



NOVEMBER BULLETIN

GOD BLESS AMERICA!

Hello to all Auxiliary members!

October was a whirlwind of a month. If you missed Fall conference you missed some fabulous reporting by our department chairwomen.

We have our new Facebook page up and going. It is ALA KY. We will be posting pictures and events as they happen.

I hope you are working on your membership. We need everyone to get those renewals into the Department. Don't forget to get the remaining 2014 members in.

As your Thanksgiving and Christmas projects get underway, please remember to take lots of pictures and keep track of your hours and money spent. This is very important in reporting what we have accomplished.

When your sending out Christmas cards please include one additional card to a recovering soldier. The address to mail it is: A Recovering American Soldier, c/o Walter Reed Army Medical Ctr., 6900 Georgia Ave., NW, Washington, DC 20307-5001. Please share this information with your units, families, co-workers and friends.

Winter Conference will be at the Crowne Plaza in Louisville on January 23-24, 2015. Start making plans now. We will have more interesting reports and information for each of you.

Remember that we are all working for the same goals. Our Veterans, their families and our community. Let's work together and make our organization strong.

I look forward to seeing each and every one of you this year.

God Bless America

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Headquarters Bulletin
November 2014

The holidays will be soon upon us and I know that everyone will be busy.

Membership- please check the applications before you send them to me and make sure they are complete.

National will be sending the next renewal notice January 15. Anyone that has not paid their 2015 dues to Department by 12-10-2014 will get a renewal notice.

Please remember that your assessments must be paid before you can receive any awards. The assessments are:

VA & R –
\$30.00
\$00.15 per senior member as of 12-31
\$00.25 per Past President

Department Officers – I need your Christmas Greetings by the end of November. These will be used for the December Bulletins and also to send to National Officers and other Departments.

See you at Winter Conference.

Have a great Thanksgiving!!!

PS... The new copier has arrived!!! YAY!!!

November Membership Bulletin

Membership is in full swing and Fall Conference has come and gone. We had over 15 units make renewal and 17 units make Total milestones of 60%. If you were not able to attend, you missed the M&M Spirit Review. Your membership team was hard at work to make membership exciting and fun.....Look forward to another exciting presentation in January. We hope to see lots of auxiliary members in attendance. Nothing better than promoting the future of us.

Our next target is January 15th. Renewal is 85% and Total is 70%. The future of the American Legion Auxiliary is in the hands of our current members. Our focus is on Renew, Recruit and Rejoin. Remember to send in renewal and new member dues asap. Daily is preferred but its more important is to get into the habit of at the very least doing it weekly. Less than that, can create issues such as: Department and National not getting our records updated in time for mailings; Kentucky not getting the benefits of those paid members for goals/awards, and in the unfortunate case of illness or death of your officers/chairs, then records becoming lost, misplaced, unable to retrieve leading to a rough road for someone to pick up and continue with those duties. Let's keep the American Legion Auxiliary current and on top of our game. We are a proud and we are awesome and let's keep it that way. '

As of November 5th Kentucky was in 22nd place. A few weeks ago we were up around 14th place. We were out to an early jump start on most other states, but they have picked up the pace. We would love to see Kentucky push its way back into the teens. So District Presidents, Unit President, Membership Chairs and all



members let's get busy working on membership!!!!

For all units that make 100% either Renewal or Total membership by April 15th, they will be awarded \$50 for their programs. (Only 1 reward per unit, so reaching both still only qualifies for one \$50 reward). This is a new incentive and if it assists in the early accomplishment of reaching goals, future membership teams may want to expand on this. There will be raffles and/or split the pot at Winter Conference.

The holidays are around the corner, so look over your unpaid rosters and consider the gift of Membership. Or for those unpaid members, who may be shut in, feeling under the weather, in the hospital, and/or suffering some financial hardships, consider the gift of membership. If any of you would like to share some of your unit's successful recruiting strategies, I will put in an upcoming newsletter. They may be helpful for other units to see what is working. It may also spark new ideas from them. You can email them to me, (see the email below), text me, or send thru the mail (78 W Southgate Ave, Ft. Thomas KY 41075). Please feel free to contact any of us with any questions/concerns.

Wishing everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

*Remember, Red White and Blue, Membership is for me and you. A member a day, keeps us away!!!
We got SPIRIT yes we do, We got SPIRIT, How about YOU???????*

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DEPARTMENT MEMBERSHIP REPORT 2014 - 2015 Report as of 11-5-14

Go Team Kentucky!

Red, White & Blue, Membership is for me and for you. A member a day, keeps the membership team AWAY!!!

Go Team Kentucky!

DISTRICT 1							DISTRICT 4							DISTRICT 7							DISTRICT 10						
Unit	Ren Goal	Ren Pd	Ren%	Tot Goal	Tot Pd	Tot %	Unit	Ren Goal	Ren Pd	Ren%	Tot Goal	Tot Pd	Tot %	Unit	Ren Goal	Ren Pd	Ren%	Tot Goal	Tot Pd	Tot %	Unit	Ren Goal	Ren Pd	Ren%	Tot Goal	Tot Pd	Tot %
26	34	16	47.1	36	21	58.3	1	20		0.0	19		0.0	7	205	126	61.5	209	131	62.7	66	10	1	10.0	15	1	10.0
31	164	65	39.6	165	65	39.4	49	25	23	92.0	28	23	82.1	8	124	61	49.2	129	69	53.5	104	12		0.0	15		0.0
68	36	21	58.3	35	23	65.7	81	483	309	64.0	486	314	64.6	24	50	20	40.0	56	20	35.7	152	27	12	44.4	32	12	44.4
72	33	2	6.1	39	2	5.1	82	66	42	63.6	66	44	66.7	30	19		0.0	21		0.0	283	9	1	11.1	18	1	11.1
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116	78	26	33.3	88	27	30.7	121	77	43	55.8	81	46	56.8	165	48	30	62.5	47	30	63.8	14	6	3	50.0	11	3	50.0
144	20	2	10.0	19	2	10.5	124	96	45	46.9	110	46	41.8	176	16	1	6.3	19	1	5.3	16	47		0.0	53		0.0
217	82	50	61.0	82	56	68.3	148	60	14	23.3	66	16	24.2	257	56	24	42.9	66	25	37.9	38	92	53	57.6	96	56	60.9
236	62	46	74.2	66	48	72.7	157	156	67	42.9	159	67	42.1	313	83	32	38.6	83	36	43.4	69	14	4	28.6	18	5	35.7
Tot	544	237	43.6	573	255	46.9	167	41	13	31.7	40	13	32.5	341	60	41	68.3	64	46	71.9	88	104	74	71.2	105	78	75.0
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6	207	124	59.9	211	130	62.8	DISTRICT 5							12	20		0.0	19		0.0	HeadQuarters						
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55	10		0.0	13		0.0	180	150	70	46.7	156	72	46.2	301	27	17	63.0	26	17	65.4							
233	204	94	46.1	205	99	48.5	193	160	86	53.8	169	97	57.4	345	38	23	60.5	47	23	48.9							
243	14	8	57.1	17	11	78.6	201	208	110	52.9	224	110	49.1	Tot	337	139	41.2	358	142	42.1	DEPARTMENT OF KENTUCKY						
296	18		0.0	23		0.0	220	100	49	49.0	110	51	46.4	DISTRICT 9							Unit	Ren Goal	Ren Pd	Ren%	Tot Goal	Tot Pd	Tot %
310	24	5	20.8	28	5	20.8	229	77	43	55.8	85	44	51.8	Unit	Ren Goal	Ren Pd	Ren%	Tot Goal	Tot Pd	Tot %	7105	3330	46.9	7497	3492	49.1	
Tot	705	301	42.7	739	320	45.4	244	67	20	29.9	74	20	27.0	17	14	15	107.1	17	16	94.1							
DISTRICT 3							278	10		0.0	10		0.0	22	92	38	41.3	102	38	37.3							
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62	121	56	46.3	134	56	46.3	11	89	46	51.7	90	47	52.2	171	8		0.0	14		0.0							
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202	42	26	61.9	41	27	64.3	41	100	39	39.0	100	41	41.0	325	78	30	38.5	78	30	38.5							
258	20	12	60.0	22	12	60.0	203	254	147	57.9	260	147	56.5	342	56	16	28.6	62	17	27.4							
Tot	405	186	45.9	431	189	46.7	219	31	26	83.9	33	26	78.8	Tot	650	170	26.2	689	180	27.7							
							275	11		0.0	15		0.0														
							Tot	640	337	52.7	664	346	54.1														



Elaine Josleyn
Education Chairman

National Education Week November 17-21,2014. Please remember everyone one of the staff in education. Take cookies, flowers anything to show how much we support their work with our children.

Reminder:

Get a Veteran into a class room to tell their stories of their military experience. This will enhance their respect for the sacrifice of our military heroes among our school children.

Remember to save you box tops for education, and your 10 for education.
Go out to each school with flyers about our scholarships. Be sure talk the schools about Ky Girl State. Also ladies in the Flag & Emblem sales page 140 your unit can purchase these comic books Veterans Comic Book, Our Country's Flag Comic Book, Pledge of Allegiance Comic Book, Light of Liberty Comic Book, bullying Prevention Comic Book, and World Geography Coloring & Activity Book.

Just a reminder I will need mid year report by Dec.15. You can mail them to me at this address:
Elaine Josleyn 2605 Grapevine Rd. Madisonville, Ky 42431. Thank you your hard work with our education of our future.

Remember to thank a Veteran for their service, for our freedom and our great country.
November 11, 2014 Veteran's Day. Education the school children of this day.

God Bless American !!!!

DEPARTMENT POPPY CHAIRMAN
GREETINGS AUXILIARY MEMBERS:

NATIONAL HAS CHALLENGED US TO MAKE MORE POPPIES AND TO USE THE POPPY IN MORE WAYS IN ALL OUR PROGRAMS THROUGHOUT THE YEAR IN ALL EVENTS HELD AT YOUR POST AND UNIT.

AT WINTER CONFERENCE I WOULD LIKE FOR ALL THE UNITS TO SUBMIT A HOMEMADE POPPY CORSAGE FROM THE JUNIOR UNIT AND SENIOR UNIT. THERE WILL BE A 1ST PLACE TROPHY PRESENTED AT WINTER CONFERENCE FOR A JUNIOR AND SENIOR UNIT WINNER. THESE CORSAGES WILL BE WORN BY ATTENDEES IN WASHINGTON D.C. IN MARCH.

ALSO LADIES DO NOT FORGET THAT I NEED TO KNOW WHAT YOUR UNITS HAVE BEEN DOING SO THAT I CAN REPORT TO NATIONAL WHAT THE STATE OF KENTUCKY HAS BEEN DOING. SO PLEASE WHATEVER YOU HAVE BEEN DOING NO MATTER WHAT IT IS PLEASE REPORT IT TO ME BY DECEMBER 15TH, 2014. THIS ALLOWS ME THE TIME I NEED TO SEND MY REPORT TO NATIONAL.

NEXT I WOULD LIKE TO REMIND EVERYONE WILL BE JUDGING POPPY WREATHS AT THE SPRING CONFERENCE WITH A 1ST PLACE TROPHY ONE FOR THE JUNIOR UNIT AND SENIOR UNIT THAT WILL BE GIVEN AT SPRING CONFERENCE. PLEASE EVERYONE PARTICIPATE AND PRESENT A WREATH. THESE WREATHS GO TO THE HEALING FIELD.

THIRDLY, POPPY DISPLAYS ARE DUE AT CONVENTION. THESE WILL BE JUDGED AND TROPHIES PRESENTED TO BEST JUNIOR AND BEST SENIOR DISPLAY.

WE HAVE TWO CHALLENGES FROM NATIONAL, ONE AS DESCRIBED ABOVE ABOUT HOW TO INCORPORATE POPPIES IN MORE EVENTS. PLEASE CONTACT YOUR RADIO STATIONS, NEWSPAPERS, ETC. IF YOU DO THESE ACTIONS PLEASE LET ME KNOW IN YOUR REPORTS SO I CAN REPORT TO NATIONAL ON HOW THE STATE OF KENTUCKY IS PROMOTING POPPIES IN THEIR COMMUNITIES. THE SECOND CHALLENGE FROM NATIONAL AS MENTIONED IN MY LAST BULLETIN IS TO PRESENT A LITTLE MISS POPPY AND MS. POPPY SCRAPBOOK FOR JUDGING. PLEASE REMEMBER TO HAVE THESE TO ME BY MAY 1ST AS WELL AS YOUR END OF THE YEAR REPORT. THERE WILL BE ONE LITTLE MISS POPPY AND MS POPPY SCRAPBOOK CHOSEN AND SENT TO NATIONAL FOR JUDGING. PLEASE PARTICIPATE. HERE ARE THE GUIDELINES AGAIN FOR THIS:

COSTUME-NO PARTICULAR COLOR
PROMOTION OF POPPY PROGRAM-WHAT DID YOU DO
PUBLICITY-NEWSPAPERS, RADIO, ETC.
NARRATIVE REPORT-MEMORIAL POPPY TO EXCEED 100 WORDS
MEMORIAL POPPY MUST BE VISIBLE IN ALL PROMOTIONS AND PUBLICITY SUBMITTED.
NEATNESS AND CREATIVITY.
COVER PAGE-MEMBER NAME, UNIT NAME, AGE DIVISION.

THANK YOU,

DEPARTMENT POPPY CHAIRMAN
DIANNE R. MUDD
(270)230-7939- call if you have questions please.

VA&R Bulletin – November 2014

Greetings to all members. I am happy to serve as your Department VA&R chairman for this year. Many of you are aware of the objectives of this program. If you are not, the objective is to “enhance the lives of veterans, military and their families.” This is done through your voluntary service at VA Healthcare Facilities (VAVS Volunteers), Service to Veterans (combines Field Service and Home Service) where you assist veterans and their families within your local community but not at a VA facility, participate in activities centered around homeless veterans and assistance to the American Legion’s Service Officers with questions around benefits, just to name a few. The plan of action can be found online at www.alaforveterans.org then go to the VA&R program. You can also look in your unit handbook for information on this program.

Enclosed with this bulletin are the various awards that can be won by a unit member, unit or department. It is very important that you keep up with your hours and report them. Mid-year and annual reports for this program are due to me at the same time as all the other chairman. They can be sent via email or through the USPS. I will then compile a report and send it on. This shows Congress and others just what our organization does in assistance to our nation’s heroes.

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Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation Awards presented by The American Legion

Auxiliary

Unit Award: Million Member Award

Type of Award: Citation Plaque

Presented to: One unit per division (5 Awards)

Materials and Guidelines:

- Entries must include the award cover sheet located in the Plan of Action.
- Must demonstrate how working the mission of the VA&R Committee engaged, retained and attracted members to grow membership in the unit
- The entry must be typewritten in narrative format, not to exceed 1,000 words.
- Include pictures, clippings, scrapbooks, folders, etc.
- Due to national chairman, Mary Davis 2339 Glen Kerry Court SE, Lacey, WA 98513

Department Award: Department VA&R Program Award

Type of award: Citation Plaque

Presented to: One department chairman per division (5 Awards)

Materials and Guidelines:

- Entries must include the award cover sheet located in this Plan.
- The entry must be typewritten in narrative format, not to exceed 1,000 words.
- Include pictures, clippings, scrapbooks, folders, etc.
- All entries sent by the department chairman to their national division chairman must be postmarked or emailed by 5pm EST June 1, 2015.

Unit Award: Unit VA&R Program Awards

Type of award: Citation Plaque

Presented to: One unit chairman per division (5 Awards)

Materials and Guidelines:

- Entries must include the award cover sheet located in this Plan.
- The entry must be typewritten in narrative format, not to exceed 1,000 words.
- Include pictures, clippings, scrapbooks, folders, etc.
- Units will submit entries to the department chairman by the required date.
- Winning department entries must be sent to the national chairman Mary Davis, 2339 Glen Kerry Court SE, Lacey, WA 98513.
- All entries sent by the department chairman must be postmarked or emailed by 5pm EST June 1, 2015.

Unit Award: Service to Veterans Volunteer Hours Award

Type of Award: Citation Plaque

Presented to: One junior and senior member per division (10 Awards)

Materials and Guidelines:

- Greatest number of hours from April 1, 2014- March 31, 2015, in each division for a junior and a senior member.
- Units should send their nominees to the department VA&R chairman. The department is responsible for informing units of the due date.
- The unit is required to certify hours of any nominee – the department chairman may ask for this information..
- The department chairman will then send the top hour volunteer names, Junior and senior volunteer, to her respective national division chairman by June 1, 2015, (for division chairman contact information, see list in resources section). Attach awards cover sheet.

Member Award: Hour Bar Recognition for Service to Veterans Volunteers

Type of Award: Hour Bar

Presented to: Member by her department via the American Legion Auxiliary National Headquarters

Materials and Guidelines:

- Volunteers are recognized when specific hour milestones are reached: 50, 100, 300, 500, and 1,000.
- After the first 1,000-hour bar is awarded, the next bar will be earned in 1,000 hour increments up to 20,000 hours.
- Hour bars are provided at no cost to departments; however, the appropriate pin (from which the hour bar is affixed) can be obtained from Emblem Sales at the department's expense. For further information, see 2014 *Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation: A Guide for Volunteers*.
- Beginning 2014-2015 "Field" and "Home" service hours will be combined into an all-encompassing category called, "Service to Veterans."

NVCAF Award: National Veterans Creative Arts Festival (NVCAF) support recognition

Type of Award: Verbal announcement during VA&R Chairman's remarks at the 2015 ALA National Convention

Presented to: Departments, units and/or members who qualify for stated contribution level to NVCAF. Donations are made through the American Legion Auxiliary Foundation.

Guidelines:

- NVCAF will recognize departments/units/members that contribute in this way
 - Bronze: \$1,000-\$2,400 to the NVCAF from Aug. 1, 2014-July 31, 2015
 - Silver: \$2,500-\$4,999 to the NVCAF from Aug. 1, 2014-July 31, 2015
 - Gold: \$5,000-\$14,999 to the NVCAF from Aug. 1, 2014-July 31, 2015
- To be considered, donations to the ALAF must be received in the national office from August 1, 2014, through July 31, 2015.
- ALA National Headquarters will submit qualifying donations to NVCAF staff in July.

Member Award: 10,000 Hour Volunteer Service Award

Type of Award: Citation + \$100 Donation to VAVS Facility or VCAF of her choice presented by The American Legion Auxiliary

Presented to: Member

Materials and Guidelines:

- Given to volunteers who have reached 10,000 hours of service in a VA facility during this year (April 1, 2014-March 31, 2015).
- Verification of hours must be received at National Headquarters by the first Friday in June.

Member Award: 20,000 Hour Volunteer Service Award

Type of Award: Citation + \$200 Donation to VAVS Facility or VCAF of her choice presented by the American Legion Auxiliary

Presented to: Member

Materials and Guidelines:

- Given to volunteers who have reached more than 20,000 hours of service in a VA facility during this year (April 1, 2014-March 31, 2015).
- Verification of hours must be received at National Headquarters by the first Friday in June.

Individual Award: Volunteer Recruitment & Service Department Award

Type of Award: Citation presented by The Department of Veterans Affairs

Presented to: Hospital Representative

Materials and Guidelines:

- Awarded to the hospital rep at every facility that shows an increase in both volunteers and volunteer hours at a VA Medical Center from April 1, 2014 – March 31, 2015.
- The award winner will be determined by the national VAVS representative through verification of hours and number of volunteers as recorded by VAVS.

Individual Award: 100 Percent VAVS Meeting Attendance Award

Type of Award: Attendance Card presented by the Department of Veterans Affairs

Presented to: Hospital Representative and Deputy

Materials and Guidelines:

- An “Attendance Card” will be awarded to each representative and deputy who has 100 percent attendance to VAVS committee meetings at her assigned facility.
- The national VAVS representative will verify the winners from VA records.

**AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY
DEPARTMENT OF KENTUCKY**

LEADERSHIP

November 2014

Dear Fellow Auxiliary members:

Sorry, you haven't heard from me before now. I hope to be able to be more active in the future.

I hope you have access to the National American Legion Auxiliary web site. You can download copies of the Senior and Junior Leadership Basic Courses along with the exam sheet. I will be mailing copies to each District President and requesting them to make a copy for each Unit in their District. I will also try to have copies at Winter Conference. If you would like to have a Workshop and would like for me to attend, let me know how many are interested and I will try to bring as many copies as you need. If you do take the test, please mail the test back to me so I can check the answers and make sure you get credit for it.

It doesn't matter how many years you have been a member, I know myself I relearn more each time I look at this course.

Also, I will include with the District President's mailing a copy of American Legion Auxiliary Protocol along with a copy of a quiz. It can be used at your meetings as a learning tool.

Hope to see you at Winter Conference and have a Safe and Happy Holiday.

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