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President's Message



Department President
Marsha Mooney
Unit 21, District 5

Hello to all the Auxiliary members around the state. It has been a busy time since July Convention. I attended the National Convention in Indianapolis, Indiana in August where we had a major change in our eligibility requirements. In addition to the Legion Act that opened the eligibility dates to include all veterans from World War II to present, the American Legion approved the change of the word "wife" to that of "spouse," thereby allowing male spouses of veterans to join the Auxiliary. Nicole Clapp from Iowa was installed as our new National President and will be an energetic and positive force in leading our organization.

I have been visiting many Districts and Units around the state, so far I have been to Sedalia Unit #642, Blue Springs Unit #499, District 16 in Dixon, District 4 in Tarkio, District 7 in Blackburn and will be going to District 1 in Paris. Please invite me to visit your area; I would love to come. I hope to visit all Districts so if you don't invite me, I just might surprise you.

October 19 and 20 will be our Fall Conference in Jefferson City, this will be our only Conference this year as the Spring Conference has been discontinued. We will have information for our programs and our Unit Guidebooks will be ready. Fall Conference is the best time to get information you need to succeed in your programs for the year. The fundraising committee for Department has joined forces with the Girls State Trust. They will be having a Chinese auction to raise funds for Department and the Girls State Trust. It will be lots of fun so plan on attending.

Looking forward to seeing you at Fall Convention or on my travels across the state.

MEMBERSHIP



"Keeping Our Promise, Past*Present*Future"

Victoria Ornelas,
Department 1st Vice President
Membership, Chairman

It is time to renew your American Legion Auxiliary membership for 2020. Remember, you have three easy options for paying your membership dues: pay online, by phone or by mail. Our country's 22 million VETERANS need the American Legion Auxiliary. By being a member of the American Legion Auxiliary we can continue our mission outreach, make a difference in our communities, and have an impact advocating for our military, veterans and their families.

Membership in the American Legion Auxiliary now open to male spouses of U.S. veterans and service members

The American Legion has voted to extend membership in the American Legion Auxiliary to male spouses of U.S. veterans and servicemembers. During The American Legion National Convention in Indianapolis in August, delegates of The American Legion voted to replace the word "wife" with "spouse" in their constitution and bylaws, opening up membership in the American Legion Auxiliary.

Why are The American Legion and the American Legion Auxiliary making this change? Currently, 1.9 million women veterans are living in the United States, and 9 percent of the U.S. military is female. By 2045, it's estimated that 18 percent of the U.S. military will be comprised of women.

This new membership eligibility has much promise for growth in the American Legion Auxiliary, leading to new resources, increased funding opportunities, and additional diversity and talent among our leadership, as well as general membership.

American Legion Auxiliary members, since the founding of our organization in 1919, have been committed to meeting the needs of veterans, the military, and their families. The American Legion Auxiliary will continue its century-old legacy of Service Not Self well into the future. An increasing number of veterans, servicemembers, and their families will need support. The American Legion Family is taking a "big picture" look at how to help these future families, and keeping our membership strong.



A few Missouri delegates enjoying National Convention in Indianapolis. They are Louise Welch, Department 2nd Vice President; Rosemarie Hauk, Past National Chaplain; Pam Lord, member; and Past Department President Gayle Metzinger.

Constitution & Bylaws - Standing Rules

It has come to our attention that the way we have always learned or been given information on the Standing Rules is not exactly correct.

The understanding as told to us for years, is that Standing Rules require only a majority vote to adopt or change. This has been used to explain why we should not put information in the Standing Rules.

According to Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised, in Brief,

I quote from page 87: "Standing rules require only a majority vote to adopt. To amend them takes either a majority vote with previous notice or, without notice, a two-thirds vote or a vote of a majority of the entire membership of the voting body." The entire membership of the voting body is explained on page 67.

This information is also found in Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised, 11th edition pages 18 and 306.

(2018-2019 Constitution & Bylaws Co-Chairmen Lori Millam & Bert Pointer)

Christmas Gift Shops

Mt. Vernon Veterans Home - Janyce Musgrove, Representative

The Mt. Vernon Gift Shop is December 10. The delivery and setup will be 7 to 9 a.m. Shopping will be 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and wrapping will be 11 a.m. until 5 p.m. Volunteers are welcome.

Mexico Veterans Home - Victoria Ornelas, Representative

Setup - December 1 at 10 a.m.
First shopping day - December 2 at 9 a.m.
Second shopping day - December 3 at 9 a.m.



Carolyn Sanford Past Department President 2017-2018



Shirley Carolyn Sanford passed away peacefully on August 21, 2019 at St. Luke's Hospital in Kansas City, Mo. A funeral service was held August 26, 2019, at the Reser Funeral Home in Warsaw, Mo. Visitation began at 11 a.m. with the service beginning at noon. Graveside service was held at 3 p.m. at the Missouri State Veterans Cemetery in Higginsville, Mo. Memorials are suggested to the American Cancer Society, in care of Reser Funeral Home, P.O. Box 910, Warsaw, MO 65355.

Carolyn was born in Washington D.C. the daughter of Ed and Virginia Arnold Crail. When she was a child the family moved to Kansas City, Mo. She attended Center High School. After graduation Carolyn attended Kansas State University where she was a member of Gamma Phi Beta sorority and graduated with a bachelor's degree. Right after college graduation she and Richard "Dick" were united in marriage. Since he was in the service she moved to Germany with him. After his discharge they returned to Kansas City to raise their two sons.

Carolyn was a candy stripper at Trinity Lutheran Hospital during her high school and college years. After returning to Kansas City she worked full time for 25 years at the hospital and retired from there. She was busy volunteering as a Cub Scout den mother and helping with the boys' extra activities and school.

After retiring, Carolyn and Dick moved to Warsaw, Mo. where she attended the Warsaw Christian Church. They owned and operated the Captains Club until they sold it. She then worked for Farm Bureau Insurance Agency. It was here that Carolyn became active in the American Legion Auxiliary Unit 217. She held several offices, especially unit president and chairmen. She also held offices and chairmen in District 7. She currently was serving another term as District 7 President. Her involvement included being Department Chaplain, Department Historian, Department 2nd Vice, Department 1st Vice, and Department President in 2017-2018. Carolyn was currently the ALA representative for Harry S. Truman VAMC and Department Chairman for the Rules and Resolutions Committee.

Carolyn was preceded in death by her parents and brother, Bill Crail. She is survived by her husband Dick; sons, Rick (Megan), Overland Park, Ks. and Davison (Amanda), Raytown, Mo.; granddaughters, Addie, Libby and Raimee.

She is also survived by her sister, Kathy Werner, Charlotte, N.C.; brother, Jesse Auld (Peggy), Kansas City, Mo.; and several nieces and nephews and many friends.

Prayer

Grant us O Lord, this day to see the need this world may have for us, To help us bear our burdens and keep our courage, though the way may be steep.

Grant us O Lord, to set aside the petty things of selfish pride, to meet what comes of good or ill.

Teach us to live that we can face the rain and not too bitterly complain. We ask in thy name. Amen



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Secretary's Corner

Nancy Reeves,
Department Secretary

Hello from Department! Debbie and I are doing well. Debbie is working hard on membership. The first renewal notices have been sent by National and dues are coming faster. A few reminders: Membership chairman, please remember to print clearly and in alphabetical order the names you are submitting as paid. Please use the most updated forms. All forms can be found on our website: <https://dptmoa-la2.wixsite.com/deptmoala>

Also please submit all needed information on transmittal and membership applications. Incorrect information will cause your transmittal not to be processed. Weekly reports will be run every other week now since National is only sending the reports every other week.

Fall Conference is scheduled for October 18-20 at Capitol Plaza Hotel in Jefferson City. The Department Executive Committee meeting will be Friday at 3 p.m. and General Session will start at 8 a.m. Saturday and Sunday 9 a.m. unless otherwise informed. Registration will be Friday from 1 to 5 p.m. and on Saturday from 7:30 a.m. to 10 a.m. If your unit has ordered a Unit Guide, please remember to pick it up at conference. We will have extra copies to sell for those who did not order one or just need extras. The cost is \$5.

I attended National Convention in Indianapolis. It was a great success as we welcomed our 2019-2020 National President Nicole Clapp.

Please remember we are just a phone call or email away if you have any questions.

God Bless!



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Chaplain's Corner



Shanna Jelinek,
Department
Chaplain

We are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

Ephesians 2:10 NIV

God is at work in you, making you ready for good works that are uniquely suited for you. Though you may feel useless or unworthy, He sees what pleases Him, what He deems as very, very good. He is readying you for great endeavors. We are all an important part of this great organization whether it is baking goodies for your unit's bake sale, finding new members to join, or helping spread the word about the important work we do in and around our communities. We joined the ALA with an important goal — to help veterans, active military and their families. This is good work that we can all strive to achieve.

Dear God, thank you for working in my life and for doing good things in me and through me. May I truly be a good useful instrument. Amen.

Throughout the year I will be compiling a prayer book for President Marsha. I would love your help in giving her a meaningful collection to help reflect on her year. This can include prayers, short stories, and poems. Please include your name, unit and district. You may send them to me anytime. There will also be a Prayer Book contest at convention in July. I am eager to see what beautiful work you can do!

National Security

Sharon Slagle, NEC

The National Security program can be summed up in a few words. It is one member, one unit, and one community working together to support and care for our troops and their families; and to keep this nation safe and secure.

Units support active-duty military families by working with the Family Readiness Group; support reserve and transitioning service members and families working with a returning National Guard or reserve unit; coordinate for community donations; and assemble service member care packages and family member support packages.

Junior members can get involved in and/or start a Youth Preparedness Program in their community. Collect supplies for emergency preparedness kits and distribute them in your community.

Mid-year reports reflect the program work of units and may result in a National award for the participants if requirements are met. I will submit a narrative report to the Central Division National Security Chairman. I need to receive these mid-year reports by December 15. If they are late, they will not be included in my report.



American Legion Auxiliary 2019 Fall Conference Auxiliary Registration and Sales in the Atrium	
Friday, October 18, 2019 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm	
Saturday, October 19, 2019 7:30 am to 10:00 pm	
Friday, October 18, 2019	
3:00 PM Department Executive Committee Meeting	Jefferson
Saturday, October 19, 2019	
8:30 AM Opening	Jefferson
Call to Order	Marsha Mooney, Department President
Invocation	Shanna Jelinek, Chaplain
Pledge of Allegiance	Catherine Auffert, Americanism Chairman
National Anthem	Sheila Buus, Music Chairman
Preamble	Louise Welch, 2 nd Vice President
Response	Victoria Ornelas, 1 st Vice President
Introductions	Marsha Mooney, Department President
Department Officers	
National Executive Committeewoman	
Past Department Presidents	
District Presidents	
Sgt-At-Arms/Chairman of Pages	Bonnie Sweeney
Dept. Color Bearers	Carolyn Bresnick, Catherine Auffert
Department President's Personal Page	Helen Hatz & Arlene Choat
Guest Introduction 8 & 40 Departmental Chapeau Cayce Morice	Marsha Mooney
Junior Activities Chairman and Juniors	Jessica Childers
Junior Members adjourn to their meeting	St. Joseph Room
Presentation of National Awards	Sharon Slagle
The Missouri Legionette Editor	Virginia Schnurbusch
Saturday October 19, 2019	
Greetings	Hallie Williams, Department Commander Gary Grigsby, Department Vice Commander Lowry Finely-Jackson, Department Adjutant Justin Marsden, SAL Commander Don Gerspach, Director Legion Riders
National Security	Sharon Slagle
Guest Speaker	Suzanne Wilson HALO Jefferson City
Chairman Reports	
Americanism	Catherine Auffert
Americanism Essay	Christie Schepers
Children & Youth	Linda Jelinek
Community Service	Margie Koch
Education	Lori Yount
Poppy Director	Betty Altnether
Poppy	Shanna Jelinek
Poppy Poster	Kris Marsden
VA&R	Cathie Goth, Chairman Louise Welch, 2 nd Vice President Committee Members
Hospital Representatives	
Jefferson Barracks	Evelyn Cox
John Cochran	Evelyn Cox
Harry S. Truman	Vacant
Kansas City	Helen Hatz
John J. Pershing	Betty Gilmore
Dwight D. Eisenhower	Cindy Newton
Fayetteville	Ellen Arnce
Veterans Homes Representatives	
Cape Girardeau	Barbara Yallaly
Mexico	Victoria Ornelas
Mt. Vernon	Jayne Musgrove
Warrensburg	Belva Farnsworth
County Government	Joan Vanfossan
Gold Star Program	Jackie Sutor
12:00 PM Lunch Break	
12:00 PM Past Presidents Parley Luncheon	Carnegies
1:30 PM Regular Session Reconvene	Jefferson Room

Auxiliary Emergency Fund

Sharon Slagle, Chairman

"It only takes one person to start a fundraiser or create a contribution campaign."

All Units and Districts should take this to heart. The Auxiliary Emergency Fund is a worthwhile project. It does so much good for so many people. This past year there were donations of \$171,000. There were 61 grants awarded to help disaster relief members totaling \$162,803.84. If this fund was not available, some members would really be hurting.

National would like every Unit to have printed applications and AEF brochures available during meetings and at the local Post. Each member should support fundraisers sponsored by the Unit and Department. You can make a personal donation to the AEF. If a member donates \$50 or more, you can receive a pin from National. The Department must request this award.

Units can put an AEF donation can in local businesses for monetary in-kind donations. Remember when a financial crisis occurs, and no other source for aid is available to pay for shelter, food and utilities, the AEF can help.

POPPY 2018-2019

Betty Altnether, Director

Thank you to all the Poppy makers and the units that bought them. This program would not

exist without all of you. We do this to honor the military who lost their lives in the defense of freedom and to honor the living veterans. Poppy requests were increased by 20 percent compared to last year. A big thank you to the members for keeping the public aware of the Poppy program.

For the coming year please allow **3-week** turnaround. Please **print** name, address, and city that you want poppies delivered.

Please review the new Poppy request form. You will note that a shipping and handling fee has been added since Jefferson Barracks will no longer pay for the postage.

God Bless America, our troops, and Veterans!

Legislative Report 2018-2019

Margie Koch, Chairman

During the year units reported they contacted legislators to encourage support of numerous bills. Forty-two members attended Town hall meetings. Twenty-four members reported they subscribed to the Dispatch. Numerous members sent letters to state officials and to congressmen in Washington. Visits were also made to US senators, state and local officials. Numerous telephone calls and emails were also sent to officials. Replies were received from officials as well. Volunteers spent many hours writing letters to various officials.

Members served as election officials and were active in local government as well. Several members attended Meet and Greet candidates. One unit compiled a

ALA Missouri Girls State	Linda Schaap
Committee members Tina Anderson, Whitney Nolan, Shanna Jelinek & Patty Pink	
Auxiliary Emergency Fund (AEF)	Sharon Slagle
Historian & Cavalcade of Memories	Sheridan Mires
Constitution & Bylaws/ Policies & Procedures	Roberta Pointer & Lori Millam Co-Chairs
Committee Members	Connie Pack, Cathie Goth, Michelle Emmerich,
Chaplain	Shanna Jelinek
Legislative	Claudia Goodin
Leadership	Patty Garrett
Past Presidents Parley/ Nurses Scholarship	Laura Mosby
Public Relations	Lindy Capps
Fund-raising	Sandy Findeiss
Committee Members	Evelyn Cox, Gayle Metzinger and Shirley Willis
Finance	Claudia Goodin
Committee Members	Linda Maddox & Martha Yancey
Girls State Trust Fund	Linda Shivers, Chairman
Women Veterans	Virginia Schnurbusch, Patty Garrett Rosemarie W Hauck, Roselee Buate
Announcements	Dorothy Goodin
Announcements	Nancy Reeves, Department Secretary
5:00 PM Catholic Services	
5:00 PM Protestant Services	

ALA Department of Missouri Fall Conference 2019 Fundraiser October 19 CHINESE AUCTION

Bring your \$1.00 bills and have some fun. Outbid your friends for \$1.00. No admission fee, Refreshments! Open to all, bring your friends! Preview gifts starting at 6:00PM, Auction 7:00PM

All proceeds will be split between Department and Missouri Girls State Trust Fund

Sunday, October 20, 2019

9:00 AM Reconvene	Jefferson
Membership Parade	
Membership Chairman	Victoria Ornelas & Linda Maddox
o Juniors Division	Jessica Childers
o Northeast Division	Linda Maddox
o Northwest Division	Wilma Jobson
o Southeast Division	Wanda Kinder
o Southwest Division	Linda Jelinek
Rules & Resolutions	Vacant
Scrapbook	Laura Mosby
Honorary Junior President	Bella Guzman
Courtesy Resolutions	Jackie Sutor
Announcements	Nancy Reeves, Department Secretary
Closing Prayer	Department Chaplain Shanna Jelinek
Retirement of Colors Adjournment	

(This program is subject to change)

writing packet for their members. This packet included sample letters provided for support of the agenda for the 116th Congress. It contained preprinted letters, envelopes, and stamps. The letter identified the unit as members of the four million American Legion Family. Great idea!

Some members are also active in MAVO (Missouri Association of Veterans Organizations). One member researches all bills that pertain to Missouri veterans and reports on their status and actions taken by the legislators.

Several members attend the Washington Conference and participate in the "hill walk". They visit the Missouri Congressmen.

E-newsletters were received from the National Central Division Chairman. Facebook videos kept our members informed on current Legislative topics.

My awards: Best Unit Report-Unit 114, Sondra Arms, Chairman; Best District Report-District 14, Sondra Arms, Chairman. Thank you to all who participated the Legislative program and reported to me.

Legionette Report 2018-2019

Virginia Schnurbusch, Editor

ALA — American Legion Auxiliary — or — Always Looking Ahead to provide service to others. Members have continued to be proud of their connection with this great patriotic organization. It has been the key to growth by letting our light shine using our energy and enthusiasm for service to veterans and families, and active military.

We have come full circle with this convention by listening to our achievements. You have been doers and not dreamers by providing service to veterans and military. By the reports, we are finding the climax rewarding because you have shown your good will and concern for others.

It has been the aim for the Legionette to provide new insight on the many programs. It is a tool for inspiring enthusiasm to participate in various activities

and providing service for the veterans and families and military. These ideas should be generated by the various committee chairmen. You accepted the responsibility to share ideas from the National Program Action Plan.

To keep the Legionette interesting, chairmen keep submitting articles to spark ideas and enthusiasm. Thank you to those who followed this idea.

We cannot shine if we have not taken time to fill our lamps; hopefully the Legionette provided the fuel needed to light your lamp brightly and achieve your goals.

Now that your year's work is completed, you have time to think of yourself. Now is a good time to — fight for a principle; express your gratitude; overcome an old fear; take a few minutes to appreciate the beauty of nature; and tell someone you love them and tell them again.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

2018-2019

Shanna Jelinek, Chair

This year the members of the Department of Missouri did an amazing amount of work. All community projects pointed toward improving the lives of veterans and their families. Members provided assistance with blood drives, CPR training, child safety programs, support for women in shelters, and in supporting members of their communities in many other ways.

Several units participated in Make A Difference Day, helping families in their communities. One unit took a young child to Walmart for new clothes, shoes, school supplies, and even a toy. Another unit gave a family a Christmas tree, decorations, and Christmas gifts. This family had lost their home to a fire this past December.

Several units reported activities during National Volunteer Week, including volunteering at nursing and veterans' homes. One unit had members who drove veterans for a night at the movies.

Another unit donated money to the local park department to be used for a new Inclusive Playground. This will allow children with disabilities to play on playground equipment.

The following are other Community Service projects by the units:

- Veterans Day parades and dinners
- Hosted Trunk or Treat
- Blood drives
- Delivered Meals-on-Wheels
- Recycling
- Clothing drives
- 5K Run/Walk
- Community beautification
- Volunteered at children's homes and hospitals
- Donated money to many local charitable groups and organizations
- Donated food and items for Thanksgiving and Christmas food baskets
- Wreaths Across America
- Served holiday dinners to veterans
- Food drives to stock local food pantries
- Memorial Day services and dinners
- Helped with funeral dinners
- Made lap blankets and quilts
- And numerous other projects

All 16 Districts reported either their activities, hours, volunteers, and/or money donated. As a whole, we donated \$62,384, 44,975 hours, and 1,137 volunteers.

It was an amazing year by our many members doing community service in their local communities.

1st Report received — Green Hills Unit 57, District 2 Wilma Jobson Best Unit Report — Brown-Mabry Unit 153, District 14 Annette Wells

Best District Report — District 14, Annette Wells

miles were driven providing ALA services.

We have been active in our communities by volunteering 1,853 hours and spent \$1,627. We support our children and youth by raising and providing funds to sponsor 17 young adults to Girls State, donating to After Prom parties, helping/teaching at Vacation Bible schools, sponsoring Miss Poppy contest and the Poppy Poster and Americanism Essay Contest for our grade school children. Units have been busy educating our members and community about the need to support our veterans, active-duty military and families by reporting the available Auxiliary programs. This was done with photos in local newspapers and on the radio, participating in classroom reading programs, delivering apple baskets to teachers during American Education Week. Two units provided scholarships to graduates amounting to \$1,600. Units reported serving church member and veteran funeral dinners, and Legionnaire dinners. As members of the Legion Riders they participated in Legacy Run Scholarship fund-raisers, Honor Flights and displaying the Auxiliary flag at Memorial and Veterans Day services. Our Junior Auxiliary members have been active in promoting and distributing poppies, helping distribute July 4th and Christmas gifts to veterans, dispersing stuffed animals to organizations for displaced children, and working on projects to secure their vest patches.

Our units have made donations to local food banks, sent gifts and volunteered time at the Mexico Veterans Home for Christmas Gift Shop, sent money for Wreaths across America at the Jacksonville State Cemetery, Wounded Warriors, Special Olympics, Seg's Vets and collected manufacturers coupons for overseas military bases. Unit 578 donated \$100 to President Sharon's project. We held draping ceremonies of our charters and memorial services for our deceased Auxiliary members and included their families. Our District collected \$60 for the quarter and dime Emergency Fund collection. We also donated two wreaths for the Convention Quarter Auction. One unit presented their Gold Star mother with a rose at their Memorial Day ceremony and presented her a certificate. Several units promoted the Oratorical contest with three participants advancing to the Department level. Units sent letters or certificates of recognition to unit members for various achievements.

Our District distributed 4,550 poppies during National Poppy Day and other holidays. We raised \$4,270 to better serve our veterans and active military. We had first-place winners in the Poppy Poster Contest that qualified to advance to Department level.

One unit recognized one of their own auxiliary members by awarding her the Blue Star Banner to her father and siblings as she entered the Army National Guard. She has since graduated basic and AIT. She promotes the Guard's Green/Gold program at her college.

District 3

2018-2019

Karen Bumgarner, President

I am grateful for receiving more unit reports this time.

Unit 58 reported that eight members assisted with bingo and 25 percent of the proceeds was given to the Auxiliary. Two members ordered supplies and completed the necessary paperwork. They also donated money to community events and to a fundraiser for a local lady battling cancer. This unit will join Smithville so that memorial flags will be in the downtown area from Memorial Day to Veterans Day. The city will donate funds for repairs and maintenance. Visitors and community residents will enjoy 60 flags around the city. Unit 58 hosted the ALA MO Girls State Briefing and they sponsored two delegates. A member of the American Legion Honor Guard will participate in presenting the colors at MO Girls State. Poppies were distributed near Memorial Day and raised \$1,200. Memorial Day Service was held at the Post with 150 in attendance and a free lunch followed.

Unit 61 members attended District meetings, installed officers, and participated in the annual Car and Bike Show as a fundraiser. They hosted dinners and sold chances on a "Quilt of Honor."

Unit 132 members had a Bake Sale with the men's pancake breakfast. They sponsored the Essay contest for grades 3, 4, and 6. Cash awards were given to the winners. Memorial Day service was held at the American Legion Hall and attended by Representative Jay Eggleston. Music was provided by the school.

Unit 169 was excited about having a new member. A quilt was donated to a veteran at the Missouri Veterans

cookies to the nursing home on Tea Day twice a month and served them; took magazines to Cameron VA Home; prepared desserts for the American Legion and Auxiliary meetings; and

District 5

2018-2019

Bonnie Sweeney, President

Fifth District had a busy year. Units participated in Poppy distribution, many events at the Missouri Veterans Home, Veterans Day assemblies, Americanism programs, Truman Day, and Girls State in addition to other programs assisting veterans. The units are busy preparing for next Auxiliary year, soon installing new officers and welcoming new members.

Units in the district take turns being hostess for the monthly meetings. Each meeting is designated for a particular ALA program. We were honored to welcome Department President Sharon at our May meeting along with Sheridan Mires, 4th District President and Membership Co-Chairman.

Bernadette Murray from Unit 149 will be the next 5th District President. Fifth District is proud to have endorsed Marsha Mooney for Department President for 2019-2020. We are committed to assisting and supporting our active military and veterans every day. God bless the USA!

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Gold Star Program

2018-2019

Ponya King, Chair

The tradition of the Gold Star Mothers was formed in 1928, but was chartered by Congress in 1984. There are about 1,000 members in the group. Support from others who know the pain resulted in the establishment Gold Star Mother's Day the last Sunday in September. These mothers lost a son or daughter in U.S. service. God bless them!

The strength of our nation is our army. The strength of our army is our military. We honor the Gold Star Mothers for their sacrifice, service, and patriotism.

"A mother's tears were shed today for a battle long ago. Her precious gift to a warrior son/daughter whose fate...she'll never know. No hero's shiny medals for courage through their fears. No ribboned badge of honor can match a mother's tears."

Chaplain Report

2018-2019

Louise S. Welsh, Department Chaplain

"American Legion Auxiliary Chaplains express by word and action, our principle of service to God and Country and encourage all departments to celebrate diversity among people and faiths. The Chaplain also provides spiritual and emotional guidance when needed or requested, always giving dignity and respect to the occasion."

Chaplains are the spiritual access of Units and Districts. God should be the helm and guide us in our work, and in our community with our children and veterans.

Unit and District Chaplains reported having Four Chaplain services, members and draped their charters for deceased members. Chaplains made Prayer books, attended funerals and visitations. One unit had the Juniors say the prayers at services. This is a good way for them to learn the responsibilities of a Chaplain. It was reported that Chaplains led prayers at installation of officers, and opening and closing at meetings. Unit Chaplains brought comfort and hope to families.

In lieu of flowers one unit purchased memorial bricks for the walkway at the Veterans Memorial Wall in Poplar Bluff. The bricks were purchased in memory of the deceased Post and Auxiliary members.

Units spent \$825 on various projects. Districts and Units have sent plants and meat and cheese trays to funeral homes for Post and Auxiliary families. It was reported \$4,706.43 was spent on these projects.

I made a Prayer book for President Sharon. Prayers came from various units, districts and myself. As the Department Chaplain I sent prayers and scriptures to The Legionette for the six issues. I really enjoyed this office.

A memorial service was held at

convention on Sunday morning for 216 deceased members during the year. A tribute to Past Department President Mary Pisciotta was read by Virginia Schnurbusch, Past Department President. The District Presidents participated in the service.

Awards were second-place Unit report, Unit 153, District 14, and first place was Unit 114, District 14. The best District report was District 14. They all received a certificate and gift. The best District Prayer Book was District 16. The best Unit Prayer Book was Unit 370, District 9. They will receive an award and gift. I thank all Units and Districts for your reports.

District 1

2018-2019

Linda Maddox, President

The first District consists of 11 Units that meet five times a year at various Posts in the District. Department President Sharon attended our November meeting. Our district was the first to hold a Department Divisional Forum. It was attended by members from District 1, 10, and 11/12. The attendees were enlightened on VA & R, Membership, Leadership and given directions on filling out online annual report forms/impact numbers. They were greeted by Department President Sharon and other Department officers.

I installed officers at three units and visited three others. As President I attended all District meetings, Fall and Spring Conferences, Department and National Conventions. I was also honored to place a wreath on Harry Truman's grave at the Truman pilgrimage.

Our district had nine units reporting their service for veterans that included 3,033 hours with \$7,790 spent to assist 4,235 veterans. We have volunteered 605 hours, donating \$15,793 for 1,699 active military families. This included clipping manufacturer coupons for overseas bases. Our units reported 14,321

District 6

2018-2019

Shirlee Schroder, President

All units in the district were visited accompanied by the vice president and secretary/treasurer when available. We enjoyed our visits.

The focus this year was membership and reporting our volunteer hours. Our membership increased from last year. We had three units over 100 percent and lacked only 16 members to meet our District membership goal. The members worked very hard trying to recruit new members.

One of the units combined recruitment with Poppy distribution. When handing a poppy, they asked the ladies to become a member of the ALA. Contact information was obtained, along with permission to make reminder calls to the ladies before the next monthly meeting.

New members were pro-rated after February 1 of this year. Yearly dues that are \$30 break down to \$2.50 per month. An April new member would pay \$10 and the unit would pay the \$23 to Department. A new member who joined in June would pay \$5.00 and the unit would pay the \$23 to Department. This made it easier to sign last-minute new members before July. They did not need to pay the full \$30 for a few months of membership.

Leadership: The reporting of volunteer hours was addressed by a District Reports Workshop held in May. Many members worked together to make it successful. Membership Co-Chairman Sheridan Mires assisted everyone step-by-step to complete their own monthly member and unit worksheets, end of year report form, and unit impact numbers form. Narrative mid-year reporting was also addressed and examples were presented on how to write these reports.

Department Secretary Nancy and office assistant, Debbie presented a step-by-step projected screen demonstration on how to access and navigate the Department website, ALA for Veterans website, and ALAMIS rosters. They also explained Department forms and deadlines. Twenty members attended the workshop, including Department President Sharon Slagle. The workshop feedback was very positive.

Strengthen Units: Unit reports to District committee members improved. They reported an increase in Poppy donations, promoted goodwill and leadership by networking with other local veteran organizations. We were able to accomplish more veteran projects while representing the American Legion Auxiliary.

Branding: Newspaper publicity increased showing the Auxiliary members in their Auxiliary attire. Unit Facebook sites had more views and follows. One unit had over 1,500 views during May.

Goodwill: I am grateful to these ladies who serve our veterans; to the unit members, and Department ladies who come together to strengthen us by working together. I extend a big thank you to all the members for making this a great year.

District 8

2018-2019

Connie Pack, President

There are 15 units in the district. It was interesting and fun to visit them. I enjoyed meeting the ladies and learning about their unit activities.

The year-end report showed all members are working hard on the many programs. Many units had different ways of raising money with poppy distribution such as poppy cans placed at various stores, standing in front of stores, Junior members helping, and using a theme. One unit held a Poppy Poster Contest. Members helped at schools in their area, collecting supplies, helping schoolchildren read, and giving flag etiquette lessons to classes. Americanism was shown with the essay contest. At a school assembly one unit had members attend to award the essay winners a certificate and flag pin. Plans are made to contact more schools next year. Girls State is a strong program in District 8. Members have agreed it is difficult to make selections since the girls are so smart and talented. Scholarships are awarded by several units. Fundraisers are organized to raise additional money so more scholarships can be awarded.

I especially enjoy the different unit newsletters that are sent to members. Facebook is another good way to follow unit activities. Many articles are printed in local newspapers and the radio advertises local ALA activities.

Community Service was strongly supported by helping food banks, homeless shelters, recycling, blood

donations, and blood drives at local posts.

Several units donated to Department Sharon's project. She attended our March district meeting. The AEF fund was discussed since many members had suffered with disasters and money was badly needed.

Membership was very good with 92.25 percent total. Many units succeeded early with over 100 percent with one unit having 193 percent, almost doubling that unit. Most Units meet monthly, a few meet less, but all work very hard supporting veterans.

I thank District 8 for the privilege of being the President. I enjoyed meeting with the various units, talking to members, and learning more about each one. I wish the best for the upcoming President.

District 9

2018-2019

Margie Koch, President

District meetings are held quarterly with the American Legion Family. I have installed officers in several units and have met with others helping submit and maintain their membership. Sadly we are losing Clarksville Unit 349 and have returned their charter. They have struggled for several years and finally made the difficult decision to fold. We have four units that have reached 100 percent membership and several are very close to the top. As of June 20 the District membership total is 1,313 and our percentage is 97.04.

Our district sent 93 young women to Girls State. Approximately 7,000 poppies were distributed and raised excess of \$18,000. The district has been very active with the Americanism Essay and Poppy Poster Contests.

Veterans were honored on Veterans Day and units participated in Memorial Day services. Several meals were served in communities. The Children & Youth program celebrated with donations to Josh Dogs, Halloween Safety, Special Olympics, Operation Military Kids, Drug & Teen Suicide Prevention and Family Support Networks. Volunteers participated at various Veterans Homes for the Christmas Gift Shops and also provided gifts. One unit donated funds for a military family needing medical care for their premature infant. Christmas and Easter parties were held for children throughout the district as well. Bloodmobiles were hosted, Meals-on-Wheels delivered, coupons clipped and mailed, financial support for various schools for Veterans Day activities, Backpack programs, and Give 10 for Education.

Seven scholarships totaling over \$5,000 were awarded by various units. One unit recognizes high school graduates entering the military with certificates and monetary achievement awards. Funds were also donated to Department scholarships. Teachers were honored with appreciation gifts and goodies. Units participated in Cancer Awareness programs, recycling in their communities, food banks and library programs.

Four members are CERT trained and as always communities supported our troops. Flag disposal ceremonies were held, as well as flag folding etiquette. There was participation in the Pocket Flag program. Members attended Town Hall Meetings, wrote letters to their congressmen and met with candidates.

There probably are many activities accomplished that were not reported. The 9th District is very proud of the accomplishments that were achieved. We look forward to another year of great service to our veterans and military families.

District 10

2018-2019

Muriel Christman, President

The District 10 Lamplighters let their light shine this year with 88.63 percent membership. The members attended numerous events such as the 100th anniversary celebration of the St. Louis Caucus. It was held at the recently renovated St. Louis Memorial in downtown St. Louis. The 10th District Guard of Honor presented the National and District colors for the opening ceremony. After the closing we met National President Kathy Dungan and had pictures taken with her.

Many members attended the annual St. Louis Memorial Day ceremony at Jefferson Barracks Cemetery. Members placed poppies in the Ceremonial wreath and heard many heartfelt speeches.

American Legion Post/Unit 208 and Post/Unit 111 held celebrations honoring the 100th anniversary of the founding of the American Legion.

Auxiliary members helped celebrate the birthdays of their Post/Unit, Flag Day in June and various flag retirement ceremonies.

Some of the members volunteer at the St. Louis Missouri Veterans Home, Jefferson Barracks Hospital, and John Cochran Veterans Hospital. They serve coffee, donuts, play bingo, and bake bread and cookies. Many members also volunteer at the Christmas Gift Shops helping veterans choose gifts and wrap them. Other members helped with the Honor Flight pre-briefing before the flights.

Donations were made to Kids of Our Heroes, and my project, St. Louis Honor Flights. The totals were very generous. Poppies were distributed at various venues around the county area. Some grade school classes made cards for the veterans traveling on the Honor Flights. One unit made bracelets for the 100-year celebration and some were used as napkin rings, making a nice keepsake.

Unit 213 donated groceries to elderly veterans in low-income housing. Gifts of clothing and money for furniture were given to homeless veterans moving into apartments. Others donated birthday bags and food items to food pantries.

Auxiliary members volunteer at fish fries, SAL breakfasts, bingos, local community homecomings, festivals, and other celebrations. Some members cook, clean up and serve at a local soup kitchen where many homeless veterans come for dinner.

In May many members of Unit 208 attended the Manchester Missouri Board of Aldermen meeting where veterans of past and present were shown respect and admiration by having Manchester earn the classification as a POW/MIA city and designated Manchester as being a Purple Heart City. These designations will eventually appear on city signage.

Much participation by many members is happening in 10th District. For God and country we let our lights shine.

District 13

2018-2019

Roselee Buatte, President

District 13 has nine units. I visited seven units and installed officers at three. Information was received from all units for reporting and impact numbers. Unit members reported 12,616 hours volunteered for veterans and the military. There were 6,670 poppies distributed raising \$6,801 for veterans programs.

Membership totaled 96.34 percent with Units 39, 150, 283, and 554 reaching 100 percent.

Units participated in parades, Veterans Day and Memorial Day programs; hosted Halloween, Christmas, and Easter parties; sponsored bingos; and provided Thanksgiving and holiday meals for veterans. Several units serve the veterans by volunteering and donating to Gift Shops and coffee hours; donating to Camp Hope and the USO. Scholarships were awarded; members helped with blood drives; and participated in various other community programs. Units also participated in the Americanism Essay Contest, County Government Day, and sponsored delegates to ALA Missouri Girls State.

Other activity participation was Red Cross baskets, Special Olympics, Toys for Tots, school supplies for Operation Home Front, Bunco parties, making personal care bags for veterans, and backpack program.

Monetary donations were also made to the American Legion Legacy Fund, the Auxiliary Emergency Fund, and Department President Sharon's project.

There was a ribbon-cutting ceremony at Post 416 in April for their reopening following a fire. I also attended the ceremony with the unit members.

Unit 253's nonmilitary female Auxiliary Color Guard continues to serve whenever and wherever needed. They posted the colors at Missouri Girls State again.

The Missouri National Veterans Memorial is located in Perryville. Several units participated in events held during the year, including the Grand Opening in May. This memorial was my District President's project.

Thanks to the units for all they did to "Let Our Light Shine" for the veterans, ALA programs, and their communities.

District 16

2018-2019

Darlene Enloe, President

District 16 held various school programs for veterans and their families. Members helped with blood drives and participated in other community programs.

Several members volunteer at St. James Veterans Home helping with bingo, dominoes, and checkers. They also help with Halloween trick or treat party, Christmas Gift Shop,

Christmas Cheer baskets and Wreath Across America.

We participated in memorial services for veterans; held a Flag program and Poppy program with information distributed for each. Donations were made to St. James Veterans Home, Backpack program, Toys for Tots, and lunch program. Flags were purchased for a cemetery. Several girls were sponsored for Girls State.

For fundraising activities we sponsored bake sales, barbecues, turkey shoots, garage sales, sold raffle tickets, 50/50 tickets, and served breakfasts, lunches, and dinners.

Scholarships were awarded. We also help with several other programs that benefit the veterans and their families.

AROUND THE STATE

Unit 34, District 2 continues to celebrate the 100th year of the American Legion Auxiliary by honoring Rosalie Mahoney a 65-year unit member who recently turned 95. She is a very distinguished lady who is passionate about her service to the unit. She was born in Wales and has many memories to share about her childhood during World War II. She experienced firsthand the struggles of survival during the war.

The Girls State and Boys State delegates were also honored. Their parents attended the event. A Certificate of Appreciation was presented to the Lion's Club and Rotary Club for their support to the Girls State program.

Other guests were District 2 President, Wilma Jobson, 1st Vice President Rosie Rhodes, and Treasurer Sally Reighard. The table decorations were red, white and blue. A cake was also decorated in patriotic colors.

Due Date for November/December

All chairmen's conference reports are to be given to the Editor of The Missouri Legionette by close of Fall Conference or sent IMMEDIATELY after conference and no later than October 31. They are to be included in the November/December issue. This is the eight-page issue. We need to get this printed before the holiday rush at the printer.

Your report may be condensed to emphasize the important facts. It should be typed double space and no more than two pages. If your report is lengthy, perhaps you can submit the remainder for the next issue.

CHAIRMEN, please continue to send articles periodically concerning your program. This information helps the members develop their Unit programs more effectively.

THANK YOU!

Virginia Schnurbusch, Editor

Deceased Members

AUGUST - SEPTEMBER 2019

District	Unit	Name	Location
1	55	Elaine Menger	Hannibal, MO
1	221	Phyllis Barton	Moberly, MO
1	221	Dorothy L. Swindell	Moberly, MO
1	221	Lola C. Worley	Paris, MO
1	261	Evelyn J. Glasgow	Kirksville, MO
3	236	Madeline Allen	Lawson, MO
3	257	Betty Ray	Cainsville, MO
5	21	Jacqueline D. Edrington	Merritt Island, FL
5	21	Marion Moore	Independence, MO
5	499	Christine May	Blue Springs, MO
5	499	Gleetha A. Bowling	Dallas, TX
7	305	Bonnie D. Bohling	Mora, MO
8	5	Mary V. Moody	Jefferson City, MO
8	5	Jeanne P. Russell	Jefferson City, MO
8	52	Judy Stock	Boonville, MO
8	624	Birtie R. Cunningham	Lenexa, KS
8	624	Lorna M. Crawford	Lamesa, TX
8	624	Leola F. Jones	Oostburg, WI
8	624	Janet Harger	Sunrise Beach, MO
8	624	Jackie M. Bogenrief	Gravois Mills, MO
9	312	Antoinette Mound	Saint Charles, MO
9	312	Melva M. Almeling	Saint Peters, MO
9	312	Caroline C. Roddick	Saint Charles, MO
10	338	Peggy T. McDonald	Ferguson, MO
10	444	Mary J. Giessman	O'Fallon, MO
13	133	Cletea Schamburg	Perryville, MO
13	133	Ellinor Miederhoff	Perryville, MO
13	133	Carole J. Schremp	Perryville, MO
13	150	Brenda Jenkins	Sainte Genevieve, MO
13	253	Marlene Drennen	Dittmer, MO
14	114	Kathleen Sloan	Sikeston, MO
14	114	Janet Spittler	Greenville, MO
14	114	Paulette Parr	Sikeston, MO
14	158	Ida Hartle	Jackson, MO
14	158	Jean Seabaugh	Jackson, MO
14	362	Glenda J. Ford	Arbyrd, MO
14	389	Sandra Lee Hamilton	Cape Girardeau, MO
15	209	Edna D. Gage	Lamar, MO
16	331	Emma J. Rutko	Waynesville, MO

Calendar of Activities

October 18-20	Fall Conference; Capitol Plaza Hotel; Jefferson City, MO
2020	Spring Conference discontinued
June 21	Missouri Girls State, UCM Warrensburg
July 8-12	Department Convention, Hilton St. Louis Airport

District Meetings

District 1	November 3; Paris Post #221; 2:00 p.m.; meal follows
District 3	October 13; Excelsior Springs Post #236
District 5	Hostess Unit #; DAV Bldg; 14605 E US Hwy 40; KC
District 9	December 8; New Haven Post #366
District 10	October 10; Post #101; 7:30 p.m.
District 13	December 8; Perryville Post #133; 2:00 p.m.
District 14	November 3; Benton Post #369
District 15	December 8; Joplin Memorial Hall; 2:00 p.m.