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I hope everyone had a great Christmas and a happy and safe New Years. All the hustle and bustle has ended from the season with the over eating of scrumptious food and delectable sweets. It is time now to exercise our bodies and minds and get back into shape to move forward with our mission. But, we cannot accomplish our mission without a strong membership. The Kentucky Auxiliary is 38<sup>th</sup> in the Nation right now (last year at this time 44<sup>th</sup>); but still that is nothing to brag about. Our goal is 7610 and the Department is at 64.06%. I consulted with our Membership Chairman Bonita Robey today (1/5/13) and we both feel positive about reaching our 70% milestone. I want to thank the Department Membership Team for all their hard work. Ladies of Kentucky, please realize it is everyone's responsibility to assist in retaining membership and recruiting. Each and every one of the American Legion Auxiliary in Kentucky and nation-wide is the membership team. There is NO "I" in TEAM!  
So lets get busy to make Kentucky a 100% Department.

Winter Conference is right around the corner; it will be busy and informative. District 11 will be hosting. Our Southern Division National Vice President will be attending and her reception will immediately follow at the conclusion of our meeting on Saturday in the meeting room. The reason being, she has to be at the airport by 6-6:30 that evening. So please plan on hanging around after the conference to meet her (and she has really cool pins!)

My travels will begin again after the nice break in December. Commander Joe and I will be in District 6 in Covington on January 19<sup>th</sup> and District 9 in Raceland on January 20<sup>th</sup>.

The Washington D.C. Conference is on Feb. 24-27<sup>th</sup> and I'm very much looking forward to it. First Vice President Pat has been working diligently to organize the appointments with our Kentucky Legislators. I know of 2 other Auxiliary members other than the required attendees; that will be attending and they are excited

about the adventure. This conference is truly a fantastic learning experience that I wish all Auxiliary members could partake in.

I'm looking forward to Winter Conference, everyone please be safe in your travels to Louisville!

For God & Country  
Jane M. McKnight

Life Is Too Short-Use the Good Silverware

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Headquarters Bulletin January 2013

Gosh! Can't believe it's 2013. The year has just flown by. Just reminder to keep on sending in those dues. We only need 350 more to make our 70%. Also remember the Unit has to have paid their VA & R assessments in order to participate in the Membership Awards.

I apologize for the bulletins not being very colorful this time. Post Office has initiated some new guidelines and one is the weight of the paper used. I now have to use 28 lb paper, which is a little heavier, cost a little more and I could only find it in white. Most of the copy paper I have in the office is 20 lb weight so I can't use it. Since February is the month that we send out report forms in a manila envelope, I can use the paper in office for them.

For the next 2 conferences, we will have National Guests – Southern Division National Vice President Shirley Fraser at our Winter Conference and our National President Peggy Thomas at our Spring Conference. Let's have a good showing at both.

See you in Louisville!



## January Membership Bulletin

### Greetings from your Department Membership Team!!!!

I hope that you enjoyed your holidays and your break from me. I know I got rejuvenated and am ready to hit the ground running in 2013. Now that we have enjoyed family, good friends and fellowship, we have to get back to work. We did not move much along the membership scale in the month of December. I know everyone was really busy. However, WE dropped down to 38<sup>th</sup> in the nation. I know we in Kentucky are way too competitive for that. We need your help. Our next milestone is coming. We need to be at 70% in a few weeks. We are currently sitting at 64.36%. That is 429 more members sent in.

Many of you have worked to get me off your backs by increasing your membership. We do still have six units who have not sent in any membership; nine additional units who have ten or fewer members; and ten additional units below 50%. Remember that membership is the life blood of our organization. Without them we can't do our very important work. I know no one would do this but if you are holding any memberships, please send them in. Once a member pays her dues to the unit, she expects the dues makes it to department then national and she is good to go for the year.

For those who are struggling with membership, please don't hesitate to contact any one of us listed below. We are here to help you. For some, the only reason you have not received a personal phone call from me is I don't have a number for you. I would love to talk with you and see what your department team can do to help. Your district president is willing to assist. National requires that we have a minimum ten senior members to maintain our charters. Please don't get into the position where we have to communicate with you on your status. Let's get in front of our membership.

Remember that Winter Conference is coming the 26<sup>th</sup> of January. If you have reached a milestone since Fall Conference there will be awards given. But, keep in mind, in order to be eligible for awards at Winter Conference your assessments must have been paid by December 31, 2012. If they were not, I will announce the units who have reached the goals but there will not be an award for you. If you get them paid before Spring Conference you will receive them then. I will not announce who does not receive awards as it is not my goal to embarrass any unit. Sorry to start you off with gloom and doom. I know next month the bulletin will be all happy because we are going to work hard over the course of the next few weeks. Congrats on your progress to date.

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**DEPARTMENT MEMBERSHIP REPORT 2012 - 2013 Report Number 6 January**

DISTRICT 1			
UNIT	GOAL	PAID	%
26	37	27	72.97
31	207	93	44.93
68	34	26	76.47
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	51	57.30
144	14	16	114.29
217	77	62	80.52
236	52	57	109.62
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>617</b>	<b>389</b>	<b>63.05</b>

DISTRICT 2			
UNIT	GOAL	PAID	%
2	38	15	39.47
6	243	156	64.20
9	139	87	62.59
40	70	49	70.00
55	10	7	70.00
233	220	150	68.18
243	10	11	110.00
296	6	20	333.33
310	27	19	70.37
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>763</b>	<b>514</b>	<b>67.37</b>

DISTRICT 3			
UNIT	GOAL	PAID	%
23	87	59	67.82
29	70	61	87.14
61	30	10	33.33
62	131	109	83.21
65		10	
202	31	33	106.45
258	24	18	75.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>373</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>80.43</b>

DISTRICT 4			
UNIT	GOAL	PAID	%
1	19	11	57.89
49	25	25	100.00
81	522	396	75.86
82	59	44	74.58
87	30	1	3.33
101	36	15	41.67
113	614	362	58.96
121	81	65	80.25
124	120	66	55.00
148	70	33	47.14
157	144	124	86.11
167	41	17	41.46
247	19	11	57.89
288	25	17	68.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1805</b>	<b>1187</b>	<b>65.76</b>

DISTRICT 5			
UNIT	GOAL	PAID	%
45	31	10	32.26
180	148	118	79.73
193	228	121	53.07
201	237	173	73.00
220	117	75	64.10
229	102	68	66.67
244	65	53	81.54
278	10		0.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>938</b>	<b>618</b>	<b>65.88</b>

DISTRICT 6			
UNIT	GOAL	PAID	%
4	142	79	55.63
11	59	39	66.10
20	50	23	46.00
41	97	52	53.61
203	248	186	75.00
219	30	22	73.33
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>626</b>	<b>401</b>	<b>64.06</b>

DISTRICT 7			
UNIT	GOAL	PAID	%
7	160	161	100.63
8	117	99	84.62
24	47	49	104.26
30	18	16	88.89
67	53	38	71.70
79	71	64	90.14
132	23	15	65.22
165	42	36	85.71
176	15	2	13.33
257	62	30	48.39
313	71	49	69.01
341	58	45	77.59
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>737</b>	<b>604</b>	<b>81.95</b>

DISTRICT 8			
UNIT	GOAL	PAID	%
12	14	2	14.29
34	277	167	60.29
46	17	5	29.41
301	28	19	67.86
345	66	35	53.03
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>402</b>	<b>228</b>	<b>56.72</b>

DISTRICT 9			
UNIT	GOAL	PAID	%
17	11	13	118.18
22	93	81	87.10
43	51	19	37.25
76	340	80	23.53
126	45	25	55.56
138	68	26	38.24
171	19		0.00
276	45	27	60.00
325	79	47	59.49
342	62	40	64.52
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>813</b>	<b>358</b>	<b>44.03</b>

DISTRICT 10			
UNIT	GOAL	PAID	%
66	13		0.00
104	13	12	92.31
152	27	12	44.44
283	14	14	100.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>56.72</b>

DISTRICT 11			
UNIT	GOAL	PAID	%
14	8	5	62.50
16	40		0.00
38	130	79	60.77
69	20	13	65.00
88	99	76	76.77
115	97	37	38.14
273	8	1	12.50
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>402</b>	<b>211</b>	<b>52.49</b>

HeadQuarters			
200		50	

DEPARTMENT OF KENTUCKY		
GOAL	Total	%GOAL
7610	4898	64.36



Auxiliary Emergency Fund January 2013

Carrie Ridge, Chairman

Ladies, I hope you all had a wonderful holiday season. I want to thank all the Units that sent me mid-year reports. I have submitted my narrative to the Southern Division AEF Chairman. You ladies are doing a great job and I hope you keep it up! Don't forget to remind all your members at your monthly meetings of the importance of the AEF Program and you may brainstorm some fundraising events. See you all at Winter Conference.

For God and Country!

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Junior Activities January 2013  
Co-chairman

Samantha Reynolds, Junior

Hello ladies! Winter conference is right around the corner and the girls will be working on the prayer stones. Remember, if you want one, they are only \$2 and all proceeds go to the Presidents' Special Project. Each stone will have a single scripture on it, unless they were requested to have more than just one. The girls will be working on these during their meeting and we will have them for sale right afterwards. If you have requested a stone and you did not receive it, then please feel free to see me before or after the meeting and I will get right to work on it.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact me at 270-792-2915 (cell), 270-904-0675 (home) or e-mail me at [xslowsuicide92x@aol.com](mailto:xslowsuicide92x@aol.com). We will also be having our craft table again and any donations will be greatly appreciated. Thank you for all of the help you all have given the girls! Thank you!

Poppies January 2013

Kayla Robnett, Chairman

Hi everybody! I hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas, and is ready for Winter Conference. Thank you to everyone who sent me mid-year reports, they were greatly appreciated. Everyone is doing amazing things in their Poppy programs, and it's nice to be able to read about them.

At Winter Conference, we will have a wreath/poppy corsage contest. Please everyone bring a wreath or corsage. You can use any material you'd like, just have to include the poppy. We will pick a winner for the corsage and wreath in the meeting, so please bring them with you to Conference.

Don't forget about the Poppy Poster Contest!! Keep going to your local schools and getting children to make Poppy Posters. The deadline for the posters is April 20<sup>th</sup>, which is Spring Conference. Everyone still has plenty of time to get those Poppy Posters made. If you need the rules and guidelines, please come see me or contact me at [kayla\\_robnett16@yahoo.com](mailto:kayla_robnett16@yahoo.com).

Thank you all again, and I cannot wait to see everybody!!

Kayla Robnett

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President's Special Project  
Healing Field

Pauletta Whitmer  
Elaine Josleyn

Happy New Year! Hope everyone had a good safe one.

Talking about new, we would like for each unit to make a new fundraiser for the Healing Field. Just think if you had a love to lose their life saving our freedom you would like to know that is a place to go to comfort your sorrow. If we do keep funds coming in, what is going to happen to this lovely place? We will tell you - it will become just a place with markers down, no American Flags, no plants, & no lights. Just remember this is for our fallen heroes. We're asking the largest to the smallest unit to donate something to go for this cause. It can be any amount of money cause every penny will help. We are asking for donation for ELVIS table for winter conference January 25-26-27-2013. Please give something.

Hope to see a lot of our Auxiliary sisters there.

May God Bless America!!!!!!

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AS OF JUNE 2012

\$5.00

WILL BE AVAILABLE AT WINTER CONFERENCE

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If anybody needs poppy kits or labels, see Dept Secretary Janet for order form.

Have to have at least 10 orders of each in order to purchase at the lower price.

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