

## May Bulletin

Hello again, ladies! It's hard to believe that April has come and gone already. Let's hope that all of April's rains will bring us beautiful flowers and continue to grow our successes in our organization's programs. Don't allow spring fever to dampen your spirits while working for our active military, veterans, their families, and our communities. Keep doing what you do best - serving others!

In April I had the opportunity to visit the 6<sup>th</sup> District. The meeting, held in Newport, was well attended and very informative. It was wonderful to see and experience the enthusiasm of those ladies. Thank you so much for the hospitality.

Spring Conference was held April 15 - 16 in Florence. We were honored to have Southern Division National Vice President Flora Jean visit with us. ( A special thank you to the ladies of Unit 203 for entertaining her on Friday night. She had a great time!) Flora Jean spoke to us about membership and how we really need to grow it. She was very informative and insightful. Other special guests included Sherry Elmore-Whitehouse and a lady from Sheppard's Hands, the non-profit organization that is opening a home for homeless female veterans in Lexington. Past Department President Pat Reynolds presented them with a check for the money she raised for her special project. This will help them to hopefully open this month. What a blessing that will be!

Don't forget to have your reports turned in to the Department chairmen by their due date. They have a deadline to meet for their reports to National.

Thank you for all that you do. Remember to thank a veteran for giving us the freedom to live in the home of the brave.

Donna Thurman,  
President, Department of Kentucky

270-268-3296

Happy Mother's Day to all of the great moms!

Department Convention is approaching very quickly. Department Officers and Chairman, I must have your report for the Book of Reports on or before May 30, 2016. I have also included the Call to Convention.

Please remember to complete the Unit Officers form and send it to me. This list is used to update the mailing list for the bulletins. Also, please complete the Unit Data form.

When signing up new members, please, please, check the application and make sure it is complete. I am getting so many that are not completed and I have to send them back.

If you are planning on attending the National Convention, the housing form is in this set of bulletins. There is a deadline for reserving your rooms. This form must be sent to the Ted Austin along with your check.

There are still units that have not paid assessments. Please send them in. If you have questions about the assessments please let me know.

Look forward to seeing you at the State Convention.

*Jennifer*

# MEMBERSHIP MAY BULLETIN



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

The upcoming promise date is **May 21st at 90%** and it is Armed Forces Day " **I promise to continue to support our Military**".

Family is important to the American Legion Auxiliary; do you have family members who are eligible to join the American Legion or Sons of the American Legion? Auxiliary units and any combination of **associated** Legion Post, SAL Squadron and Legion Rider Chapters that hit 100% membership are eligible for the American Legion Award. Also ask your American Legion members if they have females that aren't in the Auxiliary.

### **Membership Award Deadlines:**

- ✓ Rejoin 1, Recruit 1, Recruit 10 and Silver Brigade must be received at National Headquarters by May 1 in order to qualify
- ✓ Armed Forces Day Award due May 22, 2016

### **Dept. Membership Award Deadlines:**

- ✓ Pandora Bracelet or \$100 drawings for recruit one new member, gift memberships, top recruiter is Saturday of the convention. Pandora Bracelet or \$100 drawing for renewed membership by May 31, 2016 - in other words all current members as of May 31, 2016 - drawing on June 1, 2016.

Make sure you carry the Department of Kentucky membership checkbook with you at all times with the tri-fold Legion Family membership application. You are always prepared and always have an ALA membership brochure/application at your fingertips to share with others. I will have the checkbooks and "Ask Me About My Veteran" pin at June Convention. Stop by the membership table to get your Unit some tools to support our Military.

### **District Ranking:**

<b>DISTRICT 5</b>	<b>76.3</b>
<b>DISTRICT 1</b>	<b>76.0</b>
<b>DISTRICT 11</b>	<b>73.9</b>
<b>DISTRICT 7</b>	<b>73.6</b>
<b>DISTRICT 4</b>	<b>73.5</b>
<b>DISTRICT 10</b>	<b>72.5</b>
<b>DISTRICT 3</b>	<b>71.3</b>
<b>DISTRICT 6</b>	<b>69.8</b>
<b>DISTRICT 8</b>	<b>68.8</b>
<b>DISTRICT 2</b>	<b>67.4</b>
<b>DISTRICT 9</b>	<b>61.5</b>
<b>DEPARTMENT</b>	<b>71.2</b>

**ANYONE** that renews by May 31, 2016 will be entered in a drawing for yet another \$100 cash prize or a Pandora bracelet. This includes everyone that has already renewed, so you have another chance to win a nice prize for your hard work and loyalty to the American Legion Auxiliary. I will obtain the names from the National paid membership roster as end of processing for May 31, 2016, so you don't have to do a thing, just call your members and have them renew!!! Tell them that they can win a prize.

Thank you for all your hard work in retaining and attracting members. Membership is our lifeblood and large membership numbers allows us to have the clout that we do in Washington, D.C., therefore, allows us to help our Veterans with new legislation, special programs and resources.

To see who reads the bulletins, the first Auxiliary member who either emails or Facebooks (<https://www.facebook.com/alakymembership/>) me a membership suggestion wins a prize that will be mailed or presented at June convention.

The membership year is winding down but it is FAR FROM OVER. We need new members to help us carry on our mission. Spread the word about the fun you are having and invite a friend to a meeting. WE can do this!!!!

For God and Country.

**Rosie-ism of the month:** Let us lift each other up with praise and kind words!

Nancy Moses	mosesnancy59@yahoo.com	859-817-9237/630-7941(c)
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Jane McKnight	undrtr3@aol.com	270-498-9692
Diane Kennedy	kenndmk@yahoo.com	270-300-2110 (ALAMIS guru)

DEPARTMENT MEMBERSHIP REPORT 2015 - 16 Report

DEPARTMENT OF KENTUCKY  
2015-2016



MARCHING TOWARDS INCREASED  
MEMBERSHIP HEIGHTS

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	33	32	98.2	42	33	78.6	42	12	15	128.8	21	18	85.7	7	182	131	72.1	215	134	62.3	66	5	10	200.0	10	10	100.0
31	146	100	68.7	165	106	64.2	49	27	22	82.2	28	22	78.6	8	114	108	94.7	141	116	82.3	152	21	20	95.4	25	21	84.0
68	34	34	100.7	41	36	87.8	81	477	383	80.2	531	411	77.4	24	29	25	85.9	31	38	122.6	283	13	3	23.4	16	6	37.5
72	26	24	93.7	30	24	80.0	82	71	64	90.1	82	72	87.8	30	22	12	54.2	25	12	48.0	<b>Tot</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>85.1</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>72.5</b>
74	19	11	59.0	22	11	50.0	87	15	20	132.1	16	23	143.8	67	83	70	84.7	118	91	77.1	DISTRICT 11						
85	12	13	111.7	16	17	106.3	101	19	14	75.2	20	14	70.0	79	76	69	91.2	104	73	70.2	Unit	Ren Goal	Ren Pd	Ren%	Tot Goal	Tot Pd	Tot %
116	52	47	89.7	62	49	79.0	113	593	403	68.0	661	431	65.2	132	24	30	122.7	35	31	88.6	14	3	1	28.6	10	1	10.0
144	17	13	74.4	19	13	68.4	121	66	57	85.9	77	63	81.8	165	51	37	72.2	54	45	83.3	16	16	14	85.9	21	28	133.3
217	90	81	90.4	105	93	88.6	124	99	80	80.8	109	80	73.4	176	1	11	944.8	10	11	110.0	38	104	81	78.2	119	87	73.1
236	65	53	81.3	74	56	75.7	148	69	58	84.4	87	61	70.1	257	47	40	85.9	52	44	84.6	88	106	81	76.5	119	97	81.5
<b>Tot</b>	<b>492</b>	<b>408</b>	<b>82.8</b>	<b>576</b>	<b>438</b>	<b>76.0</b>	<b>157</b>	157	124	78.9	171	131	76.6	<b>313</b>	81	58	71.2	98	60	61.2	<b>115</b>	107	73	68.2	129	81	62.8
DISTRICT 2							167	45	31	68.3	53	31	58.5	341	64	48	75.0	77	52	67.5	<b>Tot</b>	<b>336</b>	<b>250</b>	<b>74.3</b>	<b>398</b>	<b>294</b>	<b>73.9</b>
Unit	Ren Goal	Ren Pd	Ren%	Tot Goal	Tot Pd	Tot %	247	14	11	78.7	15	11	73.3	<b>Tot</b>	<b>774</b>	<b>639</b>	<b>82.5</b>	<b>960</b>	<b>707</b>	<b>73.6</b>							
2	27	17	63.5	30	19	63.3	288	31	29	92.3	40	36	90.0	DISTRICT 8							HEADQUARTERS						
6	203	113	55.8	226	124	54.9	<b>Tot</b>	<b>1695</b>	<b>1311</b>	<b>77.3</b>	<b>1911</b>	<b>1404</b>	<b>73.5</b>	Unit	Ren Goal	Ren Pd	Ren%	Tot Goal	Tot Pd	Tot %	Unit	Ren Goal	Ren Pd	Ren%	Tot Goal	Tot Pd	Tot %
9	112	94	84.1	142	115	81.0	DISTRICT 5							12	14	2	14.3	15	2	13.3	200	26	57		137	58	42.3
40	64	48	75.0	77	52	67.5	Unit	Ren Goal	Ren Pd	Ren%	Tot Goal	Tot Pd	Tot %	34	254	203	80.0	291	209	71.8	DEPARTMENT OF KENTUCKY						
233	154	111	72.2	178	117	65.7	45	33	28	85.9	35	28	80.0	46	15	9	59.5	17	11	64.7	Unit	Ren Goal	Ren Pd	Ren%	Tot Goal	Tot Pd	Tot %
243	13	15	117.1	21	24	114.3	180	149	125	83.9	174	138	79.3	301	28	20	71.6	30	20	66.7	6718	5171	77.0	7870	5602	71.2	
310	22	19	85.9	25	20	80.0	193	157	159	101.2	205	174	84.9	345	33	25	76.7	35	25	71.4	<b>Tot</b>	<b>343</b>	<b>259</b>	<b>75.4</b>	<b>388</b>	<b>267</b>	<b>68.8</b>
<b>Tot</b>	<b>594</b>	<b>417</b>	<b>70.2</b>	<b>699</b>	<b>471</b>	<b>67.4</b>	201	189	142	75.3	204	145	71.1	<b>Tot</b>	<b>343</b>	<b>259</b>	<b>75.4</b>	<b>388</b>	<b>267</b>	<b>68.8</b>							
DISTRICT 3							220	88	52	58.8	98	52	53.1	DISTRICT 9													
Unit	Ren Goal	Ren Pd	Ren%	Tot Goal	Tot Pd	Tot %	229	73	59	80.4	82	64	78.0	Unit	Ren Goal	Ren Pd	Ren%	Tot Goal	Tot Pd	Tot %							
23	90	66	73.6	99	71	71.7	244	62	57	92.4	68	57	83.8	17	17	15	85.9	20	16	80.0							
29	64	56	87.5	75	59	78.7	278	12	0	0.0	12	12	100.0	22	75	48	64.4	84	48	57.1							
61	40	14	35.4	42	22	52.4	<b>Tot</b>	<b>763</b>	<b>622</b>	<b>81.6</b>	<b>878</b>	<b>670</b>	<b>76.3</b>	43	29	25	85.9	33	32	97.0							
62	130	100	76.7	139	104	74.8	DISTRICT 6							76	207	94	45.4	229	96	41.9							
202	42	30	71.6	46	30	65.2	Unit	Ren Goal	Ren Pd	Ren%	Tot Goal	Tot Pd	Tot %	126	51	36	70.3	64	37	57.8							
258	19	14	75.2	20	14	70.0	4	98	69	70.6	114	70	61.4	138	68	51	75.5	78	58	74.4							
<b>Tot</b>	<b>384</b>	<b>280</b>	<b>72.9</b>	<b>421</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>71.3</b>	11	80	51	63.5	88	54	61.4	276	34	16	47.4	36	16	44.4							
							20	63	52	82.7	74	54	73.0	325	76	65	85.9	88	75	85.2							
							41	93	67	71.9	105	74	70.5	342	45	43	94.7	54	44	81.5							
							109	10	0	0.0	10	0	0.0	<b>Tot</b>	<b>602</b>	<b>393</b>	<b>65.3</b>	<b>686</b>	<b>422</b>	<b>61.5</b>							
							203	277	223	80.5	323	235	72.8														
							219	34	28	82.9	36	34	94.4														
							275	14	12	85.9	15	13	86.7														
							<b>Tot</b>	<b>669</b>	<b>502</b>	<b>75.0</b>	<b>765</b>	<b>534</b>	<b>69.8</b>														

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Good Afternoon Ladies,

This year has flown by! I have had so much fun. Traveling to all of the posts throughout the state, meeting all of you, has been great.

I want to thank everyone for all your hard work. The piggy program is a huge success. I want everyone to continue “feeding” the pigs all summer. When we have fall conference, we will have a starting balance.

I still have plenty of pins to sale. I hope to sale the rest of them a state convention in June.

The clothing program is still going strong. I hope to get lots of clothes at the convention. Remember some schools go year round!

I cannot wait to see what our totals are going to be.

Thanks again,

Dee Schutz

Child Welfare Chairman

JUNIOR ACTIVITIES

Karen Toll

## Attention all Juniors and Junior Chairmen:

Stay connected with our Facebook page: DEPARTMENT OF KENTUCKY JUNIORS. Please post your unit events and accomplishments.

The junior meeting will be on Friday of Convention starting at 9:30. It was posted as being Saturday but that has changed because the girls voted to go to Kentucky Kingdom on Saturday.

Keep working on your patches! A few of the girls are doing really well. Keep up the good work and I hope that everyone follows suit!

Friday at convention the girls will to have a pool party with games. I'm not sure what kind of games we will come up with but there will games and prizes.

I wanted to give a HUGE THANK YOU TO BOTH TRACY SAUNDERS AND TONYA COCKEREL. These two ladies are always more than happy to help with any junior activity and the both do a fantastic job!

Now the important part: We have been selling bracelets to fund junior activities throughout the year but at this time I would like to ask any unit, post, etc., if you are able to provide us with any funds to help pay for our Kentucky Kingdom experience, the girls will be very grateful. We are also asking any younger members of the SAL that may be interested in attending. Any donations can be sent to ALA203 with Department Juniors in the memo. You can mail this to my home address: Karen Toll 4 North Street, Wilder, and KY 41071. If you have any questions please feel free to email me: KKTOLL@yahoo.com or call my cell phone 859.512.5462.

Thanks so much for allowing myself and my committee to guide the juniors this year!

Karen Toll  
Junior Activities Chair

**AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY  
DEPARTMENT OF KENTUCKY  
95th ANNUAL DEPARTMENT CONVENTION 2016**

**CALL:**

The 95th annual Convention of the American Legion Auxiliary, Department of Kentucky, is hereby called in conformity with the action of the American Legion, will be held in Louisville, Kentucky, June 15, 16 and 17, 2016.

**PURPOSE:** The Convention is called for the purpose of electing officers for the ensuing year, for amending the Constitution and Bylaws if properly proposed; Standing Rules; electing **DELEGATES and ALTERNATES** to the National Convention, receiving reports of Department Officers, Chairmen and the Committees, and for transaction of such other business as may be properly brought before it.

**REPRESENTATION:** Representation to the Convention will be by **UNITS**. Each Unit shall be entitled to two (2) Delegates and two (2) Alternates plus one (1) additional delegate and alternate for each twenty-five (25) members of a major fraction thereof, whose dues for 2016 have been received by the Department Secretary prior to May 30, 2016.

All Past Department Presidents, by right of office, shall be delegates-at-large to the Convention with vote, said vote to be cast with her respective Unit.

Alternates will have the power to vote **only** in the absence of delegates. Alternates shall have all privileges of delegates except voting. The delegates and alternates shall be elected by their respective **UNITS** at least two (2) weeks before the Department Convention and written notice of their election forwarded immediately to the Department Secretary on the form provided.

**NO UNITS WITHOUT REPRESENTATION SHALL BE VOTED BY PROXY**

**CREDENTIALS:** The chairman of the Unit delegation shall bring a copy of the list of the elected delegates and alternates and shall deliver the same to the Chairman of the Credentials Committee when registering.

**RESOLUTIONS:** All Resolutions for consideration by the Convention shall be submitted to the Resolutions Committee. Any change in the Department Constitution and Bylaws shall be submitted to the Chairman of the Constitution and Bylaws Committee, **No Later Than Wednesday, June 15, 2016**, in order to be presented to the Executive Committee at its' meeting **Thursday, June 16, 2016, at 7:30 p.m.**

**Donna Thurman  
President**



HOUSING REQUEST FORM  
98TH NATIONAL CONVENTION  
HILTON CINCINNATI AIRPORT  
7373 TURFWAY ROAD  
FLORENCE, KY 41011  
AUGUST 26 - SEPTEMBER 1, 2016

Please reserve the following accommodation checks for \_\_\_\_\_ persons.

\_\_\_\_\_ Doubles - 2 beds, 1 or 2 persons \$ 123.00  
Tax Rate: 11.03%

**DEADLINE FOR RESERVATIONS: JULY 20, 2016**

Minimum of 3 consecutive night's occupancy required.  
Minimum deposit of **\$410.70 plus Registration Fees** due  
with this Housing Request.

I (we) will arrive on (Date) \_\_\_\_\_ (time) \_\_\_\_\_

I (we) will depart on (Date) \_\_\_\_\_ (time) \_\_\_\_\_

**\$25.00 required registration for each adult occupant**

**EVERYONE EXPECTING TO RECEIVE THEIR CONVENTION CREDENTIALS MUST  
PRE-REGISTER IN ADVANCE OF THEIR ARRIVAL IN CINCINNATI**

Enclosed herewith is my check, made payable to:  
THE AMERICAN LEGION OF KENTUCKY, INC.,

for \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse's first name if attending \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone No. (Bus.) \_\_\_\_\_ (Res.) \_\_\_\_\_

American Legion Post or Unit No. \_\_\_\_\_

**MAIL CHECK TO: The American Legion of Kentucky  
Ted Austin, Department Adjutant  
P.O. Box 2123  
Louisville, KY 40201**

**NATIONAL COMMANDER BANQUET TICKETS: \_\_\_\_\_ @\$46ea \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

**SOUTHERN BLOC BREAKFAST TICKETS: \_\_\_\_\_ @\$35ea \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

If you wish to attend the National Commanders Banquet or the Southern  
Bloc Breakfast, please send a check to the Department for the amount of  
the tickets. Tickets will be included in your packet.



AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY  
DEPARTMENT OF KENTUCKY

95th ANNUAL DEPARTMENT CONVENTION

TO: DEPARTMENT OFFICERS, DEPARTMENT CHAIRMEN, DISTRICT PRESIDENTS AND PAST  
DEPARTMENT PRESIDENTS

In accordance with the provisions of Article IV, Section 3, of our Constitution and  
Bylaws, the Executive Committee shall convene on Thursday, June 16, 2016, at 7:30 PM local  
time at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, Louisville, Kentucky. All meetings will be on local time.

Donna Thurman  
President

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95th ANNUAL CONVENTION

CROWNE PLAZA HOTEL

LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY

**THURSDAY, JUNE 16, 2016**

3:00 PM – 8:00 PM      Registration  
7:30 PM                Executive Committee Meeting  
                                 (Department Officers, Past Department Presidents, District  
                                 Presidents and Department Chairmen)

**FRIDAY, JUNE 17, 2016**

8:00 AM – 4:00 PM      Registration  
8:30 AM                Joint Session with the American Legion  
9:30 AM                Junior Convention  
10:00 AM – Noon        Opening Session  
                                 Processional:  
                                 Past National Officers  
                                 Past Department Presidents  
                                 District Presidents  
                                 Department Officers  
                                 Presentation of the Department President  
                                 Call to Order  
                                 Advance of Colors  
                                 Invocation  
                                 Moment of Silence  
                                 Pledge of Allegiance  
                                 National Anthem  
                                 Preamble  
                                 Convention Call  
                                 Introduction of Convention Chairman & Committees

Presentation of Distinguished Guest Committee  
Report of Rules Committee  
Report of National Executive Committeewoman  
Reading of Proposed Amendments to the Constitution

12:00 Noon **RECESS**  
1:30 PM Reconvene  
Memorial Service  
Greetings from other Organizations  
Greetings from Department Commander  
Greetings from Other Legion Representatives  
2:00 PM Reports of District Presidents  
Membership  
Report of Department Chairmen

**RECESS**

### **SATURDAY, JUNE 28, 2016**

7:30 AM – 9:30 AM Registration  
8:30 AM Convention Reconvenes  
Call to Order  
Invocation  
Reading of Election Rules  
Credentials Report  
Voting Strength  
Election of Department Officers 2016-2017  
Election of Delegates and Alternates to  
National Convention in Baltimore, MD  
Unfinished Business  
Report of Department President 2015-2016  
Presentation of Department Junior Officers 2016-2017  
11:00 AM **RECESS**  
12:30 PM Reconvene  
Installation of Officers for 2016-2017  
Retirement of Colors  
Benediction  
Adjournment  
TBA Post Convention Executive Committee Meeting  
(Department Officers 2015-2016, Past Department Presidents &  
District Presidents)  
6:30 PM Reception for Department President 2016-2017