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December 2012



Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays to Kentucky Auxiliary Members,

I cannot believe it is December; where has the year gone? My travels have slowed down with the lack of meetings in December, which is nice; since we need to focus on our families and our local functions at our Post Home. I know just at Fort Campbell we will have our Unit Christmas Party, the Childrens Christmas Party, the Post's Semi-formal, and three different local Veterans facility parties. With that being said, I need to be close to the home front!

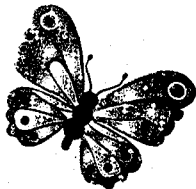
I hope the District Presidents have been doing there jobs and calling all Unit Presidents to remind them to send in their mid-year reports; remember that I placed that responsibility on you at Fall Conference. I cannot stress the importance of reporting; our Auxiliary does SO MUCH for our Veterans, the military and their families and the local community. So please ladies, jot something down and get it to your respective Department Chairman. Also, Unit Presidents and Unit Secretaries: Please distribute the Department Bulletins to your chairmen at your meetings. Our Department Chairmen takes great pride in their responsibilities and duties for Kentucky; it is not fair to them that their bulletins are forgotten and left at home when not one, but TWO Unit officers are receiving them! I have seen it first hand. So, lets get better with our reporting please!

MEMBERSHIP: We are behind from last year at this time. As of 11/28/12 we are #30 in the Nation and at 56.86%. Last year on the same date we were #26. I really don't know what to say (well I do, but won't). Please call or send a personal note to members that you know that have not renewed and ask how they are doing. Maybe that kind gesture of reaching out to them will make the difference. It will only cost you time on the phone or a stamp! Hopefully, after Dec. 31st I am expecting we will be flooded with membership, because I KNOW many hold off until the last minute of that day to renew! **HAPPY NEW YEAR 2013 FOR 100%!**

On a personal note, I want to humbly thank several of my American Legion Family members for helping my family out with donations after a truck fire destroyed all their household goods in November. They were relocating from Ft. Leonard Wood to Ft. Knox. It is absolutely amazing how our AL Family helps our own during struggling times. Jim and I thank you and especially Carol, Daniel and the grandkids thank you!

Finally, I wish an amazing Christmas and a Happy New Year to my AL Family. God Bless you all! Please keep our Veterans, Military and their families and the less fortunate in your prayers.

For God & Country
Your Prez Jane



Life is too short – Use the good silverware



Headquarters Bulletin
December 2012

The Christmas holidays are almost here and I know everyone is busy with all their activities. Please take time to read these bulletins and pass them on to your chairmen.

Membership is coming in slowly. Please remind your Membership Chairman or whoever processes your membership, to not hold sending them. We still have a dozen or so Units that have not sent in any. The second renewal notices will be sent out soon. If your member has already paid and they receive another notice, then they will be questioning why they got another notice.

I have had several phone calls and notes concerning the "membership since" dates. National will not reissue new cards. Please make a list of those that you know are in error – list the member's name, the ID# and the correct date. This list will then be sent to National and hopefully, they will be corrected for the 2014 cards. The 2014 cards will be printed in early May.

When I mailed the November bulletins, the Post Office advised me of changes being made to permit mailings. One of the changes involves the number of pages. We will be limited to 6-8 pages that can be sent at one time. Any more than that, the bulletins will be sent in a manila envelope.

Don't forget Winter Conference, Louisville, Holiday Inn Hurstbourne, Jan. 25-26, 2013. Housing info and Call to Winter Conference were mailed in the November Bulletins. We've requested a visit by our Southern Division National Vice, Shirley Fraser.

Please see the letter received from Wounded Warrior Project, thanking us for the donation. It is on the back of the address page.

PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENTS – I need to know as soon as possible if you will be attending the luncheon with the Past Department Commanders. This will probably be at our own expense.

Have a safe, healthy and happy holiday season!!!

Janet

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY
DEPARTMENT OF KENTUCKY

May the joy and blessings of Christmas embrace our American Legion Family. Remember the less fortunate. Remember our Military and their families both safe at home and abroad. Be safe in your travels and may the magic of the season stay in your hearts going into the new year.
Jane McKnight, Department President

I would like to take this time to wish everyone a Very Merry Christmas and a Blessed and Happy New Year. As always, at this special time of the year, remember all of our troops and their families.
Pat Reynolds, Department 1st Vice President

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! Remember our veterans, soldiers and their families this Holiday Season. Never forget the freedoms we have today are due to the sacrifices they have made. God bless and know that each of you are in my prayers.
Lana Goley, Department 2nd Vice President

May the joy and blessings of the Christmas season be upon each and every one of the American Legion Family and to all our veterans, servicemen and women at home and abroad!
Janet Klapheke, Department Secretary-Treasurer

May God's Blessings be upon each and every one of you during this most joyous season and the New Year. I hope that everyone has a safe and wonderful holiday.
Donna Thurman, Department Chaplain

I hope everyone has a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. May God bless each and every one of you and your families with good health.
Betty Butler, Department Historian

May the blessings of the Christ child be with you and yours for all time. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! In service to our veterans and military,
Lois Hall, Department NEC

When I feel the warm glow of love and family at Christmas and the New Year, I think also of the auxiliary members who have selflessly assisted our veterans and military throughout the year. With deep appreciation, I wish for you a safe and happy holiday.
Barbara Austin, Department Alternate NEC



AEF December 2012
Carrie Ridge

Hello ladies. I want to wish all of you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Don't forget that your mid-year reports are due to me by December 15th. You can email them to carrie040968@yahoo.com or mail them to Carrie Ridge, 526 N. 27th Street, Louisville, KY 40212. I really hope to get a good turnout of reports so I can report to National what a great job the wonderful ladies of Kentucky are doing. If I can be of any assistance to any of you, please don't hesitate to call me at 502-650-0502. Thank you all and Thank a Veteran...they are giving us our freedom. God Bless!

Additional from Department Headquarters:

Don't forget that Unit VA & R assessments must be paid by December 31, 2012 in order to receive any membership awards. The amount due is as follows: VA & R Unit Assessment is \$30; member assessment is \$0.15 times the # of senior members paid for 2012 as of 7/31/2012; Past President Parley assessment is the number of past Unit Presidents still on your roster times \$0.25. If you need to know the # of senior members, please call the office. In addition, the treasurer's bond is also due this year – it's \$18.00 (for 3 years) and should be paid in a separate check.

Operating Assessments are due March 31, 2013. The amount due is as follows: Unit assessment is \$25; member assessment is \$0.25 times the # of senior members paid for 2012 as of 12/31/2012. It should be paid in a separate check from the VA & R Assessment as they are deposited into 2 different accounts.

December Membership Bulletin

Greetings from your Department Membership Team!!!!

Hey ladies. You guys are awesome. Though we missed National's 55% target date but we are not slowing down at all. We have some wonderful District Presidents who spoke with units that had not turned in any membership and as a result we are down to 10 units with no membership. I urge each of you to keep up the good work and keep getting those members in.

Winter Conference is one you won't want to miss. So many units have reached new levels since Fall Conference and we will once again be giving out lots of awards. To those who are having a slow start, don't give up. Keep pushing your renewals and recruit new members. Remind your members of the Recruit One awards. In order for a member to be eligible to be entered into the cash drawing for the Recruit 1 Award, their Recruit 1 form must be received in **National Headquarters** by December 31, 2012 and **NOT** Department Headquarters.

I have great faith that we will make the 70% target on time. You ladies keep doing what you are doing and I will be excited to report at Winter Conference that we have reached that milestone. As always, if you need any help please don't hesitate to contact one of us.

Check out the back of this bulletin for your current standings.

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DEPARTMENT MEMBERSHIP REPORT 2012 - 2013 Report Number 5 December 3

DISTRICT 1			
UNIT	GOAL	PAID	%
26	37	27	72.97
31	207	93	44.93
68	34	24	70.59
72	44	26	59.09
73	12		0.00
74	24	21	87.50
85	11	10	90.91
111	16		0.00
116	89	45	50.56
144	14	16	114.29
217	77	55	71.43
236	52	56	107.69
TOTAL	617	373	60.45

DISTRICT 2			
UNIT	GOAL	PAID	%
2	38	15	39.47
6	243	146	60.08
9	139	73	52.52
40	70	49	70.00
55	10	7	70.00
233	220	145	65.91
243	10	10	
296	6	19	
310	27	15	55.56
TOTAL	763	479	62.78

DISTRICT 3			
UNIT	GOAL	PAID	%
23	87	59	67.82
29	70	50	71.43
61	30	10	33.33
62	131	101	77.10
65		10	
202	31	30	96.77
258	24	18	75.00
TOTAL	373	278	74.53

DISTRICT 4			
UNIT	GOAL	PAID	%
1	19	11	57.89
49	25	25	100.00
81	522	349	66.86
82	59	39	66.10
87	30		0.00
101	36	15	41.67
113	614	330	53.75
121	81	62	76.54
124	120	63	52.50
148	70	33	47.14
157	144	75	52.08
167	41	17	41.46
247	19	11	57.89
288	25	17	68.00
TOTAL	1805	1047	58.01

DISTRICT 5			
UNIT	GOAL	PAID	%
45	31		0.00
180	148	88	59.46
193	228	95	41.67
201	237	165	69.62
220	117	75	64.10
229	102	63	61.76
244	65	41	63.08
278	10		0.00
TOTAL	938	527	56.18

DISTRICT 6			
UNIT	GOAL	PAID	%
4	142	57	40.14
11	59	39	66.10
20	50	23	46.00
41	97	43	44.33
203	248	186	75.00
219	30	22	73.33
TOTAL	626	370	59.11

DISTRICT 7			
UNIT	GOAL	PAID	%
7	160	144	90.00
8	117	95	81.20
24	47	46	97.87
30	18	16	88.89
67	53	38	71.70
79	71	64	90.14
132	23	14	60.87
165	42	32	76.19
176	15	2	13.33
257	62	30	48.39
313	71	49	69.01
341	58	43	74.14
TOTAL	737	573	77.75

DISTRICT 8			
UNIT	GOAL	PAID	%
12	14	2	14.29
34	277	167	60.29
46	17	3	17.65
301	28	17	60.71
345	66	34	51.52
TOTAL	402	223	55.47

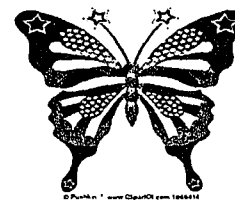
DISTRICT 9			
UNIT	GOAL	PAID	%
17	11	13	118.18
22	93	69	74.19
43	51	19	37.25
76	340	80	23.53
126	45	14	31.11
138	68	26	38.24
171	19		0.00
276	45	16	35.56
325	79	40	50.63
342	62	31	50.00
TOTAL	813	308	37.88

DISTRICT 10			
UNIT	GOAL	PAID	%
66	13		0.00
104	13		0.00
152	27	12	44.44
283	14	14	100.00
TOTAL	67	26	38.81

DISTRICT 11			
UNIT	GOAL	PAID	%
14	8	5	62.50
16	40		0.00
38	130	63	48.46
69	20	12	60.00
88	99	73	73.74
115	97	37	38.14
273	8		0.00
TOTAL	402	190	47.26

HeadQuarters			
UNIT	GOAL	PAID	%
200		48	

DEPARTMENT OF KENTUCKY			
GOAL	Total	%GOAL	
7610	4442	58.37	55%
			70%
			85%





A BILL OF RIGHTS FOR AN ASSEMBLY

As you know, the Units of the American Legion Auxiliary have three documents that govern, direct and guide them, The Constitution, Bylaws and Standing Rules. These documents are more related to the administration of the Units than to parliamentary procedure.

The more I observe the Units, the more I am convinced there is a need for yet another document, I will call it a "**Bill of Rights For An Assembly.**"

Let me explain what I have in mind.

When a member is approached by the nominating committee to allow her name to be placed in nomination for an office, she has the "**Right**" to be advised of the duties of the office.

If she is elected, the members have the "**Right**" to expect her to perform and fulfill the duties of her office to the best of her ability.

The members have the "**Right**" to expect the Officers to attend regular and executive committee meetings, to arrive on time and to advise the President if they are unable to attend the meetings.

The members have the "**Right**" to expect:

1. **The Sergeant At Arms:** to learn Flag etiquette, to care for and to properly advance and to retire the colors, to be seated at the entrance of the meeting room and to remain there throughout the meeting to greet and extend courtesies to guest and to advise the President and or the chairman that their guest has arrived, to preserve order at the meetings, etc.
2. **The Historian:** to make every effort to be in attendance at meetings, social functions and special occasions, to record and to take photos, to compile a History Book, to send Book to the Department Historian for judging at the convention, etc.
3. **The Chaplain:** to be in attendance at meetings, special functions, funeral services and to recite or lead the invocations and the benedictions where such prayers are offered at the opening and closing of the meetings, etc.
4. **The Treasurer:** to keep an account of her receipts and expenditures, to disperse the appropriate funds when the authorization has been given, to give a financial report at each regular meeting, present her books for audit at the proper time, etc.
5. **The Secretary:** (corresponding) to conduct the general correspondence of the Unit, to keep on file in a comprehensive manner copies of all correspondence sent and received, etc.

6. The Secretary: (recording) to have the minutes of the previous meeting prepared to be read when called on by the President, to have a copy of the minutes in the hands of the President as soon as possible following a meeting, to record all the proceedings of the Unit, to keep the membership-roll up to date with dues sent in to Department, to mail out membership cards, to be prepared to call the meeting to order in the absence of the President and both Vice Presidents to preside until the immediate election of a chairman pro tem, etc.
7. The Second Vice President: to assist the President when called upon, to be prepared to preside at a meeting in the absence of the President and the First Vice President, to serve as publicity chairman, etc.
8. The First Vice President: to assist the President whenever called upon, to be prepared to preside at the meeting in the absence of the President, to serve in her stead, to preside at the meetings and or to perform her duties in the case of illness, vacation, Auxiliary functions, etc., to succeed her in case of death, resignation, or removal, to serve as membership chairman, etc.
9. The Unit President: to arrive early on the meeting nights, to preside at all meetings of the Unit, to have an agenda prepared, and to have any needed information for projects or functions expected to be discussed ready, to be familiar with the duties of the officers and chairman, to be thoroughly familiar with the Unit's Constitution, Bylaws and Standing Rules. To remain courteous and totally impartial and to take part in any discussions while presiding, to refrain from expressing a personal opinion while a question is before the assembly, to recognize members in their proper turn during a discussion or debate who are entitled to the floor, to be helpful and to assist the officers and chairman when called upon, to be courteous, fair and helpful in her dealings with the members, to try to be available and to always remember the members are "volunteers and not employees," to make every effort to attend or have a representative in attendance at the various social or business functions of the Unit and to always advise the First Vice President as soon as possible if she is unable to attend a meeting or a function, etc.

Now let's discuss the "Rights" of the Officers.

The Officers have the "Right" to expect the members to:

1. Arrive on time for a meeting. If they should arrive late (and we all do some time) and the opening ceremonies are in progress, a report is being given or a guest is speaking, remain at the door until the proper time, then take their seat quietly.
2. Give respect to all the Officers in their official capacity and support them.
3. Address the President "Madam President" from the time she raps the gavel to call her meeting to order until she raps the gavel to adjourn the meeting.
4. Address remarks to the President and not to the other Officers or another member across the room.
5. Rise and be recognized by the President before speaking in a discussion, in debate or to make a motion.
6. Listen to and respect the opinion of the other members.

Kentucky Girls State Program

December 5, 2012
Bulletin # 2

Unit Chairmen, Unit Presidents, Unit Secretaries,

It is so important to get the application information out to the public and to do it early! So often I hear, "We couldn't find any young women who wanted to attend." Have you exhausted all of your avenues of publicity - schools, newspapers, radio stations, public broadcasting TV stations, youth groups, home-schooled youth, Facebook, Twitter, the Internet, etc.? Make sure you give a contact name, telephone number, and/or an email address. Even though our deadline had passed last year, there would have been space available for a young lady to attend. Let's make sure we don't leave anyone out who wants to attend this awesome program. Publicize it early and give complete information. Inform the public that it is sometimes possible to attend even when the registration deadline has passed.

Again we have our application online on the Kentucky American Legion Auxiliary website which is www.kyamlegionaux.org. please we would like to see an increase in the Girls State program this year and without your leg work in getting the information to the public we can have a successfully Kentucky Girls State program.

I express in my last bulletin the committee will have very special workshop that we would like to see everyone attend and you will be able to get more information at that time about the Kentucky Girls State program this year. ☺

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7. Refrain from talking while business is being transaction or a speaker is giving a report.
8. Participate in the Unit's programs and projects, to be interested, informed, in-volved, working members.
9. Learn everything they can about the Auxiliary and the Unit, to take correspondence course, study the Unit's Constitution, Bylaws and Standing Rules, learn the duties of the Officers, memorize the Preamble, etc.
10. Accept chairmanships, and accept the nomination for an office and learn everything they can to prepare for assuming the office.
11. Learn Flag etiquette, the Pledge of Allegiance, and the National Anthem.
12. Be courteous and make guest feel welcome, be sure they are taken care of and do not ignore them, be good hostesses.
13. Hold all of the meeting in the meeting room, and not the largest part of it after leaving the meeting, to keep the business and problems of the Unit within the Unit.

Some-how I feel if "**A Bill Of Rights For An Assembly**" became a reality and we learned to know and respect the "**Rights**" of every member of the Unit, a lot of the problems and hurt feelings would be a thing of the Past.

Eula Fox, Chairman

Constitution and Bylaws, December 2012

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November 2, 2012

American Legion Auxiliary Dept of KY
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Dear American Legion Auxiliary Dept of KY,

On behalf of Wounded Warrior Project™ and the warriors we proudly serve, I would like to extend my heartfelt thank you for your recent gift of \$12,404.46 on 10/31/2012.

Your commitment to supporting our nation's heroes is sincerely appreciated. You are a great partner in our mission to honor and empower wounded warriors.

Each year, Wounded Warrior Project continues to advance our mission with the support of patriots like you. Through such programs as TRACK, Soldier Ride, Project Odyssey, and Family Caregiver Retreats, we have seen many lives changed for the better. I invite you to visit our website, woundedwarriorproject.org to keep up with the work you make possible. You will be inspired as you meet our warriors and read the latest news about Wounded Warrior Project's programs and advocacy.

The goal of Wounded Warrior Project is to ensure this is the most successful, well-adjusted generation of wounded veterans in our nation's history. We couldn't do any of this without your heartfelt support. I want you to know that my warm gratitude is shared by all of us at Wounded Warrior Project.

Saluting Your Kindness,

Adam Silva
Chief Development Officer

The full amount of your gift is tax-deductible under the Internal Revenue Code since the Wounded Warrior Project, a nonprofit organization under Section 501(c)(3), provided no goods or services of value to you in consideration of your contribution. We recommend you retain this letter as a receipt for your gift.

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