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President's Message



Department President
Sharon Slagle
Unit 315, District 4

When you receive your paper this time we will be having fall weather and gearing up for Fall Conference. The Homecoming at Burlington Junction will be in the past and a great thank you to all who attended. It was a fun time and I am so proud of Unit 315 and District 4 for hosting it.

I have done some traveling and enjoyed meeting new people and talking to the ones I already knew. The Units I visited are busy and willing to let their light shine throughout Missouri.

I attended National Convention in Minneapolis, Minn. This was an experience for me since it was my first National Convention. There were 755 delegates and many alternates and guests in attendance. The best part was there were no resolutions.

On October 13 the first divisional forum was hosted by Hannibal Unit 55. It was a success and we are anxious for other divisions to follow. Now we are looking forward to Fall Conference and all the good things we can do for our veterans and our youth. "Kids of Our Heroes Adventure Camp" is our project that is worthwhile and in need of our support. RALLY! RALLY! RALLY! The Chinese Auction at Fall Conference is our fundraiser to raise money for this worthwhile project. Please attend and help us raise money for the camp.

Let Your Light Shine and never forget that we are all in this world together to make life better for others.

MEMBERSHIP



"LET OUR LIGHT SHINE"

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

It's time to renew your American Legion Auxiliary membership for 2019. Remember, you have three easy options for paying your membership dues: Pay online, by phone or by mail.

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

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

To expedite getting your signed card, contact your Unit after paying online or by phone.

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

If you have already paid your dues and are receiving this notice, we thank you; your payment may have crossed in the mail. If you have any

Kids Of Our Heroes Adventure Camp

Article #2 2018-2019
By Ellen Arnce for Sharon Slagle

September 11, 2001, was a day that changed America forever. September 11, Patriot Day, reminds kids of fallen and wounded warriors/first responders of an enemy who changed their lives forever. Coping with this day will be different, however, if they went to The Kids Of Our Heroes Adventure Camp (KOOH-AC). They can get out their KOOH-AC journal and review page 5:

"Coping Skills: You are not alone though it may seem so...others have been in a similar pair of shoes and learning to walk through the storm, hurt, pain, and loneliness. Reach out, don't go it alone. It has never been an 'army of one.'" They can continue to read those skills they learned, those of mindfulness, reframing, compass guide, creative expression, thought stopping, narrative, breathing, and how to ID your emotions. Then page 9 will remind them about "Basic Emotions: joy - cheerfulness - zest - contentment - pride - optimism - relief - surprise - amazement - astonishment - love - affection - desire - longing - anger - irritability - frustration - rage - disgust - envy - torment - sadness - suffering - grief - disappointment - shame - neglect - sympathy - fear - horror - nervousness - dread." They will read **"However you name it, what matters is**

how you cope with it!" and remember the lessons taught. They will remember sitting around the fire pit with the other campers and sharing. They will remember Day 1, the theme: Face Your Fears, the skill: ID Your Emotions. They will remember crossing the suspended foot bridge and the scripture Joshua 1:9 "This is my command - be strong and courageous! Do not be afraid or discouraged. For the Lord your God is with you wherever you go."

Yes, they will be able to cope with Patriot Day and help their parent(s) and siblings because of KOOH-AC. They will remember not only on Patriot Day but every day of their lives as challenges come their way.

Amazingly, this camp is FREE to all kids! Learn about this camp, then find ways you can help these kids of our heroes. It is a fitting and rewarding way to honor our veterans. Their kids hold our future in their hands.

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.

More insight coming up in the next Legionette!

questions, please contact your Unit, District or Department headquarters.

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

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

WANTED ASAP

- Unit Poppy Chair contact information for MISSOURI POPPY BOOK and reports.

- Unreported 2018 poppy activity (Memorial Day, Poppy Day)

- Ideas for successful non-traditional items (felt poppies, poppy hair clips, T-shirts)

Send to Dr. Cynthia Ann Gray, 121 E. 32nd St., Sedalia, MO 65301; or email: mrsdoc8@outlook.com; or phone 660.827.2448. Thank you!



American Legion Auxiliary--Department of Missouri
Membership Renewal Form

Name _____
Member ID # _____
Address _____ City _____
Unit # _____ District # _____ Dues \$ _____ submit to local Unit.
For more information contact your local Unit, District or Department Headquarters. Department Headquarters contact number: 573-636-9133.

Help! Contribute! Donate!

The Missouri Girls State Trust Board is sponsoring a **Parade of Checks** at Fall Conference. Please step forward and participate in this fundraiser activity. Every cent counts and becomes dollars to aid in the longevity of the program. **THANK YOU!**

MOVED?

New address _____

Please forward to:

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



ALA Department of Missouri

Fall Conference 2018
Fundraiser October 27th

Chinese Auction

Bring your \$1.00 bills and have some fun. Outbid your friends for \$1.00.

No admission fee, Refreshments!

Open to all, bring your friends!

Preview gifts starting at 5:00PM,
Auction 7:00PM

All proceeds go to Department President's Project

Kids of Our Heroes Adventure Camp

Christmas Gift Shops

Victoria Ornelas,
2nd Vice President

Cape Girardeau Veterans Home
Monday, December 10,
9:30 a.m.

Mexico Veterans Home
Monday, December 3,
9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Tuesday, December 4,
9 a.m. to noon

Warrensburg Veterans Home
November 29 and 30

St. James Veterans Home
December 10,
9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Cameron Veterans Home
December 13, 9 a.m.



Secretary's Corner

Nancy Reeves,
Department Secretary

Hello from the Department Office! The new voice you hear when calling the office is the new office assistant, Debra Anthony, a Jefferson City native. She gains her membership eligibility through her father, who was a member of Post 231, and her husband is retired from the United States Army. They have a daughter who has also served in the US Army. She also has three granddaughters living in Nashville, Tenn. Debra will be at the Fall Conference registration desk. Please introduce yourself and give her a warm ALA welcome.

Fall Conference is scheduled for October 26-28 at the Capitol Plaza Hotel in Jefferson City. The Department Executive Committee meeting will be Friday at 3 p.m. The general session will start Saturday at 8:30 a.m. and Sunday at 8:30 a.m. unless otherwise informed.

I attended National Convention in Minneapolis, Minn and it was successful. We welcomed our new National President Kathy Dugan.

Membership for 2019 is rolling in. Renewal notices have been mailed. I cannot express enough the importance of making sure you have all the needed items before submitting your transmittal. When submitting your transmittal please make sure you have the following: On the current transmittal please put the date, District number, Unit number and Transmittal number. Please include the name and phone number of person to contact if there is a question. Make sure you are using the most current transmittal form. Dues have increased this year. Senior dues are \$23 and Junior dues are \$4.25. The next item is the member data form. Please make sure this form lists the members you are paying in alphabetical order. If you have a new member, please send the completed and signed membership application. We cannot accept the transmittal without full payment. When we have the necessary forms, it makes entering membership much smoother and have accurate numbers on the weekly report. If you have questions, please don't hesitate to contact the Department Office. We are here to help.

Until next time *Let our Lights Shine in Missouri!*



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Chaplain's Corner



Louise Welch, Department Chaplain

God Light Our Way

Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.

Psalm 119:105

Prayer: Almighty God, we go through life so lonely needing what other people can give us, yet we are ashamed to show that need. God, let our lights shine within us so others may see that light to bring us together. Let us know we need each other, help us to love and enjoy each other.

Now Dear God, I ask you to protect our military men and women abroad and their families.

These things I ask in Your name. Amen

Love Everlasting

Christmas is past, what a relief!! Though crowds and stress are diminished, Chaos tested strongest belief. Forgotten are things that were wished.

The cards were sent and gifts were bought. The family got together. Carols were sung and refuge sought From winter's cold, snowy weather.

With decorations packed away, And chaos calmed down from a roar, It's time to face the bills to pay But remember there's so much more.

Jesus came as a baby boy And died on a cross for our sin. With Him is everlasting joy And a comforting peace within.

For sickness, heartache, disaster, Sufficient His mercy and grace. He's the delivering Master To help you whatever you face.

For even though the sky is gray And life is hard to take, just know The sun is shining every day. It is true. His Word tells us so.

When storms threaten to overwhelm Your ship that's tossed on angry waves, Know peace with Jesus at the helm, For His almighty power saves.

He knows your pain and sees your tears. His caring is neverending. Give Him your doubts, sorrows and fears And broken heart that needs mending.

Christmas memories sometimes fade With age and time's shadow casting. But what is true is what God made In Jesus: Love Everlasting!

By Ellen Arnce, 12-19-17

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY 2018 Fall Conference

Auxiliary Registration and Sales in the Atrium

Friday, October 26, 2018 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm

Saturday, October 27, 2018 8:00 am to 12:00 pm

Friday October 26, 2018

3:00 PM Department Executive Committee Meeting Jefferson

Saturday October 27, 2018

8:30 AM Opening Jefferson "Let Your Light Shine"

Call to Order Sharon Slagle, Department President Invocation Louise Welch, Chaplain Pledge of Allegiance Catherine Auffert, Americanism Chairman National Anthem Sheila Buus, Music Chairman Preamble Victoria Ornelas, 2nd Vice President Response Marsha Mooney, 1st Vice President Introductions Sharon Slagle, Department President Department Officers National Executive Committeewoman Past Department Presidents District Presidents Sgt-At-Arms/Chairman of Pages Joan Vanfossan Dept. Color Bearers Carolyn Bresnick, Catherine Auffert & Norma Bragg Department President's Personal Page Shirley Nash

Guest Introduction 8 & 40 Departmental Chapeau Shirley Willis Sharon Slagle

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

Presentation of National Awards Carolyn Sanford The Missouri Legionette Editor Virginia Schnurbusch Girls State Director Macae Mickens Committee Members Linda Schaap, Cindy Newton, Tina Anderson, Jackie Rahm, and Shanna Jelinek, Patty Pink

Greetings Kerry Boardman, Department Commander Lowry Finely-Jackson, Department Adjutant Justin Marsden, SAL Commander Don Gerspach, Director Legion Riders

President's Project Speaker Darrell & Michele Hovland, Kids of Our Heroes Latisha Koetting, Missouri Veterans Home at Warrensburg, MO

Chairman Reports

Americanism Catherine Auffert Americanism Essay Christie Schepers Children & Youth Linda Jelinek Community Service Shanna Jelinek Education Lori Yount National Security Carolyn Sanford Poppy Director Betty Altnether Poppy Dr. Cynthia Gary Poppy Poster Kris Marsden

VA&R Cathie Goth, Chairman Victoria Ornelas, 2nd Vice President Committee Members Wilma Jobson, Patty Kellet, Evelyn Cox

Hospital Representatives

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

Veterans Homes Representatives

Cape Girardeau Barbara Yallaly Mexico Victoria Ornelas Mt. Vernon Jaynce Musgrove Warrensburg Doris Raber St. James Carolyn Sue Isgriggs St. Louis Rosemarie W. Hauck Cameron Wilma Jobson

County Government Joan Vanfossan Gold Star Program Ponya King

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

Electronic Reporting Sheridan Mires Strategic Planning Committee Laura Mosby Committee Members Patty Garrett, Anita Smith

Auxiliary Emergency Fund (AEF) Suzanne Rasmussen Historian & Cavalcade of Memories Vera Gerner-Taylor Constitution & Bylaws/ Policies & Procedures Roberta Pointer Committee Members Connie Pack, Cathie Goth, Lori Millam, Michelle Burnett-Emmerich

Chaplain Louise Welch Legislative Margie Koch Leadership Vickie Wilson Past Presidents Parley/ Nurses Scholarship Rosemarie W. Hauck Public Relations Lindy Capps Fund-raising Sandy Findeiss Committee Members Evelyn Cox, Gayle Metzinger and Shirley Willis

Finance Claudia Goodin Committee Members Linda Maddox and Martha Yancey Girls State Trust Fund Linda Shivers, Chairman Virginia Schnurbusch, Cathie Goth, Rosemarie W. Hauck, Patty Garrett

Announcements Nancy Reeves, Department Secretary

5:00 PM Catholic Services

5:00 PM Protestant Service

Sunday, October 28, 2018

9:00 AM Reconvene Jefferson

Membership Parade

Membership Chairman Marsha Mooney & Sheridan Mires Juniors Division Liz Rodabaugh Northeast Division Linda Maddox Northwest Division Wilma Jobson Southeast Division Wanda Kinder Southwest Division Linda Jelinek

Rules & Resolutions Patty Garrett Scrapbook Connie Pack Honorary Junior President Abby Bragg Courtesy Resolutions Jackie Sutor

Announcements Nancy Reeves, Department Secretary

Closing Prayer Department Chaplain, Louise Welch

Retirement of Colors Adjournment

(This program is subject to change)

NEC Article

By Carolyn Sanford

Thank you for the opportunity to represent Missouri as the National Executive Committee Woman (NEC) for the Department of Missouri.

What is the National Executive Committee?

According to the National Constitution, "Between National Conventions the National Executive Committee serves as the governing body of the organization with fiduciary, policy, and strategic responsibility for the organization." In addition to the national officers each department is entitled to one representative to be chosen according to the individual department Bylaws. All Past National Presidents are also members of the NEC.

The National President is the NEC Chair. Traditionally, the candidate for National President is appointed as Children and Youth Chair by the sitting national president 3 years prior, then appointed VA&R chair, then elected by National Convention as VP, then elected at National Convention as President. She is limited to a 1-year term.

The NEC responsibility is to address important issues, and convey information. The NEC duty is to support vital and approved national initiatives and to act in the best interest of and financially support the national organization.

The NEC in Missouri is the National Security Chairman and in charge of the Spring Conference.

"Special Thank You to District 9 for the generous \$1,600 donation for Fisher House. Any further donations should be sent directly to the Department Office and earmarked Fisher House.

Poppy Report

Dr. Cynthia Ann Gray, Chair

My duties as Poppy Chair include emphasizing information from National so units will inform the public correctly.

This is a reminder of a major change in use of funds authorized in 2013-2014; funds may now be used for active military and their families under certain conditions:

"In accordance with The American Legion Poppy Program and Poppy Fund Rules...Poppy Funds may only be used for:

• "The rehabilitation of veterans honorably discharged from the United States Armed Forces after April 6, 1917.

• "The welfare of the families of veterans of the above-named period.

• "The rehabilitation of hospitalized military service personnel returning home and awaiting discharge who require treatment in service hospitals.

• "The welfare of veterans, active military personnel, and the families of veterans and active military personnel of the above-named period where financial and medical need is evident."

The 2013-2014 rule changes also encouraged using non-traditional poppy items for successful fundraising. We DISTRIBUTE traditional crepe paper poppies. We SELL non-traditional poppy items.

The Poppy Program Guide was revised 7/20/18, with a new section on non-traditional poppy items and questions and answers about use of funds. A book is available from Emblem Sales (\$1.95) or downloadable (FREE) from alaforveterans.org. This is a "must-have" for all units! Useful quotes from the Guide:

• "Updated rules offer new ways to increase donations. We now have greater flexibility to use the symbolic red poppy in many ways, shapes and forms to raise money to support veterans, military, and their families.

lies. We're no longer limited to using crepe paper poppies."

• "Put ALA POPPIES in the public eye all year. The places you go on a daily or weekly basis are great prospective poppy promotion sites. Public interest in helping veterans is high, and National Headquarters receives many calls from businesses wanting to "buy" poppies. Your bank, grocery store, post office, and nail salon are great spots to offer poppy items to show your support for veterans and military."

Since mid-year reports are due soon, I suggest that units compile a poppy report of anything not submitted from last year before we forget the information, especially poppies distributed on Memorial Day. Please send it to me. (See WANT AD in this newspaper.)

St. Charles Unit 312, District 9 had a good example of a comprehensive report. They stated how many poppies were purchased, how much money was collected, the number of volunteers donating their time, the dates, times and places where they were distributed. They also explained how the fund is used. The Poppy chairman made a felt poppy for each volunteer to wear. They also gave a Poppy to the fifth grade class for their studies on WWI. They participated in the Poppy Poster Contest and it was sent to the Department level. Please contact me with questions or comments. Thanks.



Poppy Poster Contest

Kris Marsden, Chairman

Congratulations to the winners of the 2017-2018 Poppy poster contest for the Department of Missouri. These posters were sent to National Central Division Poppy Poster Chairman.

Class I: Grades 2 and 3, Jessica Compton, District 1, Unit 360

Class II: Grades 4 and 5, Keagen Eddy, District 2, Unit 274

Class III: Grades 6 and 7, Cadence Carter, District 15, Unit 163

Class IV: Grades 8 and 9, Landon Flynn, District 15, Unit 65

Class V: Grades 10 and 11, Baleigh Eaton, District 15, Unit 65

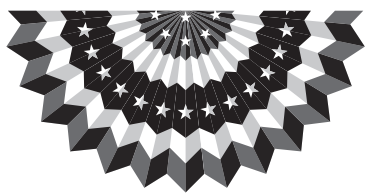
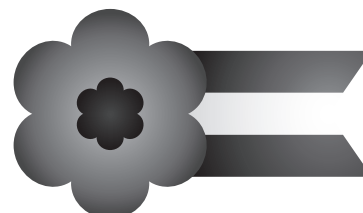
Class VI: Grade 12, Hailey Keitner, District 15, Unit 65

Class VII: Students with special needs: Payton Lawrence, District 16, Unit 551

Congratulations to the National winners. I will proudly present certificates to Missouri National Poppy Poster winners at the Fall Conference in October.

The rules for the 2018-2019 contest will be in every District bag at the Fall Conference.

These rules are also available at https://www.alaforveterans.org/members/programs-action-plan/.



Strategic Planning 2017-2018

Laura Mosby, Patty Garrett, Co-Chairs

Our Committee was formed to assist Units in several different ways. In the past three years we have provided opportunities for growth in leadership, membership, brand loyalty and ways to improve meetings through courtesy and respect.

The purpose of strategic planning is to set overall goals for your Unit and to develop a plan to achieve them. It involves stepping back from your day-to-day operations and asking where your Unit is going and what its priorities should be.

In order for Units and the membership as a whole, to accomplish their goals, first they have to set the goals. That was NOT our committee's job. We were to give direction and guidance. We could not do the work for you, but were available to assist. However, we needed to know who wants help, and no one called.

How do you write a strategic plan?

Steps:

1. Contemplate your organization's vision.
2. Write a mission statement.
3. Evaluate your organization's current standing.
4. List factors necessary to succeed.
5. Develop a strategy for accomplishing each success factor.
6. Prioritize your strategies according to viability and growth goals.

This should be done in each unit as the new year begins.

This past year, we were stunned by the loss of Judy, who had served this committee from its inception. Judy had shared visionary ideas, but unfortunately they did not happen. The National organization has also reached out, however, our efforts to complete their complicated forms has yet to be met with success. That is quite disappointing as we do not have a budget and the funds promised from National have not been granted. This limits our ability. And in the past we have dug into our own pockets to develop this committee. We hope in future this committee will experience new growth with exciting new ideas and the members will reach out for assistance to develop their own strategic plan.

National Security 2017-2018

Cathie Goth, Chairman

Seven of the districts reported their activity in the National Security program. This was only 44 percent of work reported for participation in the program.

District 1 reported one member took part in training for emergency preparedness and serves as a contact along with other city officials for any unforeseen events. Three auxiliary members along with Legion members cooked and served a family day Christmas brunch to 150 soldiers and their families at the 1438th Division of the MO National Guard armory in Macon.

District 2 reported unit members collected coupons and sent them to overseas commissaries. They mailed three priority packages with a combined value of \$5,185.

District 4 reported 100 percent reporting from the 17 units in the district participating in the National Security program. Nine units donated \$580 to the 129th Artillery Unit in Maryville to assist with the Artillery Unit's Christmas Dinner and party. This Unit is comprised of 250 soldiers and approximately 125 families. Two Welcome Home events were hosted. ROTC medals were purchased and presented to eight cadets. Military families were adopted at Christmas time. Six members reported donating blood during a local blood drive.

District 8 reported that eight members from Unit 5 assisted with a blood drive at their Post home with 30 volunteer hours for this event. The unit also donated \$100 for food for the event.

District 9 reported that a \$3,300 donation was made to the USO, \$2,000 to Soldiers Wish List, and \$700 to Fisher House. Members have been busy sewing Patriot Bags; packing and shipping care packages; making quilt squares for Quilts of Valor; clipping coupons; attending welcome home for Honor Flights; displaying POW/MIA banners; wearing R.E.D. on Fridays; hosting blood drives; and presenting a Blue Star Banner. One unit had officers and Post bar staff trained for CPR and AED with two AED units placed in that post home.

District 14 reported nine of 15 units participated in the National Security program. \$400 was donated to the USO. Over 40,000 coupons were collected, clipped and sent to 21 different military bases. Unit members participated in blood drives and assisted their Red Cross Chapters. Christmas cards and Veterans Day cards were mailed to deployed service members.

District 15 reported hosting a District meeting highlighting National Security; donating \$50 to the USO; and sending three boxes of books through Operation Paperback to deployed service members. Even though the district is low in number of volunteers, they find different ways to participate.

At the Department of Missouri's Spring Conference the focus was on the Red Cross in your community. Speakers shared information on disaster relief, how Auxiliary members can help in national disasters along with the Red Cross program in connecting with service members. Hands-free CPR was demonstrated and practiced to the beat of Bee Gees "Staying Alive," the recommended rhythm for chest compressions. Auxiliary members were asked to donate items for Adult Comfort Kits. These kits are provided in emergencies, such as fires, etc., for displaced individuals. One hundred and fifty Comfort Kits were collected and donated to the Red Cross during Spring Conference.

Certificates of Achievement in reporting are awarded to the following districts: District 1, 2, 4, 8, 9, 14, and 15. Thank you for your participation.

VA & R Report 2017-2018

Evelyn E. Cox, Chairman

I thank all the dedicated ALA members serving as representatives in the 14 facilities. I received Districts reports from 4, 9, 10 and 15. Unit reports received were Unit 57, District 2; Unit 312, District 9; Unit 213 and 397, District 10; Unit 253, District 13; and Unit 434, District 17. This was a sad and confusing year due to the death of 2nd Vice President Judy Donati. She was very dedicated to our organization. Perhaps next year there will be more reporting so we can create a more accurate report for National.

The ALA Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation representatives volunteered 1,072 hours to the VA homes and hospitals. ALA members volunteered 3,534 hours in service to the veterans. This report includes 111 American Legion regularly scheduled volunteers for 1,011 hours of service and 16 occasional volunteers for 138 hours. Total number of volunteers 1,199 logging 4,683 volunteer hours. Monetary donations were in excess of \$30,000 for the VA facilities.

December found American Legion Auxiliary members busily planning and volunteering at the annual Christmas Gift Shops. Department Commander Cary Kellett and Department President Carolyn Sanford attended the gift shops. They helped veterans select gifts, as well as wrapping the items. Along with the annual Christmas Gift Shops, many units visited local residential care facilities distributing treats and Christmas cards.

Children & Youth 2017-2018

Linda Jelinek, Chairman

Monies were given for Project Graduation, including veterans' children, parade floats where candy was distributed, sponsored Christmas parties, Easter Egg Hunts, trick or treat bags, Halloween safety booklets at schools, Special Olympics, Camp Quality, which is a camp for children with cancer, summer Bible School, donated to the school Backpack program, helped with the local band programs in school, supporting baseball teams, Girls Scout Troop, a boys home, gloves for a day care, making blankets for Project Linus, donating auction baskets for a fundraiser at Camp Barnabas, a summer camp for children with special needs, Hunter Education classes, St. Jude's Children's Hospital, Children's Miracle Network, food pantries, Teddy bears for Cystic Fibrosis and various other functions completed the program.

Pull-tabs from aluminum cans were collected that totaled 3,141 pounds for Ronald McDonald House, totaling over \$3,000. One unit along with their post adopted a couple of children. One was not expected to live past the age of 1, but has now celebrated his second birthday. His older brother, who is healthy, was adopted as well, but needs extra encouragement. Hours for "Shop with a Cop," Special Olympics and Holiday Express were also donated. On Military Kids Day one Unit made cupcakes for all students K-6. One hundred and sixty were military kids of the 220 served. Small flags were also given to the military kids. One unit has a special section in their post where bags are collected for Birthday Party bags. They are labeled for boy/girl and age level.

In these bags are things for a child's birthday, including cake mix, frosting, candles, party supplies like hats, treats for guests and a small child's gift. These are for children who otherwise would not have a special party. The cost to assemble a special bag is about \$20.00.

Hours reported spent on the C & Y program was 20,011 with 5,192 children served. ALA members serving were 586 with 29 Juniors assisting. A total of 23,319 hours were contributed. Money spent on C & Y is \$50,128. Some of the money spent went for scholarships for wounded warriors and other children and grandchildren of American Legion and Auxiliary members. One hundred and twenty hero packs were assembled and distributed.

The Good Deed Award and the Heroic Act of Valor Award was given to two children this year.

Awards:
Best Unit report—Julie White, Unit 434, District 17.
Best District report—Patty Garrett, District 15.

Public Relations 2017-2018

Vera Gerner-Taylor, Chairman

Public Relations is promoting who we are, what we do and why we matter. Units and districts have been doing this throughout the year. There has been an increase in units and districts that now have a Facebook page plus many more now have an auxiliary website, either in combination with their post or a stand-alone website.

More units have been in contact with their local newspapers and have been getting articles and pictures published. This is a great way of getting the message out as to what we do for our veterans and their families. Auxiliary logo clothing is being worn by more members at American Legion and Auxiliary functions. There has been an increase in using email to send information to their members.

Members are continuing to spread the word about what we are, what we do and why we matter.

I thank the units and districts for all the pictures, articles, etc. that were sent to me for the Department President's Press Book. A big thank you for all the reports that were sent to me. These gave me information to compile the necessary report to Central Division Public relations Chairman and the National Public Relations Chairman.

Public Relations Awards:
Best Unit Narrative report: 1st Place, Tammey Cummins, Unit 114, District 14
2nd Place: Shirlee Schroeder,

Unit 230, District 6
3rd Place: Carol Albert, Unit 213, District 10
Best District Narrative report: 1st Place: Roberta Pointer, District 9
2nd Place: Tammey Cummins, District 14
3rd Place: Diana Stewart, District 2
Press Books:
District Press Books: 1st Place, District 9, Roberta Pointer
2nd Place: District 6
Unit Press Book:
1st Place: Unit 551, District 2
2nd Place: Unit 218, District 9
3rd Place: Unit 477, District 2
Department President Carolyn Sanford was presented her Press Book that contained published pictures and articles plus copies of unit and district newsletters and emails that were sent to members.



Poppy Director 2017-2018

Betty Altnether, Chairman

It has been an exciting and challenging year. I thank my mentor, Sandy Stragliati, who had an answer for all my questions. A special thank you to the awesome and outstanding ladies who made poppies so that orders could be promptly filled.

We are down on Unit request by 10 percent from last year. Whatever we can do to make the public more aware of the sacrifices our veterans and their families have made should be our goal for the future. Their dedication has helped our country continue to be the land of the free.

Two reminders:

- Please allow three weeks turn-around to receive your Poppies.
- Please print name, address and city where you want the Poppies delivered.

It has been a very rewarding and educational year. I could not have done it without the help of all the Poppy makers.



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AROUND THE STATE



Department President Sharon had the opportunity to tour the Kids Of Our Wounded Heroes Adventure Camp this summer. After the tour she enjoyed a pizza and salad dinner with the campers and watched the retirement of the flag.



Ellen Arnce, District 15 President; Michele Hovland, Camp Director; and President Sharon



ALA Unit 114 members recently presented a \$24,500 check to the Missouri Veterans Cemetery in Bloomfield. This check makes the total donated the past six years over \$110,000. The donations provided some major renovations to the cemetery such as the bell tower and installation of a central air/heat system with insulation in the committal shelter.

Fundraisers included a bowling tournament, poker run, barbecue cook-off, auction and dinner. Members of the American Legion Family participated in this activity. Pictured are members of the ALA, American Legion, Legion Riders and SAL.



The Boy Scouts led the Sesquicentennial Kiddie Parade that was held during the annual Soybean Festival. Norborne Post and Unit 551 sponsored the parade.

Twenty children participated in three categories of riding and walking using the theme "Show Me Your American Pride."



During the ALA Department Convention in Springfield, four Junior members met and made 53 Red Cross Kid Health Care bags. The items were donated from several units. The bags included health care items, but also coloring books, crayons/markers and a small stuffed animal. L to R is Abby Bragg, Unit 315; Michala Criddle, Unit 444; Elizabeth Nash, Unit 315; and Jackie Clay, Unit 221.

Thank you to the Juniors for spending their time volunteering for the Red Cross.

Legislative Report 2017-2018

Michele Burnett-Emmerich, Chairman

There were only three Unit and three District narrative reports received. The number is low, but improved from mid-year. Members have shown an increase in activities in the Legislative process. This is a positive step.

The tally of participation is as follows: Number of members participating in a Legislative Rally-one; members participating in Town Hall meetings-15; members participating in "Meet the Candidate" nights-11; letters sent to Legislative officials-102; replies from Legislative officials-30; personal visits made by individuals-87; and contacts by other means, emails & phone-50.

One unit and one district report met qualifications to be forwarded to National. The best Unit report was Unit 114, District 14. The best District report was District 14. Anne Quick was the chairman. Thanks

District 5

Bonnie Sweeney, President

At the September 2018 meeting of the American Legion Auxiliary 5th District the budget was discussed

and a budget for the 2018-2019 year was approved after discussing multiple cuts to the budget and some increases in other areas. New ideas were discussed on how we could raise additional funds to further the veterans programs in our community and state.

Many of the Units are already preparing for the Christmas Workshops, Veterans Day events and seeking out families to help at Christmas and/or Thanksgiving. Our members realize every day is a day to Honor our Veterans. However, when we get out in the communities and work our programs wearing our American Legion Auxiliary shirts and/or sweaters, it brings more awareness to the various programs and the need for more members to join and help us. Many of us will be ringing bells during the upcoming holiday season as well.

Remember each day to do at least one kind thing for a neighbor, thank a veteran for his or her service and pray for our troops. God bless you and God bless America.

District 6 Year-end Report

Shirlee Shroder, President

Membership:

We ended the year with 87.67 percent membership with three units being 100 percent. One unit disbanded and another was on the

edge of disbanding. One member came to the rescue by assuming the responsibility of leadership and working with the unit. Other members joined her in getting members renewed and recruiting new ones. With the support of the Legionnaires the membership is now 100 percent and looking forward to the new year.

Goodwill:

Unit members met at a restaurant for lunch or a shopping trip before they began their program work. Another unit's members enjoyed visiting Camp Valor to help cook. This was an enjoyable experience. Door prizes were given at a unit meeting to reward the faithful members who attend. Get well cards, thinking of you cards, and newsletters were sent to keep in touch.

Leadership:

Members worked with the local community at the food pantry, quilt guilds, community cleanup days, senior center, school book fairs, backpack program, presented good deed awards, sponsored girls to Girls State, and donated a medical AED. They hosted teas for women veterans, supported the veterans home, Christmas Gift shop, provided bingo, sent buddy packs, made brunch for the local nursing home, provided veterans holiday meals and gifts, distributed poppies, and assisted the Chamber of Commerce in providing a Veterans picnic in town. One unit went a step further by taking the

required training classes to work at the veterans clinic in their town.

Red Cross Adults and Children's Comfort Kits were made. Other veterans organizations were contacted and their combined efforts resulted in more comfort kits donated to the community.

One unit helped the VFW fire-works booth. This was a leadership step of cooperation with the local veterans organizations. They increased their network of veteran contacts. The VFW shared the fire-works profit with the unit.

Strengthening Units:

One unit had poppy shirts/hoodies made. They wore them to our District meetings. The other units supported them and placed orders.

The profit was used to sponsor two girls to Girls State. The 2017 ALA National President's visit was hosted by two rural posts. The group picture with the National President and members was posted on the Auxiliary Facebook page.

Branding:

One of the units donated a new District flag at the March meeting. Members wore ALA attire at local festivals, in parades, Veterans Day assemblies, Memorial Day ceremonies, veterans funerals and patriotic holiday meals. The Home at Last Program served 143 veterans' families.

Together our units made a difference to our veterans, made our communities stronger and proudly represented the ALA.

Due Date for November/December

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

Your report may be condensed to emphasize the important facts. It should be typed double space and no more than two pages. If your report is lengthy, perhaps you can submit the remainder for the next issue.

CHAIRMEN, please continue to send articles periodically concerning your program. This information helps the members develop their Unit programs more effectively.

THANK YOU!

Virginia Schnurbusch
Editor

Deceased Members

JULY 25 - SEPTEMBER 19, 2018

District	Unit	Name	Location
1	20	Ruth A. Chronister	Kirkville, MO
1	55	Rose M. Curfman-VIM	Quincy, IL
1	174	Irene Watkins	Taylor, MO
1	578	Mildred Bailey-VIM	Lewistown, MO
2	34	Carol J. Kimple	Unionville, MO
2	34	Peggie S. Weston	Unionville, MO
2	274	Lois E. Hinnen	Chillicothe, MO
3	236	Betty Edwards	Excelsor Springs, MO
4	100	Arlene Masters	Parnell, MO
4	256	Brenda L. Long	Maitland, MO
4	315	Florence Flanary	Burlington Junction, MO
4	464	Alice Redden	Maryville, MO
4	528	Austina F. Spire	Parnell, MO
5	21	Ruth Stanger	Independence, MO
6	230	LaVon D. Smith	Stockton, MO
7	211	Mary A. Monnig	Glasgow MO
7	223	Wilma R. Dieckhoff-VIM	Higginsville, MO
7	223	Louise E. Salyer	Higginsville, MO
7	305	Earlene Oglevie	Clinton, MO
7	520	Louise Harpstrite	La Monte, MO
8	202	Patricia Kirkpatrick	Columbia, MO
8	317	Barbara Ruder	Freeburg, MO
8	624	Kathe C. Roemer	Sunrise Beach, MO
9	312	Norma Jaspering	Saint Charles, MO
9	312	Joann Rico	Saint Charles, MO
9	312	Nancy I. Sauer	Saint Charles, MO
9	347	Barbara A. Holderfield	Union, MO
10	162	Ruth N. Roberts-VIM	Saint Louis, MO
10	338	Hazel F. Bright	Saint Ann, MO
14	63	Betty G. Cato	Cape Girardeau, MO
15	372	Lorine Backs	Lockwood, MO
16	99	Carol Flett	Rolla, MO
16	240	Ilda Henley-VIM	Richland, MO
	1000	Lela J. Potter	Otterville, MO

Calendar of Activities

October 26-28	Fall Conference; Capitol Plaza Hotel; Jefferson City, MO
2019	
February 15-19	Spring Conference; Jefferson City, MO.
July 11-14	Department Convention; Marriot St. Louis Airport; St. Louis
August 23-29	National Convention; Indianapolis, IN.
October 18-20	Fall Conference; Jefferson City, MO.

District Meetings

District 1	November 4; Macon Post #29; 2:00 p.m.
District 4	November 10; Post #256; Maitland Graham
District 5	October 17; Joint meeting; Hostess Unit #21 December 19; Hostess Unit 21
District 7	November 18; Cole Camp Post #305
District 9	December 2; St. Clair Post #347; meeting 9:30; joint meeting following lunch
District 10	October 11; Post #101; 7:30 p.m.
District 13	December 9; Perryville Post #133; 2:00 p.m.
District 14	November 4; Sikeston Post #114; 2:00 p.m.
District 15	December 9; Joplin Post #13, Memorial Hall; 2:00 p.m.