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President's Message



Department President
Sharon Slagle
Unit 315, District 4

FAREWELL and THANK YOU!!! This is my final writing as your Department of Missouri American Legion Auxiliary President. What a great year this has been for me to be your President and to help everyone "Let Our Light Shine."

My first visit after installation last July was to visit Sedalia Unit 642 and install their officers. My Homecoming in October, hosted by Unit 315 and District 4, was amazing. The members worked very hard to make everything look beautiful and created a wonderful evening. Coming home is always good.

A few other places we went were outstanding, such as the Cotton Festival in Sikeston. It was an honor to crown Miss Cotton and Miss Sikeston along with Department Commander Kerry Boardman. Traveling with us was American Legion Auxiliary National President Kathy Dungan. Kathy is a hometown, down to earth, lovely lady. We had fun and enjoyed every minute. We attended activities in St. Louis. On our way to Sikeston we visited Past National President JoAnn Cronin. Unit 114 kept us busy. It was a great journey. District 14 members really know how to entertain guests. It was a job well done.

There are so many trips that we traveled and everyone was so gracious. I am so glad I had the opportunity to visit some of the units and districts. Several learning sessions were held with good attendance and many questions asked.

Recently I was honored to pin one of our membership pins on a 73-year member. She was thrilled to be recognized. That is a lot of years to be active.

We are doing well with the funds we are receiving for "Kids of Our Heroes Adventure Camp." We will have a parade of checks at Department Convention. If there are still units and districts that want to donate, please join the parade. Our

goal is \$15,000,000. Some of the fund has already been given to the camp. We are near our goal with almost \$11,000. Please help with this worthwhile project that helps veterans' children.

Thanks again to everyone who has helped make this year a success by "Letting our Light Shine" to help children and youth, veterans and our troops.

GOD BLESS all of you and keep the light shining!

Kids of Our Heroes Adventure Camp

Article #6

By Ellen Arnce for Sharon Slagle

Imagine you are a child of a wounded or fallen soldier, you are at KOOH-AC and it's Day 4. Today's Theme: Hope and Peace; the skill: Relaxation and Reframing; the adventure: Talking Rocks Cavern. The cave guide leads you deeply into the cave and turns off all the lights for a minute. You are in total darkness. The cave is cold and everyone is quiet. All you hear is the faint dripping of water. The darkness is to remind you how it was for the original explorers. That minute of darkness seems like an eternity. You feel fear, being trapped and lost, and hopeless. Then the light is turned on and reveals a beautiful natural cave structure that formed over hundreds of years at the end of the cave. It looks like a 30-foot-tall angel with head bowed. You feel so grateful for the light and the image. Later at the camp the adventure is discussed. Life has often left you in a dark place of despair, loneliness, hurt, consequences from bad choices, fear and anxiety. But you are reminded that **Jesus is the one guiding light to get you through the trouble and dark times.** Choosing Him to be your guiding light will help you choose the right path morally to navigate life. The counselors teach about relaxation and reframing, how to take challenges and heartbreaking experiences and find the silver lining. You remember the cave being cold, but on the bright side it had nature's air conditioning on a very hot day. Scriptures are read.

• "Your Word is a lamp to guide my feet and a light for my path." Psalm 119:105

• "I pray that the God of hope, the source, will fill you completely with joy and peace; you will abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit." Romans 15:13

You feel a hope and peace in your

heart and as the day winds down, you write in your journal words you can read again to relive this awesome day.

This year we have been instructed to let our light shine. To be that shining example of a dedicated member of the American Legion Auxiliary so others will want to join, rejoin or renew. We have been asked to support the KOOH-AC and many units have donated. On behalf of the kids that will attend in the future, I thank you for your generosity. Please, consider a gift to the camp on a yearly basis. God bless you, the kids and their families of fallen and wounded soldiers and first responders and KOOH-AC.

Contact Information:

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Aurora, MO 65605.
By phone: (417) 574-6250
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On the World Wide Web:
www.KidsOfOurHeroes.org,
On Facebook: www.facebook.com/KOOHAC.

MEMBERSHIP



"LET OUR LIGHT SHINE"

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

The American Legion is celebrating its 100th birthday this year. Together The American Legion Family will celebrate its many years of service to veterans and their families in our communities. This presents a perfect opportunity to reach out to the families of our veterans and invite them to join the largest women's patriotic organization in the world. Invite the families of the veterans to an upcoming post or unit event. Be prepared with applications to hand out and don't forget to include contact information for your unit.

Please follow up on the Interest Forms that were forwarded to you. We need to know if you made contact and if you were successful in signing them up as a new member. If they haven't joined yet please contact them again to ask if they have any questions. We need to know the results of your efforts with these Interest Forms so please send them to one of us.

The Membership co-chairmen would like to thank the members for their hard work on membership. There are 46 "Rock Star" Units who have reached or exceeded their membership goal. Many units need less than five members to reach or exceed their goal. WAY TO GO LADIES!! Keep working to "Let Our Light Shine" around Missouri for our veterans, active military and their families. Just a reminder, there will be drawings for the remaining challenges at Convention in July.

You as members still have many opportunities to recruit new members, rejoin a past member, or make that personal visit or phone call to a member who has not yet paid her dues. Membership is the responsibility of every member of The American Legion Family. Let's all work together to reach our goals and make this great organization even better.

Mary Pisciotta Past Department President 1966-1967



Mary T. (Barresi) Pisciotta passed away peacefully April 29, 2019, at John Knox Village Care Center in Lee's Summit, Mo. A Mass of Christian Burial was May 6, 2019, at Our Lady of Presentation Catholic Church in Lee's Summit. Burial followed Mass at Mt. Olivet Cemetery in Raytown, Mo. Memorials are suggested to the Village Hospice.

Mary grew up in the Kansas City area and attended St. Aloysius Academy. In 1945 she was united in marriage to the love of her life, Jack Pisciotta. They were married 63 years before his passing.

Mary was truly an organizer. She was instrumental in organizing the Knights of Columbus Auxiliary in Raytown, and volunteered and organized two Beta Sigma Phi Chapters. She and Jack organized Post and Unit 596 of Raytown. Mary also organized two Republican Clubs. Mary was a charter partner of Salon 764 of Eight and Forty. She served on the Raytown City Council from 1976-1978.

As a member of the American Legion Auxiliary, Mary served as Central Division National Vice President, Department President 1966-1967 and District 5 President. The Missouri Girls State program was one of her

passions. She was Girls State Director several years. You could ask her a question about an American Legion Auxiliary program and you were sure to get an answer. She remained active for several years, sharing her wisdom and energy.

Mary was a registered Parliamentarian and was a past president of the Missouri State Association of Parliamentarians. She created a quick reference tool for Parliamentarians.

As a member of Unit 21, Mary held several offices and was instrumental in organizing their spaghetti dinners. To her family and friends she was known as an excellent cook. She will be remembered for her holiday cookie baking and candy making.

Mary was preceded in death by her parents, Jennie and Andrew Barresi; sister, Teresa; brother, Leo; and her husband, Jack. She is survived by sons, Frank and Carol Pisciotta of Lee's Summit and Henry and Erica Pisciotta of Pittsburgh, Pa.; three grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

The Divine Weaver

*My life is but a weaving
Between my Lord and me,
I cannot choose the colors
He weaveth steadily*

*Oftentimes he weaveth sorrow
And I, in foolish pride,
Forget he sees the upper side
And I the underside*

*Not 'til the loom is silent,
And the shuttles cease to fly,
Shall God unroll the canvas
And reveal the reason why.*

*The dark threads may be needful
In the skillful weaver's hand
As the threads of gold and silver
In the pattern he has planned.*

(Unknown)

ALA MGS Alumni Event

Thursday, June 27, 2019 at 6:00 pm
University of Central Missouri, Student Union

Dinner (\$25) *Banner Parade * Flag Lowering * Talent Show

Reservations: PattvjPink@gmail.com Or 660-341-4233

www.mgsalumni.org (online reservations)

Can't make it on June 28th but still want to visit?
Contact Patty and select a time that DOES work for you!



Invitation

Fifth District Honors Department President

The Fifth District will have a luncheon on May 15, 2019, to honor our Department President Sharon Slagle. The luncheon will be held at the DAV Building at 14605 E. 40 Highway, Independence, MO 64136. The hostess will be Unit #149. Meeting time is 11:30 a.m. For reservations please call Helen Hatz at 816-361-4374.

MOVED?

New address _____

Please forward to:

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



DEPARTMENT OF MISSOURI AMERICAN LEGION CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION BANQUET



Theodore Roosevelt IV

Friday, July 12th, 2019
Marriot Airport
10700 Pear Tree Lane, St. Louis, MO
6:30 p.m. Dignitaries Reception
7:00 p.m. Dinner
7:30 p.m. Program

Join us in our Centennial Celebration in conjunction with our 8th American Legion Family Celebration Banquet marking the 2018-2019 Department Commander Kerry Boardman and Department President Sharon Slagle year of service to The Department of Missouri American Legion Family. The guest speaker for this Special event will be **Theodore Roosevelt IV** -great-grandson of the 26th President of the United States and grandson of Brigadier General Theodore Roosevelt Jr. Founding member of The American Legion.



Please RSVP by June 21, 2019 and remit your banquet reservation(s) of \$50.00 per person (Make Check payable to The American Legion Department of Missouri)

Send to:
The American Legion Department of Missouri
P. O. Box 179
Jefferson City, Mo 65102
If you have any questions, please call: 573-893-2353

Person(s) attending: _____

Total Included: _____



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Chaplain's Corner



Louise Welch,
Department
Chaplain

SCRIPTURE: Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you; I will help you. I will uphold you with my victorious right hand.—Isaiah 41:10

PRAYER:

Almighty God, we pause once again to remember our honored and brave departed. Their sacrifice of life has enabled us to continue to live in freedom. Dear God, during the month of June, we pause for Flag Day of these United States of America. Help this generation honor and respect our flag. It is the emblem of our nation. Let us be reminded of life, liberty, justice, freedom and democracy. This we ask in Your Holy Name. Amen

REMINDER: District Presidents, please do not forget the Memorial Service at the convention. I am asking you to wear white.

National Security

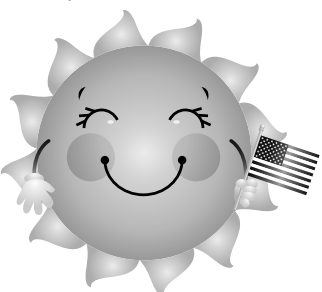
Carolyn Sanford. Chairman

Thank you Missouri ladies for all you have done in support of National Security this year. You have donated in excess of \$12,625 in support of many things such as USO, dog and dog handlers in Afghanistan, Quilts of Valor, Fisher House and many other causes. One unit sent coupons with a value of \$9,000 to overseas military bases. These are just a few of the activities and donations your unit can do.

Be sure to remember the family of a military person deployed with a Blue Star Banner. Stay in touch with them to check if there is anything they need. A phone call to say hello will let them know someone cares.

A flag etiquette reminder I received from the Central Division Chairman — DO NOT for any reason cut the stars from a flag designated for disposal. The flag should be destroyed in its entirety. No part of a flag should ever be given away for any reason.

National Security opportunities include becoming a CERT volunteer. This is a person who has taken Community Emergency Response training. This training is often conducted by the local Red Cross. Other Red Cross-related opportunities are Blood Drives and Comfort Kits donated to your local law enforcement.



WELCOME TO THE 99th ANNUAL CONVENTION AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY DEPARTMENT OF MISSOURI

THURSDAY, JULY 11, 2019

1:00 pm\5:00 pm _____ REGISTRATION Alcove

3:00 pm Department Executive Committee Board Meeting...Ballroom East
Salons III-V

DISTRICT PRESIDENTS:

Dist. 1 Linda Maddox (Unit 360)	Dist. 9 Margie Koch (Unit 312)
Dist. 2 Rosie Rhodes (Unit 274)	Dist. 10 Muriel Christman (Unit 208)
Dist. 3 Karen Bumgarner (Unit 61)	Dist. 11/12 open
Dist. 4 Sheridan Mires (Unit 199)	Dist. 13 Roselee Buatte (Unit 150)
Dist. 5 Bonnie Sweeney (Unit 21)	Dist. 14 Vickie Wilson (Unit 114)
Dist. 6 Shirlee Schroder (Unit 230)	Dist. 15 Ellen Arnce (Unit 163)
Dist. 7 Carolyn Sanford (Unit 217)	Dist. 16 Darline Enloe (Unit 81)
Dist. 8 Connie Pack (Unit 05)	Dist. 17 Jaretta Holt (Unit 434)

REPORTS

Finance Committee _____	Claudia Goodin, Chair Linda Maddox & Martha Yancey, Members
Constitution and Bylaws _____	Roberta Pointer, Chair Lori Millam Co-Chair Michelle Burnett-Emmerich, Connie Pack & Cathie Goth Members
Legionette _____	Virginia Schnurbusch
ALA Missouri Girls State _____	Macao Mickens

FRIDAY, JULY 12, 2019

7:00 am District Pages & Color Bearers meet with
Sgt.-at-Arms/Chairman of Pages _____ Joan Vanfossan in the Alcove
7:00 am\1:00 pm _____ REGISTRATION and EXHIBITS
8:00 am OPEN SESSION _____ Ballroom East Salons III-V

Processional of Department Colors,
District Presidents, Past Department Presidents,
Past National President and Department Officers
National Guest

CALL TO ORDER _____ Sharon Slagle, Department President
Invocation _____ Louise Welch, Department Chaplain
Pledge of Allegiance _____ Catherine Auffert, Americanism Chairman
National Anthem _____ Shelia Buis
Preamble _____ Vera Gerner-Taylor, Historian

WELCOME:

Roll Call & Introduction of DEC _____ Nancy Reeves, Department Secretary
Convention Directors _____ Rosemarie W. Hauck & Sandy Stragliati
Fourth District President _____ Sheridan Mires
Greetings _____ Marsha Mooney, Department 1st Vice President

Introduction of National Committee Appointees
Past National President _____ JoAnn Cronin
National Committee members
Centennial Strategic Plan & National Security _____ Rosemarie W. Hauck
Long Term Strategic Plan Goal 5 _____ Laura Mosby
Strategic Plan Goal 4 Strategy B _____ Patty Garrett
Legislative Committee _____ Cathie Goth
Auxiliary Emergency Fund _____ Claudia Goodin

Departmental Chapeau 8&40 _____ Shirley Willis
Sgt.-at-Arms/Chairman of Pages _____ Joan Vanfossan
Color Bearers _____ Carolyn Bresnick, Catherine Auffert
& Norma Bragg
Personal Pages _____ Shirley Nash
Honorary Junior Vice President _____ Abby Bragg

JUNIOR AUXILIARY MEETING _____ Lambert Room

REPORTS:

National Executive Committeewoman _____	Carolyn Sanford
National Security _____	Vera Gerner-Taylor
Historian & Cavalcade of Memories _____	Louise Welch
Chaplain _____	Catherine Auffert
Americanism Chairman _____	Christine Schepers
Americanism Essay _____	Joan Vanfossan
County Government _____	Rosemarie W. Hauck
Past Presidents Parley/ _____	Margie Koch
Nurses Scholarship/Women of the Year _____	Patty Garrett
Legislative _____	Ponya King
Rules and Resolutions Committee Chairman _____	
Gold Star _____	

10:00 am **GREETINGS** Kerry Boardman, Department Commander
Hallie Williams, Department Sr. Vice Commander
Justin E. Marsden, SAL Commander
Don Gerspach, Director, American Legion Riders
Lowry Finely-Jackson, Department Adjutant

Finance Committee Chairman _____	Claudia Goodin
Member _____	Linda Moddox
Member _____	Martha Yancey
Women Veterans _____	Barbara Ebersole
Auxiliary Emergency Fund _____	Suzanne Rasmussen

12:00 pm **LUNCH**

12:00 pm\1:15 pm **Past Presidents Parley Luncheon** _____ East Salons II

1:30 pm **RECONVENE**

CALL TO ORDER _____ Sharon Slagle, Department President

REPORTS: (cont)

Scrapbooking _____	Connie Pack
Children & Youth _____	Linda Jelinek
Legionette Editor _____	Virginia Schnurbusch
Community Service _____	Shanna Jelinek
Education _____	Lori Yount
Music _____	Shelia Buis
Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation _____	Cathie Goth
Member _____	Evelyn Cox
Member _____	Wilma Jobson
Member _____	Patty Kellett

VA MEDICAL CENTERS (HOSPITALS) 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

VETERAN HOME REPRESENTATIVES:

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

CREDENTIALS REPORT

NOMINATION OF DEPARTMENT OFFICERS FOR 2019-2020

ANNOUNCEMENTS _____ Nancy Reeves, Department Secretary

RECESS UNTIL 8:00 AM SATURDAY, JULY 13, 2019



DEPARTMENT OF MISSOURI AMERICAN LEGION CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION BANQUET

FRIDAY, JULY 12, 2019

MARRIOTT AIRPORT

6:30 P.M. DIGNITARIES RECEPTION

7:00 P.M. DINNER

7:30 P.M. PROGRAM

GUEST SPEAKER



Theodore Roosevelt IV

SATURDAY, JULY 14, 2019

6:45 am\10:00 am _____ REGISTRATION _____ Alcove
RECONVENE _____ Ballroom East Salons III-V
7:30am _____ CALL TO ORDER _____ Sharon Slagle, Department President

7:30am to 9:00am Membership Parade & Reports

REPORTS:

Membership Chairman _____	Marsha Mooney
Membership Co-Chairman _____	Sheridan Mires
Northeast Division Chairman _____	Linda Maddox
Northwest Division Chairman _____	Wilma Jobson
Southeast Division Chairman _____	Wander Kinder
Southwest Division Chairman _____	Linda Jelinek

9:30 am **JOINT SESSION**

12:00pm **LUNCH**

12:00pm-1:15 pm **Membership Luncheon** _____ East Salon II

1:30 pm **RECONVENE**

CALL TO ORDER _____ Sharon Slagle, Department President

Credentials Committee

Election of 2019-2020 Department Officers

Election Rules _____ Nancy Reeves, Department Secretary

Election of Delegates and Alternates to National Convention

REPORTS: (cont)

Junior Membership _____	Abby Bragg
Leadership _____	Vickie Wilson
Poppy Director _____	Betty Altmether
Poppy Chairman _____	Dr. Cynthia Gray
Poppy Poster _____	Kris Marsden
Public Relations _____	Lindy Capps
Strategic Planning Committee _____	Laura Mosby
Member _____	Patty Garrett
Member _____	Anita Smith
Constitution & Bylaws Chairman _____	Roberta Pointer
Member _____	Lori Millam
Member _____	Connie Pack
Member _____	Michelle Emmerich
Member _____	Cathie Goth

Girls State Director _____	Macao Mickens
Member _____	Linda Schaap
Member _____	Shanna Jelinek
Member _____	Tina Anderson
Member _____	Patty Pink
Member _____	Jackie Rahm

ANNOUNCEMENTS _____ Nancy Reeves, Department Secretary

RECESS UNTIL 8:00 AM SUNDY, JULY 14, 2019

Saturday Evening

Department Fundraiser 2nd Annual Quarter Auction

Doors open at 6:00pm
Auction begins at 6:30pm

SUNDAY JULY 14, 2019

7:00am District Presidents Breakfast with Department President _____ East Salon II

8:00 am **CALL TO ORDER** _____ Sharon Slagle, Department President
Memorial Service _____ Louise Welch, Department Chaplain

REPORTS:

Girls State Trust Fund Chairman _____	Linda Shivers
Member _____	Cathie Goth
Member _____	Virginia Schnurbusch
Member _____	Rosemarie W. Hauck
Member _____	Patty Garrett
VA&R Audit Report _____	Linda Schaap
Member _____	Robin Boardman
Member _____	Darline Enloe
Junior Activities _____	Jessica Childers

Fundraising Committee _____	Sandy Findeiss
Member _____	Evelyn Cox
Member _____	Gayle Metzinger
Members _____	Shirley Willis

Installation of 2019-2019 Junior Officers

Courtesy Resolutions Chairman _____ Jackie Sutor

RAFFLES

ANNOUNCEMENTS _____ Nancy Reeves, Department Secretary

10 Minute Recess for Installation of 2019-2020 Officers

Installation Processional of District Presidents and Department Officers

Closing Prayer _____ Louise Welch, Department Chaplain
Adjournment _____ Sharon Slagle, Department President

Retirement of Department Colors

POST EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

OFFICIAL CALL FOR THE ANNUAL CONVENTION AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY, DEPARTMENT OF MISSOURI

The 99th Department Convention of the American Legion Auxiliary is hereby called to convene at the Marriott St. Louis Airport in St. Louis, Missouri, on July 11-14, 2019, in conformity with Article VI, Section 1, of the Constitution and Bylaws of the American Legion Auxiliary which provides, "The Legislative body of the American Legion Auxiliary shall be the Department Convention to be held annually at the same time and place of the American Legion."

PURPOSE: "The Convention is called for the election of Department Officers for the ensuing year; receiving reports of the Department Officers, Executive Committee and the Chairmen of all standing committees; electing delegates and alternates to National Convention; and the transaction of such other business as may be brought before it."

REPRESENTATION: "Section 2. This Department Convention shall be composed of delegates and alternates from each Unit. Each Unit shall be entitled to one delegate and one alternate for the first ten members and one delegate and one alternate for each additional twenty-five members or major fraction thereof paid to the Department thirty days prior to the date of the Convention." Delegate strength shall be based on Unit membership into Department Office by close of books, June 15th. Delegates and /or alternates have voting power of all questions brought before the Convention. Alternates may vote only in the absence of the delegates. There is no proxy vote.

PAST PRESIDENTS PARLEY

Rosemarie W. Hauck

During the 2018-2019 PPP year we are honoring Past Department Presidents. To continue, in this issue our salute goes out to Past Department Presidents Mrs. Linda Shivers, Mrs. Roberta (Clark) Pointer, Mrs. Kathy (Jim) Petterson, Mrs. Rosemarie W. (Joel) Hauck, Mrs. Patty (Butch) Garrett and Mrs. Claudia (Charley) Goodin.

As an active member of the American Legion Auxiliary, **Linda Shivers** is a member who has served as President of Unit 240 in Richland, President of the 16th District, and Department President of Missouri, having served in 2004-2005. Linda's membership pin was a "Snowman." She continues to be very active in her District by serving as District Vice President and membership chairman many times. Linda is a compassionate nurse at Fort Leonard Wood Military Base. One of her main joys is her grandchildren. Linda loves her cattle and antiquing. Linda's hearty laugh can be heard around the room and you know who it is without looking. Don't stop laughing now!

As an active member of the ALA, **Roberta Pointer** has served as President of Unit 370 in Louisiana, President of the 9th District and Department President of Missouri, having served in 2006-2007. Roberta's membership year pin was "Roundup" representing her great love for horses. After serving as Department President, Roberta continues to work hard for the success of Unit 370, the 9th District and the Department of Missouri currently serving as Department Constitution and Bylaws Co-Chairman. Her husband, Clark is a Past Department Commander.

As an active member of the ALA, **Kathy Petterson** served as President of Unit 217 in Warsaw, President of the 7th District and Department President of Missouri, having served in 2007-2008. Due to Kathy's love for elephants, during her year as President the Department of Missouri ventured out on a "Safari." How fun was that? Kathy loves the Dallas Cowboys team. Originally from Billings, Montana, after retirement Kathy and family returned to Montana to care for her parents. She currently resides in Harlowton, Montana. Kathy retired as a bookkeeper for a trucking company. She loves to collect elephants.

As an active member of the ALA, **Rosemarie W. Hauck** served as President of Unit 161 in Ferguson and 444 in Florissant, President of the 10th District and Department President of Missouri, having served in 2008-2009. Rosemarie's membership year theme was "Shake, Rattle and Roll." She and membership chairman Joanne Snodgrass helped lead the Department to reach its 100% membership goal. Rosemarie was elected and served as National Chaplain in 2012-2013. She continues to serve the ALA at all levels. She was employed at McDonnell Douglas/Boeing in the Flight Test Instrumentation Design and Development Department from 1973-2013. She is an active volunteer at her church as Wedding Advisor and a Stephen Minister, the Missouri Veterans Home-St. Louis as Department Representative, the USO at the St. Louis Lambert International Airport and as a Destination Specialist for Explore St. Louis (St. Louis Visitors/Tourist Information Center). Her husband, Joel is a Past Department Commander.

As an active member of the ALA, **Patty Garrett** has served as President of Unit 120 in Miller, President of the 15th District and Department President of Missouri, having served in 2010-2011. Patty's membership year pin was designed to remind us not to forget "Tradition, Opportunity, Patriotism and Service." She is currently serving on the Department Centennial Strategic Committee. Patty is active in her church and is responsible for Wednesday night dinners. Patty retired from the State of Missouri Health Department. She is a Master Gardener and enjoys going on Mission trips.

As an active member of the ALA, **Claudia Goodin** has served as President of Unit 5 in Jefferson City, President of the 8th District and Department President of Missouri, having served in 2011-2012. A 4th of July baby, Claudia's membership year was "Fireworks and Celebration." In addition to serving as Department President she has served as chairman of many programs, currently serving as Finance Chairman. She also lends her talents on the National level. Claudia retired from Farmers Insurance Company. In addition to that she is a volunteer guide at the Governor's Mansion in Jefferson City. When you visit the mansion you will find her dressed in a beautiful purple colonial style dress. Her pride and joy is her grandson Ian and her flower garden. Her husband, Charley is also a Past Department Commander.

Missouri thanks these six women for their service to the American Legion Auxiliary.

Children and Youth 2018-2019 Department of Missouri

Linda Jelinek,
Department C & Y Chairman

Units in Missouri were busy helping the children and youth of their communities.

Monies were given for Project Graduation including veterans' children, floats in parades where candy was distributed, 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 school backpack programs, helped with the local band programs in the school, supporting baseball teams, Girl Scout Troops, a boy's home, gloves for a day care, making blankets for Project Linus, donating auction baskets for fundraising at Camp Barnabas which is a summer camp for special needs children, Hunter Education Classes, St. Jude's Children's Hospital, Children's Miracle Network, food pantries, teddy bears for Cystic Fibrosis and various other functions filled out the programs.

Pull tabs from aluminum cans were collected for a total of 3,359 pounds for Ronald McDonald House totaling over \$3,000.

Hours for "Shop With a Cop," Special Olympics and Holiday Express were donated. On Military Kids Day, one Unit made cupcakes for all students K-6. One hundred sixty were military kids of the two hundred twenty 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 a boy or girl and age level. In these bags are things for a child's birthday party including cake mix, frosting, candles, party supplies like hats, treats for the guests and a small gift for the child. These are for children who otherwise would not get to have a special party and cost about \$20 to assemble. Stuffed animals either new or slightly used, which had to be washed and bagged, were given to the local Fire and Police Departments.

Hours reported spent on the C & Y program are 15,851 with 10,945 children served. Auxiliary members serving were 597 with 31 junior members assisting.

Money spent on C & Y is \$119,270. Some of the money spent went for scholarships for wounded warriors and other children and grandchildren of Legion and Auxiliary members. One hundred and twenty hero packs were put together and distributed.

The Good Deed Award and the Heroic Act of Valor Award was given to one Child this year. It was reported that he recently earned his Eagle Scout Award by helping a Homeless Shelter. He secured labor and generous donations for materials needed to repair and replace the floor in the common room of the Community Resource Center in Chilicothe. Sometimes, if full, veterans end up sleeping on that floor. The Center's mission is to provide shelter and assist with education and work force needs. This was a great act of kindness that this young man did.

Best Unit Report: Unit 114, District 14, Sikeston, Tammy Cummins, Chairman

Best District Report: District 14, Barbara Looney, Chairman

Junior Activities

Jessica Childers, Chairman

Greetings Ladies! I hope you all have kept your Junior members active this past year. At convention we will be making 50-60 backpacks for homeless female veterans and then delivering them.

It would be greatly appreciated if you could bring/send some of the following items in travel size for making the backpacks.

The suggested items: female personal hygiene items, hand sanitizer, pocket packs of tissue, chapstick, toothbrushes and tooth paste, shampoo and conditioner, manicure sets, deodorant, mouthwash, headbands, hair clippers, ponytail holders, combs, hair brushes, body wash, spray perfume, wet wipes, and non-perishable snacks.

Thank you for all you do for veterans and the ALA programs.

National President Visits Missouri



Past Central Division National Vice President Virginia Schnurbusch was privileged to escort American Legion Auxiliary National President Kathy Dungan on her brief visit to MNVM Vietnam Wall on Mothers Day. President Dungan was accompanied by Past National Chaplain and Past Department President Rosemarie W. Hauck and Distinguished Guest Committee Chairman; Mary Harper PCDNVP, Past Department President and Distinguished Guest Committee member; and Department Chaplain Louise Welch.

National President Dungan was impressed with the memorial and hopes to return later when the project is complete. She considers this tribute one of her special places with her presidential traveling.

Fourth District

Sheridan Mires, President

Members of Fourth District worked hard to make a difference in the lives of our veterans, child and youth and our communities. It has been an exciting year as we worked to "Let Our Light Shine" for Department President Sharon Slagle and the American Legion Auxiliary.

It was an honor having a member of Fourth District, Sharon Slagle installed as Department President in July. President Sharon installed our District Officers at our September District meeting. Another special event was the Homecoming for President Sharon and we thank everyone who made the long journey to northwest Missouri. We also had the honor of having Fourth District Junior Member Abby Bragg serve this year as Honorary Department American Legion Auxiliary Junior President.

Fourth District holds 4 meeting each year, with Units volunteering to serve as the hostesses. We are proud of our almost 200 Junior Members who strive to make a difference in the lives of our veterans and their communities each day. Junior Members of Unit 315 accepted the challenge to help raise money for a large ceiling mounted American Flag with a motorized unit that lowers and raises the flag for special events in the gymnasium. The girls went right to work and helped raise the money in a short period of time. The flag is an amazing sight and will be enjoyed by the students and community for many years.

Auxiliary members spent countless hours shopping, collecting, and delivering items for the Christmas Gift Shops. Many members attended the Gift Shops to help the veterans shop and to wrap the many presents. It always brings a smile to my face when the veterans who are shopping for a gift take the time to thank us for being there and for the gifts. Other projects for veterans and active military included donations to Camp Hope, Camp Valor, Missouri Veterans Assistance League, shipping care packages to deployed troops, Welcome Home Events, Wounded Warrior Guide Service, poppy distribution, delivering many cookie plates to veterans and shut-ins at Christmas, helping the Legionnaires with Veterans Day Assemblies and Memorial Day Activities.

Another highlight of the year was helping Sharon promote the President's Project, Kids Of Our Heroes-Adventure Camp. We helped put together a Chinese Auction held at Fall Conference with the proceeds going to the President's Project. If you have never been to a Chinese Auction I would highly recommend it; I think the most fun was watching everyone trying to bid on the same item.

County Government Day was held in four counties in the District, sadly the event was canceled in one county due to the flood. Each county has a unique plan for the day that works best for that county's facilities and county officials. Units supported National Education week by delivering apples, snacks and cookies to the schools for the teachers and staff. Ten scholarships were awarded by Units.

Fourth District had fun raising money for the Auxiliary Emergency Fund. Our chairman had some unique and fun activities at each of our four meetings, we never knew what to expect next, I think most unique is a toss-up between "What color of underwear are you wearing?" and "What did you eat for breakfast?" - donations were made depending on your responses to the questions.

The small communities in Fourth District were hit hard by the massive spring flooding and the continued repercussions. Unit joined other local organizations and individuals to offer assistance to those affected. Members reported cooking and serving food at the shelters. Others provided temporary housing or gave monetary donations to help pay for housing.

Reports were received from fifteen of the sixteen Units. Each Unit does its best to do what it can within its ability at the time. This may not look like what other Units do but they are still working the programs and the service they provide is important and those receiving the service are grateful.

I have enjoyed the opportunity to travel with President Sharon to many Districts and events this year. I want to thank everyone for their hospitality.

DISTRICT 15 REPORT

Ellen Arnce, President

It has been a great year. I had the privilege of visiting Kids Of Our Heroes Adventure Camp with Sharon Slagle, then writing an article for every issue of the Legionette. As District President, I have visited all but one active unit. Our meetings are quarterly with a Patriot Ceremony preceding our September meeting. December's meeting was canceled due to threat of inclement weather. In March we were honored with guests from Department, Sharon Slagle, Marsha Mooney and Sheridan Mires. The June meeting will have election of officers and a memorial of our deceased members. Several of us helped Janyce Musgrove at Mt. Vernon Veteran's Home Christmas Shop and I worked one day at the Fayetteville VA Med Center Toy and Gift Shop. The reporting year culminated with adding up the data of seven reporting units for the Year-End Impact Numbers Report and Supplement that was easily done online! On Truman Day, May 8, I represented District 15 by laying a wreath at President Truman's grave. On a personal level, I took the ALA Sr Auxiliary Basics Course to learn our history and legacy and went to the Eisenhower Pilgrimage in Kansas.

Here's a PARTIAL summary:

- VA&R - 4,130 volunteer hours, \$6,737 spent, 1,331 veterans assisted. Neosho had their 6th Annual Women Veterans' Tea with 19 ladies honored.
- 2,630 poppies distributed, \$6,687 raised.
- Americanism-Patriotic programs and flag education.
- Children & Youth-members worked on Project Linus, backpack programs, Easter egg hunts, Holiday Express, Halloween safety, Special Olympics, Children's Miracle Network, sponsored sports teams, donated to Kids Of Our Heroes Adventure Camp and needy children.
- Community Service - members worked blood mobiles and food banks, community beautification, tutored English, volunteered at libraries, hospitals, hospice, YMCA and donated to worthy causes.
- Education - three scholarships totaling \$1,500, participated in "Give 10 to Education" and American Education Week.
- Girls State - 22 delegates, 95 volunteer hours, \$4,453 spent.
- Drove 8,154 miles doing all of the above!
- Membership - four units have 100% and 1 unit has 140%. Except for the unit that is disbanding, the lowest in our district is 70%!

Over the past five years I have discovered each unit has its own personality, varied talents and strength in service for God and Country. I can truly say all across District 15 we have Let Our Light Shine. God bless the ALA and the USA always in all ways.

Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation Report

Victoria Ornelas,
Department 2nd Vice President

I thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve as a Department officer. It is a privilege and an honor. The American Legion Auxiliary has had a successful year with the VA & R program.

VA VOLUNTEERS: If you have guided the wheelchair of a patient down the hall; helped a man who has given his country his love, health, his all—if you never have sat with the ailing; seen their pain and sensed their fear; then you cannot share the feelings of the VA volunteer. Have you paced with the wife of a veteran and discussed the time of day? Tried

diverting her mind for a moment as her husband passed away? Have you offered a shoulder to lean on and a tissue for a tear? It is all part of the life that is lived daily by the VA volunteer.

Have you experienced sympathetically listening to memories of a patient racked with pain; with a smile, cheerful word and a handshake that evokes, "Please come again". If a patient has said, "Thank you kindly", it was music to the ear, and the greatest payment in the world of the VA volunteer. As we walk down the halls with a volunteer we can reflect on thoughts of veterans about the price they have had to pay, then our blessings we know would be countless. We would spend succeeding years giving thanks unto God our Creator for those faithful volunteers.

AROUND THE STATE

Recently Unit 256, District 4 honored its 73-year member Lois Derr. Her eligibility is through her husband, Dr. Derr, who served in WWII. Through her years of service she was active serving in all offices and participated in many activities. The last few years she has written her congressman/women on issues concerning senior citizens and rural community life. Derr was Editor of the Maitland Newspaper for several years.

Department President Sharon presented her with a membership pin; Unit President Ramona gave her a patriotic flower arrangement, compiled and presented her with a history book of her work; and Rosalea presented her a handmade lap blanket.

Pictured front: Lois Derr. Back: Sharon Slagle, Ramona Shields, Rosalea Smith and Nora Helzer.



Unit 287 District 4 recently held the Americanism Essay Contest at two schools with 37 entries in five categories. Pictured are three of the winners. They are Olivia Richie, Sara Miller and Kaleb Chittum with Cheryl Bilby.

During this centennial year Irene Steele, a member of Unit 34, District 2, will be recognized for her 73 years of membership in the American Legion Auxiliary. For many years veterans and active duty military have been honored by the Steele family. Each year Irene sent Christmas gifts, mailed Christmas cards, contributed to veterans homes, distributed Poppies and supported Girls State. She also placed a wreath at the Memorial Day services to remember our departed servicemen and -women. Irene is an inspiration to the community for her commitment to the American Legion Auxiliary.



PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE NOTES

Quorum — The minimum number of members that must be present for business to be conducted legally. The actual number is usually stated in the bylaws. **Present motion** — make a proposal. **Second a motion** — support of the motion. **Discussion of motion** — give opinions on the motion. **Vote on motion** — make a decision.

How do I present a motion? Obtain the floor — Wait until the last speaker is finished. Rise and address the chair. Say Madam Chairman or Madam President. Give your name. The chair recognizes you. **Make your motion** — Speak clearly and concisely. State your motion affirmatively. Say "I move that we...". Above all, avoid personalities and stay on the subject. **Wait for a second** — another member will say "I second the motion" or the chair will call for a second. If there is no second your motion will not be considered. **The chair will state your motion** — the chair must say, "It is moved and seconded that we...". After this happens, discussion and voting can occur. **Expand on your motion** — mover is allowed to speak first. Direct all comments to the chair. Keep a time limit for speaking. You may speak again after all others have finished. You may speak a third time by a motion to suspend the rules with two-thirds vote. **Putting the question** — The chair asks, "Are you ready for the question?" If there is no discussion, a vote is taken. The chair announces the result.

Two-thirds vote — At least two-thirds of the votes cast by persons who are legally entitled to vote, excluding blanks or abstentions, at a regular or properly called meeting at which a quorum is present. **Majority vote** — More than half of the votes cast by persons who are legally entitled to vote, excluding blanks or abstentions, at a regular or properly called meeting at which a quorum is present.

Further information about **Parliamentary Procedure** is a booklet that can be ordered from National Emblem Sales.

(Taken from National Constitution & Bylaws newsletter January 2002)

centerpieces, distributed poppies at nursing homes and unit recruiting events. One unit made a poster WE HEART OUR VETERANS with the heart filled with 100 poppies. One unit decided to become poppy makers.

Units kept the Poppy program awareness in a variety of ways such as keeping a basket of poppies on the bar at the post available for anyone wishing to donate. Poppy cans were placed at local merchants and checked weekly. Poppy programs were held in churches, schools, Boy Scout meetings, civic organizations, WWII re-enactments, and JROTC groups. Many of these groups helped in distribution events.

Several units reported they had to be creative in finding new locations for distribution because large chain stores don't allow solicitation without proof of insurance. They were able to be at department stores, sporting goods stores, shopping centers, town squares, local food and convenience stores and restaurants. Several units were able to have booths at community garage sales and craft shows.

A few units stated their goals were increasing awareness of the Poppy Program, increasing their poppy order and additional poppy dates, and changing locations. Units with new Junior members plan to revive the Miss Poppy and Post contests. Other units are researching projects to involve SAL youth and the Junior members.

Several units have used my slogan EVERY DAY IS POPPY DAY to promote their program. A few units have expanded their distribution to multiple days — National Poppy Day, entire Memorial Day weekend, Veterans Day, Armed Forces Day, and Independence Day. Units developed year-round schedules in 2-hour shifts.

Carefully compile your Poppy report and read it at the Unit meeting as part of the minutes to be used in planning the next year's activity.

Poppy Report

Dr. Cynthia Gray, Chairman

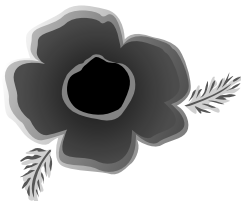
Reports were received from 34 units, eight districts and individual reports from seven units. Several mentioned the age of members prohibited distribution activities.

Units involved all members of the American Legion Family. The Legionnaires and Legion Riders made an impression with their presence at distribution events. One Junior member asked her classmates to make cards for soldiers. She taped a poppy to each of the 386 cards and sent them to Walter Reed Hospital, Washington, D.C. Another asked her third-grade classmates to make placemats for a veterans breakfast and included a poppy. Another Junior member donated her portion of a family garage sale to the poppy Fund. Juniors made posters for unit distribution events and gave copies of The Poppy Story and the poem "In Flanders Field" among audiences before patriotic ceremonies.

One unit completed a year long Poppy Drive beginning in August with installation of officers, regular poppy distribution, and continuous availability of poppies at the Post. Their major emphasis was the 100th anniversary of the WWI Armistice November 11, 1918. They made a poster which people could place remembrance cards with a name and a sentiment — FOR GOD AND COUNTRY, IN MEMORY OF, HONORING THEIR SERVICE.

A unit chair reported that reading "In Flanders Field" was more meaningful since being involved in the Poppy Program. Another chair reported that for her Unit's Spring luncheon she made a felt poppy corsage pin for the 90 attendees with a poem:

I'll wear this little poppy
As red as red can be
To show that I remember
Those who fought and died for me.
In addition to the corsages
units made wall decorations, table



Due Date for JULY/AUGUST LEGIONETTE

The material for the July/August issue of the Missouri Legionette will be due no later than JULY 20 and best given to Editor at Convention. All newly elected Department Officers please submit a photo and message. This issue will contain the list of program chairmen. **PLEASE KEEP FOR FUTURE REFERENCE!**

Please remember to type and double space articles. Department Chairmen may begin submitting program information.

THANK YOU!
Virginia Schnurbusch, Editor

Why Are Members Not Renewing Their Membership

1. Do we make new members feel welcome?
2. Do we include them at meetings? After meetings sit with them, introduce them to our friends?
3. Do we give jobs to them? Use their talents — what we know about them. If they can't help with one project, do we call them the next time?
4. Do we remind them of meetings? Offer them a ride to the meeting or special function?
5. Do we tell them they are missed when they are not at a meeting?
6. Do we have long, dry meetings?
7. Do our meetings seem like one long argument?
8. Do we initiate our members? This serves to educate them on the purpose and rules of the organization and builds PRIDE in the organization.
9. Do we compliment them on a job well done? Recognize them?
10. Do we remember that everything we do, say, and even how we dress reflects on our organization?

(Unknown)

Deceased Members

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District	Unit	Name	Location
1	20	Harriet Beard	Kirksville, MO
2	7	Frances R. Grotjan	Ketesville, MO
2	538	Betty McCully	Brookfield, MO
4	359	Ramona R. Ozenberger	Saint Joseph, MO
6	131	Frances Maddux	Knob Noster, MO
6	131	Kitty L. Rudy	Warrensburg, MO
6	230	Sylvia A. Ringer	Stockton, MO
7	305	Lavera Harms	Cole Camp, MO
7	520	Mona R. Ballah	Jefferson City, MO
8	5	Margaret Hunton	Jefferson City, MO
8	266	Sydonna Cooney	Otterville, MO
9	312	Dorothy L. Shields	Saint Charles, MO
9	312	Betty J. Stahl	Saint Charles, MO
9	313	Mary E. Bunting	O'Fallon, MO
10	338	Vera M. Herbert	Midland, TX
10	397	Margaret Raab	Ballwin, MO
10	397	Arlene Meyer	Ballwin, MO
10	444	Thelma Kohlen	Florissant, MO
13	133	Velma Drury	Perryville, MO
13	133	Mary H. Hagen	Perryville, MO
13	133	Barbara S. Brewer	Perryville, MO
13	133	Rosella T. Kutz	Perryville MO
13	283	Kathy J. Herrell	Imperial, MO
14	114	Effie L. Watkins	Hilliard, OH
14	114	Vicki M. Curtis	Sikeston, MO
14	158	Clemency Meyer	Knoxville, TN
14	560	Wilma E. Miller	Ellsinore, MO
17	374	Helen Comer	Saint Louis, MO
17	374	Velma E. Kingsolver	Caulfield, MO
17	434	Delores E. Bouse	Overland Park, KS

Calendar of Activities

June 23-29	Girls State; UCM Campus; Warrensburg, MO
July 11-14	Department Convention; Marriott St. Louis Airport, St. Louis
August 23-29	National Convention; Indianapolis, IN.
October 18-20	Fall Conference; Jefferson City, MO.

District Meetings

District 1	August 4; Hannibal Post #55; 2:00 p.m.
District 2	June 1; Laclede; John J. Pershing Museum; 10:30 a.m.
District 3	June 9; Excelsior Springs Post #236
District 4	June 1; Savannah Post #287; Registration 9:30 a.m.; meeting 10:30 a.m.
District 5	June 9; Hostess Unit #609; DAV Bldg; 14605 E. US Hwy. 40; KC July 17; Hostess Unit #596; DAV Bldg; 14605 E. US Hwy. 40; KC
District 9	June 2; St. Charles Post #312; meeting 9:30; joint meeting following lunch
District 10	June 13; Post #101; 7:30 p.m.
District 15	June 9; Pineville Post #392; 2:00 p.m.