hops and American Legion Family Day events. Projects are on-going to recognize our fallen brothers and sisters during Memorial Day events/cemeteries and through parades and other events for Veteran's Day.

The County was represented at the Veteran's Day in the Capital where our voices were heard concerning the funding for the UWM POW/MIA Reparations Programs and the State Program to grant veterans with 70% disability ratings and higher exemption from State Property Taxes.

Walworth County continues to highlight "Be the One" to ensure our veterans are taken care of and highlight how some gave all, but all gave some to our Nation!

Respectfully,

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