



**Betty Butler
President
June Bulletin**

Well, this past year is slowly winding down. On May 20th I attended the 4th District meeting in Elizabethtown. On May 22nd I spoke briefly at the ceremony to replace all the flags at The Healing Field. If you missed it, you need to come to Lawrenceburg and see how beautiful it looks. I believe there was a representative of each part of the Legion family present.

Ladies, we still need to continue to work on MEMBERSHIP. At last count, we are at 88.1%. If everyone would sign up just one new member or get someone to renew, we could reach over 100%. Let's really step up our game. WE CAN DO IT!!!!

Department Convention is coming June 15-17 at the Crowne Plaza in Louisville. I hope to see you all there.

I have really enjoyed traveling around to all the Districts this past year, meeting wonderful people and enjoying some very good food!

Continue to pray for our troops wherever they may be.

God Bless America

Betty Butler

Department Headquarters
June 2017

By now you should have had your Unit elections which means you should have also submitted a list of your Units officers for the 2017-2018 year. This list is used to mail the monthly bulletins. If you don't send me your new list of officers, I can't mail you the monthly bulletins. If you don't get the monthly bulletins then how are you going to know what's going on?

The Units that have not sent their 2017/2018 list of officer are: 2, 9, 11, 12, 16, 17, 22, 23, 24, 26, 29, 30, 31, 40, 41, 45, 49, 61, 66, 72, 76, 79, 81, 87, 101, 109, 113, 116, 144, 157, 167, 176, 193, 219, 220, 276, 278, 283, 288, 341

The 2018 membership cards will be passed out at the State Convention. Please make arrangements for a Unit representative to pick up the cards. It gets very costly if they have to be mailed.

Hope to see you all at the Convention.

Jennifer



I am the Flag

I am the flag of the United States of America.

I was born on June 14, 1777, in Philadelphia.

There the Continental Congress adopted my stars and stripes as the national flag.

My thirteen stripes alternating red and white, with a union of thirteen white stars in a field of blue, represented a new constellation, a new nation dedicated to the personal and religious liberty of mankind.

Today fifty stars signal from my union, one for each of the fifty sovereign states in the greatest constitutional republic the world has ever known.

My colors symbolize the patriotic ideals and spiritual qualities of the citizens of my country.

My red stripes proclaim the fearless courage and integrity of American men and boys and the self-sacrifice and devotion of American mothers and daughters.

My white stripes stand for liberty and equality for all.

My blue is the blue of heaven, loyalty, and faith.

I represent these eternal principles: liberty, justice, and humanity.

I embody American freedom: freedom of speech, religion, assembly, the press, and the sanctity of the home.

I typify that indomitable spirit of determination brought to my land by Christopher Columbus and by all my forefathers - the Pilgrims, Puritans, settlers at James town and Plymouth.

I am as old as my nation.

I am a living symbol of my nation's law: The Constitution of the United States and the Bill of Rights.

I voice Abraham Lincoln's philosophy: "A government of the people, by the people, for the people."

I stand guard over my nation's schools, the seedbed of good citizenship and true patriotism.

I am displayed in every schoolroom throughout my nation; every schoolyard has a flag pole for my display.

Daily thousands upon thousands of boys and girls pledge their allegiance to me and my country.

I have my own law—Public Law 829, "The Flag Code" - which definitely states my correct use and display for all occasions and situations.

I have my special day, Flag Day. June 14 is set aside to honor my birth.

Americans, I am the sacred emblem of your country. I symbolize your birthright, your heritage of liberty purchased with blood and sorrow.

I am your title deed of freedom, which is yours to enjoy and hold in trust for posterity.

If you fail to keep this sacred trust inviolate, if I am nullified and destroyed, you and your children will become slaves to dictators and despots.

Eternal vigilance is your price of freedom.

As you see me silhouetted against the peaceful skies of my country, remind yourself that I am the flag of your country, that I stand for what you are - no more, no less.

Guard me well, lest your freedom perish from the earth.

Dedicate your lives to those principles for which I stand: "One nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

I was created in freedom. I made my first appearance in a battle for human liberty.

God grant that I may spend eternity in my "land of the free and the home of the brave" and that I shall ever be known as "Old Glory," the flag of the United States of America.



Where has the time gone? This year has flown by, and so, I thought I would leave you with one last flag tidbit. It has been an honor to be your Americanism chairman this year. Thank you for all your hard work.

Jerilynn Kabel
Americanism Chairman

Chaplain Bulletin – June 2017

As we near convention I would like to make a plea. Most district presidents are usually sitting near the front. When it is time for the memorial service, I would like to have you all sitting up front in order please. This way it will be easy to see who may not have made it. If for some reason you are not able to make it, please have a member represent you. I would like to show our respects for our deceased members and those who are dealing with the loss of those members by having things move along as smoothly as possible.

Thank you to all who communicated with Jennifer and myself so that hopefully we don't leave anyone out. If we happen to lose members at this late stage, you can either communicate those to me or turn them in on next year's so their names will be printed in the booklet.

Thank you for all who sent or are bringing prayers and inspirations to the convention. That is most appreciated. Also, I failed to send some cards to members and it was not done on purpose. My apologies to you if I missed sending you one. My love for our Auxiliary family runs deep and I would not purposefully do that. Know that my prayers are for those I know and don't know and I pray that whatever you have been through this year, you have not felt alone.

Thank you for all each of you does to help make our organization be what it is. The Best Women's Patriotic organization in the world showing love and kindness to all we encountered.

I look forward to seeing you all at Department Convention. My prayer is we all arrive there and back safely.

Department Chaplain

Bonita Robey

MEMBERSHIP JUNE BULLETIN



"Enhancing the Membership Experience" - National Theme
"Kentucky Racing Towards Number One in Membership" - Dept Theme

As we are winding our 2016-2017 year down, remember that any renewals we get still count toward this year. We are closer this year to our goal than we have been in a long time. Remember to make our volunteer service fun, not so serious. Working hard and having fun together as a Legion family is what attracts members and retains them. The personal contact is so important to our members and often just a quick phone call to check on them is all it takes to get a renewal dues in and a member back in the fold.

Since our last bulletin, I had the pleasure of attending the District 5 meeting and yet another great attendance for the ALA meeting. These are the trends that we need to keep going. Make those calls to your members that have not renewed.

ALL UNITS that are 100% or above at June Convention will be in a drawing for \$50 for their Unit! We have 27 Units at or above 100% now, so there are great odds to win.

Any member that has recruited a new member or helped get a renewal as of the Spring Conference until Department Convention on June 16 and that has sent me an email or note that says who they were and you will be entered into a drawing for a USA glitzy white ball cap - 10 will be given out. They were the hit of the Spring Conference. Spoiler Alert: There may be surprises at the Convention, so don't miss it.



As of this bulletin, June 1st, 2017, Department is at **88.7%** of goal and the District Rankings are:

Assmts		Assmts		Assmts	
District 8	102.3% All Paid	District 4	88.9% 4 to go	District 5	81.4% 1 to go
District 10	100.0% 2.5 to go	District 3	87.6% 1 to go	District 11	79.1% All Paid
District 7	96.4% 4 to go	District 2	85.5% 1 to go	District 9	76.4% 3 to go
District 6	94.5% 3 to go	District 1	83.8% 1 to go		

It has been a supreme honor to assist our Department and members with membership and I know that we will keep on driving forward with our message of "Service not Self". Our members in the Department of Kentucky have worked hard to attract and retain members and it shows in our results. We rank 21st in the nation for our percentage of our goal, very good. In the Southern Division we are at: Rank 6th out of 14. Well done ALA of Kentucky!!!!

For God and Country, Service Not Self

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KENTUCKY - RACING TOWARDS #1 IN MEMBERSHIP 6/1/2017



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	33	29	88.1	35	30	85.7	42	21	13	62.1	22	13	59.1	7	141	143	101.7	148	150	101.4	66	10	12	120.3	11	16	145.5
31	112	80	71.6	118	81	68.6	49	22	20	91.1	23	20	87.0	8	116	83	71.7	122	84	68.9	152	21	14	66.8	22	16	72.7
68	36	33	91.9	38	35	92.1	81	412	364	88.4	434	382	88.0	24	44	36	82.0	46	59	128.3	283	10	8	80.2	11	12	109.1
72	24	21	87.7	25	21	84.0	82	73	60	82.4	77	63	81.8	30	12	10	83.5	13	10	76.9	Tot	41	34	83.1	44	44	100.0
74	11	10	91.1	12	16	133.3	87	23	10	43.6	24	10	41.7	67	91	79	87.0	96	92	95.8	DISTRICT 11						
85	17	16	94.4	18	18	100.0	101	14	12	85.9	15	12	80.0	79	76	75	98.9	80	85	106.3	Unit	Ren Goal	Ren Pd	Ren%	Tot Goal	Tot Pd	Tot %
116	51	35	68.8	54	36	66.7	113	457	403	88.2	481	453	94.2	132	32	33	103.4	34	39	114.7	16	28	17	60.9	29	20	69.0
144	13	10	77.1	14	10	71.4	121	63	54	85.9	66	57	86.4	165	45	39	86.9	47	42	89.4	38	93	80	86.2	98	83	84.7
217	95	94	99.2	100	104	104.0	124	84	72	85.9	88	75	85.2	176	12	13	108.6	13	13	100.0	88	102	73	71.7	107	86	80.4
236	57	45	79.1	60	46	76.7	148	65	56	86.4	68	73	107.4	257	45	35	78.0	47	41	87.2	115	83	56	67.6	87	65	74.7
Tot	448	373	83.3	474	397	83.8	157	134	107	80.1	141	114	80.9	313	77	72	93.7	81	82	101.2	Tot	305	226	74.0	321	254	79.1
DISTRICT 2							167	39	28	72.0	41	34	82.9	341	53	50	94.6	56	58	103.6	HEADQUARTERS						
Unit	Ren Goal	Ren Pd	Ren%	Tot Goal	Tot Pd	Tot %	247	11	10	91.1	12	10	83.3	Tot	742	668	90.0	783	755	96.4	Unit	Ren Goal	Ren Pd	Ren%	Tot Goal	Tot Pd	Tot %
2	19	13	68.6	20	13	65.0	288	36	36	100.3	38	44	115.8	Tot	1452	1245	85.7	1530	1360	88.9	200	25	73	292.0	27	77	285.2
6	124	110	88.9	130	114	87.7	DISTRICT 5							Unit	Ren Goal	Ren Pd	Ren%	Tot Goal	Tot Pd	Tot %							
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243	24	23	96.1	25	25	100.0	193	178	142	80.0	187	153	81.8	301	20	15	75.2	21	15	71.4	Tot	249	250	100.2	262	268	102.3
289	10	8	80.0	10	12	120.0	201	149	112	75.4	156	113	72.4	DISTRICT 9													
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23	71	59	83.3	75	63	84.0	Tot	716	579	80.8	753	613	81.4	76	141	51	36.3	148	51	34.5	4	73	49	67.3	77	51	66.2
29	59	50	85.0	62	54	87.1	DISTRICT 6							126	38	37	97.6	40	42	105.0	276	16	17	106.5	17	21	123.5
61	38	26	68.6	40	32	80.0	Unit	Ren Goal	Ren Pd	Ren%	Tot Goal	Tot Pd	Tot %	138	59	58	98.6	62	61	98.4	11	64	45	70.5	67	50	74.6
62	105	102	97.4	110	104	94.5	4	73	49	67.3	77	51	66.2	276	16	17	106.5	17	21	123.5	20	65	66	101.8	68	79	116.2
202	33	27	82.0	35	29	82.9	11	64	45	70.5	67	50	74.6	325	75	57	76.2	79	64	81.0	41	74	63	85.3	78	72	92.3
Tot	305	264	86.5	322	282	87.6	20	65	66	101.8	68	79	116.2	342	46	39	85.0	48	41	85.4	109	9	10	111.4	9	10	111.1
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Community Service Bulletin

June 2017

Lisa Norvell Chair, E-Mail lisadnorvell@live.com

I know you have all been very busy working within your Communities to help its members have better lives. I just want to remind you to please keep track of all the hours you spend this summer helping our communities celebrate, grow and thrive. REPORT those activities next year so the rest of our Organization will know how hard KENTUCKY works to make our Communities a better place to live. Members that volunteer within our communities should report their hours.

We have 85 Units in the Department of Kentucky. I can only imagine what our numbers would be if more than 15% reported. Less than 18% of our members report involvement in their Communities. I am certain that every one of our members contribute in some way to the welfare of their home towns.

I have received a few reports that have described wonderful projects but they did not include a total of hours donated, the amount of money spent or donated, and the number of members involved with the projects. I was not able to go through each narrative and pick out the numbers I needed to send to Division and National. I only had 13 reports at year end and I know every one of our Units and their members do something in their Communities.

GOD BLESS AMERICA AND ALL WHO SERVE

Thank you for allowing me to serve as your Community Service Chair this year.

Lisa

Hello Ladies

Hope this note finds you all well. Wanted to let you all know a little of what the Dept of KY juniors have been up to. The girls at spring conference made survival bags for a local fire house and police station, with the help of National President Mary Davis. This was made possible by the sale of items sold at the snack shack and sale of flag pins, bake sale they were able to pay for pizza for the fire station. After visiting both places, which you can find pictures on the Department of Kentucky juniors face book page. Please use this page to post your units activities, pictures etc... We all can learn from each other .We went to a park for a little exercise and fun time and ice cream was had. All of this was paid for by the activities that the Dept juniors held. Which we would like to THANK YOU for your support.

Junior meeting will be on Friday June 16, 9:30 a.m.

We will have nominations and elections for new officers .

It has been a great year and I look forward to working with all of you next year.

You will find a permission slip in the newsletter for the parents of the juniors to complete for the outing at Dept Convention

If any units would like to donate to the ice cream social, Sat outing monetary donations will be accepted also

Thank You
Tracy Saunders
Junior Chair
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June Poppy Bulletin

May was Poppy month and our Units did an outstanding job promoting the message of the poppy. Some photos of Units promoting their poppy program are included in this bulletin.

For those that didn't see this in last month's bulletin: The Department Poppy contests judged at Spring Conference were: Best Poppy Hat and Poppy Poster Contest. The winners of the Poppy Hat contest were: Lynda Mayernick and Connie Sipple.

The Spring Conference winner of the Poppy Lotion Gift Set was drawn and one lucky conference attendee won.

There were two submissions for the Poppy Poster contest from Unit 113 in two divisions. Each poster was forwarded to National to be judged against all Posters in the nation.

The contests for the June Convention are:

Best Poppy Presentation: No tags, no netting or ribbons. The poppy must be the predominant theme for the display. One award given for both best Junior and Senior presentation. Be very creative. Judging will be at June Convention.

Most Outstanding Poppy Program: Follow the National Guidelines below for the best Poppy Program. There will be trophies for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place along with certificates from Department. Due to Department Chairman by May 1, 2017.

I am honored to have served as your Poppy Chairman this year and thank you for the opportunity.

For God and Country

Kim Ball
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Unit 113 Poppy Posters

To: ALA National and Department Leadership
Re: ALA 9/11 Service Project Grant Opportunities – ALA will award 50 grants of \$1,000 each.
Applications due June 30th !

9/11 National Day of Service Grant Projects – 1-time opportunity to apply for an American Legion Auxiliary \$1,000 service project grant!

Application DEADLINE June 30! Time's really tight, here's the scoop:

The American Legion Auxiliary has just been awarded a CNCS grant to make 50 awards of \$1,000 each for 9/11 National Day of Service Projects.

Grants will be awarded for service projects and 9/11 remembrance activities that must take place between Friday, September 8, 2017 and Wednesday, September 13, 2017. Each grant of \$1,000 requires a \$250 cash or in-kind services match (making the grant total \$1,250 on paper.) Applications are due June 30th !

The application and instructions/guidelines are attached. The application isn't difficult – it's a 3-page fillable form. For the \$250 required match, you can show donated goods or a \$250 additional cash contribution as the match. It's pretty simple. Also, The American Legion, Sons, and other nonprofit organizations or schools can apply for an ALA 9/11 Service project grant, but they must show that they are collaborating with an American Legion Auxiliary unit, district/county, or department.

The 9/11 service projects must benefit veterans, military, and their families and engage ALA and community volunteers, meaning on average each project should involve about 30 community members and project beneficiaries. The service projects must benefit veterans, military and their families to address veterans' community needs such as reintegration, employment, higher education, housing and community facility improvement, and youth civics education. Each service project must also incorporate a reflection activity around the September 11th attacks on the United States.

Funding was awarded to the American Legion Auxiliary by the Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS). The 9/11 National Day of Service honors the sacrifice of those who lost their lives on September 11, 2001 or who rose in service as a result of that tragedy. The ALA Foundation will be approving the individual grant awards via an expedited process on behalf of the ALA. Both National President Mary Davis and ALA Foundation Board President Linda Boone are excited at this unexpected opportunity. We know the time frame is short – but it's a great opportunity and a very easy way to apply for \$1,000 that can be used to help spruce up a Legion post or Auxiliary facility.

9/11 Day of Service Project options and examples include:

a) Helping military families that have recently moved into the community feel supported such as: a) a "service providers fair" that brings together services providers so that veterans and military families can meet people who provide such services as childcare, crisis management, education, employment, financial advice, tax preparation services, food aid, housing help, homelessness aid, insurance, legal assistance, mental health and substance abuse services, etc; b) a meet-and-greet with community leaders to give advice on living in the area; c) a "town hall" type Q&A event with community leaders; or d) a combination of any of these.

b) Hosting a job fair and sessions to help veterans and military families hone their employment skills provide one-on-one advisory sessions to veterans, transitioning servicemembers, and military spouses seeking employment; provide resume review, mock interviews, tips for workplace collegiality, small group training in workforce "soft skills

c) Helping new veterans going to college understand their higher education benefits present a fall semester kick-off event for recipients of the GI Bill, offer information sessions on using their GI Bill benefits and additional veterans benefits, and making connections to off-campus resources, including volunteer opportunities in the community.

d) Helping with home, post, and community facility improvement and beautification projects (yes, this includes Legion posts and ALA facilities!)

a hands-on work day to improve dwelling(s), a community facility utilized by or commemorating veterans, servicemembers, and their families; make light repairs, adaptations, or beautification to exteriors and/or interiors of residences and community facilities such as veterans' memorial parks or veterans' posts.

e) Presentation to youth about civics, service, honoring our veterans and military veterans visit elementary and secondary schools to speak to students about service and remembrance, as well as the military and veteran experience; engage veterans who served post-9/11 as volunteers, following the lesson plans about September 11 developed by MyGoodDeed, Inc., and adapting those presentations to include their own "living history" .

Grant Period: Grant awards will be available on a one-time, non-renewable basis for a budget period not to exceed five (5) months, beginning early July. Funded activities must occur between Friday, September 8, 2017 and Wednesday, September 13, 2017.

The grant application is pretty self-explanatory. To help raise your comfort level to quickly complete and submit a grant application, the ALA will host 3 conference calls to talk about the process and answer any questions. You must pre-register to be on a call; see details in the attached instructions.

The ALA 9/11 Day of Service grant project began as an initiative of the ALA Centennial Strategic Plan Goal 1 Team, so congrats that another Goal 1 idea is coming to fruition!

This new, very limited grant opportunity follows the recent announcement shared at the ALA Department Leadership National Conference that, after nearly 8 years, the ALA Call to Service VISTA program is coming to an end. The final grant will expire on July 31, 2017. We appreciate those ALA entities that took advantage of this special program. Watch for an upcoming article about the achievements of the ALA Call to Service program in Auxiliary magazine.

Please circulate and share information about this terrific 9/11 Day of Service \$1000 grant opportunity. We're informing Legion NHQ. It doesn't get much easier to ask for \$1,000. Applications MUST be submitted by June 30th ! Happy form filling – thanks!



Unit 233 Poppy Drive



Unit 20 Presenting Poppy to Mayor of Elsmere