

Betty Butler
President, Dept of Ky.
May 2017

Whew what a busy month April has been. I went to Martin, Ky for their District meeting on 4/2/17. Unit 34's Easter Egg Hunt was 4/9/17. I hope everyone had a very Happy Easter.

Spring Conference was 4/14-4/15/17 in Florence. We had 82 Seniors to register and 7 Juniors. That was a good turnout. The National President and the Southern Division National Vice President enjoyed their visit here. A big thanks to Kathy Daudistal and her crew who took them to a homeless shelter and several other places in Northern Kentucky. I believe they even stuffed some Easter baskets for homeless children.

We need to work on membership really hard right now. You might want to pick a night, get several members together and call the ones that have not paid their dues yet to see if they are going to pay or if they have been sick then the Unit may decide to pay their dues. As of the last notice, Kentucky is a little over 85%. Let's try to reach 100%. WE CAN DO IT!!!!

State Convention is June 15-17 at the Crowne Plaza in Louisville. I hope to see you there. We will have a lot going on with reports, voting on delegates to the National Convention and of course, swearing in the next Department President.

If I can help you in any way, please give me a call at 502-600-1480.

Continue to pray for our servicemen and women wherever they may be.

Betty Butler

Headquarters
May 2017

Happy Mother's Day!

I hope you all have made plans to attend the Department Convention.

In this set of bulletins you will find a resolution that will be brought to the Convention body.

Department Officers, Chairman, and District Presidents's , I must have your report for the Book of Reports on or before May 31, 2017.

Please remember to send me your Unit officers for year 2017-2018 This list is used to update the mailing list for the bulletins.

The 2018 membership cards will be passed out at the State Convention. If you are not planning on attending the Convention then you MUST make arrangements for your District President to pick them up.

I have received endorsements for the following Department Officers:

President – Patty Martinez (Unit 34)

1st Vice President – Jerilynn Kabel (Unit 113)

2nd Vice President – Bonita Robey (Unit 202)

Chaplain – Karen Toll (Unit 203)

Historian – Charity Perez (Unit 233)

Hope to see you at the State Convention!

Jennifer

Hardin Unit 113
American Legion Auxiliary
Department of Kentucky
Elizabethtown, KY

RESOLUTION

Whereas, the American Legion Auxiliary's governing body between National Convention is the National Executive Committee; and

Whereas, the National Executive Committee is composed of the elected National Officers and a representative from each of the 52 Departments, and

Whereas, the manner of selection and qualification for the position of National Executive Committeewoman is determined by the Department that they represent, and

Whereas, the selection of these individuals has historically been by the progression from service as Department President to National Executive Committeewoman the individual serving a single one year term, and

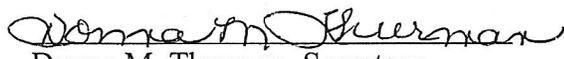
Whereas, efforts are needed to improve the stability and knowledge of the National Executive Committee members by encouraging continuity in the position of National Executive Committeewoman, and

Whereas, 24 Departments have revised their constitutions to provide for the election of the National Executive Committeewoman to a multi-year term and to allow re-election to the position.

Be it resolved by Hardin Unit 113, American Legion Auxiliary Department of Kentucky, in regular meeting assembled this 13th of April, 2017, that amendment of the Department Constitution Article IV Section 2 and Bylaws Article III Section 8 as attached be accepted and forwarded to the 2017 Department Convention for consideration by the delegates in an effort to strengthen the effectiveness of the National Executive Committee and better represent the sentiments of the Department's members in the deliberations of the National Executive Committee; and

Be it further resolved, that the adopted resolution be forwarded to the Department Secretary for distribution of amendments as required by Article VI of the Department Constitution.

Adopted this 13th day of April, 2017.


Donna M. Thurman, Secretary


Diane M. Kennedy, President

Hardin Unit 113
American Legion Auxiliary
Department of Kentucky
Elizabethtown, KY

ATTACHMENT 1

Proposed Amendments regarding the election, term, and duties of the National Executive Committeewoman

Article IV Section 2

Current reading

The officers of the American Legion Auxiliary, except the Secretary Treasurer shall be elected at the annual Department Convention by a majority vote cast. The retiring President shall become the National Executive Committee Woman, and the retiring National Executive Committeewoman shall become the Alternate National Executive Committeewoman.

Proposed reading

Delete the second sentence of Section 2 and create a new section 3 which reads as follows:

Beginning with the 2018 Department Convention and at subsequent conventions held in even numbered years, the National Executive Committeewoman shall be elected by majority vote for a term of two years. The National Executive Committeewoman shall be eligible for re-election to a maximum of three (3) consecutive terms.

Each outgoing Department President shall serve as the Alternate National Executive Committeewoman for a term of one (1) year. In the event that the outgoing Department President is elected to serve as National Executive Committeewoman; the prior year's Alternate National Executive Committeewoman shall serve a second year.

Renumber the current section 3 to become section 4.

Article III Section 8

Current reading

Section 8. National Executive Committeewoman: It shall be the duty of the National Executive Committeewoman to serve as the Chairman of the National Security Committee. She shall be an ex-officio member of the Girls State Committee.

Proposed reading.

The National Executive Committeewoman shall be an ex-officio member of the Girls State Committee.



MEMBERSHIP MAY BULLETIN



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

May 29th is Memorial Day, a day of remembrance for those who have died in the service of our Country. National Poppy Day launches May 26, 2017. The American Legion Family will launch National Poppy Day on Friday, May 26, as a way to honor U.S. service members, from the battlefields of France in WWI a century ago, to today's War on Terror. Wear a poppy in remembrance.

If you didn't attend the Spring Conference, you really missed out on some great membership goodies and prizes. The ALA had a little over 80 registered and had a great turnout. The ALA National President and Vice President visited our fine Department and gave us words of praise, encouragement and wisdom. We also got to hear from our American Legion National Commander and his inspiring words.

Since our last bulletin, I had the pleasure of attending the District 7 meeting and what great attendance for the ALA meeting, about 20 members in attendance. It was a great meeting and District 7 was in third place for membership on that day. The race is getting so exciting as more and more renewals are coming in and the Districts are oh so close. Keep up the great work ALA and drive faster. Department is at XX% and still have a couple of months to get membership in. 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 22 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 this bulletin until Department Convention on June 16, send 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.



-----Units that have not paid their VA&R and Operating Assessments to Department will be either getting a call from me, email from me or letter depending on the contact information I have on your officers and Unit. I have already contacted several and have gotten results. District Presidents should be reaching out to your Units to remind them about assessments and ALSO to help them with membership. Look at the membership grid to see who has not paid and see if they can get them in. These assessments help fund the Department programs and conferences.....

As of this bulletin, May 1st, 2017, Department is at **86.0%** of goal and the District Rankings are:

Assmts		Assmts		Assmts	
District 8	101.9% All Paid	District 10	86.4% 3 to go	District 5	79.7% 1 to go
District 6	92.6% 3 to go	District 2	84.3% 1 to go	District 11	77.3% All Paid
District 7	90.8% 4 to go	District 3	83.7% 1 to go	District 9	75.4% 3 to go
District 4	86.6% 4 to go	District 1	83.3% 1 to go		

DO NOT HOLD YOUR MEMBERSHIP!!!!! (try and send in weekly) -- WE NEED YOUR HELP!!!

For God and Country, Service Not Self

Membership Team

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DEPARTMENT OF KENTUCKY LEGISLATIVE BULLETIN MAY 2017

Hello Ladies,

The Legion is asking all members of Congress to sign on as co-sponsors of The American Legion 100th Anniversary Commemorative Coin Act, which would authorize the U.S. Mint to make a commemorative coin for the Legion's centennial. ALA members are being asked to make 6 phone calls (2 to each of their elected officials) to ask them to serve as an original co-sponsor. It's expected to take a total of 12-30 minutes. Attached is a document with instructions (including a script) for you to share and act on; it is as easy as 1-2-3!

Send any questions or feedback to legislative@ALAforVeterans.org. For more information about the coin, visit: <http://bit.ly/TALCoinInfo>

Thank you for your time and efforts and I hope to see everyone at the Department Convention in June!

Department of Kentucky
Legislative Chairman
Patty Martinez



American Legion Auxiliary

In the Spirit of Service Not Self for Veterans, God and Country

Legislative Alert: Action Needed TODAY

In honor of The American Legion's 100th anniversary, the Legion Family is hoping to mark the occasion with a commemorative coin from the U.S. Mint. The coins will raise public awareness and the proceeds from their sale will benefit the Legion's programs.

Congress only authorizes the minting of two coins per year, so we need your help! The Legion is trying to get as many co-sponsors for this bill as possible. The bill has not yet been introduced; refer to it as The American Legion 100th Anniversary Commemorative Coin Act.

You can help by contacting your representative and senators today! It's as easy as 1-2-3.

1. Look up the contact information for your elected officials at:
<http://capwiz.com/legion/dbg/officials/> Enter your ZIP code and click GO. Click on your official's photo and then the Contact tab.
2. Call both their DC and a district office, using the below script, for your representative and each senator. (This will be six calls.) The person on the phone may ask for some information to verify that you're a constituent at the end of the call. If no one is available to take your call, be sure to leave a voicemail.

For your representative: Hello. I'm calling to ask that the representative become an original co-sponsor of The American Legion 100th Anniversary Commemorative Coin Act. To sign on, please contact Chris Bennett in Representative Walz's office.

For your senators: Hello. I'm calling to ask that the senator become an original co-sponsor of The American Legion 100th Anniversary Commemorative Coin Act. To sign on, please contact Kevin Marsh in Senator Young's office.

3. Ask your friends to call as well. They do not have to be Auxiliary members or connected to the Legion Family.

Send any questions or feedback to legislative@ALAforVeterans.org. For more information about the coin, visit: <http://bit.ly/TALCoinInfo>

Americanism

Monday, May 29

May is the month we all see ALA members at local stores, services and parades, usually handing out that little red crepe paper flower...the poppy, but, **Did You Know?** Each year on Memorial Day a national moment of remembrance takes place at 3:00 p.m. local time. **Memorial Day**, originally called Decoration Day, is a day of remembrance for those who have died in service of the United States of America. It is unclear where exactly this tradition originated; numerous different communities may have independently initiated the memorial gatherings. Nevertheless, in 1966 the federal government declared Waterloo, New York, the official birthplace of Memorial Day. Waterloo—which had first celebrated the day on May 5, 1866—was chosen because it hosted an annual, community-wide event, during which businesses closed and residents decorated the graves of soldiers with flowers and flags.

According to the Department of Veterans Affairs: Many people confuse Memorial Day and Veterans Day. Memorial Day is a day for remembering and honoring military personnel who died in the service of their country, particularly those who died in battle or as a result of wounds sustained in battle. While those who died are also remembered, Veterans Day is the day set aside to thank and honor ALL those who served honorably in the military — in wartime or peacetime. In fact, Veterans Day is largely intended to thank LIVING veterans for their service, to acknowledge that their contributions to our national security are appreciated, and to underscore the fact that all those who served — not only those who died — have sacrificed and done their duty.

Veterans Day and Memorial Day have different histories. The first official observance of Memorial Day was May 28, 1868, when flowers were placed on the graves of Union and Confederate soldiers at Arlington National Cemetery. According to the Department of Veterans Affairs: The ceremonies centered around the mourning-draped veranda of the Arlington mansion, once the home of Gen. Robert E. Lee. Various Washington officials, including Gen. and Mrs. Ulysses S. Grant, presided over the ceremonies. After speeches, children from the Soldiers' and Sailors' Orphan Home and members of the GAR [Grand Army of the Republic] made their way through the cemetery, strewing flowers on both Union and Confederate graves, reciting prayers and singing hymns. After World War I, the holiday was extended to **all** soldiers who had fallen in all American wars.

Wear a poppy on Memorial Day and please remember, it's never too late to Thank a Veteran!

For God and Country
Jerilynn Kabel
Americanism Chairman



May Chaplain Bulletin

Greetings ladies. As we near the end of this fiscal year, I would like to remind you if your unit has experienced the loss of members between last June and now, please send the name of that member to Department Secretary Jennifer and myself. I would like to include all of them in our memorial service. Also, if you would like me to include any prayer, inspirational messages, or just a thought that you have in a book I am compiling for President Betty Butler, please send that to me. Sometimes a person may want to look back on their year and see some thoughts from members that inspire them to keep pressing on.

Our world is full of craziness right now. I pray that each of you, in your own way, are saying prayers for our nation, our leaders, our military and their families and that person you don't know. We are faced with drug overdoses, violence and other tragic events and all of us praying that the world can get better will help. As many pastors say, "Prayer changes things." You can even just give a positive thought. Those are felt as well.

I am working on our Memorial Service for Department Convention and hope that as many of you that can will be there to support each other. Also, as we come to the time to elect new leaders in our units, districts and department, we must all pray that our chosen leaders will be successful and enable us to take our organization to the next level with all of us behind them showing support.

Ephesians 4:32 And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you.

Chaplain

Bonita Robey

Constitution & Bylaws
May 2017

We had a wonderful Spring Conference in Florence and if you weren't there, you missed a fun filled visit with our National President and Southern Division Vice President.

The following was adopted at the National Convention in Cincinnati and should be made a part of your Standing Rules.

" A member who is not subject to suspension or membership revocation under due process is eligible to transfer her membership to another unit if she has paid her membership dues to her current unit for either the current year or immediate past membership year. A member transferring to a new unit must pay current year dues to either her current unit or to the unit into which she wishes to transfer."

Of course, verification of payment of dues would be necessary.

We had a fun workshop, again, and if you missed it you missed getting in on the rewards.

We aren't sure if we will have one at Convention yet.....we'll see.

We once again want to remind each unit that it is vital that you send in your governing documents for review each year. Sadly, some of the larger units have yet to comply. We hope this is corrected ASAP!

Looking forward to seeing you at Convention!!!!

Lois Hall, Chairman Barbara Austin, Co-Chairman Eula Fox, Member

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**AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY
DEPARTMENT OF KENTUCKY**

LEADERSHIP

“A person who never made a mistake, never tried anything new.”

~Albert Einstein~

Have you heard about the ALA Academy? It is a member's only online Leadership Training series of designed just for you. Each course takes anywhere from 10 minutes to 30 minutes which you complete on your own time anywhere you are. Course subjects cover topics such as Leadership Basics, Effective Communication, Strategic Thinking, ALA Culture, Handling Conflicts and many others. To access the ALA Academy go to www.alaforveterans.org and logon to the Members only section. If you have never logged on, you will need your membership number to set up a logon. I have taken the first two courses and highly recommend the series.

Are you wondering what a leadership workshop consists of? Call me to discuss. We can fine tune the workshop to cover whatever you feel is pertinent or we can use the workshop that Virginia Hobbs (member of National Centennial Plan Goal 3 - Develop leaders at all levels) and I have already developed. The day doesn't have to be long; currently it is at 4 hours with lunch time included.

Past attendees have commented that “It was really a good experience, nothing like I expected”, “My friend kind of forced me to attend with her, but I ended up really enjoying it”, “very entertaining and I learned something”, “a good experience”.

Think about hosting a workshop in the next couple of months and Virginia and I will be happy to help you set one up.

Kathy Daudistel, Chairman
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VA&R

Just a quick reminder that if you haven't sent your VA&R report to me, please do so ASAP. Please include total number of volunteer hours, total dollar amount spent, and anything that your unit has done this fiscal year in the service to veterans and their families.

These services include, but are not limited to:

- *Donations to fund rehabilitation of veterans honorably discharged.
- *Gifts on holidays and birthdays.
- *Creative Arts Festival.
- *Operation Comfort Warriors.
- *Stand Down for the Homeless.
- *Wreaths Across America.
- *Bingos at the VA centers.
- *Donations of snacks or clothing at the VA Centers.
- *Services for veterans (such as transportation to medical care, cleaning their homes or grocery shopping, etc).
- *Primarily, include anything your unit did to assist a veteran or family.

For God and Country,

Barbara Austin, VA&R

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May Poppy Bulletin



May is officially Poppy month! The American Legion Family will launch National Poppy Day on Friday, May 26, as a way to honor U.S. service members, from the battlefields of France in WWI a century ago, to today's War on Terror. Wear a poppy in remembrance and spread the word about the ALA and our Poppy Program. The National ALA website states it best: "Connecting the visual image of the poppy with the sacrifice of service made by our veterans."

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 no submissions for the Poppy Poster contest, but there is always next year to work on this.

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. (if you didn't get your report in, send it as soon as possible after receiving this bulletin)

Please promote your poppy program this month and let your community know what it is all about!

National has numerous Poppy history and facts on their website at <https://www.alaforveterans.org/poppy/>. 6 Facts about Poppies are at: <https://alaforveterans.wordpress.com/2016/11/10/six-interesting-facts-about-the-poppy/>.

For God and Country

Kim Ball
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Child Welfare
May 2017

Good Morning Ladies,

As the year winds down, I wish to thank everyone for your support. Please turn in all of your "Pig" money to your treasurer. Unit Treasurers please send your Child Welfare monies to Jennifer at headquarters. Please keep your pigs and continue to "feed" them for next year's program.

I hope to see all of you at State Convention in June,

Dee Schutz



ALA KY CALVACADE OF MEMORIES MAY

The ALA Department of Kentucky Cavalcade of Memories Department Presidents photos and year(s) are posted in a photo gallery at <https://www.facebook.com/pg/alakycavalcade/photos>. Stop by and check it out and see if you recognize anyone. Remember to say thank you to all of our Past President's because they stepped up to lead!

The Legion Centennial is in 2019 so let's fill up our Facebook page with our Unit history. Check out the Units that have their own album that shows their history. Is your Unit on this page? If not, why not?

Please send me your reports on anything you have done to preserve your Unit's history and memories.

Contact Shirley Davis at shirleyannecurlindavis@yahoo.com or call 502-732-5243.

TROPHIES & AWARDS

2016-2017



**This form must be received
by Shirley Thornberry no later than May 10, 2017**

**Please keep in mind that each program is
allotted for one senior and one junior trophy.**

**The form can be sent via email or regular mail:
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