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BULK MAILING FOR APRIL 2018

To: Unit Presidents
Department Executive Committee
District Chairmen
Department Chairmen/Committee
Past Department Presidents
Hospital Representatives & Deputies

This mailing includes information regarding the **2018 Department Convention** to be held in DAYTON, Ohio, July 7-8, 2018. Please read all instructions carefully and adhere to deadlines.

Department Convention Information:

- ✓ Department Convention Official Call (*white*)
- ✓ Department Convention Rules and Order of Business (*goldenrod*)
- ✓ Resolutions Rules (*goldenrod*)
- ✓ Tentative Program (*white*)
- ✓ Department Convention Housing Information and Form (*pink*) – **Deadline June 1, 2018**
- ✓ Department Convention Delegate Certification Form (*blue*) – **Deadline June 1, 2018**
- ✓ Department Convention Alternate Certification Form (*yellow*) – **Deadline June 1, 2018**
- ✓ Alternate to Delegate Certification (*lilac*)- **Deadline June 1, 2018**
- ✓ Delegate and Alternate Pre-Paid Registration Form (*gray*) – **Deadline June 1, 2018**
- ✓ Delegate-At-Large Pre-Paid Registration Form (*pink*) – **Deadline June 1, 2018**
- ✓ Resolution Form (*white*)
- ✓ Amendments & Resolutions to be considered at the 2018 Department Convention (*ivory*)
- ✓ Goal Unit Processional (Gold)
- ✓ Convention Program Ad Information FORM- **Deadline June 1, 2018**
- ✓ Art for a Cause: Information and Form to Participate
- ✓ Centennial Shirt Design Contest Information
- ✓ Candidate Flyers- Kathy Heichel, Marilyn Leach, Kristen Little & Colleen Phillips

OTHER ITEMS: Reminder: Recently a mailing went out to all Unit Presidents with a Unit Data Form due April 1, 2018 and Certification of Unit Officers form is due June 1, 2018. Both forms must be completed and returned to Department Headquarters immediately. If this form is not returned, the Unit will not receive important mailings from Department Headquarters. Correct addresses and member ID numbers are essential.

- ✓ Note From the President
- ✓ Membership
- ✓ Buckeye Girls State
- ✓ Legislative
- ✓ Leadership
- ✓ PPP
- ✓ Poppy

**DON'T FORGET TO FILE
YOUR UNIT 990 EZ POST CARD**

**FOR CONVENTION INFORMATION REFER TO
THE EMAIL YOU RECEIVED MARKED
CALL TO DEPARTMENT CONVENTION
INFORMATION**

**OR GO TO THE WEBSITE & GO TO THE
CALENDAR EVENT DEPARTMENT CONVENTION
FOR ALL OF THE FORMS AND INFORMATION**



Hi Ladies,

WISHES WISHES WISHES
“MAKING OUR VETERAN’S WISHES COME TRUE”

There is still time for your unit to have a fundraiser or donate toward my Special Project. We love giving “wishes” and you can help us do that. If you know of a service member, veteran or their family that have a special wish, PLEASE fill out an application and mail it to Department. This is our way of giving back for those that are now serving their country and the ones that have already served. We can’t forget their families, because there is a need to help them also. So please, let’s see how many wishes we can grant this year and how much money we can raise to get it done.

Don’t forget the “Art for Troops” at Department Convention on Friday Evening. If you would like to donate something, fill out the form and mail it to Katie to let us know what you will be bringing. I hear that there is going to be “Indians” tickets there. So please come and bid on them. It’s going to be a great time. The American Legion will also be there with some fun things to do.

Just a reminder to NOT throw your Plan of Actions away that you received this year. National will be keeping these for the next five years and only adding supplements to them each year. So with the said, we will not be re-printing the Plan of Actions and will only be sending out supplements with updates on anything out of National along with the new district and department chairmen for that year.

I hope by now that everyone has mailed or e-mailed there year end reports to the respective chairmen that are to receive them and your year end unit report to your district president. These are very important so that we can pass the numbers along to Congress and let them know what we are doing for our veterans.

Many of us were at Poppy Shop this past weekend. Gail Roddy did a fantastic job with the program and organizing everything. Our Little Miss Poppies were so cute. Thank you Gail for putting this all together.

Until next month, Love to All,

Shirley

Membership

The remaining incentives are as follows let's strive to get them before Department Convention.

Unit with highest increase of junior members by May 1st, \$50 and for all goal units a drawing for \$100 first and 2 for \$50.

District Presidents \$100 to district in first place by May 1st to be used for membership enhancement in your district and for the District President to transfer the most 888 members by May 31st \$50.

Glad to report that we had 8 recruit & rejoin (R5) and 3 of the Silver Brigades (25 new) turned into Heather by the deadline of April 1st.

Remember the plaques available also there are 4 of them.

Jane Bates – presented to the unit with highest numerical increase over goal

Patricia Riley – presented to the unit with second highest numerical increase over goal

Doloris Kilgore – presented to the unit with highest percentage of membership over goal

Jackie Bayer – presented to the unit with most new members per capita.

(new members divided by goal)

(new units will use the number of charter members, all others will use goal)

Keep working MEMBERSHIP you can do it, Thank You for all the hard work you have been doing to keep this organization on top.



American Legion Auxiliary Buckeye Girls State

Important Note:

This year 900 applications were available on first come first serve basis; unfortunately all applications have been requested. If you need applications call Dean Bloxham at Department Headquarters and your request will be placed on the waiting list, yes we do have a waiting list.

We need your assistance - if you have applications that your unit are not using, please return them immediately. Return unused applications to Department Headquarters with a cover letter requesting the return of the unit's money.

Check List:

- ✓ By now you have ordered your ALABGS applications
- ✓ Interviewed and selected your delegates and alternates
- ✓ Submitted applications to Department Headquarters
- ✓ Scheduled delegates, alternates, and parents for District Orientation
- ✓ Department Headquarters mailed (4/12/18) application packages to delegates
- ✓ Remind and/or assist delegates with an online orientation
- ✓ Stay in contact with your delegates

Promote the availability of Scholarships/Awards.

- ❖ Samsung Scholarship – every year, a participant of each ALA Girls State program, who is a direct descendant of a veteran, is eligible to apply for the Samsung scholarship at the state level. One ALA Girls State citizen from each state is named as a department finalist. Ten national winners and 10 national runners-up are then chosen from the pool of department finalists, each receiving a \$10,000 and \$5,000 scholarship, respectively. The remaining department finalists are guaranteed to receive a scholarship of \$1,250.
- ❖ BGS Endowment Fund Scholarship – Two (2) \$1,000 BGS Endowment Scholarships will be awarded to two (2) outstanding BGS Citizens.
- ❖ US Senate Youth Award – 15 delegates will be nominated to the Ohio Department of Education to participate in the US Senate Youth Program. The nominated delegates will compete further in the fall to be one of the two students awarded to participate in the program. The possibility of winning a \$5,000.00 scholarship.
- ❖ Girls Nation Award – Two Delegates and two Alternates will be selected by the BGS Selection Committee to attend Girls Nation in Washington DC. Delegates attending will play the role of a Senator and introduce a bill to be presented to the Girls Nation Senate. The possibility of winning several scholarships.

- ❖ University of Mount Union Scholarship - the University of Mount Union, offers the following scholarships:
 - One (1) credit hour to all participants who complete the BGS program and attend the University of Mount Union.
 - \$2,000.00 a year scholarship renewal up to four (4) years to Buckeye Girls State graduates who enroll full-time at the University of Mount Union.
 - One internship scholarship at Washington Center in Washington D.C. for 1 year for a BGS alumnus who attends the University of Mount Union.

If you need any assistance or have questions, please feel free to contact one of the board members.
THANK YOU for all you do to support this program!

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LEGISLATIVE REPORT APRIL



As we finish out our year with reports to your districts and department, remember that Legislative is one program that never ends. It is an active program if congress is in session. So, when congress has summer break, spring break, winter break, we as Legislative chairmen have our breaks also, so keep up the outstanding work you have done so far, this year. Thank you all for your reports. I was over whelmed with the enthusiasm you all showed to get a report to me.

Do you know that;

The Vision Continues: Government by the People

"America is not made. It's in the making."

Robert M. La Follette, Sr.,

Member, U.S. House of Representatives, 1885-1891; U.S. Senator 1906-1925

The American experiment in representative government has now been carried out for more than two centuries. Every two years, without interruption, a new Congress has convened to represent the American people. An institution that began with forty-nine representatives and twelve senators, now consists of 535 members, five delegates, and one resident commissioner, who meet in a building that has become a symbol of freedom and democracy.

Today, Congress represents more than 300 million American citizens. By providing a forum for a diverse nation to find common ground through debate and compromise, these two unique institutions—the Senate and the House of Representatives—continue to prove the vitality and success of government by the people.

Congress has met in the Capitol building since 1877. Before then it met in New York, NY and in Philadelphia, PA. When Washington decided to have everything in one area, Washington D.C. then the White House and Capitol building was built.

Keep up the good work and continue voicing your opinions on the up-coming bills and resolutions. Make sure your voice is heard. Have a wonderful summer, and remember all our men and women in the service and reserves. And make sure our veterans are always taken care of.

For God and Country,

Patty Miller,
Legislative Chairman
2017-2018



American Legion Auxiliary

In the Spirit of Service Not Self for Veterans, God and Country

LEADERSHIP

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By the time you receive this information, the following should have happened:

1. Your reports should have been submitted by April 15.
2. Your unit election process should be in the works.
3. Finishing up your 2017-18 work plan.
4. Getting ready for District Conventions.
5. Getting ready for Department Convention.
6. With all that working to completion...looking forward to planning your unit's 2018-19

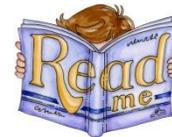
FILLING UP YOUR LEADERSHIP BUCKET - HERE ARE SOME THINGS TO CONSIDER.



USE THE FOLLOWING RESOURCES TO ASSIST IN YOUR DECISION MAKING

www.alaforveterans.org and www.alaohio.org

- All levels of the Constitution & Bylaws
- All levels of the Standing Rules
- All levels of the Policies
- Department Finance Recommendations
- The ALA Department Operations Guide
- Unit Guide Book of the American Legion Auxiliary
- Robert's Rules of Order
- Department Officer & Chairman Guidelines
- National & Department Program Plan of Actions
- Ask your Past Unit, District & Department Presidents/Chairmen for assistance
- Department Buckeye Messenger
- Department Bulk Mailings (sent to Secretary & President to share)
- National and Department Facebook Page
- National Magazine
- National e-Bulletins and In The Know Bulletins (sign up on www.alaforveterans.org)



EIGHT STEPS TO BECOMING A GOOD LEADER

1. Set a goal
2. Take the initiative
3. Be cooperative
4. Communicate effectively
5. Show sympathy
6. Be creative and original
7. Be of service
8. Inspire others



WORD LIST:

ACCEPT HELP
COMMUNICATE
CONFIDENCE
CREATIVE

ENTHUSIASM
FLEXIBLE
INNOVATIVE
MOTIVATE

PASSION
PRACTICE
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TRAIN
TRUSTWORTHY

SUCCESS WORDS FOR LEADERSHIP

FILL THAT LEADERSHIP BUCKET
PAM BATES, DEPARTMENT LEADERSHIP CHAIRMAN

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PAST PRESIDENTS PARLEY MARTHA SETLOCK, CHAIRMAN

I know the deadline for reports was April 15th and that date is now passed. But if you have someone to nominate for the SALUTE TO SERVICEWOMEN and you can get it to me by the 27th of April it will be CONSIDERED. No nominations have been submitted that is why I am extending the deadline. Please read your Plan of Action for guidelines

The Unit contributing the largest monetary donation to the PPP Nurses Scholarship Fund will be awarded the JO HRABAK PLAQUE at the Department Convention. The deadline for donations is June 1st. Send to Department Headquarters not to PPP Chairman.

Remember to utilize the experience and knowledge of past Auxiliary leaders for training and encouragement of future Auxiliary leaders.

2017 - 2018

For a Successful Poppy Program
Round 6



Our *Poppy Shop Open House* event on April 8, 2018 at the Ohio Veterans Home (OVH) in Sandusky, Ohio was fantastic!

So many wonderful individuals exchanged greetings with one another and our Central Division National Vice President Patricia Ward was so gracious in her presentation.

Patricia spoke about our 'Poppy Lady', Moina Belle Michael (1869-1944) who distributed the *very first* Poppy 100 years ago *this year!* Moina vowed to always wear a red poppy as a symbol of remembrance for those who served in the war.

Registered were 175 with 31 of these being our *Poppy Princesses*. Do know that there were many more, as the 'team at OVH' set the Veterans Hall up with 175 chairs and there were lots 'standing.'

My thanks to William Conrad, 40 et 8 Grande Chef de Gare for co-hosting this Open House event with me. We did our best to be informative, entertaining and *respectful!*

Much appreciation goes to Sharon McClain (Registration), Kathy Burkhammer (Poppy Princesses Coordinator), Susan Masten (Pianist) and Kim Lewallen (OVH Volunteer Coordinator).

And a big *thank you* to all who were Distinguished Guests on the program, making their participation *history* at Poppy Shop Open House in 2018!



Special Notation: My mail box has been full the last 3 weeks and many packages have been left at the front door. A few reports were also sent e-mail. *Merci* for doing your part *For a Successful Poppy Program!*

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