



Betty Butler
President
April Bulletin

Happy Spring to everyone! I bet every one of us enjoyed the time change. Right?

I have been to a birthday party for the Legion and a cake auction at Post 113 in Elizabethtown this month. I also attended the 5th District meeting at Iroquois Post 229. The State Oratorical Contest held at Post 7 in Frankfort was an amazing experience. Two very talented young speakers were giving their best shot at winning the State contest. I also conducted a funeral service for Past Department President, Sandra Carmichael, from Unit 313 in Lexington, Ky.

Getting down to business, we really need to push for membership. We are gaining on where we were at this time last year. I know there are membership dues out there probably being held for one reason or another but they need to be sent in as soon as possible. **DO NOT HOLD MEMBERSHIP DUES.** There could be a question on eligibility for benefits if a catastrophe should occur. We certainly do not want that to happen to a member.

I would like to see a good attendance at Spring Conference April 14th & 15th in Florence, Ky. We will have the National President and the Southern Division National Vice President in attendance. Let's show them some good Southern hospitality while they are here.

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If I can help your Unit in any way, please contact me on my cell phone 502-600-1480.

Keep our troops in your thoughts and prayers wherever they may be.

Betty Butler
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April
Headquarters

Happy Easter!

It is that time of year for you to be getting ready for your Unit elections. Once you have had your election please remember to send me a list of the new officers. Please include the address and phone number for each officer.

District President's - once you have had your District election, please send me a list of the District officers. Please make sure you include the address and phone number for each officer.

Unit Dues for 2018 – This form was in the March Bulletins. It must be returned to me by April 30, 2017. When completing this form, you will need to list what your unit dues are for seniors and juniors. This form also list the name of the individual and the address where the renewals are to be sent for 2018. There will be a **\$30** fee to change the **dues** amount **after** the deadline.

Assessments – If you have not sent your assessments in please do so.

Operating assessment - \$25 + \$0.25 per senior member

VA & R assessment - \$30 + \$0.15 per senior member as of 12-31 + \$0.25 per past unit president currently on roster

I still have some Units that have not sent their \$10 fee for their ALAMIS log in ID. The Department has to pay this whether you use it or not.

When sending in your donations, please send separate checks and please make sure your list in the memo what the donation is for.

See you at Spring Conference!

Jennifer

Hello Ladies!

I hope your Spring is going well and that you are looking forward to Conference!

We will have a workshop on Friday evening and again, prizes and fun are going to be the order of the

Once again, I would like to stress in advance the importance of having your governing documents reviewed. This is the basis of your Unit and should be treated as such. So many issues can be resolved by simply having your Constitution & By-laws in place in advance.

Looking forward to seeing you in Florence!!!!

Lois Hall, Chairman

Barbara Austin, Co-chairman

American Legion Auxiliary

Department of Kentucky



Americanism

Americanism Chairmen, you rock! Thanks to all the units who participated in the essay contest. Kudos to the kids who did a wonderful job with a not so easy topic!

The emblem of the American Legion Auxiliary is badge of distinction and honor. It stands for God and Country and the highest rights of man. It consists of several parts, and each part has a meaning.

- The rays of the sun that form the background stand for the principles of the American Legion Auxiliary, for Loyalty, Justice, Freedom and Democracy; dispelling the darkness of violence, strife and evil.
- The unbroken circle of blue represents unity and Loyalty.
- The field of white exemplifies the hope of Freedom.
- The star of blue is the emblem of service in war; it is no less the emblem of service in times of peace.

The emblem of the American Legion Auxiliary is the emblem of Americanism. As members of the American Legion Auxiliary, we must preach and teach principles of Americanism. Let us not forget that to each generation comes its patriotic duty and that upon your willingness to sacrifice and endure as those before you have sacrificed and endured, rests the hope of the nation.

Don't forget that end of year reports are due on April 15th. As part of your narrative report, please include answers to the following questions: • How did you promote the Americanism essays contest? • How did your unit promote the flag program? • How did you promote patriotic holidays? • Did you encourage support of the flag amendment? • Did your unit support American Legion Americanism programs? How? • How did your unit promote Americanism in their community?

I am looking forward to seeing you in Florence! Have a very blessed Easter.

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