



# Wisconsin Historians Association

## July 2010



### **John Kovatch Post 470 Wins Martha Marlow Historian Award**

John has created several award winning Post Narratives and Post Yearbooks on both the state and national level. John was the first Wisconsin Historian to create and submit computer generated history books. Congratulations John!

WHA Meeting  
Friday July 16, 2010  
4:00—5:00  
Room B 117  
Wausau East High School  
2607 North 18th St.  
Wausau, WI

### **Martha Marlow Award**

This award is presented annually to a historian who enhances the cause of the American Legion, has exceptional humanitarian qualities and makes known the patriotic nature of good citizenship.

Nominations for the 2011 award will be made at the Convention WHA meeting with the final selection at the Mid-Winter meeting. Please plan to attend the meeting and nominate a worthy candidate for the 2011 award.



### **Message from Denise Rohan — WHA President**

Many of you may have heard my husband Mike and I have moved twice in the last 4 months. We sold our home in Sun Prairie before our new home in Verona was ready to be occupied. We finally moved in on June 29. I can honestly say I've never felt more unorganized in my entire life. I have been trying to figure out how many boxes I would need to empty each day to be done before Christmas.

The Midwinter WHA meeting was at the same time as the Department Executive Committee in January. Needless to say, with many of the WHA members also DEC members – we didn't have a quorum for the WHA, my apology to those who tried to attend the WHA meeting. The main item on the agenda for the Midwinter meeting was the selection of the winner of the Martha Marlow Outstanding Historian Award. Members present at Midwinter were polled for a vote and selected John Kovatch as the winner.

Please plan to attend the WHA meeting during convention in Wausau on Friday July 16 at 4:00 in Room B117 at the convention center.

Travel safely and we'll see you soon,  
WHA President Denise Rohan

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## **DEPARTMENT HISTORIAN'S MESSAGE**

Congratulations to Don Southworth on winning First Place in the Department Post History Scrapbook contest. He had a beautiful entry that will be forwarded for National competition. We would like to see more entries in the Department contest. Now, if Don, who is currently serving as Department Vice-Commander can find the time to enter a book of this caliber, there is no reason that more historians can't submit a book. We know you're recording your history, so please show us what you're doing.

I would like to offer my apologies to anyone who came to the WHA meeting at Mid-Winter that didn't take place. The DEC meeting took too long, and in the future the meeting has to be scheduled at a different time.

I look forward to seeing you at Wausau.

Frank Mathison

Department Historian

## **Wisconsin American Legion Museum and Learning Center**

The purpose of the Museum is to educate, inform, and preserve memorabilia about veterans and the Wisconsin American Legion and its programs. The museum belongs to you. It is a 501C3 Corporation and any donations you make to it are tax deductible. The Museum is currently in need of improvements.

The Museum committee is in the process of getting plans and cost estimates for new shelving and display cases. This is a high priority, and we need money to pay for these cases to preserve the history of our great organization. We do not have a budget allowance to pay for these, and rely on donations and fundraising.

Please consider making a donation to "your" American Legion Museum. For more information see Historian Mathison's June 3rd Badger Legionnaire article.

## **Agenda for Convention Meeting**

Minutes from Convention 2009 Meeting  
Reports and Updates on WHA & Museum  
Martha Marlow 2011 Nominations  
Good of the Organization