



August 2019
Headquarters

In this set of bulletins, you will find information regarding the Department President workshop and the joint homecoming. Please share this information with your members.

Membership – 2020 membership renewals can now be sent in. If you have new members for 2020 you must wait until September 1, 2019 to send them to me. Please do not hold your renewals. National has sent an email blast out to all members that have e-mails address in ALA MIS. The first paper renewal will be sent in September.

For those of you that were not able to attend the Department Convention, here is your 2019-2020 Department Officers:

President – Bonita Robey
1st Vice President – Karen Toll
2nd Vice President – Nancy Moses
Chaplain – April Ward
Historian – Sandy Omer
Secretary – Jennifer Mullins
Treasurer – Virginia Hobbs

The resolution presented at the Convention to split the Secretary and Treasurer positions passed. With that being said, you will still send the membership along with checks to 134 Walnut Street, Frankfort, KY 40601.

Jennifer Mullins
Department Secretary



Department of Kentucky Legislative Report

August 2019

What an exciting year we've had advocating for the Legislative objectives of the American Legion. Thank you to all who participated in the American Legion Legislative Action Alerts. This is an initiative that allows us to blend our voices with the American Legion and petition Congress to pass the American Legion's Legislative agenda. We had lots of participation by being part of commissions with our Legislators, answering the call to write our Legislators on bills that were important to the American Legion's mission and attending the Washington Conference and face to face presenting the top priorities. To all who participated, thank you. To those who did not, it is never too late.

A first and second place award for unit Legislative programs was given at Department Convention. Congratulations to those recipients.

1st Place: Anderson Unit 34

Examples of activities

- Take part in commissions with local legislators
- Participate in the Legislative Action Alerts
- Work with local Legislators to promote Veterans initiatives

2nd Place: Somerset Unit 38

Examples of activities

- Host Candidate Forums at the post in conjunction with the American Legion
- Develop relationships with the local government in order to have direct communication lines
- Have members of the local government as members of the American Legion Family enabling them to have a personal stake in the American Legion initiatives

It has been a pleasure to serve as your Legislative Chairman for the 2018-2019 year.

Bonita Robey

**American Legion Auxiliary
Department of Kentucky Workshop
September 21, 2019
10:00 a.m.
Hardin Post 113 Elizabethtown**

**ATTENTION ALL NEWLY ELECTED DEPARTMENT OFFICERS
AND APPOINTED CHAIRMAN**

Your presence is requested at our Department Workshop.

Any member is welcome to attend as well. I ask that everyone attending please RSVP by September 14th for the purposes of food. We are looking to shake things up a bit for the upcoming year with an emphasis on educating our membership on the various programs. I encourage all of you, if you don't have one already, to create an account on alaforveterans.org. This will allow you to log on to the Members Only section. Chairman, please familiarize yourselves with the aspects of your program and then use your creative imagination to present the program to those in attendance.

**Our overall theme this year is:
One Family, One Mission, One Voice**

**Our Membership theme is:
Membership Is Our Heartbeat. Be Part Of Our Rhythm!**

**The President's Special Project is:
Operation Comfort Warriors**

I'm looking forward to seeing you there.
Incoming Department President
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AMERICAN LEGION DEPARTMENT OF KENTUCKY FAMILY HOMECOMING

Jerry McKinney
Dept. Commander

Bonita Robey
Dept President

Steve Curry
Dept Commander

Gary Bartlett
Riders Director

HARDIN POST 113

1251 Ring Road, Elizabethtown, KY 42701

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2019

DOORS OPEN 5:30 PM - DINNER 6:30 PM/

\$25 TICKET PRICE INCLUDES:

Buffet Meal:

Brisket or Mushroom/cheese/white wine stuffed chicken

Mashed potatoes, Green Beans, Glazed Carrots

Tossed Salad~ Rolls~ Assorted Desserts

Tea and Water (CASH BAR**)**

Entertainment by: DJ JUNIE

RESERVATION DEADLINE: September 8, 2019

Contact Bonita to reserve your attendance and payment method

Mail:

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(270) 893-1126

Local Hotel Accommodations:

Springhill Suites

1025 Executive Dr, Elizabethtown, KY 42701

[\(270\) 986-7654](tel:(270)986-7654)

(Mention American Legion to get \$99 Special Rate, free breakfast)

Shuttle information will be communicated closer to the event.

August 2019 Membership

Hope everyone has been enjoying their summer. It was nice to see folks at Department Convention in June and to celebrate the election of officers for 2020.

If you recall, the membership goal was for each unit to have 5 members above membership as of 7/31/18. It was a big number but for some units the goal set was actually less than their 2018 goal. There are 14 units as of July 15 that reached 100% or greater. **There are still many members who haven't renewed; please keep working on 2019 membership renewals till December 31st.**

Remember, all units that reach 100% by July 31st will be entered into a drawing for \$25, units exceeding membership goal by 2 will be entered into a drawing for \$75 and units exceeding membership goal by 3 or more will be entered into a drawing for \$100.

Remember to be nice, be kind to each other and focus on the mission of the Auxiliary and our membership will grow one member at a time. Thank you for all you do for our veterans, their families and their communities.

It was a pleasure to serve as membership chairman for President Jerilynn Kable during the 2019 year. Please continue to enhance membership for the Department of Kentucky in the American Legion Auxiliary supporting our veterans who make sacrifices for our freedom as Edna Bland and her team assume membership for 2020.



Running for the Poppies

Honoring our Veterans and Military

All true to the Red, White and Blue

Auxiliary members racing for membership

Legionnaires, Auxiliary, Riders & Sons



Membership Team

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KENTUCKY MEMBERSHIP

Running for the Poppies 2019

DISTRICT 1							DISTRICT 4							DISTRICT 7							DISTRICT 10													
Unit	Ren Goal	Ren Pd	Ren%	Tot Goal	Tot Pd	Tot %	Unit	Ren Goal	Ren Pd	Ren%	Tot Goal	Tot Pd	Tot %	Unit	Ren Goal	Ren Pd	Ren%	Tot Goal	Tot Pd	Tot %	Unit	Ren Goal	Ren Pd	Ren%	Tot Goal	Tot Pd	Tot %							
26	32	28	87.5	37	30	81.1	42	14	14	100.0	19	18	94.7	7	113	114	100.9	118	118	100.0	66	13	13	100.0	18	13	72.2							
31	61	37	60.7	66	37	56.1	49	22	20	90.9	27	20	74.1	8	90	74	82.2	95	78	82.1	104	11	1	9.1	16	1	6.3							
68	36	35	97.2	41	39	95.1	81	339	285	84.1	344	298	86.6	24	77	64	83.1	82	76	92.7	152	21	20	95.2	26	25	96.2							
72	17	12	70.6	22	12	54.5	82	50	47	94.0	55	49	89.1	30	10	5	50.0	15	5	33.3	283	4	3	75.0	10	3	30.0							
74	17	15	88.2	22	15	68.2	87	7	5	71.4	12	14	116.7	67	86	63	73.3	91	68	74.7	Tot	49	37	75.5	70	42	60.0							
85	16	15	93.8	21	15	71.4	101	11	11	100.0	16	11	68.8	79	71	65	91.5	76	65	85.5	DISTRICT 11													
							113	452	410	90.7	457	450	98.5	132	40	32	80.0	45	34	75.6	Unit	Ren Goal	Ren Pd	Ren%	Tot Goal	Tot Pd	Tot %							
144	12	1	8.3	17	1	5.9	121	52	43	82.7	57	43	75.4	165	41	34	82.9	46	37	80.4	16	17	24	141.2	22	36	163.6							
217	107	108	100.9	112	113	100.9	124	64	59	92.2	69	59	85.5	176	12	12	100.0	17	12	70.6	36	74	71	95.9	79	80	101.3							
236	54	39	72.2	59	39	66.1	148	79	71	89.9	84	71	84.5	257	38	27	71.1	43	32	74.4	88	95	66	69.5	100	81	81.0							
Tot	352	290	82.4	397	301	75.8	157	109	94	86.2	114	102	89.5	313	88	75	85.2	93	85	91.4	115	71	54	76.1	76	65	85.5							
DISTRICT 2							167	35	34	97.1	40	35	87.5	341	40	31	77.5	45	35	77.8	Tot	257	215	83.7	277	262	94.6							
Unit	Ren Goal	Ren Pd	Ren%	Tot Goal	Tot Pd	Tot %	247	7	5	71.4	12	5	41.7	Tot	706	596	84.4	766	645	84.2	DISTRICT 8													
2	14	11	78.6	19	11	57.9	288	47	28	59.6	52	29	55.8	HEADQUARTERS																				
8	124	126	101.6	129	141	109.3	Tot	1288	1126	87.4	1358	1204	88.7	Unit	Ren Goal	Ren Pd	Ren%	Tot Goal	Tot Pd	Tot %	200	83	71	85.5	88	73	83.0							
9	102	78	76.5	107	79	73.8	DISTRICT 5							12	7	14	200.0	12	20	166.7	DEPARTMENT OF KENTUCKY													
40	64	63	98.4	69	82	118.8	Unit	Ren Goal	Ren Pd	Ren%	Tot Goal	Tot Pd	Tot %	34	237	139	58.6	242	147	60.7	Unit	Ren Goal	Ren Pd	Ren%	Tot Goal	Tot Pd	Tot %							
233	116	101	87.1	121	126	104.1	45	27	18	66.7	32	18	56.3	46	26	18	69.2	31	24	77.4	5289	4480	84.7	5751	4907	85.3								
243	24	16	66.7	29	16	55.2	180	122	117	95.9	127	127	100.0	301	14	11	78.6	19	11	57.9	DISTRICT 9													
289	8	6	75.0	13	6	46.2	193	121	101	83.5	126	107	84.9	Tot	284	182	64.1	304	202	66.4	Unit	Ren Goal	Ren Pd	Ren%	Tot Goal	Tot Pd	Tot %							
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Tot	452	401	88.7	487	461	94.7	220	44	42	95.5	49	42	85.7	Unit	Ren Goal	Ren Pd	Ren%	Tot Goal	Tot Pd	Tot %	17	13	11	84.6	18	12	66.7							
DISTRICT 3							229	66	54	81.8	71	56	78.9	22	46	34	73.9	51	34	66.7	DISTRICT 6													
Unit	Ren Goal	Ren Pd	Ren%	Tot Goal	Tot Pd	Tot %	244	69	65	94.2	74	72	97.3	278	12	11	91.7	17	13	76.5	Unit	Ren Goal	Ren Pd	Ren%	Tot Goal	Tot Pd	Tot %	138	63	56	88.9	68	59	86.8
23	63	54	85.7	68	63	92.6	Tot	562	492	87.5	602	519	86.2	76	44	32	72.7	49	32	65.3	4	85	69	81.2	90	73	81.1	276	14	13	92.9	19	13	68.4
29	42	25	59.5	47	32	68.1	81	37	26	70.3	42	31	73.8	126	59	51	86.4	64	57	89.1	11	49	41	83.7	54	44	81.5	325	62	58	93.5	67	77	114.9
81	37	26	70.3	42	31	73.8	62	105	96	91.4	110	96	87.3	Unit	Ren Goal	Ren Pd	Ren%	Tot Goal	Tot Pd	Tot %	41	63	49	77.8	68	65	95.6	342	42	41	97.6	47	53	112.8
202	31	30	96.8	36	30	83.3	202	31	30	96.8	36	30	83.3	4	85	69	81.2	90	73	81.1	Tot	388	338	87.1	433	401	92.6							
							11	49	41	83.7	54	44	81.5	11	49	41	83.7	54	44	81.5	109	10	0	0.0	15	0	0.0							
Tot	278	231	83.1	303	252	83.2	20	82	60	73.2	87	60	69.0	20	82	60	73.2	87	60	69.0	203	258	239	92.6	263	252	95.8							
							41	63	49	77.8	68	65	95.6	219	43	43	100.0	48	51	106.3														
							109	10	0	0.0	15	0	0.0																					
							203	258	239	92.6	263	252	95.8																					
							219	43	43	100.0	48	51	106.3																					
							Tot	590	501	84.9	625	545	87.2																					

Growing - a member at a time

Be Nice Be Kind

VA & OP Assessments Pd

VA Assessments Paid

OP Assessments Paid

Show your ALA Pride

Retain Recruit Rejoin

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 Eligible Members will want to be
 The American Legion Family



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DEPT. OF KENTUCKY CHAPLAIN

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Angel of the Month Award

Even though the year is done, keep being Angels to others in need. Pray for people that are not happy and always share your smile with others.

Thank You for Your Prayers

Thanks to everyone for providing great prayers that were submitted to the Department President's prayer book. It was a joy to compile and a blessing to me to serve as your Chaplain this year.

The Gift of Friendship

Friendship is a priceless gift
That can't be bought or sold,
But its value is far greater
Than a mountain made of gold

For gold is cold and lifeless,
It cannot see or hear,
And in your times of trouble,
It is powerless to cheer.

It has no ears to listen
No heart to understand.
It cannot bring you comfort
Or reach out a helping hand.

So when you ask God for a gift,
Be thankful that he sends,
Not diamonds, pearls, or riches,
But the love of a real, true friend.

~ Helen Steiner Rice

What a great Legion Family year!



Psalms 133:1 ESV: "Behold, how good and pleasant it is when brothers dwell in unity!"

Chaplain's Corner

The June Convention was the culmination of the year's accomplishments and it just keeps getting better. The prizes, awards, and end of year reports makes one proud of being a member of the American Legion Auxiliary of Kentucky. All of our hard work is on display and the comradeship of fellow members is incredible.

Traits of a Good Friend

1. A good friend is always **HONEST** with you. A good friend provides tactful honest communication, good and bad.
2. A good friend **ACCEPTS** who you are and doesn't try to change you but helps you if you want to change.
3. A good friend listens to your secrets and keeps them. A good friend keeps it confidential. They are **TRUSTWORTHY**.
4. A good friend **DOESN'T JUDGE** you for your decisions maybe agrees to disagree, but is respectful.
5. A good friend is **LOYAL** during good and bad times.
6. A good friend is **LOW MAINTENANCE** and is not demanding of your time and attention. They understand you have a life outside of your circle.
7. A good friend **LIFTS YOU UP** and always thinks the highest of you. A good friend ignores gossip and goes by what they know to be true.

**THANK YOU FOR A WONDERFUL
YEAR!**