



Department President's Bulletin #10

June 2020

Greetings to all our members. Life has taken some turns this year. It has been great to see all the participation in virtual events such as the Poppy Day program. There have been many photos on social media showing posts and units placing flags in honor of the fallen for Memorial Day. Many of you saw your post reopen and were able to take part in activities there. All those things have been much needed for all our members. My hope is that we are all taking care to stay healthy and keep those around us healthy. Part of that is ensuring you step out into the sunshine even if it's on your porch or deck or just a walk around in the yard. Sunshine makes us smile and smiles keep us positive.

Thanks to all of you who sent information and pictures describing activities you have done for your communities and for the veterans. I passed all I received on to the Southern Division Community Service chairman. In addition, I participated in a conference call from which I would like to encourage each unit to continue celebrating our centennial. As you celebrate, please send me an update complete with pictures if you have them (or tag me on social media) as I have been reporting all this past year on Kentucky's activities and will continue to do so up to our national convention in 2021. Donations in lots of 100 items (not always money) also count as celebrating. Americanism Chairman Nancy had us wave 100 flags (and it was a beautiful photo) in honor of our centennial.

Thank you to the chairman who have responded to my email request. I am very proud that you will continue with us. I am asking that you have communications in the bulletins every other month with the activities and suggestions for our membership to do. As many have noticed, we have been unable to update our website as the company stopped hosting. We will have another but that takes communication that we have not yet been able to have. In the meantime, each unit who supplied officers should have at least two people who receive the monthly bulletins. In addition, department chairman, district presidents and past department presidents also receive them. I encourage all of you to help spread the word by sharing the bulletins you receive with our members. We want everyone to be informed and to be able to participate in the many activities that fall under each chairmanship. This month would have afforded us Kentucky Girl's State and Department Convention. Sadly, we won't be able to do those this year, but our hope is we are able to meet in the fall. Should that happen, we would love to see the Auxiliary fill the room and celebrate successes as well as us being together again.

Membership was on a roll and has unfortunately come to a complete stop. We are still reaching out to members encouraging them to pay their dues. This is the month the new membership cards are sent to Department. How many members have paid their dues, but the transmittal has not made it to department headquarters? During our contacts, we have found there are many. If you are the person responsible in your unit for collecting and/or remitting membership, please ensure you do that in a very timely manner. It is okay to ask for help. We are in difficult times for many and if the current year's dues are not paid and said member applies for assistance through the Auxiliary Emergency Fund, he or she will not receive it. So many of our members are struggling. Perhaps giving the gift of membership would be a good idea. Or, at this point, only ask for the amount that must be remitted to department. Let's have a strong finish. Members can pay their dues online or they can call national headquarters

(317) 569-4500 and pay by phone. Just please do not hold on to the dues. We have put out a few challenges this spring with respect to membership to award a little cash for membership efforts to units. Congratulations to the winners of those. So many units are close to reaching your annual goals. Please keep up the great work. To those of you who have met or exceeded your goals, FABULOUS JOB!! I would also like to encourage you, if you serve in a leadership role in your unit, please be an example by taking care of your dues early. You never know who you might inspire.

Finally, if you didn't send year end reports to the department chairman, please don't forget to do that. Though I am the only one who must send one to national for June 1, all the other chairman will have to send a report in January 2021 that will be considered mid-year reporting. Sending them your year-end reports gives them that information to put with what you send in December to show how bright Kentucky's light shines as we work all our programs.

I pray everyone stays safe, healthy and strong. We are creative people. We can figure out how to safely work our programs and meet our missions. We are a strong group of men and women who can persevere through the "storms" because we know there is a bright light that shines upon us as we work to aid our Veterans, our communities and our youth.

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FYI – This is an email that I received and the easiest way I know to get the information out to the units is to put it in the bulletins

Jennifer

The Kentucky General Assembly established the Veteran's Program Trust Fund (VPTF) as part of the Kentucky Vietnam Veterans' Bonus Act on December 23, 1988. The purpose of the VPTF is to direct funding to projects and programs that help Kentucky's veterans but for which other funds are not available. The VPTF receives a steady, moderate income from a \$5.00 fee that is included in the initial purchase price and renewal of Veterans' License Plates. The VPTF is also a legal recipient of tax-deductible contributions from individuals, companies and organizations. Donations to the Trust Fund are tax-deductible. Such contributions may be made through the VPTF check-off box on the Kentucky Income Tax form, directly to the VPTF through personal checks made out to the Veteran's Program Trust Fund, or securely online at <https://secure.kentucky.gov/FormServices/KDVA/OnlineDonations>.

Checks can be mailed to Kentucky Department of Veterans Affairs, ATTN: Veteran's Program Trust Fund, 1111 Louisville Road, Suite B, Frankfort, KY 40601

Kentucky's Veteran Service Organizations have contributed generously to the VPTF since its creation and continue to do so. Donors may also specify that their contribution go to one of several specific programs or facilities KDVA operates for the benefit of veterans:

- Veterans Program Trust Fund
- Homeless Veterans Program
- Indigent Veterans Burial Program
- Veterans Service Organization Burial Honors Program
- Kentucky Veterans Cemetery West (Hopkinsville)
- Kentucky Veterans Cemetery Central (Radcliff)
- Kentucky Veterans Cemetery North (Williamstown)
- Kentucky Veterans Cemetery North East (Grayson)
- Kentucky Veterans Cemetery South East (Hyden)

The Homeless Veterans Program helps veterans directly with small cash grants for utilities, rent and security deposits to veterans who are homeless or in danger of becoming homeless. Veterans needing assistance should contact Eileen Ward, Homeless Veteran Program Coordinator at eileen.ward@ky.gov or call 502-352-3120.

Charitable contributions to governmental units are tax-deductible under section 170(c)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code if made for a public purpose.

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KENTUCKY ALA AMERICANISM JUNE BULLETIN

The Summer is almost here and hopefully the worst is almost over for our Country. We as Americans have shown our strength, solidarity and Americanism. What better way to show our patriotism on July 4th than with a big display of flags in our yards, on our Facebooks, and lining our streets. We will soon be able to gather in a group and we will surely be more appreciative of each of our unique talents and viewpoints.

During this time, I realize how much I personally have missed my Legion family. Keep strong, safe, and keep the faith that this will be resolved soon and we soon gather together for God and Country. To see if you read this bulletin and if you would like a heart shaped patriotic keychain, reply to me by email, text or on the Americanism Facebook page what you liked about this bulletin and what you love about our Country. The first two response automatically get a keychain, any others I will draw from all other responses.

Even though officers and chairpersons will stay in place this Auxiliary year, I am still going to be drawing for the Unit that exhibited the best Americanism this year. I will draw from all units that are eligible, (eligibility is me seeing postings of Americanism events on-line, reports sent in, essays sent in, participation or pictures). Prize will be \$50 to the Unit to use as needed.

If you participated in the Celebrate 100 contest, a winner will be drawn from all the Units that submitted proof of their participation on the June live drawing. I will post the drawing on the Department Facebook page.

Department Essay Winners are as listed, again with a name correction:

Unit 203	Class VI – Special Needs	Jayce Kinney (corrected)
Unit 233	Class II – 5 th and 6 th grades	Bailey Davidson
Unit 113	Class III – 7 th and 8 th grades	Isabella Smith
Unit 113	Class IV – 9 th and 10 th grades	Cayla Rose Brzoska
Unit 113	Class V – 11 th and 12 th grades	Logan Grant

These winning essays were all very well done and will show well at National for Kentucky!

God Bless and stay Auxiliary strong.

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Children & Youth program 2019—2021

The Children & Youth program emphasizes protecting, caring for and supporting children and youth, particularly those of veterans and military families.

Children & Youth Awards Deadlines and Submission Requirements:

Taking the time to share a favorite story about the positive impact you or someone you know has had on our mission is worth doing! It helps us tell the world who we are, what we do, and why we matter. Just two simple steps to add your part to our national success story:

1. How did your unit promote “Star Spangled Kids, educating children and youth about the U.S. Constitution from the aspect of patriotism and Americanism?”
2. What success stories do you have regarding support for military or homeless veterans’ children?

Ideas:

Member -Contact your local churches, homeless shelters and food pantries to identify homeless veterans’ children. Ask what their specific needs are, and offer them your services as an ALA member.

Contact your local news sources (newspaper, community television, community websites, and social media accounts) and town council). Offer to give a presentation about you and your unit’s work for homeless veterans and their children.

Contact your voluntary services representatives at the Veterans Affairs Medical Center. Offer to work with them to help meet the needs of children of homeless veterans who come to the VAMC.

Ask someone in your units to serve as your children and youth chairman let’s try to give Kentucky some good work to report on for this year.

Awards: there will be an award for the best report. there will be certificates for all units reporting on what you’ve done for children and youth of veterans. there is good work if we are f to do it

Those of you that live in military towns can help those of us that don’t out by bringing back to us what they need. This is our first bulletin stay tune for #2

Please remember our mid-year reports will be due to our chairman by December 15, 2019. There will be another bulletin coming for November with information about children and youth of our military and homeless.

Dept. Children and Youth

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May-June Finance

by: Alica "BC" Buser, Chair

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Hello,

I hope everyone has been and is doing well during our quarantining. I am starting to get back into my department finance auxiliary duties. First up is the Department Fundraiser raffle which was to be drawn at Department Convention which has been cancelled. Since most of us have been unable to get out to sell any tickets for a couple months, we are changing the date to our Fall conference, October 10th 11:30 to Noon. I can use your help on this and here is what we need to do to comply with gaming:

1. Let everyone know, whom you have sold tickets to, the new date. So, announce at meetings, in bulletins/newsletters and hang up at a central contact place such as Post Home. Call me at 859 620 7625 if this task would not cover the ticket buyers so we can decide the best process for the update.
2. Update the date/time/place on any unsold tickets by marking out or placing a sticker on them before selling. Again, call me if this is too burdensome for you and we can discuss.
3. When tickets are sold, go ahead and send them on to me with money. Checks can be made payable to ALA Dept of Kentucky (memo saying dept raffle). My address is Alica Buser, 78 W Southgate Ave, Fort Thomas KY 41075. Any district presidents or others with sold tickets, please go ahead and send those on to me as well.

Thanks to everyone who sent in their tickets and money. If the checks were payable to me, they have been cashed and I replaced with cash. Jennifer will be depositing the ones made to ALA Dept of Kentucky, during the week of May 25th. As mentioned, the prizes are \$500, \$100, \$100, \$50 and \$50. Five chances to win. Everyone loves a chance at some extra cash, so they should still go fairly easily. Also, if you want more, we have plenty. Just let us know.

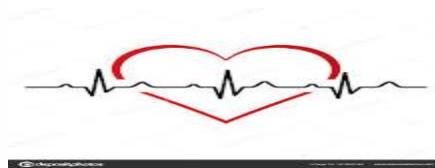
Also, a quick thank you to those units returning any unsold tickets. This is a huge help to make sure that tickets did not get lost in the process. We appreciate your diligence and commitment to Veterans and our organization.

As always keep working membership which will help secure our financial future.

BC



I'm a proud member of
The American Legion
Auxiliary!



June 2020 Membership Bulletin

Hello Auxiliary Family,

We are so proud of everything you do! All the Units have been working hard on their membership! Congratulations to all Units working on collecting 2019 dues as well as 2020, we have made big progress. Some Posts are starting to reopen and activities are starting to resume, please stay safe. **Now is an essential time to ensure all your member's dues are current, so they can have access to all their member benefits, if necessary.**

Please continue to check in on your members, Veterans and their families.

We would like to inform all members that the 2019-2020 Membership Team will remain in office through the 2020-2021 year. We are here to help, feel free to contact us!

The Team would like to remind all units to make sure their Leadership contact information on ALAMIS is correct; we need a contact email and/or phone number for membership for each unit. Also, when you have deceased members, please notify the Department Secretary and Chaplain, so it can be documented in Department.

Please feel free to contact anyone on the Membership Team at any time for help!

Operating Assessments were due by March 31, 2020. Assessments must be paid to qualify for future awards. Be kind, find your joy and include all members!

Membership Team

Membership is our Heartbeat, Be part of our Rhythm

One Family, One Mission, One Voice

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Be Nice, Be Kind!!

Watch our Family Grow, One member at a Time
updated 05-26-20

* - charter cancellation



Headquarters
June 2020

Hope everyone is staying safe!

Normally we would be gearing up for our Department Convention, but sadly things don't always work out as expected.

******IMPORTANT******

2021 membership cards – Normally the 2021 membership cards would be passed out at the Convention and as you know that will not be happening. If you would like to pick your UNIT'S membership cards up at the office (134 Walnut Street, Frankfort) you must let me know by **June 30, 2020**. Please send me an e-mail (aladeptaux@yahoo.com). If I do not hear from you before **June 30, 2020**, they will be mailed. I will be mailing the cards to the "remit to" individual that is on file. If that person/address has changed, then you must let me know before **June 30, 2020**. **If you do not let me know, and your cards get lost and/or mailed to the wrong person, your Unit will be responsible for the fee that is charged to replace the cards.**

This will be a costly endeavor, so **PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE** let me know the correct person/address to mail the cards too.

DISTRICT PRESIDENTS – please send me a current list of District Officers, please include name/address/phone

Unit - please send me a current list of Unit officers.

This information is used to send the monthly bulletins. If I don't have the correct information, I cannot send you the bulletins.

Until we meet again, please stay safe!

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