

Department Headquarters

VA & R Assessments are due and they are :

\$30.00 + \$0.15 per senior member + \$0.25 per past president on your membership roster

I am starting to receive notices of online renewals. I will send the Unit a letter showing the individual that has paid their dues online along with a check for the Units portion of the dues. Please do not hold their cards. You must send their membership card to them.

Units and Districts can now get their own log-in ID to the ALA MIS (American Legion Auxiliary Membership Information System). The cost is \$10 a year. A Unit can have up to two log-ins. If your unit would like to have their own ID please send me an e-mail (aladeptaux@yahoo.com), include the unit number, individuals name, member ID, and contact e-mail address.

When sending in a new membership application, please make sure that the writing is legible and complete.

Hope you all have a safe Halloween!

MEMBERSHIP OCTOBER BULLETIN

"Keeping the Promise" - National Theme "Marching Towards Increased Membership Heights" - Dept Theme

My name is Nancy Moses (AKA: Nancy Brotherton) and I am your membership chair for the 2015-2016 year. I have handed out membership handbooks at President Donna Thurman's workshop in September, at some District meetings and will have them available at all conferences, and on the Kentucky American Legion Auxiliary website (kyamlegionaux.org). If you need a handbook call me at 859-817-9237 or email me at mosesnancy59@yahoo.com and I will mail/email you one.

Our membership team for this year is: Myself, Alicia (B.C.) Buser, Jane McKnight, and Diane Kennedy. We stand ready to answer questions, visit your Unit meeting or help in any other way requested. Our contact information is as follows:

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National is providing many tools for all of us to attract and retain members. Have you signed up for your American Legion Auxiliary online account yet? If not, why not? By going to the [alaforveterans.org](https://www.alaforveterans.org) homepage and creating your account in two simple steps, you can download resources such as brochures, applications, membership reports, **PAY YOUR DUES ONLINE**, and so much more. The account is free and there is a "How-to" in the membership handbook I have prepared. National is giving a \$500 award to the Department that has had the largest increase in new online accounts. National is sending all new members a welcome postcard within two weeks of receiving the new member's dues.

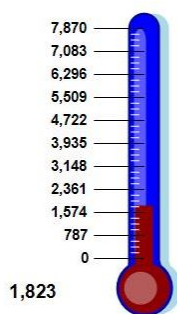
National has set the Unit goals this year for all Units in order to obtain one million members. We **HAVE** to reach these or we may lose our influence and status as the world's largest Women's veterans organization. If you would like to know how they calculated these goals, please call or email me. Do not become disheartened if your goal is challenging, just remember - "How do you eat an elephant? One bite at a time! How do you obtain one million members? **One member at a time!!!!**" **WE CAN DO THIS!**

The Dept. of Kentucky Membership has a Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/alakymembership>) where you can visit for contests, membership resources and status updates. Please like this page and share with others so we can spread the good work of the Auxiliary. The Department will be hosting a Facebook membership drive/workshop beginning on October 16th-18th. During this entire time, I will be posting fun trivia about the ALA, having contests, and helping others learn about the Auxiliary. Like the ALA Ky Membership page so you participate. October 12th is the next Promise Date and it is for 35% by October 12th for our Unit and Department promise "**I promise to explore new ways of signing up members**". One new way is to have a membership drive via social media. Create a Facebook Event and invite Facebook groups, your current Facebook friends, and have fun with it.

To all the Unit Membership Chairmen - your Unit can sign up for online membership submission. You can do it all online without sending via snail mail to Department. The system is called the American Legion Auxiliary Management Information System (ALAMIS). Contact anyone on the membership team for more information! To all Unit Presidents - assessments are due as of December 31, 2015. \$30 plus .15 per senior member and .25 per past president on your membership roster.

09/28/2015

Ky Auxiliary Goal



23.2%

Check out the membership handbook posted on the Department website or call or email me for a copy. The awards are listed for individuals and Units and we will have some special surprises along the way which will be included in the bulletins. Just remember, **WE CAN DO IT!!!** We are already at 23.3% membership!!! Keep it coming.

OPPORTUNITY: There will be a Membership Workshop at Conference on Friday, Oct. 9th at 6:00 pm.

**DON'T HOLD YOUR MEMBERSHIP!
ASSESSMENTS DUE IN DECEMBER!**

Rosie-ism of the month: Never a job too tough that a woman can't figure a way to do it!



Betty Butler
Legislative Chairman
October 2015 Bulletin

Below is some information that was passed out during President Donna's Workshop on September 12th.

Legion Legislative Action Center – www.capwiz.com/legion/issues/bills
Legion Legislative Priorities – www.legion.org/legislative
Legion's Weekly Legislative Update – www.legion.org/newsletters

My e-mail address: butiu20@aol.com

Our two Senators and their addresses are:

Mitch McConnell

317 Russell Senate Office Bldg.

Washington, DC 20510

Tel: 202-224-2541

www.mcconnell.senate.gov/public/index.cfm?p=contact

Rand Paul

167 Russell Senate Office Bldg.

Washington, DC 20510

Tel: 202-224-4343

www.paul.senate.gov/connect/email-rand

Please remember to send me copies of any letters you send to these Senators with their replies. The Action Center website will list current bills and the Legion Legislative Priorities will show what the Legion's position is on them.

Please contact me at my e-mail address if you have any questions. I will be listing some priority issues in the next bulletin.

October 2015

Hello Girls State Chairmen,

I hope you are ready to start planning to go to your schools early to get the information out to your schools. We have the updated information on the American Legion Auxiliary website under the Girls State program. Please look over all the information this year there are deadlines to meet and we need to keep our deadline to make the Girls State program 2016 a great one as we will be celebrating our 70th year in Kentucky. So as we "Keeping The Promise", to our youth in helping them be better leadership for the future.

Madam President Donna, Director Virginia and myself went to the Girls State Conference September 25th-28th was very informative and we can use some of those ideas to our program to make it better for the future. The Samsung Scholarship will be on online and the students will have to fill it out online and it will not be papers coming to the Girls State program anymore this will be all online and the deadline for the application will be the very first day they attend Kentucky Girls State and you will not be able sign on it after midnight. So please let your delegates know this if they are applying for the scholarship.

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> Kentucky Girls State fee is \$250 and Girls State program again will be held at University of the Cumberland, Williamsburg, KY, and June 5-10th. DO NOT SEND FEES (MONEY) TO THE DIRECTOR, it goes directly to the department in the memo line state Girls Program for sponsoring the girls. If units need any help please contact us anytime by email would be quick, but call us anytime.

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Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation (VA&R)
Kathy Daudistel, Chairman

Coming home may be the end of one journey for many of our veterans: it is also the beginning of the transition to a “new normal”. Helping them reach this “new normal” is the primary focus of the American Legion Auxiliary. (www.alaforveterans.org/Programs/Veterans-Affairs-Rehabilitation/)

As members we can help in many ways, some of which are:

- Volunteering at VA health care facilities
 - Recruit others to volunteer
- If there are not any facilities near you, you can always volunteer in other ways by
 - Sewing quilts for the Quilts of Valor Foundation
 - Baking goodies for a local stand down
 - Sewing lap blankets for the local nursing home where there are surely some veterans living
- Helping veterans in accessing VA Benefits while collaborating with your Post Service officers
- Work with homeless veterans or activities that help homeless veterans
 - Volunteer at a local Stand down or homeless veteran shelter
 - Raise funds to assist homeless veterans
- Supporting rehabilitation and healing of veterans through arts, crafts and hobbies
 - Volunteer at local Creative Arts Festivals
 - Raise funds to support the Creative arts festival
 - Organize a local Creative Arts Festival
 - Advocate for music, art, drama and other recreational therapy programs at local VA facilities
- Helping support and promote job fairs for veterans and their families
 - Help organize a local job fair
 - Serve as a career e-mentor for women veterans
- Supporting the caregivers of veterans.

For more suggestions, go to: (www.alaforveterans.org/Programs/Veterans-Affairs-Rehabilitation/)

Remember to jot down your hours and events as you do them. Also take lots of pictures and send them to me when you get them!

AWARDS

Department Awards:

Best Senior and Junior VA&R program – trophies presented to one Senior unit and one Junior unit during Department Convention

- A narrative describing the 2015-2016 VA&R program
- Must include at least one picture of volunteers in action
- Due April 23, 2016
 - Can be sent electronically to kathyd@twc.com or
 - Mailed to Kathy Daudistel, 113 Washington Ave, Bellevue, KY 41073-1030

National Awards: Ask me for more info or go to (www.alaforveterans.org/Programs/Veterans-Affairs-Rehabilitation/)

Million Member Award

Unit VA&R Award

National Veterans Creative Arts Festival Support recognition

REPORTING

Midyear Reports

- **Due December 12, 2015 – but feel free to send me pictures and notices anytime**
 - Let me know what you are doing by sending me a quick email or a short letter.
 - If you have pictures, I would love to see you in action.
 - You can email or mail your reports to:
 - Can be sent electronically to kathyd@twc.com or
 - Mailed to Kathy Daudistel, 113 Washington Ave, Bellevue, KY 41073
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Year End reports

- **Due April 23, 2016**
 - Should be a summary in a story format of what you did all year.
 - Please send pictures of your unit in action. These may possibly show up on the big screen at National Convention.
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“America was not built on fear. America was built on courage, on imagination, and an unbeatable determination to do the job at hand.” - Harry S. Truman