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## President's Message



Department President  
Marsha Mooney  
Unit 21, District 5

It is the end of a very strange year, and the beginning of a new year with high hopes to continue our service to the veterans. I will continue serving as the Department President for 2020-2021. I hope we will see the lessening of the coronavirus impact, and return to a "new" normal. Hopefully I will be able to continue my Unit and District visitations. I will put you on my calendar. We can always cancel if you are unable to hold the meeting.

This year all District Presidents must send their report to Department Secretary by the end of September. You may email or send by postal mail. It is vital that we have it by September 30. Department Chairmen, I would like for you to also send any information you have to share to Secretary Nancy. We would like this copy to be on file in the office. I realize that we usually distribute this information at Fall Conference, but we would like a backup plan for making sure this information is distributed.

I thank the officers and committee chairs for their work this year. It has not been easy with all the regulations, if we can meet or not. The Units and American Legion Posts have been struggling because of the circumstances. I think of you every day, and hope for a successful outcome for our American Legion Family.

Membership is so important, now more than ever. We need people to continue our mission and our volunteering. We need our dues to support the work that we do. Fundraising for projects has been severely impacted by the coronavirus lock-down and social distancing. This is not the first time in our 100-year history that we have faced hard times and situations, but we as an organization have prevailed. We are still taking care of our military, veterans and their families. I have included a portion of the Memorial Service in the Installations that I have done this past year:

"Many years ago, a group of women had a dream. They envisioned the formation of an organization that could render service to others — an organization to give a hand of love and comfort to the wife, the mother or the orphan of our deceased veterans, and to those in sickness. Those valiant women with the true spirit

and ambition of pioneers, surged forward to great heights and their dreams became a reality, The American Legion Auxiliary. This organization is founded on sacred principles that there is no rank among us; no distinction as to color, race or creed, but rather the wish, the desire and the firm determination to be of service to others."

Times have changed and the ALA has changed with them. We now have male spouses of veterans who belong to the ALA, and the remaining spouse may be the husband; however, our mission is the same. We are still building on the strong foundation that the original group of women laid.

Please keep all our members, loved ones, veterans, military, and their families in your thoughts and prayers.

PLEASE VOTE IN NOVEMBER!

## MEMBERSHIP



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

Victoria Ornelas  
Department 1st Vice President

Our American Legion Auxiliary mission still continues during the midst of crisis and challenge. Thank you for not giving up on helping our veterans and finding ways to help our communities, unit members and looking out for one another.

Let our feelings of anxiety, stress, anger and sadness go to the wayside. Let's have faith that we can survive this pandemic. It is just a matter of time to begin improving. Remember to SMILE, LAUGH, and take time to RELAX.

Many Units are focusing their time and efforts on service not self by making masks, and visiting the elderly who might need our help. Remember, we can still volunteer from home.

We are a 100 years old. We will continue to grow and keep serving our veterans, the military, and their families. This is what we are all about. We will celebrate our centennial and the opportunity to be together again.

Let us pray over this awful pandemic and place it in God's hands. He will take our burdens and relieve our fears.

Let's focus on our membership. Everyone did such a good job during 2019-2020 year. I know we can do better this coming year. Stay healthy! Stay safe! See you all soon.

## History

Sheridan Mires,  
Department Historian

I am missing my American Legion Auxiliary Family and our many activities and events.

This year has certainly been a year to record in our history books. National has asked members, Units, Districts and Departments to record how the pandemic has affected ALA activities, what adjustments have been made to accomplish goals and objectives of the American Legion Auxiliary. Please forward this information to me so I can include it in our history and my reports to National.

I recently spent a few days at the Department Office. I found lots of history and interesting documents to read. I had the opportunity to catalog and prepare the charters of the recent units who have dissolved. It was interesting, but very sad to see the dates on the charter of some of Missouri's oldest Units. The oldest date was 1923 and the newest date was 1984. Oddly enough the reason stated for dissolving the Unit was the same. Members were either unable to continue working the Auxiliary programs, or there were no members interested in continuing the Unit.

A very interesting task was filing the minutes of the Department Conventions. This was a tremendous task as it included typed minutes for about 90 years that were typed on onion-skin paper that is very slippery and fragile. The main concern was to

keep them in order and not tear or damage any of the pages.

I had the opportunity to look through the scrapbook from Past National President Joanne Cronin's year of travel around the world. I was able to read the biography of Mrs. R.H. McCullough, the First President of Quentin Roosevelt Unit 1 and the second Department of Missouri President. I also found an American Legion Auxiliary, Department of Missouri Americanism Manual compiled by Lutie Long Smith in 1937-1938. The manual includes information on Missouri history, state flag, Missouri governors, congressional and judicial districts in Missouri, information about the US Constitution, history of the American Legion and the American Legion Auxiliary, history of the American flag, and many additional topics.

Last but certainly not least, I began the tedious task of digitizing the American Legion Auxiliary, Department of Missouri's membership applications. I am anxious to find my original application submitted when I was a little girl.

It was almost overwhelming the amount of historical documents that are stored in our Department Office. These documents and other items are important to our organization and we need to continue caring for and properly storing them in order to secure our history so future generations can learn, "Who We Are," "What We Do" and "Why We Matter."

## HELPFUL HINT

EDUCATION is not how much you have committed to memory, or even how much you know. It is being able to differentiate between what you know and what you don't know. It is knowing where to go to find out. It is knowing how to use the information once you get it. Please attend Fall Conference in October to find out. Then you can use the information to continue working on the American Legion Auxiliary programs and fulfill our mission of serving our veterans, military and their families.

## ATTENTION PLEASE! HELP! CONTRIBUTE! DONATE!

The Missouri Girls State Trust Board had planned a **Parade of Checks** for Department Convention. Since that was canceled, we will sponsor this activity at Fall Conference in October. If you are unable to participate at this time, you may still **support** the activity with a gift at your convenience. Your financial support helps with the longevity of the program.

Your donation may be sent to the MGS Trust Treasurer.

Patty Garrett  
3909 W. Sexton St.  
Battlefield, MO 65619-8103

Please mark your check for **MGS Trust Fund**. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

## TODAY

Outside my window, a new day I see  
And only I can determine  
What kind of day it will be,  
It can be busy and sunny, laughing and gay,  
Or boring and cold, unhappy and gray,  
My own state of mind is the determining key,  
For I am only the person I let myself be,  
I can be thoughtful and do all I can to help,  
Or be selfish and think just of myself,  
I can enjoy what I do and make it seem fun,  
Or gripe and complain and make it hard on someone,  
I can be patient with those who may not understand,  
Or belittle and hurt them as much as I can.  
But I have faith in myself,  
And believe what I say,  
And personally intend to make the best of each day.

(Author Unknown)

## NOTICE!!!

Have you read the May, 2020 issue of the American Legion *Auxiliary* magazine on page 25? ALA National Headquarters assembled a core marketing team to review current strategies to enhance our presence to the public and open a new awareness about what we do. A new tagline "declaration" was created. It is printed on the inside front cover of this issue. There is also a video version that is available for sharing at your meetings. The new declaration — A Community of Volunteers Serving Veterans, Military, and their Families.

We are the American Legion Auxiliary.

We are called to serve.

We respect our country and the service of those who defend our freedoms.

We are loyal to our United States Constitution and to those who protect it. We are humbled by the courage of our veterans and their families.

We are alone, yet we stand together. We are daughters, brothers, and sisters, mothers and fathers. We are family.

We are every color. We are of every faith.

We are of every age.

We are anyone and everyone.

We are common and extraordinary.

We are citizens.

We live in small towns.

We live in suburbs.

We live in cities.

We work in fields, in factories, warehouses, offices, at home.

We are a community. We help one another.

We love our flag and all that it stands for.

We are many. We are one.

We are the American Legion Auxiliary. A Community of Volunteers Serving Veterans, Military, and their Families.

We commit ourselves to the ideal: Service Not Self.

Page 24 of this issue explains the concept — American Legion Auxiliary eUnits. This option provides members another way to become involved in the many programs. Please read to keep up with the latest trends and technology. You may also visit the ALAforVeterans website for more information.

## Secretary's Corner

Nancy Reeves,  
Department Secretary

Hello from Department Office! We hope everyone is doing well and staying healthy. Not much is happening here since convention was canceled. We are taking this "down time" to do some cleaning and sorting while we pack the office getting ready for the new flooring. It is just as if we were moving. I give a special THANK YOU to Sheridan Mires and Catherine Auffert for spending a few days here helping with the packing and sorting. We plan to have an Open House during the Fall Conference. I will send more information closer to that time. Please check our website for before and after pictures.

Membership packets have been mailed to membership chairmen. If you have not received yours, please check with Department Office.

Dues rates for 2021 have been locked with National ALA. If a change is needed, there will be a \$30 charge per change. First dues renewal notices are scheduled to be mailed September 1.

Please make sure you are using the correct email address for the office:

Nancy Reeves — dptmoala@outlook.com

Debbie — alamembership@outlook.com

Forms in the membership packets contained the old email address. I will make sure they are corrected. The new forms will be available on our website.

Remember to call us with any questions. We are here to help you.

## MOVED?

New address \_\_\_\_\_

Please forward to:

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





# AROUND THE STATE

*Parnell Festival and Duck Day was held July 22, 2020, with members of Unit #528, District 4 serving as parade marshal.*

*Seated: Isabelle Cibrian, Caroline Keever and Kindell Keever.*

*Standing: Dakota Auffert, (SAL member) and driver, Hayden Emery, Linda Jenkins, Amanda Anderson, Natisha Burns, Catherine Auffert, Dalanie Auffert, Sara Cibrian, Lynette Auffert and Austin Welch, (SAL member) and driver.*



## Due Date for SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER Legionette

Information and articles about the American Legion Auxiliary programs are due September 20 for the September/October issue. Remember Chairmen, it is up to you to share information about your program and be creative with your ideas. Focus on your program to make it successful for the year. We still need to carry out our mission in these troubled times and continue our service.

Please remember to type double-spaced. Thank you for your efforts.

*THANK YOU!*  
Virginia Schnurbusch,  
Editor



Unit #199, District 4 recently hosted a lunch for the American Legion members who participated in the memorial service at the local cemeteries.

Post Commander Tim Morehouse and Unit President Linda Payton showed the patriotic cake that was served to the guests attending the ALA 100th Anniversary celebration.



June 14 Unit #5, District 8 performed a 2-bell ceremony honoring Post #5 members. The Post then its annual flag retirement ceremony.

L to R: Chaplain Mary Ann Walters, Past Unit President Christie Schepers, and Unit President Dorothy Goodin.

## Strength and Courage

It takes strength to be certain,  
It takes courage to have doubts.

It takes strength to fit in,  
It takes courage to stand out.

It takes strength to share a friend's pain,  
It takes courage to feel your own pain.

It takes strength to hide your own pain,  
It takes courage to show it and deal with it.

It takes strength to stand guard,  
It takes courage to let down your guard.

It takes strength to conquer,  
It takes courage to surrender.

It takes strength to endure abuses,  
It takes courage to stop them.

It takes strength to stand alone,  
It takes courage to lean on a friend.

It takes strength to love,  
It takes courage to be loved.

It takes strength to survive,  
It takes courage to live.

May you find strength and courage in everything you do,  
And may your life be filled with Friendship and Love.

(Author Unknown)

## Deceased Members

MAY - JUNE

District	Unit	Name	Location
1	55	Dorothy L. Mahaffey	Fort Madison, IA
1	578	Carol Hinshaw	Lewiston, MO
1	578	Joanne Hines	Hannibal, MO
2	7	Vicki Spence	Brunswick, MO
2	34	Elizabeth Lewis	Newtown, MO
2	57	Marilyn Williams	Bucklin, MO
2	538	Luzella Bradley	Linneus, MO
3	257	Betty Skroh	Cainsville, MO
4	464	Edna Rhodes	Lenexa, KS
4	464	Beth Leonardo	Weslaco, TX
4	464	Eulalia M. Schwebach	Stanberry, MO
5	21	Betty Tillotson	Kansas City, MO
5	21	Dorothy Curtis	Lone Jack, MO
5	21	Edna Lotts	Independence, MO
5	21	Dee Underwood	Lake Winnebago, MO
6	2	Mary A. Wilson	Nevada, MO
6	488	Ernestine Powell	Excelsior Springs, MO
6	498	Alice Campbell	Belton, MO
7	223	Mary Brueggjenjohann	Higginsville, MO
7	223	Ruth Meyer	Council Bluffs, IA
7	305	Loretta M. Hare	Sedalia, MO
7	305	Lillian A. Rehmer	Smithton, MO
7	642	Betty M. Beaman	Sedalia, MO
8	52	Joan Burchett	Boonville, MO
8	624	Beverly J. Brumm	Sunrise Beach, MO
8	624	Rosemary E. Stoltz	Gravois Mills, MO
9	218	Betty Neier	Washington, MO
9	312	Sharon M. Rahn	Saint Charles, MO
9	312	Ursula M. Heitmann	Saint Charles, MO
9	312	Doris M. McDermott	Saint Charles, MO
9	312	Dorothy Schlueter	Wright City, MO
9	323	Barbara L. Eggert	Wentzville, MO
9	347	Jenny M Kennedy	Robertsville, MO
11	186	Ruth Renz	Saint Louis, MO
11	404	Juanita Anderson	Saint Louis, MO
13	39	Novie Arlene Canada	Park Hills, MO
13	416	Leora B. Giessing	Farmington, MO
13	416	Minnie L. Norem	Farmington, MO
14	153	Moudine Sentell	Poplar Blue, MO
14	158	Bonnie Smith	Jackson, MO
14	595	Fredi F. Holyfield	Sikeston, MO
15	163	Barbara Walker	Neosho, MO
15	289	Lorene Hardy	Liberal, MO
15	372	Cheryl Sage	Greenfield, MO
0	1000	Etta McClain	Saint Louis, MO

### SINCERE APOLOGY

Margaret Taylor, Unit 240, District 16, was incorrectly submitted as deceased in the May/June Legionette. She is still an active members. We regret the error.

## Don't Break the Elastic

By Maya Angelou

*When I was in my younger days,  
I weighed a few pounds less,  
I needn't hold my tummy in to wear  
a belted dress.  
But now that I am older,  
I've set my body free;  
There's comfort of elastic  
Where once my waist would be.*

*Inventor of those high-heeled shoes  
My feet have not forgiven;  
I have to wear a nine now,  
But used to wear a seven.  
And how about those pantyhose-  
They're sized by weight you see,  
So how come when I put them on  
They come only at my knee?  
I need to wear these glasses*

## Leadership Thoughts

- Asking a dumb question is easier than correcting dumb mistakes.
  - There is no such thing as instant experience.
  - Experience is something you don't get until just after you need it.
  - Things so right so they can go wrong.
  - If at first you don't succeed, destroy all evidence that you tried.
  - If an hour has been spent amending a sentence, someone will move to delete the paragraph.
  - If you can consult enough experts, you can confirm any opinion.
  - Anything that can be changed will be changed until there is no time left to change anything.
  - No matter what goes wrong, there is always somebody who knew it would.
  - No one is usually listening until you make a mistake.
  - Whatever happens, look as if it were intended.
  - If you file it, you'll know where it is, but never find it; if you don't file it, you'll need it but never know where it is.
  - When working toward the solution of a problem, it always helps to know the answer.
  - The secret of success is sincerity; once you feel that, you've got it made.
  - Never open a can of worms unless you plan to go fishing.
- Being a leader need not be a burden, but a source of enjoyment!

(Author Unknown)

*As the print's been getting smaller;  
And it wasn't very long ago  
I knew that I was taller.  
Though my hair has turned to gray  
and my skin no longer fits,  
On the inside, I'm the same old me,  
It's the outside's changed a bit.*

*But, on a positive note...  
I've learned that no matter what happens, or how bad it seems today, life does go on, and it will be better tomorrow.*

*I've learned that you can tell a lot about a person by the way he/she handles three things: rainy day, lost luggage, and tangled Christmas lights.*

*I've learned that regardless of your relationship with your parents, you'll miss them when they're gone from your life.*

*I've learned that making a "living" is not the same thing as making a "life."*

*I've learned that life sometimes gives you a second chance.*

*I've learned that you shouldn't go through life with a catcher's mitt on both hands. You need to be able to throw something back.*

*I've learned that whenever I decide something with an open heart, I usually make the right decision.*

*I've learned that even when I have pains, I don't have to be one.*

*I've learned that every day you should reach out and touch someone.*

*People love a warm hug, or just a friendly pat on the back.  
I've learned that I still have a lot to learn.*

*I've learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel.*



## Calendar of Activities

October 16-18 Fall Conference, Jefferson City, Mo.

### District Meetings

- District 7 September 13; Blackburn Post #478; 2:00 p.m.
- District 8 September 13; Columbia Post #202; 1:00 p.m.
- District 13 September 13; Farmington Post #416; 2:00 p.m.