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Greetings to my American Legion Family,

I hope this bulletin finds you healthy and well. By the time you receive this the Annual Report cut-off dates have been met. I feel we will have super reporting in the Book of Reports at Convention in June. Please contact Paula McGowan as soon as you can to order your trophies if you have not already done so.

What an awesome Spring Conference in Florence! Thank you for the Healing Field donations and your donations to build up the piggy banks of the other programs! Our National President Peggy Thomas was an absolute gem! She graciously spoke of her travels and her Special Project: Children of Warriors Scholarship. Her goal was \$30,000 and she has already exceeded the goal because of all of our dedicated Auxiliary members such as you. I could not stop bragging about her as I visited districts after Conference. I want to thank Districts 6 & 7 for hosting Spring Conference. The meeting room and head table was beautifully decorated and the gifts and goodies in my room was overwhelming. A huge thank you to Bonita Robey and the Membership Team for working so hard to achieve our 85% milestone. The last leg of our fluttering butterfly journey to reach 100% is growing near; June 15th will be right around the corner. Hats off to District 7 for the monumental accomplishment of being a 100% district with every unit being 100% and over! District 7 should be very proud of their hard work and their President Patty Martinez!

Since Spring Conference, I have visited District 2 in Madisonville, District 7 in Versailles and District 8 in Waynesburg.. Versailles is a beautiful, historic town and I enjoyed the wonderful hospitality and the red-white and blue strawberries! At District 8, I had the honor of installing their district officers and want to thank Commander Joe Flynn's wife Jean, for acting as the Installing Chaplain.

My District travels are over and I want to deeply express my appreciation to all that welcomed me, and all the wonderful gifts I received. Regretfully, because of scheduling conflicts I did not make District 3 and 11; but communication was made and I knew of the great things these ladies were doing for our organization.

Another great honor to report, is that I attended National Commander Jim Koutz's dinner at Hardin Post 113 on May 1st. Post 113 did an amazing job to welcome our National Commander and all the AL Family that attended that evening. We stayed on Fort Knox in wonderful accommodations and the following day we toured the Warrior Transition Battalion and after that, some toured the

Patton Museum with the Commander. Commander Koutz is doing great things across the United States promoting his Special Project: Operation Comfort Warrior.

Finally, State Convention is right around the corner on June 27-29 in Louisville at the Crown Plaza. Convention is always the coolest to attend in my opinion; you witness all the hard work and immense dedication that our ALA graciously accomplishes throughout the year. Our actions are always about Service Not Self for our veterans, activity duty men and women, their families and our respective communities. I cannot express to my Auxiliary Sisters how proud I am to be a part of ALA Kentucky.

**For God & Country
Jane M. McKnight**

Life Is Too Short-Use the Good Silverware

Correction to Headquarters Bulletin

The Legion Family dinner to be held on the Friday night of our Department Convention has been put on hold for now. It doesn't look like it will happen.

Also, Department Chairmen, I need your reports for the Book of Reports as soon as possible.

To the Unit Presidents/Secretaries I need the Annual Impact Report so I can submit Kentucky's report to National, due June 1st. These numbers are used to report to Congress what we do as an organization for our veterans, active military and their families.



May Membership Bulletin

Greetings from your Department Membership Team!!!!

Ladies this bulletin will be short and sweet because rather than reading this we want you out there getting those renewals, rejoins and new members. We are doing really well. We NEED to push you a lot harder. We are so close to 90% that we can feel it. Guess what. Once we get 90% then 100% will be a piece of cake.

If you missed Spring Conference you missed a long membership section. This is awesome. So many units reached milestones and we are exceptionally proud of each of you. Records were set by district 7. Every unit is at least 100%. If you see any of these ladies give them a shout out. Also, you might find out there secret to that success. Unit 203 graciously donated items to go into the awards bags with the awards given out. A huge thank you goes to them.

If you did not receive awards and you think you should have, check with department headquarters to verify your assessments were paid. I will be getting that report a couple of weeks before convention. At department convention we plan to have a membership workshop. Information should be in the June bulletin. This is open to all but we would especially want the current and incoming membership unit chairman to make every effort to attend. And ladies, please send membership in as you receive it. This helps you and us reach our goal.

Keep up the awesome work and see the other side for our stats. Don't forget to check out the membership page on our website for updates.

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DEPARTMENT MEMBERSHIP REPORT 2012 - 2013 Report May

DISTRICT 1			
UNIT	GOAL	PAID	%
26	37	33	89.19
31	207	164	79.23
68	34	32	94.12
72	44	36	81.82
73	12		0.00
74	24	25	104.17
85	11	10	90.91
111	16	13	81.25
116	89	79	88.76
144	14	16	114.29
217	77	77	100.00
236	52	61	117.31
TOTAL	617	546	88.49

DISTRICT 5			
UNIT	GOAL	PAID	%
45	31	10	32.26
180	148	136	91.89
193	228	159	69.74
201	237	211	89.03
220	117	105	89.74
229	102	80	78.43
244	65	68	104.62
278	10		0.00
TOTAL	938	769	81.98

DISTRICT 9			
UNIT	GOAL	PAID	%
17	11	14	127.27
22	93	96	103.23
43	51	51	100.00
76	340	215	63.24
126	45	38	84.44
138	68	58	85.29
171	19	11	57.89
276	45	41	91.11
325	79	68	86.08
342	62	58	93.55
TOTAL	813	650	79.95

DISTRICT 2			
UNIT	GOAL	PAID	%
2	38	27	71.05
6	243	195	80.25
9	139	144	103.60
40	70	71	101.43
55	10	9	90.00
233	220	199	90.45
243	10	14	140.00
296	6	20	333.33
310	27	24	88.89
TOTAL	763	703	92.14

DISTRICT 6			
UNIT	GOAL	PAID	%
4	142	102	71.83
11	59	55	93.22
20	50	42	84.00
41	97	87	89.69
203	248	234	94.35
219	30	30	100.00
TOTAL	626	550	87.86

DISTRICT 10			
UNIT	GOAL	PAID	%
66	13	12	92.31
104	13	12	92.31
152	27	29	107.41
283	14	15	107.14
TOTAL	67	68	101.49

DISTRICT 3			
UNIT	GOAL	PAID	%
23	87	87	100.00
29	70	73	104.29
61	30	26	86.67
62	131	129	98.47
65		11	
202	31	34	109.68
258	24	19	79.17
TOTAL	373	379	101.61

DISTRICT 7			
UNIT	GOAL	PAID	%
7	160	171	106.88
8	117	120	102.56
24	47	52	110.64
30	18	18	100.00
67	53	65	122.64
79	71	77	108.45
132	23	23	100.00
165	42	43	102.38
176	15	16	106.67
257	62	62	100.00
313	71	75	105.63
341	58	60	103.45
TOTAL	737	782	106.11

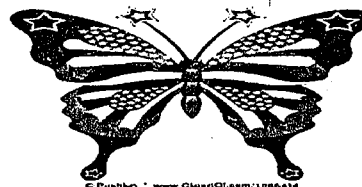
DISTRICT 11			
UNIT	GOAL	PAID	%
14	8	6	75.00
16	40	37	92.50
38	130	102	78.46
69	20	13	65.00
88	99	96	96.97
115	97	88	90.72
273	8	1	12.50
TOTAL	402	343	85.32

DISTRICT 4			
UNIT	GOAL	PAID	%
1	19	16	84.21
49	25	25	100.00
81	522	492	94.25
82	59	61	103.39
87	30	17	56.67
101	36	21	58.33
113	614	521	84.85
121	81	76	93.83
124	120	98	81.67
148	70	62	88.57
157	144	144	100.00
167	41	32	78.05
247	19	15	78.95
288	25	26	104.00
TOTAL	1805	1606	88.98

DISTRICT 8			
UNIT	GOAL	PAID	%
12	14	11	78.57
34	277	215	77.62
46	17	18	105.88
301	28	21	75.00
345	66	44	66.67
TOTAL	402	309	76.87

HeadQuarters			
200		61	

DEPARTMENT OF KENTUCKY		
GOAL	Total	%GOAL
7610	6766	88.91



May Bulletin

Chaplain

Greetings, ladies, it was so nice to see a good turnout for Spring Conference in Florence. As I said, I am reminding each unit chaplain to send me a list of members who have passed away from May 2012 – May 2013 so that they may be included in the Memorial Service at Department Convention. I would like to have this so that I may cross – reference with the list I get from Janet. You may e-mail them to me or snail mail them by June 1. Thanks!

Please remember to keep all of our ill and grieving Legion family members in your prayers, as well as those who are enduring difficult times. God bless our servicemen and women, and God bless America!

Donna Thurman,

Chaplain,

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2014 Membership Team Shirts



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Headquarters Bulletin - May 2013

We have just returned from Indianapolis after a very busy 4 days at the 1st Department Leadership Workshop. This year, National combined the annual Membership Workshop along with the annual President & Secretaries Workshop. Our Department President candidate along with her Membership Team and myself traveled to Indy for a jammed back, very informative workshop. We were able to get the lowdown on the National President Candidate's programs for the next administrative year and also got the scoop on the Membership Plan of Action for next year. Attached is an order form if you would like to have one of the Membership Shirts that is being made available to Auxiliary Members. They are being made by our very own Virginia Hobbs' A Family Tradition Store. For the Southern Division ours will be a royal blue.

The month of May has been designated as Poppy Month. This is typically when we distribute the poppies and receive donations. Last year and again this year, we have been questioned on the policy of forwarding a percentage of the poppy proceeds to Department. At the Department Executive Board Meeting on January 27, 2012 and also brought before the members at the Winter Conference on January 28, 2012, it was voted on and approved to establish a Department policy that **30% of the net poppy receipts be sent to Department Headquarters**. The Department uses those poppy receipts to fund the rehabilitation, recreation and Christmas programs at the Lexington VA, Louisville, VA, Wilmore Nursing Home, Hanson and Hazard Nursing Homes and Ft Thomas VA. **The Units are also restricted in the use of the remaining poppy funds**. I have enclosed a report from National Headquarters concerning the use of those funds.

I have enclosed the housing form for National Convention. The Auxiliary Department will take care of the registration for its delegates and alternates. All other attendees should get their registration through the Legion Department Headquarters.

We have been receiving phone calls concerning the Unit's election process and when you take office. The Unit's Constitution and Bylaws govern your election process – when they are to be held and so forth. New officers take office after the Department Convention. Department Officers take office after the National Convention.

The Legion is also working on a Legion Family Get Together on Friday night of our Department Convention. As soon as I receive the info on this event I will post it to our website and get a mailing out on this.

See you at Department Convention!





American Legion Auxiliary Poppy Program

April 2013

Every year, we receive many questions about proper use of poppy funds. The following is a quick reference of what is and is not allowable.

Poppy funds CAN be used:

1. For rehabilitation of all veterans honorably discharged from US Armed Forces after April 6, 1917.
2. For the welfare of families of veterans honorably discharged from U.S. armed forces after April 6, 1917.
3. For the rehabilitation of hospitalized military service personnel returning home and awaiting discharge who require treatment in service hospitals.
4. For transportation expenses of volunteer hospital workers and the purchase of volunteer hospital workers' uniforms, if a department of the American Legion Auxiliary so desires.

Poppy funds CANNOT be used:

1. For any community service project that is not strictly for the veteran or the welfare of his/her family.
2. As an investment to bring profit to the unit.
3. For active-duty military programs.
4. For POW/MIA programs.
5. For Gold Star Mother memberships.
6. For Auxiliary Emergency Fund.
7. For making contributions to charities or research foundations.
8. Girls State fees.
9. General fund contributions.
10. Post or unit beautification projects.
11. General maintenance.
12. Shipping items to active-duty military.
13. Flagpole for ceremonies.
14. For scholarships where the eligibility does not specify veterans or their children.
15. Josh Dog projects.

Please consult the **Auxiliary Unit Handbook** for additional information about the Poppy Program.

HOUSING REQUEST FORM
95TH NATIONAL CONVENTION
DOUBLETREE HOUSTON DOWNTOWN
400 DALLAS STREET
HOUSTON, TEXAS 77002
AUGUST 23 - AUGUST 29, 2013

Please reserve the following accommodation checks for _____ persons.

_____ Doubles - 2 beds, 1 or 2 persons	\$ 125.00
_____ King - 1 bed, 1 or 2 persons	\$ 125.00

Tax Rate: 17%

DEADLINE FOR RESERVATIONS: JULY 16, 2013

Minimum of 3 consecutive night's occupancy required.
Minimum deposit of \$438.75 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 HOUSTON

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: Mike Phelps, Department Adjutant
P.O. Box 2123
Louisville, KY 40201**

NATIONAL COMMANDER BANQUET TICKETS: _____ @\$45ea \$ _____
SOUTHERN BLOC BREAKFAST TICKETS: _____ @\$30ea \$ _____

If you wish to attend the National Commanders Banquet or the Southern Bloc Breakfast, please send a check to the Department for the amount of the tickets. Tickets will be included in your packet.

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