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President's Message



Department President
Sharon Slagle
Unit 315, District 4

HAPPY NEW YEAR AND GOD BLESS

Once again the Christmas Gift Shops are over. Our terrific VA & R representatives and our American Legion Auxiliary members who helped are all well deserving of praise and gratitude from all of us for their hard work.

Thank you to all who sent in their mid-year reports. They were very informative and a lot of work was done by our dedicated members – helping to “Let Our Light Shine on Missouri.”

Spring Conference is just around the corner and it should be full of important information to make our lives easier. We will join The American Legion for their Four Chaplains Service. The American Legion State Oratorical Contest will be held Saturday afternoon. Saturday night there will be a fundraiser sponsored by Missouri Girls State Trust Fund. The name of the game is “LUCKY.” There will be lots of fun and great prizes.

The National American Legion invited our Department to purchase bricks in honor of our Past National Presidents. Thank you to the DEC members for approving the purchase of two bricks. One brick will be in memory of June Stolte and the other brick will be in honor of JoAnn Cronin. The \$400 goes to The National Foundation Fund.

“Kids of Our Heroes Adventure Camp” fundraising is going well and a big Thank You to all who have made a donation. The goal was set at \$15,000 and with what has been sent directly to the camp and what has been sent through Department office, we have raised approximately \$8,500. YAY-YAY! We hope our Units and Districts will bring checks for the camp for the Parade of Checks to be held at our American Legion Auxiliary Convention in July. It is such a good project and we know that you want to see these kids go home from the camp with a better outlook on life. Thank you again for your help.



Kids Of Our Heroes Adventure Camp

Article #4

By Ellen Arnce for Sharon Slagle

Have you ever felt all alone, abandoned, worthless? Have you been afraid, sad, anxious, uncertain? Have you been overwhelmed by your circumstances? Of course, we all have. It is the same for the child of a fallen or wounded warrior/first responder. At Kids Of Our Heroes Adventure Camp, these kids are with others who are going through many of the same trials they are. Trained counselors are there to teach, guide, comfort, and genuinely care about them. Most importantly, God is there. Each child is given a Bible and every day they learn a scripture, along with a coping skill. Every day there is an adventure that serves two purposes: fun and an opportunity to learn.

One of the lessons learned comes when each child is given a pile of sand which represents the layers of negativity heaped on them, (“You’re no good.” “You won’t amount to anything.” etc.) They must sift through the sand until they find the hidden jewel they are and they take that jewel home as a reminder.”

Our Almighty Heavenly Father never promised us a smooth road, but He did promise to walk the road with us. Life deals us bumps and potholes, but faith and coping skills give us shock absorbers. By supporting the Kids Of Our Heroes Adventure Camp, you are helping children find the jewel they are and the shock absorbers for life’s road. Contact information:

By mail: Kids Of Our Heroes Adventure Camp, 9441 Farm Road 1195, Aurora, MO 65605.
By phone: (417) 574-6250
By email: TheCamp@KidsOfOurHeroes.org,
On the World Wide Web: www.KidsOfOurHeroes.org,
On Facebook: www.facebook.com/KOOHAC.

SPRING CONFERENCE

Please mark your calendar to join us for the Spring Conference February 16 and 17 at the Capitol Plaza Hotel in Jefferson City, Mo.

The meeting schedule is in this issue. Sgt. Scott White of the Missouri Highway Patrol will educate us on personal safety. Grace Link, executive vice president of the Missouri Veterans Commission, will inform us on the status of the veterans homes and hospitals.

You will also note that Sunday morning is an opportunity to ask questions about anything you wish. Annual reporting and information about new forms for 2019 will be discussed.

Plan to join us Saturday evening for LUCKY, a fundraiser for Missouri Girls State Trust.

If you have any questions, please contact me, Carolyn Sanford, NEC, carolyns217@gmail.com

MEMBERSHIP



“LET OUR LIGHT SHINE”

Marsha Mooney,
Membership Co-chairman
Sheridan Mires,
Membership Co-chairman

Many Units have been working diligently to reach the goals set by the Membership Team. The Special Award for Units reaching 100 percent of goal by 12-31-18, was achieved by 17 Units. The “Let It Shine Award” for Units reaching 85

percent of goal by 1-1-19, and not achieving the Special Award was achieved by 28 Units. These Units will be placed in the drawing for \$25 to be drawn at Convention in July. Way to go ladies!!

There are many Units that missed the above goals by one or two members. Remember, you can still work to achieve the goals set for the last two awards. So if your Unit is one of those that did not reach the goal keep working and “Let Our Light Shine” around Missouri for our veterans and their families.

Special Award: Unit 261, 487, 508, 288, 623, 52, 198, 297, 388, 39, 560, 65, 137, 419, 443, 128, 374

Let It Shine Award: Unit 7, 274, 586, 56, 61, 49, 256, 315, 318, 340, 189, 622, 14, 60, 134, 191, 211, 279, 105, 152, 343, 162, 172, 133, 283, 59, 163, 372

Units reporting for the mid-year report shared ideas on recruiting new members. Units sent personal notes to encourage members to re-

new, reminders published in unit/post newsletter, Units ride in festival parades, Juniors have their own banner, members wear branded shirts at parades, activities and programs, Units set up tables at festivals, Post/Unit dinners, hand out flyers at National Guard Christmas Party that is sponsored by the Unit, several units reported they hand out membership forms when they distribute poppies, hand out membership applications at various patriotic programs and assemblies at the schools. Wear Auxiliary-branded clothing at all Unit or Post events, presentations, Christmas Gift Shop. One Unit talked to the ladies at a Post fundraiser and encouraged them to join and join their granddaughters. One unit reported they put together a folder for membership. In this reusable folder they put a copy of the membership application, Auxiliary brochures, added Unit contact information to the application, worked with the Legion to find spouses, daughters, granddaughters. One Legion Post assisted the Unit by identifying Legion members with family members who would be potential members.

Let’s finish the year strong by reaching our goals.

Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation Committee

Newsletter

January 2019

Happy New Year!

To show our appreciation and keep the Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation conversation flowing, the VA&R Committee has planned a series of newsletters by email.

The 2018-2019 Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation Committee would like to take this opportunity to thank every one of you for your Service to Veterans. This dedication is never more evident than the many selfless volunteers who spent hours, dollars and drove miles to assist with the annual Christmas Gift Shops held in Missouri veterans homes and hospitals, along with the Leavenworth, Kansas VAMC and the Fayetteville, Arkansas VAMC. The mid-year reports were awe-

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You’re Cordially Invited
to
100th Anniversary Celebration of the Saint Louis Caucus



When: May 9 & 10, 2019

Where: Ceremony - at Soldier’s Memorial (1315 Chestnut Street, St. Louis, MO)

May 9-Reception at Soldier’s Memorial 6:00 -8:00 pm

May 10 – Formal Celebration followed by Luncheon at Missouri Athletic Club Grand Ballroom (405 Washington Avenue, St. Louis, MO) cost for lunch \$35.00

Guest Speakers: National Commander Bret Reistad and National President Kathy Dungan

The Traveling GI Bill Display will on exhibit at Soldier’s Memorial

A room block has been reserved at the Missouri Athletic Club. The room rates are:
Singles includes queens/king beds \$121.00 per night
Doubles includes 2 queen beds \$121.00 per night
Suites –one bed & parlor w/pull out sofa -135.00 per night
Reservation can be made by calling 314-231-7220 -when booking ask for The American Legion Block.

Please RSVP by April 18, 2019 and remit your luncheon reservation(s) of \$35.00 per person (Make Check payable to the American Legion Department of Missouri: mail to P.O. Box 179, Jefferson City, MO 65102)

Person (s) attending Name and position:

Total Payment Sent: _____



November 2, 2018

ALA Department of Missouri
Cathie Goth
600 Ellis Blvd
Jefferson City, MO 65101

Re: ALAF VCAF Grant Funds Check and Reporting Requirements
Grant Application VC18M00025
Project Period 09/24/2018 – 09/24/2019

Dear Cathie,

Congratulations again! ALA Department of Missouri has been awarded a VCAF mini grant from the American Legion Auxiliary Foundation (ALAF). Enclosed with this letter, please find your grant award check in the amount of \$2,500 intended to assist three local VAMC’s with their VCAF programs.

Also enclosed with this letter is a copy of the American Legion Auxiliary Foundation Grant Progress Report. This report is due back to the ALAF within 30 days of completion of the project along with any unexpended funds pertaining to the project.

As a condition of the grant, the American Legion Auxiliary Foundation is to be acknowledged as a funding source on all publications and in all presentations related to the project in a clear, unambiguous and readily-identifiable fashion, using the following acknowledgement: “This project was supported by a grant from the American Legion Auxiliary Foundation” or as otherwise directed by the ALAF. A member of the ALA Communications division will be in touch in the coming days to discuss branding and public relations opportunities for your project. Included in this package is a helpful document titled, “Promote and Brand Your ALA Foundation Grant-Funded Project” to get your ideas started.

If you have any questions concerning any of the above, please contact us at
ALAFoundation@ALAFforVeterans.org.

We are pleased to assist you in helping veterans, military and their families through this awarded grant.

Sincerely,

Doris Hammeke

Doris Hammeke
American Legion Auxiliary Foundation Board President

MOVED?

New address _____

Please forward to:

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



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Chaplain's Corner



Louise Welch,
Department
Chaplain

Early on the morning of February 3, 1943, the U.S.A.T. Dorchester was wallowing through the icy seas of Greenland. Most of the troops on board were asleep in their bunkers. Suddenly a torpedo smashed into the Dorchester flank. There were four chaplains aboard the Dorchester. They saved over 200 soldiers.

During the Spring Conference, a Memorial Service will be held for these chaplains. Please plan to attend.

Scripture: Ecclesiastes 2:26- For God gives wisdom, knowledge and joy to a man who is good in His sight.

PRAYER:

Dear God, may your love be felt throughout the world. Bless our nation's leaders with wisdom. Lord, we pray that peace will eventually prevail. We pray for those in leadership positions around the world, that they may open their hearts to Your written word. May wisdom and cautions replace pride and arrogance, may evil behavior and stubbornness be replaced with sound judgment, understanding and honor. We pray for our servicemen and -women wherever they are and their families. Watch over us Lord, and those who protect us. Grant each of us an understanding of Your wishes for our lives, that we might fulfill our responsibilities to you. This we ask in Your name. Amen.

Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation Committee Newsletter January 2019

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some, reflecting how Service to Veterans continues outside the veterans homes and hospitals. The reports included many tried and true activities, as well as new and innovative ways to show appreciation and aid to our veterans. A copy of the VA&R Committee's mid-year report was submitted to the Legionnaire, please take time to review this report for an overview of some of the fantastic work being done by Auxiliary members across Missouri.

While attending Christmas Gift Shops one question asked from a member was "Can I volunteer at a Christmas Gift Shop in a district other than my own? The Gift Shop in my district is a one and half hour drive one way, while there is one in an adjoining district 30 minutes away?" My response was Service to Veterans knows no district lines but be sure your volunteer hours are only counted once, either by the homes or hospital representative or by yourself, but only once.

Homes and hospital representatives can now submit their monthly expense reports electronically by visiting the Department's website,

PAST PRESIDENTS PARLEY

Rosemarie W. Hauck,
Chairman

During the 2018-2019 PPP year we will honor Past Department Presidents. To continue, our salute goes out to Past Department Presidents Miss JoAnn Cronin, Mrs. Al (Arlene) Sasser and Mrs. Delbert (Joanne) Snodgrass.

As an active member of the ALA, JoAnn Cronin has served as President of Rock Memorial Unit 283 in Imperial, President of the 13th District, and Department President of Missouri, having served in 1990-1991. JoAnn's membership pin was "Geese" with the theme of "Team Up-Reach Out." JoAnn continued her service to the ALA by serving as National Chairman to most ALA programs. In 2005 she was elected as National Vice President and installed in Hawaii. She was elected National President for the 2006-2007 year in Salt Lake City, Utah. Through JoAnn's insight, the National organization was first introduced to the first Strategic Planning Committee in 2007. Her guidance was also instrumental in the current National Centennial Strategic 5-Year Plan. JoAnn retired from the Aeronautical Chart (Defense Mapping) Agency. JoAnn's family is the most important part of her life.

My personal thanks JoAnn for your encouragement to me.

As an active member of the ALA, Arline Sasser has served as President of Unit in Independence, President of the 5th District and Department President of Missouri, having served in 1991-1992. Arline's membership year pin was a "Dove" with the theme "Peace." Arline is now a member of Unit 21. Arline retired as secretary at the Universal Atlas Cement Company. She and Al loved to travel. These days at 93 years old, she is unable to attend Department conferences and conventions, but keeps up to date on everything. An avid KC Chief fan. Oh! Did I mention she loves using her laptop and is a frequent Facebooker where you will find her giving love to her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

As an active member of the ALA, Dorothy Joanne Snodgrass (fondly known to the Department as Joanne) has served as President of Roy E. Carr Unit 372 in Lockwood, President of the 15th District and Department President of Missouri, having served in 1995-1996. Joanne's membership year pin was an "Indian Girl." In addition to serving as Department President, she served as chairman of most programs. Members looked forward to seeing what character she would show up as during her report at Fall Conference. Her greatest love was Girls State. This love cumulated when she was appointed to serve as Girls State Director. Joanne, a baker of bakers, loves to cook and entertain. In Lockwood she is known for her biscuits and gravy at the Legion's monthly breakfast. She is known to whip up a made-from-scratch lemon meringue or any other pie at a moment's notice for her guests. Joanne retired as a medical technician for the state of Missouri. She and her husband Del loved to travel and would drive back to her home state of Texas on short notice. She loves Mexican food. Her love for family is unique. She has four sons, one daughter, and many grandchildren and great-grandchildren in Missouri, Oklahoma and Colorado. Her extended family includes many ALA friends. Thanks Sis!

Missouri thanks these three women for their service to the American Legion Auxiliary.
IMPORTANT DATES TO

<http://dptmoala2.wix.com/deptmoala> (this web address can be found on the front page of the 2018-2019 Unit Guide). Once you have accessed the website, click on page links, scroll down to forms, click on VA&R Monthly Report. For more information on how to access and utilize this electronic filing please call Nancy Reeves at Department Headquarters at 573-636-9133.

Your VA&R Committee is excited to work to expand awareness of and opportunities for Auxiliary members to actively contribute to and participate in the Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation Program.

For God and Country
2018-2019 Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation Committee, Department of Missouri.

REMEMBER:

A. Member Award: Unit Member of the Year
• Deadline: April 15, 2019
• Must submit Unit Member of the Year Award Form available for download on the PPP page on the national website

B. National Award: Salute to Servicewomen
• Deadline: April 15, 2019
• Must submit Salute to Servicewomen Award Nomination Form available for download on the PPP page on the national website

C. Department PPP Award: Nursing Scholarship
• Deadline: April 1, 2019

All award applications must be received no later than the date listed above. Please send them to: Rosemarie W. Hauck, 3654 Candlewyck Green Court, Florissant, MO 63034

NATIONAL SECURITY

Carolyn Sanford, Chairman

What does National Security mean for your Unit and District? It can be something as simple as wearing a red shirt on Friday to honor all military, whether deployed, serving stateside or in the Reserves. Wearing a red shirt on Friday also honors all veterans throughout the country.

If you are located close to a military facility or National Guard Armory check how you can offer support. Send a note to single men and women on base inviting them to a meeting or function. You can do this for families too. Often they may not leave the military base unless invited to a function. Remember to use social media to spread the word about your activities.

Check to see when CERT training (Community Emergency Response Training) is offered in your county. Contact the nearest Community Blood Bank or Red Cross for information on ways to help.

I look forward to your reports about what you have been doing. Feel free to contact me if I can assist you.



Poppy Report

Dr. Cynthia Ann Gray, Chair

In my reports at Convention, Fall Conference, two emails to District Presidents, and two different articles in the Legionette, I have given detailed information on new Poppy rules, also format for and examples of complete award-winning reports. I also requested mid-year and year-end narrative reports to submit to National. We have 216 units in 16 districts. For the mid-year report only three districts reported, eight separate units reported and one picture with little information was received.

Reports benefit your Unit as a summary of a program. These reports are to be narratives/stories/paragraphs, not just figures, with specific information on how members promoted poppies. Some units used a form filling in blanks with numbers. That should be basic information for writing a narrative report. Please separate Poppy revenue by traditional poppies distributed and nontraditional Poppy items sold. Include pictures with descriptions, and anecdotes at distribution locations. With adequate information in our reports, we could qualify for National awards. (See information given to all District Presidents.)

Please submit your Unit year-end reports to your District President by May 5 so she can compile a report and send to me by May 10.

Reminder, in 2013 National expanded our principal fundraising opportunity, giving us permission to SELL nontraditional poppy items, as well as DISTRIBUTE FOR DONATIONS traditional crepe paper poppies. Also changed was Poppy funds may now be used for active military and their families under specific circumstances. (See Poppy Program Guide revised July 2018 for latest information and ideas for non-traditional poppy items.)

I am here to help you become successful units. If you have any questions please contact me, Dr. Cynthia Ann Gray, at 660-827-2448 or mrsdoc8@outlook.com

Spring Conference
American Legion Auxiliary
February 16, 2019
Jefferson City, MO 65101

Saturday, February 16, 2019 9:00 AM Jefferson Room

Opening:	Sharon Slagle, President
Prayer:	Louise Welch, Chaplain
Pledge:	Vera Gerner-Taylor, Historian
Preamble:	Marsha Mooney, 1 st . Vice President
National Security Program	Carolyn Sanford Chairman, NEC
Sergeant Scott White	Public Information and Education Officer Missouri State Highway Patrol
Grace Link.....	Executive Director Missouri Veterans Commission
11:00am Joint Chaplain's Service	Four Chaplains Service with American Legion
11:30 Dismissal	Sharon Slagle, President
Lunch Break	Lunch on your own
1:30pm	Joint Session with The American Legion STATE ORATORICAL CONTEST
5:00pm	Protestant Service in Lincoln Room
5:15pm	Catholic Service St. Peters Church 216 Broadway, Jefferson City, MO
7:00pm	"LUCKY" Sponsored by Missouri Girls State Trust Fund, Linda Shivers Chairman. Fun, Prizes, Fun and more prizes! This is a fundraiser event to Trust Fund.

Sunday, February 17, 2018

9:00am	
Reconvene:	Sharon Slagle, President
Open Forum	
Annual Reporting	
	• Online Reporting • Narrative Reporting
New forms for 2019	
Website changes/online forms	
Closing of Spring Conference by President Sharon Slagle	
Benediction	Louise Welch, Chaplain

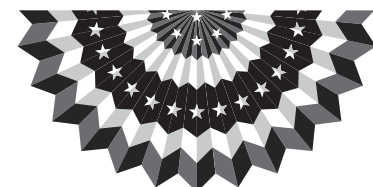
Legislative Report

Margie Koch, Chairman

The Legislative program provides information and assistance to the American Legion Auxiliary members to advocate for the legislative agenda of the American Legion. What can we do to encourage members to be more knowledgeable and to take action on our legislative priorities? One way is to subscribe to the Legion's Legislative Action Alerts to receive notifications when they call on all Legion family members to take immediate action on a topic. Visit www.capwiz.com/legion/mlm/sign-up to subscribe. Actively post The American Legion legislative priori-

ties on social media. Identify your U.S. representatives and two U.S. senators and build a relationship and rapport with these individuals and their staff. Connect with other civic organizations to communicate the American Legion's legislative priorities for potential support and membership opportunities.

Working together we can make a difference. While advocating for the legislative agenda of the American Legion, Auxiliary members raise awareness for our mission and increase our loyalty brand.



LUCKY

GAME NIGHT

MISSOURI GIRLS STATE

TRUST BOARD

SPRING CONFERENCE FUND RAISER

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2019

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

50-50 DRAWING AVAILABLE

REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE

CHALLENGE YOUR LUCK BY ATTENDING THIS ACTIVITY

The American Legion Auxiliary Emblem



The emblem of the American Legion Auxiliary is your badge of distinction and honor. It stands for God and country and the highest rights of man. It consists of several parts, and each part has a meaning. The rays of the sun that form the background stand for the principles of the American Legion Auxiliary. For loyalty, justice, freedom and democracy, dispelling the darkness of violence, strife and evil. Unity and loyalty are represented by the unbroken circle of blue. The field of white exemplifies the hope of freedom. The star of blue is the emblem of service in war. It is no less the emblem in time of peace.

The emblem of the American Legion Auxiliary is the emblem of Americanism. As members of the American Legion Auxiliary, we must preach and teach principles of Americanism. Let us not forget that to each generation comes its patriotic duty and that upon your willingness to sacrifice and endure as those before you have sacrificed and endured, rest the hope of the nation.

(Reprinted)

Mission, Vision, and Purpose Of the American Legion Auxiliary

MISSION

In the spirit of service not self, the mission of the American Legion Auxiliary is to support The American Legion and honor the sacrifice of those who serve by enhancing the lives of veterans, military, and their families, both at home and abroad. For God and country, we advocate for veterans, educate our citizens, mentor youth, and promote patriotism, good citizenship, peace and security.

VISION

The vision of the American Legion Auxiliary is to support The American Legion while becoming the premier service organization and foundation of every community providing support for our veterans, our military, and their families by shaping a positive future in an atmosphere of fellowship, patriotism, peace and security.

PURPOSE

In fulfillment of our mission we adhere to the following purposes:

To support and advocate for veterans, active military and their families.

To support the initiatives and programs of The American Legion.

To foster patriotism and responsible citizenship.

To award scholarships and promote quality education and literacy.

To provide educational and leadership opportunities that uphold the ideals of freedom and democracy, and encourage good citizenship and participation in government.

To increase our capacity to deliver our mission by providing meaningful volunteer opportunities within the communities.

To empower our membership to achieve personal fulfillment through "service not self."

(Reprinted)

GREETINGS

We should be grateful we live in a country where freedom and justice prevail. Take time to give thanks for liberty, a priceless possession.

May you enjoy good health, happiness, blessings and peace for the coming year. HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Virginia Schnurbusch,
Editor

Mexico Veterans Home

Victoria Ornelas, ALA Representative

Hello and welcome to the 2019 new year!

I feel sure that all of you realize that everything we do as members of the American Legion Auxiliary changes the lives of our veterans, military and their families. A great example of that is our Christmas Gift Shops held in all the veterans homes and hospitals. Many of the veterans who come to shop comment about the wonderful experience shopping for free gifts for their family members.

We definitely could not sponsor this activity without donations and volunteers to help with this project. Thank you doesn't seem to be enough for all the work the volunteers do. Thanks very much!

A special thank you to the post and auxiliary members of District 1 who came forward and helped get the shop organized and assisted the veterans with their shopping. Since I had a fractured shoulder, I needed plenty of help. You are appreciated! Thanks again!

NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS

It is time to look forward to a new year. Here comes New Year's resolutions to give us new direction and goals.

Resolve to win back one member this year. Reinstatement is an easy process – just a personal contact with a delinquent member. Many members have dropped because of temporary situations that made attendance and commitment to the ALA difficult. Often there is not much we can do, but we can certainly keep in touch with these members and invite them back when their situation is resolved.

Resolve to become acquainted with delinquent members. Pay attention to their needs and concerns. Listen carefully to what they are saying. If

a member is absent several times, find out why. Time is a precious commodity, but circumstances often shift quickly. If she has obligations that prevent her participation, offer support and encouragement for her situation.

Resolve to recognize members at each meeting and greet them. Make an extra effort to let members know they are valuable. Many people tend to be shy, especially if the member does not feel comfortable. Involve them in activities and programs to provide the opportunity to gain confidence and become friends with other members. Letting someone know they are important helps build loyalty and enthusiasm.

Resolve to come in contact with each other. Participation in the programs and activities is easily accomplished with friends. Happiness and relaxation make volunteering more fun and easier to complete.

(Author Unknown)

Calendar of Programs

The American Legion Auxiliary has designated programs for the year. This gives each chairman a reminder to submit an article to *The Missouri Legionette* in a timely manner. Provide information early so Units may focus their activities for the month. Some programs can have continuous participation.

- January:** Legislation and National Security
- February:** Americanism
- March:** Community Service
- April:** Children & Youth
- May:** Poppies-Poppy Posters
- June:** Girls State – Junior Activities – Elections
- July:** Department Convention
- August:** Unit Activities – Installations
- September:** Music – Junior Activities – Leadership
- October:** Education – Constitution and Bylaws
- November:** Membership – Past President's Parley
- December:** Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation

ABC'S For Members

- ATTEND** your Unit, District and Department meetings regularly.
- BE** a working member – a few hours monthly will qualify you!
- CHECK** out the facts before repeating things told to you.
- DO** walk between the flag and banner, or between chairman and speaker.
- EXPRESS** yourself freely and honestly at meetings – NOT after!
- FAMILIARIZE** yourself with each program (especially membership).
- GIVE** proper respect to all officers in their official capacity.
- HAVE** an adequate knowledge of parliamentary procedure.
- IT** is your duty to vote on matters, but don't feel compelled to do so.
- JOIN** in discussions at meetings and group discussions.
- KINDLE** that spark of friendliness and enthusiasm within yourself.
- LISTEN** to and respect the opinion of others.
- MEMBERSHIP** is everyone's responsibility.
- NO** speaking across the floor to members – always through the chair.
- OBEY** the rules of the organization.
- PAY** your dues on time – the earlier the better!
- QUESTION** reports and actions you don't fully understand.
- REFRAIN** from talking while business is being transacted or while speaker is reporting.
- STUDY** Unit, District, Department and National Bylaws and Standing Rules.
- TAKE** an active participation in meetings, but do not monopolize.
- UNITE** your talents and ideas with other members to ensure successful ventures.
- VOLUNTEER** ... your time ... your energy ... your best efforts.
- WEAR** your American Legion Auxiliary pin proudly!
- X** ... marks the spot on membership application forms where new members sign their names.
- YOU** – the member – are the most valuable asset to the AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY!!!
- ZEALOUS** members make our organization prosper and grow!

(Author Unknown)

AROUND THE STATE

Veterans for Healthy



Funds from a foundation grant were received and given to the Harry S. Truman Veterans Hospital for the Creative Arts program. Making the \$1,000 check presentation and receiving it were Sylvia Jackson, Nancy Reeves, Department Secretary, Cathie Goth, VA & R Chair, and Brandi Creighton.

ALA Unit 360 members distributed Christmas gifts to veterans in Loch Haven and Macon nursing homes in District 1. Each veteran was given a gift bag filled with hygiene items, a word search book, snowman, socks, candy and a Christmas card.

Helping with deliveries were, front row, junior member Khloe Maddox and Bryce Weaver. Back row, junior members Ashton Weaver and Kennedy Maddox, Unit President Linda Maddox and Charlotte Weaver, Vice President and Junior chair.



Members of District 10 sponsored a Christmas party at the Domicile building at Jefferson Barracks. Sandwiches, chips, cupcakes, cookies and drinks were served by Betty Altnether, Dorothy Brumbaugh, Juanita Chapman, Marybeth Roehr and PDP Margaret Van Slyke. Each veteran was given a hoodie and a laundry bag. Marilyn Etzold, Marsha Hunter, Lois Schneider, and Mary Jane Young brought quilts that Unit 397 members made during the year. District 10 President Muriel Christman, Jim Christman and John Chapman spent time visiting with the residents. There were 34 male veterans and one female who were entertained.



District 1 post and auxiliary members volunteered at the Christmas Gift Shop at the Mexico Veterans Home. They helped organize the event and helped the veterans shop for family gifts. Another rewarding experience.



ALA members of Unit 236 packed 15 boxes to ship overseas to military personnel who would be away from home for Christmas. The care packages also contained cards, candy and ornaments. The volunteers were Brenda Spicer, Joyce Wetzel, Anna Unterreiner, Haldeen O'Dell, Rose Stull, and Coletta Happy.



Wima Jobson, Unit 57 President and Linda Haley participated in the Wreaths Across America ceremony held at the Missouri Veterans Cemetery in Jacksonville, Mo. The ceremony honors the veterans whose dedication and sacrifice have preserved our nation and freedom.

AROUND THE STATE



ALA Unit 172 in St. Louis recently held a baby shower. A variety of baby items were donated. These baby items were delivered to the Family Readiness Center at Scott Air Force Base. The items were presented to Sgt. Goodnight for "Bundles for Babies" classes. The program is for active duty members or a spouse of an active duty member who is expecting a baby. A variety of classes is offered every other month. Upon completion, the expectant mothers receive a "bundle of baby items."

Pictured from left: Sgt. Goodnight, Jane Cauchon, President of Unit 172, and Pete Cauchon, Post Adjutant.



Unit 400 sponsored a Halloween party for the children. They enjoyed decorating pumpkins and presenting them to the veterans.



Unit 400 held a Christmas party for 99 adults and 28 children. Lunch was served and then Santa appeared, visiting with everyone. A fun activity for everyone.

Unit 5 sponsored a special program to celebrate Gold Star Mother's Day. Currently there are two Gold Star Mothers. Sandy Deraps, mother of Lance Cpl. Leon Deraps, who died May 6, 2006, and Lisa Corbet, mother of Sgt. Talon R. Leach, who died July 10, 2017. It was very touching to hear the mothers speak about their sons. Each mother received a commemorative personalized button of their son, a patriotic lap quilt, a poppy to place on the unit's 100th celebration board and membership to Unit 5.



Photo front row: Gold Star mothers Lisa Corbet and Sandy Deraps. Row 2: Member Rosie Brizdine, Secretary Sallie Jacobs, 2nd Vice Dorothy Goodin, Jackie Hunter and District 8 President Connie Pack.



Shirley Willis and VA representative Evelyn Cox delivered gifts to patients at John Cochran Hospital. They distributed hats, gloves, scarves, and socks. The two ladies in the ward received sweatshirts and sweatpants. The gifts are appreciated, as well as the friendly visit from the ALA members.



VA representative Evelyn Cox, Betty Altnether, Shirley Willis, Martha Hunter, and PDP Margaret Van Slyke spent another day using a cart and a wagon to travel the halls in all the buildings at Jefferson barracks, delivering gifts and making sure no one was forgotten. Another rewarding volunteer day bringing Christmas spirit to the veterans.



Unit 366 presented the book "The Poppy Lady" to the New Haven library. The book explains the origin of the red poppy that is distributed by ALA in memory of the men and women who died in World War I. This tradition has continued to remember those who died in all wars and conflicts.

L to R: Ruth Peirick, Rachel Terbrook, Branch Manager, and Kathy Laune.



Due Date for MARCH-APRIL LEGIONETTE

The material for the March/April issue of THE MISSOURI LEGIONETTE is due by March 20. This issue will include endorsement letters for Department Officers. The program focused for March is COMMUNITY SERVICE and April is CHILDREN & YOUTH. The Editor will be anxiously waiting for articles from other Department Chairmen also. The more information you share with the members, the greater the success the program will be. Please be prompt with your reports and they can be sent early. They should be typed double-spaced for easier editing.

THANK YOU!
Virginia Schnurbusch, Editor

Deceased Members

DECEMBER 2018 - JANUARY 2019

District	Unit	Name	Location
1	174	Alberta H. Jacobs	Palmyra, MO
2	274	Betty Coons	Keller, MO
2	477	Betty Cridlebaugh	Centerville, IA
3	257	Yvonne R. Harrington	Princeton, MO
4	256	Lavona Russell	Maitland, MO
4	318	Mary A. Campbell	Parkville, MO
5	21	Ann M. Medlin	Kansas City, MO
5	379	Roseanna J. Scarborough	Grain Valley, MO
7	78	Mary J. Smith	Slater, MO
7	78	Betty Agee	Saint Louis, MO
7	78	Dorothy A. Hager	Jefferson City, MO
7	78	Darlene F. Reyna	Viola, IL
7	223	Jeanne Kappelman	Higginsville, MO
7	223	Gertrude M. Arbogast	Higginsville, MO
7	223	Iola Jackson	Higginsville, MO
7	258	Leona M. Brandt	Concordia, MO
7	258	Melba J. Fischer	Concordia, MO
7	279	Linda Neece	Kansas City, MO
7	305	Olga Wienberg	Ionia, MO
7	642	Ramona K. Davis	Sedalia, MO
8	152	Hallie M. Griffin	Ashland, MO
8	229	Nancy Hatcher	Lake Ozark, MO
9	218	Elaine Mari Voss	Washington, MO
9	297	Laverne Schmitt	Washington, MO
9	297	Jo Schuenemeyer	Union, MO
9	297	Roma L. Struttman	Union, MO
10	400	Marie Raeber	Fox Lake, IL
13	150	Cynthia M. Nickelson	Ste. Genevieve, MO
13	150	Bernice V. Naeger	Ste. Genevieve, MO
13	150	Jean M. Shuh	Ste. Genevieve, MO
14	114	Judy L. Moore	Essex, MO
14	114	Dotty Lefler	Cape Girardeau, MO
14	153	Dian Reno	Poplar Bluff, MO
14	158	Joy Grace	Cape Girardeau, MO
15	120	Wilma J. Snyder	Miller, MO
15	120	Harriet Webb	Miller, MO
15	120	Charlene B. Johnson	Carthage, MO
15	163	Louise Sherwood	San Antonio, TX
16	45	Shirley Stigall	Hartville, MO

Calendar of Activities

February 15-17	Spring Conference; Capitol Plaza Hotel; Jefferson City, MO.
May 8	Truman Day; Independence, MO
June 23-29	Girls State; UCM Campus; Warrensburg, MO
July 11-14	Department Convention; Marriott St. Louis Airport; St. Louis
August 23-29	National Convention; Indianapolis, IN.
October 18-20	Fall Conference; Jefferson City, MO.

District Meetings

District 1	April 7; Hannibal Post #55
District 3	March 10; Kansas City Post #61
District 4	March 2; Parnell Post #528; registration 9:30 a.m.; meeting 10:30 a.m.
District 5	February 20; Hostess Unit #596 March 20; Hostess Unit #499
District 9	March 3; Elsberry Post #226; meeting 9:30 a.m.; joint meeting following lunch
District 10	February 14; Post #338, 7:30 p.m.
District 13	March 10; Ste. Genevieve Post #150; 2:00 p.m.
District 14	February 10; Cape Girardeau Post #63; 2:00 p.m.
District 15	March 10; Mt. Vernon Post #137; 2:00 p.m.

The Pippin family has roots in ALA Unit 282. Front row are Mary Ann Collins, a member for 53 years, and Col. Angi Pippin Giddings, 23 years and recently retired from active duty Air Force. Back row: Patsy Collins, 23 years, Sherry Martin Pippin, 26 years, Verna Pippin Buck, 42 years, and Cora Pippin Voyles. Not pictured are Christy Pippin Treasure, 30 years, and Trinity Nicole Treasure, 13 years. Angi returned home to address the school assembly for Veterans Day, celebrating veterans and their service to our country. We are a four-generation family of strong ALA members.