

My wish is for every member and their families to have a Very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. May God's blessing be on each and everyone of you. This year maybe help serve a Christmas dinner to those in need. Also, keep our military in your prayers that they will return home safely to their families.

*Betty Butler
President*

I would like to wish everyone a very Merry and Blessed Christmas and a very Happy and prosperous New Year. Please remember our military and their families during the holidays. Remember our veterans in nursing homes and hospitals.

Patty Martinez
1st Vice President

May the good times and treasures of the present, become the golden memories of tomorrow. Wishing you lots of love, joy and happiness. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Jerilynn Kabel
2nd Vice President

May the season warm your soul, bring love to your heart and bless you with everything this life has to offer. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Jennifer Mullins
Secretary

The blessings of peace, the beauty of hope, the spirit of love, the comfort of faith. May this be your gifts this Christmas season! Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

Bonita Robey
Chaplain

HAPPY HOLIDAYS TO ALL!

I HOPE EVERYONE HAS A HAPPY AND MOSTLY SAFE HOLIDAY SEASON!

Please keep the folks in Tennessee in your prayers.

Karen Toll
Historian

May the spirit of the holiday season extend throughout 2017. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to you and yours.

Donna Thurman,
NEC, Department of Kentucky

May the spirit born on that holy night remain close to your heart the whole year through. Wishing our American Legion Family a Very Merry Christmas and a Blessed Happy New Year. Remember our Troops that are still fighting for our country and the families they left behind.

Pat Bryant,
Alt. NEC

Headquarters

For those of you who have an Office/Chairman booklet please find corrections listed below.

The VA & R assessments are due by 12-31-2015. The assessments are of vital importance to the VA & R programs. This assessments helps fund the money for the VA's. These must be paid to be eligible for any awards at Winter Conference.

The assessments are:

\$30.00 + \$0.15 per senior member as of 12-31 + \$0.25 per unit president currently on your membership roster

Please do not hold membership. It is not fair to the member when they pay you their dues and you hold it. National will be sending the next renewal notice out around January 15, 2017. If you are holding dues, that member will receive a renewal notice and may wonder why you have not sent their dues onto Department.

Winter conference is right around the corner. If you have not made your reservations please do. We need you there. Hope to see you there!

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year
Jennifer

Corrections to the officer booklet

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LEGISLATIVE

Hello Ladies,

I would like to wish everyone a very Merry and Blessed Christmas and a very Happy and prosperous New Year. Please remember our military and their families during the holidays. Remember our veterans in nursing homes and hospitals.

The Washington D.C Conference is around the corner. I hope you are planning to join us. I am providing you with information to make your lodging reservations and registration. Please contact me if you are attending so I can arrange our visits with Representatives accordingly.



DEPARTMENT OF KENTUCKY

LEGISLATIVE CHAIRMAN

PATTY MARTINEZ

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Calling all members of the American Legion Auxiliary!

Are you ready to advocate for our veterans and servicemembers? Join us along with fellow American Legion Family members as we storm the Hill and make our voices known! Meet with your legislators face to face to let them know who we are, what we do, and why we matter. Be informed on hot topics during the sessions leading up to your meetings with your legislators. The more members attending, the bigger our impact will be to support our veterans, military, and their families.

Where

Hilton Washington
1919 Connecticut Ave., NW, Washington, District of Columbia 20009, USA

Dress Code

Business Attire

Registration Deadline

Wednesday, February 1, 2017

Program and Overview

Conference Location: Hilton Washington– Washington, D.C.
1919 Connecticut Ave., NW
Washington, DC 20001
(202) 483-3000

Conference Dates: February 26 – February 28
To register online: <http://www.cvent.com/d/qvqcr6>

Sunday, February 26

1:15 - 4:00 p.m.

Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans

Ticket Cost: \$40 (*Ticket price includes ALA Branded Pack and Go Pullover*)

Join ALA National President Mary Davis for a special afternoon at the national Vietnam Veterans Memorial. The memorial will commemorate its 35th anniversary in 2017. A representative of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund will be present to provide an official welcome-home ceremony from the U.S. Department of Defense for our Vietnam veterans. President Davis will place a wreath in solemn observance of the sacrifices of the 8,744,000 Americans who served in the U.S. Armed Forces during the Vietnam War from 1964 to 1975.

President Davis invites attendees to bring copies of pictures of those listed on the Wall so they may be included in the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund's Wall of Faces program, which is dedicated to honoring and remembering every person whose name is listed on the Wall. Servicemembers do not need to be in uniform in the picture, nor does the picture have to have been taken during their service years (e.g., it can be a high school picture). Please be sure to include the servicemember's name and hometown on the back of the picture. *Note:* Photos will NOT be returned to you.

Monday, February 27 – ALA Washington DC Conference

What's Your Why?

Timothy Eernisse of PBS at WGVU Public Media, a service of Grand Valley State University will engage and inspire you with the thought-provoking question – “What's your why?” This interactive session will allow attendees to consider and discuss why they are motivated to continue the important mission work they're taking part in both within the American Legion Auxiliary and their hometown community.

Engaging America's Women Veterans

According to the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, women veterans are projected to make up 15 percent of all living veterans by 2035. (That's about 2.4 million women veterans!) In this session, attendees will hear from women veterans about how American Legion Auxiliary units and the national organization can best support and engage women veterans, as well as what motivates them to join organizations such as ours. Attendees will leave with a better understanding of the needs of women veterans, learn what they can do to embrace women veterans within their own communities, and how they can promote the value of American Legion Auxiliary membership to them.

Reno: The Biggest Little City in the World

Experience the sights and sounds of Reno, Nevada – the 2017 National Convention city. An informative presentation will be made detailing the exciting things to do in Reno.

Employing the Arts as Therapy

Nationwide, U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs medical facilities use the creative arts as one form of rehabilitative treatment to help veterans recover from and cope with physical and emotional disabilities.

Caring for our Caregivers

In the RAND Corporation's landmark study, "Hidden Heroes: America's Military Caregivers," it was discovered that 9 percent of adults living in the United States are serving as caregivers. 16.9 million serve as civilian caregivers, 4.4 million serve as Pre-9/11 military caregivers, and 1.1 million serve as Post-9/11 military caregivers. In this session, attendees will learn about programs and resources offered by the federal government and national nonprofits that are readily available to caregivers, as well as how Auxiliary members can best help support military caregivers at the unit level and within their communities.

Working Together to Honor and Serve Veteran Families

American Legion Auxiliary units reported 7,390,564 volunteer hours serving veterans and communities in the 2015-2016 administrative year. In this session, attendees will hear directly from nonprofit leaders about interesting and important national projects that offer Auxiliary units the opportunity to engage with members of their community in the work of The American Legion Family, all while honoring and serving military and veteran families.

Public Spirit Award Luncheon

Monday, February 27

11:45 am – 1:15 p.m.

Ticket Cost: \$55

During this special luncheon, the American Legion Auxiliary's Public Spirit Award will be presented to the 2017 recipient (to be announced). Established in 1983, the Public Spirit Award was created by the Auxiliary to recognize and honor an outstanding individual or organization for ALA mission-related contributions that positively impact our communities.

Tuesday, February 28

8:30 a.m.

Commander's Call & Know Before You Go

This event is a joint session with The American Legion at which members of Congress and representatives of the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, U.S. Department of Defense, and other federal agencies will present information on current topics of importance to the veteran and military communities.

Also included with this session will be the components of the Know Before You Go session, as the Hill Walk is a critical component of the Washington DC Conference. As a group of organizations representing nearly 3 million members, The American Legion Family has a strong voice on Capitol Hill. At this joint session with members of The American Legion and Sons of The American Legion, learn about The American Legion's public policy positions in advance of the Hill Walk, and build your confidence to articulate our legislative priorities to your elected officials.

Afternoon

Hill Walk – Storm Capitol Hill with other American Legion Auxiliary members to meet with your Congressional leaders and advocate for our veterans. Set up meetings in advance with both your senators and representative. For help with making appointments, see additional information in the Hill Walk Hints flyer on the national website at www.alaforveterans.org/Meetings/Washington-DC-Conference/.

Email Legislative@ALAforVeterans.org by February 22, 2017, to tell us when and where your appointment will be. A member of the ALA National Headquarters Communications Division may stop by to take photos for ALA media.

(Transportation is on your own to/from Capitol Hill.)

National Commander's Testimony on Capitol Hill – Invitation Only Event on Wednesday, March 1

This year, the National Commander's Testimony is an invitation only event. The American Legion is curtailing the number of people authored to attend the National Commander's Testimony for a number of reasons, including space limitations. The American Legion will be allocating a very limited number of tickets to the American Legion Auxiliary and invitations for those tickets will be issued in advance by the National President.

Washington DC Conference Registration

Be sure to register early to take full advantage of lower fees!

	Early Bird Fee (Deadline December 15, 2016)	Registration Fees (Deadline February 1, 2017)	On-site/Late Registration Fee
Washington DC Conference Attendee Registration Fee	\$25	\$35	\$45
Sunday Tour	\$40	\$40	\$50*
Luncheon	\$55	\$55	\$65*

*On-site ticket sales are subject to availability.

Tentative Agenda

2017 MID-YEAR NEC MEETING & WASHINGTON DC CONFERENCE

Tentative Schedule of Events

Hilton Washington – Washington, D.C.

Saturday, February 25

5:00 – 7:00 p.m. Washington DC Conference Registration

Concourse Level

7:00 p.m. National Executive Committee Meeting

Sunday, February 26

8:30 a.m. National Executive Committee Meeting (continued)

10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Washington DC Conference Registration

Concourse Level

1:15 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans War Memorial Program

See program information for details. Event is open to all members of The American Legion Family (advance ticket purchase recommended).

Monday, February 27

7:30 – 9:30 a.m. Washington DC Conference Registration

Concourse Level

8:30 a.m. Washington DC Conference Session

International Ballroom Center

Noon – 1:15 p.m. ALA Public Spirit Award Luncheon

See program information for details. Event is open to all members of The American Legion Family (advance ticket purchase recommended).

1:30 – 5:00 p.m. Washington DC Conference Session (continued)

International Ballroom Center

Tuesday, February 28

8:30 – 11:00 a.m. Commander's Call & Know Before You Go

Joint Legislative Rally – The American Legion Family

Noon – 5:00 p.m. Hill Walk: Visits with members of Congress (on your own or with members of your American Legion Family)

Wednesday, March 1

National Commander's Testimony on Capitol Hill – *Invitation Only*

www.ALAforVeterans.org/Meetings/Washington-DC-Conference/ **Event listings are subject to change.** Make sure to use **#ALADC** in all of your Facebook, Twitter or other social media updates.

AMERICANISM

BREAKING THE COLORS

Is "Breaking the Colors" a violation of the United States Flag Code? NO! There are no provisions in the Flag Code which deal with the intrusion by a person and/or objects between the station of the Commander or President and the American Flag or between the American Flag and the Legion/Auxiliary banner. Legion protocol and tradition have, however, developed a meaningful custom which, when treated with reason, brings honor and respect to our fallen comrades. General Instruction Number 3, of the American Legion Officer's Guide and Manual of Ceremonies, states: "Comrades shall be careful never to pass between the Flags and the station of the Commander." Written in the formative years of the organization, this statement has spawned the tradition associated with the "Breaking of the Colors." This is strictly an American Legion and Auxiliary tradition of showing honor and respect to our deceased veterans. We would certainly not attempt to detract from this beautiful tribute to our fallen veterans, however, we would suggest that there are times when physical restraints will sometimes cause an excusable trespass in the "Breaking of Colors". Every stage and auditorium is different. Access to the stage and the officers conducting business may be confined by unavoidable circumstances. Sometimes "Breaking the Colors" may be an unintentional intrusion rather than a premeditated encroachment upon the "hallowed ground".

HALLOWED GROUND

Between these flags that proudly fly
let no man dare to stand,
For here our fallen Comrades lie,
We call it Hallowed Ground.

A symbol, yes, but mark it well;
Here let us ever humbly pause
In memory of the lad who fell
In fighting for our sacred cause.

On sea or land these buddies died.
Some lie beneath a foreign sod
In graves caressed by winds and tide,
In spots unknown to all but God.
And so, this place is Hallowed Ground.

And it shall be forever blest
As though it were a grassy mound
Beneath which gallant heroes rest.
Be ever watchful,

Of those two flags which signify
That we should guard this spot with care
Where our departed comrades lie.
And, if a man should dare to tread
This spot where lie our gallant brave.
He desecrates those noble dead
As though he walked upon their grave.

So, while "Breaking the Colors" is not a violation of the United States Flag Code, the American Legion AND American Legion Auxiliary have developed a tradition and meaningful custom in which one does not pass between the American Flag and the Legion/Auxiliary Banner. This custom of preserving "Hallowed Ground" shows honor and respect to our fallen veterans. This is strictly a tradition. If a new member or guest at your Post should happen to "break the colors", please, take them aside later and explain our tradition.

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Karen Toll
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2016-2017

HAPPY HOLIDAYS TO ALL!

I HOPE EVERYONE HAS A HAPPY AND MOSTLY SAFE HOLIDAY SEASON!

Please keep the folks in Tennessee in your prayers.

I hope all units are working continuously on their History Books. Please let me know if you have any questions. Remember, we must preserve our history or years from now no one will know who we were!!

Since last month was Past Presidents Parlay, don't forget to include your units program in the history book.

Last month I asked for a prayer that I could use for the Department History Book. There was a prize involved, but I received no prayers. This month, I'm asking for a wonderful prayer for the holiday for our troops. I'm also asking for a presentation of the Preamble to the American Legion Auxiliary. Fancy it up on pretty paper and send it to me. Again, the winners will receive a prize and recognition at Winter Conference.

Keep reporting on the great works that you do. Keep our troops in your prayers and again,

SAFE HOLIDAYS!

Karen Toll
Department Historian

National Security

I am sure that most of you have seen the article on Troop on the Stoop, but for those who have not, here is a synopsis.

Troop on the Stoop was created by Erlanger resident Blake Wayman. It is the military equivalent of Elf on the Shelf. He comes with a book and a picture frame. Troop is meant to be a reminder for military children of their parent who is away. He is there to watch over the family until the parent returns. (And, yes, there is a female version in the works.)

This would be a wonderful gift for children who are having difficulty adjusting to their parent's absence. Troop is available at www.TroopontheStoop.com . If you donate any of these, please keep track of the number and dollar amount spent to be included in your National Security reports.

I hope that everyone has a great Christmas holiday. Please remember to wear red on Fridays to Remember Everyone Deployed.

Donna Thurman,
NEC

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I have received 3 reports. Jane McKnight ALA unit 233 reports that they honor their Past Unit Presidents at meetings and sends cards to them for all Holidays. In the spring they have a dinner for them. In the Auxiliary room they have 8x10 pictures of their past unit Presidents and past Department Presidents(2).

Unit 124 reported that they send cards to their past unit presidents for several different occasions such as birthday, get well , and just to say thinking of you. Pictures of each past President is placed on the wall in honor of or memory of.

Unit 34 has a picture of our current President and are gathering pictures of each Past President of Unit 34 and will be placing them on a wall in the new building. We are looking into a way to recognize them on an annual basis but that is still in discussion.

Please chairman, I need your end of year reports by May 1st. I will have the forms you need for unit member and female veteran of the year at winter conference.

Thank you

Pat Bryant, Past Presidents Parley

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Ladies.

First of all we wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Healthy and Happy New Year.

That being said, we also wish each Unit would forward their Constitution & By-laws for review. This is so very important! Your governing documents are the foundation of your unit and keeping them up to date is imperative.

We will again be having a workshop at Winter Conference. Those who have attended in the past have had fun, learned a lot and reaped rewards for those participating. We hope all those in attendance can take advantage of these workshops and also realize the fun we have.

For God and Country,

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MEMBERSHIP DECEMBER BULLETIN



"Enhancing the Membership Experience" - National Theme "Kentucky Racing Towards Number One in Membership" - Dept Theme

We are in the midst of the holidays and what better time to reflect and be thankful for all of our blessings, particularly our Veterans who have sacrificed and protected the ones that we love. We have all heard the mantra, we all have more in common than what divides us, and that is so true. Our membership for the ALA Dept. of Kentucky is 500 members below last year at this same time. We can stop this slide! The holidays are a perfect time to call your members that haven't renewed. One member at a time, we got this!

As of this bulletin, December 2nd, 2016, Department is at **53.9%** of goal and the District Rankings are:

District 8	74.0%	District 3	55.1%	District 5	43.9%
District 4	60.8%	District 11	52.3%	District 10	39.5%
District 1	60.2%	District 2	51.9%	District 9	30.5%
District 6	57.2%	District 7	48.5%		

VA&R ASSESSMENTS ARE DUE BY DECEMBER 31, 2016. \$30 per Unit, .15 per unit member and .25 per Past Dept. President -- no awards will be given at Winter Conference if the Assessments are not paid.

The next awards and goals are:

Unit Awards - Brick Yard 400 Award: Units that reach 75% of their annual target goal by **December 31, 2016** will receive a special prize and a certificate. (given at Winter conference)

Coca Cola 600 Award: Units that are above their last years membership number on April, 1st 2017 will be entered into a \$50 cash drawing.

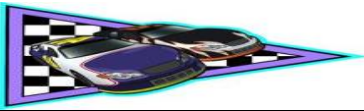
Don't Forget the "Shining Star Award": Each quarter a member that is on track leading others in the race for ALA membership by being kind, showing compassion, and revving up our spirits can be nominated to win. A certificate will be given for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place. 1st place wins the \$25. (Note: to nominate, a form is attached with instructions for Department). We will be drawing from all persons who nominated someone for a special prize for the nominator. **LOOKING FOR SUBMISSIONS!!! DON'T BE SHY!!**

DO NOT HOLD YOUR MEMBERSHIP!!!!

For God and Country, Service Not Self, Happy Holidays!

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KENTUCKY - RACING TOWARDS #1 IN MEMBERSHIP 12/02/2016



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VA&R Assessments Paid indicated gray
 Less than 10% Units in yellow
 Red - not enough for officers turned in last year or unit disbanding

Good Afternoon Ladies,

I hope everyone had a “marvelous” Thanksgiving. Being with family and friends is such a special privilege.

I still have not gotten any pigs from Headquarters. I hope I will have them by winter conference. Please continue to “feed” the pigs that you have. Try to send some money in before conference so I can let headquarters know what we have done so far.

I am continuing the school clothing program. Please bring school appropriate clothes to the winter conference. The more clothes we give, the more I see a great need for the program. The schools need shoes, socks and underwear in all sizes as well as supplies. The clothes from our Winter Conference will go to Sandy Omer in 2nd district near Ft. Campbell.

I hope you have a Merry Christmas and a Marvelous New Year! See you at winter conference!

Dee Schutz

A.L.A. Child Welfare Chairman

Children & Youth

Hello everyone!

I am so excited to find out what everyone is doing to help the children in our department. Mid-year reports are due to National by January 5th. I will allow a little more time but I need them by no later than **December 18th**. I know everyone is working really hard doing many different projects and I want to hear about all of them. Make sure to send pictures if you have them. You can email, text or call with your reports. Yes, I do have my voice back to talk to everyone!

The Dignity Bag program seems to be a big hit. If each unit fills 5 Dignity Bags for the Child Protective Services (CPS) office in their town we can reach the 500 bag goal for the department! Please contact me if have any questions about the program.

Winter Conference is just around the corner! I would love for each of you to continue the school clothing program by bringing 1 article of clothing with you. I would also love for each of you to bring ONE of the following items that will be placed in the Dignity Bags:

1 package of any size diapers	Package of wipes	diaper rash cream
Package of socks	3 pk Package of underwear	Toothbrush/paste
Travel Deodorant (both Genders)	Travel Bodywash	Travel shampoo/conditioner
1 babywash/shampoo	1 package of pacifiers	Comb/Brush
1 Bottle or Sippy Cup	1-32 oz liquid formula OR	1-12.5 oz generic powder formula

Bring your money so that you can purchase chances on the really cool raffle items! Also, don't forget we will have our bake sale again. If anyone would like to bring individually wrapped snacks I would be so excited!

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December Community Service Bulletin

Just a reminder I needed a Mid- Year report by December 1st. If you failed to make the deadline I will consider a summary of Hours, Members involved, Money spent or Donated if received by December 10th, E-mail with Word Documents appreciated. You may also text me the information.

A special thank you to Betty Jane McCormick Unit #116 Community Service Chair for a detailed narrative and a summary of Hours, Members involved, Money spent or Donated, and the number of individuals who were helped. What a wonderful report to receive first!

I know we all busy with Christmas celebrations - don't forget that many of your activities would qualify as Community Service! Reach out to Members that don't normally attend meetings, chances are they are too busy volunteering to get there. You can't report what you don't know!

The next ALA suggested day of service is Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service January 16, 2017. Invite other organizations to join in mission related projects. Let me know at Conference what your Unit was able to do.

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Wishing for You a Merry and Bright Christmas

May the Joy that Giving of yourself and your resources continue through the coming Year. None are more blessed than the ones who Serve, both those in Uniform for our Country and your own presence in our Communities.

Thank you for all you do, Lisa Norvell

Community Service Chair 2016-17

December Poppy Bulletin

What is this program, and why do we have it?

The Poppy Program was designed to promote and educate people about the history of the poppy, and to make them aware of the sacrifices of our veterans. Using the image and story of the Flanders Field poppy to educate people about the sacrifices of our military service members helps us raise awareness of The Legion Family and link us to our mission in the eyes of the public. (Goal 5).

The Department will have three contests this year.

Best Poppy Hat, since we are in Kentucky and we are known for our Derby hats. Be creative. Use any material available, but no tags, netting or ribbon. The Unit can display on a table or wear it proudly around the conference. The winner will be chosen at the Spring Conference in April, 2017.

Best Poppy Presentation: No tags, no netting or ribbons. The poppy must be the predominant theme for the display. One award given for both best Junior and Senior presentation. Be very creative. Judging will be at June Convention.

Most Outstanding Poppy Program: Follow the National Guidelines below for the best Poppy Program. There will be trophies for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place along with certificates from Department. Due to Department Chairman by May 1, 2017.

National Awards - Poppy Poster Contest

Units shall sponsor contests in local schools. When schools do not conduct activities, other youth groups, including Junior members, may participate under direct supervision of the unit.

*The contest shall have seven classes:

- Class I: Grades 2 and 3
- Class II: Grades 4 and 5
- Class III: Grades 6 and 7
- Class IV: Grades 8 and 9
- Class V: Grades 10 and 11
- Class VI: Grade 12
- Class VII: Students with special needs defined as:
 1. Those in special education classes
 2. A student recommended for special education classes but who has not been admitted due to a waiting list or various other factors.
 3. A child identified as having a disability, but not in a special education class due to lack of facilities. Identification contingent upon discretion of school officials.
 - 4.
- Poppy Poster Requirements:
 - i. Each poster shall have a fitting slogan not to exceed 10 words. Articles – “a,” “and,” “an,” “the” – are not to be counted as words. The words “buddy” and “buy” cannot be used.
 - ii. The words “American Legion Auxiliary” must be used in the design of the poster and will not be counted in the 10-word count.
 - iii. Each poster must include a picture of the red Flanders Field poppy.

- iv. The best posters will be judged at Spring Conference in April, 2017. The poster shall be on 11x14" poster board. (Drawing paper will not be accepted).
- v. The United States flag may be used as long as there are no infractions of the flag code.
- vi. Posters will be judged using the following criteria:
 1. 50% - poster appeal (layout, message, originality)
 2. 40% - artistic ability (design and color)
 3. 10% - neatness
- vii. Media used shall be watercolors, crayons, powder or oil paint, handmade paper cutouts, ink or textures, acrylics, pencils and markers.
- viii. Written in ink on the back of the poster (not attached) shall be the class in which the entry is submitted, the name, address, age and grade of the contestant and the name of the department.
- ix. Submissions become property of the American Legion Auxiliary. Through submission of artwork, contestants and their legal guardians' grant non-exclusive reproduction and publication rights to the works submitted and agree to have their names and artwork published for commercial use without additional compensation or permission.
- ix. The poster shall be the work of only one individual.
- x. The label "In Memoriam" from the veteran-made poppy may not be used.
- xi. When the Holy Cross is used, the Star of David also shall be used.

Poppy Poster Contest Judging and Awards

1. A citation from National will be given for the most outstanding poster in each classification within the five divisions.
2. A First, Second and Third place ribbon will be given from Department.
3. All unit entries must be sent by the department chairman by April 15, 2017 if not judged at the Spring Conference.
4. While ALA representatives will do their best to return all posters, it is not guaranteed. We recommend participants take a picture or scan their poster for their records.
5. Submissions become property of the American Legion Auxiliary. Through submission of artwork, contestants and their legal guardians grant nonexclusive reproduction and publication rights to the works submitted, and agree to have their names and artwork published for commercial use without additional compensation or permission.

Mid-Year Reports

Mid-year reports reflect the program work of your unit. Each unit Poppy chairman should submit a narrative report by **December 15th, 2016** to me. It is requested that photos of select unit projects accompany these reports and units should follow their department's protocol and deadlines.

As part of your narrative report, please include answers to the following questions:

- How did your members promote the Poppy Program?
- How did your members increase poppy revenue?
- How did your members increase the number of poppy makers in your department?

Poppy Awards-- Unit Awards: Unit Poppy Chairman Award

Type of Award: Citation

Presented to: One unit chairman in each division (5) announced by the national Poppy committee at the pre-convention meeting.

Materials and Guidelines:

- Entries must include the award cover sheet located at the end of this program Plan.
- The entry must be typewritten in narrative format not to exceed 1,000 words.
- The report should cover all areas of emphasis and any relevant information involving program activity and describing your use of the poppy throughout the year.
- Send to the Department Poppy Chairman by May 1st, 2017.

Department Award: Most Outstanding Overall Poppy Program

Type of Award: Citation

Presented to: One unit announced by the national Poppy committee at the pre-convention meeting.

Materials and Guidelines:

- Entries must include the award cover sheet located in at the end of this Plan.
- The entry must be typewritten in narrative format, not to exceed 1,000 words.
- The report should cover all areas of emphasis and any relevant information involving program activity and describing your use of the poppy throughout the year.
- Send to Department Poppy Chairman by May 1st, 2017.

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