



Wishing Each of you and our servicemen and Women a blessed holiday season, and health, joy, and good fortune in the New Year!

Donna Thurman, President

I wish all Auxiliary members a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Be safe in your travels and enjoy time spent with families and friends. May God's blessings be upon you and our troops.

Betty Butler, 1st Vice



Patty Martinez, 2nd Vice – No Response

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to each and every one! Thanks to every auxiliary member for your hard work in support of our veterans. I am truly amazed at the dedication I have seen from you our members. 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.

Department of Kentucky, National Executive Committeewoman, *Lana Goley*

The turkeys were stuffed, Thanksgiving is over and now we move into the busy holidays. One of the greatest joys of this season is the opportunity to say THANK YOU to our veterans, remember and honor those who are no longer with us and cherish those who are. To friends and family whose holiday season will not be as joyous this year, I pray for you to have peace, strength and comfort. I am wishing all the joy of family, the happiness of friends, the spirit of Christmas which is peace, the gladness of Christmas which is hope and the heart of Christmas which is love.

Please have a safe and Happy New Year!

Jerilynn Kabel, Chaplain

From my family to yours, have a very MERRY CHRISTMAS and a HAPPY NEW YEAR!! Please keep all our Military personnel and their families in your thoughts and prayers. History tells us there are many who become depressed during this time. If you know someone like this, take the time to share your joy with them.

Bonita Robey, Historian

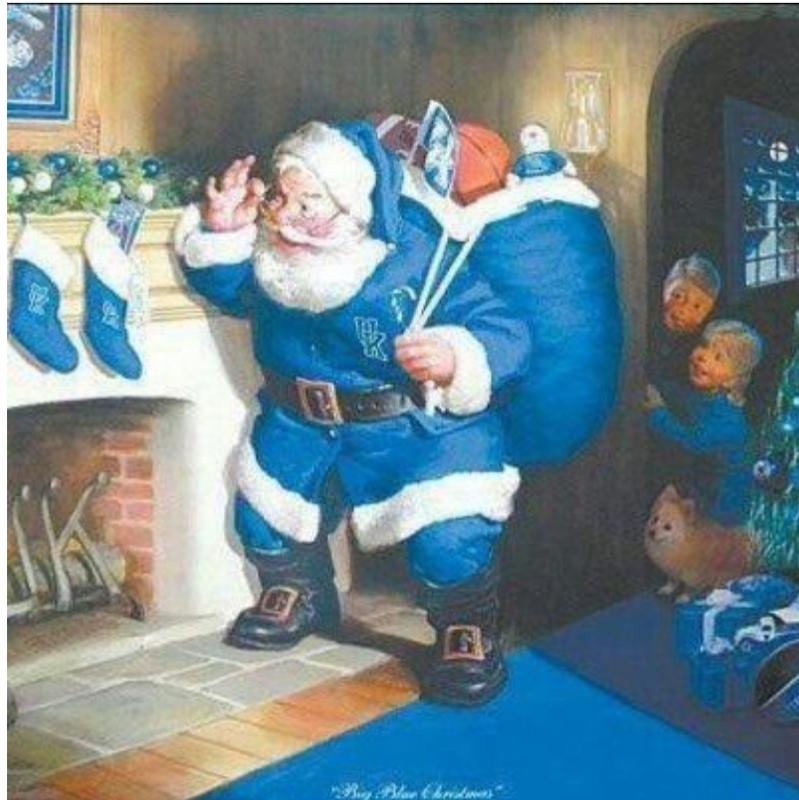
From my family to yours, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! May your holiday's be blessed. Please remember our Military men and women and their families.

Jennifer Mullins, Dept. Secretary



From my family to yours I wish each of you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. I hope everyone is busy finding participants for the Americanism essay contest. Thank you for the continued hard work you do every day. See you in the New Year Americanism super heroes.

Patty Martinez
Americanism Chairman



December Bulletin

I hope that everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving with friends and family. I know that I did! I was blessed to share this holiday with my stepdaughter and her family and my brother and niece.

November found me on the road again. On the 7th I attended the oyster dinner at the Irvine Post. Yes, the food was great as usual! The members made all of us feel very welcome. The 8th found me across the state in Madisonville where I participated in the largest Veterans Day Parade in Kentucky. It was an awesome sight! On the 11th I attended the Veterans Day ceremony in Elizabethtown. There was a fantastic turnout. I attended the 11th District meeting in London on the 15th and the 7th District meeting in Frankfort on the 22nd. Both districts had good attendance, and I enjoyed seeing old friends and making new ones.

I realize that this is a busy time of the year, but I hope that you are working your programs diligently. Remember that your midyear reports are due this month. Please, please, get them in so that the chairmen can get theirs to the national chairmen. We want to show them that we are Kentucky Strong!!!!

Let's continue to get our membership in. Remember that our goal is to reach one million members nationwide. As Rosie the Riveter says, "We can do it!"

Enjoy this holiday season. I send each of you my love and wishes for a very merry Christmas and a happy New Year!

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**Betty Butler
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I'm sure every Unit has been doing something in the Legislative Program. Have you written to any of your congressmen about issues pertaining to our Veterans? Have you went on the website to see which bills are pending in the House or Senate? I haven't seen any copies of letters that have been sent and replies received.

If you go under <http://legion.capwiz.com/legion/issues/bills> you can see a list of bills that are pending and the Legion's position on each one of them. For instance, Senate bill S.684 which is Homeless Veterans Prevention Act. The Legion supports this bill.

I will be taking Mid-Year reports until 12/15/15. Please send them in so that I can report to Southern Division what Kentucky is doing in this program.

If you have any questions, please contact me at 502-600-1480.

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Chaplains, I know that you have all been doing a wonderful job. If you know of someone who needs a card sent to them, for whatever reason, please let me know as soon as possible. I can be reached by phone, e-mail or mail.

Also, don't forget to visit our members who are ill, whether they are home or in the hospital. Give them a call to see how they are doing or if they need anything. A phone call might really brighten her day.

This holiday season, please remember our service men and women who are serving, and those who have served.

Please advise me when a member has passed away. I will need her name for our memorial service at Department Convention in June.

Don't forget mid-year reports are due by Dec. 15th. I hope you are all working on your prayer books and I would love to see some junior books too. If you have any questions, feel free to contact me.

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December 2015

Merry Christmas

I hope everyone has a Merry Christmas and a safe holiday and travels.

Who! Who! Wants to be as wise as an owl for education in 2015-2016? Department of Kentucky American Legion Auxiliary does that is who. Right!

Just a reminder to each unit and or district to bring a backpack full of supplies to winter and spring conference. So President Donna can take them the school of her choice. This is part of my plan of work for Kentucky. Please let me know who brought them so I can have little something at the Department Convention.

I would like to thank Madisonville Unit 6 and Leitchfield Unit 81 for bringing backpacks to the Fall conference.

Also keep bringing the box tops to the conferences. Be sure to count them. If you want to keep them for your schools in you area make copies and bring the copy to me with the count and the Unit name and number.

Remember the 10 for education program. Keep up with amount spent and the items for your mid year and year report. Units will receive citations at the Department Convention.

Please get a Veteran into the classroom or a least at an assembly with the student body to talk about the service to our great country or maybe a program folding the flag.

I need the mid year report by Dec.18th. Please mail it to Elaine Josleyn,2605 Grapevine Rd.,Madisonville,Ky 42431 or e-mail to jersey141953@yahoo.com

Work on your scholarships program. I will have copies of each scholarships application at Winter and Spring conference.



Merry Christmas

God Bless our Troops

Elaine Josleyn,Chairperson

December Historian Bulletin

Reminder to each of you to send a mid-year update on your activities. Allow me to write YOUR story of all the great things you are doing. I would appreciate having them by December 15th but if you get busy and the date slips up on you, don't not send anything. Remember this is a work in process so I will always be writing. Don't forget to let me know if you have members working on the Members History Project. Our National Historian Debbie is very interested in those participating in this endeavor. Please don't forget to get your juniors involved.

I hope each of you has an enjoyable holiday season and I look forward to reading about all the activities each unit and district participates in. Remember, no matter how small you may think it is or if it is something you do every year without thinking about it, it is still your unit's history and I want to be able to report it.

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Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation
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Kathy Daudistel – Chairman

*“Oh the weather outside is frightful But the fire is so delightful
And since we've no place to go Let It Snow! Let It Snow! Let It Snow!”
Written by Sammy Cahn*

I remember singing this as a child wishing for a school snow day and sometimes even now hoping for the same. But as an adult, one has to stop and also think about the veterans who are out on the streets with nowhere to go. The stark reality is that between 529,000 and 840,000 veterans are homeless at some time during the year. According to Veterans, Inc. – there are more than 300,000 veterans living on the streets or in shelters in the U.S. These are men and women who sacrificed their everyday lives to protect our freedom. There are many different reasons for homelessness but we owe it to our veterans to at least offer them a solution.

How can you help? You can participate in and host local Stand downs, events where homeless Veterans receive free goods and services such as haircuts and medical exams. You can also contact local homeless shelters and assist with meal preparation and serving, collecting clothing items and distributing them as needed. You can also assemble and distribute personal care packages to the homeless population. When distributing items to the homeless, be diligent about your personal safety. Always work in pairs or groups and do not approach strangers after dark. If you feel apprehensive for your safety, walk away. Another idea is to assemble the packs and drop off at the local homeless shelter to be distributed there. Either way you go, you are helping!

During the lunch break at winter conference, we will be assembling individual care packages for the homeless. Anyone who wants to participate can do so. The juniors will be working on cards of cheer to include in each package.

If you plan to attend winter conference, please consider bringing any of the following items:

- Small Water bottle
- New Socks
- Tuna and crackers
- Cereal bars (not granola bars as they are typically too hard for a homeless person to chew)
- Fruit snack or applesauce cup
- Crackers with peanut butter or cheese
- Hand wipes
- Pack of Kleenex
- Maxi pads
- Disposable Toothbrush and toothpaste
- Band Aids
- Chapstick

Comb or small brush
Mints, cough drops or gum
Beef jerky (a favorite)
Vienna sausages

We will also be assembling pet packs to distribute to the pets of the homeless.
If you can bring a bag of dry dog food, we will put into individual snack bags.
The juniors will assist with the assembly and when we are complete and depending on the amount packaged, we will send everyone home with at least one homeless pack to distribute as they see it.

I hope you have a Merry Christmas and a Hopeful New Year! Remember to thank a veteran!

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American Legion Auxiliary
Kentucky Girls State

Hello Unit Presidents and Unit Chairmen,

It time to "Keep the Promise" that we need to get start in our busy holiday schedules sit down and write a Mid-Year report as you know I asked you to sent me a report by December 15th so I can send my report to the Southern Divisional Chairman Diana King by the due day that she has asked me to send my report. I look forward to hear from all the units that are working on sending high school juniors that are finishing up their junior year in high school of the 2016 year that is planning on attending Kentucky Girls State. Tell me what you have done to exhibited the Girls State program and are recruiting them to see if they are eligible to join the American Legion Auxiliary as well. Also don't forget if you are interested in being a supervisor or a junior counselor for the up coming Girls State program please submit your application before January 15, 2016. You will also have to submit a background check which you can go through the Kentucky American Legion website- www.kylegion.org for the background check and to get the application for the Kentucky Girls State program the website- www.kyamlegionaux.org go to Girls State program and you find all the information for the 2016 program. Please at anytime if you have any question call or email Virginia Hobbs or myself we will help you in anyway to make this 70th Kentucky Girls State an awesome one that you and the delegates want forget.

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Child Welfare Bulletin

Hello Ladies,

Just a friendly reminder to turn in your Piggy money to your unit treasure by the end of December. Then have her send a check to Jennifer or you can present the check at the Winter Conference!

I have been visiting a lot of units raising awareness of the school clothes program. If you are coming to the conference, please bring your units donations. Look for me at our table. Please have your unit number, your name and the total pieces of clothing you have. Try to have the retail value of all the clothes. I am hoping we have a large amount of donations.

Unit Presidents and District Presidents please share your bulletin information with your ladies. Please do not assume that they know what is in it.

I have a new idea coming up at winter conference. Watch for my announcement on Mike's Face Book page.

See you soon,

Dee,

Child Welfare Chairman

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY

UNIT 81

LEITCHFIELD, KY.

Winter Conference:

There will be a Trophy for Juniors and Seniors for hand made Poppy Corsages.

There will also be Trophies for Junior and Senior for Crocheted corsages.

Spring Conference:

Trophies for Junior and Senior Poppy Wreaths – hand made and crocheted.

June Convention:

Poppy Displays for Juniors and Seniors. Has to relate to Dept. President's Theme and membership.

Have any questions call Dianne Mudd 270-230-7939