



Wisconsin Historians Association

July 2008

Wisconsin Historians Association Officers Elected July 2007

Denise Rohan	President
Rosemarie Pitz	Vice President
Mike Zapka	Secretary
Nellie DeBaker	Treasurer

WHA Meeting
Saturday July 19
2:00—3:00
North Hall Room C
LaCrosse
Convention Center

Agenda will be available at the meeting
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HISTORY CONTEST RESULTS 2007 - 2008

Post Yearbook Contest

1st Place – Donald Southworth
Alois Driekosen Post 469, Marathon – 8th District

2nd Place – John Kovatch
Landt-Thiel Post 470, Saukville – 2nd District

3rd Place – Robert Moen
Rev. Raphael Heinz Post No. 498, Milwaukee – 4th
District

Post Narrative Contest

1st Place – John Kovatch
Landt-Thiel Post 470, Saukville – 2nd District

Message from Denise Rohan — WHA President & Dept. Historian

Greeting Fellow Historians,

My thoughts and prayers have been with all of you as we've watched tornados and floods covering the state. I told Mike if the locust show up we're moving. With all this rain, many of us have learned to keep historical documents on the upper shelves of the bookcase or in plastic storage bins. I hope all of you and your families are safe.

We didn't have many books to judge this year in the competition, but the ones we did have were great. I hope all of you are putting books together for the sake of preserving your Post's history.

State Convention is just around the corner. The WHA meeting is scheduled to be in North Hall Room C from 2:00 – 3:00. It will be immediately followed by Historian Training from 3:00 – 4:30. (We're shortening up the training to make sure the room is clear for the Chaplain to set up church service.)

Thank you again for all your support over the years. You have all made me feel very welcome everywhere I've traveled.

See you in LaCrosse,
Denise Rohan
Department Historian
WHA President

Martha Marlow Historian Award – 2008



Laurie Arendt, of Cedarburg, Wisconsin, is an award-winning freelance writer and editor whose writings appear in a variety of publications. She is also the founder and editor of the Ozaukee County Veterans Book Project, a non-for-profit oral history program that recorded and published the memories of local veterans.

The first collection of stories, “Back from Duty – Stories of Ozaukee County Veterans” was completed through collaboration with five public high schools and home schooled students of Ozaukee County and was published in late 2002. Several schools incorporated the project into their classroom curriculum. Students’ work was graded and/or used for extra credit; some students received community service hour credit for their work. All students were asked to follow the guidelines provided by the National Veterans History Project.

For the second edition, “Back From Duty: 2”, published in 2005, adult interviewers were called upon and focused on the veterans’ personal experiences in relation to the historic contexts in which they served. With the completion of this edition, the stories of more than 300 veterans were documented and more than 500 historic photos were digitized and preserved. The documentation, tape recordings, some transcripts and related materials have all since been donated to the Wisconsin Veterans Museum in Madison.

The Ozaukee County Council of the American Legion owns the rights to these books, the net proceeds of which are used by the Ozaukee County Council to further veteran-related activities and causes. To date, the sale of these books has generated more than \$15,000.

Ms. Arendt also served as photo editor for a 128-page book published by the Ozaukee County Historical Society, entitled “A Photographic Journey into the Past.” She researched photos and wrote accompanying text explaining each photo’s significance. The photographs span more than a century — the oldest is from 1839 and the latest are from the 1950s. Proceeds from the book benefit the Ozaukee County Historical Society renovation project at Ozaukee County Pioneer Village as well as ongoing educational efforts.

For the past decade, Ms. Arendt has written the annual Veteran’s Day feature story for the Cedarburg-based *News Graphic*. In 2007, she interviewed sons of veterans about their fathers, uncles and grandfathers. This year, she will also revisit her volunteer work with veterans as an adult interviewer with a new veterans oral history project through University School of Milwaukee.

In addition to serving nearly two decades as a freelance writer with the *News Graphic*, Ms. Arendt is a contributing editor and columnist for *Corporate Report Wisconsin*. She also contributes to a variety of other publications, including *Capitol Report Wisconsin*, *M Magazine*, *Milwaukee Home*, *Wisconsin Meetings* and *Wisconsin Trails*. She holds a B.A. in English from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee along with additional graduate-level coursework.

Laurie Arendt is a member of the American Legion Auxiliary; the daughter of Historian and Past Commander Howard Rokus of Landt-Thiel Post 470 in Saukville; and the wife of Commander Doug Arendt of Rose-Harms Post 355 in Grafton.

WISCONSIN HISTORIANS ASSOCIATION

Martha Marlow Award Recipient's

1982-83	Post 52	La Crosse	Hunt, Hale	7th
1983-84	Post 258	Little Chute	Van Dyke, Harold	9th
1984-85	Post 448	Milwaukee	Matuschka, Ethel	5th
1985-86	Post 23	Milwaukee	Filter, Robert R.	5th
1986-87	Post 1	Milwaukee	Bachhuber, Martin L.	2nd
1987-88	Post 333	Sun Prairie	Reininger, James	3rd
1988-89	Post 498	Milwaukee	Heglund, Arthur	4th
1989-90	Post 209	Orfordville	Stuvengen, Barbara	1st
1990-91	Post 54	Marshfield	Korth, David	8th
1991-92	Post 505	Milwaukee	Dziatkiewixz, Norbert	4th
1992-93	Post 70	Oshkosh	Pitz, Rosemarie	6th
1993-94	NON-LEGION	-----	Zeitlin, Richard	---
1994-95	Post 70	Oshkosh	Miller, Loretta	6th
1995-96	Post 203	Milwaukee	Jakubovsky, Hubert	4th
1996-97	Post 262	Luxemburg	De Baker, Nellie P.	9th
1997-98	Post 185	Grantsburg	Casler, Jerry	12th
1998-99	Post 93	Tomahawk	Smith, Blanche	11th
1999-00	Post 303	Winter	Foley, Robert, W	12th
2000-01	Post 345	Hingham	Andersen, Robert C.	2nd
2001-02	Post 116	Chaseburg	Mathison, Frank	7th
2002-03	Post 469	Marathon	Southworth, Donald C.	8th
2003-04	NONE	-----	-----	---
2004-05	Post 52	La Crosse	Wagoner, Michael	7th
2005-06	Post 333	Sun Prairie	Rohan, Denise	3rd
2006-07	Post 310	Racine	Kulcinski, Leo P.	2nd
2007-08	Post 355	Grafton	Arendt, Laurie	2nd

WISCONSIN AMERICAN LEGION STATE HISTORIANS ASSOCIATION
MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Name: _____

Address: _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Phone Number: _____

Post Name: _____ Post Number: _____

Post City: _____ District Number: _____

DUES:

Regular Membership: _____ Life-time: _____

Regular Membership: Is \$2.00 per year, payable at the July Conv. meeting.

Paid-up Life-time Membership: Available on a scale as per age at time of application as follows:

Age 39 years and under = \$30.00; Ages 40 - 49 = \$25.00; Ages 50 - 59 = \$20.00; Ages 60 - 69 = \$15.00; Ages 70 and over \$10.00.

Checks can be made payable to the Wisconsin Historians Association and mailed to:

Secretary: Michael Zapka 749 Penbrook Way Hartland, WI. 53029, or brought to the state convention.

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