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President's Message ~ February

Cindy Masowick, Department President

I want to thank all of the Units and Districts for welcoming me with open arms as I travelled through the Buckeye State. Ohio Auxiliary members are busy working the "ALA Batting for Veterans" programs. Let's keep this passion going, while promoting, and advocating for our Veterans.

My special project this year is Education, "Emphasis on Ohio Scholarships". Don't forget to have your Junior members apply for those scholarships. All the Units have been doing a great job raising money for our scholarships.

We are still having problems getting into some of the VA Facilities. Some facilities are doing coffee services and goodie bags, but others have been in complete lock-down. Our Veterans do miss us. We Auxiliary members are missing them just as much.

I was unable to attend Mid-Winter this past January, as my son got married in Florida. I want to say thank you to Interim Department Secretary Vicky Buck

for zooming me into the Finance and DEC meeting as well as the Saturday session. I felt like I was really there! Thank you to 1st Vice Jane Ridenour and 2nd Vice Louise Aigner for stepping up and helping to run the meetings. I very much appreciated it.

With School of Instructions and Mid-Winter under our belts, we will be focusing on the Poppy Celebration (in lieu of Poppy Shop), Junior Convention, Buckeye Girls State and Department Convention. Information for each of these events will be coming out really soon!

We have all been working our programs and we will be able to share those things during our Department Convention, our World Series. Get ready, and batter up!



President's Message ~ November

Cindy Masowick, Department President

I want to thank all of the Units and Districts for welcoming me with open arms as I travelled through the Buckeye State. During the Fall Conferences I have attended, the District Presidents have done a great job relaying our mission. District Presidents and their members did keep baseball fever "ALA Batting for Veterans" alive. Let's keep this passion going, promoting and advocating for our Veterans. They need us.

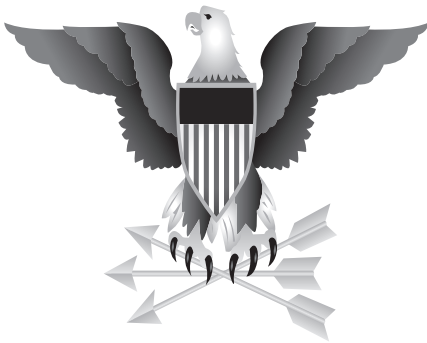
We have received positive feedback for our "Back to Basics" School of Instructions. The chairman for the workshops and the chairman did a great job and they did an excellent job communicating their programs. The opening session was exceptionally fun. Hopefully, ALA members share those pictures.

We have started working on Mid-Winter Conference. It's right around the corner. Watch for details.

Please like the new Facebook page "Ohio ALA Dept President" page. I share articles for events throughout the State, follow National President Vicky, follow National Commander Jim and any from different Chairman, as well events from other states. If you travel it's nice to know where you can stop at another post and support them.

If any Units or Districts have any planned events, please let me know. I would love to help, participate and to have fun with your Unit or District.

2023 District Summer Conference



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District	Date	Reg. Time	Meeting Begins	City	Host Unit/ Meeting Place	Hostess	Address & Directions	Lunch	Reserve By Date	Send Reserve. to	Address	Phone/ Email
1	6/3/23	8:30 AM	9:30 AM	Wauseon	Robinson Gibbs Unit #265							
2	6/4/23	9:00 AM	10:00 AM	Sidney	American Legion Post #217	Linda Limbert	1265 E. Fourth St. Sidney, OH 45365	No Charge	5/29/23	Linda Limbert	17911 E. Mason Rd., Sidney, OH 45365	(937) 726-9040 (text) linda.limbert49@gmail.com
3	6/3/23	9:00 AM	10:00 AM	New Carlisle	New Carlisle Unit #286	Sharon Pletcher	2251 N. Dayton-Lakeview Rd., New Carlisle, OH 45344	\$7.00	5/29/23	Sharon Pletcher	7290 Studebaker Rd., Tipp City, OH 45371	
4	6/4/23	12:00 PM	1:00 PM	Waynesville	Waynesville Post #615	Katie Mackoway	174 S. 4th St., Waynesville, OH 45068	Light Snacks	5/22/23	Marsha Giehls	118 S. West St., Mason, OH 45240	(513) 398-6566 aux194@embarqmail.com
5	5/6/23	9:00 AM	10:00 AM	Shelby	O'Brien Unit #326	Linda Close	89 E. Main St., Shelby, OH 44875	\$7.00	4/29/23	Linda Close-Swanger	1041 Donnawood Dr., Mansfield, OH 44903	(419) 989-1180 lindaclose@gmail.com
6	5/7/23	9:00 AM	10:00 AM	Marysville	Marysville Post #79	Rebecca Serrick	500 Park Ave., Marysville, OH 43040	\$7.00				
7	6/25/23	1:00 PM	2:00 PM	Washington Court House	Paul H. Hugley Unit #25	Jamie Steiner	1240 US Hwy 22NW, Washington Court House, OH 43160		6/4/23	Jamie Steiner	554 Staunton Sugar Grove Rd., Washington Court House, OH 43160	(614) 600-0935 jsteiner97@yahoo.com
8	5/21/23	12:00 PM	1:00 PM	Gallipolis	Gallipolis Unit #27	Kay Fennill	1839 McCormick Rd., Gallipolis, OH 45631	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
9	6/10/23	9:00 AM	10:00 AM	Wickliffe	Brewer-Tarasco Unit #7	Renee Silvaroli	29919 Euclid Ave., Wickliffe, OH 45631	\$5.00	6/1/23			
10	5/31/23	9:00 AM	10:00 AM	Columbiana	Post #290	Linda Moll	44403 St. Rt. 14, Columbiana, OH	\$12.00	5/24/23	Linda Moll	332 Windjammer Dr., Columbiana, OH 44408	(330) 482-3434 mollqueen@aol.com
11	6/3/23	9:00 AM	10:00 AM	Belpre	Blennerhassett Unit #495		Belpre Congregational Church 228 Main St., Belpre, OH	\$8.00	5/17/23	Loretta Matheny Flo Harpold		(740) 525-8263 (740) 423-7766
12	5/6/23	9:00 AM	10:00 AM	Columbus	Southway Unit #144	Brenda Arrington	3235 S. High St., Columbus, OH 43227	\$6.00	5/1/23	Ann Garren	3744 Abney Rd., Columbus, OH 43207	(614) 744-2821 anngarren@hotmail.com
13	6/4/23	11:30 AM	12:00 AM	Newburgh Heights	Teddy M. Zeija Unit #627	Kimm Bunch	3935 E. 42nd St., Newburgh Heights, OH 44105	\$7.00	5/28/23	Kimm Bunch	10600 Fairlawn Dr., Parma, OH 44130	(216) 401-8842 kimmieb219@sbcglobal.net
14	5/20/23	9:00 AM	10:00 AM	Hudson	Hudson Presbyterian Church Unit #464		201 W. Streetsboro St., Hudson, OH 44236 (Corner of St. Rt. 303/Boston Mills Rd.)					

Unit Presidents please share with Unit Members and RSVP to the person listed for your District's Conference. Should you have any questions please contact your District President.

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Headquarters Heads Up Vicky Buck, Interim Department Secretary

Hello everyone! Have you survived the change from winter to early spring? The weather has been changing from day to day!

As members of this great organization, we need to pause and take notice of those members that stand in the shadows and help out without thinking twice. Last issue I told you about the person that came and replaced our flag outside our headquarters and guess what!!! He did it again. I was trying to replace the flag and it was so tattered and torn that I could not get it down to replace it. David Dilts, SAL member from Squadron 29 in Zanesville, Ohio, came to our rescue again and changed out the flag. He comes in, without notice, and does what needs to be done. Have you thought about doing something nice for an older member that needs some help, that member that needs to be taken to an appointment, or the grocery, or even just needs someone to visit. The Legion has been talking about “Buddy Checks.” We can do the same thing!

Watch the next few Bulk Mailings as they will have some important forms that will need to be completed and returned to our office. In February and March, Unit Presidents will see the “NEW” Unit Data Form. This form will tell us how much your dues for 2024 will

be and who will be receiving your renewals. This form is on blue paper and has a due date of April 1, 2023. Don't miss the due date as we have to have them entered into National and the turnaround is quick. Coming in March and April will be your “NEW” Certification of Officers Form, also on blue paper. This form needs to be completed and returned, even if your officers did not change. This form has a due date of June 1, 2023. Our turnaround to National is also quick. This determines who we mail the monthly Bulk Mailing, Membership Cards, and information and who gets the Secretary's Mailing. All is important and we don't want your Unit to miss out. Please remember the deadlines and get those two forms returned on time.

Get out and attend your Unit, District and Department Meetings. There is lots of information that is given out and you might even hear something that your Unit could do. Encourage new members to attend these meetings with you. This is also a great opportunity to meet other like-minded people like you! Poppy Celebration is just around the corner, so invite a friend to attend with you!

Until next time!

Membership

Jane Ridenour, 1st Vice President

This essay was written by 13-year-old Evvie Van Vorhis from Bowling Green, Ohio.

Veterans. A job that as soon as they put their name down, they risk their life. Risking their lives to save our country. People, just like you and me. Willing to lay down their life; their everything, just for us to have a shot at tomorrow. For that, I owe them everything. Every day, they wake up with a patriotic sense of life. Knowing that if something happens, they might not come home at the end of the day. That they may never see their family again. Willing to sacrifice their life for the rest of us. They go to work, completely aware of this; but continue to go on. Not giving up. They push on relentlessly helping us. Helping



our nation. Guaranteeing our safety, day by day. Uplifting and saving our nation. Making America a better, safer place. The Army, Marine Corps, Navy, Air Force, Space Force and Coast Guard. The most risky jobs, that they selflessly take on to guarantee and keep us safe. They deserve more glory than anyone else. They may have leaders, but who is truly taking that risk and serving us? By following their orders, every word they hear and carry out, is a risk they are taking for us. “Thank you for your service,” will never be enough to praise them. Everything

they do, and every prospect they continue to take on. They selflessly serve our country no matter what the cost is, and that's what they signed up to do. They put themselves in the line of danger. For us. For our nation. No matter what degree they take on, anything they do is always everything of what our nation should strive to be. Thank you for everything. Those words may not seem like much, and I wish I could do so much more. But to me, you guys are everything the rest of us need to be. With my greatest gratitude and thankfulness, that is my pledge to our veterans.

Now if this isn't motivation enough for what we do in the American Legion Auxiliary and the need to bring new members in, I don't know what is.

That being said, Team Ohio is working on that membership as we speak. There have been some substantial increases in the numbers within the last month. Third base has been rounded and we're headed for that home run!! YOU CAN DO THIS!! LET'S DO IT FOR OUR VETERANS!



Membership

Mindi Rue – Central Division National Membership Chairman

As I am sure many of our members have heard, there was a dues increase voted in by the delegates to the 2022 American Legion Auxiliary National Convention for the 2024 dues year. The increase that was approved for the National dues was \$6 per year, making the total portion of the dues going to Department and National now \$29.00. Six dollars seems like a large increase, but if you break it down, it is only \$.50 per month, or \$.12 per week, or not even \$.02 per day and the mission of the American Legion Auxiliary is worth every penny of those dues. Ev-

ery member has committed to serving our veterans, active-duty military and their families, our children and youth, and our communities and that commitment comes at an increased cost every year, but that increase does not get passed on to our members every year. Declining membership and the tremendous increase in the cost of everything from insurance to office supplies has made this increase necessary. Providing the same excellent quality programming for our veterans and communities will always be the top priority of the American Legion Auxiliary.



June 29-July 1, 2023 Department Summer Convention Carol T. Robinson - Chairman

As the Department Convention Chairman, I'm looking for volunteers for registration and pages.

Registration will be Thursday through Saturday. The exact scheduled hours have not been determined yet, but the one thing I do know is registration will be closed during meeting session.

Pages are only needed during meeting sessions.

If interested, please contact me at 937-602-9365 or abernia@aol.com.

Thank you!

Carol T.



MEET THE CANDIDATES...

Margie Hominy — Candidate for 4th District President

The officers and members of Loveland American Legion Auxiliary Unit 256 are proud to have endorsed Margie Hominy at our last meeting on January 5, 2023, as our candidate for the 4th District President 2023-2025. As Colleagues, it is our honor and pleasure to endorse Margie. We can personally attest to Margie's character and contributions to our own Unit.

Margie's eligibility is through her father, Matthew Levoy, who served in World War II from 1942-1946 and also through her husband, Jack, who served in the U.S. Army Reserves during the Vietnam War from 1969-1975.

Margie has been a long-standing member, having grown up in the Hellenic Post 256 in Cleveland, OH. She has enchanted us with stories of her involvement with the Legion during her early years, with examples such as being five years old and offering Poppies at the Atrium in the Terminal Tower with her mother, Irene, as well as her sister Mary and other Auxiliary members.

On the Unit level, Margie served Unit 256 as Secretary (2014-2015); President (2015-2022); Executive Committee Member (2014 to present); Community Service (2007-2022); Poppy (2017-2022); and Children & Youth. At the District level Margie has served the 4th District as Community Service Chair (2018-2021) and 1st Vice (2021-2023).

Our Unit 256 of the Loveland American Legion Auxiliary have confidence that Margie will perform the duties of the 4th District President with dignity, integrity, and honor. She is dedicated to the Auxiliary, the Legion, the Military, and families as well as our communities. Margie has attended various meetings including School of Instruction, Leadership Workshop, District, Department and National meetings.

Our Margie advocates for our Legion veterans by volunteering at and providing food for their events and programs, for example, Memorial Day, Flag Day, and Patriot Day, to name a few. She helps enhance the lives of our veterans at home and abroad by encouraging the purchase and delivering of Girl Scout cookies to our local veterans' homes and to troop overseas. She also volunteered for and started our Unit's VA Donut Program which was a great success until Covid hit. She is a youth mentor and promotes patriotism through her involvement and volunteering with the Buckeye Girls State Program. On a personal level she is the primary caregiver for her beloved husband Jack, who suffers from a severe chronic illness. Margie has also led drives to provide food and clothing and essentials to our Cincinnati VAMC and also to our homeless veterans.

Margie has been passionately involved in many fundraisers such as Christmas in July, benefiting Children's Hospital, Ruth Lyons, and Toss 4 the Cure, benefiting Pink Ribbon Girls.

If given the chance, Margie will serve with distinction and continue to shine and serve our 4th District with integrity and honor. The Officers and members of Loveland American Legion Auxiliary Unit 256 are proud to endorse Margie Hominy.



Kathy S. Burkhammer — Candidate for 14th District President

The members of Garfield Memorial Unit 566 are proud to nominate Kathy S. Burkhammer for the office of 14th District President for 2023 – 2025.

Kathy is a 35-year Auxiliary member. Kathy joined Unit 175 and later transferred to Unit 611. Kathy transferred to Unit 566 when Post 611 closed. Her eligibility is through her father, Carl Davis, a World War II veteran, with continued eligibility from her husband, Ron Rowan.

On the Unit level Kathy has held all Unit office and numerous chairmanships, mostly Junior Activities. Kathy is currently the 1st Vice President, Membership and Junior Activities Chairman. On the District level, Kathy has served as Junior Activities Chairman for many years. She is the current District Vice President. Kathy served as the Department Junior Activities Chairman in 2000 – 2001.

Kathy is active in Summit County Council. Kathy has served as President, Vice President, and has served chairmanships. Kathy is the current Summit County Council President. Kathy has the endorsement of both Summit and Portage County Councils. Kathy is dedicated to the mission and programs of the American Legion Auxiliary. She is an experienced leader. She has served as Departmental Chapeau of the 8 & 40. As well as chairman of many programs.

Kathy has the support of her family and friends. Kathy is a well-rounded member. Her experience, knowledge, and dedication will help her lead the 14th District.

The members of Garfield Memorial Unit 556 are proud to endorse Kathy Burkhammer as the 14th District President for 2023 – 2025. We ask you for your support of our candidate.

Thank you.

For God and Country,

Kathy Linn

President

Garfield Memorial Unit 566

Karen Peel

Past President

Summit County Council

Cindi Underwood

President

Portage County Council



Public Relations

Louise Aigner, 2nd Vice President



I would truly appreciate feedback from each and every member regarding the Buckeye Messenger publication. Our annual dues do provide an assessment for this publication. I am in the process of looking for another avenue to provide us with this publication. Currently, the expanse of this publication continues to increase. Wouldn't it be great if we could provide you with the same information electronically? I am sure you would all love to see the photos that are submitted in color instead of black & white. Please email me your comments to: LAigner109@yahoo.com

Another way to assist in reducing some of the cost for the Buckeye Messenger is to consolidate. If you have more than 1 member living in the same house, consider reducing the number of copies sent to you by informing Vicky Buck at Department HQ @ vicky@alaohio.com. Also, if a member has passed away and they're still receiving the publication, you may give that information to the Unit and to Vicky Buck.

District Presidents we ask that you create a minimum of 6 newsletters each year, but the more you create the more your teammates are informed. When you send

them, please make sure to include the Dept. President, 1st Vice President and myself. There are awards to be earned.

Unit Presidents when you create your newsletter, please send it to me as well. I love reading them and I have created that spreadsheet to see who will be recognized at Mid-Winter and Convention for the most publications.

We can do that by keeping our teammates (members) informed. How do we do that, you ask. District Presidents and Unit Presidents should be creating an informative, fun and packed with information newsletter. You can print the newsletter and mail it, you may email and you may want to create a Facebook page for your Unit. Need assistance with these choices:

Newsletter creating: www.canvadesign.com and www.mailchimp.com are 2 free sites that assist you in creating a newsletter and assist with adding photos.

Create a Facebook page: The National American Legion Auxiliary website has 2 websites that assist you in creating the Facebook page and to ensure you are using the correct branding when creating.

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You may want to watch ALA Academy Courses:

https://alaacademy.alaforveterans.org/topclass/searchCatalog.do?catld_0

District Presidents don't forget to report the number of members attending your Fall Conference wearing our branding and the single Unit that had the most members wearing our brand. Please email the count and photos to laigner109@yahoo.com and to Dayna Beyer at mrsdaynabeyer@gmail.com for the \$50.00 awards at Mid-Winter Conference in January.

As of this publication the District that has included me in the most notifications, email blasts is District 3. Everyone keep up the GREAT work you are doing and don't forget to BRAG about it in your publications.

As of this moment when I am working on this publication the Cleveland Guardians are beating the New York Yankees in the series 2 to 1 and will be playing game 4 today. I am quite positive during Cindy's travels to the National President's Homecoming she was rooting for the Guardians to win that nail biting game on Saturday night.

Let's keep the winning going!

Louise Aigner

2nd Vice President, Dept. of Ohio



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BUCKEYE GIRLS STATE
District Orientation Schedule – Spring 2023

District	Date	Host Unit Number	Location	Registration Time	Orientation Convenes	Additional Information	BGS Staff Member to Assist with the Orientation
1	April 23, 2023	Winnow-Arn Unit #541	109 S. 5 th St. Continental, OH 45831	1:30 p.m.	2:00 p.m.		
1	May 4, 2023	Adams Twp Unit #553	206 S. Byrne Rd. Toledo, OH 43615	7:00 p.m.	7:30 p.m.		
2	April 26, 2023	Celina American Legion Post #210	2510 St. Rt. 703 Celina, OH 45822	6:30 p.m.	7:00 p.m.		
2	April 30, 2023	Ft. Loramie American Legion Post #355	31 N. Main St. Ft. Loramie, OH 45845	12:30 p.m.	1:00 p.m.		
3	April 29, 2023	Post #707	200 W. National Rd. Englewood, OH 45322	2:00 p.m.	2:30 p.m.	Park in back to enter hall.	
4	April 23, 2023	Mt. Washington Unit #484	1837 Sutton Ave. Cincinnati, OH 45230	12:30 p.m.	1:00 p.m.		
5	April 16, 2023	O'Brien American Legion Auxiliary Unit #326	89 E. Main St. Shelby, OH 44875	1:00 p.m.	1:30 p.m.		
5	April 23, 2023	Elyria American Legion Auxiliary Unit #12	393 Ohio St. Elyria, OH 44035	1:00 p.m.	1:30 p.m.		
5	May 13, 2023	Bellville Irvin Hiskey Unit #535	77 Bell St. Bellville, OH 44813	1:00 p.m.	1:30 p.m.		
6	May 6, 2023	Newark Unit #85	85 6 th St. Newark, OH 43055	1:00 p.m.	1:30 p.m.		
7	April 15, 2023	American Legion Unit #25	1240 US RT 22 Washington Court House, OH 43160	1:00 p.m.	1:30 p.m.		
8	May 7, 2023	Athens Unit #21	520 W. Union St. Athens, OH 45701	12:30 p.m.	1:00 p.m.		
9	May 6, 2023	Lake Milton Unit #737	16465 Milton Ave. Lake Milton, OH 44429	10:30 a.m.	11:00 a.m.		
10	April 23, 2023	Lowell D. Oberly Unit #667	224 Wood St. NE East Canton, OH 44730	1:00 p.m.	1:30 p.m.	Foltz Community Center	
10	May 28, 2023	Lowell D. Oberly Unit #667	224 Wood St. NE East Canton, OH 44730	1:00 p.m.	1:30 p.m.	Foltz Community Center	
11	May 7, 2023	Beverly Chadwick Unit 389	114 5 th St. Beverly, OH	1:30 p.m.	2:00 p.m.		
12	April 30, 2023	Southway American Legion Unit #144	3253 S. High St. Columbus, OH 43207	1:30 p.m.	2:00 p.m.		
13	April 23, 2023	Brook Park Unit #610	19933 Sheldon Rd. Brook Park, OH 44142	12:30 p.m.	1:00 p.m.		
14	May 7, 2023	Kent American Legion Post #496	1945 Mogadore Rd. Kent, OH	1:30 p.m.	2:00 p.m.		

Americanism – February

Michelle Zayakosky, Chairman

The holidays are over but our work is ongoing!

Upcoming Patriotic holidays:

March 25, National Medal of Honor Day

March 29, National Vietnam War Veterans Day

April is the Month of the Military Child. Wear purple for **PURPLE UP DAY** on April 19!

May 29, Memorial Day

We are closing in on report time! First up is the Norma Frazier Plaque for schools with the most outstanding Americanism program for the year! Awarded to one Elementary, Middle and High School. Due to me by April 1.

Essays for 'What Does Patriotism Mean to You?' are due to Americanism Vice Chair, Barb Arndt by April 1.

Why don't you reach out to your schools to share flag etiquette? Perhaps gift them a flag? Then choose a school to nominate for the 'All American School'! Awarded to one Elementary, Middle School and High School. Submit to me by April 15, please include photos.

Did you share anything involving the US Constitution? Pass out patriotic coloring books? That's promoting Star Spangled Kids!

Please remember that your year-end reports are due April 15 to your **District Americanism Chair**, not me. District Chairs, your reports are due to me on May 1. PLEASE include photos! This is for the Patricia Logan Plaque.

'Patriotism is easy to understand in America. It means looking out for yourself by looking out for your country.' – Calvin Coolidge

'For change often seems impossible until it is inevitable. Just as we must own our lives, we must own our country. For, we, the people, are ultimately in control of America's story.' – Valerie Jarrett

As always, please reach out to your Americanism team with any questions. And please remember to send me photos!

For God and Country,

Michelle Z.

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POPPY CELEBRATION



Sunday, March 26, 2023

Young Budd American Legion Post 171
393 E. College Ave.
Westerville, OH 43081
1:00 – 4:00 p.m.

► Poppy Celebration is open to all American Legion Family Members, including American Legion, American Legion Auxiliary, Sons of the American Legion, 40 et 8, 8 et 40 and their families and friends.

► Participants in the Little Miss (ages 2-6), Junior Miss (ages 7-17) and Master Poppy (ages 2-17) will parade in their *poppy attire* as part of the program.

► All participants in the *poppy parade* must complete an application. These applications must be returned on or before March 17, 2023 to:

Diane Woerner, 39385 King Edward Ct., Willoughby, OH 44094

Email: bew2dsr@sbcglobal.net

POPPY CELEBRATION APPLICATION

For

Miss Poppy, Master Poppy, Mr. & Mrs. Poppy



POPPY SHOP OPEN HOUSE
SUNDAY MARCH 26, 2023
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393 E. College Ave.
Westerville, OH 43081



This application must be completed and mailed to:

Diane Woerner, Department Poppy Chairman
39385 King Edward Ct.
Willoughby, OH 44094
bew2dsr@sbcglobal.net

DEADLINE
March 17, 2023

► Please remember that *Poppy attire* is to be worn by all participants ◀

Name: _____

Sponsoring Unit, Post, SAL: _____

School, grade & age: _____

(if participant is a child)

Parents: _____

(if participant is a child)

Hobbies, extracurricular activities, sports, or accomplishments: _____

Thank you for taking the time to complete this application. It helps in preparation of the program and ensures that each participant receives proper recognition.

Buckeye Girls State – February

Gwen Schroeder-Zulch, BGS Director

American Legion Auxiliary Buckeye Girls State— "A Lifetime of Memories and a Lifetime of Dreams." Without the donations through the Buckeye Girls State Endowment Fund, it would not be possible to offer the scholarships at the close of America Legion Auxiliary Buckeye Girls State. We encourage all units to donate to this fund to keep the scholarships growing.

FACT:

BGS Endowment Fund Scholarship – Two (2) \$1,000 BGS Endowment Scholarships will be awarded to two (2) outstanding BGS Citizens.

The Buckeye Girls State Endowment Fund was established to provide scholarships to outstanding Buckeye Girls State Delegates. This fund was established through convention action over 20 years ago. Please consider directing your monies toward the Buckeye Girls State Endowment Fund. If your Unit does not wish to make an outright donation, please consider donating to the fund in lieu of flowers or a gift. What a nice gesture when a friend, loved one or Unit member celebrates a birthday, anniversary, or a death in the family. Also, you might consider a special fund raiser for this purpose.

FACT:

We need VOLUNTEERS. Whether it be as a City Counselor, City Government Advisor, we have a place for you and we need a MUSIC DIRECTOR.

FACT:

You get free room and board, three meals a day, plenty of exercise and a LIFETIME OF MEMORIES.

Please contact Vicky Buck at Department Headquarters for more information and an application.

FACT:

We have decreased the number of American Legion Auxiliary Buckeye Girls State delegates to maximize the program in case of any pandemics. While this was not an easy decision, in the long run it will still remain American Legion Auxiliary Buckeye Girls State.

FACT:

Deadlines are very important to the American Legion Auxiliary Buckeye Girls State program. Many long and tedious hours go into the planning of this weeklong program, and we want to make sure that ALL delegates and alternates receive the information in a timely manner.

FACT:

District Orientations have been made mandatory by the Buckeye Girls State Board of Directors. In the recent year's surveys, it was found the delegates did not really get much out of the online orientation and in fact preferred the in-person orientations. Delegates and alternates can choose the District Orientation they would like to attend, they do not have to attend one in their own District. They however must sign in on the registration sheets when they attend one of the orientations.

Remember: It is the responsibility of the Unit to interview the American Legion Buckeye Girls State delegates and alternates and to keep in contact with them. American Legion Auxiliary Buckeye Girls State will be held on the campus of Bowling Green State University June 11-17, 2023. Please get your applications in as soon as possible as the deadline is approaching. We would like to reach our maximum of 560 delegates, so be sure to reach out to all of the schools.

 *Thanks, Veterans!*

Children & Youth Program – February

Patty Miller, Chairman – Deb Sutterlin, Vice Chairman

The reporting year is close to the end BUT we will still have time to complete more projects and to complete those goals set at the beginning of the year. March is time to do more activities so you can report them for the 2022-2023 year.

Also, now is the time to plan projects for April. April is Children and Youth Month and Military Children Month. April 15th is Military Child's Day so please wear purple that day to show support for them. Perhaps you set up the Military Child's Table at your post or at the library.

April 15th is when your green report is due to your district chairman. PLEASE USE THE GREEN REPORT and not the plan of action report. While the questions are the same, THERE ARE CHANGES TO THE DISTRICT CHAIRMEN'S INFORMATION. These address and email changes are important for you to get your report to the chairman ON TIME!

Be sure to report the 25 cents per paid member for the children and youth assessment. If you are submitting a narrative and want to be considered for the Miriam Junge award, complete the National Cover Sheet. Complete the top of the report and complete the Unit Award Section. Leave the Member Award and Department Award sections blank.

The Miriam Junge Award is for the best year-round report. You need to send a 1000 word narrative with the green report to be considered for this award.

So, how do you do your C & Y green report. Get the treasurer's reports and list everything that was spent for Children & Youth. If something can be reported on another program, you need to choose which report you are going to put it on. YOU CAN'T REPORT THE SAME PROJECT, MONEY, AND HOURS ON TWO REPORTS. Because Buckeye Girls State has its own report, that is where that information is to be reported! Don't forget to include the secretary's minutes for additional information such as motions for projects and donations. Collect information from your members about what they do. Need help? Please ask and we will help in any way we can.

What were your goals to start the year? Have you met those goals? Have you made notes, taken pictures, saved fliers/posters/social media posts to remember how many members helped with the Children & Youth projects? Have you added up your costs that were spent for events and activities? How many hours have you spent? Members, have you kept track of what you have done as an individual that falls into the Children & Youth program? How much money did you spend buying Boy Scout popcorn? Girl Scout cookies? FFA fruit & nuts? Other school fundraisers? Halloween candy handout? Christmas gifts for homeless or other children who may not have had much of a Christmas. Spent money to attend football and basketball games (or other sports)? How about the time spent watching sport events or school programs? Did you send any card fronts to St. Jude's Ranch for Children? How about your own donations? St. Jude's Hospital? Shriner's Hospital? Native American Children? Easter Seals? Boys Town? And the list goes on but hopefully this will trigger your memories. Don't forget your in-kind donations. Those include food, clothes, toys, etc.

Have you asked at school or church about children that deserve the Good Deed Award? Youth Hero Award? Did any child give selflessly for other child to have a Christmas present? Forgo a gift (birthday, Christmas) to help someone else have a gift? What about raising money for a project, for example, a dog shelter? Rake leaves for a senior person? Shovel snow for a senior? Don't forget the boy scout completing his eagle scout project or a girls scout silver or gold project? Please take the time to go ask your members and other

people if they know any one you can nominate for the Good Deed Award or Youth Hero Award. Many members don't know about this award unless we share the information.

What is happening in the Children and Youth Program in Ohio? Here are some of the activities that have been successful. Maybe something will give you an idea or opportunity to think outside the box for activities/events that you usually do or will do.

- Unit 38 Martin Ferry filled stockings for Santa to give to children Unit 38 Martin Ferry filled stockings for Santa to give to children.

- Unit 64 Marietta held a Christmas party for the kids with Santa and the Grinch.

- Unit 181 Bucyrus bought 35 pairs of shoes for Bucyrus Elementary School. They also helped cook and serve 1000 hot dogs that were served at the Bucyrus Spooktacular. Unit 181 held a Bowling Christmas Party at the local bowling alley. They held a Make and Bake Auction to raise money for a local boy who had a traumatic brain injury and wanted a special handicap trike.

- Unit 183 Pemberton handed out Halloween candy from the back of their Poppy decorated vehicle at Eastwood Middle School.

- Unit 194 held a summer cookout with games and gifts for children.

- Unit 211 Avon Lake held a Christmas In July for Kids with Superheroes, games, face painting, bounce house, gifts, and Santa Claus. They held a Trunk or Treat at the post on October 29th.

- Units 240 Luckey, 183 Pemberton and 262 Hamler sponsored a Christmas party for the 148th National Guard Unit at the Walbridge Armory with gifts, face painting food, and Santa. There were free family photos to send to their loved ones. Banners that were signed by everyone were sent overseas.

- Unit 257 Loudonville recognized McKenna Riley with the Good Deed Award. She asked for food, treats, and supplies for the Ashland County Dog Shelter in place of her 8th birthday presents. Her family donated a \$100 check to a volunteer group, No Pawz Left Behind. Also, Unit 257 bought boys and girls underwear in 4 sizes for each and donated them to the McMullen Elementary School.

- Unit 326 Shelby donated to Shelby Safety Town.

- Unit 344 Carey sponsored a Cross Country Team and the team wore uniforms with the ALA emblem on the back of their shirts. Also, the president attended their meet. There was a Christmas Extravaganza with businesses and organizations providing children's activities in Carey. Unit 344 provided face painting, and animal balloon man, and hot chocolate. There was an Angel Tree with needy children on it for people to buy pajamas. They took several names and provided pajamas.

- Unit 389 Beverly presented coloring books for all of the kids at Waterford Elementary.

- Unit 395 Green Springs held a Christmas party and had a small tabletop Christmas tree decorating contest.

- Unit 447 Plymouth hosted a community children's Halloween party. They also held a breakfast with Santa and used the proceeds to help a needy family which was a single Mom with a 6-year-old son for Christmas.

- Boy Scout Ashton Donaldson made a flag retirement box for Unit 541. He raised money, made the box then donated the remaining money to the Unit. (Hope he was awarded the Good Deed Award.)

Children & Youth – November

Patty Miller, Chairman – Deb Sutterlin, Vice Chairman

School of Instruction was a Big Hit this year. We hit a GRAND SLAM with the Stuff a Bag Children and Youth project. Thanks to the Juniors, Adults, and Cyndi Underwood for helping, Making this Children and Youth Project from last year a success.

We believe that the group Breakouts was just what we needed for our new Rookies. Each Chairman taught the Rookies everything that we believe will help give each Rookie

their first Homerun.

Don't forget the National holidays such as Halloween, Election Day, Veteran's Day, coming up and make sure our children are included with an adult explaining the reason for the holiday.

If you have any questions, Me and Deb are only a phone call, text, or email away.

Community Service – February

Tammy Dillon, Chairman – Alice Teynor, Vice Chairman

When you think of February, you think of cold weather. Since it is such a short month, it's important to make the most of it. Think about what you can do inside to serve your community.

Donate to a local food bank or pantry. Sponsor a blood drive at your local post. Contact the Red Cross for coordination and scheduling. Encourage members to buy a memorial brick in memory of a departed veteran or do it as a unit. Also recommend adult coloring to someone who appears to be very anxious. They can download to their computer, laptop, tablet or smartphone.

This is a time to volunteer at your local post home. See if they need help with cleaning up the kitchen, bathroom, and storage areas. Identify ways to spruce up the community when spring comes. Maybe you can offer to plant some flowers around your local post home.

Hope you are still working on your projects and getting ready to do your reports due by April 15th. We need every unit reporting so National can show Congress what we do to help our Veterans, Families, and Communities.

Constitution and Bylaws

Carol T. Robinson, Department Chairman

Constitution and Bylaws and Standing Rules are the units governing documents. Why governing documents? So, everyone on the baseball field is playing the same game under the same rules with the ultimate outcome of home runs to win the game: no fouls and strikeouts.

Constitution and Bylaws:

- State the organization's purpose, qualification for membership and establish the framework for governance.

- Define the rights, responsibilities, and duties of the members, leaders., and governing bodies.

- Grant leaders and governing bodies the authority and powers necessary to conduct

the unit's business.

- Serves as a contract with members and cannot be superseded.

Standing Rules:

- They are related to the details of administration for the organization.

- Adoption requires a majority vote.

- To amend or rescind a standing rule requires one of the following:

- 2/3 vote with no notice or

- A majority vote with previous notice or

- Vote the majority of the entire membership.

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Constitution and Bylaws (Con't.)

• It may be suspended by a majority vote if applicable only within the current business meeting.

What causes fouls or strikeouts, or lost games?

- Poorly written governing documents
- Members won't or don't read and follow.

- Not adhering to the governing documents
 - Confusing documents lead to conflicts between members.
 - Assuming more authority than provided in the Constitution and Bylaws
 - Ignoring or poor handling of unacceptable behavior
- We are here for the win! Let's playball!

Education – November

Mindi Rue, Chairman

PO Box 10 • Dupont, OH 45837 • mindi1036@gmail.com

This year, Education, specifically scholarships, is the President's special project. Our youth are our future, so here are a couple things to highlight for the Education program this year.

1. Make sure your unit has a member to communicate with schools promoting National, Department, and local scholarships and application deadlines. Guidance counselors are busy people, so make contact multiple times. Blast your social media pages with scholarship information for community and write articles for your post/unit newsletter. When you hand out local/unit scholarships, publicize the scholarship winners at a school presentation and in the media/social media.

2. Assist and support veterans pursuing higher education and vocational education. Collaborate with the campus student veterans' group at colleges and universities in your community. There are more than 1500 Student Veterans Associations (SVA) chapters across the country. Promote the Department's Women Veteran's Scholarship by seeking out the women veterans within your post. Make personal contact with them and offer them the application. We also need to encourage members to sign up to receive The American Legion Action Alerts and support the alerts regarding the GI Bill.

3. Support Give 10 to Education and American Education Week. Participate in the Give 10 to Education program by soliciting items from members to distribute to your local schools; think 10 pencils, 10 notebooks, 10 glue sticks. If you haven't already done this, January, halfway through the year, is a great time to collect school supplies again for teachers to hand out. Be sure to report the names of members who participated in Give 10 for Education so certificates can be issued. Participate in American Education Week (November 15-19, 2023). Send cards to a local school thanking them for what they do. A sample card can be found on the Education page of the Members Only section at

www.alaforveterans.org. Remember to recognize all school personnel. American Education Week includes teachers, bus drivers, paraprofessionals, office staff, school nurses, and school personnel staff.

Most ALA scholarships should be submitted by March 1, 2023, to a local American Legion Auxiliary Unit. Local American Legion Auxiliary Units should forward applications by March 15, 2023, to Department Education Chairman, Mindi Rue, PO Box 10, Dupont, OH 45837-0010. Scholarship application and rules sheet are in this Program Plan of Action and also available for download for national scholarships on the national website, www.legion-aux.org/Scholarships.



- Children of Warriors, National President's Scholarship – March 1, 2023
- Non-Traditional Student Scholarship – March 1, 2023
- Spirit of Youth – March 1, 2023
- Junior Loyalty Scholarship – March 1, 2023
- Continuing Education Grant – December 1, 2022
- Department President's Scholarship – March 1, 2023
- Women Veterans Scholarship – May 1, 2023
- Past President's Nurses Scholarship – May 1, 2023

History – February

Dayna Beyer, Historian

I was surprised to receive a 2021-2022 National Award from ALA National Historian, Carol Campbell, and National President Kathy Daudistel for the "Members Remember Project" and "Veterans History Project." Both of these projects were fun and memorable activities that allowed me to get to know each one of our members.

The Members Remember Project is a three-minute video interview of an auxiliary member where I learn how they are eligible, the amounts of years of membership, why they continue to serve in the ALA and who in the auxiliary is their mentor and has made an impact in their lives. The Veterans History Project is a project where I help you to interview a veteran who tell their story and experience when they served in the military.

I am always available to help you with these projects, all you need to do is contact me. Being the historian gives you the opportunity to be part of the history unfolding in your unit or post legion family's lives. It's up to you to capture that history, record and archive it, and share it with others through social media, Buckeye Messenger, and other publications.

Our Auxiliary Department of Ohio won the Central Division History Award as the Best in 2019-2021! I was honored and surprised, however, it was the information I received from all of your reporting to me, what you had done over the year. In my eyes, O-H-I-O is the very BEST in many of the programs across the board, because we have great leadership!

As a plus to help you be the best that you can be, I have included the link for our Department History Book 2019-2021 to give you some ideas on how to write your unit history. Also Included is a Sample "Plan of Action" (POA) for you to follow in completing yours, that is due on April 15th. (Link (3) Our Historians Inspire Ohio (OHIO) The American Legion Family | Facebook) Don't wait until the last minute to do your report. Call, text or email me and I will be happy to help you complete your POA and give you pointers on your narrative.

Always here for you,
Mrs. Dayna Beyer (aka Tsi Sim Mar), Department Historian



LEADERSHIP – February

Pamela Bates, Department Chairman

Have you worked on your submission for Unit Member of the Year? Now is the time to get it all together and send to me. Criteria is listed below and form for submission on the reverse side.

Unit Member Of The Year - The Unit Member of the Year award recognizes those serving at the unit level who exemplify the values and ideals of the Auxiliary and whose accomplishments significantly impact the program work in their units. Recognition of the winners occurs at the American Legion Auxiliary's national convention.

Criteria & Selection Process

- Nominees must be an adult American Legion Auxiliary unit member not in an elected or appointed leadership role higher than unit president.
- A narrative of 1,000 words or less describing the nominee's accomplishments and activities.

- Each department selects one Unit Member of the Year from its submitted candidates.
- The selection of the winner is at the discretion of the department Leadership chairman.
- Recognition of the winners occurs at the American Legion Auxiliary's national convention.

- Nominee must be sent to Department Leadership Chairman by **April 15, 2023**.

I am here to assist every member. If you call, please do so at a reasonable time and leave a detailed voicemail. I do not call back if I do not recognize a number. I prefer emails and again leave detailed information so I can be better informed to answer your question.

Pamela Bates, Department of Leadership Chairman
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WE REMEMBER THE HEROES

Leadership – Mission Possible – November

Pamela Bates, Chairman

THE AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY IS NOT WHAT IT USE TO BE...I wrote these very words 4 years ago. What we really should be saying is “OUR ALA HAS NOT CHANGED ITS MISSION, VISION, PURPOSES OR VALUES...WHAT HAS CHANGED IS THE METHODS TO ACCOMPLISHING THOSE.” We cannot meet the needs of our veterans, families and communities as those needs have changed over the decades since 1919 due to industry, technology, world politics, military standards, and much more. You can put this in perspective with your life. Hasn't your life changed over the decades? As members of this great organization, let us remember every Unit is unique and may support the ALA Mission, Vision, Purpose and Values with different types of methodologies that best suit what is available for their unit as to money, volunteers, or other barriers.

WHAT HAS CHANGED...we now have ZOOM meetings, training by webinar and online courses, texting more information to our members, using social medias like Facebook, twitter, blogging, Instagram, and I'm sure I missed one or two. If interested, you need to start by going to www.alaforveterans.org and surf what they have available for all members, like Committee Information; Resources; Policies; and Meetings/Trainings. Each on of these categories when clicked on gives more details. Most National ALA Programs have Facebook page where you can share ideas and learn more about the programs. It is a whole new world out there just waiting for YOU to make the effort and to learn more about the ALA and its mission, purpose, and values.

Tips for Effective Leadership

- Do Not Interrupt - Be open-minded, and give members a chance to explain their point of view.

- Listen - Value what others have to say and aim to understand their point of view.
 - Respect Others - At the core of respecting others is the “golden rule” — do unto others, as you would have them do unto you. Avoid talking trash about others.
 - Practice Kindness, Generosity and Gratitude - Make this a habit in your everyday life. It is never too late to start, regardless of your age.
 - Nurture Social Relationships - Enrich your connections with other members by balancing Internet contact with phone calls and face-to-face visits.
 - Use Teachable Moments –Help members to develop interpersonal skills and relationships by engaging them in conversations.
 - Keep Your Cool - The key is to express your needs without intruding on others' needs and do it in a calm and kindly way.
 - Say Thank You - Acknowledging of an act of service or kindness by just saying, “thank you.”
 - Think Positively - You know what they say about viewing a glass as half-full vs. half-empty.
 - Promote Decency – Put out the welcome mat for everyone. You can have a direct impact by setting an example.
 - Discuss in private and praise in public. Agree to disagree and move on.
 - Admit when you are wrong and be sincere about mending fences.
 - Give constructive criticism.
 - Do not pass the buck or point fingers.
- “The pessimist complains about the wind. The optimist expects it to change. The leader adjusts the sails.” -John Maxwell

Legislative – February

Cindy Boehnlein, Chairman

Welcome to the 118th Congress! The new representatives are in place and ready to serve our veterans and military. I have the current list of the Congressional Reps and Senators on the Facebook group ALA Legislative Ohio <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1534139406945866>.

Please join our group to keep up on the weekly Legislative news, Tidbit Tuesday questions and letters and lists to download for your Units.

By the time you are reading this you should be preparing your Legislative Unit report. Please feel free to email your report to me, but please send as a Word doc. or PDF. Please send me jpegs of your activities too. I would like to have these for our Ohio report. Any binder being sent in should be mailed to me but call or text me to give me a heads up.

Please put in the report all the messages you sent through the www.legion.org/legislative site (votervoice), and or copy of any letter sent or received to the represen-

tatives on the American Legion priorities. Remember “The PACT Act” and “Buddy Check”? Don't forget any working at the polls, sponsoring Kids Vote, holding town halls, or participating in them, and anything Legislative you have participated in with your communities. Does anyone hold an office in their community, city, county, or State of Ohio? It all goes into the Ohio report and forwarded to the Central Div.

To find your Legion Votervoice activity, go to your confirmation email that says, “do not reply”. Click on the link at the bottom of the page. This shows you everything you did for the whole year. Print this out and send it in with your report. You will get tickets in the drawing for the poppy bracelet. Don't forget the incentive for any picture of you with your representatives. Send that in with the report for a chance to win a jeweled ALA tote bag.

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Legislative – November

Cindy Boehnlein, Chairman

Hello Baseball team! Who's on first? Why you are of course. Our season has started, and you are all signed up for Legislative Alerts from The American Legion Legislative – right? At the time this article was sent in, we didn't know who the major players were. November 8th told the story and I will print a copy of the line-up, to be handed out at Mid-Winter. The easiest way to get started with contacting your reps is by using www.legion.org/legislative, and scrolling down to Grassroots to get signed up. It is all there. You can do this just by speaking into your phone. There is a little microphone you tap on, then say the magic words. It takes 30 seconds.

The offer is still there to come out to your Districts or Units to teach you how to do this. I can make the pitch, and you hit the homerun.

1. Please consider joining our Auxiliary Legislative Mini-Council. We need someone for every US Congressperson. I know we've got a great bullpen. Check the POA form.

Then message me!

2. Topics on Votervoice (legion.org/legislative – Grassroots section), are The Afghan Adjustment Act, Veterans Service Recognition Act, Strong Veterans Act (contains “Buddy Check”), Pass the Major Richard Star Act, Open the VA to All WWII Veterans, and Demand the GI Bill for Reserve and National Guard. Get up to bat and click away!

3. Take Notice Below*

*Enhanced Digital Dispatch to replace printed version in '23

The American Legion

Effective January 2023, The American Legion Dispatch goes to a digital-only format, reaching more officers and leaders of the organization more frequently with a greater portfolio of resources. The last printed version will be the December 2022 issue.

Read full Article at www.legion.org/dispatch



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<https://www.facebook.com/OhioAmericanLegionAuxiliary>



Hospital Director

Linda Close

At the Ohio Veterans' Home, the BINGO games are back in play. Now the residents are offered BINGO entertainment every second and fourth Tuesday of the month. Denise Bossetti is still maintaining the same amount of dollars paid out, even though they are not playing every week. This means the BINGO pots are larger, I can tell you the residents are very excited about this! We hope the contributions will continue so we can keep this up. They also now require that we serve all residents for monetary gifts, etc., which increased our donations from serving 100-125 veterans to 274 veterans. We used to only sponsor a wing of the facility. As you can see, this requires much larger donations to maintain our support, so we hope you will step up to come to our aid.

Donna Ray continues her good work in Cincinnati VA and says she continues to ask for donations and continues to be blessed with them. She has planned her Valentine's Party for February and looks forward to her contact with the patients this Spring.

Sue Masten, Maggie Wiley, and Carol T. are busy at the Dayton VA. They open their "store" twice a week and continue to care for the needs of veterans there. Please keep Sue in your prayers as she is battling her health and caring for her brother.

In the Toledo VA, Pam Breneman is hosting a soup lunch in February. If you would like to assist Pam in her Spring activities, please give her a call. She is always busy baking cookies for the veterans.

Cleveland Wade Park and Chillicothe seem to be the slowest in lifting Covid regulations. If you wish to support these facilities, please contact Pat Miazga and Linda Lyons. Linda tells me she is sponsoring three veterans a month and buys items for them from their "wish list". She can also accept treat bags from the Units and/or money for her activities. Please make sure you make checks payable to the Department of Ohio and earmark for Chillicothe Representative.

Cheryl Smith is still our contact at Columbus VA Outpatient. She is planning her Spring baby shower and always appreciates help so give her a call.

As Spring approaches, the VA Facilities are beginning to show signs of opening up. However, there are some new regulations and changes. At O V H they now require a background check, a mask, and proof of Covid shot or medical or religious exemption approval if you wish to volunteer regularly. If you just want to volunteer once in a while or host a Unit or District BINGO, you can call Denise so she can get you approved ahead of time without all the regulations.

As the year progresses, please continue to show your support of our V A facilities. You truly are making a difference in the lives of our precious veterans.

Linda Close, Hospital Director
Department of Ohio

Ohio Veterans Home

Denise Bossetti, Chief Representative - Nanette Peters, Deputy Representative - January 2023

Everything has changed since Covid, and so has coming and going at the O.V.H. facility. A new set of rules are now in play. Units have to schedule dates for Bingos and have those dates approved. Other changes regarding testing if you are not vaccinated. Regular volunteers will be clocking in and out where the employee's Kronos time clock is located. This will make easy access to Volunteer hour records. We will be starting Bingo up at the O.V.H. January 10th at 1:30 PM, and Bingo will be held the (second) 2nd and (fourth) 4th Tuesday of each month. From January through May 2023.

Regarding the number of Veterans we will be responsible for; the number has jumped from 125 to 280. Auxiliary members, we need to get more donations to Department by March 1, 2023, to help the Veterans and make the report deadlines.

To be a regular volunteer, you must do the following:

Complete a New Application to be a Volunteer

Provide a copy of your Vaccine Card if vaccinated

Submit a Religious Exemption Form if not vaccinated. You will be tested for Covid if not vaccinated.

Report to an Assigned event area or multiple activities, and no roaming the facility or

going to resident's rooms.

Must wear a mask

Obtain a New ID Badge for Kronos timeclock

Temperature to be taken at Kiosk on arrival

Adhere to Rules and Regulations

To schedule events at the O. V. H., contact:

Tracey Waskalis, O.V.H. Activities Co-Ordinator 567-998-3293

Kim Lewallen is the Volunteers Service Liaison

Kim's Contact information:

Kim cannot be contacted on Tuesdays!

Cell phone 567-998-3948 Text in the evening

Work 419-202-1016

Email: Lewallen@dvs.ohio.gov

Volunteer Service Co-Ordinator Carla DuPont 567-998-3951

Volunteer Service Co-Ordinator Dwayne Henson 567-998-3947

Poppy - February

Diane Woerner, 22-23 Chairman

How fun was School of Instruction and Mid-Winter??? We all just love our "Little Miss Poppy" that visits every conference, if you missed her, please attend the next scheduled event, you will not be disappointed!!! More importantly, hope everyone took home some great ideas and if you need some help, reference your Plan of Action, POA. In fact, ALL units should be documenting and taking pictures of your Poppy events. Reports are right around the corner and will be DUE by April 15, 2023. Don't forget to include the National Report and Award Cover sheet.

The Secretary's Mailing included the Poppy Order Form, please check with Unit Secretaries for the order form. Remember you can ALWAYS order Poppies, but be patient, we have ONE veteran that makes Poppies.

Below are the winners of the Poppy Corsage and Usage contest at Mid-Winter

Senior Poppy Corsage

1. Joyce Chaney, District 6, Unit 185
2. Tammy Campbell, District 7, Unit 471
3. Vicky Carson, District 14, Unit 566

Senior Poppy Usage

1. Betty Taylor, District 7, Unit 471
2. Michelle Bolin, District 13, Unit 627
3. Robin Cooper District 3, Unit 184

No Junior entries for either category.

Thanks to all who "crafted" or participated, we generated \$441.00 in contributions from contests and donations for the National Creative Arts Festivals.

We are so excited to announce March 26, 2023, will be our second American Legion Auxiliary POPPY CELEBRATION. The celebration will again be held at the Young-Budd Post 171, in Westerville, Ohio, from 1:00 - 4:00pm. Please see the announcements for both the Poppy Celebration and the applications for Miss and Master Poppy and Mr. and Mrs. Poppy.

Please email me any questions you might have regarding Poppies.

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Willoughby, OH 44094
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Hello OHIO - Thanks to all that attended the OHIO School of Instruction, SOI. Lots of learning and dissemination of POAs and Programs. We had so much fun with the

Poppy Program Skit and will continue this theme, Batting for Veterans, throughout the year!!! If you were not able to attend, see attached pictures!!





“IN MEMORY OF OUR DECEASED MEMBERS”

Cynthia Underwood, Department Chaplain

For when our life wanes, as we come to the end, It isn't our accomplishments we will have to defend, But who did we serve as we traveled life's way? That is the proof of our faith on that day

February

Headquarters

- Mary E. Clark Unit 888
- Annette Price..... Unit 888

District 1

- Janis Aldrich..... Unit 003
- Alica Naito..... Unit 003
- Vicki Wade..... Unit 003
- Mary Rose Trenkamp Unit 063
- Velma B. Warnimont..... Unit 063
- Cindy Harder..... Unit 114
- Judith JWander Unit 114
- Clara Obee..... Unit 135
- Diane Keppler..... Unit 183
- Arlene Layman Unit 183
- Noladean Spicer Unit 183
- Janet Schroeder Unit 262
- Susan Barbee..... Unit 265
- Albert Bowers..... Unit 265
- Barbara Hester Unit 265
- Patricia Oglesbee..... Unit 287
- Donna Shoemaker..... Unit 287
- Esther Layton..... Unit 300
- Gwen Rohrbaugh..... Unit 300
- Donna Witte..... Unit 300
- Irene Liechty Unit 311
- Syliva Newman Unit 324
- Pamela Pauwels Unit 324
- Ruby Sampson Unit 324
- Eileen Suplica..... Unit 324
- Marcine Gudakunst Unit 338
- Marietta Holcombe..... Unit 338
- Elsie Knauss Unit 338
- Cindy Seem..... Unit 338
- Bernadine Smith Unit 338
- Violet Eberly Unit 340
- Judy Beiderstedt Unit 400
- Sharon Trumbull..... Unit 409
- Helen Norden Unit 454
- Masil Cole..... Unit 468
- Verena Delauter..... Unit 468
- Sandra Guerrero..... Unit 468
- Terri Mills Unit 468
- Norma Martz Unit 516
- Doris Pingle Unit 516
- Cathy Verbosky Unit 533
- Alma Vincent Unit 537
- Arlene Boes Unit 545
- Alice Szymanski..... Unit 642
- Christine Levin..... Unit 646

District 2

- Lupe Aguirre Unit 178
- Helen Ashbaugh..... Unit 178
- Ilene Baer Unit 178
- Janet Becker Unit 178
- Helen Blanke..... Unit 178
- Marcile Bolenbaugh Unit 178
- Roxie Brown Unit 178
- Bonnie Coburn Unit 178
- Sharon Coil..... Unit 178
- Martha Keipper..... Unit 178
- Allie Kuhlman Unit 178
- Deloris McMillen..... Unit 178
- Martha Prichard..... Unit 178
- Mary Thomas..... Unit 178
- Lou Tomlinson..... Unit 178
- Betty Weddle..... Unit 178
- Sue Laman Unit 191
- Lana Moorman Unit 191
- Sharon Williams..... Unit 191
- Martha Bollinger..... Unit 210
- Lois Krick Unit 210
- Wahneta Minch Unit 210
- Patricia Steinbrunner..... Unit 210
- Nancy Toms..... Unit 210
- Erma Cotterman Unit 217

- Norma Kritzer..... Unit 217
- Patricia Zimmerman Unit 217
- Audrey McCollum Unit 241
- Peggy Pitman Unit 266
- Rachel Bailey..... Unit 268
- Betty Bechtol..... Unit 345
- Viola Miller..... Unit 345
- Betty Muhlenkamp Unit 345
- Jeanette Harhorst Unit 355
- Dorothy Quinlin..... Unit 355
- Phyllis Hall Unit 381
- Phyllis Dicke..... Unit 444
- Kathryn Schrolucke..... Unit 444
- Alice Balster..... Unit 470
- Rosetta Wagner Unit 470

District 3

- Elaine Savely Unit 120
- Theresa Hosbrook Unit 140
- Irene Keller..... Unit 140
- Barbara Sharp..... Unit 140
- Susan Gregory..... Unit 184
- Marilyn Howard..... Unit 184
- Dorothy Novotny..... Unit 184
- Nellie Parman..... Unit 200
- Lisa Burrows..... Unit 215
- Delena Caughenbaugh..... Unit 286
- Rose Click..... Unit 286
- Betty McCreary..... Unit 286
- Nina Baker..... Unit 322
- Patricia Minnich..... Unit 322
- Chrissy Brim Unit 353
- Susan Jenkins Unit 353
- Naomi Shock Unit 360
- Nancy Wright..... Unit 360
- Mary Bruns..... Unit 558
- Norma Adkins..... Unit 586
- Lavonne Boitnett..... Unit 586
- Pauline Drees Unit 588
- Margie Wenning Unit 588
- Pamela Phillips..... Unit 643
- Carolyn Anderson Unit 746
- Barbara Clarke Unit 746
- Rose Jaros..... Unit 746
- Jan Knight..... Unit 746
- Patricia Martin Unit 746
- Shelvia Miller Unit 746
- Shelvia Mitchell..... Unit 746
- Doris Ping..... Unit 746
- Kathleen Stover Unit 746
- Nellie Delawder..... Unit 763
- Rose Payne..... Unit 776

District 4

- Kathy Carroll..... Unit 049
- Shirley Raizk Unit 049
- Sharon Wolf..... Unit 072
- Junne Beckett..... Unit 138
- Vivian Huber Unit 138
- Donna Kramer Unit 138
- Carlie Bell Unit 194
- Carla Hall Unit 194
- Elizabeth Smith-Companion.. Unit 194
- Cherie Woodward Unit 194
- Joy Black..... Unit 394
- Viola Klaus..... Unit 397
- Laura A. Elbe Unit 484
- Donna Sunderhaus..... Unit 513
- Dorothy Bovee..... Unit 530
- Peggy Coning..... Unit 530
- Jean Farffing..... Unit 530
- N Fishback..... Unit 530
- Diane Kaltenbach..... Unit 744

District 5

- Doris Takac..... Unit 008
- Connie Tutko..... Unit 008
- Janet Smith Unit 012

- Annette Vandersommen Unit 012
- Wilma Zech Unit 012
- Edith Huvler Unit 016
- Kristine Doe..... Unit 073
- Donna Mohn..... Unit 088
- Norma Balmert Unit 118
- Janet Dadas Unit 118
- Marie Robinson Unit 118
- Dawn Graves..... Unit 181
- Sandra Hemmerly Unit 225
- Donna Beckel..... Unit 243
- Dorothy Heiser Unit 243
- Donna Cowell..... Unit 257
- Dolly M. Fehling..... Unit 257
- Brenda Welcel Unit 257
- Inez Armstrong Unit 326
- Vicki Smith..... Unit 344
- Eileen Metzger Unit 354
- Dorothy Arbogast..... Unit 404
- Jean Davis Unit 447
- Doris Enderby..... Unit 447
- Dorylen VanWagner..... Unit 447
- Joyce France Unit 676
- Shirley Dillon..... Unit 749
- Thelma Ickes Unit 749

District 6

- Lynda Kranz..... Unit 085
- Rose Dazey..... Unit 201
- Bonnie Seedle..... Unit 201
- Dorothy Clunk Unit 368
- Betty Grant Unit 500
- Connie Swihart Unit 584
- Brenda Winfield..... Unit 584
- Kay Jones Unit 804

District 7

- Linda Knapp Unit 014
- Kay L. Howe Unit 023
- Viki Conley..... Unit 025
- Sharon Noble..... Unit 025
- Jean Action..... Unit 062
- Karen Easter..... Unit 062
- Karen Hoffner Unit 062
- Nellie Park Unit 062
- Trudy F. Storts..... Unit 062
- Barbara Wickline..... Unit 062
- Mona Anderson Unit 134
- Eleanore Chandler..... Unit 730
- Carolyn Grabb Unit 757

District 8

- Virginia Bontroger Unit 011
- Dorothy Witham Unit 011
- Rosalee Deweese..... Unit 021
- Eleanor Rinehart Unit 021
- Linda Padgett..... Unit 058
- Charles Spencer, Sr Unit 078
- Gertrude Scott Unit 371
- Carol J. Wallace..... Unit 371
- Imelda Smeltzer..... Unit 376

District 9

- Florence Gregor Markic Unit 007
- Darlene Caswell Unit 015
- Margaret Miles Unit 076
- Leslie James..... Unit 103
- Donna Parks..... Unit 151
- Jean Fratena Unit 214
- Arletta Burkey Unit 336
- Sherri Liggett Unit 336
- Gail Pomeroy Unit 336
- Kathleen Swiger Unit 336
- Barbara Delaquila..... Unit 700
- Cindy Nabors..... Unit 700
- Cynthia Lueders..... Unit 719
- Christina Moyer Unit 719
- Josephine Gabanyc..... Unit 737
- Ruth Maubourn Unit 737

District 10

- Cheryl King Unit 065
- Karen Freas Unit 086
- Frances Lucas Unit 086
- Betty Mathie..... Unit 192
- Patricia Dunlevy..... Unit 221
- Patricia Forsythe..... Unit 221
- Emogene Erwin..... Unit 282
- Patricia Oyler Unit 282
- Florence Breckenridge Unit 375
- Lucy Ogden Unit 375
- Mary Walker Unit 375
- Patsy Smith Unit 431
- Greta Huthmacher Unit 440
- Frances Kasper Unit 525
- Marcie Worrell Unit 525
- Thelma Charvat..... Unit 529
- Anna Lengyel Unit 529
- Anna Whitmer Unit 548
- Marcie Eiler..... Unit 557
- Lorraine Hazlett Unit 557
- Wendy Vein..... Unit 557
- Cecil Shaffer..... Unit 651
- Alice Russell Unit 667
- Mista Darios Unit 682
- Susan Ault..... Unit 718
- Barbara Snyder..... Unit 718

District 11

- Diana Bohn..... Unit 029
- Wanda Farley Unit 029
- Diana Giroux Unit 029
- Amanda Hitchcock Unit 029
- Nancy Howe Unit 029
- Betty Wharton Unit 038
- Nina Byer..... Unit 064
- Sandra Carver..... Unit 064
- Marlene Dyar..... Unit 064
- Pamela Hess Unit 064
- Janet S. Hill..... Unit 064
- Mary J. Searl Unit 071
- Tina Bumgardner Unit 077
- Edith Antolak..... Unit 159
- Gretchen L Keylor..... Unit 168
- Tina Sallee..... Unit 366
- Masel Johnson..... Unit 389
- Carolyn Mincks..... Unit 389
- Patricia Brownswigg Unit 495
- Helen McCauley Unit 641
- Debra Griffith Unit 768
- Cindi Starr Unit 768

District 12

- Norma Ayers..... Unit 144
- Constance Filippi Unit 164
- Naoma Canaday..... Unit 171
- Ronda Campbell Unit 490
- Cori Ingram Unit 490
- Nancy McElvey..... Unit 490
- Cheryl A. Campbell Unit 532
- Mauvene Kerr Unit 532

District 13

- Joyce Bixler Unit 304
- Anita Jane Bricker Unit 304
- Judy Hanford Unit 304
- Cheryl T. Glontz Unit 309
- Agnes Drost Unit 610
- Lois Heege Unit 610
- Evangeline Keller..... Unit 703
- Phyllis Zajicek..... Unit 703

District 14

- Esther Ruch Unit 175
- Sharon Ryan..... Unit 175
- Donna Williams..... Unit 175
- Julie Brunelle..... Unit 331
- Dee Deutsch Unit 685
- Margaret Slechta..... Unit 685

Jobs for Veterans

VA & R – February

Karen Peel, Chairman – Robyn Cooper, Vice Chairman

The game is in full swing! Who will be the winner of the game? That's right – our veterans!

Service to Vets hours. The forms go to Robyn Cooper. One form per member. Record the hours and send the forms to Robyn as soon as possible. The hours are for service to Vets outside a VA facility. Pins and bars will be passed out hopefully at Department Convention.

Like everyone else, reports are due on April 15th. Where do you send those reports? To your District VA & R Chairman. If you have pictures, please include them in your report. Take the time to include a short narrative with your report. It will give your District Chairman something to write about. Remember, you need to have hours or dollar amounts on your report form for it to constitute a report. Don't forget to include your VA & R assessment from your membership dues. Remember to include a cover page.

There are awards that can be won:

- Blanche Klein Plaque – best overall VA & R program based on the annual report & narrative.
- Sue Friedrich Plaque – best overall VA & R program based on the Unit narrative.
- Marie Moore Fund Plaque – awarded to the Unit donating the most money per capita (based upon membership goal) to the Marie Moore fund.

When making your donations to Department, please remember our VA Facilities and Outpatient Clinics in your donations.

Thank you to my Vice Chairman Robyn Cooper! She is the best!!! I wouldn't want to have anyone else to help coach this VA & R Team!!

We are in the home stretch! Let's finish the game strong! And bring home a win for our veterans.

VA & R – November

Karen Peel, Chairman – Robyn Cooper, Vice Chairman

There is a nip in the air and trees are turning beautiful colors, which means that the holidays are rapidly approaching. It also means that our veterans and military need our help even more.

To a veteran with no family, the holidays can be a very lonely time. A meal and a conversation, a game of cards, or a board game will mean the world to them. Take the time to reach out to veteran and show them that you care.

To a military family where one of the parents are deployed, the holidays can be stressful. Between working and taking care of the family needs, there may be no time to go shopping without taking the whole family along. We can offer to shop or babysit so they can go shopping. Help decorate the house for Christmas. This is where your Juniors can help! Take them with you. Baking? They can assist there too!

The possibilities are endless! Help where you can.

National President Vickie Koutz Special Project for 2022 – 2023

American Legion Auxiliary National President Vickie Koutz is excited to support the

companions who accompany our veterans to the National Creative Arts Festival as her special project this year. Donations collected will assist with financial support to offset the expenses of those who travel with and provide vital medical and emotional support and companionship to our veterans while attending and performing at the festival. Although our veterans' expenses are underwritten, those who accompany our veterans do not receive financial assistance at a time when they are needed most. Helping those unsung heroes is Vickie's way of giving back to help those who have given so much. Please consider doing a fundraiser with proceeds earmarked to Vickie's project. We value and appreciate the many caregivers who support our veterans in so many ways.

I encourage you all to google it and watch the performance. It is amazing! You will not be disappointed.

Happy Holidays to You and Your Family!

Karen & Robyn



District and Unit News

1st District – February

Roseanne Paquette, President

Do you think about how the groundhog seems to always see his shadow? Well wouldn't you if you had all of those lights and cameras around you? With that in mind, I am ready for some sun, warm temperatures and wearing sandals.

The First District is getting ready for Spring Training and gearing up all of its members for their Green reports. We will be holding our Spring Training Conference on March 4th in Napoleon at Unit 300. I hope to see all the players in action and ready to take their place on the field.

Buckeye Girl State orientations will be held on April 23, 2023, at 1:30 p.m. in Continental at Unit 541 and on May 4, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. in Toledo at Unit 553. It is mandatory that all Buckeye Girl State delegates and alternates attend orientation. If they are unable to attend in our district, they are able to attend in another district as long as they attend.

Poppy Day and Memorial Day are around the corner and I hope each unit is making plans for both. The Summer Convention will be held on June 3, 2023, at Unit 265 in Wauseon, Ohio. Department Summer Convention will be held in Dayton, Ohio on June 29-July 2, 2023. Please make sure you get your reservations in on time.





District and Unit News (Con't.)



1st District, Unit 479

Murbach-Seifert Unit 479 from Swanton celebrating the 100th birthday of William (Bill) "Billy" Chinnis at Post 479. Mr. Chinnis was a WWII, Korean War, and Viet Nam War veteran. He retired in 1973 after 31 years in the Navy. Pictured are Janice Kasprzak, Kelly Meek, Linda Schmidt, Lilly Boyd, Marta Ray, and Sandie Maynhart.

2nd District- February Shirley Maurer, President

As your District President, I am trying to keep the District afloat. I have not been able to attend too many unit meetings yet, but have been to a few. We will be having our Spring Roundtable on March 19th at the Celina American Legion Post. Registration at 9 and the meeting will start at 10. Lunch will be provided after the meeting. I hope you will consider attending this meeting as the District Chairs will be talking about the "green" reports and what can be counted as hours and where they are to be put on the reports.

Summer convention will be held at the Sidney Unit 217 this year. That will be on June 4th. This is a very important convention this year as this is the year that 2nd District elects a new District President. I hope everyone has been searching their souls or at least know of someone to be nominated for District President. As I told you before, I will not be doing it next year so someone will need to step up otherwise with no District President we will not have a voice or vote on the DEC Board and we really don't want that to happen. Whoever takes the position, I will be there to help you along the way, showing you what needs to be done and when to do it. Please pray and keep our veterans in our hearts and minds.

2nd District, Unit 395



Waynesfield American Legion Post 395 Auxiliary was honored to serve over 60 dinners at our annual Veterans Day Dinner November 6, 2022, at the Waynesfield Baptist Church Fellowship Hall. Auxiliary members Diana Dulebohn, Sarah Woessner-Treglia, Nellie Treglia, Peggy Walti, and Darlene Chiles, and Regulars, Bob Howard, and Bill Dulebohn, assisted with dinner preparation and setup. Our Waynesfield Girl Scout troop serves the Veterans Day Dinner for us every year. Over \$200 was collected for Veterans at the Dayton VA hospital.



2nd District, Unit 395 (Con't.)



Post 395 Auxiliary President, Diana Dulebohn, Past President, Darlene Chiles, and Secretary-Treasurer, Sarah Woessner-Treglia, all voted in honor of Veterans on election day, November 8, 2022. Vote in Honor of Veterans pins can be requested on the Ohio Secretary of State's website. Diana worked the polls at the Auglaize County Board of Elections and helped teach poll worker school with the Auglaize County Board of Elections.



Post 395 Auxiliary displayed Veterans' picture boards at White Memorial Library, Waynesfield, Ohio during the month of November in honor of our Veterans.



Waynesfield American Legion Post 395 Auxiliary was honored to have Retired Command Sergeant Major Steve Shepherd speak at our Veterans presentation for Waynesfield Goshen School 5th graders November 17, 2022.

Sergeant Major Shepherd spoke about his 35 years of service including tours in Kosovo, Iraq, and Bosnia, and led a discussion of flag etiquette with the class. Post 395 Auxiliary President, Diana Dulebohn, and Past President, Darlene Chiles, passed out "Our Country's Veterans" graphic novels to the students following Sergeant Major Shepherd's talk.



November 26, 2022, Post 395 Auxiliary held its annual Visit With Santa. Trent Mullins (Santa) and fiancé Irma (Mrs. Claus) graciously donate their time for this event. Secretary-Treasurer, Sarah Woessner-Treglia, and Vice-President, Nellie Treglia, prepared cookie and candy bags and hot chocolate and President, Diana Dulebohn, and Regular, Bill Dulebohn, helped with pictures with Santa. Regulars, Bob Howard, and Kerry Burden, also assisted with the event. About 30 children visited Santa and a large box of donations was collected for Veterans at the Dayton VA hospital.

2nd District, Unit 571



Jane Meyer held the babysitting clinic in November at the St. Rose Church basement. This was a two Sunday evenings in November. 62 students attended.



Legion Auxiliary 571 had their fall outing at the Do Good Restaurant in Osgood. They help people with medical bills with tip money received from their customers. The Auxiliary gave a donation. Some of the members gave a donation also. It goes to a new family every month.



Marion Local School had their appreciation day for the Veterans on November 11th at the school and all Veterans were invited to come that was in that school district. Sons of Legion 571 purchased flags for the school children. Auxiliary members of 571, passing them out were Marilyn Holdheide, Irene Bruns, Janie Luebke and Dian Pohlman. The drawing was done by a junior girl. The eye has a flag in the pupil.



Jane Meyer, treasurer for Legion Auxiliary 571, put apples in the teacher mailboxes at Marion Local Schools during Education Week which was November 13th - 19th. This was in appreciation for all the teachers do for the students.

3rd District – February Judii Thompson– District President

The Thundering Third District has hit a lot of home runs putting us in 1st Place for membership due to the help our umpire Susan Masten. She puts out all my correspondence to my units and yells a lot. This team could not run smoothly without the help from Carol T. Robinson as she takes care of all the problems with a heavy bat. If anyone needs leadership skills there is Pam Bates with a big mitt, and lurking in the corners is Pat Taylor keeping an eye on the teams spending.

With team members like I have, all I have to do is keep two eyes on the game!!! Thank you!

3rd District



Third District "Thundering Third Babes" Left to Right - Deborah, Therese, Maggie, Krista, Robyn, Judii, Ruth & Tina



Dept. 1st Vice President Jane & 3rd District President Judii at their Fall Conf. Ballgame.

3rd District, Unit 5



Unit 5 recently donated turkeys to local restaurant, Phat Daddy's Annual Thanksgiving dinner. They served over 1000 free meals. Pictured l-r Phat Daddy employees and Unit President Linda Stier and Bev Whitelow



Unit 5 recently donated \$220 to Madison County Job and Family Services for their Annual Firefighter Toy Drive. Pictured l-r Unit member Bev Whitelow, MCIFS Tina Garcia and Diana Frey, Unit member Stefanie Cunningham and President Linda Stier



Unit 5 recently assembled and delivered 11 boxes filled with fresh fruit and gift cards to local veterans. Pictured L-R Stefanie Cunningham, Cheryl Homeier, President Linda Stier, Bev Whitelow and Jackie Mastin

3rd District, Unit 668



04/30/2022



04/30/2022



04/30/2022

ALA Unit 668 Spring Flower Sale 4/30/22 and 5/1/22.



3rd District Unit 668 Our Unit donated to have 10 wreaths placed in the Veterans Memorial Circle at Dayton Memorial Park Cemetery across the street from our Post.

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3rd District, Unit 668 (Con't.)

3rd District, Unit 668 (Con't.)



ALA Unit 668 Memorial Day 2022.



3rd District Unit 668 November 11, 2022, Veterans Day luncheon



3rd District Unit 668 December 16, 2022 wrapping party.



3rd District Unit 668 December 8, 2022, Toys for Tots delivery



ALA Unit 668 Toys for Tots fundraiser and presentation of check



3rd District, Unit 668 - December 17, 2022 Children's Christmas Party



ALA Unit 668 helping organize the cabinets in the storage area at our Post on May 7, 2022.

3rd District, 776



October 30, 2022 - New Members Initiation Ceremony and celebration of the Unit's 42nd Birthday. We were honored to have Dept. President Cindy Masowick, Dept. 1st VP Judy Ridenour, Dept. 2nd VP Louise Aigner and 3rd District President Judii Thompson at our ceremony and celebration. Pictured top left: Newly initiated members - (L - R) Sheryl Johnson, Kia Young, LaShawna Roper, Crystal Melchor, and Evangela Knox. Pictured top left: Charter Members of 42 years: (L - R) Johanne Hanssen and Madie Tillman. Pictured bottom: Unit 776 members with Judii Thompson, Louise Aigner, Judy Ridenour, and Cindy Masowick.

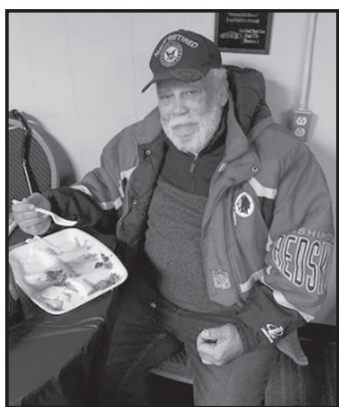


General Daniel "Chappie" James Unit 776 has been actively "batting" for our veterans, members, and community. Some of our home runs includes.

October 15, 2022 - Welcomed home Veterans at Dayton International Airport returning from the Honor Flight to Washington DC where they visited their memorials. Pictured left: A veteran being welcomed back from the Honor Flight. Pictured right: (L-R) Shatoya Hill, Unit President V. Nadine Hill, and Past 3rd District President Deborah Smith.



October 31, 2022 - Children and Youth Program sponsored a Community Trick or Treat Trunk event. Pictured left: (L-R) Unit President V. Nadine Hill, Shatoya Hill, Past Department President Carol T. Robinson, Past Unit President Della Abbott, and Children and Youth Program Chair Renee McDaniel. Not pictured Kim Nelson. Pictured right: Trick or Trunk Treaters.



November 16, 2022 - VA & R Committee and the Unit sponsored a Thanksgiving Appreciation Dinner for the Veterans of Post 776 and our Auxiliary Members. It was an honor to serve our members. Pictured top: (L - R) Unit members - Kim Nelson, Mary Ann Cottingham, Cheryl Kilpatrick, Tashana Hicks, VA & R Chair Kimberley



Hardnick, and V. Nadine Hill. Not pictured: Carol T. Robinson, Della Abbott, Sharmayne Thrower-Windsor, and Sheryl Wakefield. Pictured bottom: Post Veterans enjoying their Thanksgiving dinner.

3rd District, 776 (Continued)



November 17, 2022 - Education Program Committee delivered school supplies and treat bags to the faculty and staff of Beverly Gardens Elementary School supporting American Education Week. Pictured left: (L-R) Unit President V. Nadine Hill, Principal Crista Fields, and Education Chair Shatoya Hill. Pictured left: Treat bags for faculty and staff.



December 21, 2022 - Children and Youth Program Committee sponsored a toy and gift card drive for the children at Dayton YWCA Battered Women Shelter Center. Pictured: (L - R) Children and Youth Co-Chair Tashana Hicks, Unit President V. Nadine Hill, Children and Youth Chair Renee McDaniel, Past Department President Carol T. Robinson, and YWCA Crisis Service Manager Nycia Lattimore, M.ED.



December 30, 2022 - National Security Program Committee presented Certifications of Appreciation and snacks to the Riverside Police and Fire Departments to say "Thank You" for all that do to keep our community safe. Pictured top: (L - R) Unit President V. Nadine Hill, National Security Chair Jeanette Gant, Junior Member Jaiona Miller, Legionnaire Pat Burrell, and Past Department President Carol T. Robinson. Pictured bottom left: Riverside Fire Department. Pictured bottom right: Riverside Police Department.

4th District - February Marsha Giehls - District President

From the Fabulous 4th District. I hope everyone had a great holiday now that they are over the 2nd half of our year (baseball season) is in full swing. Congratulations to the 4th District Units that have made it around the bases so far (made goal) for the year. Keep sending that membership in. Unit Chairmen, remember, year-end reports are due on April 15, read your plans and make sure you send them to the correct place. You can start working on them now, you do not have to wait until the reports are due. There is also an impact report due to your District President in April. I know many Units did a lot during the 1st half of our baseball season for our Veterans, and for those families that needed help during the holidays. Remember two reports that all Units should have something to turn in for are Veteran Affairs and Rehabilitation, 75 cents of each member dues go towards this program and Children and Youth 25 cents of your dues goes towards this program. Units do not forget to send in your donations to Department on the Donation form these donations go to support our programs. You do not have to wait until April to send this to Department. I want to thank all the Units and members who have donated items to for our Veterans at the Cincinnati VA. I also would like to thank Donna Ray and Sue for doing such a great job at the Cincinnati VA.

There will be a Buckeye Girls State Orientation held in the District, and this is mandatory for your delegates, so remember to remind your delegates they should attend. The date will be coming out later so watch for it. As a reminder each Unit should be doing your own interviews.

If your Unit has not paid your Bonding fees, please get this done, they were due on December 31. Also look for the Unit Data Form, which needs to be filled out and sent back so that your next year's membership renewal notices will have the correct information on them. Remember dues are going up in the 2024 year so you need to allow for this on your Unit Data Form.

Remember send in your pictures to Vicky for the Buckeye Messenger so that everyone can see what is going on in the 4th District.

Marsha Giehls
4th District President

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4th District – February (Con't.)



Members of the 4th District attending their Fall Conference.

4th District – November Marsha Giehls – District President

From the Fabulous 4th District. The Game has started, and you should have your Plans of Action's by now. Although, we are still not able to visit the Cincinnati VA, and CLC to visit with the Veteran's you can still donate items, or you can send monetary donations on the Department donation sheet and mark it for the Cincinnati VA. We held our 4th District Fall Conference on October 9th and I want to thank Milford Unit 450 for hosting this and to all the members who attended. Your District Chairmen did a great job of going over their programs and I want to thank Jane for being our guest speaker. The membership skit hit a home run with all team members taking a turn at bat to hit that home run.

We are in the first inning of the Game and at the time of the writing of this article the 4th District is in 1st place in the Department. Let's get that membership turned in and keep the 4th District rounding those bases to hit a Grand Slam. I know we can be a goal District if we keep working that membership.

Please remember to pay your Bonding Fees, I know it does not have to be in until December 31 but if you go ahead and send it in it is done for the year and you do not have to worry about forgetting to send it in. All Units should have done their 990's for the IRS. Let's show the rest of Ohio what the Fabulous 4th District does for our Veterans and Communities. Remember to keep track of your hours and dollars spent so that you can turn the information in on your reports. Don't forget to send in your pictures of events to the Buckeye Messenger so everyone can see what the District is doing.

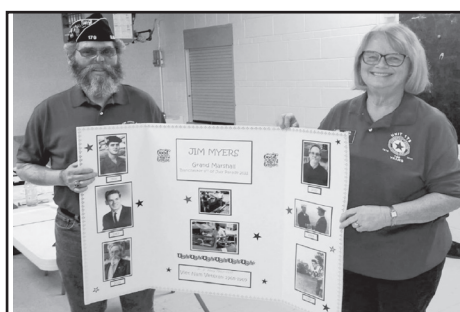
Remember Veteran's Day is November 11. Have a Happy Thanksgiving, Merry Christmas and a safe and Happy New Year's. I hope to see many of you at the Mid-Winter Conference in February.

Marsha Giehls
4th District President

4th District, Unit 179



Sandy Faulkner was presented a plaque for chairing the Military Overseas Packages for 8 years. She estimated she, with the help of others, has sent for 1,000 boxes. Presented by Linda Mider, President, Marion Unit 179, Blanchester



Marion Unit 179 presented Viet Nam Veteran Jim Myers with a display poster in honor of him being the Grand Marshal for the 4th of July Parade. The theme was Welcome Home, Viet Nam Veteran.



Susan Jacobs was presented a certificate for being nominated for State Member of the Year.

4th District, Unit 194



We had our Buckeye Girls State delegates come to our Unit meeting to talk about their experience.



5th District – February Jane Yeager, President

Hoping everyone had a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. There is a lot of illness going around and COVID will just not disappear. Please check on your members and veterans.

It's hard to believe the year is already half over and Mid-Winter is this weekend in Dublin. Hopefully your poppies are ordered, and your \$6 Bonding Fee has been paid to Department. If not, I will be calling you.

CONGRATULATIONS to Colonel Crawford Unit #181, Courtney Lawrence Unit #202, Caufield Unit #434, and Berlin Heights Unit #659 for reaching "Home Plate" by attaining goal. Several units only need a few more. Don't get stranded on 3rd base. Please turn in membership as soon as you receive it. As it stands now, unpaid members are now delinquent. You aren't being fair to your members if they have paid, and you haven't sent them in. If you need help, please let me know.

You should have all contacted your schools about Girls State delegates. It's that time of year that needs to be in full swing. Hoping to have information this weekend about dates, times, and locations of 3 BGS **MANDATORY** orientations. Will be in my next newsletter.

District summer convention will be held at Shelby O'Brien Unit #326 on May 6. Registration at 9:00 a.m. and meeting will start at 10:00 a.m. Remember reports need to be to District and Department Chairmen by April 15. We will have a "Report How To" on Sunday, March 12 at 1:00 p.m. during the men's conference in Elyria. Will show how to fill out reports, impact reports, and narratives. I would love to see 5th District be **BIG** winners this year.

Thank you all for the support you have shown me so far this year and hope to see you soon.

5th District – November Jane Yeager, President

I hope you are all getting into full swing mode with your Auxiliary Programs and Projects. President Cindy Masowick's theme this year is ALA for Veterans. We are into the baseball theme, and we are having fun. Anyone who missed Department School of Instruction or our Fall Conference, we missed you and your unit missed out on a lot of great instruction and information.

I want to **CONGRATULATE** the winners from 5th District who were winners at National Convention. Dayna Beyer, Unit #535 Bellville, "2 awards for History", Sue Adams, Unit #181, Bucyrus, "Member of the Year", Mary Ann Dull, Unit #88 Ashland, "Caretaker of the Year", and Kristi Yeager, Unit #447 Plymouth, "Junior Member to Remember".

All the Plan of Actions have either been delivered or mailed. If you haven't received yours, please let me know. They were mailed to the Unit Presidents.

Now that I have contact information, I will be contacting you for a visit. Remember I am only a phone call or an email away. Any questions you may have, please ask or if you want me to attend an event or help with a project. Please contact me. I would love to come. Also, let me know what your unit is doing so I can share. I've been to a few but want to attend many more.

OVH is starting to open up their Bingo parties again. We will be getting some District Bingo Games scheduled, and if your unit would like to do something, please contact either Linda Close or Denise Bosetti to schedule.

Mid-Winter Conference will be held January 20-21, 2023, at the Dublin Marriott Hotel. Each District is responsible for a Holiday Basket for Raffle and proceeds benefit the Department President's Scholarship program and the A&G trip. Our District's Theme is "St. Patrick's Day". If anyone has any items or decorations pertaining to St. Patrick's Day and would like to donate, it would be greatly appreciated. If your unit would like to donate monetary and have me purchase the needed items, that would work also.

Please send me pictures or you can send pictures of your unit or activities to Department for the Buckeye Messenger.

Hope to see or talk to everyone soon.

5th District



5th District Conference held on October 8th at New London Broome-Wood Unit



5th District Roundtable January 8th in Carey. Leadership training was conducted by Leadership Ambassador Dayna Beyer and attended by Department President Cindy Masowick.



5th District and Department of Ohio officers helped serve lunch to homeless veterans and homeless families in Mansfield.

5th District, Unit 088



Mary Ann Dull of Harry Higgins Unit #88, Ashland with their Auxiliary Display at the Ashland County fair in their Veterans Building. They served Bean Soup to the veterans on Veterans Day at the fair.

5th District, Unit 447



5th District President Jane Yeager and Unit president of Ehret Parsel #447 delivered school supplies to Plymouth Elementary.



Ehret Parsel Unit #447 Plymouth donated Christmas presents of personal items to veterans in Daysprings Assisted Living.

5th District, Unit 118



Amherst American legion auxiliary, legion, sons, and riders put an angel tree together for our veterans and residents in two nursing homes. We want to thank everyone that bought the gifts and delivered them for Christmas.



5th District, Unit 503



Past Department President Colleen Phillips presenting Emma Harper from Garrett Reist Unit #503 Shiloh with her National Presidents' patch Children of Warriors.

5th District, Unit 547



Monroeville American Legion Auxiliary Unit 547 sponsored a Wreath Across America ceremony December 17, 2022, here in our local park.

5th District, Unit 181



Colonel Crawford Unit #181, Bucyrus newly installed officers.



The American Legion Auxiliary Colonel Crawford Unit 181 along with the American Legion Post and Sons, AmVets Post 27 Auxiliary and Sons, the Catholic Ladies of Columbia and Lutheran Thrivent Financial held a Christmas in July for "Alvin". Alvin was abused as an infant and left with brain damage. The family needed a special type of bike to help strengthen his legs. These groups joined together to raise \$6,869.59.

Left to right: Front row: Grandpa Tim Jordan, Alvin, Grandma Carol Jordan. Second row: Alice Teynor, Brandy Robertson, Vicky Topper, Sandi Fahl, Tami Tima, Sherry Garverick, Loretta Sue Adams. Back row: Auctioneer Missy Striker, Karen Weir, (hidden) Penny Tarbert, Rita Edwards and Luanne LaRue. Submitted by Alice Teynor, Unit 181 Secretary

6th District

Rebecca Long, President

Greetings from the Sixth District. It has been a busy fall and as we enter this holiday season, members are busy going to bat for our veterans and families. Several units have toy drives and food drives scheduled. Craft shows and holiday parties round out end of year activities.

Oct. 2 was the 6th District Fall conference at Cardington. District Committee Chairmen presented ideas for the upcoming year, sharing information from the School of Instruction and discussed this year's plans of action. We were honored to have the Department of Ohio President, Cindy Masowick as our Special Guest speaking about her theme, "ALA Batting for Veterans," and her special project Education and Scholarships.

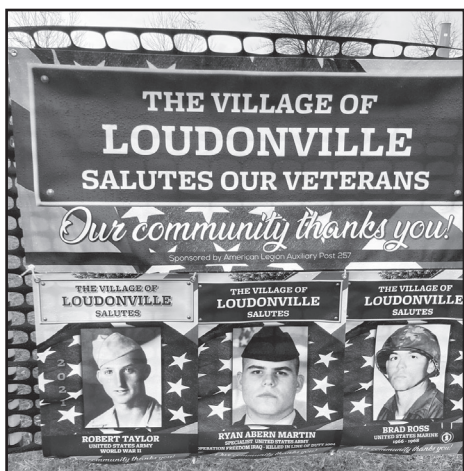
Oct. 22 was the Gary Cox Sr. Memorial Bowling Tournament at Cooper's Bowl in Marion. Congratulations to Lisa Balka and Amy Zink from Utica Unit 92 for being on the winning team. Lisa was also the high female game and series winner.

Halloween gave our units a great opportunity to work in connection with their community. Candy, hot dogs, hot chocolate, hot cider, and Auxiliary coloring books were given out at parties and trick or treat nights around the district. Auxiliary members also assisted with keeping the beggars safe by being crossing guards.

Going along with the ALA Batting for Veterans theme I have divided the district into 2 teams. Each month is an inning with Sept being the 1st inning. Bases are earned based on % to goal 25% is a single, 50% is a double, 75% is a triple and 100% is a home run. Units can earn extra bases by attending district and department events. 1 base per member, per day attending. Providing pictures of branding and poppy displays get a stolen base. I am looking forward to seeing this be a high scoring game.

I hope everyone enjoys the holidays and I look forward to 2023 and seeing everyone at Mid-Winter in January.

5th District, Unit 257



Unit 257 Loudonville sold Veterans banners and charged to rehang previously purchased banners. The banners were hung in Central Park from Nov. 5 -16, 2022. The proceeds were used to buy 10 LED Fish tank lights for Ohio Veterans Home through the 5th District Juniors' project.



The Gold Star Mothers Memorial Sept. 24th at Mohican State Park Memorial. The American Federation of Women conducted the ceremony with Gold Star families and White Star families. The White Star families are those who lost a family military member to suicide. Unit 257 Loudonville provided refreshments. Pictured here is Auxiliary member Leigh Burkhart. Also present was President Jessica Long and Deb Sutterlin.

6th District, Unit 105



Vietnam Veterans Chapter 746 held their annual Flag Disposal Ceremony recently. Helping were members from Unit #105, President Linda Stier, Amy Green, Bev Whitelow and Grove City Girl Scout Troop #5925 member, Layla Prokaski

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6th District, Unit 105 (Con't.)



American Legion Auxiliary Unit #105 presented London High School student Reese Gates with a scholarship for \$750.00. Pictured l-r Gates, Unit President Linda Stier, members Jackie Mastin and Cheryl Homeier



Members of Unit #105 held a school supply drive earlier this year to be donated to Fairhaven school children. Pictured l-r Sean Clymer, Special Education Coordinator, Unit President Linda Stier, Fairhaven students, Unit members Stefanie Cunningham, Jackie Mastin, and Cheryl Homeier.

6th District, Unit 107



Penny Scott and Kathy Russo of Unit 107 at US Flag retirement ceremony at Pataskala Veterans Green.

6th District, Unit 254



Marsha Sponaule aka the clown, Katherine Piper, and Rebecca Long aka the cow of Unit 254 Johnstown trick or treat, giving out candy and hot cider on the square.

7th District, Unit 730



The Ashville American Legion Auxiliary Unit #730 sponsored their annual Veterans Appreciation Luncheon November 11, 2022. Local Veterans from WWII to the Gulf War were honored. Army Veteran- Representative Brian Stewart of Ashville was the keynote speaker. Special thanks to the ladies of South Bloomfield UMC for the meal, Margie Pettibone from the local VA for the Veteran gifts and our membership for this tribute.

8th District, Unit 161



Mary Lanier is a 75-year member of Vinton Unit 161. Mary attended the Vinton Unit 161 holiday party and an Americanism/Government Test presentation. From their Post, four winners were announced: Riley Young, Jayla Chick, Luke Santos, and Elizabeth Clark. Riley, Jayla, and Luke were chosen as 8th District winners. Vinton Unit 161 is very proud of these students. Two members from Unit #283 were invited and submitted this picture.

8th District, Unit 283



Unit 283 held their children's Christmas party on the first Saturday in December. Breakfast was served, there were crafts for the children to do, face painting and a visit from Santa. President Wendy Robertson made sure the children were safe from The Grinch.

8th District, Unit 677



Donna Hamler and Marge Vollmer, members of the American Legion Auxiliary Unit 677, delivered 1,200 America the Beautiful coloring books to Bloom Carroll Elementary School for their Veterans Day Program. Due to security protocol, we were not permitted to enter the school.

9th District – February

Susan Schofield Fratino, Dynamic 9th District President

It was wonderful to see everyone at Mid – Winter!!!

We all know that April 15th is the magic due date for reports!!! This is the time where members should start looking at their hours and information to turn into your unit chairmen and president for the Impact Report.

A note to all Unit Presidents, the IMPACT REPORT IS MANDATORY!!! This form is to be sent to the District President. Please check you form for due date.

At this time next year, I will be asking for a candidate to fill the seat of the 9th District President. Please let me know if you have an interest.

As a reminder, every Unit should turn in a report for VA & R and Children and Youth. Did you know that? The amount of \$.75 cents of each members dues goes toward VA & R and \$.25 cents goes toward Children and Youth programs. Do not forget to add this to your report. Multiply the number of members and the amount shown above and add to your report.

When turning in your report, please read each plan of action carefully, and make sure the report is sent to the correct person.

Buckeye Girls State Orientation will be held on Saturday, May 6 at Unit 737 in Lake Milton. Registration begins at 10:30 with orientation beginning at 11:00 am. Please remember that orientation is mandatory.

I am hoping to visit all units in the Dynamic 9th District and will be sending out emails soon. Please make sure you let me know about any events that your unit is having, as well as fundraisers.

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9th District – February (Con't.)



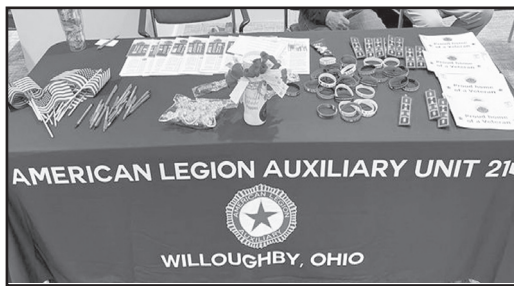
2022 Canfield High BGS Delegates, sponsored by Canfield Unit 177. Pictured are Abigail Ambrose, Gabriella Smallwood, Hannah Brose, Isabella Bruno, and Grace Min.



District 9 Chairmen - (L to R) - VA & R Chairman, Unit 601 Tracy King; Community Service Chairman, Unit 601 Carol Johnston; Juniors Chairman, Unit 151, Sharon Knauff; Children & Youth Chairman, Unit 151, Tina Betts.



Getting ready for Fall Conference.



Unit 214 Publicity Table

9th District – November Susan Schofield Fratino, President

Greetings from The Dynamic 9th District.

Batters Up, and the units in the 9th District are ready for a new year.

We had a great fall conference held at Cowle Post, Unit 151 on Saturday, October 1st. As always, the members that hosted the conference did a marvelous job. Thank you!

The lineup for the conference, included 2nd Vice President, Louise Aigner. We also heard from Michelle Zayakosky, Department Americanism Chairman and 9th District Leadership Ambassador, and Diane Woerner, Poppy Department Chairman. The line up concluded with the outstanding reports given by the District 9 Chairmen.

Many ideas were shared, and information distributed on membership, legislation, leadership... Everyone went home looking forward to a new season.

I am looking forward to visiting the units in the upcoming year. Please do not hesitate to reach out to me with any questions.

UNIT 112, is having a Stuff the Bus for The Sub-Zero Mission on Saturday, November 19th from 11:00 – 2:00 pm. The "Stay Alive Five" (the top items needed) are: hats, coats, gloves, boots, and sleeping bags.

Please remember to send in your per capita. I have received from some of the units the Wade Park Birthday donations, as well as the per capita, and I thank you. We are all hoping that we can get back in to visit the veterans at Wade Park. I will keep everyone updated.

This year at Mid-Winter, Department will be again holding a fundraiser. This year proceeds will benefit the Department Education Program. District 9 will be creating a "Grillin' and Chillin' Basket". If you have any items that you would like to include in "our" basket, please let me know.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions. Have a wonderful holiday season.

Susan Schofield Fratino
9th District President

9th District, Unit 601



North Madison Memorial Post 601 9th District Judy Cesek Pres.

Three of our members belong to our community honor guard and on July 20th we had the honor of welcoming Retired Marines Justin LeHew and Rocky Kinzer to our town of Madison. These men were on a cross country journey walking along Rte. 20 in honor and remembrance of America's POW'S, Missing and Killed In Action, and Gold Star Families. They began in Boston on 6-6 and ended on 12-17 in Newport OR. They are part of History Flight, a privately owned Non-Profit organization dedicated to recovering and repatriating America's service members back to the USA. There are currently over 81,900 missing American service members around the world. Look them up on Facebook--The Long Road to follow them.

9th District, Unit 700



Unit 700 had two raffle baskets to raffle off as well as coloring books n crayons for the children if they stopped by too as well as poppies available too.



District 9, Unit 700. Giving information and talking about the American Legion Family.



9th District, Unit 737



Unit 737 held its installation of officers for 2022-23 after voting was completed. Pictured are officers & executive board ready for a new term.



ALA 737 member Beth Hanuschak sold extra cards.



ALA 737 members & friends wait for everyone to return.



Co-Chairs Barb Neil & Phyllis Nuzzie get ready to see the winning hand.

10th District Ruby Witherow, President

The units in the Tenth District have been busy in the past six months. More units are back to holding regular meetings and had special Fall programs. The units are having dinners, some drive thru only, for fund-raisers. Several units provided school supplies and clothing for the children at the beginning of the school year. Many units had their traditional Halloween parties. Other units had trunk and treat drive thru. One unit provided the auxiliary's Halloween coloring book for the community party. Many units served their local communities during the Thanksgiving and Christmas seasons by preparing meals, food baskets, and gifts for the veterans and the less fortunate.

Several posts and units had special Veterans Day activities. More communities and schools had public observations for Veterans Day. Many heard from their Buckeye Boys and Girls delegates. Some units participated in the Veterans in the classroom project during this time of the year.

Many posts and units participated in the Wreath Across America project. This event is another way to honor our veterans. This is an event that happens the third Saturday in December across the entire United States.

We are still not permitted to visit the veterans at Wade Park VA hospital. We know how many members miss going to the facilities for the parties and visitations. We are still in contact with our representatives at the various facilities and are willing to help in any way we can. Some units have been able to help their local veterans in nursing homes by visiting and/or providing personal care items and gifts. We have proved that old saying -- "when there is a will -- there is a way."

The units are preparing for Buckeye Girls State. They have been in contact with the schools. They have requested their applications and are in the process of choosing their delegates. The district orientations have been scheduled.

The units are planning Spring events. In March we will have activities for the Legion birthday. April has events and parties for Easter. May is the month for poppies and Memorial Day. We continue to be busy.

The department and district chairmen have been communicating with the units about reporting. Everyone is encouraging the units to report their activities by April 15th. If the units report, the various chairmen can share ideas about their programs.

Membership is coming in on a regular basis. We all know that membership is the back bone of our organization. Therefore, keep the membership coming to department and avoid phone calls from me. Remember membership is everyone's responsibility.

I have been keeping in contact with the units. I have started to attend more unit meetings. If you are having a special program or event, invite me. I will try to attend. I still am asking everyone to use common sense till we see that the virus is under control.

10th District, Unit 282 (Con't.)



Auxiliary members Tammy Peppard and Rachael Sommers volunteering for promoting the poppy.



Seniors Albert Gray, SAL President and Amaya Evans, Junior auxiliary member both received 2022 scholarships from The Orrville American Legion along with 3 other students.

In June, auxiliary members Tammy and Stacy Peppard started hosting Cardingo (Bar Bingo) at Orrville Post 282. This has been very popular on Tuesday evenings. ACE Hardware helped our Auxiliary raise money by having several auxiliary members grill hot dogs, sell chips, and water. Always a fun way to raise money to help our veterans. Auxiliary members along with other Legion members volunteered by parking cars at 2022 Country Fest, in Canal Fulton. Some Auxiliary members played



in a fun Kickball Tournament for "2022 Shop With A Cop" this summer along with other Legion members and other community teams. This was a great way to help less fortunate children in our Orrville Community!

This year the Orrville American Legion had a float in the Orrville 4th of July Parade. Stacy Peppard (in the picture) was great at organizing this! Legion members rode and walked along the parade route. Kids in the picture are Brandon Smith, Charlie & Amelia Hunt.

The Orrville Lions Club hosted The 2022 Rib & Music Festival. Post 282 members volunteered to help with selling water bottles and pop at this community event. This was a two-day event, July 29 & 30 for listening to great music and tasting great food!

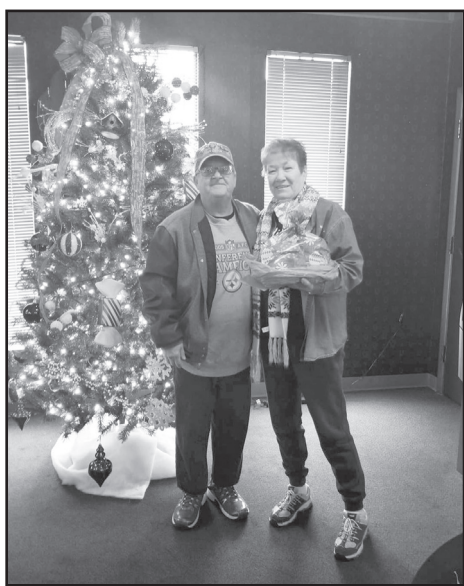


In August, Orrville Legion Rider and Auxiliary member Deb Kelly organized "Stuff The Bus." Her husband Patrick, also a Orrville Legion Rider volunteered with her. Legion members brought school supplies to the legion in August. This was the first year the auxiliary collected school supplies this way.



Post 282 promoted the yearly membership sign up by providing a Saturday breakfast. Auxiliary members helped with working in the kitchen and signing up new members and renewing 2022-2023 memberships. The auxiliary members were involved with having a Aloha Party, football parties, VFW Saturday breakfast, monthly steak fry's and chicken dinners at the Orrville American Legion. Rachael Sommers and Dee Rufener stopped hula dancing to take a picture at The Aloha Party.

10th District, Unit 33



On Dec 17th The ladies Aux Argonne Unit #33 helped 3 Veteran families with Christmas. Pictured - George Scott (Army Air Force), Dallas Kelly (Army) With his Family Bri, AnnaLee and Paislee. Not pictured Thomas Aldridge and family. Each of the 8 received a Gift Card and each family a ham. Long time Auxiliary member Liz Smith is seen handing the gifts out.

10th District, Unit 282

The month of May is always a very special month for Unit 282 Auxiliary. We helped support The Orrville Exchange Club's "Field of Honor" for Memorial Day and Veterans Day at the Crown Hill Cemetery. We also donate to The Orrville Rotary. Rotary members place flags by the street in front of the Legion every patriot holiday.

Little Miss 2022 Poppy Girl was Blakey Call. She met Mayor Handwerk to present him with a poppy. Blakey rode in the Memorial Day Procession. The auxiliary helped with a lunch at the Legion after the ceremony. Poppy Chairman, Lori Evans and Jamie Hunt, 2nd Vice went to Orrville Elementary School to talk to the fourth-grade students about the poppy. They gave papers to students also about the meaning of The Pledge of Allegiance. We promoted Poppy Days at Buehler's Food Mart, May 20 & 21. Donation cans were at several Orrville businesses for donations. Poppy plates were made by some auxiliary members also. Downtown businesses were asked to show honor and respect and decorate their windows during the month of May.



10th District, Unit 290

American Legion Post 290 Ladies Auxiliary Celebrated their 100 Year Anniversary on September 20th, 2022.

Betty Houpp spearheaded the Celebration of our 100 Years Event, along with Stella McClintic and Connie Stefanick for our Auxiliary on 9/20/22. We treated our members to a wonderful luncheon, and a cake marked with 100 Years. We had 27 members in attendance, which included 6 Past Presidents. Past Presidents in attendance were Lana Moff, (5 Years), Deb Gorby, (4 Years), Joyce Allcorn (2 Years), Betty Houpp (3 Years), and Linda Moll (2 Years). After our luncheon we treated our members to gratis games of Bingo for which our members donated some nice prizes. Each Past President received a beautiful mum.



The Auxiliary to the Benjamin Firestone Post was organized in 1921 by Mrs. Harry Ferrall, but it was not until April of the following year when the first meeting was held. Application for our Charter was September 20, 1922.

Our group participates in sending local girls to Buckeye Girls State, as well as sending care packages to active-duty military. We host Christmas parties for Veterans at our local Assisted Living and Nursing Homes providing gifts, cookies, and singing of Christmas Carols. We participate in "Wreaths Across America" honoring our Veterans at our local cemetery. Our Auxiliary also donates to three local food banks in our area throughout the year. After 100 years we are still a very active Auxiliary.

Respectfully,
Linda Moll, President

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10th District, Unit 290 (Con't.)



From left to right Stella McClintic, Treasurer, Linda Moll, President and Betty Houpp



Post 290 members at 100-year Anniversary.

10th District, Unit 551



This submission was for the Holmes County Paint the Plow 2022, the plow was painted by Holmesville Melvin McClure Post 551 Sue Craft. It is definitely a showstopper or should we say "snow stopper".

11th District – February

Leeann Stan, District President

Wishing everyone a happy, healthy and prosperous New Year...May 2023 be your best year yet.

District 11 continues "Batting for Veterans". Our goal is a Home Run for Department President Cindy's theme.

Since membership is the livelihood of our organization, we must all do our best to retain and recruit.

A heavy task can become easier, quicker, and lighter when multiple people help. This is where the idiom "Many hands make light work" comes from. If we all pull together just think what can be accomplished.

Lots of Units in District 11 have been busy. Breakfasts, dinners, Wreaths Across America, Toys for Children, Parades and especially working all the programs. I am finding out a lot of Units in this district are very active that I have never heard from before. We are all proud members of this great organization. We are all volunteers. Be kind and include all your members. There is no room for cliques.

Service Not Self

11th District – November

Leeann Stan, District President

Greeting from the Elite 11th District. The 11th District 2022 Fall Conference was held Oct. 1, at Martins Ferry Post 038. These ladies rolled out the red carpet with beautiful decorations, delicious food, and wonderful hospitality. This was the first time for this group to hold a Conference and I can honestly say they hit it out of the park for a "Grand Slam." Thank you to ALA, TAL, and SAL of 038 that worked tirelessly to make this a success. Also, thank you to all that attended. We had 6 Units represented. It was wonderful to see you all and get acquainted with all the new faces.

We were honored to have Department President Cindy Masowick as our distinguished guest. President Cindy talked about her theme "ALA Batting for Veterans" and her Special Project focusing on Education. She presented us with membership incentives along with the importance of not holding membership dues but processing them right away.

Congratulations to our District for first place in membership. We had 11 Units making Goal, Unit 024, 029, 038, 064, 071, 077, 228, 495, 578, 726, and 768. Thank you all for your hard work in attaining this goal. Let's continue to strive to maintain and recruit as this is the livelihood of our ALA Organization.

The District Chairmen were informative and concise with their reports. Handouts were available from the Chairmen that attended School of Instruction pertaining to the programs and wonderful things that can be done to help our Veterans. Pictured is first time District Chairman Jeanne Ginther, Children and Youth, speaking at District Fall Conference

Madison Hibbitts and Maribelle Blount, two Junior Members from Unit 038 is pictured making a presentation of the POW/MIA Table which is decorated with special

11th District – November (Con't.)

symbols to honor our prisoners of war and missing comrades Also pictured is Madison Hibbitts showing off her 2022 Fall Conference Poppy Ornament.

We have been given the theme "Rainy Days" for the basket for Mid-Winter. A raffle will be held with the proceeds to go to President Cindy's project Education for Scholarships. If you would like to donate any items or give a monetary donation, please contact me.

As Veterans Day is approaching, many Units will hold special programs and activities to honor our Veterans. Please submit pictures to the Buckeye Messenger for all to see what our Elite 11th District is doing.

As the holidays are approaching, let's remember the Buddy Check program. A phone call or visit could make a very big impact on someone's life.

Service not self,
Leeann Stan
District 11 President



11th District, Unit 038



Unit 38 from Martins Ferry held a Stocking Stuffing Day Dec 11. They donated 30 stockings for males and 4 stockings for females to "Helping Hero's" and made-up additional stockings for their Post to make Veterans Christmas a little better and let them know we appreciate their service and are not forgotten.

11th District, Unit 064



Members of Unit 064 (Marietta) participated in the Veterans Day Parade. After the Parade all Veterans were welcomed back to the Post Home for a free meal served by the Auxiliary.

11th District, Unit 168

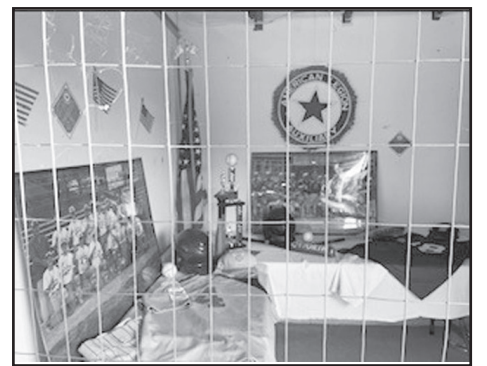
Saturday, December 10, 2022, Santa, and Mrs. Claus along with their friend Mr. Grinch stopped at the Barnesville, OH American Legion Post 168. They helped The American Legion Auxiliary Unit 168 members give treats and enjoy cookies, milk, and hot chocolate with the town's children. Merry Christmas!!! Pictured are front row: Mr. Grinch; Second row: Erin Palmer, Robyn Misner, Mrs. Claus, Santa Claus, Kathryn Pittman, Laura Tindall; Back row: Donnetia Hall, Gina Carvin.



11th District, Unit 389 (Con't.)

Unit 389 of Beverly was very busy the later end of the year. On October 29th, we sponsored A Day of Giving at the Beverly United Church in the form of a monthly free community meal. It was prepared by Marilyn Leach. Among other members attending, Shelly Kitts, Leanne Stan, and new member Susan Jenkins-Wainwright were there. Historian Jeanne Ginter took pictures. Soon after the luncheon, Veterans week approached. Our ladies attended the programs put on to honor the veterans at Beverly-Center Elementary, Waterford Elementary, and St. John's Catholic School. The American Legion and Beverly Lions Club stood in line with the ladies that represented. Additionally, cookies were given to Muskingum Valley Nursing Home, and Beverly and Barlow Appletree branches. They were also given cards and hand-made paper poppies. Thank you, Veterans. This event was quickly followed up and in less than a month later, the Auxiliary had a Christmas giveaway to the parents of nearly 90 children. The women went shopping on December 9 and the rest of the weekend was spent setting up for the families to pick up the items. Food was donated picked up by the Boy Scouts of America, toy items and other monetary amounts collected by a drop off set up by the Chamber of Commerce. Merchants and other organizations donated as well. We thank you all for everything recent and all year.

11th District, Unit 389



Unit 389 members have been quite busy in the last few months. On October 18, Marilyn Leach and Shelly Kitts decorated the fair booth at the Waterford Community Fair. It was on display beginning August 19. The theme was baseball. It was decorated with baseball trophies, baseball equipment and photos of the Beverly-Lowell 389/750 American Legion team.



On September 24, the 18th annual poker run and Chili Cook Off was held in Beverly. Heather Mahoney, Shelly Kitts, and Rhonda Beebe assisted the registration, drawings, and prizes for the entrants of the run. Auxiliary members, including Pam Jackson volunteered at the various booths during the cook off and music.

Jean Chapman was honored for seventy years of service to the ALA. She is a devoted member and beloved by many.

Finally, the two young ladies that attended Buckeye Girls State spoke at the October meeting. They were energetic and enthusiastic as they spoke of their jobs and experiences at the event. Elisha Dyar and Ana Mahoney attended for Unit 389. Leanne Stan and Marilyn Leach also attended as advisors.

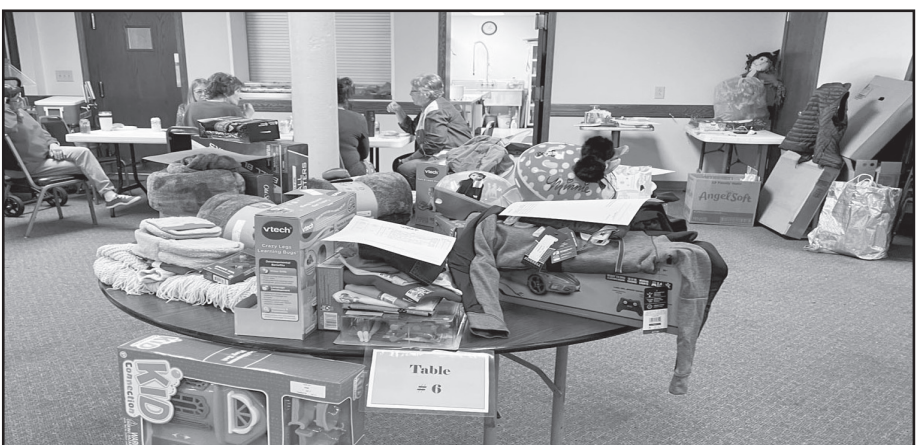
11th District, Unit 768

Nov. 20, 2022, District 11 President Leeann Stan, attended ALA meeting Unit 768 Beallsville. Additional guests were Emma Pack and her parents from Barnesville Ohio.

Emma had the opportunity to be a delegate at Buckeye Girls State at Mount Union College June 12 -17, 2022.

Emma reported on everything she learned, friends she made and had a very positive experience.

Pictured above is Linda Doron, County Government Counselor, Emma Pack, Delegate, and Leeann Stan, County Government Counselor from BGS.



12th District, Unit 430



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12th District, Unit 430



The Central Ohio Veterans Stand Down, October 18, 2022. 450 Veterans were served, 349 men and 101 women. American Legion Auxiliary Unit #430 – Saundra Hill, Carmen Johnson, Jim and Bobbie Refinati.

13th District, Unit 572



The Cleveland Wade Park VA, received from Auxiliary Unit 572 of Parma, OH donations to lavish the veterans with all sorts of gifts from personal hygiene to socks and blankets, scarves, and activity books. Special thanks to the ladies at Quilts of Valor, Washington Family and the numerous people who so kindly donated items to make this a special holiday for our veterans!

14th District – February Renee Kohl, President

Happy New Year from the fabulous 14th District!

Wow...2023...how did it get here so quickly? In the blink of an eye, here we are, halfway through another year of our amazing Auxiliary events. What has your Unit been up to? How about sharing your Unit's amazing ideas?

Ravenna Post and Unit 331 are holding All-You-Can-Eat Breakfasts the first Sunday of each month. Trust me when I say that they are wonderful!

Deerfield Unit 713 is hosting a Chili/Baked Potato Dinner on January 28. If you are in the 14th District that weekend, please stop by and enjoy this dinner and the company of the ladies of Deerfield.

What an amazing time we had at the District Crafting Workshop!! National Chaplain Karen and District President Renee "actually" found a craft that we can do....

Mod Podge....District Secretary Kathy and master crafter Vicki Carson taught all of us how to do it. We had a blast.

Painting, Glitter, Sock Snowman, Glitter, Mod Podge, Glitter, Stenciling, Glitter, Gluing, and did I mention Glitter?...it was a great time.

Honorary Department Junior President seemed to enjoy listening to her headphones as she was working on her crafts. Honorary District Junior President Brooklyn Taylor always has a good time and had a blast at the workshop.

Thank you to Unit and Post 566 Portage Lakes for hosting this.

Lee-Bishop Unit 464 Hudson voted on donating \$500.00 worth of items to Freedom House to stock their newly renovated kitchen and pantry. These pantry items go along with the brand-new refrigerator that was purchased and donated by American Legion Post 464 and Unit 464. Here are some of the purchased items delivered by Barbara Mansfield.

The City of Hudson also holds a Snowman Contest each year. These Snowmen are decorated to correspond with your organization and Lee-Bishop Junior member, Alayna Borovicka along with proud Grandma, Senior member Sandy Borovicka created this amazing Snowman for the Auxiliary.



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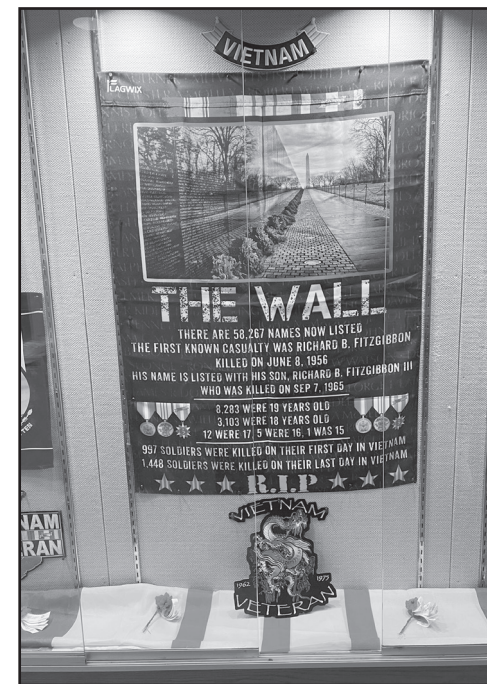


14th District, Unit 803



Member of Unit 803 turns 106 years. Pictured is Mozelle Saylor, daughter, Becky Sharp, Pres. and son-in-law, Larry Sharp, Chaplain of Post 803. Mozelle's sweatshirt says, "Making the world a better place 106 Years." Mozelle Saylor, a member of Unit 803, turned 106 years on Feb. 8. Also pictured is her daughter, Becky Sharp, Pres. of Unit 803, and son-in-law, Larry Sharp, Chaplain of Post 803.

14th District, Unit 803 (Con't.)



District 14 AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY CLARE EGGLESTON UNIT 803 Secretary Alice Dockus decorated the Aurora Library Showcase display for November. June Lual, the Aurora Library Trust Administrator, supports our veterans, and welcomed the Auxiliary's patriotic display.



District 14 AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY CLARE EGGLESTON UNIT 803 Unit President Becky Sharp gives the prayer at Veterans Day program for veterans at the Atrium of Anna Maria. Her husband Larry Sharp, Post 803 chaplain and Unit Secretary Alice Dockus also attended and distributed hand signed cards, American flags, and ribbon pins.