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## President's Message



Department President  
Marsha Mooney  
Unit 21, District 5

Greetings! As I write this article on a cold snowy day, I hope you are reading it on a warmer sunny day. Let us all hope that we have a wonderful spring season and we will be able to be out and about working for our veterans, military and their families.

I have received reports from units and districts throughout the state. I know that you all have been working hard to support our mission. I especially enjoyed the Christmas Gift Shops I attended. I was able to visit District 9, Kansas City Veterans Hospital, Warrensburg Veterans Home, St. James Veterans Home and Mt. Vernon Veterans Home. I was unable to attend District 10 and St. Louis Veterans Home. The Gift Shops were all great and appreciated by the veterans.

A big *Thank you* to all who sent mid-year reports. If you didn't compile one, please include all numbers in the end of year report. Send these reports to the appropriate Department Chairman. This is a VERY BIG DEAL. It is not something we just say every year to fill space. We need these numbers to justify our existence and relevance today.

Keep working hard for the remainder of the year. I hope to hear about all the wonderful things you do for our veterans, military and their families. Girls State, Memorial Day and Department are quickly approaching, but don't forget to work improving membership numbers. Get out and make sure your community knows who you are, where you meet and when. This is not always the case even in small towns. We should be our best publicists. Sometimes I think we forget to share the simple facts. Get busier and spread the word about our great patriotic organization.

## MEMBERSHIP



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

Victoria Ornelas,  
Department 1st Vice President  
Membership Chairman  
Linda Maddox, Co-Chairman

THANK YOU ALL for working so hard recruiting and retaining members. Everyone has been busy in all parts of the Department trying to reach goal. We strive to strengthen the American Legion family while working together to support our veterans, protect our children, and promote patriotism.

Working the ALA programs provides opportunities to meet people. Many times the strangers you meet ask, "What is the American Legion Auxiliary?" Answering this question provides the chance to discuss the organization and invite them to join. The key is to be prepared to recruit new members by always carrying an application.

Without members there is no Auxiliary. No help will be received from our organization for veterans, children and active duty military.

Let's get the renewals signed and reach our goals. Congratulations to all units that have already reached their goal. THANKS for your dedication and hard work with the membership program.



Is your unit celebrating 100 years of Service Not Self? If so, share your pictures and news with Department so we can share with National. Let's show exactly how Missouri is celebrating this century mark. You should go back in time and start getting your decade costumes for Missouri's 100-Year Celebration. We will be hosting a Gala at Department Convention on Friday evening. Tickets will be \$50 each that include dinner, dancing and entertainment. More information will be announced later.

If you ordered a polo shirt, you should have received it by now. Shirts may still be ordered. You still have time for a choice.

From Department Secretary  
Nancy Reeves

2020 Department Convention | Housing Request | July 9-12, 2020  
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HOUSING/HOSPITALITY/CAUCUS ROOM & VENDOR TABLE REQUEST  
Hilton St. Louis Airport  
10330 Natural Bridge Road, St. Louis MO 63134  
314-426-5500  
Make reservations directly with the hotel, using a credit card for confirmation be sure to mention you are with The American Legion. Or you can go to the Department website [click on the Department Convention Housing Registration to book your room.](#)  
\*\*CUTOFF DATE FOR ALL HOUSING RESERVATIONS IS JUNE 17, 2020\*\*  
(Group room rates is not guaranteed after the cutoff date)  
Cost per night is \$90.00 (plus Sales and Lodging tax)  
Check in time 3:00 p.m. No exceptions  
\*\*\*\*\*  
HOSPITALITY ROOM REQUEST  
\* All Hospitality Rooms will be reserved through the Department Adjutant\*  
Please contact Department Adjutant for prices.  
\*\*\*\*\*  
DISTRICT CAUCUS ROOMS  
Will be assigned by Department Adjutant at Convention  
Table Request for Vendors, Post and Auxiliary  
\*\*\*\*\*  
All table requests will be reserved through Department Headquarters.  
Please call Theresa Boss to make your request 573-761-4143  
Deadline for table request: **\*June 17, 2020\***  
\*\*\*\*\*  
DEPARTMENT COMMISSION / COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON  
If you need a room for meetings during the Convention in July, you need to contact the Department Adjutant NO LATER THAN June 1, 2020. Nothing is automatic. Thank you.

2020 National Convention Fact Sheet  
Hotel: Omni Louisville Hotel - 400 Second St., Louisville, KY 40202  
Registration Room: Thursday, August 27 - 3:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.  
Friday, August 28 - 1:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.  
Saturday, August 29 - 9:00 a.m. to Noon  
Location: Clifton Meeting Room Located on Second Level  
Missouri Caucus: Sunday, 1:00 pm, August 30th  
Location: Clifton Meeting Room Located on the Second Level  
Missouri Party: August 29 - Belle of Louisville Dinner Cruise - 48.00 per person  
Airport shuttle: Shuttle Service- NO  
Parking: Valet Parking only - \$32.00 per day  
Room amenities: Rooms Available: 10-Kings or 17 Doubles  
All Rooms are Non-Smoking. Coffee pot, Iron and board, Hair Dryer & Clothes Steamer, Refrigerator, TV, Safe in room  
Other amenities: Laundry Service & Same Day Dry cleaning, Internet services - Complimentary to reward members, Swimming pool - (Outdoor) & Fitness Center  
Parade: Yes - Sunday August 30  
Café/Shops: Many Shops and Cafe's on the Hotel Property  
Grocery/Package Store: Yes - (within walking distance of Hotel)  
*Hotel is 1 1/2 blocks from Convention Center*  
Registration and Housing Forms can be found on Department Website

2020 NATIONAL CONVENTION  
Louisville, KY  
REGISTRATION & NATIONAL COMMANDER'S BANQUET  
**CUT-OFF DATE JULY 17, 2020**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Legion ID# \_\_\_\_\_  
Post # \_\_\_\_\_ Unit # \_\_\_\_\_ Squadron # \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_  
Daytime telephone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_  
**REGISTRATION**  
**\$25.00 per person**  
No one will be allowed in the Exhibit Hall, Emblem Sales, shuttle transportation or in the general session if the registration fee is not paid.  
Auxiliary members attending as delegates or alternates must pay their registration fee through the Auxiliary.

**NATIONAL COMMANDER'S BANQUET**  
September 1, 2020  
Entertainment:  
**"Craig Morgan - Country Music Artist and Army Veteran"**  
\$51.00 per person (tickets limited to the first 30 no refund)  
(# ) Registration fee @ \$25.00 per person \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
(# ) National Commander's Banquet @ \$51.00 per person \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
**NO REFUNDS FOR BANQUET TICKETS**  
(# ) Missouri Party, Saturday August 29, 2020 Dinner Boat Cruise \$48.00 per person (Combine Party with AZ, NM & WY) \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Make check payable to The American Legion  
Dept. of MO, P.O. Box 179, Jefferson City, MO 65102  
Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

2020 National Convention  
Omni Louisville Hotel | 400 Second Street | Louisville, KY 4020  
Housing Form Only  
**(Do not contact Hotel for reservation information)**  
ALL RESERVATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED AT LEGION HEADQUARTERS JULY 17, 2020  
Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_  
Daytime telephone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_  
Housing with \_\_\_\_\_  
Spouse or other (Names) \_\_\_\_\_  
Rooms are 1 or 2 persons. Additional occupancy \$20.00 per person  
**Circle your preference of Rooms type, however, there are no guarantees.**  
I prefer a room with (1 Bed - King) (2 Beds - Doubles) **\$162.50** Tax included  
(Identify type handicap - hearing - wheelchair - blindness)  
ARRIVAL DATE \_\_\_\_\_ ARRIVAL TIME \_\_\_\_\_ DEPARTURE DATE \_\_\_\_\_  
\*\*\*\*\*  
Housing (1<sup>st</sup> night's deposit only please)  
Enclosed is my check payable to The American Legion Dept. of MO in the amount of \$162.50 tax included (Do not include registration or events, housing only please)  
Send to: The American Legion, P.O. Box 179, Jefferson City, MO 65102  
**FOR REGISTRATION AND OTHER EVENTS USE OTHER FORM.**

## Department of Missouri Welcomes National President Nicole Clapp



Nicole Clapp  
National President

National President Nicole Clapp will visit Missouri April 27-29th.

April 27th volunteers needed to pack meal boxes for veterans. Time is TBD.  
Basic pantry items needed: Canned Meat (Chicken, Tuna, Spam), Pasta/Noodles, Spaghetti Sauce, Mac & Cheese, Canned Vegetables, Canned/Dried Beans, Rice, Instant Potatoes, Canned Fruit/Applesauce, Peanut Butter, Canned Soup/Ramen Noodles, Breakfast Bars and Instant Oatmeal.

You may bring your donations to the department office if you cannot make it. No time for shopping? Home Depot Gift Cards are needed. Mail gift cards to Department office.

**Tuesday, April 28, 2020**  
10:00 a.m. - Tour Veterans Community Tiny Homes, 8900 Troost Ave., Kansas City, MO

2:00 p.m. - Tour-KCVMC  
3:30 p.m. - Visit St. Michaels Veterans Center Apartments. Dinner at Post 21 - Time & Cost to be Determined

**Wednesday, April 29, 2020**  
10:00 a.m. - Tour and Activities at MVH - Warrensburg Post 131 will host a dinner in the evening. Doors open at 5:00 p.m. Cash Bar Dinner at 6:00 p.m. Cost \$15 per ticket. RSVP Deadline April 20th to Belva Farnsworth at 209 Seliman St., Warrensburg, MO 64093, 660-422-1147

## Secretary's Corner

Nancy Reeves,  
Department Secretary

*Hello from the Department Office! I hope all is going well with everyone. I thank you all for the well-wishes while on medical leave during the holidays. I hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas and a Happy New Year.*

*Girls State applications are being received. Girls State Chairmen, please remember to send the completed application with all signatures, payment and three copies of all paperwork. Applications will be returned without all properly completed paperwork.*

*Dues Verification Forms and Unit Officers forms were mailed to Unit Secretaries February 1, 2020. Dues Verification Forms are due back to Department by May 1, 2020. National will lock dues in on June 1. If I have not received your verification form back your Unit dues for 2021 will be entered as \$23 for seniors and \$4.25 for juniors. Changes after June 1 are a \$30 charge. The amount you send to Department is \$23 for seniors and \$4.25 for juniors.*

*We are still receiving membership. Please allow two weeks for your membership list to reach Department and be processed. The weekly report is being sent every two weeks now. This allows us to have a more accurate report.*

*We are at Department Office for you. Please don't hesitate to contact us. Phone is 573-636-9133.*

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*about our organization*  
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New address \_\_\_\_\_  
Please forward to:  
**ALA Department Office, 600 Ellis Blvd.  
Jefferson City, MO 65101-2204**





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## Chaplain's Corner



**Shanna Jelinek,**  
Department  
Chaplain

*"When you go through deep waters, I will be with you. When you go through rivers of difficulty, you will not drown. When you walk through the fire of oppression, you will not be burned up; the flames will not consume you."*  
Isaiah 43:2

Of course, no matter how prepared we feel, we'll never be able to conquer our troubles alone. God didn't just warn of potential problems ahead, He included promises to stand on in the midst of them. God will be with us. We will not be overtaken. We will not be utterly consumed.

As we head into a new year, let's start this one prepared, so when we face trials of life we will stand undaunted by deep waters, ready for rivers of difficulty, and fearless in the face of the fire.

**Dear God, thank You. Thank You for the smiles, laughs, songs, and prayers we shared this past year. Thank You for the promise of Your presence as we travel through this year. We ask a special prayer for military personnel, offered for the sake of others, and separated from family and loved ones. Care for them, meet their needs, grant them courage, compassion, strength, and all they need. Sustain them through every trial, through deep waters, difficult rivers, and oppressive heat. You promised. You would be with us. May our actions prove Your promises this year. Help us to live in the goodness that comes from what You want us to do. Help us to put aside anxiety about the future and the past, so that we might live in peace with You, one day at a time. In Thy Name we pray. Amen.**

Eight things to remember when going through tough times.

1. Everything can — and will — change.
2. You've overcome challenges before.
3. It's a learning experience.
4. Not getting what you want can be a blessing.
5. Allow yourself to have some fun.
6. Being kind to yourself is the best medicine.
7. Other people's negativity isn't worth worrying about.
8. There is always, always something to be thankful for.

## Leaders Create A Good Image

An image is a mental picture that is formed about someone which may be based on the memory of an experience. It may be constructed from impressions that hold little resemblance to the actual person. We must learn to like ourselves better and be more accepting in order to improve our image.

**First Impressions: You never get a second chance to make a first impression!** The first impression people form of you is the one that will stay in their minds. Research indicates that we start to make up our minds about other people within seven seconds of meeting them. Make sure you are projecting the image you want people to remember.

**Meeting People:** Don't wait too long before greeting and introducing yourself. If you don't understand their name, ask the person to repeat it. Look directly at the person while the name is being spoken. Try to put the name and face together. Associate the name with the same name of a familiar person.

# Education

Lori Yount, Chairman

Efforts to support the ALA Education programs are actively at work in Missouri. Units throughout the Department have unique and varied ways of partnering with the schools in their communities. Several units reported supporting American Education Week, with some providing apples for teachers and school staff members in their communities. Another unit took donuts to school; and one reported they had worked with local churches to help fill gift bags for teachers, bus drivers, custodians, and nurses.

Give 10 to Education was also supported in several ways. Units purchased items to donate to teachers for classroom use; others held school supply drives, and included donations funded by the units as well. Items donated included paper, notebooks, pencils, and crayons. Units reported donations of \$175 for school supplies, and \$45 cash donations from individuals for the ALA members to do the shopping for them.

Several units reported participating in Veterans in Community Schools programs, especially around Veterans Day. Unit 57 junior members assisted with a Veterans Day Program. They also had a veteran visit school. A retired teacher also shared information about Veterans Day. One veteran shared his Army experience during Vietnam and brought medals to show the students. Another veteran sent his medals and uniform to be shown, and one shared information about his tour of duty in Afghanistan.

Some schools invited veterans to their assemblies. Other units recognized veterans with thank-you letters written by elementary students.

One unit assisted with the presentation of "The Fallen Soldier" and "Chapel of Four Chaplains" at the local school. A unit president presented the POW/MIA table setting at the annual Veterans Day Program at their local school.

Units are working hard spreading the word about available scholarships. This chairman presented scholarship information at Fall Conference. The new ALA Junior Member Loyalty Scholarship was introduced. Handouts were given to the District Presidents to be distributed to their members concerning various scholarships.

Several units reported already distributing scholarship information directly to the schools. One unit published an article in their Post/Unit newsletter promoting scholarships. The article included application links, summary of eligibility criteria and monetary amount.

Some units award their own scholarships. A value of \$2,200 was mid-year report with another \$200 donation to the American Legion Legacy Scholarship Fund.

Several units reported collecting Box Tops for Education, Campbell Soup labels, other product labels, old cartridges, cellphones and keys that provide benefit to local schools.

A unit contributed \$600 to pay the lunch bills for needy families and donated \$300 to the Backpack Program.

Contributions were made to other organizations that help students such as \$500 to Dolly Parton's Children's Books Program and \$75 to Say No to Drugs.

We hope you continue your participation in the Education program with much more for the end of year report.

**CENTENNIAL POPPY SPECIAL PROJECT**  
2019-2020

Be a part of the 100th Anniversary celebration! Create and submit a poppy representing your Department! Let's fill the map with poppies for National President Nicole!

National Poppy Chairman Beth McGinn is holding a contest.

Criteria: A poppy of any material, no more than 2" in diameter, with the addition of something related to your department. There will be one from each department represented. (Example: Delaware used a felt poppy and placed a little Lady Bug in the center which is the state insect.)

This may be held as a contest among your units. Districts please choose a winner. District entries should be brought to Department Convention in July to be judged. The winner will be forwarded on to National.

# District 5

Bernadette Murray, President

Happy New Year from the 5th District. We were very active in 2019 as we reached out to support our veterans and their families.

Our guest speaker in December was Susan Engel from St. Michael's Veterans Center. St. Michael's provides low cost apartments for veterans and their families. The Center also provides a food pantry and a dignity closet in addition to the housing. Planned activities are also provided for the residents. Canned food was collected and donated to St. Michael's food pantry. Unit 149 members volunteer in the St. Michael's Coffee Shop the first Friday of each month.

In December District 5 members provided gifts for the in-patients at Kansas City Veterans Hospital.

The gifts included sweatshirts and sweatpants, socks, and a candy cane. Post #21 Legion Riders and Auxiliary members distributed the gifts.

Members of Unit #609 are dedicated to their goal, "Service Not Self." The activities included a Pen Pal project as an outreach to a veteran at Golden Living Center, Lansing, KS; collected magazines to donate to Kansas City VA Hospital; participated in the Memorial Day Service at Mount St. Mary's Cemetery; and conducted a quarterly meeting at the Roasterie Coffee Shop in Kansas City.

The District 5 meetings are the third Wednesday of the month at 11:30 a.m. at the DAV Building, 14605 E. 40th, Kansas City, MO.

# Americanism

Every American has the priceless heritage of freedom. This privilege provides many choices — one to be a good citizen and do what we can to preserve this heritage. This can be called Americanism, which is part of our daily life; patriotism is love of our country, public spirit, and good citizenship. So what can I tell you that you haven't already heard?

Perhaps we can reflect on topics we know. We can renew our enthusiasm and involvement. Your civic duty is to seize every opportunity to promote flag etiquette, show respect to our leaders, vote, teach our youth about our country and democracy. Most certainly honor our veterans and the military currently deployed serving in all corners of the world.

Our forefathers established our pattern for freedom through hardships and struggles. They formed our way of life. Each generation safeguards our freedom, so that we may live in democracy. It is each citizen's responsibility to uphold and defend these principles of justice, freedom and democracy.

With this responsibility we have an obligation to protect our country because we enjoy our freedom. It takes effort to preserve our democracy because freedom isn't free. Since we are members of this great patriotic American Legion Auxiliary and dedicated to *spread the word*, we need to reflect on ways to participate in the Americanism program.

Since Americanism is a part of our daily life, let's reflect on monthly topics to see how we can accomplish our important and vital task — *spreading the word*.

**January** — We hear many political speeches about elections and hear debates. We need to listen, form opinions and resolve to strengthen our focus on being a patriotic citizen. Listen to the candidate's promises and decide what can be a reality after election.

**February** — Has been famous for two popular presidents, Lincoln and Washington. Let these two become an example for our participation in the Americanism program. Valentine's Day reminds us to do our service to the veterans in a loving way and with kindness. This is a good time to get the junior members involved.

**March** — Remember the military personnel who are deployed in all corners of the world. Many families are deserving of the Blue Star Banner to indicate a family member is serving our country. The *pocket flag project* is near and dear to our servicemen and -women. It is a small symbol to carry next to their hearts showing that we appreciate their service to our country.

**April** — This month the focus is Children & Youth activities. This provides the opportunity to provide extra instruction on the proper procedure for the *Pledge of Allegiance* and *national anthem*. You should stand at attention, nothing in your hands and hand over your heart. For some reason this seems too difficult for many. You accept this challenge and continue to instruct this procedure when you can. County government provides first-hand involvement in government and greet the county officials. Encourage the instructor to hold a mock election for the positions and write an essay why they want to participate and what do they hope to obtain from the experience.

**May** — Poppies are generally distributed during this month. Explain the significance of the little red paper flower. Educate the youth about veterans and how thankful we are because they served our country. Collect flags and have an Avenue of Flags. This is an awesome sight to be displayed on certain holidays. Don't forget Memorial Day. This holiday honors those who made the ultimate sacrifice for our country so that we may continue to live in freedom. Encourage schools to have assemblies honoring veterans. They can share their experiences. Perhaps your community can celebrate this holiday with a parade or other activities that are suitable for your community.

**June** — Attending local summer sports events provides an excellent opportunity to show proper respect to our flag. While you are watching your grandchildren or neighbors play at a game, do what you can to instill a patriotic atmosphere. Flag Day is another day for emphasis. Do you participate in the Girls State/Boys State program? This is another opportunity to learn about government by participation.

**July** — July 4th is the significant holiday, Independence Day. Our forefathers struggled to gain our independence and draft the Constitution. I doubt they wanted any part of our democracy abused or changed. It is up to you to help preserve our ideals.

**August** — Perhaps you can find a way to promote scouting. Many of the youth will be going to campouts during the summer. You can be a positive influence on their patriotic attitude. The Scouts can work on patriotic badges. They can collect old worn flags and have a flag burning ceremony. Invite a troop to your meeting or sponsor a troop.

**September** — You can check the schools and make sure each classroom has an American flag. It is never too late to encourage participation in the Oratorical contest. This program takes long-range planning and preparation to speak about the Constitution; therefore, start early.

**October** — Education is the program to focus on this month. The National Program Plan gives several suggestions for participation. You can be creative. Promote the Americanism Essay Contest that is self-expression on a patriotic topic. Purchase comic books that are a pictorial version of Americanism.

**November** — This is the time we hear about elections and voting. It is essential for us to exercise the right to vote as established by our forefathers. Explain the significance and importance of Veterans Day to everyone. This is a good time for schools to have a patriotic program honoring veterans. You can help organize the program.

**December** — As you cruise around your community admiring the beautiful Christmas decorations, check to see if you find some worn-torn flags flying at businesses. Find the manager and remind him/her of the torn flag. As a unit project you can purchase new flags. In larger communities you can participate in the Citizenship program where we have people who want to become an American citizen.

These are merely suggestions that you might try. Please approach your contacts politely and be prepared to explain the purpose of your visit. If you already participate in some of these activities, expand your participation and function with renewed enthusiasm. Encourage new members to participate. Ask for suggestions on how to improve your activities. Hopefully your long-time members will be ready and eager to help. Combine the new and old ideas because our patriotic work is never finished.

We should be alert to the dangers to our freedom in our country. Patriotism is taking responsibility seriously by being informed and helping educate others. Make it catching like a virus.

We are compassionate people. Don't you feel thrilled when you hear our national anthem or any patriotic song? "America the Beautiful" gives me a picture of all the blessings we have inherited. It is thrilling to see the United States flag raised and lowered as citizens are showing respect the proper way. We need to educate Americans on this concept. Our freedom so often is taken for granted. It seems so few want to do more to keep alive the spirit of democracy. Encourage students to be familiar with the national monuments in Washington, D.C. Suggest this as a family vacation. The awesome monuments make history come to life. The changing of the Guard at the National Cemetery at the Tomb of the Unknown shows us how important all the military personnel are. They gave their lives while serving our country. The vigilance is continuous.

Being an American Legion Auxiliary member shows we are proud to be an American. Let's stand up and be counted.

(Submitted by Editor)



# MOALA Social Media Campaign

Submitted by Nancy Reeves,  
Department Secretary

The department is starting a new campaign to become more involved in social media. The goal of this campaign is to attract new members of younger generations. The easiest way to reach members of the younger generation is to be active on all social media platforms. Social media has taken the world by storm and is a great way to keep members involved and up to date on new information. It is also an important tool in attaining new members because information spreads quickly. If we can get our members to start sharing posts and information on social media, we will be able to reach new audiences.

Below are links to the department's social media. We need our members to like and follow these accounts. The quickest way to grow our social media is to get our current members involved. We need members to like and comment on posts so their friends and followers can see it. Share our posts and give us shout outs on personal pages so that others can see and get involved. When posting about Auxiliary events use the hashtag #MOALA. Hashtags are a great way to keep a chain of what is happening and keep these posts connected to the Auxiliary without the department having to post everything. The more likes and followers we get, the more we will be able to reach potential new members through these platforms.

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/ALAMissouri/>

Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/dptmoala/>

YouTube: [https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC7MC7RiCrFJhRjzddJC5A/featured?view\\_as=subscriber](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC7MC7RiCrFJhRjzddJC5A/featured?view_as=subscriber)

We live in a digital age and must keep up with the times. Everyone is on the internet and that is how they get most of their information. Social media is our best option to get new and younger people involved and excited about the Auxiliary. This is a great organization that has been around for 100 years. We do amazing work and in order to continue that, we have to grow. Let's grow our social media presence and keep this amazing organization around for another 100 years.

## Legislative Websites and Links

These websites and links will assist you to keep on top of legislation concerning our active military and veteran issues. You can contact Congress to show your support. These websites have links to a lot of information and links to find your senator or representative along with a link to write your congressman.

### STATE

Missouri Senate=[www.senate.mo.gov](http://www.senate.mo.gov)

Missouri House of Representatives=[www.house.mo.gov](http://www.house.mo.gov)

### FEDERAL

US Senate=[www.senate.gov](http://www.senate.gov)

US House of Representatives=[www.house.gov](http://www.house.gov)

The ALA website <http://ALAforVeterans.org>

has helpful info under Programs>"Legislative".

The American Legion website [www.legion.org](http://www.legion.org)

has helpful info under the Programs>"Legislative".

You can sign up for text alerts on the following website:

<http://capwiz.com/legion/mim/signup/>

**JOIN the ALA Legislative Facebook page for current information and "share" it!**

## FLAG ETTIQUETE

**FLAG RAISING:** All citizens salute from the moment the flag begins to ascend the flag pole and hold the salute until the flag reaches the top.

**FLAG RETREAT:** The salute begins when the flag begins its descent on the pole until the flag is unhooked from the rope. Stand at attention facing the flag until it has been folded and the guard retreated.

**SALUTE TO THE FLAG:** During the ceremony of hoisting or lowering the flag or when the flag is passing in a parade or in a review, all persons present should face the flag, stand at attention and salute with no articles in their hands. The salute to the flag in the moving column is rendered at the moment the flag passes.

**SALUTE TO THE NATIONAL ANTHEM:** During the rendition of the national anthem when the flag is displayed, all present should stand at attention facing the flag with the right hand over the heart. Those in military uniform salute in the manner befitting the uniform. When the flag is not displayed, those present should face toward the music and act in the same manner they would if the flag was displayed there. When singing the national anthem, stand at attention facing the flag with the right hand over the heart. Do not salute when singing any patriotic song other than the national anthem.

*(Taken from Flag Etiquette, American Legion Auxiliary)*



**POPPY HAIKU**  
A wave of poppies  
The blood red war reminder  
Now hallowed in peace.  
*Written by Teresa Yager,  
Unit 174, District 1*



Americans are like a rich father who wishes he knew how to give his son the hardships that made him rich.  
*(Robert Frost)*

## The Challenge of Leadership

The woods are lovely, dark and deep  
But I have promises to keep  
And miles to go before I sleep  
*(Robert Frost)*

I challenge you to not be afraid to show respect for relatives, friends, your religion, your goals and yourself!  
I challenge you not to criticize unless you are willing to help.

I challenge you to think before you speak and to play fair.

I challenge you to do what you wisely want to do and can do best — and then to be proud of doing that.

I challenge you to be more than common — to be uncommon if you can.

I challenge you to know yourself and to be yourself, and to be able to laugh at yourself.

I challenge you to have patience with the mistakes of others, and with the genius of every person.

I challenge you to stand up for what you believe and to question that which you know to be wrong.

I challenge you to be dissatisfied, to constantly seek improvement of your world.

I challenge you to look to the future with a feeling of confidence.

I challenge you to keep promises — to yourself, your civilization, your parents, your enemies, your friends, and your God.

I challenge you to responsibly accept the constantly itching challenge of LEADERSHIP.

*(Tom Hubbard)*

## Your Keys

Have you found and tried your keys to successfully promote the American Legion Auxiliary programs in your Unit and District? Look around and you will probably find a technique or idea to bring enthusiasm into your volunteering.

**Be visible:** Inform new members of the time and place of your meetings and activities. Remind others of current activities and the need for participants.

**Give everyone a duty:** Everyone has talents and abilities. Search for these and make the member a viable asset to your Unit/District.

**Focus on the positive:** Respect all new ideas and appreciate suggestions. Emphasize what will work and not what is wrong.

**Provide recognition:** Show appreciation for everything that is done for the American Legion Auxiliary. It is all the things done that make success.

**Instill friendship:** A positive atmosphere leads to a productive setting. Friendly discussions help reach our mission.

*(Author Unknown)*

# AROUND THE STATE



Post #55 and Unit members recently welcomed visitors, National Vice Commander Richard Heigert, NEC Kenneth Goth, and Department Commander Hallie Williams for an official visit. They were on a membership caravan. The unit served a lunch for the group.



Unit 488 presented a check to the Veterans Community Project (Tiny Homes for Veterans). The VCP group is determined to make a difference in the lives of homeless veterans. The tiny houses built close together can make a village. Pictured L to R: Sandra Littler, Kala Handly, Sharon Elliott, Co-Founder VCP Brandon Mixon, and Ruby Reed.

## Leadership Goals

Goals in leadership can be attained by recognizing, encouraging and developing leadership qualities in all members.

Build competence through leadership training and participation in programs. Capitalize on members' enthusiasm and utilize the experiences and skills of all unit members.

Provide training for all members so they may have the opportunity to learn more about our organization. Provide a variety of activities in the meetings, music, speakers, meals, skits or joint sessions with the Legionnaires.

Encourage members to attend the unit and district meetings so you have different ideas from those in attendance.

- Leaders are movers and shakers.
- Leaders are fair-minded and ethical.
- Leaders have the ability to visualize things in a big and progressive manner.
- Leaders have the ability to keep things in perspective.
- Leaders take responsibility for themselves and others if necessary.
- Leaders maintain a positive attitude through everything.

Focus activities on the programs emphasized for each month. Include the other programs as your time permits.

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# AROUND THE STATE



Unit 360 celebrated the American Legion Auxiliary 100-year anniversary by serving a special birthday cake at the November 1st fish fry. Everyone enjoyed the special treat. Pictured front: June Standly, Violet Watson, Bryce Weaver, and Linda Maddox. Back row: Tina Arth, Ginger Creel, and CeCe Spink.



Neosho Unit 163 assembled a patriotic display in celebration of the 100th anniversary of the American Legion. The storefront of Ozark Business Systems was used because it is on the square and will be easily viewed by the community citizens. Congratulations on this neat idea!

Cameron Veterans Home Representative, Wilma Jobson, welcomed volunteers from Units 57, 274 and 586 to work at the Christmas Gift Shop. The members felt blessed for being able to assist the veterans in bringing Christmas cheer to their families.

A project for Unit 34 members is to recognize WWII veterans living in their area. They are recognized each year during the Christmas season with a gift card. These veterans are elderly and fading away. They were young when they went to war and were not prepared for the horrors of battle. The veterans are thanked for their courage and recognized for their service to our country. May we never forget their sacrifice.



When Department President Marsha visited District 1, Paris Unit 221, it happened to be her birthday. Marsha commented she had never been to Paris in the fall for her birthday. To celebrate the occasion she was presented a beautiful birthday cake that was enjoyed by everyone. Seven units were represented at the meeting, including Department 1st Vice President Victoria Ornelas, District 1 President Linda Maddox and Marsha's traveling companion, Helen Hatz.



A group of District 10 volunteers helped at the St. Louis Veterans Home Gift Shop. Hospital Representative Rosemarie W. Hauck appreciated their assistance. A good group of volunteers can spread much cheer to the veterans. Thank you!



Members of Districts 1, 9 and 10 helped spread cheer to the veterans at the Mexico Veterans Home annual Gift Shop held in December. The event was organized by home representative Victoria Ornelas. Some of the other volunteers were Barbara Sheets, Linda Maddox, Bunny Calloway, Kay Gottman, CeCe Spink, Ellen Goodwin, Gina Waldon, Jo Fortenbury, and Wanda Burnett. Additional helpers were Rosemarie W. Hauck, Roberta Pointer, Louise Welch, Cathleen Bransum, and Pat Kurtlink.

## 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 focus for March is COMMUNITY SERVICE and Youth 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

NOVEMBER - DECEMBER 2019

District	Unit	Name	Location
1	29	Melinda K. Cashatt	Macon, MO
1	282	Phyllis Belt	Macon, MO
1	578	Sue Dudgeon	Lewistown, MO
2	34	Dolores M. Davis	Unionville, MO
2	57	Wanda Ervie	Bucklin, MO
2	57	Belinda L. Coe	New Cambria, MO
2	274	Georgianna Britton	Purdin, MO
2	365	Carol A. Williams	Green City, MO
3	117	Dixie L. Pence	Braymer, MO
3	132	Mildred J. Whetsell	Amity, MO
3	236	Floy Hankins	Excelsior Springs, MO
4	32	Jane Miller	Tarkio, MO
4	190	Darlyne Kurtz	Oregon, MO
4	256	Peggy S. Kneale	Maitland, MO
4	287	Dona O. Russell	Savannah, MO
4	464	Frances J. Wilmes	Maryville, MO
5	21	Lois E. Burns	Broadview Heights, OH
5	21	Wilma C. Flansburg	Pleasant Hill, MO
5	21	Billie J. Sampson	Grain Valley, MO
5	189	Shirley A. Miller	Lees Summit, MO
5	379	Donna L. Scherfenberg	Bates City, MO
5	379	Jo A. Fenstermaker	Grain Valley, MO
6	131	Margaret Altenhof	Wellsville, NY
6	131	M. Louise Elsberry	Sedalia, MO
7	134	Hester Rukavina	Richmond, MO
7	134	Doris L. Limberg	Wellington, MO
7	191	Louise A. Blumhorst	Marshall, MO
7	211	Mary E. Miller	Glasgow, MO
7	211	Haley M. Monnig	Glasgow, MO
7	305	Rita F. Barnes	Sedalia, MO
8	317	Rosaline Luebbert	Holts Summit, MO
8	545	Marie Holtmeyer	Jefferson City, MO
8	624	Patricia J. Roberts	Gravois Mills, MO
9	312	Verona Bull	Saint Charles, MO
9	312	Margie Scholle	Saint Charles, MO
9	313	Mary Peischel	Saint Peters, MO
9	313	Lillian G. Kelly	Elsberry, MO
9	347	Phyllis Reed	Eureka, MO
9	366	Frances Vollertsen	New Haven, MO
9	587	Evelyn Binkhoelter	Owensville, MO
10	162	Sharon A. Eubinger	Livingston, IL
10	397	Carol Castillon	Chesterfield, MO
10	397	Audrey Scher	Bowling Green, MO
10	444	Alma Foeller	Bridgeton, MO
10	444	Ann M. Mohan	Florissant, MO
11	422	Lorraine A. Kuszaj	Saint Louis, MO
13	133	Ruby V. Koenig	New Wells, MO
13	133	Mary Schremp	Perryville, MO
13	133	Lois E. Hacker	Saint Louis, MO
13	133	Leontine F. Schaaf	Perryville, MO
13	416	La Donna Su Nelson	Park Hills, MO
14	63	Donna Harper	Foristell, MO
14	114	Lenna V. Holman	Sikeston, MO
14	595	Margaret D. Thompson	Ellisville, MO
15	163	Marjorie M. Fenton	Sachse, TX
15	289	Glenna Rogers	Liberal, MO
15	392	Rochelle N. Pruet	Anderson, MO
17	69	Donna Susie Hannum	Sparta, MO
17	434	Virginia D. Keenan	Woodbury, MN

## Calendar of Activities

- June 21-27 Missouri Girls State, UCM Warrensburg
- July 8-12 Department Convention, Hilton St. Louis Airport (1-314-426-5500)
- August 28-September 3 National Convention, Louisville, Ky.
- October 16-18 Fall Conference, Jefferson City, Mo.

## District Meetings

- District 2 April 5; Chillicothe Post #25
- District 3 March 8; Liberty Post #95; 3:00 p.m.; Potluck meal follows
- District 4 March 7; Parnell Post #528
- District 5 February 19; DAV Bldg; 14605 E. 40th St., Kansas City; 11:30 a.m.
- District 7 April 19; Slater Post #78; 2:00 p.m.
- District 9 March 8; Louisiana Post #370
- District 10 February 10; Post #338; 7:30 p.m.
- District 13 March 8; Ste. Genevieve Post #150; 2:00 p.m.
- District 15 March 8; Mt. Vernon Post #137; 2:00 p.m.