

Hello Ladies,

Well I am back from the 97th American Legion Auxiliary National Convention that was held in Reno, Nevada this year. I am looking forward to the upcoming year and serving as your Department President. I have high expectations for the Auxiliary to excel this year in membership and within our programs in which we serve our veterans, active duty members and their families. I look forward to each Chairman introducing their program to our ladies in an effort to produce detailed reports utilizing the guidelines set by National. I would also like to reemphasize the motto, "Legion Family" as we progress through the year we need to be mindful of our support to the rest of our Legion Family, our Legionnaires, Sons and Riders. We are starting out the year with this motto heavy on our minds as the Department of Kentucky Legion Family will all come together for our Homecoming on September 23, 2017 at Post 34 in Lawrenceburg. We are starting the year with the right frame of mind emphasizing our Legion Family and all that we can accomplish as one entity providing for our programs, veterans and their families. The Department of Kentucky workshop will also be held on September 23, 2017 for all Department Officers, District Presidents and Chairmen for the 2017 – 2018 membership year. I hope to see all of you on that date. Refreshments will be served that morning and we will partake in a working lunch in order to finish our business in a timely manner so that we can prepare to participate in the Homecoming festivities later that evening. Ladies, I am so excited about the upcoming year and I want to thank you all for supporting me to be your Department of Kentucky American Legion Auxiliary President for 2017 – 2018.

FOR GOD AND COUNTRY,

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September 2017

You can now send in new members for 2018. Please make sure that the application is complete and signed by all needed signatures.

The VA & R assessments are due by December 31, 2017. They are as follows:

\$30 + \$0.15 per senior member (as of 12/31) + \$0.25 per unit past president currently on your roster

The Fall Conference will be held October 27-28, 2017 at the Crowne Plaza in Louisville, Kentucky.

Hope to see you there!

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2018 Membership

September 2017 Bulletin

National Convention is over and the new officers and chairman are raring to go. Look for exciting news in upcoming bulletins. The membership packet and bulletins will be sent to Paula MCGowan to place on the website. As we are growing our membership family tree, all of the goals are tree related. And, first up, is the **Oak Tree Award**. **This is 50% by October 15th**. It has been our experience that our founding members do like to get any early bird awards and get their card asap. They represent the trunk of our tree. 50% is reachable, so lets get going. Come to Fall conference to see our Hallowing Halloween Oak Tree..... Sure to be real scary..... Especially in a live tree format.....Curious...You should be.

Next up would be the Scotch Pine Christmas Tree Award. This is 75% by December 25th. And.....President Patty wants to make it a Patriotic Tree with a Red White and Blue Theme. So she will also have an award/gift for all units that reach 75% by Christmas Day. Also if anyone decorates their trees in Red, White and Blue send in a pic, or better yet post them to the Kentucky ALA Membership Facebook Page and show your state and unit number. Come to Winter to see our beautiful Patriotic Christmas Tree. Yes we will have Christmas in January.....

The next award is the Redbud Mystery Award for April 1st.....April Fool's day. So keep working those #s and some people will be in for mystery award..... More to come on that in 2018.....

The Poppy Tree award is 100% by May 25th, Poppy Day. Come to our convention in June to see our beautiful Poppy Tree among some other interesting trees.

The General Sherman Tree Award (after a sequoia the biggest tree in the world) For all that increase 1 member (reach goal) will be entered into a drawing for \$25. For all that increase 2 members (1 over goal), you will be entered into a separate drawing for \$50..... 3 - \$75.....4- \$100.... And 5&up - \$125 and up to 2 of these will be drawn. Your unit will only qualify for 1 of the drawings. i.e. if you are 5 over then you will not be in the \$25 to \$100 drawings. This is to allow for more units to get an award. We want to share our family wealth and reward hard working efforts.

For awards after December 31st, your assessments must be paid. Assessments are:

Due by December 31st to qualify for awards.

1. Assessments are based on prior Year Senior Membership of .15 per sr member plus the VA&R flat fee of \$30.
2. *Bond is \$18 and is to be paid every 3 years. **Not due in 2018 but will be due for 2019.***
3. Past President's Parley is 25 cents for all past unit president currently in your unit.

Due by March 31, 2018

Operating Assessment - \$25 and .25 per senior member as of Dec 31, 2014 - cannot be paid with the above assessments. i.e. must be a separate check.

Jennifer would appreciate the December 31st assessments to indicate what you are paying in the memo of the check or better yet different checks when possible. The March assessment must be a separate check.

The number one reason for losing members is related to the common courtesy of being nice, accepted etc. So, let's work on our being nice to all members and remember the common cause of God and Country. At your next meeting go out of your way to be nice to someone new and especially any new members in attendance.

We are Family.....and lets rattle Kentucky's tree!

Growing Kentucky's Family Tree

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Attached is the worksheet with goals and all who have paid thru August. Remember the 2018 new members already sent to Jennifer will be processed in September. I have had a few calls on that. If you would like to have it emailed to you, just let us know. We look forward to a fun and fabulous year.

On a National Level, Kentucky's first goal is to Make Membership Meaningful. So your membership team will be reaching out to units to grow membership, send dues in on a timely basis and get those cards out to members upon payment. Be positive and include all members in your units programs and functions. Make them part of the family. Yes even the bad apples have family too..... 🍌

A second goal for the state is no units with 0 membership turned in by October 31st. **Now We will need everybody's help on this.** At district meetings, at unit meetings spread the word to get membership in to us asap. We want to be a state with no goose eggs (0 membership renewals) by October 31st. Help us Help the ALA family.

More National goals, advice and tidbits to come in future bulletins. Good Luck in Membership for 2018.

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"Be somebody who makes everybody feel like a somebody."

Kid President (Robby Novak)

Poet, Actor

Kentucky Membership 2018

September 3, 2017

Growing Kentucky's Family Tree 2018

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	30	4	13.3	31	4	12.9	42	13	0	0.0	14	0	0.0	7	150	10	6.7	151	10	6.6	66	16	0	0.0	17	0	0.0
31	81	2	2.5	82	2	2.4	49	20	0	0.0	21	0	0.0	8	84	5	6.0	85	5	5.9	104	14	0	0.0	15	0	0.0
68	35	0	0.0	36	0	0.0	81	387	179	46.3	388	179	46.1	24	60	9	15.0	61	9	14.8	152	16	0	0.0	17	0	0.0
72	21	0	0.0	22	0	0.0	82	66	16	24.2	67	16	23.9	30	10	0	0.0	11	0	0.0	283	12	0	0.0	13	0	0.0
74	16	0	0.0	17	0	0.0	87	10	0	0.0	11	0	0.0	67	93	0	0.0	94	0	0.0	Tot	58	0	0.0	62	0	0.0
85	18	0	0.0	19	0	0.0	101	12	0	0.0	13	0	0.0	79	85	0	0.0	86	0	0.0	DISTRICT 11						
116	36	0	0.0	37	0	0.0	113	460	79	17.2	461	79	17.1	132	39	7	17.9	40	7	17.5	Unit	Ren Goal	Ren Pd	Ren%	Tot Goal	Tot Pd	Tot%
144	10	0	0.0	11	0	0.0	121	58	0	0.0	59	0	0.0	165	42	0	0.0	43	0	0.0	16	20	0	0.0	21	0	0.0
217	104	38	36.5	105	38	36.2	124	75	0	0.0	76	0	0.0	176	13	0	0.0	14	0	0.0	38	83	20	24.1	84	20	23.8
236	47	24	51.1	48	24	50.0	148	75	0	0.0	76	0	0.0	257	41	0	0.0	42	0	0.0	88	93	11	11.8	94	11	11.7
Tot	398	68	17.1	408	68	16.7	157	114	0	0.0	115	0	0.0	313	82	1	1.2	83	1	1.2	115	66	9	13.6	67	9	13.4
DISTRICT 2							167	34	0	0.0	35	0	0.0	341	58	1	1.7	59	1	1.7	Tot	262	40	15.3	266	40	15.0
Unit	Ren Goal	Ren Pd	Ren%	Tot Goal	Tot Pd	Tot%	247	10	0	0.0	11	0	0.0	Tot	757	33	4.4	769	33	4.3	HEADQUARTERS						
2	13	0	0.0	14	0	0.0	288	44	0	0.0	45	0	0.0	DISTRICT 8							Unit	Ren Goal	Ren Pd	Ren%	Tot Goal	Tot Pd	Tot%
6	131	1	0.8	132	1	0.8	Tot	1378	274	19.9	1392	274	19.7	Unit	Ren Goal	Ren Pd	Ren%	Tot Goal	Tot Pd	Tot%	200	78	0	0.0	79	0	0.0
9	100	0	0.0	101	0	0.0	DISTRICT 5							12	8	0	0.0	9	0	0.0	DEPARTMENT OF KENTUCKY						
40	50	0	0.0	51	0	0.0	Unit	Ren Goal	Ren Pd	Ren%	Tot Goal	Tot Pd	Tot%	34	236	58	24.6	237	58	24.5	Unit	Ren Goal	Ren Pd	Ren%	Tot Goal	Tot Pd	Tot%
233	112	21	18.8	113	21	18.6	45	29	0	0.0	30	0	0.0	46	19	14	73.7	20	14	70.0	5575	672	12.1	5663	672	11.87	
243	25	0	0.0	26	0	0.0	180	126	0	0.0	127	0	0.0	301	17	0	0.0	18	0	0.0	DISTRICT 9						
289	12	0	0.0	13	0	0.0	193	154	0	0.0	155	0	0.0	Tot	280	72	25.7	284	72	25.4	Unit	Ren Goal	Ren Pd	Ren%	Tot Goal	Tot Pd	Tot%
310	15	0	0.0	16	0	0.0	201	114	9	7.9	115	9	7.8	DISTRICT 3							17	13	0	0.0	14	0	0.0
Tot	458	22	4.8	466	22	4.7	220	57	0	0.0	58	0	0.0	Unit	Ren Goal	Ren Pd	Ren%	Tot Goal	Tot Pd	Tot%	22	48	0	0.0	49	0	0.0
DISTRICT 3							229	63	0	0.0	64	0	0.0	17	13	0	0.0	14	0	0.0	43	46	0	0.0	47	0	0.0
Unit	Ren Goal	Ren Pd	Ren%	Tot Goal	Tot Pd	Tot%	244	75	0	0.0	76	0	0.0	22	48	0	0.0	49	0	0.0	76	54	0	0.0	55	0	0.0
23	63	0	0.0	64	0	0.0	278	18	0	0.0	19	0	0.0	Tot	636	9	1.4	644	9	1.4	126	44	0	0.0	45	0	0.0
29	54	0	0.0	55	0	0.0	DISTRICT 6							138	65	4	6.2	66	4	6.1	DISTRICT 10						
61	32	2	6.3	33	2	6.1	Unit	Ren Goal	Ren Pd	Ren%	Tot Goal	Tot Pd	Tot%	138	65	4	6.2	66	4	6.1	Unit	Ren Goal	Ren Pd	Ren%	Tot Goal	Tot Pd	Tot%
62	104	28	26.9	105	28	26.7	4	67	1	1.5	68	1	1.5	276	21	0	0.0	22	0	0.0	20	79	15	19.0	80	15	18.8
202	29	4	13.8	30	4	13.3	11	50	18	36.0	51	18	35.3	325	66	0	0.0	67	0	0.0	41	72	0	0.0	73	0	0.0
258	1	0	0.0	2	0	0.0	20	79	15	19.0	80	15	18.8	Tot	398	15	3.8	407	15	3.7	109	10	0	0.0	11	0	0.0
Tot	283	34	12.0	289	34	11.8	41	72	0	0.0	73	0	0.0	109	10	0	0.0	11	0	0.0	203	257	71	27.6	258	71	27.5
DISTRICT 4							109	10	0	0.0	11	0	0.0	203	257	71	27.6	258	71	27.5	219	39	0	0.0	40	0	0.0
DISTRICT 7							203	257	71	27.6	258	71	27.5	219	39	0	0.0	40	0	0.0	275	15	0	0.0	16	0	0.0
DISTRICT 10							275	15	0	0.0	16	0	0.0	275	15	0	0.0	16	0	0.0	Tot	589	105	17.8	597	105	17.6

Growing - a member at a time
Be Nice Be Kind

Show your ALA Pride
Retain Recruit Rejoin

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American Legion Auxiliary History Program

Hello, my name is Nancy Moses and I am your 2017-18 Department Historian. I will be working closely with your Cavalcade of Memories Chairperson, Shirley Davis, to record and preserve our ALA Department History for 2017-18.

What is the History program, and why do we have it?

The Historian's purpose is to accurately record the accomplishments and significant events that occur on the national, department, district/county and unit level during the course of her term. This also means recording and keeping all brochures, handbooks, newsletters produced during the historian's term. The Historian records, the Cavalcade of Memories chairperson preserves, displays and collects through photographs, documents and artifacts.

How to Make History

Step-by-Step Instructions:

It's important for every unit to have a yearly history written. Here are some tips on what to include:

- Write the history in a third-person narrative. Your job is that of an intermediary – someone who witnessed the events and then describes them for the reader. Do not include your thoughts or comments on the events – only the occasion, the people involved, and what occurred.
- Be sure to start recording events as soon as the unit president is sworn in. Include her theme, if any, for the year and how it relates to the mission of the American Legion Auxiliary.
- District and Department president visits to units are important, so be sure to also include examples of what she did to support veterans, military, their families and communities.

- Include all member activities as part of the unit history, not just activities of the president. Include pictures and utilize social media to record and preserve.
- Record special events that occur during the year. Examples:
 - o Your unit gets a declaration for poppy month.
 - o Your unit conducts a big fundraiser for the National Veterans Creative Arts Festival.
 - o Record any current events that affect American Legion Auxiliary members, and include information about the Auxiliary's response to an event. For example, if there is a weather disaster, write about how your members went above and beyond to help in the community, etc.
- Any time your unit gets media coverage (i.e., a PSA on the radio or press release in the paper); include the details in your history.
- Pick out impressive statistics from other unit committees. Examples:
 - o Your AEF funds greatly increase.
 - o You send more girls to ALA Girls State.
- Once complete, present the unit president the history for the year, and give the department a copy for its files, thus entering the contest.

Start recording and preserving. It is much easier to keep track month by month rather than trying to collect and remember it all at the end.

Complete instructions on preparation of the history reports and contests will be provided in the October bulletin. Get ready to record our rich and wonderful Auxiliary history and to win some great prizes!!!! Hard work makes great results!

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American Legion Auxiliary Poppy Program

Hello, my name is Kim Ball and I am your 2017-18 Poppy Chairperson. This year, everything is coming up Poppies! It is going to be a great Poppy year with all the exciting poppy events and contests.

What is this program, and why do we have it?

Connecting the visual image of the poppy with the sacrifice of service made by our veterans has been an important goal of the American Legion Auxiliary Poppy Program since its inception in 1921. On Memorial Day and Veterans Day, millions of red crepe paper poppies—all handmade by veterans as part of their therapeutic rehabilitation—are distributed across the country in exchange for donations that go directly to assist disabled and hospitalized veterans in our communities.

History of the Poppy

From the battlefields of World War I, weary soldiers brought home the memory of a barren landscape transformed by wild poppies, red as the blood that had soaked the soil. By that miracle of nature, the spirit of their lost comrades lived on. The poppy became a symbol of the sacrifice of lives in war and represented the hope that none had died in vain. The American Legion Auxiliary poppy has continued to bloom for the casualties of four wars, its petals of paper bound together for veterans by veterans, reminding America each year that the men and women who have served and died for their country deserve to be remembered. The poppy, as a memorial flower to the war dead, can be traced to a single individual, Moina Michael. She was so moved by Lt. Col. McCrae's poem, "In Flanders Fields," that she wrote a response:

. . . the blood of heroes never dies
But lends a luster to the red
Of the flower that blooms above the dead
In Flanders' Fields.

On impulse, she bought a bouquet of poppies – all that New York City's Wanamaker's Department Store had – and handed them to businessmen meeting at the New York YMCA where she worked. She asked them to wear the poppy as a tribute to the fallen. That was November 1918. World War I was over, but America's sons would rest forever "in Flanders' Fields." Later she would spearhead a campaign that would result in the adoption of the poppy as the national symbol of sacrifice.

To learn more about the poppy program and poppy history, go to this link:
<https://www.alaforveterans.org/Poppy/>

Poppy contests will be announced in the October bulletin with complete instructions.

Mid-Year Reports

Mid-year reports reflect the program work of your unit. Each unit Poppy chairman should submit a narrative report by **December 15th, 2016** to me. It is requested that photos of select unit projects accompany these reports and units should follow their department's protocol and deadlines.

As part of your narrative report, please include answers to the following questions:

- How did your members promote the Poppy Program?
- How did your members increase poppy revenue?
- How did your members increase the number of poppy makers in your department?

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