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President's Message



Department President
Carolyn Sanford
Unit 217, District 7

If you were unable to attend Fall Conference, you were missed. Everyone enjoyed the session. We were honored to have Central Division National Vice President Trish Ward with us. In addition to valuable information about membership and reporting, she told us the story regarding her Past Department President's pin. She bought it on eBay and discovered it had previously belonged to 1955 Missouri Department President Mrs. George Bellerson. She related the fun she had researching the family of Mrs. Bellerson. Trish reminded us what fun you could have researching your own genealogy. She assured us the pin would be returned to Missouri when she is finished with it.

Vice President Ward shared the "Passport" used in Kansas to track hours, miles and dollars spent for volunteering. A template will be sent for us to review. It is always nice to receive new ideas.

Thank you Trish Ward for your visit and words of wisdom. Sylvia Jackson, Director of Volunteer Services at Harry S Truman VA Medical Center, explained more about my project, The Fisher House. She also gave an overview of what VAVS is and how our volunteering helps the Medical Centers.

Lots of poodle skirts were evident at the Sock Hop Saturday evening. It was a fundraiser for Fisher House and netted over \$700.

Speaking of fundraising, Connie Pack made special white Poppy pins for Chaplains and sold them for \$2. She raised \$240. If you didn't get one, they will be available at Spring Conference.

Program Chairmen provided information to each District President. Please contact your District President for information about the projects your unit supports.

By the time you receive this Legionette we will be a quarter of the way through the year. Be sure to keep track of your hours, donations and miles. This information will be gathered for reports. The information collected shows Congress and the American people what an important part we take in supporting our veterans and active duty military.

Thank you everyone for making Fall Conference successful.

I wish each of you and your family a happy and safe holiday season.



"WE ARE FAMILY"

Sheridan Mires,
Membership Co-Chairman
Sharon Slagle,
Membership Co-Chairman



Greetings from the Department of Missouri Membership Team! If you did not attend Fall Conference you missed a great membership parade. The Unit, District and Division leaders did a fantastic job of carrying out the theme "We Are Family" with their various costumes and gimmicks. The goal for Fall Conference was for every Unit to have membership turned into Department office. There are 207 Units in our Department; 184 Units have turned in membership, which means 23 have not turned in any membership as of the October 18, 2017, membership report. Last year at this time there were 33 Units that did not have any membership turned in by Fall Conference, so this is an improvement. Good job ladies. The 184 Units with membership turned in were placed in a drawing at Conference. Congratulations to Unit 528 of Parnell, District 4, the winner of the \$25.

District 4 and District 5 are the only Districts with all Units turning in membership. There are 10 Districts that only have 1 Unit that has not turned in membership. Please contact those Units and members who have not paid their dues. Open the lines of communication with them. Remember, one of the awards is a drawing for all Districts who have no "0" Units.

When total Department membership is compared to last year at this time, we were 487 members less this year. However the week of Conference the Department membership increased by 1,438 members. Ladies, if we keep up this pace we will meet our goals.

The December 7, 2017, drawing will be for Units reaching 100 percent. Make sure you make those phone calls and personal contacts. This helps build a culture of goodwill and strengthens our Units, Districts and Department. Outstanding things can happen when we open the lines of communication and build a relationship with our members.

Thank you for all you do to assist our many veterans. As the holiday season approaches, remember a membership to one of the American Legion Family organizations makes a gift that keeps on giving. What an awesome way to thank a veteran and his or her family for their service.

National Mission Training

Sharon Slagle,
1st Vice President

Mission training along with National Junior Meeting was held Saturday, October 14, in Springfield, Ill.

Several ideas that were suggested by members present are: Girls who go to Girls State to promote our Brand, stay connected and Units should invite them to help with our missions.

Some ideas for projects were: Purchase pet supplies for Service Dogs and the Humane Society, Poppy kits for Girls State and buy computers or other electronic items for veterans homes and hospitals. Other ideas were 10 for 10, dust rags for janitors, hand crème for the cooks, have Bakeless bake sales, thank-you cards, poppies for teachers, celebrate National Poppy Day (the Friday before Memorial Day), pumpkin carving contests, contest for Turkey Day and deliver dinners to shut-in veterans.

There were 120 present. The question was asked, what is the difference between National Security and VA & R? The answer was that National Security is serving the present military. VA & R is serving past military, the veterans.

The responsibility of the Unit is to motivate with kindness and goodwill and have a vision for the Unit's future. (Smile)

There are 17 million veterans and 1.8 million are female. When we sign new members oftentimes there are 25 percent that don't come to the meetings and after 3 years 45 percent don't attend.

We should always remember Service Not Self. The Juniors had a great time. It was well worth the time to attend and participate.

FRIENDSHIP

FRIENDSHIP is the opportunity to lighten another's cares and is a flame of concern for another special person or persons.

FRIENDSHIP is like a comforting clasp of a friendly handshake.

FRIENDSHIP is an intangible bond that is unseen, but strong and is tied by a golden string which becomes closer day by day, and more treasured year by year.

FRIENDSHIP is giving and sharing built on trust and with God's love.

(Author Unknown)

Centennial Cookbook Instructions

- List all ingredients in order of use in ingredient lists and directions.
- Include amounts and sizes, e.g. 2 (8-oz.) cans, temps and baking/cooking time.
- Keep ingredients separate and directions in one paragraph.
- Use names of ingredients in the directions, e.g. "Combine flour and sugar." Do not use statements like "Combine first 3 ingredients."
- Include temperatures and cooking, chilling, baking and/or freezing times.
- Sign your name to each recipe sent.
- Any special recipe notes (anything rather than ingredients, serving size, etc.) write on bottom of the recipe, even if you do not know the origins. On one of my grandmother's recipes is the notation, "Don't stub your toe when carrying on you head." I wish I knew what she meant.
- Please mark your recipe with one of the following categories:

Appetizers & Beverages
Soups & Salads
Vegetables & Side Dishes
Main Dishes
Breads & Rolls
Desserts
Cookies & Candy
This & That

Send your recipes in any form and send as many as you can. Please include your phone number so that if there are questions I can call you to clarify.

Address: 3816 S. Crane
Independence, MO 64055
Email: gaylemetzinger@att.net

Thanks!
Gayle

Strategic Planning Committee

Judy Donati and Laura Mosby

Have you heard the great news? Under a new academy training program, the American Legion Auxiliary is providing all members with the tools they need to help grow the organization as a team. The training is designed to help members learn as part of a process that includes learning the information, sharing it with others, practicing their new skills and eventually, making those new skills a habit.

Currently available curriculums include ALA 101; ALA Communications 201; and ALA Leadership 201.

ALA 101: is the introductory course to the ALA Academy, focusing on who we are, what we do and why we matter. ALA 101 provides a general overview of the ALA and our mission, with information helpful for most new (and not-so-new) members to learn. The entire online course will take about 35-40 minutes to complete. That includes watching the videos and playing the fun learning games.

ALA Communications 201 is the first class in the Effective Communications Module: an introduction to how the ALA uses E-Communication. It also provides basic how-to information about

using social media. This class is part of the Effective Communications Module and only takes about 15 minutes.

ALA Leadership 201: Living Our Motto of Service Not Self. This course goes over what it means to be a leader and reviews that leadership is not a title — it is helping others to stay mission-focused and leading by our guiding principles. You'll also learn to recognize what leadership is and isn't. By the end of this course, participants will have the tools they need to develop a personal leadership plan.

Coming soon will be other curriculums in the area of Handling Conflicts, Marketing Leadership, Team Building and Mentoring just to name a few.

Learn more about the ALA Academy on page 34-35 of your August issue of the National magazine.

If you do any of the training programs, we'd like to hear about it.

Secretary's Corner

Nancy Reeves,
Department Secretary

Hello from Department Office! I thank everyone for the *Well Wishes* during my medical leave. I am doing well and looking forward to getting back to work. I will only be working part-time the first few weeks.

Department Christmas Party is scheduled for Tuesday, December 19 at 12:00 noon.

Office is closed for Thanksgiving November 23-24.

Closed at noon Friday, December 22 and closed December 25-January 1. Office will reopen Tuesday, January 2, 2018.

Elizabeth and I wish you a very Happy Holiday Season. God Bless!



MOVED?

New address _____

Please forward to:

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

LUCKY

GAME NIGHT

MISSOURI GIRLS STATE

TRUST BOARD

SPRING CONFERENCE
FUND RAISER

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2018

\$10 ADMISSION AND GAME CARD
\$5 FOR SECOND CARD
15 TOTAL GAMES

50-50 DRAWING AVAILABLE

REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE

CHALLENGE YOUR LUCK BY ATTENDING THIS ACTIVITY

AROUND THE STATE

Cole Camp Unit #305

Three Junior members, ages 5-8, from Cole Camp Unit #305 made Poppies for veterans. They delivered them to the nursing homes and visited with the residents. The veterans really enjoyed the friendly chatter of the children. The grandmothers also helped with the project. Thank you for your thoughtfulness.



Marsha Mooney, Unit 21, VA & R Chairman, presented a check for \$1,800 and donated \$500 worth of paper products to the Kansas City National Guard Armory Food Pantry.



ALA Unit #274 in Browning recently treated the veterans at Cameron Veterans Home with a cake and ice cream birthday party. The members attending and serving refreshments were Charolette Brinkly, Jan Shebetka, Bernice Ludwig and District 2 President Rosie Rhodes. Everyone enjoyed the treat!

Unit #643, District 14, in Naylor recently honored two members for outstanding service to the veterans.

Martha Bruner is a charter ALA member and has held several offices. She is always available to assist veterans when needed.

Lola Forney has provided many lap robes and bibs for the residents in the veterans homes.

Both ladies are willing volunteers and help provide food for many occasions plus special events at the post home.

Pictured are Martha Bruner, President Omhala Hudson Snelson and Lola Forney. Thank you ladies!



District 15 President Ellen Arnce and Lana Martin attended the Open House of Kids of Our Heroes Adventure Camp located south of Aurora, Mo. Retired veterans Col. Michele Hovland and her husband CW3 Darrell Hovland had a vision of a kids' camp for at-risk kids. They had a piece of creek-front land, passion and time to make their vision become a reality in 2013. Since then many children's lives have been changed and hearts healed.



Unit 55 members participated in the local Hannibal 4th of July parade. They were Melisa Ann Clevenger, Linda Smith, Melissa Lippicott and Victoria Ornelas.



The background quilt is currently being raffled. It was made by the "Patriot Pieces." They have stitched and donated many quilts to true American heroes. Pictured in the back row, L-R: Dixie Cunningham, Millie Henry, Margaret Fines, Pat Kirkpatrick, District 8 President Connie Pack, Georgia Coder and Marie Reynolds. Front row, L-R: Sherin White, Thelma Koester, Barbara Wyatt and Cheryl Wolf.



Due Date for JANUARY-FEBRUARY LEGIONETTE

Material for the January-February issue of The Missouri Legionette is DUE BY JANUARY 20, 2018. The Editor will welcome your articles earlier if possible.

Please type and double space the articles and meet the deadline. We want our programs to move forward and improve as the year progresses. The sky's the limit with our accomplishments for the coming year for the American Legion Auxiliary.

Thank you for the many articles I received at conference.

THANK YOU!
Virginia Schnurbusch, Editor

Deceased Members

SEPTEMBER 2017 - OCTOBER 2017

District	Unit	Name	Location
2	477	Carleta R. Foreman	Saint Joseph, MO
4	359	Helen L. Donly	Saint Joseph, MO
4	464	Mary Walter	Saint Joseph, MO
5	21	Shirley Driver	Oak Grove, MO
5	21	Mary H. Winfield	Lees Summit, MO
5	609	Carmen Rodriguez	Kansas City, MO
5	609	Isabelle Troncoso	Versailles, MO
6	131	Alma Adams	Warrensburg, MO
6	230	Wilma A. Nash	El Dorado Springs, MO
6	230	Ruby Tucker	League City, TX
7	258	Shirley Nierman	Concordia, MO
7	279	Lucille Vogelsmeier	Sweet Springs, MO
7	642	Barbara Leaver	Sedalia, MO
8	5	Catherine J. Nilges	Holts Summit, MO
8	5	Marjorie T. Kiesling	Jefferson City, MO
8	317	Anita Beck	Freeburg, MO
8	544	Marilyn Linnebrink	Jefferson City, MO
9	297	Iris Jean Walls	Union, MO
9	370	Wanda S. Dietle	Frankford, MO
10	101	Doris Taylor	Saint Louis, MO
10	208	Paula L. Dower	Saint Louis, MO
10	397	Judith L. Spector	Sioux City, IA
10	397	Delores T. Frank	Saint Louis, MO
10	397	Marietta Fleshman	Maryland Hts., MO
10	397	Laverne Gifford	Florissant, MO
11	186	Noreen Herzog	Saint Louis, MO
13	133	Alice Carron	Sedgewickville, MO
13	150	Mary A. Zerwig	Bloomsdale, MO
13	150	Mercedes K. Giesler	Sainte Genevieve, MO
13	783	Laetitia J. Tenison	House Springs, MO
14	88	Mary M. Farrow	Orange Beach, AL
14	595	Lisa A. McKay	Dyersburg, TN
15	322	Louise Marsh	Webb City, MO
15	372	Linda K. Johnson	Omaha, NE
15	372	Ruth Shorter	Lockwood, MO
16	99	Peggy L. Cabbage	Nixa, MO
16	128	Emma F. Hansen	Denison, TX
16	331	Mary S. Richards	Waynesville, MO
0	1000	Dian M. Potter	Otterville, MO
0	1000	Marie C. Walker	Kahoka, MO
0	1000	Minnie Hazzard	Raymore, MO
0	1000	Dorothy Mesecher	Kahoka, MO

Calendar of Activities

February 12, 2018	Lincoln Pilgrimage; Springfield, IL
February 16-18, 2018	Spring Conference; Capitol Plaza Hotel, Jefferson City, MO, 573-635-1234
May 8, 2018	Truman Pilgrimage; Independence, MO
June 24-30, 2018	Girls State; UCM, Warrensburg, MO
July 12-15, 2018	Department Convention; Ramada Oasis, Springfield, MO
August 24-30, 2018	National Convention; Minneapolis, MN
October 26-28, 2018	Fall Conference; Capitol Plaza Hotel; Jefferson City, MO

District Meetings

District 1	January 7, 2018; Palmyra Post #174; 2:00 p.m.
District 2	January 6, 2018; Post #182; Brookfield Methodist Church; Oratorical Contest
District 4	March 3, 2018; Maitland Post #256
District 5	December 20, 2017; Hostess Unit #598; VA & R January 17, 2018; Hostess Unit #622; Legislation/Nat'l Security
District 7	January 14, 2018; Concordia Post #258; Oratorical Contest; 1:00 p.m. January 21, 2018; bad weather date
District 8	January 7, 2018; Jefferson City Post #5; Oratorical Contest; 1:00 p.m.
District 9	March 8, 2018; Louisiana Post #370 registration 9:00; meeting 9:30; joint session after lunch
District 10	December 14, 2017; Post #400
District 13	December 10, 2017; Perryville Post #133; 2:00 p.m.
District 14	February 11, 2018; Cape Girardeau Post #63; 2:00 p.m.