



MAY BULLETIN

GOD BLESS AMERICA!

HELLO EVERYONE!

I hope you are enjoying this beautiful weather as much as I am.

Reports are in and I know elections for the next year are underway in your units.

I want to thank everyone for working so hard this year. It shows in your reports, emails and post to Facebook.

We do have one BIG goal that still remains. MEMBERSHIP! Come on ladies we want to show the Legionnaires that we can beat them in membership and help get to a million members.

Reminder....Department Convention is June 18-20th at the Crowne Plaza in Louisville. I hope to see as many members there as possible. We have a lot of surprising things that will be presented. I don't want you to miss out.

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.

God Bless America

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MEMBERSHIP! MEMBERSHIP! MEMBERSHIP!

May 2015
Department Headquarters
Jennifer Mullins, Secretary

I hope everyone had a great Mothers Day!

Once you have had your Unit elections, please send me the list of officers for the 2015-2016 year. Please include their mailing address, phone, and e-mail address.

The end of year Impact report is due to Department Headquarters by June 1, 2015.

If you have not already paid your Operating Assessments, they are past due. \$25.00 + \$0.25 per senior member as of 12-31.

I look forward to seeing you all at the State Convention.

Jennifer

May Membership Bulletin

Oh --- Kentucky we are at **Crunch Crunch Crunch** time and we are not talking about Captain Crunch. This newsletter, for all getting it only through US postal service, might be the last one prior to the June 15th cutoff. So, it might be a little wordy. We are slightly over 81% which is **fantastic**. However that leaves us with 19% to make up in less than 4 weeks. I know when we all get down to business, we should be able to make up most if not all of that. Positivity! and belief in Us. From personal experience it is a struggle for that final push. That does not mean we give up, it means we push a little harder and maybe recruit more member help. We all know that membership is the heart of our great organization and should be promoted as much as possible. It means our members are dedicated to Veterans i.e. For God and Country (its the first words in our preamble).

Open Arms --- Accept and give your members the opportunity to assist in the things your unit accomplishes. If it only be 1 program a year such as food for a festival, or backpacks for troops, or a patriotic parade, let them participate. That could be calling members to volunteer, to remind them to pay dues, to even call to say hi as they have been ill, it lets them know that they are wanted, needed and useful. Try to accept the fact that we are all different, have different beliefs, backgrounds, skin color, personality traits and yes sometimes even hygiene traits. Yes we all know it happens, but if the heart is for God and Country, then they are important to us.

Positivity --- Would you rather hear: We can't do that. or I like new ideas, lets see if we can work that in somehow or Even Thanks for your input, we will bring that up at our next meeting to see where we can apply that, or even I will help you work that in..... It gives hope, acceptance and connectivity with that member. New or even old reused can be good.

6 Districts have made 80% and 4 are over 70%. Eight district has come into the race at second and nipping at the heels of 6th who is holding the lead. 7th is nose and nose with 8th. We can count any district out at this point as we all have the opportunity to take the lead in the final stretch. Come on Kentucky, lets be one in a million and show our TEAM spirit.

If you missed Spring Conference, then you missed some great Elevator Speeches. Since a few had not heard of elevator speeches, I will do a brief explanation. Maybe do an impromptu one at your units. We know there are a few members who can always step up with some ideas, so make it positive spin and a friendly competition. At conference after we maybe convinced a few to participate, we also had volunteers from the floor. It was great and a few people after, said they wished they had done one.

An elevator speech is a member being able to explain what the American Legion Auxiliary, Post, or Family is, or what drives your passion for the Auxiliary in approx 60 seconds because that is the time on an elevator that you have tell someone and make an impression. Because the door opens and they are gone. *A brief example (Fictitious names places used). Veronica was wearing a Girls State shirt. She was in Lexington for her daughters soccer tournament and on the elevator at the Trump Hotel. She gets on the elevator heading to the lobby. The other lady on the elevator saw the shirt and says. Kentucky Girls State ---- What is Girls State? Veronica whose daughter attended last year promptly replied. Its a program sponsored by our local American Legion Auxiliary Unit. It gave my daughter the opportunity to learn about our city and state government. She ran for Mayor and won. It was all she could talk about for weeks, she has a new friend from Spencerville, Kentucky. Typically shy, she has changed and not afraid to experience new things. We both joined the American Legion Auxiliary Unit 1010 in Goleyville when she returned. If you are interested in some great volunteer opportunities, check us out. Here is the brochure they gave me when I joined and my card, if you are interested.* The speech can vary significantly because we all have different takes on what drives us, what it means to us and what we do as we cover quite a few programs. Just remember there is a brief time on an elevator, so it has to be quick and you should be enthusiastic. Make them intrigued.

On the attached membership worksheet, notice the units that have not yet paid assessments. (If your unit # is highlighted, then that means you HAVE paid your assessments). All others, please get those assessments paid, so we can award your good works. A unit that has not paid assessments, will not qualify for any awards. **For convention**, in addition to the ribbons for your flag pole, there will be a trophy for a unit in each district that has **increased the largest**

percentage from 2014 (and paid their assessments by June 10th, otherwise it will go to the next one who has). The membership goals were tough this year and this will award those units striving to grow the Auxiliary. So get to work ladies, we can grow Kentucky even more.

Reminders:

- Next goals are Renewals at 95% by June 15th and Total Membership at 100% by June 15th. All must be postmarked by Saturday June 13th due to conference on the 18th.
- Do not hold Membership, we want Kentucky to be able to take advantage of all who have paid.
- Mail cards to members in a timely manner, so they can get the benefits of membership.
- Look over your rejoin list and try and recruit some of those back in.
- Remember new female veterans are free for both Department and national dues. (ask how to process these)
- Call us, your membership team, with any questions regarding membership. We are here to serve you.
- There will be parade of membership at conference for those renewals not in the mail by June 13th and you want to turn in, in person. Small token of appreciation will be provided.
- Ideas for membership, see if anyone would like to pay someone's renewal, have a membership drive, work with the Post to see if they have any family members that are eligible to join and just have not been asked. The biggest reason most applicants say there were not members were they were not asked... Wear Auxiliary Apparel which many times prompts people to ask who and what we are. It's a great lead in to promote our GREAT organization.
- Trouble with your home post, remember that Auxiliary meetings do not have to be held at a legion. In fact recently we found out that most Chicago Legions do not even have a home post, they meet at work, at churches, community centers, Libraries. 6th District has a legion with an Auxiliary that does not have a post home and they meet at the library. Its about people working together. So if you do have a post home, reach out to them to Let us know if there is anything we can do and we hope to see you all in June At Convention!!!

As this teams year winds down, I want to thank everyone for their hard work on membership. Its been a very great experience. Keep our family strong and keep working programs for the American Legion Family.

We got SPIRIT, yes we do, We got SPIRIT, How About YOU??????

BC (Alicia Buser), Bonita Robey, Marie Shouse, Retha Clemmons, & Chrisie Halverson

DEPARTMENT MEMBERSHIP REPORT 2014 - 2015 Report as of 05-06-15

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 | | | | | | |
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| 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 | 28 | 82.4 | 36 | 34 | 94.4 | 1 | 20 | | 0.0 | 19 | | 0.0 | 7 | 205 | 155 | 75.6 | 209 | 173 | 82.8 | 66 | 10 | 1 | 10.0 | 15 | 1 | 6.7 |
| 31 | 164 | 121 | 73.8 | 165 | 129 | 78.2 | 42 | 0 | 0 | | 0 | 14 | | 8 | 124 | 94 | 75.8 | 129 | 108 | 83.7 | 104 | 12 | | 0.0 | 15 | | 0.0 |
| 68 | 36 | 29 | 80.6 | 35 | 33 | 94.3 | 49 | 25 | 23 | 92.0 | 28 | 23 | 82.1 | 24 | 50 | 25 | 50.0 | 56 | 25 | 44.6 | 152 | 27 | 18 | 66.7 | 32 | 20 | 62.5 |
| 72 | 33 | 22 | 66.7 | 39 | 24 | 61.5 | 81 | 483 | 406 | 84.1 | 486 | 421 | 86.6 | 30 | 19 | 19 | 100.0 | 21 | 20 | 95.2 | 283 | 9 | 11 | 122.2 | 18 | 13 | 72.2 |
| | | | | | | | 82 | 66 | 54 | 81.8 | 66 | 58 | 87.9 | 67 | 73 | 71 | 97.3 | 74 | 95 | 128.4 | Tot | 58 | 30 | 51.7 | 80 | 34 | 42.5 |
| 74 | 24 | 16 | 66.7 | 30 | 18 | 60.0 | 87 | 27 | 13 | 48.1 | 30 | 13 | 43.3 | 79 | 77 | 59 | 76.6 | 81 | 78 | 96.3 | DISTRICT 11 | | | | | | |
| 85 | 11 | 10 | 90.9 | 13 | 13 | 100.0 | 101 | 30 | 16 | 53.3 | 32 | 16 | 50.0 | 132 | 24 | 19 | 79.2 | 26 | 26 | 100.0 | Unit | Ren Goal | Ren Pd | Ren% | Tot Goal | Tot Pd | Tot % |
| 116 | 78 | 45 | 57.7 | 88 | 50 | 56.8 | 113 | 582 | 507 | 87.1 | 600 | 528 | 88.0 | 165 | 48 | 44 | 91.7 | 47 | 44 | 93.6 | 14 | 6 | 3 | 50.0 | 11 | 3 | 27.3 |
| 144 | 20 | 15 | 75.0 | 19 | 15 | 78.9 | 121 | 77 | 57 | 74.0 | 81 | 62 | 76.5 | 176 | 16 | 1 | 6.3 | 19 | 1 | 5.3 | 16 | 47 | 14 | 29.8 | 53 | 17 | 32.1 |
| 217 | 82 | 76 | 92.7 | 82 | 84 | 102.4 | 124 | 96 | 81 | 84.4 | 110 | 82 | 74.5 | 257 | 56 | 40 | 71.4 | 66 | 42 | 63.6 | 38 | 92 | 86 | 93.5 | 96 | 92 | 95.8 |
| 236 | 62 | 56 | 90.3 | 66 | 60 | 90.9 | 148 | 60 | 59 | 98.3 | 66 | 70 | 106.1 | 313 | 83 | 70 | 84.3 | 83 | 79 | 95.2 | 69 | 14 | 6 | 42.9 | 18 | 7 | 38.9 |
| Tot | 544 | 418 | 76.8 | 573 | 460 | 80.3 | 157 | 156 | 135 | 86.5 | 159 | 138 | 86.8 | 341 | 60 | 55 | 91.7 | 64 | 62 | 96.9 | 88 | 104 | 89 | 85.6 | 105 | 94 | 89.5 |
| DISTRICT 2 | | | | | | | 167 | 41 | 35 | 85.4 | 40 | 37 | 92.5 | Tot | 835 | 652 | 78.1 | 875 | 753 | 86.1 | 115 | 84 | 91 | 108.3 | 95 | 101 | 106.3 |
| Unit | Ren Goal | Ren Pd | Ren% | Tot Goal | Tot Pd | Tot % | 247 | 16 | 12 | 75.0 | 18 | 12 | 66.7 | DISTRICT 8 | | | | | | | 273 | 9 | | 0.0 | 11 | | 0.0 |
| 2 | 29 | 16 | 55.2 | 33 | 17 | 51.5 | 288 | 24 | 26 | 108.3 | 29 | 31 | 106.9 | Unit | Ren Goal | Ren Pd | Ren% | Tot Goal | Tot Pd | Tot % | Tot | 356 | 289 | 81.2 | 389 | 314 | 80.7 |
| 6 | 207 | 174 | 84.1 | 211 | 183 | 86.7 | Tot | 1703 | 1424 | 83.6 | 1764 | 1505 | 85.3 | 12 | 20 | 12 | 60.0 | 19 | 12 | 63.2 | HeadQuarters | | | | | | |
| 9 | 132 | 93 | 70.5 | 134 | 110 | 82.1 | DISTRICT 5 | | | | | | | 34 | 235 | 214 | 91.1 | 246 | 231 | 93.9 | Unit | Ren Goal | Ren Pd | Ren% | Tot Goal | Tot Pd | Tot % |
| 40 | 67 | 50 | 74.6 | 75 | 57 | 76.0 | Unit | Ren Goal | Ren Pd | Ren% | Tot Goal | Tot Pd | Tot % | 46 | 17 | 13 | 76.5 | 20 | 14 | 70.0 | 200 | 73 | 59 | 80.8 | 73 | 59 | 80.8 |
| 55 | 10 | 1 | 10.0 | 13 | 1 | 7.7 | 45 | 27 | 28 | 103.7 | 34 | 28 | 82.4 | 301 | 27 | 24 | 88.9 | 26 | 24 | 92.3 | DEPARTMENT OF KENTUCKY | | | | | | |
| 233 | 204 | 127 | 62.3 | 205 | 137 | 66.8 | 180 | 150 | 124 | 82.7 | 156 | 134 | 85.9 | 345 | 38 | 28 | 73.7 | 47 | 28 | 59.6 | Unit | Ren Goal | Ren Pd | Ren% | Tot Goal | Tot Pd | Tot % |
| 243 | 14 | 11 | 78.6 | 17 | 17 | 100.0 | 193 | 160 | 134 | 83.8 | 169 | 163 | 96.4 | Tot | 337 | 291 | 86.4 | 358 | 309 | 86.3 | 7105 | 5662 | 79.7 | 7497 | 6115 | 81.6 | |
| 296 | 18 | | 0.0 | 23 | | 0.0 | 201 | 208 | 160 | 76.9 | 224 | 163 | 72.8 | DISTRICT 9 | | | | | | | Unit | Ren Goal | Ren Pd | Ren% | Tot Goal | Tot Pd | Tot % |
| 310 | 24 | 18 | 75.0 | 28 | 18 | 64.3 | 220 | 100 | 75 | 75.0 | 110 | 78 | 70.9 | Unit | Ren Goal | Ren Pd | Ren% | Tot Goal | Tot Pd | Tot % | | | | | | | |
| Tot | 705 | 490 | 69.5 | 739 | 540 | 73.1 | 229 | 77 | 63 | 81.8 | 85 | 65 | 76.5 | 17 | 14 | 15 | 107.1 | 17 | 16 | 94.1 | | | | | | | |
| DISTRICT 3 | | | | | | | 244 | 67 | 53 | 79.1 | 74 | 55 | 74.3 | 22 | 92 | 64 | 69.6 | 102 | 68 | 66.7 | | | | | | | |
| Unit | Ren Goal | Ren Pd | Ren% | Tot Goal | Tot Pd | Tot % | 278 | 10 | 10 | 100.0 | 10 | 10 | 100.0 | 43 | 51 | 25 | 49.0 | 55 | 27 | 49.1 | | | | | | | |
| 23 | 109 | 74 | 67.9 | 109 | 77 | 70.6 | Tot | 799 | 647 | 81.0 | 862 | 696 | 80.7 | 76 | 175 | 162 | 92.6 | 187 | 165 | 88.2 | | | | | | | |
| 29 | 74 | 55 | 74.3 | 80 | 59 | 73.8 | DISTRICT 6 | | | | | | | 126 | 61 | 44 | 72.1 | 61 | 51 | 83.6 | | | | | | | |
| 61 | 32 | 34 | 106.3 | 31 | 34 | 109.7 | Unit | Ren Goal | Ren Pd | Ren% | Tot Goal | Tot Pd | Tot % | 138 | 68 | 58 | 85.3 | 68 | 62 | 91.2 | | | | | | | |
| 62 | 121 | 112 | 92.6 | 134 | 112 | 83.6 | 4 | 99 | 80 | 80.8 | 110 | 84 | 76.4 | 171 | 8 | | 0.0 | 14 | | 0.0 | | | | | | | |
| 65 | | | | | | | 11 | 89 | 64 | 71.9 | 90 | 71 | 78.9 | 276 | 47 | 29 | 61.7 | 45 | 29 | 64.4 | | | | | | | |
| 202 | 42 | 35 | 83.3 | 41 | 36 | 87.8 | 20 | 56 | 52 | 92.9 | 56 | 57 | 101.8 | 325 | 78 | 63 | 80.8 | 78 | 69 | 88.5 | | | | | | | |
| 258 | 20 | 16 | 80.0 | 22 | 16 | 72.7 | 41 | 100 | 77 | 77.0 | 100 | 82 | 82.0 | 342 | 56 | 39 | 69.6 | 62 | 44 | 71.0 | | | | | | | |
| Tot | 405 | 326 | 80.5 | 431 | 334 | 77.5 | 203 | 254 | 223 | 87.8 | 260 | 245 | 94.2 | Tot | 650 | 499 | 76.8 | 689 | 531 | 77.1 | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | 219 | 31 | 29 | 93.5 | 33 | 29 | 87.9 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | 275 | 11 | 12 | 109.1 | 15 | 12 | 80.0 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | Tot | 640 | 537 | 83.9 | 664 | 580 | 87.3 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

Assessments Paid



POPPY BULLETIN:

Sorry Ladies, I have not written a bulletin in a couple of months. Nothing really has changed but I decided to write to let you be aware of somethings coming up and some trophies that can be won.

Number one, please have all end of the year reports to be by May 1st, so that I can have my report into Southern Division Chairwoman.

Next, have all poppy displays at June Convention in the Auxiliary meeting room by 9 am of Friday of Convention so that they can be judged and award presented to a senior and junior participant winner.

Also, do not forget to have all the Little Ms. Poppy scrapbooks turned into me by May 1st as well so that I can choose a scrapbook to send on to Southern Division and I will have an award for the winner of that at June Convention as well.

Also from the end of the year reports I will be choosing an overall best Senior and Junior program. Please have these reports mailed to me and postmarked by May 1st, 2015. If I receive them late I will use the information for my report still but they will not be included in the judging for the awards.

Again as always if you have any questions, please call me. I love helping my fellow Ladies Auxiliary members.

God Bless,

Dianne Mudd

Dept. of Kentucky

Poppy Chairwoman

POPPY DISPLAY RULES

1. Dimensions are to be no larger than 24 x 24 x 12 high.
2. Each display must have a tag on the bottom with creator's name, Unit #, District # and number of poppies used.
3. There will be at least 5 members judging.
4. All displays need to be checked in no later than 9 am on Friday of June Convention.
5. Any craft item may be used in conjunction with the poppies.