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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 Fam-

ily" 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

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 **Dues Structure Proposal** the 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



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 mem-bership 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 Then, once you 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 ex-

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pedite getting your signed card, contact your Unit after paying online.

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.

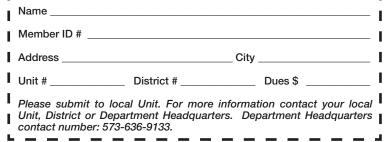
If you have already paid your dues and are receiving this notice, we thank you; your payment may have crossed in the mail. If you have any questions, please contact your Unit, District or Department Headquarters

Our country's 22 million veterans need the American Legion Auxiliary. Only because of YOU can we con-tinue 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.

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Membership Renewal Form



Information about the Dues Structure Proposal will be circulated 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 began in 2019. However, the NEC authorizing incremental increases did not pass. Motion B: from the ALA executive

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

my understanding that

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. Ďo 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!

American Legion Auxiliary – Department of Missouri

vote about a dues structure proposal for the NEC to bring before the 2017 National Convention delegates, and

become a lessee of ALA until they are ready to move into their new building.

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

roll up those jeans and Join me for a '50s & '60s Dance Saturday, October 21 7:30 p.m. Capital Plaza Kotel, Truman Room Special Guest National Central Division Vice President Trish Ward Greeting Line 7:00 p.m. Cost 1s \$10 All proceeds will go to the New Fisher House being built at Karry S. Truman Kospital.

Get out your poodle skirts and

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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 (Robert Fulghum) give away!

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

	can Legion Auxiliary 7 Fall Conference
	ration and Sales in the Atrium
Friday Ortoka	- 20, 2047 1:00 to E:00
Friday, Octobe	r 20, 2017 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm
Saturday, Octobe	er 21, 2017 8:00 am to 12:00 pm
Frida	ay October 20, 2017
3:00 PM Department Executive Commit	tee Meeting Jeffersor
Sature	day October 21, 2017
The Ar	nerican Legion Family
Call to Order	Carolyn Sanford, Department President
Invocation	Victoria Ornelas, Chaplain
Pledge of Allegiance	Catherine Auffert, Americanism Chairman
	Sheila Buus, Music Chairmar
	Judy Donati, 2 nd Vice President
Response	Sharon Slagle, 1 st Vice President
Introductions	Carolyn Sanford, Department President
Department Officers	
National Executive Committeewoma	in
Past Department Presidents	
District Presidents	
	Kathy Cox
	Roberta Pointer, Laura Mosby
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Junior Activities Chairman and Juniors Junior Members adjourn to their meeting	8
Presentation of National Awards	Cathie Goth
The Missouri Legionette Editor	Virginia Schnurbusch
Girls State DirectorLinda Committee MembersLinda	

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

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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
Рорру	Dr. Cynthia Gary
Poppy Poster	Kris Marsden

		Judy Donati Chairman
	Committee Members	Anita Smith & Evelyn Cox
	Hospital Representatives Jefferson Barracks	Evelyn Cox
	John Cochran	Christina Portell
	Harry S. Truman Kansas City	
	John J. Pershing Dwight D. Eisenhower	Betty Gilmore
	Fayetteville	
	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
ty G	overnment	Joann Vanfossan
Star	Program	Lindy Capps
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12:00 PM Lunch Break	
12:00 PM Past Presidents Parley Luncheon	ТВА
1:30 PM Regular Session Reconvene	Truman Room
Electronic Reporting	Sheridan Mires
Strategic Planning Committee	Patty Garrett
Committee Members	Laura Mosby, Judy Donati

Saturday October 21, 2017 (cont.)		
Auxiliary Emergency Fund (AEF)		
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		
Leadership		
Past Presidents Parley/ Nurses Scholarship		
Public Relations	Vera Gerner-Taylor	
Fundraising		
	Evelyn Cox & Jolena Shalla	
Finance		
	Linda Maddox & Martha Yancey	
Girls State Trust Fund		
	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



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



8:30 AM Reconvene.

Membership Parade

Memb	bership Chairman Sh	aron Slagle & Sheridan Mires
0	Juniors Division	Liz Rodabaugh
0	Northeast Division	Linda Maddox
0	Northwest Division	Wilma Jobson
0	Southeast Division	Wanda Kinder
0	Southwest Division	Kathy Cox
Rules &	& Resolutions	Donna Morice
Scrapb	book	Lindy Capps
Honorary Junior PresidentSamantha Reeves		
Courtesy Resolutions Jackie Sutor & Christina Portell		
AnnouncementsNancy Reeves, Department Secretary		
Closing Prayer Department Chaplain Victoria Ornelas		

Retirement of Colors Adjournment

(This program is subject to change)

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.



National Executive Committeewoman Cathie Goth

2017-18 National As your Committeewoman, Executive 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 onedav 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 C's 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

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.

this concludes my Ladies, NEC report. Please check out the Programs Action Plan on the National website, www.

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.

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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.



Chairman of the Delegation National Convention Report

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Cathie Goth

Delegates of the Department of Missouri's American Legion Auxiliary joined nearly 1,500 delegates, alternates and distinguished guests from across the nation to attend the 97th American Legion Auxiliary (ALA) National Convention August 18-24 in Reno, Nevada. The annual event brings members of The American Legion Family together to celebrate successes from the administrative year, elect national officers, and set national priorities to guide their organizations in the coming year.

Missouri Delegates participated in a variety of activities throughout the week, including Pre-Convention Committee meetings, National Executive Committee meetings, divisional caucuses, sessions on how to continue the ALA's mission of serving veterans, the nomination of state and national officers, and recognition of the year's achievements.

The highlight of the National Convention was when National President Mary E. Davis announced Rolla Dicks Unit #315 of Burlington Junction, Missouri, as one of four Units to receive this year's "National President's Award of Excellence. What an honor it was to be sitting in the audience and hear one of our Missouri's Units announced as the recipient of this prestigious award. Many pictures of the various activities of the Unit #315 were displayed on the large screens. As the 2016-17 Department President, I was privileged to accept the award on behalf of Unit #315. I am so proud of these ladies and all their work. The American Legion Auxiliary Units in Northwest Missouri are showing their communities "WHO WE ARE" - "WHAT WE DO" - and "WHY IT MATTERS."

Another highlight of the Convention was the opportunity to see women from the five branches of the military receive awards and speak to the delegation. These amazing ladies shared a little about their careers and thanked the American Legion Auxiliary for the honor of representing service women around the world.

A highlight from the American Legion was the election of Denise Rohan, Department of Wisconsin, as the first female National Commander of the American Legion. Another highlight from the Legion was the opportunity to witness the historical event of President Trump signing a bill into law to help "streamline the lengthy process that veterans undergo when appealing their claims for disability benefits" with the Department of Veterans Affairs. This is the first time a bill has been signed into law by a president at a National American Legion Convention.

At this 97th Annual Convention it was demonstrated how American Legion Auxiliary (ALA) members have dedicated themselves for nearly a century to meeting the needs of our nation's veterans, military and their families, both here and abroad. Auxiliary members volunteer millions of hours yearly, with a value averaging \$2 billion each year. As part of the world's largest women's patriotic service organization, the Department of Missouri's ALA volunteers across our state step up daily to honor veterans and military and their families. Ladies, thank you for all you do.

POPPY

Dr. Cynthis Ann Gray, Chair

make this a SUPER Let's SUCCESSFUL year for our veterans and their families. In 2013 the American Legion changed rules for poppy distribution and use of funds. These new American Legion resolutions supercede all previous Legion and Auxiliary Poppy Program resolutions. Because the American Legion Auxiliary exists to support the American Legion, National officially removed all obsolete Auxiliary Poppy resolutions (Poppy Program Guide 05/2016 p8). New rules for use of funds are on page 6 in Poppy Program Guide (05/2016) and on page 78 of Unit Guide Book (June 2014). Units must publicize the Poppy Program uniformly and correctly using only current information from these American Legion sources and American Legion Emblem Sales. Every day is a Poppy Day.

Selected excerpts from Poppy Program Guide (05/2016)

 \bullet "Greater flexibility...not limited to paper poppies...poppy labels don't need calendar year" (p7)

• "Poppy made from any material, and other poppy items to raise funds for the Poppy Program" (p8) • "Distribute poppy symbol in non-

traditional ways: buttons, balloons, stickers, pencils, temporary tattoos, T-shirts, cookies, cupcakes, wreaths, Christmas decorations, note cards... any occasion" (p7)

VETERAN AFFAIRS & REHABILITATION

Judy Donati, 2nd Vice President

"The Auxiliary's efforts are focused in three primary areas: VETERANS / MILIARY SUPPORT & ADVOCACY, FAMILY SUPPORT AND YOUTH DEVELOPMENT." www.alaforveterans.com

Everything we do as a member of the American Legion Auxiliary significantly changes the lives of our veterans, military and their families. They need us. I strongly encourage you to work your programs. And by doing so, you honor them.

To those members that volunteer their time at Veteran Homes and VA Medical Centers / Hospitals....we say THANK YOU. Check out these numbers for July & August!

Total # Volunteers – 153, Total # Hours Worked – 755, Total \$ Spent \$2,079

And can you believe Thanksgiving is a few weeks away and shortly after that Christmas? This is an extremely busy time for the Auxiliary, especially at the homes, hospitals and medical centers. If your Unit would like to donate time, please contact the representatives and see if they are in need of any additional help. Please don't show up without confirmation that help is needed as some homes and hospitals already have an overabundance of volunteers

GIFT SHOP DATES

Veterans Home Warrensburg

History Committee

Marsha Mooney, Chairman

WOW! When I was assigned committee, I thought it something that went along this was with Historian. After National Convention I discovered I couldn't have been more wrong. Yes, I know they both involve History but that is about all.

The History Committee was called the Cavalcade of Memories. It does still include that aspect of it, but National has expanded it to include not only objects and mementoes but also the written word (newspaper articles, histories, scrapbooks) pictures, films, music and anything that pertains to our history since the beginning almost a 100 years.

A semi-permanent committee might be a good choice for your Unit or District. Check with your local library, Historical Society, wherever your Unit or District have stored old records. Older members could be very helpful searching for the treasures.

Post information on the Legion's Centennial website about your history. This is an easy method of sharing news with members. Please don't throw away any records that your library or Historical Society might be interested in preserving. The American Legion Auxiliary was and still is an important part of our history in the communities. We need to tell it.

District 1 Report 2016-2017

Linda Maddox, President

First District consists of 14 Units with 10 reporting they have been active in the communities and supported our children and youth program by raising and providing funds to send 45 delegates to Missouri Girls State, recruiting new members from Girls State Alumni, donating to After Prom parties, and sponsoring the Poppy Poster and Miss Poppy contest for the grade school students in our communities.

Units have also been busy educating our members and community about the need to support our veterans, active military and their families. This was done by reporting Auxiliary programs and service with photos in the local newspaper and on the radio, and participating in classroom reading Three units provided programs. scholarships amounting to \$1,300.00. Units provided church member and veteran funeral dinners, Legionnaire dinners, participated in Legacy Run Scholarship fundraisers, Honor Flights and displayed the Auxiliary flag at Memorial Day services. Our Junior Auxiliary members have been active promoting and distributing poppies, helping with July 4th activities and Christmas Gift Shop for veterans. They also dispersed stuffed animals to organizations assisting displaced children and worked on projects to secure patches for their vests.

Our units have made donations and sold "Pot of Gold" raffle tickets to offset expenses of our Department office and to the Department Emergency Fund project. We have made donations to local food banks, sent gifts and volunteered at the Mexico Veterans Home for their Christmas Gift Shop, sent money for the Wreaths Across America at the Jacksonville State Cemetery, Wounded Warriors, Special Warriors, Olympics and Seg's For Vets. We have draping charter ceremonies for our deceased Auxiliary members and include their families. One unit presents their Gold Star mother with a pin and rose at their Memorial Day ceremony and recognizes her with a certificate. Several units promoted the Oratorical Contest with eight participants, participated in the pocket flag project and sent letters or certificates of recognition to Unit members. For the VA & R program 10 units reported 3,527 volunteered hours, spent \$10,005 and drove 10,961 miles to assist 1,058 veterans. There were 784 hours volunteered for community service with \$6,858 spent in direct aid and 1,635 miles were driven for this project. Our District distributed 2,010 poppies and raised \$2.122 to better serve our veterans and active military. On a negative note, Units #574 Plevena, #170 Canton and #200 LaBelle have surrendered their charters. Many members have transferred to another unit. A positive and exciting note is a new Unit from Schuyler County in Queen City is in the process of obtaining a new charter.

District 2 Report 2016-2017 Wilma Jobson, **Membership Chairman**

variety of activities were Α held this past year by District 2 promoting membership. members One unit presented members with membership pins with the number of years on the pin. If it was 50 years they were also presented a corsage.

Another unit sent several dues notice reminders in addition to the one National sent. Another example of promoting membership was the unit or the President paid the dues of a Junior member to get them involved in the programs. Newsletters were sent to members who are not able to attend meetings. Positive comments were received from this project. Another unit had a picture of members who had recruited new members and published in the local paper. A post and unit jointly participated in publishing the many activities they accomplished together. Many phone calls were made to members who had not paid their dues. This was a

Successful project. Units #34, #551 and #586 exceeded their 100 percent goal for the year. They were presented a certificate for their hard work in recruiting membership.

District 4 Report 2016-2017

Sheridan Mires, President

Fourth District Auxiliary have worked hard members supporting our veterans and active began visiting and military. Ι installing Unit Officers in August at a joint installation for five Units. In September we were pleased to have President Cathie Goth install our District Officers and appreciated her making a huge detour on her way to St. Louis to the Commander's Homecoming. This year all District 4 Officers elected and appointed were Junior members. We are very proud of this accomplishment because very few, if any District can make this claim. What a great example these ladies are to our current Junior members. I can remember attending Auxiliary meetings with my grandmother and mother. Three District officers attended President Cathie's Homecoming in Clinton in September.

In October members attended Fall Conference in Jefferson City. It was an honor to represent District 4 at the Homecoming for National Commander Schmidt in Craig, what a special memory for him. I know some in attendance thought they were in no-man's land and they were.

In November, we held our annual Christmas Bazaar at our District meeting. December found many District members volunteering their time at the Christmas Gift Shops at Eisenhower Medical Center and Cameron Veterans Home. Members helped veterans shop and wrapped gifts at the Christmas Gift Shops.

I attended Spring Conference in Jefferson City and participated in the transportation and donation of MANY pounds of food for the families of the National Guard Unit in Jefferson City. I am sure the ladies at the food bank were a little surprised at the many boxes.

We continue to be proud of the complishments of the Junior accomplishments of Members in our District. Junior leaders spend countless hours mentoring our Juniors and organizing their many activities throughout the year. District Four Units reported hours of shopping for Gift Shop Items, Care package items, and presents for families adopted at Christmas. One Unit collects and delivers food, clothing and household items for Footprints for Heroes – a homeless shelter for veterans in Kansas City. I was privileged to have the opportunity to attend the thank-you supper for those organizations and individuals who supported the Wounded Warrior Guide Service Project. This organization chooses disabled veterans and transports them to an area near Rock Port to hunt. The goal of the individual responsible for starting this program in the county is to have all the expenses covered for a veteran chosen to participate in a hunt in Atchison County. This would allow the organization to send more veterans on hunts. I enjoyed visiting with the veterans and the others who helped make the hunt possible. This is an annual event so there will be opportunities each year for Units to join in and help give the veterans an exciting, rewarding trip. They would like to organize a hunt for female veterans soon. Fourth District American Legion Auxiliary members are proud of who

we are and what we do. The work for our veterans does matter and we all need to talk about what we do so others will learn about this great organization.

District 5 Report 2016-2017

Cecilia Eli, President

Fifth district has 11 units each The district being very active. officers were installed at the August Past District President meeting. Linda Schaap was the installing officer. The installation was beautiful and each officer received a red rose. Thank you Arlene Choat for making the lovely red, white and blue rose corsage.

The District meets the third Wednesday of each month, except for October. This is a joint meeting with the Legionnaires. At each meeting particular American Legion

Auxiliary program is emphasized. My District President's project was Kansas City Hospice home. My first visit was to Unit #596,

which is small in number but very active with the Auxiliary programs.

The Ways & Means committee is sponsoring a raffle with many beautiful items as prizes. There will be a table in the atrium at convention. The drawing for the prizes will be Sunday, July 16, 2017. The tickets are \$1.00 each or six for \$5.00. The prizes are a music box, Liberty statue; red, white & blue wreath; red, white & blue tote bag; pink quilt; \$50.00 bill; red, white & blue bracelet; red, white & blue star pin; seasonal bracelet; red necklace; and a picture. I attended Fall Conference

as President and it was very informative. The District distributed \$1.00 bills to the veterans at the VA hospital. We also worked hard at the Kansas City VA Christmas Gift Shop. The Veterans appreciated the gifts they received. Alexis Hartenstein, a former Girls State delegate received the District \$1,000 scholarship. She was our first recipient.

I laid a wreath for Fifth District at the Truman Library in May and also attended the luncheon at Post #21 for the Truman Pilgrimage.

President, I attended the DAV Building grand opening in May recognizing the beautiful new building. At the May meeting we honored our Department President Cathie Goth with a beautiful patriotic luncheon in this new facility.

Macae Mickens and Laura Mosby conducted the 5th District Girls State Briefing. The delegates are anxiously waiting for the busy week to begin. They were reminded how lucky they are to be selected to attend this session of Missouri Girls State. As President I plan to attend the Inauguration on Friday night, June 30, in Warrensburg.

My year will end by attending Department Convention in July at the Capitol Plaza Hotel.

District 16 Report 2016-2017

Darline Enloe, President

At the June District meeting held at Post #99 the 2017-2018 officers were elected. We sponsored 59 delegates to Missouri Girls State this year.

We are very proud to have Carolyn Isgriggs as the Representative at St. James Veterans Home.

We continue to volunteer at the St. James Veterans Home and also donate money. We participated in a memorial service for veterans. We also help with dominoes and checkers; sponsor a Halloween party; work at the Christmas Gift Shop; and donated to Wreaths Across America. Other donations were to Backpacks, Toys for Tots, Lunch programs; the USO; and purchased flags for several cemeteries and placed them in cemeteries. Our fundraisers are Bake Sales, Barbecues, Turkey Shoots, Garage Sales, 50/50 tickets and raffle tickets. We have also awarded scholarships. We extended our volunteering to different programs in the community that benefit veterans and their families in the area.

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• "Poppy images, always red, symbolizes blood sacrificed for freedom. Rules governing number of petals and leaves no longer apply' (p10)



November 30 and December 1

Veterans Home Mexico December 4 and 5

Cameron Veterans Home December 6

Missouri Veterans Home / St. Louis – December 8

Cape Girardeau Veterans Home -December 11

ALA SOCIAL MEDIA HASHTAGS

#MyAuxiliaryMagazine - Post a photo of yourself reading the latest Auxiliary magazine.

#LegionFamily – Post a photo of you/your unit volunteering with Legion Family members in branded attire.

#ALARockStars Share Facebook posts, tweets and photos of ALA members working the mission.

#AmericanLegionAuxiliary - Share Facebook posts, tweets and photos of anything and everything related to the ALA.





If Columbus had had an advisory committee, he would probably still be at the dock.

(Justice Arthur Goldberg)

The great thing in this world is not so much where we stand, as in what direction we are moving. (Oliver Wendell Holmes)

Department

President

Installs New Officer

Legion Auxiliary President,

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

Department of MO American

Sanford attended

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.





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 some units did not reach thougl



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

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"

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, 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

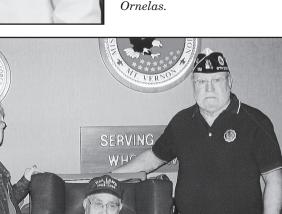
All chairmen's conference reports are to be given to the Editor of The Missouri Legionette by close of Fall Conference or sent IMMEDIATELY after conference and no later than October 31. They are to be included in the November/December issue. This is the eight-page issue. We need to get this printed before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

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
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their goal, they have made up for the deceased members lost by recruiting members. Several units new 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.

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.

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 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.

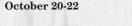
(Eleanor Hamilton)

Whatever is good to know is difficult to learn.

(Greek Proverb)

Courage is fear holding on a minute longer.

(George S. Patton)



February 16-18, 2018

Spring Conference; Capitol Plaza Hotel, Jefferson City, MO

Fall Conference; Capitol Plaza

Hotel; Jefferson City, MO



(573 - 635 - 1234)

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.

