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President's Message



Department President
Marsha Mooney
Unit 21, District 5

Spring is finally here! We hope that with it we will continue to be safe and well. I am writing this article as I sit in my home on lock down. I miss my Auxiliary and American Legion friends. This is probably the longest I have missed having dinner with them. This doesn't mean we can't still contact our members by phone.

Call your members and do an old-fashioned Buddy Check. Do they need groceries, are they feeling okay, do they have all the medicines and supplies they need? We can help with these things without making actual contact. If they deliver dinner to your door, you can do the same for your sisters and brothers in the American Legion Family. I know members who are currently sewing face masks to help with the shortage. This reminds me when I was a child, my mother helped me sew cancer bandages. The more things change in our life, the more we rely on the spirit of our history. The ways you help might not be exactly the same, but the caring and spirit remain. Some food banks are still open. I am sure they can use donations. The majority have plans that will let you donate without any contact. When this crisis passes, and it will, families of our veterans, military and members will need help after this disruption of their daily lives. We should be present to help.

When we changed our membership requirements last year allowing all spouses of veterans and military to join, we had to rethink our statement of who we are since we are no longer the largest female veterans-based organization. The new statement is "A Community of Volunteers Serving Veterans, Military and Their Families." This truly does describe who we are and what we should be doing. Check with your local veterans home to see if they need any supplies that could be donated. I know they are on lock-down, but surely there is a way to donate without personal contact.

I will begin traveling and visiting this spring. I did get to visit District 17. They had a great meeting and a delicious lunch with the District 17 American Legion members. President Jaretta and her members were very welcoming, and I enjoyed the day very much.

The Department of Missouri is

still planning our usual activities for the year. If it is not feasible for an event to be held, we will cancel each event by their timeline. Department officers, committee chairs, and Department Office personnel can be contacted by phone, email, and US postal mail if you have any problems or questions. Please feel free to contact us. We will probably be at home, but hopefully this will soon be over, and we will be working our way back to normal.

Please do not forget to file your reports and report your numbers to the appropriate District and Department chair. Hope to see you at Department Convention in St. Louis this July.

MEMBERSHIP



**"Keeping Our Promise,
Past*Present*Future"**

Victoria Ornelas,
Department 1st Vice President
Membership Chairman
Linda Maddox, Co-Chairman

Hello Members! We're hoping everyone is doing great. I can't believe how fast the year is going. Way to go members! As of 2/20/20, Missouri was 82.38 percent. Congratulations to you all! Remember to reach out to those who have not renewed their membership. Also reach out to new members and Juniors.

Our focus for membership is National President Nicole's theme, "One Week of Caring and Sharing for the Next Century of the American Legion Auxiliary," scheduled for April 1 to 7, 2020. This week is designed for units to work as a team contacting members in good standing, much needed renewals, and prospective members. Let them know they are valued. JUST ASK - JOIN US FOR THE NEXT 100 YEARS.

Thank you to the District Presidents for their hard work on membership by helping their units. Membership is the responsibility of every member of the American Legion Family. Let's all work together to reach our goals and make this organization better. We are a community of volunteers serving veterans, active military and their families.

"I was complaining that I had no shoes till I met a man who had no feet." Confucius



March 19, 2020

TO: Missouri Secondary School Administrators and Staff, Sponsors, Parents and Students

OFFICIAL STATEMENT REGARDING COVID-19 (Coronavirus) FROM AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY MISSOURI GIRLS STATE

The American Legion Auxiliary Missouri Girls State program is closely monitoring developments concerning the COVID-19 (coronavirus) across the state of Missouri. Currently, the updates on the situation are changing often as medical professionals are updating the Centers for Disease Control. Isolated cases in Missouri have been reported, but they are not widespread at this time. We are monitoring the situation daily and will continue to work closely with our host institution, the University of Central Missouri in Warrensburg, to stay informed should the COVID-19 situation cause changes to hosting our 2020 session.

UCM has posted an informational website related to COVID-19. According to the website:

UCM has long had policies in place to deal with emergent situations such as this. A COVID-19 planning task force consisting of staff across multiple departments has been for some time assessing the risks based on information from the CDC, the State Department and from local and national experts. This group will continue to monitor the situation and meet regularly to ensure campus preparedness and responsiveness. As always, the well-being of our UCM family is our utmost priority.

Currently, neither UCM, state or local health officials in Warrensburg are recommending that we alter our schedule for ALA Missouri Girls State in June. Thus, we will continue moving forward with planning our 2020 session. We look forward to hosting the 79th session of ALA Missouri Girls State on the campus of UCM from June 21-27, 2020.

Due to the current environment and closure of many schools, we have extended our application enrollment deadline until May 1st, or when our capacity is reached. We will continue to monitor developments related to COVID-19 with the well-being and safety of ALA Girls State participants and our volunteer staff as our top priority. If you have specific questions, please contact us at director@missourigirlsstate.org. For more information about UCM's efforts, visit the University's coronavirus update page at <https://www.ucmo.edu/news/media-resources/corona-virus-covid-19/>.



MISSOURI GIRLS STATE
AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY

MISSOURI

ATTENTION PLEASE!!!

Help! Contribute! Donate!

The Missouri Girls State Trust Board is sponsoring a Parade of Checks as a fundraiser at Department Convention. Your donation helps with the longevity of the program. Please designate your check for the Missouri Girls State Trust Fund. We thank you in advance for your generosity.



Secretary's Corner

Nancy Reeves,
Department Secretary

Hello from Department Office! Debbie and I hope everyone is doing well. Neither of us has been in contact with anyone who has been exposed to the COVID-19. However, we do have a plan in place if we would need to close the office. Hopefully this will not happen.

Membership still continues to arrive. The last weekly report, 3/18/2020, Department was at 86.86 percent which was up 2 percent from the previous report. Great job! Please keep the membership numbers rolling in.

Girls State applications continue to arrive. I think we will exceed the 800 mark again this year! Debbie and I are working very hard processing the applications. I thank MaCae Mickens, Linda Schaap and the other ladies who make this program so great. You do an amazing job.

DUES VERIFICATION FORMS have been mailed and are due to the Department Office by May 1. If you do not receive this form, your dues renewal notices will reflect \$23 for senior dues and \$4.25 for juniors. Units pay the Department \$23 for seniors and \$4.25 for juniors; therefore, your unit will not be collecting your unit's portion. There is a \$30 fee for any changes made once the dues rates are locked in after June 1. If you have not received the forms, please contact the Department Office or go to <https://dptmoala2.wixsite.com/deptmoala> Forms/Unit Related Forms.

Looking ahead, the 2020 Department 100th Convention will be held in St. Louis again at the Hilton St. Louis Airport Thursday, July 9 - Sunday, July 12. We will be having a 100-Year Celebration Gala on Friday evening. Tickets are \$50 per person. You must purchase tickets before the event. Please contact the Department Office to get your tickets. The theme is **Dancing Through the Decades**. Dress in your decades outfits and come celebrate 100 years of Service Not Self. We will have a contest for the best dressed female and best dressed male.

2020 Fall Conference will be held October 16-18 at the Capitol Plaza Hotel in Jefferson City, Mo.

Please remember to contact the Department Office with any questions or concerns.

Reminder, the new email address:

Nancy: dptmoala@oulook.com
Debbie: alamembership@oulook.com

For God and Country!

Department of Missouri Welcomes National President Nicole Clapp

***Due to the recent virus crisis, National President Nicole Clapp's Missouri visit has been canceled. Sorry for the disappointment and inconvenience. We pray for everyone to remain healthy.**

National President Nicole Clapp will visit Missouri April 27-29th

April 27th volunteers needed to pack meal boxes for Veterans. Time is TBD. Bring pantry items needed:

- Canned Meat (Chicken, Tuna, Spam)
- Instant Potatoes
- Flour/Tortillas
- Spaghetti Sauce
- Mac & Cheese
- Canned Vegetables
- Canned/Chilled Beans
- Rice
- Instant Potatoes
- Canned Fruit/Applesauce
- Canned Soup
- Canned Chicken Noodles
- Breakfast Bars
- Instant Oatmeal

You may bring your donations to the department office if you can not make it. No time for shopping please. Depot Gift Cards are needed. Mail Gift Cards to Department Office.

April 28th 10:00AM - Tour Veterans Community Tiny Homes 8900 Troost Ave. Kansas City, MO • 2:00PM Tour-UCM

April 28th 3:30PM visit St. Michaels Veterans Center Apartments • Dinner at Post 2's Happy Hour 5:30PM Cash Bar • Dinner 6:30PM • Cost \$15 per person • RSVP deadline by April 17th to Dorothy Ballou at 16701 East Hwy 40, Independence, MO 64055 816-373-9221

April 29th 10:00AM Tour and Activities at MVA-Warrensburg • Post 131 will host a dinner in the evening. Doors open at 6:00PM Cash Bar • Dinner at 6:00PM Cost \$15 per person • RSVP deadline April 25th to Silvia Farnsworth at 209 Selman St, Warrensburg, MO 64093 866-452-1147

For more information contact Rosemarie W. Hauck at 314-355-4675 Or Department Office at 573-436-9133

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY INVITES ALL THE LEGION FAMILY TO JOIN US IN DANCING THROUGH THE DECADES AS WE CELEBRATE 100 YEARS OF SERVICE NOT SELF

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY DEPARTMENT OF MISSOURI WILL HOST A 100 YEAR CELEBRATION GALA FRIDAY EVENING, JULY 10, 2020 HILTON ST. LOUIS AIRPORT

CASH BAR Social Hour 5:30pm; Dinner 6:00pm; Ceremony 7:00pm

Dress in your favorite decade outfit

Cash prize for best female and male decade outfit.

100 YEAR CELEBRATION GALA ENTERTAINMENT: Jeffery Hardin TICKETS \$50:00 PER PERSON

Number of tickets: _____ Amount \$ _____

Names of attendees _____

Mail check and form to: American Legion Auxiliary 600 Ellis Blvd. Jefferson City, MO 65101

Deadline is June 30, 2020

Moved?

New address _____

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

AROUND THE STATE



Unit 5, District 8 entered the annual Navy Club Cook-Off benefiting Camp Quality. We won first place for our 100th Anniversary theme decorations.

Volunteers for the project were Unit President Dorothy Goodin, Jefferson City Mayor Carrie Terigin, Rosie Brizendine, Claudia Goodin and Missy Wilson. Mike Heisler and Chris DeBroeck, members of SAL Squadron 5, also helped.

Leaders Create A Good Image

An image is a mental picture that is formed about someone which may be based on memory of an experience. It may be constructed from impressions that hold little resemblance to the actual person. We must learn to like ourselves better and be more accepting in order to improve our image.

First Impressions:

You never get a second chance to make a first impression! The first impression people form of you is the one that will stay in their minds. Research indicates that we start to make up our minds about other people within seven seconds of meeting them. Make sure you are projecting the image you want people to remember.

Meeting People: Don't wait too long before greeting and introducing yourself. If you don't understand their name, ask the person to repeat it. Look directly at the person while the name is being spoken. Try to put the name and face together. Associate the name with same name of a familiar person. Repeat the name after hearing it.

Personal Appearance: You do not need perfect features or a perfect body to make yourself attractive. Making correct choices of clothing, along with your attitude and actions, help make the most of natural looks. Looking good makes us feel good and gives us confidence. Image includes things that detract as well as enhance such as messy hair, dirty fingernails, clothing that doesn't fit, heavy make up, or scuffed shoes.

Body Language: Sit up straight with body resting lightly against the chair. Keep both feet flat on the floor or cross your feet at the ankles. Rest your hands in your lap or on the chair arm. Look relaxed and in command. Your body language should show interest, confidence, enthusiasm, and respect. Posture, gestures, facial expressions, eye contact, and how you walk are a reflection of a person's feelings.

Telephone Etiquette: Your first impression may be over the telephone. An image is formed from the tone of your voice, the words spoken and the attitude conveyed. They will judge your friendliness, helpfulness and effectiveness by your telephone attitude.

Letter Writing: When writing letters use the correct format and proper grammar. If you use your best qualities, others will want to be with you and anxious to cooperate. Think about your talents you have to share. Your good qualities such as physical appearance, energy, pitch and voice tone, gestures, eye expression and ability to hold the interest of others are an advantage for you. Be yourself and consistently be at your best! The effective people never change character from one situation to another. They communicate with their whole being. You have the magic to make a good impression WITHIN yourself, because no one can be you as WELL as you can.

(Taken from the 1996-1997 National Leadership Committee)

People come into your life for a reason, a season or a lifetime. When you figure out which it is, you know exactly what to do.

When someone is in your life for a REASON, it is usually to meet a need you have expressed outwardly or inwardly. They have come to assist you through a difficulty, to provide you with guidance and support, to aid you physically, emotionally or spiritually. They may seem like a godsend, and they are. They are there for the reason you need them to be. Then, without any wrong-doing on your part or an inconvenient time, this person will say or do something to bring the relationship to an end. Sometimes they die. Sometimes they walk away. Sometimes they act up or out and force you to take a stand. What we must realize is that our need has been met, our desire fulfilled; their work is done. The prayer you sent up had been answered and it is now time to move on.

When people come into your life for a SEASON, it is because your turn has come to share, grow or learn. They may bring you an experience of peace or make you laugh. They may teach you something you have never done. They usually give you an unbelievable amount of joy. Believe it! It is real! But...only for a season.

LIFETIME relationships teach you lifetime lessons; those things you must build upon in order to have a solid emotional foundation. Your job is to accept the lesson, love the person/people; and put what you have learned to use in all other relationships and areas of your life. It is said that love is blind but friendship is clairvoyant.

Thank you for being a part of my life. May God hold you in the palm of His hands and Angels watch over you.

(Author Unknown)

Sobering Thought

*Sometimes when you're feeling important,
Sometimes when your ego is in bloom,
Sometimes when you take it for granted
You are the best qualified in the room;
Sometimes when you feel that you're going
Would leave an unfillable hole,
Just follow this simple instruction
And see how it humbles your soul.*

*Take a bucket and fill it with water,
Put your hand in it, up to the wrist,
Pull it out and the hole that's remaining
Is a measure of how you will be missed.
You may splash all you please when you enter,
You can stir the water galore,
But stop, and you will find in a minute
That it looks quite the same as before.
The moral of this quaint example
Is to do just the best that you can,
Be proud of yourself, but remember,
There is no indispensable man.*

(Author Unknown)



Our 16th President

Here are a few unusual facts about Abraham Lincoln.

- Abraham Lincoln delivered his famous Gettysburg Address, "Four score and seven years ago...", at the dedication of a Civil War battlefield cemetery in November of 1863 to a crowd of about 5,000 people.
- The first federal income tax and the nation's first free mail delivery both began during the administration of Abraham Lincoln. The income tax was instituted to help pay the costs of the Civil War.
- Abe Lincoln's ancestors came to America from England in 1637.
- In addition to his well-known nickname of "Honest Abe," Lincoln was also referred to as "The Great Emancipator," "The Railsplitter," and "Father Abraham," as well as "The Illinois Baboon," a name given to him by his enemies.
- P.J. Towle was a Minnesota grocer who concocted and marketed maple syrup that was packaged in a little metal tin, shaped like a log home. The syrup sold under the name of "Log Cabin," was named in honor of Abe Lincoln, who was Towle's lifelong hero.
- "He who would be no slave must consent to have no slave. Those who deny freedom to others deserve it not for themselves." — A. Lincoln

(Author Unknown)

What is Peace?

*Peace does not mean glorious
sunshine and cheer
From the moment a day may
begin.*

*Peace is the power that comes to
a soul,
When the light of God shines
in.*

*Peace is the joy that God ever
giveth
And the quietness that He
imparts;*

*Peace is the strength and the
courage He gives
To vision and bodies and
hearts!*

*Peace is hushed prayer and
receiving the answer
In submission and quietness,
too*

*Peace is new hope for tomorrow
And the promise of new joy for
you!*

(Unknown)

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? Chairman, 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

JANURAY 20 - MARCH 18, 2020

District	Unit	Name	Location	MO
1	55	Betty J. Moyers	Hannibal	MO
2	7	Wanda Spurlock	Union City	TN
2	25	Helen G. Johnson	Chillicothe	MO
2	251	Mary J. McCormack	Unionville	MO
2	251	Judy K. Lane	Unionville	MO
2	251	Sheryl Martin	Unionville	MO
4	464	Colleen Stoll	Maryville	MO
4	464	Wilma Dreher	Maryville	MO
5	21	Farron Godfrey	Kansas City	MO
5	21	Peggy L. Neger	Lees Summit	MO
5	21	Dorothea C. Young	Liberty	MO
5	21	Maybelle Mooney	Raymore	MO
5	21	Barbara L. McKiddy	Kansas City	MO
7	223	Winnie C. Knehans	Higginsville	MO
7	279	Janet L. Holland	Sweet Springs	MO
8	52	Reva M. Mitchell	New Franklin	MO
8	105	Helen Colvin	Iberia	MO
8	544	Patricia Roush	Wardsville	MO
9	312	Betty J. Suellentrop	Saint Charles	MO
9	313	Mary E. Czerniewski	O'Fallon	MO
9	313	Mary F. Mainieri	Saint Peters	MO
9	366	Diane L. Baker	Rosebud	MO
10	161	Bonnie Ventucci	O'Fallon	MO
10	208	Beverly A. Adreon	Ballwin	MO
10	208	Eleanor Epperson	Valley Park	MO
10	208	Pat Sexauer	Ballwin	MO
10	444	Kathleen A. Braun	Saint Charles	MO
13	133	Adele Wengert	Saint Mary	MO
13	133	Evelyn Ellis	Perryville	MO
13	253	Joyce Huskey	Crystal City	MO
13	253	Jacqueline L. Ponder	Pflugerville	TX
13	253	Janet L. Manning	Hillsboro	MO
13	253	Velda Reddick	Crystal City	MO
14	63	Shirley R. Whittard	Cape Girardeau	MO
14	63	Letitia K. Blumenberg	Jackson	MO
14	88	Janice Boyd	Caruthersville	MO
14	153	Carol Porter	Poplar Bluff	MO
14	595	Courtney A. Bailey	New Madrid	MO
15	120	Lois Hunter	Longview	TX

Sincere Apology

The following names were incorrectly submitted as deceased. They are active members. They are Phyllis Bolt, Unit 282, District 1; Mary E. Miller, Unit 211, District 7; and Haley M. Monnig, Unit 211, District 7. We regret the error.

Calendar of Activities

- June 21-27** Missouri Girls State, UCM Warrensburg
- July 9-12** Department Convention, Hilton St. Louis Airport (1-314-426-5500)
- August 28-September 3** National Convention, Louisville, Ky.
- October 16-18** Fall Conference, Jefferson City, Mo.

District Meetings

- District 2** **June 7;** Laclede Post #197
- District 3** **June 14;** Bethany Post #216; 3:00 p.m.
- District 4** **June 6;** Savannah Post #287
- District 5** **April 15;** DAV Bldg; 14605 E. 40th St., Kansas City; 11:30 a.m.
May 20; DAV Bldg; 14605 E. 40th St., Kansas City; 11:30 a.m.
- District 7** **June 14;** Sedalia Post #642; 2:00 p.m.
- District 8** **May 31;** Sunrise Beach Post #624; 11:00 a.m. Memorial Service
- District 9** **June 7;** St. Charles Post #312
- District 10** **April 9;** Post #444; 7:30 p.m.
- District 13** **June 7;** Festus Post #253; 2:00 p.m.