

Department of Minnesota December 2025 Unit Mailing Leadership Chairman, Mary Kuperus wmkuperus@tds.net

Leadership Workshop

The first Leadership Workshop was held on Nov. 1st at the Osseo-Maple Grove American Legion. Forty-three



Auxiliary and American Legion members registered for the class. Thank you to the Osseo-Maple Grove American Legion Auxiliary for hosting the workshop. Subjects covered were National Security, Children & Youth, ALA Minnesota Girls State,

Junior Members, Americanism, VA&R, and of course Kahoots. Thank you to Ashley Kuperus and Sandy Wersal for presenting with me.



Mission Training

Mission Training was held on November 15th. National American Legion Auxiliary Vice President Dr. Coral May Grout, National Americanism Chairman Diana Sirovina, and National Community Service Chairman John Tester were the National Trainers for the day. Programs discussed were Youth and Education, Americanism and Community, Veteran Project Grant Applications, Leadership & Mentoring, and a few more. Forty Minnesota ALA members were in attendance.

The National Junior Meeting was also held at the same place and time. Thirteen Minnesota Junior members along with other department Juniors and SAL were able to enjoy meeting new friends from around the Northwestern Division. Kiana Coleman-Woods from Minnesota was an instructor with National Junior Activities Chairman Anita

Biggs.



National Committee Appointment

Apply for a 2026-2027 American Legion Auxiliary national committee appointment to serve the Auxiliary's mission from the national level. Applications are open now until Jan. 1, 2026. Any member 18 or older is welcome to apply. National, department, district, or unit level leadership is not required when applying.

Ready to apply? Click here!

The Best on Earth: A Veteran's Day Tribute

If someone has done military service,
They earn the title "veteran," and more;
They earn our deep respect and admiration;
That they are special no one can ignore.

They sacrificed the comforts we enjoy; The list is long of all the things they gave. Our veterans are extraordinary people; They're loyal, dedicated, true and brave.

When terror and invasion were real threats,
They showed us they could handle any storm.
We owe our freedoms and our very lives
To our veterans, who served in uniform.

Our veterans should be celebrities; They're exceptional; no other group compares. We're grateful for the many things they've done; They're always in our hearts and in our prayers.

We owe our veterans support and friendship; Let no one ever question what they're worth. These men and women served our country, Our veterans—the very best on earth.

By Joanna Fuchs