



Kentucky American Legion Auxiliary
September 2022 Bulletin
Auxiliary President

Thank you for what you do! Your dedication and love for our Veterans are amazing and makes our Legion family a great success!

Our American Legion Family 2022-23 theme is: "Together in Service to Veterans" and our member focus will be on "Making Memories – Bring a friend and have some fun".

Together in Service to Veterans is to re-energize our love for our programs and re-focus our support to help them grow. There will be workshops throughout the year about our programs for the community and our members to learn about the exciting things our Auxiliary does.

Our special project that is within the State of Kentucky is the Kentucky Veterans Hall of Fame. This program inducts numerous living and deceased Veterans each year that have excelled in serving their Country and communities in which they live in. We will hear more about this program at our October conference.

We have specific goals in mind for Auxiliary programs that will be shared at the October conference and in our upcoming bulletins. This is your chance to see real life results by making a difference.

Our members love our Veterans and have dedicated a large portion of their time to the American Legion Family. Simply put, our members are AMAZING!! What I have witnessed throughout my years in active Legion family service is that many of the same members give and give until they have lost their energy and passion or "shine". The last two plus pandemic years have increased the pressure and we have lost many loved ones. The 2022-23 Legion Family year is going to be focused on re-charging our passion for our Veterans and our mission, and recognizing our members that work tirelessly! We will provide resources to assist, activities to energize, and surprises to delight!! I can't wait to work alongside all the talented individuals.

We will be focusing on having fun, engaging potential members and supporting our local posts. You will hear more about this from our fantastic membership person, Sarah Henderson. There will be contests and prizes (you know me) for rewarding our members.

I hope this excites you as much as it does myself and our leadership. What I need from you is your commitment of your time, resources and heart to make this year the best ever. Thank you for your time and your dedication to our Veterans! Hope to see you at Fall Conference in October!

For God and Country

Nancy Moses
American Legion Auxiliary
Department President
2022-23



Public Relations
2022-2023

Public Relations promotes Who we are, What we do, and Why we matter.

After President Nancy has held her workshop September 17th, I will be sharing lots of ideas for members and units, the Public Relation Member & Unit Awards, how to sheets, resources you can use, deadlines for mid and year end reports, and you will be sharing all the great things that you do for our veterans, military, & their families. I am honored to be your Public Relations chairman this year and I am looking forward to a great year.

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CHILD WELFARE
SEPTEMBER 2022

Hello Ladies,

Welcome to the "New" Auxiliary year!! I am so looking forward to this coming Workshop and Homecoming! I wish could attend. I know everyone has a life, so I hope to see you at Fall Conference!

At our Conference I will have a surprise guest!! Please make her feel welcome. 😊

I plan to have plenty of Poppy Aprons. The cost is \$20.00. All proceeds will go to Child Welfare! We almost reached our goal of \$5,00.00 dollars last year, maybe this year we can!! Thanks to everyone for your support!

Dee Schutz
Child Welfare Chairman



Children & Youth
September 2022

Greetings members:

Just want to say a quick thank you to all and say keep up the good works for the Children & Youth program. I've seen a lot of good things some of you are doing.

I was asked by Life Touch Pictures, the people that take school pictures in our area, if we could make a donation of school supplies to be taken to the flood victims. I donated all the school supplies that I had that was left over from our Backpack program. We will start collecting more school supplies and bringing it to the conferences and will always have items on hand for donating.

Again, keep up the good works and looking forward to seeing everyone again in October, seems so far away. If there is anything I can do to assist any of you, please feel free to contact me. Stay safe and God Bless you all.

Joyce Justice
Children & Youth Chairman



Constitution & Bylaws Bulletin – September 2022

What's the Difference?

For a new unit member (and even some who have been around for years), reviewing and/or amending the Constitution and Bylaws and Standing Rules can be very confusing. What should the Constitution contain vs the Bylaws? What should be included in the Standing Rules? Let's start this year with good definitions and discussion about the three levels of organization rules.

Constitution

Historically, the constitution contains the organization rules that should be the most difficult to amend. Articles to include in the Constitution are the Organization Name (unit name), the Organization's objective or nature, membership eligibility, a listing of officer titles that the organization will use, and information regarding the unit's meetings (how many meetings per year or a designated annual meeting month).

A constitution might also include articles on the Executive Committee, the Fiscal Year, and how amendments to the constitution itself will be made. It is important to note that the articles written in a constitution are written at a very high level. Just as importantly to note, articles in the Unit Constitution should align and waterfall from the National-level Constitution. Department and District Constitutions should align as well. If the Unit Constitution does not align with National, then National's Constitution will take precedence. The Constitution should be reviewed regularly but should be changed infrequently and with care. It only takes one simple word to change the entire meaning of an article.

Bylaws

The Bylaws of a Unit are used to place limitations on the powers of the assembly. The Unit Bylaws have a direct bearing on the rights of the organization's members. Bylaws should include articles for when meetings are held, how to apply for membership, rules concerning membership dues, election process, officer/executive board duties, transfers, committees, convention delegates, discipline and rule enforcement, parliamentary authority and how the bylaws can be amended. In the unit, the only document that can supersede the bylaws is the constitution.

Standing Rules

The standing rules of the Unit are used to help you operate throughout the year. They should be easier to amend or rescind – at least temporarily – to help the unit function. Standing rules can include how funds are accounted for, special programs, officers permitted to sign checks, reimbursement rules, etc. They can even outline who can or cannot send flowers for ill or deceased members. These rules are owned by the Unit. A standing rule cannot be written in such a manner that it reverses or changes any articles in the Constitution or Bylaws. A standing rule cannot permit an illegal act.

As always, if you would like to send your Constitution & Bylaws to our committee, please feel free to email them Jennifer at aladepaux@yahoo.com and she will forward to the Constitution & Bylaws Committee. If you need help clarifying your unit's bylaws or anything in Robert's Rules, please feel free to email me directly at loriacuff@gmail.com.

The Constitution & Bylaws Committee

MEMBERSHIP MEMORY REPORT 09-01-2022





September 2022
Headquarters

The Fall Conference is right around the corner. It will be held in Florence at the Cincinnati Airport Hilton, October 22, 2022. You can make reservations by calling 859-371-4400.

Membership – please do not hold membership. You can now send new members in for 2023.

DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN:

Per the standing rules of the Department Constitution and Bylaws, all Department Chairmen are required to have at least 3 bulletins during the year (with the exception of membership). The deadline to get your bulletin to me is the 20th of each month. These bulletins are a vital way to get information to the units.

Dept. President Nancy's workshop and homecoming will be September 17, 2022. I look forward to seeing you there!

Stay Safe!

Jennifer