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President's Message



Department President
Victoria Ornelas
Unit 55, District 1

WOW! Convention is almost here. The year has gone by fast. I still have events to attend and Districts to visit. I will share these with you at Department Convention.

I take this opportunity to share a thank you to all of our American Legion Auxiliary members for their support. You are the best! A big thank you to the Department Officers who are always there to offer their support. Thanks to the program Department Chairmen and Co-Chairs who do so much work for the Department. To all the District Presidents who keep our units going strong and keep up the necessary reporting, you are so valuable. Department Secretary Nancy and Assistant Debbie, your help was so valuable. Thanks to the Missouri Girls State Committee who always works so hard to make the program successful. I am looking forward to attending this year's session. Junior members you are very important. You always make an effort to attend and take part in our events, thank you.

Thanks to our Missouri Legionette Editor, Virginia Schnurbush, who always does her best to keep us informed about our upcoming events and that we complete necessary reporting.

A very BIG THANK YOU to our Legionnaires for their support and friendship and for their service.

We remind them we are ready to help and support any way we can. We humbly thank our WOMEN VETERANS. We are so proud of their service.

I look forward to seeing everyone at Department Convention in July. Hopefully you can attend. The next big event will then be National Convention in Milwaukee.

MEMBERSHIP

God Bless Our Women Veterans



American Legion Auxiliary Dept. of MO

Louise S. Welch and
Marybeth Roehr, Co-Chairs

This is our last published Membership Report before the Department Convention in July. Our membership started off very good and continues to be so until now. Presidents, Units, Districts and Membership chairmen you have done your best. Marybeth and I have communicated with you and we know how hard you have worked.

As of April 6, 2022 the Department has 87.69% of our goal. The Department goal is 9,095 (we have 7,552 senior members and 723 junior members) for a total of 7,975. On the Division level, the Southwest Division is in 1st place at this writing with 88.61%, the Northwest Division is in 2nd place with 88.60%. Lookout Southwest Division, they are right behind. On the District level, the 5th District is in 1st place with 92.83%, the 10th District is in 2nd place with 91.93%. On the Unit level, Unit 322 Webb City is in 1st place with 150%, Unit 388 O'Fallon is in 2nd place with 128.57. It is sad to report that we still have 4 goose egg Units in the Department. We have to work harder to get the Units on track.

In the Central Division level the last deadline date was March 23, 2022. Our Department challenge is with Ohio. On that date the Department of Ohio Membership was 89.11%, the Department of Missouri Membership was 85.98%. Therefore, we fell below them. The next Central Division deadline is to reach 95+% by May 15, 2022. We can do it, let us go for it.

The last Department of Missouri Award is the Military Award. Units reaching 125% of your Membership goal by May 15, 2022 will get an Award. I am looking forward to giving out a lot of Certificates and Awards at the Convention. We still need all ships and planes to reach their destination.

The ALA Department of Missouri will continue to work for veterans, military and their families.

COVID IS STILL HERE, PLEASE STAY HEALTHY AND SAFE.

Legislative

Claudia Goodin, Chairman

Grassroots Alert: TAKE ACTION TO SUPPORT VETERANS EXPOSED TO TOXIC WASTE. Honoring our PACT Act H.R. 3967

The exposure of military personnel to toxic waste substances, both while deployed overseas or stationed home has been an ongoing issue across a range of wars and generations. These exposures have resulted in conditions and illnesses among veterans which can have long-lasting effects on health and quality of life. The American Legion has fought an ongoing struggle for service-connected disability benefits for adverse health conditions linked to exposure from various toxic substances. It took decades for VA to provide relief for veterans of Vietnam exposed to Agent Orange.

The U.S. Government still has yet to finish its work for Vietnam veterans, and we have begun the cycle anew with the current generation of service members who served in Iraq and Afghanistan. Millions of service members have been deployed in the Global War on Terrorism, and a disturbingly high percentage of them have been exposed to toxic hazards during their service, from burn pits in Iraq and Afghanistan to radiation exposures at Karshi-Khanabad (K2) in Uzbekistan. Yet, VA has not conducted sufficient studies to determine illnesses and diseases related to various types of toxic chemicals, nor has it begun to develop a list of presumptive conditions.

We must break this cycle that is considered "too little, too late" for our veterans. They cannot wait decades to receive the care they need and rightfully deserve.

Urge your Senators to take action

to support Veterans exposed to Toxic Hazards!! H.R. 3967 "Honoring our PACT ACT."

LIVING OUR DAY

Most of us think of ourselves as standing wearily and helplessly at the center of a circle bristling with tasks, burdens, problems, annoyances, and responsibilities, which are rushing in upon us. At every moment we have a dozen different things to do, a dozen problems to solve, and a dozen strains to endure. We see ourselves as overworked, overburdened and overtired.

This is a common mental picture—and it is totally false. Not one of us, however crowded his/her life, has such an existence.

What is the true picture of life? Imagine that there is an hour glass near you. Connecting the bowl at the top with the bowl at the bottom is a tube so thin that only one grain of sand can pass through at a time.

That is the true picture of your life, even on a super-busy day. The crowded hours come to you always one moment at a time. That is the only way they can come. The day may bring many tasks, many problems, strains, but invariably they come in single file.

You want to gain emotional poise? Remember the hourglass, the grains of sand dropping one by one.

(By James Gorden Gilkey)



American Legion Auxiliary
District 5

What: Luncheon Honoring Victoria Ornelas
Department of Missouri President

When: Wednesday, May 18, 2022 at 11:30 a.m.

Where: DAV Building
14605 US-40 Highway
Independence, Missouri

Menu: Ham Green Beans Iced Tea
Au Gratin Potatoes Cake & Ice Cream Coffee

Cost: \$12.00 (Checks made payable to ALA Dist. 5)

Reservations: DEADLINE: May 11, 2022

Send to: Helen Hatz
812 Pennsylvania Lane
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816-806-5358

HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!!!



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VISIT ALA MGS 2022
LINDENWOOD UNIVERSITY IN ST. CHARLES, MO

PICK A TIME THAT WORKS FOR YOUR SCHEDULE

SUNDAY, JUNE 12TH ~ 7PM-10PM
(OPENING CEREMONY, CITY MEETINGS)

TUESDAY, JUNE 14TH ~ 10AM-2PM
(SCHOOLS OF INSTRUCTION, HOUSE & SENATE, COUNTY MEETINGS)

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 15TH ~ 3:30PM-9:30PM
(STATE PARTY CONVENTIONS, STATE FAIR, TALENT SHOW)

THURSDAY, JUNE 16TH ~ 8:30AM-12PM
(GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES, ASSEMBLY)

THURSDAY, JUNE 16TH ~ 1:30PM-5PM
(SCHOOLS OF INSTRUCTION, CANDIDATE PRESS CONFERENCE)

CONTACT MEGAN WILSON TO SIGN UP FOR A VISIT TODAY!
MEGAN.NEUBRAND@GMAIL.COM OR (615) 330-8243

Would your unit like to have a user for ALAMIS? You ask, what is ALAMIS? ALAMIS is our National data base in which we enter membership. Each unit is allowed 2 users for read-only access. With this you can see your membership roster, and check to see if members are paid. You can also get new member numbers and much more. For more information, please contact the Department Office.

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Department Convention is July 14-17, 2022 at the Hilton St. Louis Airport, St. Louis, MO.

For God and Country till next time.



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Chaplain's Corner



Wanda Kinder,
Department
Chaplain

A Time for Everything

A time to be born, a time to die, a time to plant, and a time to uproot that which is planted. A time to kill, and a time to heal. A time to break down, and a time to build up. A time to weep, and a time to laugh, a time to mourn, and a time to dance. A time to cast away stones, and a time to gather stones together. A time to get, and a time to lose, a time to keep, and a time to throw away. A time to renew, and a time to sew, a time to love, and a time to hate, a time to be silent, and a time to speak, a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing. A time off war, and a time of peace.

I know there is nothing better for people than to be happy and do good, while they live. That each of them may eat and drink and find good, while they live. That each of them may eat and drink and find satisfaction. It is time for every purpose and for every week. Ecclesiastes 3:1-8, 3:17

God of peace, it is your holy will that humankind should live in peace. Yet in order to maintain that peace, you call on some to defend us. As warriors bless them as they maintain our defense and serve our country. Protect those who are called to go forth into harm's way. Bring them safely home. Touch their hearts with the nobility of their calling. In Jesus' name, Amen

Easter

We thank thee, O God, for the day in which life and immortality were brought to light through the Resurrection of our Blessed Lord from the dead. Evermore in our heart and mind we shall sing praises of joy to Him and we shall show our love for Him by our thoughts, words, and deeds, our helpful service to others, and faithful performance of all our obligations. We earnestly ask thee to bless and preserve all whom we love, comfort and aid all in trouble, and distress. We offer our Thanksgiving for all graces and favors we have received. Amen

Please continue with your prayer books. I look forward to seeing them at Department Convention in July. You should continue to send me your prayers for Department President Victoria's prayer book. We hope it will be flowing with spiritual words. Name! Amen.



Spring — the very name has a kind of perfumed magic as the sleeping world awakens and the season offers her first tentative blossoms to the grateful countryside.



WELCOME TO THE 101th ANNUAL CONVENTION AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY DEPARTMENT OF MISSOURI

THURSDAY, JULY 14, 2022

2:00 pm to 5:00 pm REGISTRATION
Foyer at Gateway

3:00 pm Department Executive Committee Board Meeting... DISTRICT

PRESIDENTS:
Dist. 1 Linda Maddox (Unit 360) Dist. 9 Kris Marsden (Unit 312)
Dist. 2 Wilma Jobson (Unit 274) Dist. 10 Mary Beth Roehr (Unit 338)
Dist. 3 Karen Bumgarner (Unit 61) Dist. 11/12 open
Dist. 4 Joan Vanfossan (Unit 102) Dist. 13 Roselee Buatte (Unit 150)
Dist. 5 Bernadette Murray (Unit 149) Dist. 14 Barbara Tyrone (Unit 114)
Dist. 6 Cyndy Taylor (Unit 82) Dist. 15 Linda Jelinek (Unit 065)
Dist. 7 Melissa Beal (Unit 060) Dist. 16 Darline Enloe (Unit 81)
Dist. 8 Lindy Picray (Unit 05) Dist. 17 Jaretta Holt (Unit 434)

REPORTS
Finance Committee Claudia Goodin, Chair
Linda Maddox & Lindy Picray
Constitution and Bylaws Roberta Pointer, Chair
Marsha Mooney, Michelle Burnett-Emmerich, Connie Pack & Cathie Goth Members
Legionette Virginia Schnurbusch
ALA Missouri Girls State Macae Mickens

FRIDAY, JULY 15, 2022

8:00 am to 1:00 pm REGISTRATION and EXHIBITS

9:00 am OPEN SESSION
Processional of Department Colors,
District Presidents, Past Department Presidents,
Department Officers

CALL TO ORDER Victoria Ornelas, Department President
Invocation Wanda Kinder, Department Chaplain
Pledge of Allegiance Catherine Auffert, Americanism Chairman
National Anthem Shelia Bus
Preamble Louise Welch, 1st Vice President

WELCOME:

Convention Call Nancy Reeves, Department Secretary
Introduction of DEC Victoria Ornelas, Department President
Convention Directors Kris Marsden & Sandy Gordinier
Tenth District President Mary Beth Roehr
Greetings Louise Welch, Department 1st Vice President

Introduction of National Committee Appointees
National Committee members
National Security, Foundation Board & Past National Chaplain
Rosemarie W. Hauck
Central Division Membership Chairman Cathie Goth

Introductions
Sgt-at-Arms/Chairman of Pages Michele Burnett-Emmerich
Color Bearers Carolyn Bresnick, Catherine Auffert
Personal Pages CeCe Spink & Charlotte Weaver
Honorary Junior President Bella Guzman

JUNIOR AUXILIARY MEETING Jessica Clay

Presentation of Awards

Rules and Resolutions Committee Chairman Ruth Weimann

National Executive Committeewoman Marsha Mooney
National Security Mary Kever
Historian & Cavalcade of Memories Shanna Jelinek
Chaplain Wanda Kinder
Americanism Chairman Catherine Auffert
Americanism Essay Christine Schepers
County Government Joan Vanfossan

Past Presidents Parley/
Nurses Scholarship/Women of the Year Linda Shivers
Legislative Claudia Goodin
Gold Star Marie Reynolds

10:00 am GREETINGS Gary Grigsby, Department Commander
Rose Noonan, Department Sr. Vice Commander
Mike Walter, SAL Commander
Brian Sapp, Director, American Legion Riders
Lowry Finely-Jackson, Department Adjutant

Finance Committee Report Claudia Goodin, Chairman
Member Linda Maddox
Member Lindy Picray

Women Veterans Dorothy Goodin
Auxiliary Emergency Fund Michele Burnett-Emmerich

12:00 pm LUNCH

12:00 pm to 1:15 pm Past Presidents Parley Luncheon Lambert

1:30 pm RECONVENE

CALL TO ORDER Victoria Ornelas, Department President

Awards (cont)

Scrapbook Connie Pack
Children & Youth Linda Jelinek
Legionette Editor Virginia Schnurbusch
Community Service Wanda Burnett
Education Wanda Burnett
Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation Sheridan Mires
Member Evelyn Cox
Member Wilma Jobson
Member Linda Maddox

Constitution & By-Laws

Roberta Pointer chairman, Members: Cathie Goth, Marsha Mooney, Michele Emmerich and Connie Pack.

The Constitution & By-laws committee will be proposing the following changes in the standing rules at Convention in July:

Standing Rule 11.
Reads now: 11. DUTIES OF DEPARTMENT OFFICERS: Please refer to the Policies and Procedures Manual for detailed duties.

Proposed: 11. DUTIES OF DEPARTMENT OFFICERS
a) Please refer to the Policies and Procedures Manual for detailed

duties.
b) It shall be the duty of the elected officers to proofread their Department Handbook and report any corrections to the Constitution & By-laws chairman and Department Secretary by the deadline designated by the Department Secretary.

Standing Rule 12. DUTIES OF DEPARTMENT CORE STANDING COMMITTEES:
Reads now: 12. h) Audit: Chairman and 2 members
Proposed: 12. h) Audit: Chairman and 2 members (cannot be anyone who has books audited by this committee).

VA MEDICAL CENTERS (HOSPITALS) REPRESENTATIVES

Jefferson Barracks Evelyn Cox
John Cochran Evelyn Cox
Harry S. Truman Christie Schepers
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 Belva Farnsworth
St. James Carolyn Sue Isgriggs
St. Louis Rosemarie W. Hauck
Cameron Wilma Jobson

NOMINATION OF DEPARTMENT OFFICERS FOR 2022-2023

ANNOUNCEMENTS Nancy Reeves, Department Secretary

RECESS UNTIL 9:00 AM SATURDAY, JULY 16, 2022

SATURDAY, JULY 16, 2022

8:00 am to 10:00 am REGISTRATION

CALL TO ORDER Victoria Ornelas, Department President

9:00am Membership Parade & Reports

REPORTS:

Membership Chairman Louise Welch
Membership Co-Chairman Mary Beth Roehr
Northeast Division Chairman Linda Maddox
Northwest Division Chairman Wilma Jobson
Southeast Division Chairman Wander Kinder
Southwest Division Chairman Linda Jelinek

Guest Speaker Becky Tuley
Importance of American Flag

Credentials Committee

Election of 2022-2023 Department Officers

Election Rules Nancy Reeves, Department Secretary

Election of Delegates and Alternates to National Convention

REPORTS: (cont)

Leadership Vickie Wilson
Poppy Director Betty Altnehr
Poppy Chairman Shanna Jelinek
Poppy Poster Kris Marsden
Public Relations Samantha Reeves

Constitution & Bylaws Co-Chairman Roberta Pointer
Member Connie Pack
Member Michelle Emmerich
Member Cathie Goth

Girls State Shanna Jelinek
Member Linda Schaap
Member Tina Anderson
Member Patty Pink
Member Jackie Dunn
Member Whitney Nolan

2022 Girls State Governor

Girls State Trust Fund Chairman Linda Shivers
Member Virginia Schnurbusch
Member Rosemarie W. Hauck
Member Roselee Buatte

VA&R Audit Report Linda Schaap
Member Darline Enloe
Member

Junior Activities Jessica Clay

Courtesy Resolutions Chairman Jackie Sutor

RAFFLES

ANNOUNCEMENTS Nancy Reeves, Department Secretary

12:00 PM LUNCH

12:00pm to 1:15 PM Membership Luncheon Lambert

1:30PM JOINT Session

RECESS UNTIL 9:00 AM SUNDAY, JULY 17, 2022

SUNDAY, JULY 17, 2022

9:00 am **CALL TO ORDER** Victoria Ornelas, Department President
Memorial Service Wanda Kinder, Department Chaplain

Installation of 2022-2023 Junior Officers

RAFFLES

ANNOUNCEMENTS Nancy Reeves, Department Secretary

10 Minute Recess for Installation of 2022-2023 Officers

Installation

Closing Prayer Wanda Kinder, Department Chaplain
Adjournment Victoria Ornelas, Department President

Processional of District Presidents and Department Officers

Retirement of Department Colors

POST EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

THIS SCHEDULE IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE



ENDORSEMENT DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT LOUISE S. WELCH

At a regular meeting held December 9, 2021, the American Legion Auxiliary, Tenth District of Missouri unanimously endorsed Louise S. Welch for the office of President for the Department of Missouri for the year 2022-2023.

Louise, a PUFL member, has been a member for twenty-nine years. Louise is eligible for membership in the American Legion Auxiliary through her husband, Robert L. Welch, who served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War.

Louise has served her Unit as President, Secretary, and Chaplain. She has served as committee chairman for Americanism, Community Service, Education, and Legislation. She is currently serving as Unit President.

On the 10th District level Louise has served as President three years, Vice President, Treasurer two years, and Secretary for 4 years. She has served as Constitution and Bylaws, Education, National Security, and USO Chairman. Louise is currently serving as Secretary and Constitution and Bylaws Chairman. Louise is also a volunteer at the Missouri Veterans Home St. Louis.

On the Department level, Louise has served as Leadership Chair for three years, Community Service for two years, Gold Star and Blue Star Mothers Chairman one year, Chaplain, and 2nd Vice President. She is currently serving as First Vice President.

Louise has been a delegate or alternate to National and Department Conventions. She has also attended Fall and Spring Conferences.

In view of her dedication and service to the American Legion Auxiliary at all levels and veterans in general, the members of the American Legion Auxiliary, Tenth District of Missouri proudly presents Louise S. Welch as candidate for the office of President of the American Legion Auxiliary, Department of Missouri for 2022-2023.



10th District President



Mary Jane Paulsell
10th District Treasurer

ENDORSEMENT DEPARTMENT FIRST VICE PRESIDENT SHERIDAN MIRES

At an executive meeting of District 4, American Legion Auxiliary Department of Missouri, Sheridan Mires was endorsed for the office of Department First Vice-President for the year 2022-2023 by the executive committee with the support of the Units.

Sheridan earned her eligibility in the American Legion Auxiliary through her father, Clay Staples, a United States Marine veteran of World War II. Sheridan is also eligible through both her grandfathers and two brothers. Sheridan was raised in an active American Legion Family, her grandmother was the Charter President of Rolla Dicks, Unit #315 and to date Sheridan and her father are the only father/daughter duo to serve as Fourth District Commander and District President.

Sheridan joined the American Legion Auxiliary Unit #315 as a Junior Member and is a PUPL member of the Allen-Schiffers Unit #199 in Tarkio, Missouri.

As an active member of the American Legion Auxiliary on the Unit level, Sheridan has served her Unit as Treasurer since 1983 and Secretary since 2001 and chairman of Americanism, Children and Youth, Community Service, Constitution & Bylaws, County Government, Education, Girls State, National Security, Poppy, Public Relations, Scrapbook, and Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation.

On the District level, Sheridan is currently serving as 1st Vice-President and has served as Sgt.-at-Arms, Chaplain, 2nd Vice President, 1st Vice President, and 6 terms as District President. Sheridan has served as chairman of Americanism, Americanism Essay, Membership, Education, Constitution & Bylaws, Poppy, Past Presidents Parley, Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation, Home Service, and Girls State.

On the Department level, Sheridan is currently serving as Department Second Vice-President and has served as Department Historian, Department Membership Co-chairman for 3 years and 4 years as Northwest Division Chairman. She has served as chairman of County Government, Americanism, Junior Activities, Public Relations, Rules and Resolutions, Education, Poppy, Americanism Essay, Courtesy and Resolutions, Leadership Region 2 Coordinator, and Personal Page. She developed an online electronic reporting form and other reporting forms to help improve Unit and District reporting to Department. Sheridan also served on the ALA Missouri Girls State Staff for 15 years.

At the National level, Sheridan has attended National conventions as a delegate, served as a Missouri page and attended Department National Leadership Conferences in Indianapolis.

Sheridan and her husband Richard live on the family farm in northwest Missouri.

In view of her continued hard work, leadership ability, and dedication to the American Legion Family, it is with tremendous pride that the members of District 4 endorse Sheridan Mires as a candidate for the office of American Legion Auxiliary Department of Missouri First Vice-President for the year 2022-2023.



Joan Vanfossan
President



Catherine Auffert
Secretary

District 7 Melissa Beal, President

At our January meeting the American Legion Oratorical Contest was to be held. Since there were no contestants, the members held a regular meeting. We signed get well and sympathy cards for members. Reports and discussions for the following committees: Americanism Essay Contest, Poppy Poster Contest, National Poppy Day, and County Government Day. Extensive discussion was held about Girls State changes and how the units interact with the schools regarding delegates. We started a conversation about the meaning of the Preamble to the American Legion Auxiliary constitution, not to be confused with the Preamble to the United States Constitution.

District membership is at or above the Department percentage. Junior membership continues to increase which is good.

The April 24 meeting at Sedalia

Post #642 is scheduled for a slate of officers for 2023. All units need to have one or more representatives, candidates for office, and volunteers for committees in the District. We are rebuilding and everyone is needed to be a part in the process. See you April 24 at 2:00 P.M. Sedalia Post #642 (Main St. West of Hwy 65).

Elections – June; Department Convention – July; Installation – September.



ENDORSEMENT DEPARTMENT SECOND VICE PRESIDENT SHANNA JELINEK

At a regular quarterly meeting of District 15 held September 12, in Neosho, MO, Shanna Jelinek was unanimously endorsed for the office of Department 2nd Vice President for the year 2022-2023.

Shanna gained her eligibility through her late father, Robert Jelinek, a United States Navy veteran of the Vietnam conflict. Shanna is also eligible through her grandfather Charles Jelinek, a United States Army veteran of World War II. She is a 45 year member, raised in the American Legion Family as a junior since birth, at the Hubert H. Kleiboecker Unit # 419 in Freistatt, Missouri. She is member currently of the Ozark Unit #65 in Pierce City, Missouri.


Shanna is an active member of the American Legion Auxiliary on the Unit level. She has served as Sgt-at-Arms, Chaplain, Secretary, and is currently serving as Treasurer. She has also served on several committees including Poppy Poster and is currently the Girls State chairman.

On the District Level, Shanna has served as Chaplain, Treasurer, 1st Vice-President, and President and is currently serving as Sgt-at-Arms. She has also served on several committees including Membership, Poppy Poster, Past Presidents Parley, and has been a Color Bearer attending many ALA Department conventions and Conferences. She is currently serving as the Education and Girls State Chairman.

On the Department level, Shanna is currently serving as Department Historian, Poppy Chairman and a member of the Girls State Committee for 10 years. She has served as chairman of Americanism Essay, Education, Poppy Poster, Rules and Resolutions, and Community Service, and has been a Department Color Bearer, and Chaplain. She has also served on the ALA Girls State Staff for 12 years.

Shanna has been a 4th grade teacher at Trinity Lutheran School in Freistatt, Missouri for 17 years.

In view of her dedication and service to the American Legion Family, it is with great pride that the members of District 15 endorse Shanna Jelinek as a candidate for the office of American Legion Auxiliary Department 2nd Vice President for the year 2022-2023.



Linda Jelinek, President



Carla Kirk, Secretary

Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation

Sheridan Mires, Chairman

Greetings from Northwest Missouri, where it seems Mother Nature keeps teasing us with warm temperatures and sunshine one day followed by cold temperatures along with wind, rain or snow the next day. I love spring and anxiously await the sunshine, warmer days, and blooming flowers and trees.

By the time this article reaches you, report time will have passed. I sincerely hope as members you took the time to report your activities to your Units and as chairmen you compiled the reported information and forwarded it to District and Department Chairmen. I know many Units have struggled to find ways to serve our Veterans and their families during the past two years. This is due, in part, to the cancellation of activities, which created a lack of opportunities to raise funds to support these activities. Units across Missouri have worked diligently to meet the needs of our veterans during a very challenging time. Units have been creative in making changes to allow volunteers to continue serving our Veterans while the VA facilities were closed. Each VA Representative worked with their facility to develop ways that worked for them.

The pamphlet "Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation: A Guide for Volunteers" is published by National. This pamphlet includes a wealth of information and guidance on how American Legion Auxiliary members can serve our veterans. The following information is taken from this booklet.

Service to Veterans Volunteer Opportunities

After a member has completed his/her orientation or has made the decision to volunteer outside of a VAMC, their first step should be to identify a service member, veteran, and/or family member's needs within the community.

Consider the following when trying to locate where to identify these needs:

- Start with your own post home. Some Legionnaires are now aged, infirmed, confined due to illness or inability to drive, and spend most of their time at home or in assisted living facilities.

- Utilize leaders in your community – Contact government officials, religious leaders, and social service offices to ask about different programs in the community serving veterans.

- Once you have obtained contact information, reach out to the various organizations and ask them to identify their needs.

- Once you have identified the needs in your community, brainstorm different ways to meet these needs with your unit or American Legion Family.

Following is a list of ideas to get you started:

- Visit with veterans, and remember them on special occasions.
- Offer to drive veterans to doctor appointments.
- Offer to stay with a veteran

while his/her primary caregiver goes shopping or out for a break.

- Take a veteran for a Sunday drive, picnic, or maybe to see one of his/her friends.

- Treat veterans to tickets for sporting events or movies.

- Transitional housing programs have many needs.

- Secure donations.

- Take the veteran to the mall or go window shopping.

Ideas for ALA members when visiting.

- Chat on everyday subjects — be a good listener.

- Read aloud local newspapers or books or write letters.

- Admire and give importance to the veteran's possessions and appearance.

- Encourage hobbies like knitting, sewing, plant growing, painting, music.

- Take magazines, flowers, and clippings for discussions.

- Encourage interest in doing for others: writing letters, sending cards, doing little volunteer work, if able.

- Play checkers, cribbage, cards, or other games.

- Encourage your friend to take a walk with you.

- Send cards for special days.

- Suggest watching special TV programs or listening to special radio programs.

- Plan small surprises: Bring dinner to a veteran's home (with permission), or bring a child or pet along on a visit.

- Phone between visits.

- Learn the veteran's interests; find out if he/she is interested in computers or the Internet.

- Bring public library books or movies or teach the veteran how to download audiobooks.

- Rent video movies of interest.

- Ask to see photos in family photo albums.

- Help make phone calls to family members, if desired.

Other ways to provide service to veterans, active military and their families:

- Provide funds for staple items such as laundry soap, cleaning supplies, kitchen items, new undergarments, etc.

- Donate a membership to The American Legion.

- Arrange an outing to a Legion meeting for special events such as a Veterans Day dinner, memorial service, etc.

- Furnish a room in transitional housing programs as a special project.

- Help furnish new living space for a veteran graduating from a transitional housing program.

This might include the veteran and his/her family.

- Purchasing school supplies for children or meals might be extra touches.

How ALA members can serve homeless veterans and their families.

ALA members can serve homeless veterans and their families in many ways, including:

- Providing grant assistance to homeless and at-risk women veterans. These grants support tempo-

rary housing, payment of security deposits and utility bills, and gift cards for food and clothing for families.

- Raising funds for VA Health-care for Homeless Veterans facilities by hosting events such as dinners and bake sales.

- Providing money and in-kind services to support Stand Downs with The American Legion Family.

- Preparing "Buddy Baskets" for homeless veterans moving into permanent housing. These baskets contain basic household items, including cleaning supplies, bathroom tissue, kitchenware and light bulbs.

- Filling and delivering backpacks containing basic daily needs to homeless veterans in shelters.

- Distributing small bags with basic items to homeless veterans. These items include washcloths, socks, soap, shampoo, toothbrushes and toothpaste.

- Working with the Legion to renovate homes and supply furnishings for homeless veterans.

A recent newsletter from National included two opportunities for members to serve our veterans. The first opportunity is called Compassionate Contact Corps (CCC). Compassionate Contact Corps was created to combat loneliness and isolation during the pandemic veterans and caregivers are provided tele-support through the award-winning CCC program. The other program, Volunteer In-Home Visitor Program (VIVP), was also created to assist veterans and volunteers during the pandemic and geared toward the volunteer who wishes to work in his/her local community to visit with a Veteran in their home. Any American Legion Auxiliary member interested in becoming CCC or VIVP volunteers can obtain additional information at their local VA or at www.volunteer.va.gov.

All of these suggestion and ideas can be used to introduce and guide new members to providing service to veterans, active military and their families. Many of these suggestions can be used for members who aren't near a VA facility or are homebound.

VA & R Committee Recommends Standing Rule Changes

The VA&R Committee recommends the proposed changes to Standing Rule #5 and Standing Rule #28 be approved:

Standing Rule #5 - Currently reads:

5. All Representatives of the V.A. Medical Centers, Veterans Homes and Poppy Directors must submit checkbooks and canceled checks for a semi-annual audit. Such audits to be at Spring Conference and Department Convention.

The VA&R Committee proposes Standing Rule #5 be changed to read:

5. a. All Representatives of the V.A. Medical Centers, Veterans Homes and Poppy Directors must submit copies of bank statements and copies of receipts for the semi-annual audits. Audits will be conducted in March at the Department Office and at Department Convention.

b. Copies of the bank statements and copies of receipts must be submitted to the Department Office no later than February 28th. The Audit Committee will conduct the audit and give a detailed, written report including the books that were audited, detailed findings and any concerns at Department Convention.

c. The second audit will be conducted at Department Convention. After completing the audit the committee will give a detailed, written report including the books that were audited, detailed findings, and any concerns at a time to be determined at Department Convention.

If the changes to Standing Rule #5 are approved, the VA & R Committee recommends the approval of proposed changes to Standing Rule #28 "c" which now reads:

Standing Rule #28 DEPARTMENT CONFERENCE AND CONVENTION:

c. Spring Conference – One (1) day per diem plus round trip mileage will be allowed for Audit Committee members.

The VA&R Committee proposes Standing Rule #28 "c" be changed to read:

c. Spring Conference/Spring Audit - The Audit Committee Members will be allowed round trip mileage to Jefferson City for the March audit.

American Legion Auxiliary Missouri Girls State Report

Macae Mickens, ALA MGS Director

Greetings Members of the ALA Department of Missouri!

Things are really rolling along as we plan for the 80th session of American Legion Auxiliary Missouri Girls State. ALA MGS is excited about many new opportunities for this year's session to be held June 11-18th at Lindenwood University in St. Charles, Missouri! Not only will citizens experience a beautiful campus and its facilities, but the co-hosting experience with Missouri Boys State will bring a couple of joint events to participants of both groups! It is truly going to be a memorable experience for all. This year, the American Legion Auxiliary National Headquarters and ALA Missouri Girls State are also working with filmmakers Amanda McBaine and Jesse Moss of Mile End Films to produce a documentary film about the Girls State experience in June. They are the directors of the critically acclaimed, Emmy Award-winning documentary Boys State (available on Apple TV+), and we are excited to be collaborating with them to tell this new story, about Girls State, with the 2022 participants. The goal of the film is to show how the Girls State experience equips young people to be full participants in our representative democracy.

We have reached 500 accepted delegates to the 2022 session and our numbers are still growing. We are fortunate to have the support of Auxiliary Units and Legion Posts across the state of Missouri, but also many high schools have gathered support for delegates to attend our program.

There are a couple of ways that you can continue to help the ALA MGS 2022 session! You can shop our Amazon Wishlist to provide additional supplies for the program at <https://tinyurl.com/uzv2s7aw>. These items will assist both ALA MGS citizens and staff. An additional way to help is to make a donation to the "Access Matters Campaign" to allow eligible ALA MGS or MBS citizens to ride a charter bus to the session without cost. We want to ensure all ALA MGS and MBS citizens have the ability to get to and from the program without having to drive more than 90 miles for any reason (getting to the program or getting to the bus sites). For more information on the Access Matters Campaign, visit the ALA MGS website. Directions to donate can also be located on the ALA MGS website. Lastly, we want you to visit our program this year and take in all of the excitement yourself! In the Legionette, you will see information about times you can visit. Sign up for one of the times and we will be happy to show you all the excitement that happens at ALA Missouri Girls State.

In July, the American Legion Auxiliary Missouri Girls State program will be proposing a fee increase at the Department Convention. The ALA MGS Committee, staff, and citizens would greatly appreciate your sincere support of this proposal. The last fee increase to \$300 was made in 2006. As you all know, costs have increased significantly in those 16 years. In 2021, our session averaged a cost of nearly \$340 per citizen prior to finalized costs. Upon exploring the 2022 options for hosting the ALA MGS session, we ultimately made the decision to move to Lindenwood University. UCM quoted ALA MGS \$185,000 to host the session for 2022 and Lindenwood University quoted \$200,000 with a lock-in rate for 5 years. Lindenwood University's proposal included items that UCM had been billing—and would continue to bill—as a supplemental expense beyond the flat rate per person for holding the session. Thus, while the UCM bid was lower, the Lindenwood bid offered a greater value per dollar because we will not have as many supplemental costs.

With that being said, ALA MGS acknowledges that we will be required to use reserve funds again this year to be able to not only pay the bill to Lindenwood, but also to purchase and provide necessary materials for this year's session. Some of these items will include one-time purchases that can be used for multiple years like program signage. We will be able to provide more of a price breakdown at the time of Convention as we did in the fall of 2021. The proposed increase will be \$500 per citizen. This will allow ALA MGS to not only plan properly for utilizing funds, but also develop a significant scholarship base and enhance our presence at schools and communities that we have not been able to reach in the previous sessions. Questions about the fee increase can be directed to anyone on the committee or sent to director@missourigirlsstate.org. While we know this cost increase will be hard for many American Legion Auxiliary Units across the Department, we know the importance of providing a premiere opportunity for our citizens to learn about participating in our representative democracy and the work that the American Legion Auxiliary does to benefit veterans and their families, and we know that the ALA Units across the Department will work together with schools and communities to gather funds necessary for this experience to be a true success. If we continue at our current sponsorship rate of \$300 per citizen, our reserve funds will be depleted, and we will not have anything remaining to pay for a session in 2023 or beyond.

We hope that you'll join us on the Lindenwood University campus this summer to see the amazing experience that you each help us provide year after year! I promise, there is not a better deal out there for young women to be involved as an active participant in the future of our community, state and nation. Thank you again for your continued support of ALA MGS 2022.

Sincerely,
Macae Mickens

Warrensburg VA News

Latisha Koetting, Representative

The Warrensburg VA home had a busy Christmas season this year. We had all the usual Christmas trees and decorations displayed like always. The ALA even sponsored the Gift Shop where the residents could choose gifts for family members back home or for themselves. This is a very emotional experience for some, but appreciated by all. The gifts were donated by unit members.

Christmas parties were held during the following weeks. The Tree of Stars campaign allowed our Veterans Assistance League to purchase a \$50 Christmas gift for each veteran resident. Santa even distributed the gifts which brought more cheer.

Due to a generous donation, the full-time and part-time staff received a generous gift for their hard work during these unprecedented times.

Another precious Christmas gift was opening the front doors to families and visitors to be able to visit during the holiday.

Our Veterans Assistance League's first fundraiser of the year will be our second Day of Honor and Remembrance that will be held on Memorial Day weekend.

We invite individuals, organizations, and businesses to sponsor a luminary, a yard sign, or a light pole banner in honor or in memory of their favorite veteran.

The yard signs and banners will include a service photo. We did a virtual tour and a drive-thru tour of this display last year. It was stunning! We hope this year will even be better. For information on how to participate, email Latisha. Koetting@mvc.dps.mo.gov. The deadline for sponsorship will be mid-May.

Please follow us on Facebook at Missouri Veterans Home-Warrensburg to keep posted on activities at our home. Thank you for your ongoing support!

Summer's sunrise appears, like no other, warming the earth with promise and waking our hearts in anticipation of new dreams to fulfill.



President Harry S. Truman

President Harry S Truman was the 33rd President of the United States and the first Legionnaire to hold this office. He was born May 8, 1884 in Lamar, MO. The "S" in his name has no significance.

Poor eyesight prevented Truman from participating in sports, but led him to his greatest passions, reading and music. He was proud that he had read every book in the Independence Public Library and was a fine piano player. Again, poor eyesight prevented him from attending West Point. This resulted in working a variety of jobs including farming, oil drilling and banking. He joined the Army and served in France and was discharged as a captain.

After leaving the military his haberdashery failed. Next Truman started in politics. He won the race for County Judge in Jackson County. Later he became a Senator and held this position until President Franklin D. Roosevelt asked him to be his running mate in 1944. Fewer than 3 months serving as Vice President he became the 33rd President of the United States, following the sudden death of President Roosevelt.

Truman faced some complex issues, including dropping the atomic bomb in Japan to end WWII.

Domestic issues proved to be challenging, with labor unrest, The GI Bill, national health care and civil rights executive orders. These were some of the issues that caused him to become unpopular during his term, but today he is ranked 5th by historians behind Lincoln, Franklin D Roosevelt, Washington and Theodore Roosevelt. He had an instinctive feeling for what was right and what was expedient.

He was eligible to seek re-election, but declined. He retired and returned to Independence. He died December 26, 1972 at age 88.

(Facts from the Biography of Harry S Truman on the Internet.)

MOTHER'S WISDOM

I can save your life, but cannot live it for you.

I can teach you things, but I cannot make you learn.

I can give you directions, but I cannot always be there to lead you.

I can allow you freedom, but I cannot account for it.

I can take you to church, but I cannot make you believe.

I can teach you right from wrong, but I cannot always decide for you.

I can buy you beautiful clothes, but I cannot make you lovely inside.

I can offer advice, but I cannot accept it for you.

I can give you love, but I cannot force it upon you.

I can teach you to be a friend, but I cannot make you one.

I can teach you to share, but I cannot make you unselfish.

I can teach you respect, but I cannot force you to show honor.

I can grieve about your report card, but I cannot doubt your teachers.

I can advise you about friends, but I cannot choose them for you.

I can tell you the facts of life, but I cannot build your reputation.

I can tell you about drinking, but I cannot say NO for you.

I can warn you about drugs, but I cannot prevent you from using them.

I can tell you about lofty goals, but I cannot achieve them for you.

I can let you babysit, but I cannot be responsible for your actions.

I can teach you kindness, but I cannot force you to be gracious.

I can warn you about sins, but I cannot make your morals.

I can love you as a daughter/son, but I cannot place you in God's family.

I can pray for you, but I cannot make you walk with God.

I can tell you how to live, but I cannot give you Eternal Life.

(Author Unknown)



No matter whether it's at home or far away, experience awaits those who have the courage to reach out for it.

Parliamentary Tip # 1

Meetings are more effective if Parliamentary Procedures are used. It is essential that the president have a prepared agenda to guide the meeting. An agenda is similar to a road map because it keeps you on track. When possible, distribute a copy of the agenda prior to the meeting. The Unit Handbook of the ALA provides a suggested order of business for agenda planning.

A sample agenda will include: call to order, advance colors, prayer, Pledge of Allegiance, national anthem, preamble, roll call of officers, reading and approval of previous minutes, treasurer's report and file for audit, reading of communication, reports, unfinished business, new business, announcements, adjournment and retirement of colors. Your unit may include other items, such as recognizing birthdays and anniversaries. It is thoughtful to ask if any member is ill.

The president should be familiar with the duties of her office as outlined in the Unit Handbook. She should start the meeting on time, preside impartially with tact and enthusiasm, assist other officers and chairmen when needed, and be generous with praise. It is also important to work hard for the unit and set an example for the members to participate in unit activities.

Due Date

The due date for submitting information for the July-August-September issue of the Missouri Legionette is July 20th. This issue will contain the list of Program Chairmen that should be kept for future reference.

Chairmen please plan to share ideas and information about your program. We need renewed enthusiasm about our organization so that we can continue serving our veterans. Share plans that worked for your unit/district. Perhaps others can expand the idea to work for them.

Virginia Schnurbusch, Editor

Deceased Members

MARCH - APRIL

District	Unit	Name	Location
1	20	Elise R. Kibble	Columbia, MO
1	221	Judy Hollingsworth	Paris, MO
2	57	Linda L. Davis (VIM)	New Boston, MO
2	34	Rosalie Mahoney	Unionville, MO
2	57	Mary Hulett	Bucklin, MO
2	7	Marjorie Kennedy	Buckner, MO
2	7	Pauline Koch	Bosworth, MO
2	477	Janet E. Searcy	Princeton, MO
3	237	Wanda H. Rone	Richmond, MO
4	315	Jolene Downing	Burlington Junction, MO
4	315	Marilyn Grace	Maryville, MO
5	21	Shirley M. Petet (VIM)	Independence, MO
5	21	Arlene G. Choat (VIM)	Kansas City, MO
5	21	Geraldine Elliott	Kansas City, MO
5	21	Betty J. Foster	Lees Summit, MO
5	21	Ramah I. Bennett	Independence, MO
6	82	Judy A. Barber	Windsor, MO
6	2	N L Monroe	Wichita, KS
7	478	Vivian Fiene	Concordia, MO
7	223	Beverly A. Butler	The Villages, FL
7	223	Donna M. Clark	Higginsville, MO
8	424	Helen Martin	Ashland, MO
8	424	Joyce A. Sapp	Hartsburg, MO
8	5	Donna S. Hatfield	Tonganoxie, KS
8	5	Emily B. Lane	Jefferson City, MO
8	152	Kathleen D. Gonterman	Auxvasse, MO
8	231	Olivia Smith	Grandview, MO
8	424	Shirley A. Blythe	Rocheport, MO
9	297	Darlene Schuenemeyer	Owasso, OK
9	323	Georgia Morrell	Wright City, MO
9	312	Dianna K. Bryan	Saint Charles, MO
9	312	Joyce I. Bruns	Saint Charles, MO
9	347	Debra Weirich	Saint Clair, MO
9	312	Betty A. Haake	Saint Charles, MO
9	323	Martha L. Boes	Montgomery City, MO
10	208	Cheryl Hartwig	Ballwin, MO
10	409	Rose Hill	High Ridge, MO
11	186	Lucille Bast	Saint Louis, MO
13	283	Adeline Cronin	Festus, MO
13	253	Mary E. Levitt	Saint Louis, MO
14	389	Dorothy M. Crump (VIM)	Chaffee, MO
14	389	Novella B. Howell	Saint Charles, MO
14	88	Pat Ferrell	Caruthersville, MO
14	153	Heather Hamilton	Poplar Bluff, MO
15	372	Netta Cory	Lockwood, MO
16	331	Julia F. Johnson (VIM)	Waynesville, MO
16	128	Wilma M. Hicks (VIM)	Mountain Grove, MO
16	559	Anita C Long (VIM)	Rolla, MO
0	1000	Kathleen Gaither	Houston, MO

Calendar of Activities

- June 11-18 Girls State, Lindenwood University, St. Charles, MO
- July 14-17 Department Convention, Hilton St. Louis Airport
- August 26 - September 1 National Convention, Milwaukee WI

District Meetings

- District 4 June 4; Savannah Unit 287
- District 7 June 5; Sedalia Post #642
- District 9 June 5; St. Charles Post #312; Reg 9:00; meeting 9:30 a.m.
- District 13 June 5; Festus Post #253; 2:00 p.m.