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President's Message



Department President
Marsha Mooney
Unit 21, District 5

Thank you for the great honor of serving as President for the American Legion Auxiliary, Department of Missouri for the Centennial year of 2019-2020. I would like to thank Unit 21 and District 5 for their help and support throughout my journey. Congratulations to all the Department officers, District officers and Unit officers who have offered their service this year to the American Legion Auxiliary, Department of Missouri. Without the service of our Unit members we would not be able to be successful in our endeavors this year. My motto for the year is "Keeping our promise for the past 100 years and into the future."

President Abraham Lincoln in his second inaugural address stated "to care for him who shall have borne the battle and for his widow, and his orphan," this has become the "Promise" which we have worked to support for 100 years. The American Legion Auxiliary also has a Mission statement for our organization. The Mission statement also reflects our "Promise." It is as follows:

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 our 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.

The President's project for this year is the American Legion Legacy Scholarship Fund. This is near and dear to my heart as it not only helps the children of our military who have paid the ultimate price to protect and defend our country, but it is also a project that my husband Dennis and I worked on together.

The American Legion wants to ensure higher education is a possibility

for children whose parents lost their lives while serving our country. Beginning with the 2017 award year, The American Legion expanded the scholarship to include children of VA-rated, post-9/11 veterans with a combined disability rating of 50 percent or higher. The American Legion and the Legion Riders offer support through the Legacy Scholarship Fund.

The American Legion Legacy Scholarship is a needs-based scholarship designed to fulfill a financial gap remaining after all federal and state educational grants/scholarships available to an eligible applicant have been utilized.

WHO
Children of U.S. military members who died while on active duty on or after Sept. 11, 2001. Children of post-9/11 veterans having been assigned a combined disability rating of 50 percent or greater by the Department of Veterans Affairs also qualify.

WHAT
Each needs-based scholarship provides up to \$20,000 in aid for undergraduate or post-graduate college. Recipients may reapply for additional annual awards up to six times. In this Centennial year it is important to remind ourselves what our mission as Auxiliary members is.

I know that this year is going to be very successful because with the wonderful ladies of the Department of Missouri supporting our cause there can be no other outcome.

Department 1st Vice President



Victoria Ornelas
Unit 55, District 1

Thank you for your support as we start our new year of 2019-2020. As 1st Vice President I will strive to do my best to serve our American Legion Auxiliary. Every time I attend conferences and conventions I get to meet and learn to know more members all the time. My duty as 1st Vice President is membership. Our membership was great the past several years. Together we will make it better for 2019-2020. Thank you for all your work for this organization.

Department 2nd Vice President



Louise Welch
Unit 444, District 10

I am honored to have been elected and proud to serve as 2nd Vice President for the American Legion Auxiliary, Department of Missouri for 2019-2020. With God's help I will do my best for the organization. My best wishes to President Marsha and the other officers. I pray for us to have a successful year.

Department Historian



Sheridan Mires
Unit 199, District 4

Thank you for electing me as your Historian for 2019-2020. As an organization we are making our mark on history this year. I want to capture as much of that as possible. We have an exciting opportunity to look to the past, celebrate the present, and plan the future of our organization. Please send me reports of the travels of President Marsha when she visits your Units and Districts. Thank you again for your support. I hope everyone is looking forward to a busy historical Auxiliary year.

FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE

Sandy Findeiss, Chair

I thank everyone who is helping to make our second annual Quarter Auction successful. This is the major fundraiser for our Department. We have many baskets and prizes with a TV this year.

A special thank you to the committee Evelyn Cox and Shirley Willis for their dedication. The Juniors will help along with the Sons, Riders, American Legion and Auxiliary members. Many volunteers are needed and we appreciate the American Legion Family help.

Listen to the One In the Mirror

By Bob Bohlken, Ph.D.

When life's choices come your way,

Listen to what others have to say,
But when all is said and done,
Look into a mirror and listen to the reflected one.

When temptations are laid at your door,
And promises are yours to take
Discuss the consequences and more

But listen to the one in the mirror for your own sake.

You may fool the world throughout the years,
Others may admire you as you pass.

But you'll suffer heartaches and tears,
If you don't listen to the one in the glass.

It is you alone who makes the choices.

No matter what other others may say or do.
You may listen to other voices
But the voice of the one in the mirror is true.

(Submitted by
NEC Sharon Slagle)

MEMBERSHIP



"KEEPING OUR PROMISE, Past*Present*Future"

Victoria Ornelas, Membership Co-Chair
Linda Maddox, Membership Co-Chair

Welcome to the 2019-2020 Membership! President Marsha's theme is "Keeping our Promise, Past*Present*Future." Her membership pin is recognizing the Auxiliary's last 100 years. We are now aiming our spaceship into the future. As we look toward our 100th birthday, we need to celebrate our membership, as well as the membership of others. Our primary goal is to grow in membership through working the mission. Let's celebrate our members and units.

The leaders are: Northeast Division, Muriel Christman; Northwest Division, Wilma Jobson; Southeast Division, Wanda Kinder; and Southwest Division, Linda Jelinek.

If you have any questions please contact Co-Chair Linda Maddox or myself.

Constitution & Bylaws Report

Lori Millam, Co-Chair
Roberta Pointer, Co-Chair

The ALA Department of Missouri Constitution & Bylaws committee continues to stress the importance of reviewing your document each year, whether it is unit or district.

The units have been busy with this program. Seventeen units and district have reviewed their documents. Nine of these have made necessary changes. Standing Rule changes were made to location change or dues increase. One district had to lower the quorum number to be able to conduct business.

Committees were formed in Units and Districts to accept the task of reviewing the documents, making necessary changes and taking them to the members for approval. After making the necessary changes the revised documents were sent to Department office to be filed.

Some units reported reviewing their documents at the regular unit meetings. One unit reported reviewing the Preamble to the Constitution of the ALA at the meetings. One unit reported three members volunteered 50 hours to review the entire Constitution & Bylaws and Standing rules. Another unit spent \$36 and volunteered nine hours toward this program. Copies of the unit document are available to new members and other members who request a copy. Several units send copies to all members at the

ATTENTION PLEASE!

Help! Contribute! Donate!

The Missouri Girls State Trust Board is sponsoring a continuous **Parade of Checks** as a fundraiser. This donation can be made anytime during the year as your budget allows. The fund helps with the longevity of the program. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

Your gift may be sent to:

Patty Garrett, Treasurer
MGS Trust Board
3909 W Sexton St.
Battlefield, MO 65619-8103

Please mark your check for **MGS Trust Fund.**

first of the year.

District chairmen gave reports about this program to their members that included "What is this program, and why do we have it?" One District reported reviewing the document, each change was voted on, and copies of the newly revised document were given to each District officer. A copy was also provided to each unit in the district and a copy was filed at Department office. Everyone was busy this year promoting, reviewing and revising the Constitution & Bylaws.

Regarding Standing rules - It has come to our attention that the way we have always learned or been given information on the Standing rules is not exactly correct.

Our understanding as told to us for years is that Standing rules require only a majority vote to adopt or change. This has been used to explain why we should put information in the Standing rules.

According to Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised, in brief, page 87:

"Standing rules require only a majority vote to adopt. To amend them takes either a majority vote with previous notice, or without notice, a two-thirds vote or a vote of a majority of the entire membership of the voting body." The entire membership of the voting body is explained on page 67. This information is also found in Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised, 11th Edition on pages 18 and 306.

Awards

1st Place- Unit Report—Unit 312, Lori Millam, Chair

2nd Place- Unit Report—Unit 114, Vickie Wilson, Chair

3rd Place- Unit Report—Unit 360, Linda Maddox, Chair

1st place- District Report—District 14, Vickie Wilson, Chair

2nd Place- District Report—District 9, Lori Millam, Chair

3rd Place- District Report—District 1, Juanita Turnbough, Chair.



Secretary's Corner

Nancy Reeves, Department Secretary

Hello from the Department Office! I hope everyone is staying cool. Debbie and I thank the members who helped with convention registration. Your help was greatly appreciated. It was great to see everyone.

A few districts didn't pick up the membership packets. Those were mailed. If your unit did not receive your membership packet please check with your district president first and check if she has it before contacting the office.

There are new forms in your membership packets. Please make sure you are using the most updated forms. We still get old forms with incorrect dues amounts. The Poppy form has been updated to include shipping cost. If you use an old form and don't include shipping cost, this will delay your order. Shipping cost can come from the Poppy fund.

Reminder: We cannot enter members for 2020 until September 1. If you send them to the office, we will hold until the first. You can renew your membership online at www.alaforveteran.com. Email renewals have been sent. If we have an email on file in the data base, you should have received your renewal already. Paper renewals will be mailed on September 15.

Please don't hesitate to contact the Department office with questions or concerns. **God Bless!**

HOME COMING

Department President, Marsha Mooney

Friday, September 20, 2019

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For Information Call:

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Moved?

New address _____

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