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President's Message



Department President
Cathie Goth
Unit 14, District 6

This past year I have had many opportunities to represent the Department of Missouri American Legion Auxiliary at numerous functions, events and ceremonies. None more impressive than the Centennial Commemoration of the United States' entry into World War I April 6, at the Liberty Memorial, The National WWI Museum and Memorial in Kansas City, Missouri. April 6, 2017 marked the 100th anniversary of our country's entry into WWI. A significant part of marking this anniversary is that at the end of WWI, a group of American servicemen, determined to provide for injured and disabled members of the United State military, established The American Legion and its Auxiliary. May 8 I participated in the annual Harry S. Truman Pilgrimage, sponsored by Post and Unit 21 in Independence. Presenting a wreath for placement on the grave site of our 33rd president, Harry S. Truman, on behalf of the Department of Missouri American Legion Auxiliary is always an honor and privilege. Also attending the Truman Pilgrimage was our Central Division Vice President, Carolee Junge of Illinois, and Debra Albers, President of Nebraska's American Legion Auxiliary, and Nebraska's Department Chaplain Elizabeth Paez, along with the Department of Kansas' NEC Jeanne Haas and the Department of Kansas President Claudia Satterlee. Sunday, May 14, Mother's Day, when asked by my husband what I would like to do, I asked to attend the closing day and ceremony of the Traveling Vietnam Wall in Stockton, Missouri. Stockton, part of District 6, my district, is a small lake community with a big heart. The community of Stockton, along with the Trent-Sallee Post and Unit 230, co-sponsored this event and the Traveling Vietnam Wall was displayed on the Stockton High School football field, providing an opportunity for the Stockton public schools to tour the Wall during the school day Friday. By all reports attendance had been large during this three-day event, with Sunday being no different. American Legion Commander Elizabeth "Betty" Gonzales was the key-note speaker and gave a very heartfelt speech.

Reports are in, Impact Numbers have been counted, thank you District Presidents for your time and energy put into capturing these stories and numbers. It really isn't about the numbers, it is about the stories the numbers tell, the numbers represent the hours, donations and in-kind services provided by Missouri Auxiliary

members throughout the year in our mission of "in the spirit of service not self for veterans, God and country."

As our 2017 State Convention approaches, I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you for all the support and encouragement you have given me this past year. It has been truly an honor to serve as your Department of Missouri American Legion Auxiliary President. Traveling around our state, meeting so many of our grassroots members and hearing first hand of all the good works being done reinforces and solidifies my belief that becoming a member of the American Legion Auxiliary was the right decision.

My hope is to see many of you in July at our State Convention as we close one year and prepare for the next, remembering Who We Are, What We Do and Why It Matters.

National Guest CDNVP Carolee Junge



Central Division National Vice President Carolee Junge from the Department of Illinois made her official visit to the Department of Missouri for the celebration of Harry S. Truman's birthday and Memorial Service in Independence. Junge was welcomed by many Auxiliary and Legionnaire members at the luncheon following the service.

Stress Management Tips

Always keep your words soft and sweet, just in case you have to eat them.

Nobody cares if you can't dance well. Just get up and dance.

Drive carefully, it's not only cars that can be recalled by their Maker.

When everything is coming your way, you're in the wrong lane.

Birthdays are good for you. The more you have, the longer you live.

Some mistakes are too much fun to make only once.

We could learn a lot from crayons. Some are sharp, some are pretty and some are dull. Some have weird names and all are different colors, but they all have to live in the same box.

(Unknown)

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Carolyn Sanford,
Membership Chairman



A big thank you to everyone for your efforts to recruit and retain members this year. Department membership has reached 87.47 percent with 54 units reaching or exceeding their 2016 membership goal. Congratulations to all those units!

To continue this trend we need to make membership meaningful, which requires attention to what is happening in your own unit and district. We all need to look at our situation and see how we can help. There are members who can and want to attend meetings and help with active programs helping veterans, active military and their families, and the youth in our communities. There are other members who cannot be active in this way, but understand paying their dues does help support our mission. These members might participate in activities such as baking for a unit bake sale, clipping coupons to send to overseas commissaries, distributing poppies once a year or helping with a special event at the Post.

Johnson, Grossnickle & Associates conducted a survey of ALA members nationwide titled American Legion Auxiliary Organizational Effectiveness Assessment. A 37 page summary of this study can be found in the Members Only section of www.ALAFORVeterans.com. This should be a required reading for all leaders in the ALA. Quoting from the American Legion Auxiliary National News magazine, "For leaders the number one thing regarding retaining is listening to members and loving them."

Branding, i.e. wear shirts, hats, and/or pins that indicate you are a part of the American Legion Auxiliary, is always a conversation starter. You never know if you might be talking to a potential member.

Thank you again to everyone for helping with membership this year. I look forward to a fun membership parade at Department Convention and hearing about the many successes you have had.

OFFICIAL CALL FOR THE ANNUAL CONVENTION AMERICAN LEGION, DEPARTMENT OF MISSOURI

The 97th Department Convention of the American Legion Auxiliary is hereby called to order to convene at the Capitol Plaza Hotel in Jefferson City, Missouri.

July 13-16, 2017, in conformity with Article VI, Section 1, of the Constitution and Bylaws of the American Legion Auxiliary which provides, "The Legislative body of the American Legion Auxiliary shall be the Department Convention to be held annually at the same time and place of the American Legion."

PURPOSE: "The Convention is called for the election of Department Officers for the ensuing year; receiving reports of the Department Officers, Executive Committee and the Chairmen of all standing committees; electing delegates and alternates to National Convention; and the transaction of such other business as may be brought before it."

REPRESENTATION: "Section 2. This Department Convention shall be composed of delegates and alternates from each Unit. Each Unit shall be entitled to one delegate and one alternate for the first 10 members and one delegate and one alternate for each additional 25 members or major fraction thereof paid to the Department 30 days prior to the date of the Convention." Delegate strength shall be based on Unit membership into Department Office by close of books, June 15. Delegates and/or alternates have voting power of all questions brought before the Convention. Alternates may vote only in the absence of the delegates. There is no proxy vote.

WHAT IS A MOTHER?

It takes a Mother's love to make a house a home.

A place to be remembered, no matter where we roam...

It takes a Mother's patience to bring a child up right,

And her courage and her cheerfulness to make a dark day bright...

It takes a Mother's thoughtfulness to mend the heart's deep "hurts,"

And her skill and her endurance to mend little socks and shirts...

It takes a Mother's kindness to forgive us when we err,

To sympathize in trouble and bow her head in prayer...

It takes a Mother's wisdom to recognize our needs,

And to give us reassurance by her loving words and deeds...

It takes a Mother's endless faith, her confidence and trust

To guide us through the pitfalls of selfishness and lust...

And that is why in this world there could not be another

Who could fulfill God's purpose as completely as a MOTHER!

(Author Unknown)

MOVED?

New address _____

Please forward to:

ALA Department Office, 600 Ellis Blvd.
Jefferson City, MO 65101-2204



Girls State Alumni Event

Thursday - June 29, 2017 @ 6 pm

University of Central Missouri

Dinner (\$25)* Flag Lowering * Talent Show

Reservations: Pattyjpink@gmail.com

Or 660-341-4233

www.mgsalumni.org (on-line reservations)

Can't make it 6/29/17 but still want to visit the 76th session of the American Legion Auxiliary Department of Missouri Girls State? Contact Patty and select a time that DOES work for you.

www.missourigirlsstate.org

Secretary's Corner

Nancy Reeves,
Department Secretary

Hello from Department! Elizabeth and I are doing well. We hope you are too.

There is not much new information now. I attended the National Leadership Conference last week in Indianapolis with Carolyn Sanford, Sharon Slagle and Sheridan Mires. Watch for new information for the 2018 year. More facts will be shared at Department Convention.

Unit Data forms were due to the office on April 15. We are still missing a few unit forms. Dues rates will be locked in on June 12 for the 2018 membership year. If you did not return your unit data form, your rate will show the amount for last year. It will also list last year's membership person.

As we approach the new membership year, please remember to have new membership applications clearly readable. Always have the Post Adjutant sign the new applications. Omitting the signature slows the process of getting new members entered into ALAMIS.

For membership questions please email Elizabeth at membership@embarqmail.com. My email is dptmoala@embarqmail.com. The website is <http://dptmoala2.wix-site.com/deptmoala>.

District 1 End of Year Report

Linda Maddox, President

The First District consists of 14 Units with 10 reporting that they have been active in our communities and supported our children and youth by raising and providing funds to send 45 delegates to Girls State. We recruited one new member from Girls State Alumna, donated to After Prom parties, sponsored the Poppy Poster contest and promoted the Miss Poppy contest for our grade school children in our communities. Units have been educating our members and community about the need to support our veterans, active duty military and their families by reporting their Auxiliary programs and service with photos in their local newspaper and on the radio, and participating in classroom reading programs. Three units provided scholarships amounting to \$1,300. Units reported serving church members and veteran funeral dinners, Legionnaire dinners, participating in Legacy Run Scholarship fundraisers, helping with Honor Flights and displaying the Auxiliary flag at Memorial Day services. Our Junior members have been active in promoting and distributing poppies, helping with July 4th activities, distributing Christmas gifts to veterans, dispersing stuffed animals to organizations for displaced children and working on projects to secure their patches for their vests.

Our units have made donations and sold "Pot of Gold" raffle tickets to offset expenses of our Department office and to the Department Emergency Fund project. We have made donations to local food pantries, sent gifts and volunteered our time at the Mexico Veterans Home for their Christmas Gift Shop, sent money for the Wreaths Across America at the Jacksonville State Cemetery, Wounded Warriors, Special Olympics and Seg's for Vets. We hold draping ceremonies of our charters for our deceased members and include their families. One unit presents their Gold Star mother with a pin and rose at their Memorial Day ceremony and recognizes her with a certificate in September. Several units promoted the Oratorical Contest with eight participants, participated in the pocket flag project and sent letters or certificates of recognition to unit members.

Under VA & R 10 units reported 3,527 hours of service volunteered, \$10,005 spent and 10,961 miles driven to assist 1,058 veterans. There were 784 hours volunteered for community service with \$6,858 given in direct aid and 1,635 miles driven. Our District distributed 2,010 poppies and raised \$2,122 to better serve our veterans and active military.

I am sorry to report that Unit 574 in Plevna and Unit 200 in LaBelle have surrendered their charters. Many of the members have transferred to other units. It is exciting to report a new unit is in the process of obtaining a charter. The new unit will be in Queen City in Schuyler County.

Year End District Report 2017 District 15

By Ellen Arnce, President

"Variety is the spice of life," someone said and District 15 certainly has variety and life. That was my conclusion when I read year end reports and talked to unit presidents.

A total of 5,490 hours and \$6,892 were recorded for VA&R plus \$175 to other veteran organizations. Units worked at Christmas shops, donated clothing, hygiene items, totes, games, lap quilts, buddy baskets, slipper socks, food and gifts. They sent valentines and other cards, played bingo at Mt. Vernon Veterans Home, and played cards at Mt. Vernon Mental Health Clinic. On the District level, units gave to Trinity Circle Ranch Horses Healing Hearts, Generations of Heroes Ranch, One Veteran-One Dog-Two Lives Saved, Heartland Canines for Veterans, and Kids of Our Heroes Adventure Camp. In June money will be donated to Military Mama Network.

The variety in community service includes volunteering for senior citizen centers, hospitals, food banks, libraries, Meals on Wheels, blood mobiles, homeless shelters, hospice, recycling, and a museum. At least 932 hours were spent by three members sewing quilts for Project Linus to help children with autism and emotional needs. Webb City helped with community beautification and an Easter egg hunt. Mt. Vernon paid \$200 for fireworks and \$250 for Veterans Way signs and murals in their

NATIONAL SECURITY YEAR END REPORT

Gayle Metzinger, National Security Chairman
Department of Missouri

Missouri's American Legion Auxiliary members have been working diligently to assist our veterans in many ways. Over \$10,000 in coupons was sent to bases overseas. A total of \$80,250 was spent working the programs in Missouri with 4,125 hours volunteered by 225 members. Members drove for a total of 14,000 miles crisscrossing across Missouri. Members collected over 40 pounds of pop tabs for the Ronald McDonald house. Countless ditty bags, meals, gift cards and Welcome baskets were presented to veterans.

On March 30, 2017, a Veterans Recognition Ceremony was held at the American Legion Tirey J. Ford Post 21 in Independence, Missouri. The evening event was to express our gratitude, honor and respect for all veterans. Dual member Leslie Tuttle organized this most impressive ceremony for about 200 service personnel – retired and active. Leslie stated "The goal that is before today is one of gratitude and recognition for every veteran that has served this great nation of ours. We join together to honor the courage and commitment it took to make that vow to preserve the freedoms that we enjoy every day of our lives. The families that served beside those in service are as much a crucial part of that service, as they too sacrificed for that same commitment. By reaching this goal everyone will know 'It was worth it.'"

Every conflict since WWII was recognized. Max Henderson was the only member from WWII. Those who served in the Cold War era, Korea, Vietnam, Global War on Terrorism received a pin and a certificate. Some received multiple awards, having served during overlapping times. A final salute was in recognition for the spouses of deceased, veterans or the families present. Ron Hardie of the US Marine Corps, a POW for 18 months, 1952-1953, in Korea, and Missouri's only living Medal of Honor Recipient Doc Ballard were in attendance. Again, Leslie should be congratulated for a job well done.

On Wednesday, April 26, 2017, medals were presented on behalf of the American Legion and Auxiliary to the ROTC members in Independence, Missouri. Fifth District Commander Mark Clark, Post 21 Adjutant Tom Tanner and Auxiliary President/Department Chair for National Security Gayle Metzinger handed out medals and certificates to these young men and women. They are our future and have the dreams and goals to defend our great country.

The Harry S. Truman pilgrimage was held April 7 and 8. Post/Unit 21 held a reception on the 7th and also a briefing on our actions for the next day presenting the wreaths. We celebrate President Truman's birthday on the actual date of his birth. Several dignitaries from the surrounding states and across Missouri were in attendance. His Library is a beautiful place and worth the stop as you travel through Missouri. President Truman, his wife and daughter are buried there near an eternal flame.

National Security must be diligent to protect the United States. Never again should we face another September 11. Never again should we witness planes falling from the sky. Never again should we feel the blast of suicide bombers. We must be proactive in keeping our borders safe. We should be diligent of events occurring in this global world of today. By doing so we protect our citizens and the oppressed in third world countries.

May God bless the United States of America and all who serve our country.

town. One lady faithfully does braille book binding.

Children and youth benefited. Webb City spent \$500 for five youth teams and 57 hours at a preschool bash carnival. Mt. Vernon gave \$200 toward a ladies basketball team Florida trip, sponsored a girl's softball team and donated money to Children's Services. Lamar and Neosho worked on backpack programs. Six scholarships totaling \$2,300 were given.

Service, dedication and determination abounds in the ALA. That's Who We Are. Americanism is promoted. Our efforts improve the quality of life for veterans, military, children, youth and our communities. That's What We Do and Why It Matters.



A VETERAN'S REQUEST

When I die and you lay me to rest

Please place a poppy on my chest

To show the world I did my best

To have peace on earth for those I left.

Let no man say I did not try

To make a better world for you and I.

I fought the foes to keep man free

And now it's time for me to sleep.

There's just one thing I ask thee.

Please place a poppy on my chest

To show the world I was a vet.

By: Jeanette Gundrum

President

Harry S. Truman

President Harry S. Truman was the 33rd president of the United States and the first Legionnaire to hold this office. He was born May 8, 1884, in Lamar, Mo. The "S" in his name has no significance.

Poor eyesight prevented Truman from participating in sports, but led him to his greatest passions, reading and music. He was proud that he had read every book in the Independence Public Library and was a fine piano player. Again poor eyesight prevented him from attending West Point. This resulted in working a variety of jobs, including farming, oil drilling and banking. He joined the army and served in France and was discharged as a captain.

After leaving the military his haberdashery failed. Next Truman started in politics. He won the race for county judge in Jackson County. Later he became a senator and held this position until president Franklin D. Roosevelt asked him to be his running mate in 1944. Less than three months serving as vice president, he became the 33rd president of the United States following the sudden death of President Roosevelt.

Truman faced some complex issues, including dropping the atomic bomb in Japan to end WWII.

Domestic issues proved to be challenging with labor unrest, GI Bill, national health care and civil rights executive orders. These were some of the issues that caused him to become unpopular during his term, but today he is ranked fifth by historians behind Lincoln, Franklin D. Roosevelt, Washington and Theodore Roosevelt. He had an instinctive feeling for what was right and what was expedient.

He was eligible to seek re-election, but declined. He retired and returned to Independence. He died December 26, 1972, at age 88.

(Facts from the Biography of Harry S. Truman on the Internet)



POPPY STORY

*In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row
That mark our place...
To you from failing hands we throw
The Torch — be yours to hold it high;
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep...*

(Col. John McCrae, 1915)



From the battlefields of WWI weary soldiers brought home the memory of a barren landscape transformed by wild poppies, red as the blood that had soaked the soil. By that miracle of nature the spirit of their lost comrades lived on.

The poppy became a symbol of the sacrifice of lives in war, and represented the hope that none had died in vain. The American Legion Auxiliary Poppy has continued to bloom for the casualties of several wars, its petals of paper bound together for veterans by veterans, reminding America each year that the men and women who have served and died for their country deserve to be remembered.

Poppy Day has become a familiar tradition in almost every American community. This poppy, as a memorial flower to the war dead, can be traced to a single individual, Miss Moina Michael. She was so moved by Col. McCrae's poem that she wrote a response:

*...the blood of heroes never dies
But lends a lustre to the red
Of the flower that blooms above the dead
In Flanders Fields.*



On impulse she bought a bouquet of poppies — all that New York City's Wanamaker's Department Store had — and handed them to businessmen meeting at the New York YMCA where she worked. She asked them to wear a poppy as a tribute to the fallen. That was November 1918. WWI was over but America's sons would rest forever "in Flanders Fields." Later, she would spearhead a campaign that would result in the adoption of the poppy as the national symbol of sacrifice.

Today's poppy distribution is the ultimate result of the impulsive action of the public. When the 32nd Division came home to Milwaukee, Wis., in June 1919, a refreshment booth decorated with poppies was twice stripped of its flowers. In place of the poppies, patriotic Americans left contributions on the counter. These spontaneous contributions were collected by the volunteers and used for the benefit of disabled veterans.

During this same period Miss Michael returned to her native state of Georgia, urging all members of the American Legion to wear a poppy as a tribute to their fallen comrades. At the National American Legion Convention in 1921, the poppy was adopted as the official memorial flower of the American Legion Auxiliary.

While many versions of the poppy have been produced over the years by other organizations, the Auxiliary Poppy has remained much the same — made of crepe paper, each petal affixed by hand by a hospitalized or disabled veteran. The tag which carries the Auxiliary and Legion emblems clearly states that it was made by a veteran.

As American servicemen fought and died in other wars, the poppy now serves as a tribute to the lives lost in the wars and honors the living veteran as well.

Wearing a poppy is a personal statement which simply says, "I remember."

(Information taken from the National American Legion Auxiliary Poppy Guide booklet.)



I Pray You Enough

Recently I overheard a mother and daughter in their last moments together at the airport. They had announced the departures. Standing near the security gate, they hugged and the mother said, "I love you and I pray you enough."

The daughter replied, "Mom our life together has been more than enough. Your love is all I ever needed. I pray you enough too, Mom."

They kissed and the daughter left. The mother walked over to the window where I was seated. Standing there I could see she wanted and needed to cry. I tried not to intrude on her privacy, but she welcomed me by asking, "Did you ever say good-bye to someone knowing it would be forever?"

Yes, I have, I replied. "Forgive me for asking but why is this a forever good-bye?"

"I am not as young as I once was. She lives so far away and has her own busy life. I have some challenges ahead and the reality is her next trip back will be for my funeral," she said.

"When you were saying good-bye I heard you say, 'I pray you enough.' May I ask what does that mean?"

She began to smile. "That is a prayer that has been handed down from other generations. My parents used to say it to everyone." She paused a moment and looked up as if trying to remember it in detail and she smiled even more. "When we said, 'I pray you enough' we wanted the other person to have a life filled with just enough good things to sustain them."

Then turning toward me she shared the following prayer reciting it from memory.

I pray you enough sun to keep your attitude bright no matter how gray the day may appear.

I pray you enough rain to appreciate the sun even more.

I pray you enough happiness to keep your spirit alive and everlasting.

I pray you enough pain so that even the smallest joys in life may appear bigger.

I pray you enough gain to satisfy your wanting.

I pray you enough loss to appreciate all that you possess.

I pray you enough hellos to get you through the final good-bye.

Then she began to cry and walked away.

Take time to live — I pray you enough during your life.

(Author Unknown — from Internet)

AROUND THE STATE



American Legion Auxiliary Unit 253, District 13 in Festus established the first female Color Guard in Missouri. The team organized in November 28, 2016. Their purpose is to serve others.

Pictured left to right: Shirley Arnold, Diane McCart, Joyce Carr, Wanda Kinder, Mary Levitt, Sherill Compton and Jane Gibson. Congratulations ladies!



Cody Myers, a senior at Crocker High School in Crocker District 16, received the Children of Warriors National President's Scholarship at the Department level. His application has been sent to the National Education Committee for judging.

The picture includes Heath Waters, high school principal, Past Department President Linda Shivers and Cody Myers, scholarship recipient. Congratulations!

Okinawa, Korea and KheSan,
Saigon, Vietnam know me.
I was there.
I led my troops,
I was dirty, battle worn and
tired,
But my soldiers cheered me
And I was proud.
I have been burned, torn and
trampled
On the streets of countries I have
helped set free.
It does not hurt, for I am
invincible.

served in battle –
It hurts.
But I shall overcome – for I am
strong.

I have slipped the bonds of Earth
And stood watch over the
uncharted frontiers of space
From my vantage point on the
moon.

I have borne silent witness
To all of America's finest hours
But my finest hours are yet to
come.

I am proud.

I have been soiled upon, burned,
torn
And trampled on the streets of
my country.
And when it's by those whom I've

MY NAME IS OLD GLORY
LONG MAY I WAVE.

(Author Unknown. Taken from the Internet.)

Due Date for July/August Legionette

The material for the July/August issue of the Missouri Legionette will be due no later than JULY 20. All newly elected Department Officers please submit a photo and message. This issue will contain the list of program chairmen. PLEASE KEEP FOR FUTURE REFERENCE!

Please remember to type and double space articles. Department Chairmen may begin submitting program information.

Thank you!
Virginia Schnurbusch
Editor

Deceased Members

MARCH 2017 – MAY 19, 2017

District	Unit	Name	Location
1	20	Annabeth Chevalier	Shawnee, KS
2	25	Melinda S. Laprade	Chillicothe, MO
2	57	Joy A. Kosman	Bucklin, MO
3	58	Joyce C. Denton	Marianna, FL
3	216	Peggy J. Rinehart	Bethany, MO
4	256	Elsie Callow	Maryville, MO
4	287	Oneida Gillispie	St Joseph, MO
5	21	Frances L. Dangelo	Independence, MO
5	149	Ernestine R. Collins	Kansas City, MO
5	379	Helen Owings	Oak Grove, MO
6	131	Elizabeth Love	Warrensburg, MO
6	444	Ruth Bateman	Florissant, MO
6	498	Lois L. Wainwright	Garden City, MO
7	279	Carolyn A. Fiedler	Sweet Springs, MO
7	305	Ella Davis	Cole Camp, MO
8	5	Lorraine R. Adkins	Jefferson City, MO
8	624	Kay D. Edwards	Sunrise Beach, MO
9	180	Verna Boemker	Warrenton, MO
9	312	Elizabeth A. Zidzik	Saint Charles, MO
10	111	Shirley M. Wilson	Saint Louis, MO
10	208	Arlene B. Hanson	Manchester, MO
10	444	Audrey Nessing	Florissant, MO
10	444	Sylvia E. Heisner	Florissant, MO
11	186	Dolores Stachowski	Saint Louis, MO
13	150	Norma Larose	Ste. Genevieve, MO
13	150	Melvadine Buckholtz	Frisco, TX
13	150	Eula M. Gettinger	Sainte Genevieve, MO
13	281	Sharon L. Steinhart	Piedmont, MO
13	783	Laetitia Tenison	House Springs, MO
14	63	Alice Lewis	Cape Girardeau, MO
14	63	Irene S. Winston	Cape Girardeau, MO
14	63	Lucille M. Klipfel	Cape Girardeau, MO
14	114	Mary E. Carr	Sikeston, MO
14	114	Evelyn Stutts	Midway, GA
14	158	Geraldine Brotherton	Jackson, MO
14	158	Ruby Decker	Cape Girardeau, MO
15	91	Helen Witt	Monett, MO
16	99	Toni M. Cavender	Salem, MO
16	99	Sally A. Elwood	Salem, MO
16	99	Wilma Graham	Salem, MO
17	374	Connie J. Eagleman	Caulfield, MO

WHAT MAKES A GOOD LEADER?

- BE WELL-PREPARED** — Know leadership takes work as well as practice.
- BE GROUP MINDED** — Regard yourself as part of the group. Say “we” instead of “I”; don’t try to “run” the crowd’s wishes.
- LIKE PEOPLE** — Be understanding and friendly.
- BE POISED** — Don’t let irritation bother you.
- HAVE HUMILITY** — Be confident, but not cocky. Don’t be afraid to reveal that you do not know everything.
- BE CREATIVE** — Enjoy trying new ideas.
- BE A HARD WORKER** — Don’t ask anyone to do something that you would not be willing to do yourself.
- BE RESPONSIBLE** — Live up to your word and duties.
- BE COOPERATIVE** — Know how to work with others and enjoy working with them.
- BE A FUN-LOVER** — Enjoy life — the little things, as well as the big.
- HAVE VISION** — Help the people in your group to learn and grow through activities.
- BE CLEAR** — Be able to express yourself effectively.
- BE PROUD** — Be proud of what you do. Take pride in being a leader, but earn it.
- BE NEAT** — Always be neat in dress and personal appearance.
- BE COURTEOUS** — The words “please” and “thank you” pay dividends. Use them often.
- THINK AHEAD** — Know members’ opinions and be ready to meet changing situations.
- SET GOALS** — Make them high, but be sure to reach them.
- TAKE ADVICE** — But do your own thinking.
- GET THE FACTS** — Analyze them before you draw conclusions.
- DO YOUR BEST** — Do your best at all times. Plan to make the most effective use of your time.

(Unknown)



*I am the flag of the United States of America.
My name is Old Glory.
I fly atop the world's tallest buildings.
I stand watch in America's halls of justice.
I fly majestically over institutions of learning.
I stand guard with power in the world.
Look up and see me.*

*I stand for peace, honor, truth and justice.
I stand for freedom.
I am confident.
I am arrogant.
I am proud.*

*When I am flown with my fellow banners,
My head is a little higher,
My colors are a little truer.*

*I bow to no one!
I am recognized all over the world.
I am worshipped – I am saluted.
I am loved – I am revered.
I am respected – and I am feared.*

*I have fought in every battle of every war
For more than 200 years.
I was flown at Valley Forge, Gettysburg, Shiloh and Appamatox.
I was there at San Juan Hill, The trenches of France, In the Argonne Forest, Anzio, Rome
And the beaches of Normandy and Guam,*

Calendar of Activities

- June 25-July 1** Girls State; Warrensburg, MO
- July 13-16** Department Convention; Capitol Plaza Hotel; Jefferson City, MO 573-635-1234
- October 20-22** Fall Conference; Capitol Plaza Hotel; Jefferson City, MO
- August 25-31** National Convention; Reno, NV

District Meetings

- District 1** June 4; Shelbina Post #376; 2:00 p.m.
- District 3** June 11; King City Post #132; King City; 2:00 p.m. meal after meeting
- District 5** June 21; Hostess Unit #609; DAV Bldg, KC
July 19; Hostess Unit #340; DAV Bldg, KC
- District 7** June 11; Sedalia Post #642; 2:00 p.m.
- District 15** June 12; Mt. Vernon Post 137; 2:00 p.m.

