



## Department President's Bulletin #7

June 2021

June has arrived. I hoped you are all gearing up for Department Convention. I am looking forward to seeing all of you and reading about all the wonderful our units have done over the past two years in the Book of Reports. Please, if you have not done, communicate all the deceased members from June of 2019 until now to Department Secretary Jennifer Mullins and Department Chaplain April Ward. We want to remember them during our Memorial Service on Friday, June 18<sup>th</sup>.

Our meeting is slated to start on that Friday morning at 10am so please, please be ready to start on time. Past National Officers, Past Department Presidents, District Presidents and Department Officers, remember there is a processional just before the opening of the convention so please meet in the back of the room and be ready at 10am. Current Department Officers, (and any member who would like to attend) we are invited to attend the opening joint session at 8:30am on that Friday morning. I would like all of you to meet me towards the front of the room by 8:20am. Your attendance is greatly appreciated.

We will have our final Centennial Celebration on Friday. Our guests will be our Juniors, the head table from the American Legion, The Legion Riders Director, and the Sons of the American Legion Squadron Commander. When they come in we will do our first part of celebrating so come ready to enjoy yourself and have a fun, relaxing time. Fun because we need that and because it is always fun when there is music, laughter and awards given. The Fifth District, led by District President Melanie Kraus hosts this convention and the Department Membership Team are your hosts for the Centennial Celebration.

Until we are together again, remember we are:

**One Family, One Mission, One Voice**

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## KENTUCKY ALA AMERICANISM JUNE BULLETIN

We have come to the conclusion of our yearly meetings for 2020-2021. The last two Auxiliary years have been trying and we are through the worst of it. I am proud to announce that we had a couple Units put in for the Dorothy Pearl National Americanism program award and I am hopeful. These Units have put forth tremendous effort during the worst of times.

We had four Department Americanism Essay winners. Fifteen Units turned in their Americanism reports and all will be receiving certificates for their good work. Two lucky Units that participated and reported their 100 Celebration activities will be receiving \$100 each, drawing to be held at convention.

You don't want to miss Convention as there are many surprises planned and even more, you get to see friendly faces that have missed you during the pandemic. There will be some fun activities and just maybe some impromptu prizes!

Keep working your Americanism programs as they can be done virtually or in person. For example, encourage people to vote in state and local elections, give flag appreciation certificates to people that display their flag properly in your community, for the new Americanism Essay contest, start talking it up to schools on their Facebook pages or by calling them. Host flag etiquette ceremonies and classes in person or on Facebook live. Support your American Legion programs. There is so much we can do to promote Americanism. It is up to us to educate our youth by example.

Thank you for allowing me to serve as your Americanism Chairman and 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President during the past two years. During these times of uncertainty and political unrest in the world, the Auxiliary fills me with pride that we keep our focus on our mission and work towards a better Auxiliary; service not self.

Nancy Moses  
Americanism Chairman



June 2021  
Headquarters

The Department Convention will be held June 18 & 19, 2021 , at the Crowne Plaza in Louisville.

The membership cards will be passed out at the Department Convention. Please have a Unit representative there to receive your 2022 membership cards.

Unit officers – if you have not sent me your 2021-2022 unit officers, please complete the form and return it back to me. This is what is used to make the mailing list for the monthly bulletins. The form is included in this set of bulletins.

Unit dues – The deadline for changing the unit dues rate has passed. If you need to update the dues amount the fee will be \$30.00 to have it changed. The first renewal notice sent from National will go out in September. If you have not sent me the Unit Dues Form please complete and send it to me. I must have that form to update your membership chairman and the remit to address for the Unit dues.

ALA MIS USERS – if you have not paid your invoice for your Unit's ALA MIS access, please send me a check. The Department still has to pay the amount due. If you do not submit your payment to Department your access will be locked.

I hope to see you at the Department Convention!

Jennifer

HOUSING REQUEST FORM  
102nd NATIONAL CONVENTION  
HYATT REGENCY PHOENIX  
122 NORTH SECOND STREET  
PHOENIX, ARIZONA 85004  
AUGUST 27 - SEPTEMBER 2, 2021

Please reserve the following accommodation checks for \_\_\_\_\_ persons.

\_\_\_\_\_ King - \$123.00 \_\_\_\_\_ Queen (two Beds) - \$123.00

Tax Rate: 12.57%  
Rollaway rate per day \$20

**DEADLINE FOR RESERVATIONS: JULY 19, 2021**

Minimum of 3 consecutive night's occupancy required.  
Minimum deposit (tax included) of **\$415.38 plus Registration Fees**  
due with this Housing Request.

I (we) will arrive on (Date) \_\_\_\_\_ (time) \_\_\_\_\_

I (we) will depart on (Date) \_\_\_\_\_ (time) \_\_\_\_\_

**\$25.00 required registration for each adult occupant**

**EVERYONE EXPECTING TO RECEIVE THEIR CONVENTION CREDENTIALS MUST**  
**PRE-REGISTER IN ADVANCE OF THEIR ARRIVAL IN PHOENIX**

Enclosed herewith is my check, made payable to:  
THE AMERICAN LEGION OF KENTUCKY, INC.,  
for \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse's first name if attending \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

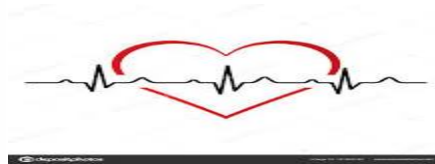
Telephone No. (Bus.) \_\_\_\_\_ (Res.) \_\_\_\_\_

American Legion Post or Unit No. \_\_\_\_\_

**MAIL CHECK TO: The American Legion of Kentucky  
Larry Abshire, Department Adjutant  
P.O. Box 2123  
Louisville, KY 40201**



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



## June 2021 Membership Bulletin

Hello Auxiliary Family,

The Membership Team would like to thank everyone for the privilege to serve our Members, Veterans and our Department. **It has been a pleasure getting to know you. Congratulations to all the Units for your hard work.** Department membership is currently at 85.74% and our units have added 241 new members! We would love for Team Kentucky to be at 100% for National Convention! **Therefore, we only have until July 27<sup>th</sup> to reach our goal before National Convention. Thank you to all units who have been working on 2020 and 2021 dues!**

**Our chance to win \$100 for 100% in Membership drawing will be done at our June Convention. This incentive is for all Units that reached 100% by 5-27-21. We are also offering a special award for the unit that has the highest % increase from 4-19-21 until 6-1-21, to be presented at our June Convention by Madame President Bonita.** As restrictions are being loosened and posts are starting to do more activities, all units need to work a little harder on collecting Membership.

**Check in on your members, Veterans and their families!**

**Please make sure your VA&R assessments are paid to qualify for awards!! (this includes the 100% drawing and the Special Gift Award). Operating Assessments are also due.**

We 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 make sure all your members are informed that they can pay their dues online @ [alaforveterans.org](http://alaforveterans.org), by phone to National 1-317-569-4564 or by paying to their unit and the unit sending dues and transmittal to Department. Do not send any paperwork to National because it needs to go through Department.**

**Tools are in place to help you at; [alaforveterans.org](http://alaforveterans.org) and our Department Membership Facebook page @ ALA Dept. of KY Membership. If you need help or have questions please feel free to reach out to the Membership Team!**

**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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