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President's Message



Department President
Carolyn Sanford
Unit 217, District 7

Congratulations to Rolla-Dicks Unit 315 of Burlington Junction for receiving the National President's Award for Excellence which they received at National Convention in Reno, Nev.. Great job ladies!

Mark your calendars and plan to join us at Fall Conference. This is your opportunity to learn firsthand what the Committee Chairs have planned for the coming year. Central Division National Vice President Trish Ward will be joining us. See the agenda in this issue of the Legionette for details.

Thank you to all who attended my Homecoming in Warsaw. A good time was had by all. A special thank you to the ladies of Unit 217 for their hard work. Proceeds from this event are going to my project The Fisher House to be built at Harry S. Truman VA Medical Center in Columbia.

As we work toward "We Are Family" pay attention to those around you. You may meet a person recently discharged from active duty who is eligible to be a member of The American Legion. Remember his or her parent, spouse and children are eligible too.

If your unit has not paid the Rehab Fee to Department or Per Capita dues to the District, these are past due. The amount due for each is 20 cents per number of members at end of the 2017 membership year.

Watch for dates of the Christmas Gift Shops at the hospitals and Veterans Homes. Help is always needed and it is a great way to meet and visit with veterans.

Thank you to each and every one of you for the support and what you do daily for our veterans, their families and your community. Remember to report all the wonderful things you do. Feel free to contact me if there is anything I can do to help you or your unit/district.

NEC Year End Report 2016-2017

Gayle Metzinger

American Legion Auxiliary National President Mary Davis called and convened a special e-meeting of the National Executive Committee in executive session July 17-18, 2017, to address two urgent business matters that had been recently considered by the Executive Committee to the NEC. The purpose of the meeting was to a) present information and call for a vote about a dues structure proposal for the NEC to bring before the 2017 National Convention delegates, and

b) to present information and call for a vote to ratify the prospective purchase of a building and property suitable to become the ALA National Headquarters. Information about both subjects was circulated in advance, and is attached to this email for the record. Additional information in the form of Questions and Answers about both agenda items was also circulated in advance of the vote, and same is included in this email for the record.

The NEC then convened electronically on 7/18/19, at 1:15pm ET for the purpose of voting on the matters discussed in executive session. The votes have been duly cast with 95 percent of the voting members of the NEC having voted, considerably more than the minimum number required to be a valid e-vote of an Indiana corporation. **The outcome is 96 percent voting in favor of the Dues Structure Proposal and 99 percent voting in favor of purchasing the building located at 3450 Founders Road in Indianapolis to become the future ALA National Headquarters.**

The **Vote Tally**, with 58 of 61 eligible voting members having cast their votes:

Motion A: from the ALA executive committee to the NEC and National Finance Committee, that the NEC approve the **Dues Structure Proposal** to submit to 2017 ALA National Convention delegates as a proposed amendment to the ALA National Bylaws and Standing Rules: that effective in the 2019 ALA Membership Year, National per annum Senior Dues increase by \$3.00 to \$12.00 per annum National Junior Dues increase by \$1.25 to \$2.50 per annum, and that the National Executive Committee be authorized to make incremental increases effective with the 2021 Membership Year based on the federal inflation Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) index and budget needs, not to exceed an amount of 4 percent, rounded to the nearest 10-cent increment, and that any such nominal increase not take effect until the Membership Year two years later.

**Voting Yes: 53
Voting No: 5**

Motion B: from the ALA executive committee to the NEC and National Finance Committee, that the NEC ratify the decision to purchase the building and property located at 3450 Founders Road in Indianapolis for \$2,080,000 to become the ALA National Headquarters.

**Voting Yes: 57
Voting No: 1**

The next steps are:
ALA NHQ will proceed with purchasing the property at 3450 Founders Road in Indianapolis for a negotiated reduced price of \$2.08 Million. As a term and condition of the purchase agreement, the Seller will not vacate the property until after January 1, 2018, and the ALA will not occupy the property until some time in 2018. The seller, Zeta Tau Alpha, will continue to occupy the building after closing, and will become a lessee of ALA until they are ready to move into their new building.

"WE ARE FAMILY"

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



It's time to renew your American Legion Auxiliary membership for 2018. Remember, you have three easy options for paying your membership dues: Pay online, by phone or by mail.

Pay Online: Go to the National website www.ALAforVeterans.org. On the homepage, log-in to the "Members Section." You'll need to create your free login if you haven't already done so. Then, once you log-in, click "Pay Dues" under your welcome message. You'll then be prompted how to pay your renewal dues online. It's easy, secure, and only takes a couple minutes. *To expedite getting your signed card, contact your Unit after paying online.

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Pay by Phone: Call National Headquarters at (317) 569-4500 and ask to pay your dues over the phone! You'll be transferred to a real person, plus you can make multiple members' payments over the phone at the same time. *Again to expedite getting your signed card, contact your Unit after paying by phone.

Mail your payment to your Unit: Contact your Unit, District or Department Headquarters, tell them you want to mail in your payment and they can tell you how much your dues are and where to mail your check or money order.

If you have already paid your dues and are receiving this notice, we thank you; your payment may have crossed in the mail. If you have any questions, please contact your Unit, District or Department Headquarters.

Our country's 22 million veterans need the American Legion Auxiliary. Only because of YOU can we continue our mission outreach, make a difference in our communities, and have an impact advocating for our military, veterans, and their families. **Thank you** for continuing your ALA membership.

Members, please fill out the form below; mail your dues to Unit President or Membership Chairman. If you don't know the amount of your dues please contact Department Headquarters.

American Legion Auxiliary - Department of Missouri Membership Renewal Form

Name _____
Member ID # _____
Address _____ City _____
Unit # _____ District # _____ Dues \$ _____

Please submit to local Unit. For more information contact your local Unit, District or Department Headquarters. Department Headquarters contact number: 573-636-9133.

Information about the Dues Structure Proposal will be circulated to Department and National leadership within the next two weeks, incorporating suggestions from the discussion by the NEC. The National Convention Amendments Notice will be conveyed before August 2, 2017.

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Name Correction

The name of District 17 President was incorrectly listed in the July/August issue of the Legionette. Please correct to Jaretta Holt. I'm sorry for the error. Editor

until the Membership Year two years later.

Dues increase was approved at the National Convention in Reno, NV. The increase in dues will begin in 2019. However, the NEC authorizing incremental increases did not pass.

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It is my understanding that the Auxiliary will no longer take part in the Washing D.C. due to the expense but, will sponsor a conference at the purchased building.

Acting as NEC made an interesting year. Thank you for the opportunity.

MOVED?

New address _____

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

Get out your poodle skirts and roll up those jeans and Join me for a '50s & '60s Dance

Saturday, October 21
7:30 p.m.
Capital Plaza Hotel, Truman Room

Special Guest National Central Division
Vice President Trish Ward
Greeting Line 7:00 p.m.

Cost is \$10

All proceeds will go to the New Fisher House being built at Harry S. Truman Hospital.

Central Division National Vice President Visit

Distinguish Guest Committee
Cathie Goth, Mary Harper and Lori Millam

The 2017-18 Central Division National Vice President, Trish Ward, of the Department of Kansas, will be attending the Department of Missouri's American Legion Auxiliary's Fall Conference October 20-22, 2017, at Capital Plaza in Jefferson City, Missouri. Please mark these dates on your calendar and plan to attend Fall Conference 2017.

Important Dues Information For Units

Claudia Goodin, Finance Chairman

During the National Convention in Reno, Nevada, a dues increase of \$3.00 for National was voted on and passed for the 2019 Membership year. I want to give all units this important information so that you can take the appropriate steps to increase your unit dues to reflect this increase for the 2019 membership year.

What does this mean for your unit? Currently your unit secretary sends \$20.00 to our department office for each member. Department keeps \$11.00 for our operations and programs. \$9.00 is sent to National for their operations, etc. This means that next year your unit secretary will be sending \$23.00 to department. We will keep \$11.00 and \$12.00 will be sent to National. Note: This is effective for the 2019 membership year (next year).

Our ALA Missouri Department Bylaws state under Article IX, Finance and Section 3: "The Department per capita dues shall be increased automatically and in the same amount as any increase in National per capita dues."

Thank you for your attention to this information.

Secretary's Corner

Nancy Reeves, Department Secretary

Hello from the Department Office. Elizabeth and I are very busy! Membership is rolling in. I am preparing for the new auditors to arrive next week.

Here are a few reminders for completing membership applications and renewals. Please make sure you submit all necessary information. This is a list of problems that are occurring:

- All new applications MUST BE SIGNED by Post Commander or Auxiliary President.
- Make sure all information on new applications is completed.
- Please make sure you are submitting the correct amount of money.
- Do not pay for PUFLS.

Please allow 2 weeks for your numbers to show correctly on the weekly report. Membership packets that were not picked up at Department Convention in July were mailed the following week. If you have not received yours, please contact the Department Office.

National has sent the first Dues Renewal Notice. If you have already paid, we thank you and disregard the notice.

Fall Conference is just ahead. I look forward to seeing everyone. A reminder to pick up your Unit Guide if you ordered one when you paid your mandatory fees. We will have extra available and cost \$5.00.

Please don't hesitate to contact Elizabeth or myself if you need help or have a question. We are here to assist you!



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Chaplain's Corner



Victoria Ornelas, Department Chaplain

9/11...WE WILL NEVER FORGET THEM...We ask almighty God to watch over our nation, grant us patience, and resolve in all that is to come. As we have been assured, neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, nor height nor depth, can separate us from God's love. May He bless the souls departed. May He comfort our own. May He always guide our country. God Bless America!

Labor Day, the first Monday in September, pays tribute to the contributions and achievements of American workers. It was created by the labor movement in the late 19th century and became a federal holiday in 1894. On the anniversary of the September 11 attacks, Americans united in service in the same remarkable way that so many came together following the attacks.

If there is truly peace on earth, goodwill to men, it will be because of women like Mother Theresa. Peace is not something you wish for. It is something you make, something you do, something you are and something you give away! (Robert Fulghum)

Historian Notes

Marsha Mooney Department Historian

It is never too early to start on your History Book for the year. Printed rule sheets will be distributed at convention and hopefully emailed to all Districts in October; however, some pages can be completed now. This includes the list of your officers, prayer, the national anthem, the Pledge of Allegiance, etc. Keep track of activities in your Unit/District so you can include these in your narrative. I will accept pictures as part of your narrative, but save your programs, etc. and newspaper articles for your Public Relations Press Book and scrapbook.

I will be asking for them in either the Auxiliary blue binder or a plain blue binder. Now that school has started it is a good time to shop the sales racks.

Do you have old copies of your Units or Districts histories? I have been reading some of the older Department histories. They can be very interesting to see what has changed and what has not. Share things with your Unit or District. Perhaps some ideas can be resurrected or updated for use now.

I am looking forward to seeing you at Fall Conference.



American Legion Auxiliary 2017 Fall Conference

Auxiliary Registration and Sales in the Atrium Friday, October 20, 2017 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm Saturday, October 21, 2017 8:00 am to 12:00 pm

Friday October 20, 2017

3:00 PM Department Executive Committee Meeting Jefferson

Saturday October 21, 2017

8:00 AM Opening Truman Room The American Legion Family

Call to Order Carolyn Sanford, Department President Invocation Victoria Ornelas, Chaplain Pledge of Allegiance Catherine Auffert, Americanism Chairman National Anthem Sheila Buus, Music Chairman Preamble Judy Donati, 2nd Vice President Response Sharon Slagle, 1st Vice President Introductions Carolyn Sanford, Department President Department Officers National Executive Committeewoman Past Department Presidents District Presidents Sgt-At-Arms/Chairman of Pages Kathy Cox Dept. Color Bearers Roberta Pointer, Laura Mosby Department President's Personal Page Regina Bidwell

Guest Introduction 8 & 40 Departmental Chapeau Darlene Forst Cathie Goth

Junior Activities Chairman and Juniors Liz Rodabaugh Junior Members adjourn to their meeting St. Joseph Room

Presentation of National Awards Cathie Goth

The Missouri Legionette Editor Virginia Schnurbusch

Girls State Director Macae Mickens Committee Members Linda Schaap, Cindy Newton, Tina Anderson, Jackie Rahm, and Shanna Jelinek, Patty Pink

Greetings Kerry Kellet, Department Commander Lowry Finely-Jackson, Department Adjutant John Buckner, SAL Commander Jim Rosenberg, Director Legion Riders President's Project Speaker Sylvia Jackson, Director of Volunteer Services Harry S. Truman Medical Center

Chairman Reports

Americanism Catherine Auffert Americanism Essay Lucille Armbruster Children & Youth Linda Jelinek Community Service Louise Welch Education Jackie Sutor National Security Cathie Goth Poppy Director Betty Altnether Poppy Dr. Cynthia Gary Poppy Poster Kris Marsden

VA&R Judy Donati Chairman Committee Members Anita Smith & Evelyn Cox

Hospital Representatives

Jefferson Barracks Evelyn Cox John Cochran Christina Portell Harry S. Truman Carolyn Sanford Kansas City Helen Hatz John J. Pershing Betty Gilmore Dwight D. Eisenhower Cindy Newton Fayetteville Marie Jones

Veterans Homes Representatives

Cape Girardeau Barbara Yallaly Mexico Victoria Ornelas Mt. Vernon Jaynce Musgrove Warrensburg Doris Raber St. James Carolyn Sue Isgriggs St. Louis Rosemarie W. Hauck Cameron Wilma Jobson County Government Joann Vanfossan Gold Star Program Lindy Capps

12:00 PM Lunch Break 12:00 PM Past Presidents Parley Luncheon TBA 1:30 PM Regular Session Reconvene Truman Room

Electronic Reporting Sheridan Mires Strategic Planning Committee Patty Garrett

Committee Members Laura Mosby, Judy Donati

National Executive Committeewoman Cathie Goth

As your 2017-18 National Executive Committeewoman, I attended an NEC orientation session and the Post Convention NEC meeting. The Post NEC is the national version of our Department's Post DEC, ratification of committee appointments and notification of the Spring NEC meeting no longer being held in conjunction with The American Legion's Washington, D.C., conference and legislative review and visit to Congress. The Spring NEC meeting will be a one-day session in Indianapolis, Indiana, prior to the Washington, D.C., conference. Many NECs voiced concern this would eliminate their attending The American Legion's Washington, D.C., conference and the visit to Congress.

Diane Duscheck, Wisconsin, was elected the 2017-18 National President of the American Legion Auxiliary. Diane's project is support of the American Legion Auxiliary Foundation. National President Diane will be visiting the Department of Missouri December

13, 14 and 15, 2017. Watch the Legionette and the Department website for more information.

Dues increases of \$3.00 per senior members and \$1.25 per junior member were passed at this convention with the increases to go into effect in 2019. More information on these dues increases can be found in the Department Finance Chairman's article.

Of the pre-convention committee reports I received from Missouri delegates, the underlying thread was the need for communication. Communication from National to Department to Committee Chairs to Districts to Unit members is of utmost importance. Some highlights of these pre-con meetings were from Membership: the 3 Cs - Choice, Chance, and Change. Make a Choice to take a Chance to make a Change. Out of Credential, Rules and Resolutions: A resolution is considered a fancy motion with the rational of why you want to adopt it. From the Past President's Parley, the Department of Florida shared TGIF - Teach, Guide, Inspire Friends, what a wonderful idea. In the Chaplains pre-con, it was noted the National Prayer Book for Mary Davis weighed a hefty 12 pounds. Community Service

Saturday October 21, 2017 (cont.) Auxiliary Emergency Fund (AEF) Barbara Sheets Historian & Cavalcade of Memories Marsha Mooney Constitution & Bylaws/ Policies & Procedures Roberta Pointer Committee Members Connie Pack, Cathie Goth, Lori Millam, Michelle Emmerich, Mary Harper Chaplain Victoria Ornelas Legislative Michelle Burnett-Emmerich Leadership Ruth Weimann Past Presidents Parley/ Nurses Scholarship Linda Shivers Public Relations Vera Gerner-Taylor Fundraising Sandy Findeiss Committee Members Evelyn Cox & Jolena Shalla Finance Claudia Goodin Committee Members Linda Maddox & Martha Yancey Girls State Trust Fund Linda Shivers, Chairman Virginia Schnurbusch, Cathie Goth, Rosemarie W. Hauck, Patty Garrett Announcements Nancy Reeves, Department Secretary 5:00 PM Catholic Services Carnegies 5:00 PM Protestant Services Lincoln

Department President Project Fundraiser Get out your poodle skirts and roll up those jeans

It's a



" '50s & '60s Dance "

Saturday, October 21, 2017

7:00pm Greeting line for National Central Division Vice President Trish Ward 7:30pm to 10:00pm \$10 Admission Fee

Proceeds from the dance will go toward the building funds for the new Fisher House being built in Columbia, Missouri



Sunday, October 25, 2015

8:30 AM Reconvene Carnegies

Membership Parade

Membership Chairman Sharon Slagle & Sheridan Mires

- o Juniors Division Liz Rodabaugh
o Northeast Division Linda Maddox
o Northwest Division Wilma Jobson
o Southeast Division Wanda Kinder
o Southwest Division Kathy Cox

Rules & Resolutions Donna Morice

Scrapbook Lindy Capps

Honorary Junior President Samantha Reeves

Courtesy Resolutions Jackie Sutor & Christina Portell

Announcements Nancy Reeves, Department Secretary

Closing Prayer Department Chaplain Victoria Ornelas

Retirement of Colors Adjournment

(This program is subject to change)

alaforveterans.org. Each program is now a five-year program, so print your program out, or save it to your computer's desktop and refer to it as needed over the next five years. The National website is a great resource and it is yours to use.

LEADERSHIP

Ruth Wiemann, Chairman

Here are some ideas for the units to improve leadership skills. Work with a mentor to develop/enhance interest, skills and knowledge of the American Legion Auxiliary. Build your leadership skills by volunteering to chair a short-term project. Get to know the members of your unit. Help them identify the skills they can put to use in service to our veterans. NOT ALL LEADERS HAVE TITLES. Develop a plan to incorporate at least one aspect of leadership learning, monthly or quarterly at meetings. Participate in the ALA Leadership Academy as a unit. You can find it at www.alaforveterans.org.



stressed the importance of branding while performing community service projects. The delegate to the Liaison to Child Welfare Foundation reported that while the grant application is lengthy and detailed, 144 grants were submitted this past year with 20 grants being awarded for a combined amount of \$618,606.00. During the Americanism pre-con, division awards were announced as follows: Central Division, the Department of Ohio; Eastern Division, the Department of New Hampshire; the Northwestern Division, the Department of Nebraska; the Southern Division, the Department of North Carolina; and the Western Division, the Department of Arizona. The Department of Missouri was cited for having received 393 Americanism Essays. And from Education's pre-con it was reported that the Samsung Scholarship application is now online, simplifying the processing and completion of this scholarship. It was also noted that 55 Legacy Scholarships were awarded, totaling \$671,892.80. Ladies, this concludes my NEC report. Please check out the Programs Action Plan on the National website, www.

AROUND THE STATE

Sandy Miller of Unit #217, District 7, received her 50 membership pin from Unit President Regina Bidwell.

Miller became a member because a friend invited her "to come and check it out!" She felt very comfortable in the environment and immediately became a firm believer in the Auxiliary. She saw the need to serve veterans and began working with various projects. Sandy was good at selling raffle tickets, cooking meals at the post and encouraging others to join. Department President Carolyn Sanford assisted with the pin.



Department President Installs New Officer

Department of MO American Legion Auxiliary President, Carolyn Sanford attended the District 1 meeting held recently on Sunday, August 6 at the Hannibal Post to install the newly elected Department Chaplain, Victoria Ornelas.

Mrs. Ornelas is currently the Unit's treasurer and membership secretary for the Emmett J. Shields Hannibal Unit #55. She earns her eligibility for this honored position through the service of her husband, Jess Ornelas.

Jim Woods, District 17 Vice Commander, and Nancy Mason, Unit 138 Treasurer, presented Paul Roberts with a certificate and 50-year pin commemorating his membership in Bolivar Post 138. Mr. Roberts is a resident at the Mt. Vernon Veterans Home. The auxiliary also presented him with a patriotic lap throw crocheted by Margaret Revels.



District 6

Shirlee Schroder, President

As Reflected in the Five Goals

Membership: Our District is at 85.44 percent at this time. Even though some units did not reach their goal, they have made up for the deceased members lost by recruiting new members. Several units held recruitment booths at local festivals. Unit Presidents received membership support through personal calls and emails. The units worked with other veterans' organizations in the community. This expanded our reach in the community and has resulted in new members for one unit. Newspaper coverage of ALA events was encouraged to keep the American Legion Auxiliary name visible in the community.

Goodwill: Unit members have listened to the older members and supported them by adjusting meeting times so they could return home before dark. They also listened to aging members who voiced limited physical abilities. A shift to less demanding projects was made to accommodate them. This improved unit morale. Some units gave door prizes for members who attended meetings to lift their spirits. Members received an upbeat letter explaining what the unit had accomplished this year. This included a thank-you note to the members who could not participate, but supported the unit by renewing their membership each year. Responses were positive.

Leadership: Department began the "end of year" report by computer. It was a learning experience. Unit presidents voiced the need for more training. Suggestions were offered. Training is being developed. Past President Cathie Goth's project, the Jefferson Barracks Food Pantry, gave us the opportunity to participate with other districts to support veterans in other communities.

Strengthen Units: A few days prior to a scheduled meeting, the agenda was emailed to the members. Additions and/or corrections were made which allowed members to help plan the meeting. This also served as a meeting reminder. Units in the district sent favorite recipes for one unit's cookbook fundraiser. This strengthened our District by supporting each other. Windsor hosted the Traveling Vietnam Wall at their post. They encouraged other units in the District to participate in this event. The result was good teamwork.

Branding: Professionally made signs were purchased to show "who we are" during Poppy distribution. This showed pride in our organization. It also gives a visual impression of our organization to the community. ALA attire was worn for American Legion Auxiliary, veteran and community events.

The American Legion now on CBS Radio's weekly "Connecting Vets"

The American Legion now has a weekly radio spot on CBS Radio's new "Connecting Vets" radio show with Eric Dehm. The program airs every Wednesday at 8:30 AM Eastern Time or check the website to find a local CBS radio affiliate in your area. You can tune in to listen live every Wednesday at 8:30 AM. The American Legion is excited about this new venture to raise awareness about what the Legion is doing to stand up for veterans' rights and benefits, and to inform the public about the good work the Legion Family does in communities all across America.

www.connectingvets.com

A compliment is a gift, not to be thrown away carelessly unless you want to hurt the giver.

(Eleanor Hamilton)

Whatever is good to know is difficult to learn.

(Greek Proverb)

Courage is fear holding on a minute longer.

(George S. Patton)



CAMERON VETERANS HOME 2016-2107

Wilma Jobson, Representative

A variety of activities have been conducted this year. The American Legion, American Legion Auxiliary, VFW and other organizations take turns sponsoring the monthly birthday celebrations. Cake and ice cream are served each time.

In March Unit #57 also took 15 handmade walker/wheelchair bags and 15 catheter bags for the veterans. Unit 274 is scheduled for the June and August celebrations. Four members from Unit #57 had a SPA Day for six female veterans with pedicures and manicures. Unit #477 delivered 13 clothing protectors that they made from towels.

One Valentine Day the CVH Rep. and Post #57 Commander took cookies and Valentine cards to the veterans along with 50 more clothing protectors that Unit #57 members made.

The representative mails a calendar of activities to the 44 Units so they can choose which activities they can become involved with. We welcome any Unit that wants to help in any way. You can volunteer your time at the home or make clothing protectors or lap blankets on your time at home. We appreciate all you do for the veterans at the Cameron Veterans Home and Thank You!

District 8 2017-2018

Connie Pack, President

I have looked forward to being District 8 President and have started visiting 15 of the units. I was happy to install officers in Units 5, 202, 266 and 317. Besides enjoying a delicious dinner at each, we discussed ways of recording information, supporting President Carolyn's project and membership.

Currently a newsletter is being sent to all units sharing information with each other and what they are doing. Several have had a "Bakeless Bake Sale," prepared luncheons/dinners to raise money. Others have been busy making lap robes for the veterans or helping with bingo. Unit 624 is raffling a bear made from a mink coat. The drawing will be December 1 and the proceeds is for District 8 projects. My visits have been very interesting.

Thank you to Past District President Cindy Newton for serving in this office. She did a great job. I appreciate her helpfulness. The last district meeting was in Ashland. It was a fun time with an informative meeting and sharing a meal afterwards. Part of our business was making donations to President Carolyn's Fisher House project, Auxiliary Emergency Fund and Missouri Honor Flight. All the hard work and concern for the veterans is greatly appreciated.



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

JULY 2017 - SEPTEMBER 2017

District	Unit	Name	Location
8	317	Anita Beck	Freeburg, MO
8	624	Marilyn M. Raus	Gravois Mills, MO
8	624	Rosanna Shaffer	New Madison, OH
9	313	Geraldine L. Lammert	Saint Peters, MO
9	313	Jo A. Runge	Saint Peters, MO
10	397	Judith L. Spector	Sioux City, IA
13	150	Mary A. Zerwig	Bloomsdale, MO
13	253	Kelly M. Hicks	Festus, MO
13	253	Maxine M. Woelich	De Soto, MO
13	253	Margaret A. Johnson	Hillsboro, MO
15	322	Louise Marsh	Webb City, MO
17	138	Louetta I. Ball	Bolivar, MO

Calendar of Activities

October 20-22 **Fall Conference;** Capitol Plaza Hotel; Jefferson City, MO (573-635-1234)

February 16-18, 2018 **Spring Conference;** Capitol Plaza Hotel, Jefferson City, MO

District Meetings

- District 1** **November 5;** Macon Post #29; 2:00 p.m.
- District 4** **November 4;** Savannah Post #287
- District 7** **November 19;** Cole Camp Post #305; 2:00 p.m.
- District 8** **January 7, 2018;** Jefferson City Post #5; 1:00 p.m. oratorical contest
- District 9** **December 3;** St. Clair Post #347; registration 9:00; meeting 9:30; joint session after lunch
- District 10** **October 12;** Post #101
- District 13** **December 10;** Perryville Post #133; 2:00 p.m.
- District 15** **December 10;** Lockwood Post #372; 2:00 p.m.
- District 16** **December 3;** St. Robert Post #331; 10:00 a.m.

