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President's Message



Department President
Sharon Slagle
Unit 315, District 4

Hooray!!! New Units are always welcome. On March 10 we traveled to District 17 to present a new charter to Fairgrove Unit 38, Heinline-Hanks. How exciting it is to get new Units. We also have an E Unit that consists of young ladies who have attended Girls State.

Next we traveled to District 15. At their meeting they voted to have a Bakeless bake sale to benefit "Kids of Our Heroes Adventure Camp." Donations have been sent to the Department office. A great big **THANK YOU** to all the members who are helping with such a worthwhile project helping well-deserved kids.

In April we will travel to Trenton for the District 2 meeting. The next day we travel to the District 8 meeting in Freeburg. We are enjoying touring the state and meeting so many nice people.

American Legion Convention will be here before you know it. Time passes so quickly each day. We will be having a parade of checks for the Adventure Camp. Please remember this and plan to contribute and help us reach our goal.

Spring is around the corner. Soon we will be planting gardens and watching the flowers grow and bloom.

May God bless you and safe travels for everyone.

THANK YOU

A sincere thank you to all the American Legion Auxiliary members and friends for the sympathy cards, thinking of you cards and phone calls after the death of my daughter, Kimberly Ann (Van Slyke) Cash/Ogle. She passed from Alzheimer's at the young age of 55. She is greatly missed by her family and friends.

Past Department President
Margaret Van Slyke

Kids of Our Heroes Adventure Camp

Article #5

By Ellen Arnce for Sharon Slagle

Let's go to the Kids of Our Heroes Adventure Camp! We will go out in the country south of Aurora, Mo., to a little community known as Jenkins. The road becomes dirt and narrows as it winds its way to a valley, crosses a bridge, turns left and in less than a mile takes you there. It's primitive but very welcoming. As you walk toward an open air pavilion/dining facility, you pass by a fire pit. To the south is a field with a flag pole and Old Glory waving in the breeze. To the north you overlook beautiful Flat Creek. Visitors cross in a vehicle to the other side. There you see another fire pit surrounded by swings. Beyond that is the counselors cabin then four tents, each with capacity of five. Solar showers and bathrooms are not too far away. Campers cross a 173-foot suspended foot-bridge over the creek. Kids, age 11-17, find courage, resiliency and confidence here. The week is structured and **everything** has a purpose; daily theme, scripture, song, coping skill and activity. At night, kids will gather around the fire pit, be given a stick that they will catch on fire. They will then go to the creek, put the fire out, return to the fire pit and try to rekindle it. Wet wood will take longer to ignite and the counselor is meanwhile teaching. Their attention is captivated. The "stick-fire-water" lesson: dousing the fire of fears, anxieties, insecurities, sorrows, and anguish by the daily healing experience of the camp makes those fires harder to ignite in their lives.

This camp is free to the kids of wounded, fallen (or committed suicide) warriors and first responders. Donations are used for compensation for cook and counselors, food, supplies, electricity and upkeep of the camp. Donate and help the kids of our heroes.

Contact Information:

By mail:
Kids of Our Heroes Adventure Camp
9441 Farm Road 1195
Aurora, MO 65605.
By phone: (417) 574-6250
By email: TheCamp@KidsOfOurHeroes.org,
On the World Wide Web:
www.KidsOfOurHeroes.org,
On Facebook: www.facebook.com/KOOHAC.

MEMBERSHIP



"LET OUR LIGHT SHINE"

Marsha Mooney,
Membership Co-chairman
Sheridan Mires,
Membership Co-chairman

The members of the American Legion Auxiliary have been shining their lights throughout the state this year. Although we are winding down our membership year, we still have time to add new members and retain the ones we have.

It seems that we put our emphasis on new members. We do need new members to achieve our goals, but it is just as important if not more to keep the members we have. If we cannot keep our current members, how will we be able to retain the new members we have recruited? This problem keeps us much like a hamster in a wheel going nowhere and

not achieving our long-term goals.

Our National organization has been promoting civility and goodwill among our Units to keep our members. This is a very important step in having a healthy Unit. Do you know anyone who enjoys attending a meeting where they must sit by Negative Nancy who has nothing good to say about anything? Who wants to attend a meeting where no one will talk to you and you are made to feel like an outsider? Who wants to attend a meeting where members spend time squabbling about power struggles and personal problems instead of the real reason you should be there? Remember our reason for the meeting is to help our veterans and military and their families. This is our mission and our true reason for belonging to the ALA. You do not need to be best friends with all your fellow members. You do need to remember why we belong to the American Legion Auxiliary and how important is our mission.

Let's get out in your community and try to recruit new members. Contact the members who have not rejoined and personally ask them to come back. Please put yourself available, be friendly to everyone and release your negative feelings. Remember why we belong to the American Legion Auxiliary and how important is our mission.

National President's Visit

National President Kathy Dugan will visit Missouri May 9-12, 2019. She will be participating and speaking at the 100th anniversary celebration of the St. Louis Caucus. Be sure to make your reservation for the luncheon at the Missouri Athletic Club - St. Louis May 10. The registration form may be found on the Auxiliary Department website. President Kathy's visit to Missouri will continue with activities at Unit 114 in Sikeston and will continue on Sunday, May 12 at a brunch at Post 133 and a visit to the Vietnam Wall in Perryville.

Please contact Rosemarie W. Hauck for further information @ hauckrw@sbcglobal.net or (314) 355-4675. WE NEED YOUR HELP TO WELCOME PRESIDENT KATHY TO MISSOURI BY PARTICIPATING IN ONE OF THE ACTIVITIES!!!

Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation Committee Newsletter

February 2019

Submitted by Evelyn Cox

Good news! We applied for a grant for the Creative Arts from the National American Legion Auxiliary Foundation and we received \$2,500. Checks were presented to Jefferson Barracks and Harry S. Truman for use in their Creative Arts Programs. Evelyn Cox presented the check to Karen Wait of Jefferson Barracks. Karen oversees JB, Creative Arts Program and the staff and veterans were extremely pleased. Cathie Goth and Nancy Reeves presented a check to Sylvia Jackson and her staff at Harry S. Truman Veterans Hospital in Columbia.

The Creative Arts Program starts
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FORTY-SIXTH ANNUAL TRUMAN PILGRIMAGE

The annual Truman Pilgrimage of the American Legion and its Auxiliary Organization under the auspices of the Tiry J. Ford Post 21 will be held May 8, in Independence, Missouri, at the Harry S. Truman Library.

This will be the forty-sixth year the Missourians and Legionnaires from surrounding states have gathered at the Truman Library to honor the memory of the first Legionnaire to become president of the United States.

The event will start Tuesday, May 7 with an open house at Tiry J. Ford Post home, 16701 E. 40 Highway, Independence, Missouri, at 5:00 a.m.. Refreshments and entertainment will be provided by the auxiliary and post.

On Wednesday morning, May 8, those participating are asked to enter by the main entrance of the Truman Library at 9:00 a.m.. A procession will form and proceed to the courtyard where the president is buried. At that time, a brief memorial service will be conducted and the wreaths will be placed at the gravesite.

A luncheon sponsored by Post 21 will be served at 11:30 a.m., May 8 at the Tiry J. Ford Post home located at 16701 E. 40 Highway. Advance tickets for the luncheon are required. Checks for the tickets should arrive no later than April 24. Tickets are \$20.00 each and will be held for your arrival.

Checks should be made payable to: **American Legion Post 21, Truman Day Luncheon.**
Please mail your checks to: **Gayle Metzinger, 3816 S. Crane, Independence, MO 64055**

PLEASE MAKE RESERVATIONS EARLY

A briefing will be held at 6:00 p.m., May 7 at Post 21 in the Auxiliary room for those persons placing the wreaths.

Hotel reservations can be made directly with the hotel. Please state you are with **TRUMAN DAYS.**

Comfort Suites, 19751 E. Valley View Pkwy., Independence, Mo. (Exit 17), 816-373-9880 (Room rate - \$104)
Holiday Inn Express, 19701 E. Valley View Pkwy., Independence, Mo., (Exit 17), 816-795-8889 (Room rate - \$104)

SPECIAL ROOM RATE GUARANTEE UNTIL APRIL 28

Everyone is invited to this historic event
Please call 816-478-1521 for further instruction or questions.
Gayle Metzinger, Chairman

TRUMAN PILGRIMAGE WREATH ORDER - DEADLINE IS APRIL 24

TRUMAN PILGRIMAGE LUNCHEON RESERVATIONS - DEADLINE IS APRIL 24

May 8, 2019

Wreath Order

In order for the Wreath Committee to have program information to the printer on time, we must have your check and information by April 24th. Wreaths are \$20.00 each.

Please **print** the following information.

Name of organization _____

Name of person laying the wreath _____

Title _____

Luncheon Reservations - \$20 per person

Name _____ Number of Reservations _____

Please make your check payable to: **American Legion Post 21, Truman Pilgrimage.**
Mail your checks to: Gayle Metzinger, 3816 S. Crane, Independence, MO 64055
gaylemetzing@att.net

Thank you for your cooperation.

Gayle

Invitation

Fifth District Honors Department President

The Fifth District will have a luncheon on May 15, 2019, to honor our Department President Sharon Slagle. The luncheon will be held at the DAV Building at 14605 E. 40 Highway, Independence, MO 64136. The hostess will be Unit #149. Meeting time is 11:30 a.m. For reservations please call Helen Hatz at 816-361-4374.

MOVED?

New address _____

Please forward to:
**ALA Department Office, 600 Ellis Blvd.
Jefferson City, MO 65101-2204**

Secretary's Corner

Nancy Reeves,
Department Secretary

HELLO from the Department Office! Debbie and I hope everyone is well and has survived this crazy winter weather we have had. Much activity is going on at Department. We are receiving Girls State applications and membership continues to arrive steadily. Dues verification forms and Unit officer lists have been mailed. If you have not received them please contact the Department office to get a copy or visit our website at <https://dptmoala2.wixsite.com/deptmoala>

Please remember that the Dues Verification form must be back to the Department office by May 1, 2019. Dues rates will be locked in by National on June 1, 2019. Any changes made after that will be charged \$30.00. You can also visit the website and complete the form and submit it. The form will come directly to the Department.

Looking ahead I will be out of the office several days in May. I will be traveling to National May 4-7 for a conference. Our daughter Samantha is graduating from high school May 12. I will be taking a few days off for that as well. Then we will be taking a much-needed family vacation from May 18-25. During this time Debbie will be in the office. While at National and home for graduation, I will have access to email. I will not be checking emails during my vacation.

Once I return I will begin working on convention. This year convention will be at the Marriott St. Louis Airport July 11-14.

Please remember to contact the Department office with questions or concerns. We are here to help. *For God and Country.*



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Chaplain's Corner



Louise Welch,
Department
Chaplain

Scripture: Colossians 3:13

Be gentle and ready to forgive, never hold grudges. Remember, The Lord forgave you, so you must forgive others.

Prayer: Father God, we have reached the midway of this administration with pride in all that we have accomplished. Grant us your continued love, guidance and understanding.

Gracious Father, as we place special emphasis on our children and youth, grant us the vision to see beyond today and continue to build for the future. Make us be aware of the need for others. Continue to watch over us, guide our hearts and minds as we work for the good of our veterans and their families and country. This we asked in your holy name. Amen.

REMINDER: Year-End Reports:

Unit Reports and Prayer Books are due to your District by April 15, 2019.

District Reports due to me by April 30, 2019.

District Prayer Books to be brought to the Department Convention.

Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation Committee Newsletter February 2019

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at the local program where veterans compete.

Harry S Truman is holding their Creative Arts program on February 28, 2019, from 9 am to 3 pm in the main lobby of the hospital. If you would like to volunteer or just stop by the address is 800 Hospital Drive, Columbia, Missouri.

Jefferson Barracks Veterans Hospital is having their "VA's Got Talent Show" on Thursday, February 7, 2019, from 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm, all are welcome to come and watch the 2019 Veterans Dance, Drama and Music Competitions. Then on Friday, February 22, 2019, at 11:30 am in the JB Gym Building 63 the Veterans Art Show is held where you can vote on your favorite and awards are presented to the veterans for their arts, crafts and written expression. A luncheon is held for the veterans and guests.

Don't forget our veterans on upcoming holidays. So much focus is given to Veterans Day, Christmas and Memorial Day that sometimes the lesser celebrated holidays are forgotten. Valentine's Day, instead of candy or cards, you can get a ditty bag and put in a couple of envelopes with stamps, a pad of paper and a pen, St. Patrick's Day you could give beads or lapel pins. T-shirts and socks are also appreciated.

I would like to thank all the volunteers from The American Legion Family who help within the veterans homes and hospitals. Without this support the Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation Committee could not achieve the success it does.

PAST PRESIDENTS PARLEY

Rosemarie W. Hauck, Chair

During the 2018-2019 PPP year we are honoring Past Department Presidents. To continue, in this issue our salute goes out to Past Department Presidents Mrs. Lori (Marty) Millam, Mrs. Betty Jo (Kenneth) Kieffer, Mrs. Mary (Marvin) Harper, Mrs. Carolyne (John) Doane, Mrs. Ruth (James) Wiemann and Mrs. Margaret (Van) VanSlyke. As an active member of the American Legion Auxiliary, Lori is a Life Member who has served as President of Unit 312 in St. Charles, President of the 9th District, and Department President of Missouri, having served in 1997-1998. Lori's membership pin was a "Rabbit." One would think being a lifelong member Lori would be tired of working at all levels of the ALA family. Not true, she is just as zealous today as when a Junior member. She continues to work tirelessly in her Unit, District and the Department levels. She has served as District President several times. Lori loves baseball and is a fan of the St. Louis Cardinals. My advice to you would be "to think twice before calling her at game time." Lori is a Special Education Administrative Assistant in the Montgomery County R2 School District. Lori's husband, Marty, and their son, Aaron, are the most important part of her life.

As an active member of the ALA, Betty Jo Kieffer has served as President of Unit 397 in Creve Coeur, President of the 10th District and Department President of Missouri, having served in 1998-1999. Betty Jo's membership year pin was an "Angel." After serving as Department President, Betty Jo returned to working hard for the success of Unit 397 and the 10th District. She served as the VAVS Representative at the Jefferson Barracks Medical Center for years. Although she retired from that position, these days she continues to volunteer once a month for a bingo at Jefferson Barracks Medical Center. While she no longer attends Department Conferences and Conventions, she keeps busy in her Unit and the 10th District currently serving as Historian for both.

As an active member of the ALA, Mary Harper has served as President of Unit 102 in Barnard, President of the 4th District several times and Department President of Missouri, having served in 1999-2000. Mary's membership year pin was "Dollies." Mary is a lifetime member of the ALA with continuous service since her years as a Junior Member. In addition to serving as Department President she served as chairman of most programs. The ALA Missouri Girls State Program benefited many years from her skills and talents. Mary had the honor to represent Missouri when elected Central Division National Vice President. On the Department level, Mary is currently serving as parliamentarian and a member of the Distinguished Guest Committee.

As an active member of the ALA, Carolyne Doane has served as President of Unit 128 in Mansfield, President of the 16th District and Department President of Missouri, having served in 2000-2001. Carolyne's membership year pin was "Castle." She took her membership desires to a high level by having her husband build a Japanese-style bridge for the members to crossover to a high membership level. Oh! It didn't stop there, poor John had to transport the huge bridge to Jefferson City for Fall Conference and to St. Louis for the Department Convention. Carolyne's prime goal to reach 100 percent membership for Unit 128 was usually met. You go girl!!!

As an active member of the ALA, Ruth Wiemann has served as President of Unit 366 in New Haven, President of the 9th District several times and Department President of Missouri, having served in 2002-2003. Ruth's membership year pin was a "Cowgirl." In addition to serving as Department President, she has served as chairman of most programs on the Unit, District, and Department levels. Ruth works in purchasing for an automotive company in New Haven.

As an active member of the ALA, Margaret VanSlyke has served as President of Unit 338 in Overland, President of the 10th District and Department President of Missouri, having served in 2003-2004. Margaret's membership year pin was a "Lighthouse." In addition to serving as Department President she served as chairman of many programs. Margaret remains an active officer in her Unit. She drives approximately 90 miles roundtrip to the Unit meetings and activities. In addition to that drive, she is a volunteer at the Jefferson Barracks Medical Center, which is approximately 54 miles one way from her home. That's not all! Once spring comes and her Post starts fish fries, you can find her volunteering there on Friday. She loves to crochet and spends her relaxing time crocheting afghans. Thanks Margaret for your continued dedication to the ALA.

Missouri thanks these six women for their service to the American Legion Auxiliary.

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

- Member Award:** Unit Member of the Year
 - Deadline: April 15, 2019
 - Must submit Unit Member of the Year Award Form available for download on the PPP page on the national website
- National Award:** Salute to Servicewomen
 - Deadline: April 15, 2019
 - Must submit Salute to Servicewomen Award Nomination Form available for download on the PPP page on the national website
- Department PPP Award:** Nursing Scholarship
 - Deadline: April 1, 2019

All award applications must be received no later than the date listed above. Please send them to: Rosemarie W. Hauck, 3654 Candlewyck Green Court, Florissant, 63034.

PLEASE DO NOT SEND THEM TO THE DEPARTMENT OFFICE

District 6 Yearly Report

Shirlee Schroder

It has been a busy year visiting units and talking with members about their veteran and community service projects. Our units are proud of their long-standing reputations for excellent community service; therefore, I want to focus on their veteran's projects.

Our members have donated or volunteered service at a veterans clinic, VA Christmas Gift Shop, holiday meals, Camp Valor Outdoors, Wreaths Across America, veterans holiday meals, assisted with Veterans Day meal at the Hy-Vee, monthly breakfast meal at a military reserve unit, sent cards to Walter Reed Hospital, Wounded Warriors, Bibles to Veterans, and cared for a serviceman's dog while he was deployed.

They also provided bingo games, monthly lady veteran teas, pizza and chicken dinners, holiday goodie bags, hygiene items, used books, clothing, linens, walker bags, lap robes, adult clothing protectors, and socks at the veterans homes.

We supported military families by donations to Whiteman Air Force Base, Military Honor Flights, attended Honor Guard ceremonies at veteran funerals, and provided

clothing for the Home at Last Veterans Program for homeless veterans and veterans' families.

Members attended Memorial Day services, Veterans Day ceremonies and veterans' funeral services.

Members effectively networked with other veterans organizations and made a combined military float with the VFW annual parade, worked a fundraiser and shared the profit with the VFW.

They also provided with the VFW and AMVETS a quarterly veterans brunch at the local nursing home, veterans holiday meals, and a flag disposal ceremony open to the community.

These volunteered efforts show our veterans that we care. Well done ladies!!!



HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY

May there always be work for your hands to do. May your purse always hold a coin or two. May the sun always shine on your window pane. May a rainbow be certain to follow each rain. May the hand of a friend always be near you. May God fill your heart with gladness to cheer you.

Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation Committee Newsletter March 2019

Submitted by Nancy Reeves

This is the third in a series of three VA&R Committee Newsletters intended to keep our membership informed and generate interest in volunteerism. The VA&R Committee hopes you have enjoyed hearing from us and passed this newsletter onto the units within your districts to help promote the Department of Missouri's Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation program. Proposed plans are to implement a quarterly newsletter in the coming year to keep you apprised and updated on opportunities to participate in the VA&R Program.

Those who were able to attend the Spring Conference the weekend of February 16 and 17 in a snow-packed Jefferson City had the opportunity to meet and hear from Col. Grace Link, the Executive Director of the Missouri Veterans Commission. Col. Link spoke of the exciting upcoming changes to the Missouri Veterans Homes. Once such change is a remodeling project making these homes more comfortable for residents, including en suite bathrooms among other amenities. Ground breaking for these improvements for the St. Louis Veterans Home is tentatively scheduled for the first weekend of May. You can access the Missouri Veterans Commission's website at www.mvc.dps.mo.gov for more information, you can even download their app to your smartphone for the Missouri Veterans Commission's latest news.

This newsletter was planned for the first of March as an additional reminder of the importance of reporting. If you don't tell your story, how will we know. Many great things happen across our state that go unnoticed and as we are not in this for the notoriety, it is important to keep our voices current in support of veterans issues with our elected US Congress. Your story needs to be told, please submit your impact numbers and narratives according to the dates provided at Fall and Spring Conferences. Just a reminder of report dates, i.e. our reporting year is April 1, 2018 through March 31, 2019, and All Unit Officers and Chairmen reports are due to District Officers and Chairmen by April 15; All District Officers and Chairmen reports are due to Department Officers and Department Chairman by May 1; and all Department Officers and Department Chairmen reports are due to Central Division Chairmen, National Officers and National Chairmen by May 15.

In closing, thank you for the tremendous support, volunteerism and funding provided for our Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation Committee. **Missouri's Auxiliary members are the GREATEST!**

For God and Country
2018-2019 Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation Committee, Department of Missouri



April is CHILDREN and YOUTH Month

CHILDREN are the cornerstone of the future and help make the future better.

HELP support all local, department and national Children & Youth programs.

IMMUNIZATIONS should be supported and help locally.

LEADERSHIP is to be a leader with the C & Y activities.

DRUG & ALCOHOL ABUSE PREVENTION is helping support awareness in your community.

REACH OUT to our youth and show them that we care.

EDUCATION is educating our youth about National Education activities

NATIONAL CHILDREN & YOUTH FOUNDATION should donate generously.

And

YOUTH is the state of being young and with a young mind.

OUTSTANDING reports submitted from Units about activities.

UNITS have an energetic chairman who will lead the program.

TOGETHER is for family strength and togetherness.

HAPPINESS is the feeling you have by becoming involved and enjoying the experience.

(Unknown)

MEMBERSHIP R's

- Recruitment
- Retention
- Rededication
- Recognition
- Resources
- Relevance

The "In-Group"

- Include
- Inspiring
- Interesting
- Incredible
- Inquisitive
- Innovative

Do Have...

Respect for self
Respect for others
Responsibility for all your actions



You're Cordially Invited to

100th Anniversary Celebration of the Saint Louis Caucus



When: **May 9 & 10, 2019**

Where: **Ceremony** - at Soldier's Memorial (1315 Chestnut Street, St. Louis, MO)

May 9 - Reception at Soldier's Memorial 6:00 - 8:00 pm

May 10 - Formal Celebration followed by Luncheon at Missouri Athletic Club Grand Ballroom (405 Washington Avenue, St. Louis, MO) cost for lunch \$35.00

Guest Speakers: **National Commander Bret Reistad and National President Kathy Dungan**

The Traveling GI Bill Display will on exhibit at Soldier's Memorial

A room block has been reserved at the Missouri Athletic Club. The room rates are:
Singles includes queens/king beds \$121.00 per night
Doubles includes 2 queen beds \$121.00 per night
Suites -one bed & parlor w/pull out sofa -135.00 per night
Reservation can be made by calling 314-231-7220 -when booking ask for **The American Legion Block.**

Please RSVP by April 18, 2019 and remit your luncheon reservation(s) of \$35.00 per person (Make Check payable to the American Legion Department of Missouri: mail to P.O. Box 179, Jefferson City, MO 65102)

Person (s) attending Name and position:

Total Payment Sent: _____

ENDORSEMENT DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSHA MOONEY

At the January 2019 meeting of District 5, American Legion Auxiliary Department of Missouri, Marsha Mooney was endorsed for the office of President for the Department of Missouri for the year 2019-2020.

Marsha has been an active member in good standing of Tirez J Ford Unit 21 for 15 years. She is eligible for membership in the Auxiliary through her husband, Dennis Mooney, who served in the U.S. Army in Vietnam, and her father, Donald Schiebrel, who served in the U.S. Army during Korea.

Marsha has served her Unit as President five years, Secretary four years and Historian three years. She has been Chairman of National Security, VA & R, Girls State, Past Presidents Parley, nine years on the Bingo Committee and served on many other committees.

On the District level Marsha has served as Historian, two years as Vice President and Membership Chairman, and two years as 5th District President. She participates at the Christmas Gift Shops at the VA facilities.

At the Department level Marsha has served as Department Chaplain, Department Historian, Department 1st Vice President, two years on the Courtesy Rules and Resolutions Committee, two years as Northwest Division Membership Chairman, Department of Missouri Membership Co-Chair for one year, Department Sergeant-at-Arms and Legislative Chairman.

Marsha has attended all Department Conventions and Conferences and traveled to many of the Christmas Gift Shops throughout the state. She has also attended National Conventions as a delegate and as an alternate.

Marsha is also a Charter member of Chapter 21, American Legion Riders, serving six years as Secretary and Membership Chair. She attends veterans' funerals, Welcome Homes, Honor Flight Welcomes and many other missions representing the Auxiliary through her membership in the Legion Riders.

In view of her hard work and dedication to the American Legion Auxiliary Department of Missouri, District 5 proudly endorses Marsha Mooney as candidate for the office of President for the American Legion Auxiliary Department of Missouri for 2019-2020.

Bernadette Murray *Debbie Black*

Bernadette Murray
District 5 Vice President

Debbie Black
District 5 Secretary

ENDORSEMENT DEPARTMENT FIRST VICE PRESIDENT VICTORIA ORNELAS

At a regular meeting of District 1 American Legion Auxiliary on January 6, 2019, in Palmyra, Victoria Ornelas was unanimously endorsed for the office of Department First Vice President for the year 2019-2020.

Victoria Ornelas gains her eligibility through her Legionnaire husband, Jess Ornelas, a veteran of the U.S. Army—Cold War/Vietnam era.

Victoria has been an active member of the American Legion Auxiliary for 15 years. On the Unit level she has held many chairmanships and offices. She is currently serving again as Unit president and her sixth term as Unit Treasurer and Membership chairman.

On the District level she has served as District 1 President and now is serving as the VA & R chairman.

On the Department level Victoria has served as Chaplain, currently serving as 2nd Vice President and the Representative for the Mexico Veterans Home. She attends the American Legion Auxiliary Conferences and Conventions, and participates in all the educational workshops.

Victoria Ornelas is an asset to her Unit, her District and the American Legion membership. It is with tremendous pride that the members of District 1 endorse Victoria Ornelas as a candidate for the office of First Vice President of the American Legion Auxiliary Department of Missouri for the year 2019-2020.

Linda Maddox *Wanda Burnett*

Linda Maddox
District 1 President

Wanda Burnett
District 1 Secretary/Treasurer

ENDORSEMENT DEPARTMENT SECOND VICE PRESIDENT LOUISE S. WELCH

At a regular meeting held February 14, 2019, American Legion Auxiliary 10th District unanimously endorsed Louise S. Welch for the office of Second Vice President for the Department of Missouri for the year 2019-2020.

Louise is a PUFL member and member for 26 years. Louise is eligible for membership in the American Legion Auxiliary through her husband, Robert L. Welch, who served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War.

Louise has served her Unit as President, Secretary and Chaplain. She has served as committee chairman for Americanism, Community Service, Education and Legislation. She is currently serving as Unit President.

On the 10th District level Louise has served as President three years, Vice President, Treasurer two years, and Secretary for three years. She has also served on the Constitution & Bylaws, Education, National Security, and USO committees. Louise is a volunteer at the Missouri Veterans Home St. Louis. She is currently serving as Secretary and Constitution & Bylaws Chairman.

On the Department level Louise has served as Leadership Chair for three years, Community Service two years, and Gold Star and Blue Star Mothers chairman one year. She is currently serving as Department Chaplain.

Louise has been a delegate or alternate to National and Department Conventions. She also attends Fall and Spring Conferences.

In view of her dedication and service to the American Legion Auxiliary at all levels in general, the members of 10th District proudly present Louise S. Welch as a candidate for the office of Second Vice President of the American Legion Auxiliary Department of Missouri for 2019-2020.

Muriel Christman *Sandra S. Staten*

Muriel Christman
10th District President

Sandra Staten
10th District Vice President

National Security Carolyn Sanford, Chairman

Perhaps you have a question about "What is National Security?" and why do we have the program? According to the five-year National Strategic Plan this program maintains and promotes a strong national defense. This is done by strengthening and supporting military service members and their families. This helps to build brand loyalty among a target membership population while

keeping us focused on our mission.

Your Unit can search for ways your community can promote National Security and support the goal — Communicate with military families.

A start can be a local program such as CERT training, blood drives and particularly this spring helping in flooded areas.

I look forward to receiving your reports showing how you promoted National Security this year.

ENDORSEMENT DEPARTMENT HISTORIAN SHERIDAN MIRES

At the regular meeting of District 4 American Legion Auxiliary Department of Missouri held on March 2, 2019, at Parnell, Mo., Sheridan Mires was unanimously endorsed for the office of Department Historian for the year 2019-2020.

Sheridan earned her eligibility in the American Legion Auxiliary through her father, Clay Staples, a United States Marine veteran of World War II. Sheridan is also eligible through both her grandfathers and two brothers. Sheridan was raised in an active American Legion family. Her grandmother was the Charter President of Rolla Dicks Unit #315. To date Sheridan and her father are the only father/daughter duo to serve as District Commander and District President.

Sheridan joined the American Legion Auxiliary Unit #315 as a Junior member and is a PUFL member of the Allen-Schiffert Unit #199 in Tarkio, Mo.

As an active member of the American Legion Auxiliary on the Unit level she has served her Unit as Treasurer since 1983 and Secretary since 2001, chairman of Americanism, Children & Youth, Community Service, Constitution & Bylaws, County Government, Education, Girls State, National Security, Poppy, Public Relations, Scrapbook and Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation.

On the District level Sheridan has served as Sgt-at-Arms, Chaplain, 2nd Vice President, 1st Vice President and currently serving her fifth term as District President. Sheridan has also served as chairman of Americanism, Americanism Essay, Membership, Education, Constitution & Bylaws, Poppy, Past Presidents Parley, Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation, Home Service and Girls State.

On the Department level Sheridan has served as Department Membership Co-chairman three years and four years as Northwest Division Chairman. She has served as chairman of County Government, Americanism Essay, Courtesy and Resolutions, Leadership Region 2 Coordinator and Person Page.

She developed an online electronic reporting form and other reporting forms to help improve Unit and District reporting to Department. Sheridan also served on the ALA Missouri Girls State Staff for 15 years.

At the National level Sheridan has attended the past three National conventions as a delegate and serving as a Missouri page. She has attended the past three Department National Leadership Conferences in Indianapolis.

Sheridan and her husband Richard live on the family farm in northwest Missouri.

In view of her continued hard work, leadership ability and dedication to the American Legion family, it is with tremendous pride that the members of District 4 endorse Sheridan Mires as a candidate for the office of American Legion Auxiliary Department of Missouri Historian for the year 2019-2020.

Joan Vanfossan *Catherine Auffert*

Joan Vanfossan
1st Vice President

Catherine Auffert
Secretary

ENDORSEMENT DEPARTMENT CHAPLAIN VICTORIA ANN WILSON (VICKIE)

At the November meeting of District 14 American Legion Auxiliary Department of Missouri, Victoria Ann Wilson was endorsed for the office of Chaplain for the Department of Missouri American Legion Auxiliary for 2019-2020.

Vickie has been an active member in good standing of Henry Meldrum Unit 114 in Sikeston, Mo. for 55 years. She is eligible through her father, Victor Welter, an Army veteran of World War II.

Vickie has served as Vice President, Secretary and President of District 14 over the past 12 years. She has also chaired various programs on the District level.

Vickie has served as chairman of Children & Youth, Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation Co-Chairman, Poppy, Poppy Poster, and Southeast Membership Chairman for the Department of Missouri.

In view of all the hard work and dedication to veterans that Vickie has shown to the American Legion family, Henry Meldrum Unit 114, District 14 proudly endorses Victoria Ann Wilson for the office of American Legion Auxiliary Department of Missouri Chaplain for 2019-2020

Judy Moore

Judy Moore, District 14
1st Vice President

Betty Gilmor

Betty Gilmor, District 14
Secretary



AROUND THE STATE



Unit 253 members find time for fun and fellowship after their dedicated volunteer activities. The veterans are first and then they relax. Pictured are Shirley Arnold, 1st Vice President, Wanda Kinder, Unit President, Susan Harrison, Children & Youth Chairman, and Diane McCart, VA & R Chairman. Thank you ladies!

District 17

Jaretta Holt, President

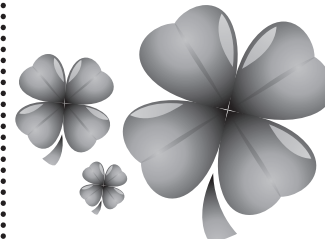
The third quarterly District 17 meeting was held in March and hosted by Post 138 Legionnaires and Unit Auxiliary members

Units have reported they are preparing for nominations and election of officers for 2019-2020. Units 138, 434 and 639 each provided reports of their activities. Now the units are making preparations for the annual Poppy distribution. The District sponsored scholarships to several students who attended the 2018 session of Missouri Girls State.

District 17 proudly welcomed Unit 38 of Fair Grove. Department President Sharon Slagle signed the charter and presented it to the new Unit President Tameka Dickover. The presentation was prior to the regular meeting.

Several units reported giving donations, having fundraisers, hosting activities and networking within their communities.

Unit Presidents were provided with the deadline to submit the Impact Reports. Thank you for your dedication to the veterans.



IRISH WISDOM

Take time to work,

It is the price of success,

Take time to think,

It is the source of power.

Take time to play,

It is the real secret of perpetual youth.

Take time to read,

It is the foundation of wisdom.

Take time to be friendly,

It is the road to happiness.

Take time to love and be loved,

It is a privilege of the gods.

Take time to share,

Life is too short to be selfish.

Laughter is the music of the soul.

(Unknown)

Seasons of Life

*Spring is like a beauty fair
Of being born anew,
The sweetness of this time in life
When everything is new.*

*Summer is a learning time,
This experience sincere,
Our God is more pronounced in us,
We feel Him ever near.*

*The Fall of life is when we feel
The changing of the guard,
A sweet and gentle day in life
For which we've worked so hard.*

*In winter we all turn
From all of the past's sweet scenes.
We find them in our memory;
We feel them in our dreams.*

*So, we live life's seasons;
How grand it was to be
Trying all of the time, my God,
To be closer yet...to Thee.*

(James Joseph Huesgen)



Gladys Misner proudly shows her 60-year membership certificate to Unit 55. Thank you for the many years of volunteering and service to others.

AROUND THE STATE



ALA VA Associate Representative For Fayetteville, AR

The Gene Taylor Community Based Outpatient Clinic, (CBOC), in Springfield, Mo. had their Ribbon-Cutting and Grand Opening Ceremony Thursday, January 24, 2019, at 11:00 a.m. Planning for this building started in 2010 with the ground breaking in October 2016. The CBOC was previously housed in the original Tuberculosis Sanitorium in Mt. Vernon, Mo., for the past 25 years. The new facility is 60,000 square feet (33,000 more square feet than in Mt. Vernon), provides 69 more jobs, and provides all services provided in Mt. Vernon plus Endoscopy, dental services and much more. It is estimated it will serve 9,000 veterans.

Also attending the event was Cathie Goth, Department VA&R Chairman, and her husband, Kenneth.

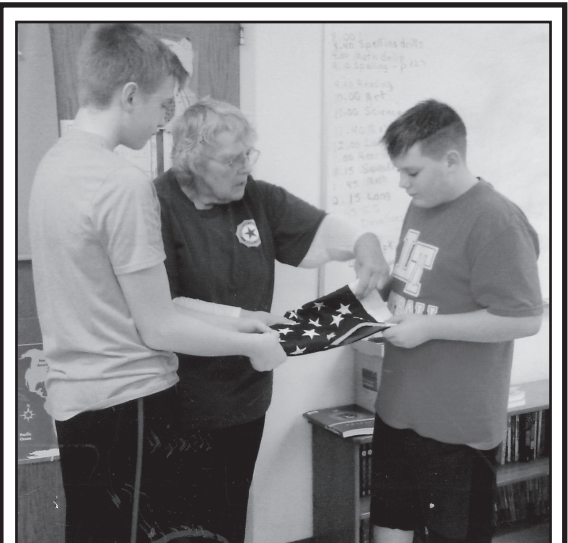
CREATIVE ARTS PROGRAM



Recently a check from a foundation grant was received and presented to the Jefferson Barracks Creative Arts Program. Presenting the \$1,500 check was Evelyn Cox, VA & R Committee member assisted by Patty Kellet, also a VA&R Committee member. Receiving the check were Keith Repko, Director, and Karen Wait, CAF member and Occupation Therapist.



The American Legion Auxiliary hosted a luncheon at Jefferson Barracks for Awards presentations to the veterans and families for the Creative Arts Program. The volunteers for this activity were Evelyn E. Cox, Janet Barton, Patty Kellet, Marsha Hunter, Betty Altnether, Margaret Van Slyke, and Shirley Willis.



Vicky Taylor, President and Americanism Chairman of Unit 372, recently showed the flag DVD "For Which It Stands" to the students in grades 5-8 at Immanuel Lutheran School in Lockwood. She also taught them how to fold the flag. Braett Winefeldt and Colt Rlynolds practice with Mrs. Taylor.



For 25 years Unit 152 has been having a Ham & Bean dinner with all the fixings. This is a fundraiser for their general fund. Some of the workers were Gertrude Sappington, Treasurer; Kay Stone, Belva Crane Unit President, Esther Tiffany, Chaplain & Historian, and Renee Farris.



In February Unit 57 President Wilma Jobson, with helpers Beverly Duncan and Cindy Perkins, delivered decorated Valentine cookies to the 200 veterans and staff at the Cameron Veterans Home.

In March Unit President Wilma Jobson and Carol Payne delivered cupcakes and ice cream to the veterans at the Cameron Veterans Home. They also served refreshments to the veterans while playing bingo. Everyone enjoyed both holiday treats. It was a joyful time spent with the veterans.



Sixteen patriotic throws were made for veterans at the Webb City Health & Rehab Center for Veterans Day 2018. Three of the workers were Francine Lee, Dee Miller and Becky Blankenship from Unit 322.



For Valentine's Day a dozen heart-shaped pillows were made for the veterans in the Health & Rehab center. Two of Unit 322 workers were Teresa Trammell and Bobbie Brown-Wooten.

Ten Spiritual Ideas

1. Prayer is not a "spare wheel" that you pull out when in trouble, but is a "steering wheel" that directs the right path throughout the journey.
2. So why is a car's WINDSHIELD so large and the Rear View Mirror so small? Because our PAST is not as important as our FUTURE. So Look Ahead and Move on.
3. Friendship is like a BOOK. It takes a few minutes to burn, but it takes years to write.
4. All things in life are temporary. If they're going wrong, don't worry...they can't last long either.
5. Old Friends are Gold! New Friends are Diamond! If you get a Diamond, don't forget the Gold! Because to hold a Diamond, you always need a Base of Gold!

Due Date for MAY-JUNE LEGIONETTE

The material for the May/June issue of THE MISSOURI LEGIONETTE will be due no later than May 20. PLEASE be on time. This issue will include the Department Convention program.

District Presidents, have you sent your report during the year? Chairmen, if you still have more information about your program, please share it with the members by submitting an article. It is never too late to learn.

Please type double-spaced.

THANK YOU!
Virginia Schnurbusch, Editor

Deceased Members

FEBRUARY - MARCH 2019

District	Unit	Name	Location
1	174	Shirley Pollard	Hannibal, MO
1	578	Velma D. Little	Duluth, MN
2	251	Betty J. Easterday	Pollock, MO
2	274	Emilee R. Williams	St. Joseph, MO
2	477	Anabelle Robinson	Princeton, MO
3	117	Wilma Dean McBee	Braymer, MO
4	528	Grace Morehouse	Topeka, KS
4	528	Etta F. Echterling	St. Joseph, MO
5	21	Linda K. Hahn	Independence, MO
5	189	Erna Murphy	Lee's Summit, MO
6	82	Connie S. Hughes	Windsor, MO
6	131	Ruth J. Avery	Clinton, MO
6	131	Bertha M. Reed	Warrensburg, MO
6	230	Harriet V. Whiting	Eureka Springs, AR
6	371	Beverly L. Borum	Urich, MO
8	5	Betty Boyd	Jefferson City, MO
8	52	Sue Schrag	Boonville, MO
8	52	Gerrie Eichelberger	Boonville, MO
8	229	Debra L. Briesacher	Eureka, MO
8	317	Joan Bexten	Westphalia, MO
9	218	Suzie D. Triplett	Union, MO
9	218	Thelma D. Henderson	Washington, MO
9	297	Lois Oltmann	Union, MO
9	312	Elizabeth J. Campbell	St. Charles, MO
9	320	Marlene Rotert	Pacific, MO
10	335	Anna M. Meyer	Jupiter, FL
10	338	Lee Vanbuskirk	St. Charles, MO
10	338	Beverly A. Kroeger	Villa Ridge, MO
10	444	Alix D. Tomlin	Florissant, MO
11	422	Janice G. Czapla	St. Louis, MO
11	422	Olive G. Grillo	St. Louis, MO
13	39	Bonnie Lajeane Fischbeck	Farmington, MO
13	416	Evelyn Ball	Farmington, MO
14	153	Janie E. White	Poplar Bluff, MO
14	158	Virgie L. Turner	Sikeston, MO
15	137	Rosemary Henderson	Aurora, MO
16	45	Marilyn L. Coxen	Springfield, MO
16	331	Mary J. Hale	Devils Elbow, MO
0	1000	Margaret Wilson	Weston, MO
0	1000	Margaret Anderson	Springfield, MO
0	1000	Teresa H. Cheatum	Novelty, MO

Calendar of Activities

- May 8 **Truman Day;** Independence, MO
- June 23-29 **Girls State;** UCM Campus; Warrensburg, MO
- July 11-14 **Department Convention;** Marriott St. Louis Airport, St. Louis
- August 23-29 **National Convention;** Indianapolis, IN.
- October 18-20 **Fall Conference;** Jefferson City, MO.

District Meetings

- District 3 **June 9;** Excelsior Springs Post #236
- District 4 **June 1;** Savannah Post #287; registration 9:30 a.m.; meeting 10:30 a.m.
- District 5 **April 17;** Hostess Unit #21; DAV Bldg; 146605 E. US Hwy. 40; KC
May 15; Hostess Unit #149; DAV Bldg; 146605 E. US Hwy. 40; KC
- District 6 **April 14;** Stockton Post #230; lunch 12:30 p.m.; meeting follows
- District 9 **June 2;** St. Charles Post #312; meeting 9:30; joint meeting following lunch
- District 10 **April 11;** Post #444; 7:30 p.m.
- District 13 **June 2;** Festus Post #253; 2:00 p.m.
- District 14 **May 19;** Sikeston Post #114; 2:00 p.m.
- District 15 **June 9;** Pineville Post #392; 2:00 p.m.

6. Often when we lose hope and think this is the end, GOD smiles from above and says, "Relax, friend. It's just a bend, not the end!"
7. When GOD solves your problems, you have faith in HIS abilities; when GOD doesn't solve your problems HE has faith in your abilities.
8. A blind person asked St. Anthony: "Can there be anything worse than losing eye sight?" He replied, "Yes, losing your vision!"
9. When you pray for others, God listens to you and blesses them, and sometimes, when you are safe and happy, remember that someone has prayed for you.
10. WORRYING does not take away tomorrow's TROUBLES...it takes away today's PEACE. (Unknown)