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Greetings to All:

I know that a lot of you have been working very hard on spreading the LOVE for our veterans and families as well as the homeless. They need our Love so much all year long but maybe a little extra during the Holiday times. Thank You for sharing and caring. Your dedication makes the difference in so many lives.

Mid-Winter Conference is coming Jan. 25-26 do you have your room? There are going to be two workshops for you to attend, please sign up. Bring some extra cash for Basket Raffles and drawings, and don't forget that Poppy display!! Oh yes there just might be a surprise in store for everyone on Friday evening, that you might enjoy so I am hoping for a great turn out and weather is good also. We will have Central Division National Vice President Teresa Iseness as our guest. Let's show her OHIO's Leaders Of Volunteering Everyday!!

Hoping all sent those mid-year reports out so our chairman have lots to report to National.

Speaking of reports I have made up a report check list that may or may not be helpful to keep track of when reports are due and different dates for certain ones. I know a few of you have voiced concerns about the reports being in narrative form. Look up the meaning of narrative. (short or long story of events that have happened) Just remember to include your number of volunteers and monies spent or received and hours. To be helpful after story told list numbers at end of report if you like.

I would like to CONGRATULATE all the units that have made goal at this time and know there will be more before end of year, don't forget those members who are not paid by Dec 31,2018 will be delinquent. SO get on the phones, internet,whatever it takes and get them turned in asap.

Wishing you all a Merry Christmas!! And A Happy New Year!!

With much LOVE -- Kathy



Membership Kristen Little

Welcome to a New Year! 2019 is the Auxiliary's Centennial Celebration. What are you going to do to celebrate it?

Please do not hold onto membership, this not only hurts the department in membership standings but it could potentially harm a member if they need assistance from the AEF or the Ohio Disaster Emergency Assistance Program. Both these programs require that a member be current in their dues.

Thank you to all the Units that sent in midyear reports. Next month I will include some of the ideas that units around the state have been putting into action to renew, retain, and recruit new members.

Incentives 3 and 4 will be drawn at Mid-Winter in Columbus. Is your unit in the running? Look at your POA to see what other incentives are coming up to work towards.

**Happy
New Year!**

Centennial Countdown

Editor Colleen K Phillips

The words of Gloria Verbeke Department President 1995-1996

An honorary life member of Roberts Mcmillen Unit 332, McClure.

My theme was “**Heart of It All**” and my special project was the Spinoza Bear.

Over the years I have served on many committees in my Unit, County and Department as well as National. My most memorable Department Chairmanship was the year I was Community Service chairman and was known as the “Bag Lady” since we held a National Food Drive for the Homeless at our Mid-Winter Conference. A huge success with all donations given to the Salvation Army in Columbus to see that it was distributed.

With the Spinoza Bear project 86 Units purchased 140 bears and gave to help children and some veterans who are critically or chronically ill or facing a profound crises. A program that exceeded my expectations and made Ohio shine.

I was able to receive the Flags from the Xenia Children’s home and have them displayed in the Sandusky Veterans Home Great Hall. I was fortunate to have Doris Wainwright, Department Secretary managing the office.

The tours of the V.A. Hospitals and Outpatient Clinics with Jo Harbak, hospital director and Dorothy Overbey, V.A. & R. Chairman; was a trip I shall always remember.

We were very fortunate to have Syble Deshotel, National President attend Mid-winter Conference and share in the Madi Gras performed by our Juniors and District Presidents. I felt especially blessed by the members of the State of Ohio reaching goal, and being all-time high Department, going up on state at National Convention brought many tears.

If you know me, you know Girls State has been very important to me. Serving 26 years most of the time as Director of Counselors and Three years as director of Girls State!. What an honor! and what an honor working with a wonderful staff and many volunteers.

I had the pleasure of being asked by my Department Commander Jerry Wilson to walk beside him in the Department Convention Parades and honor never done before.

And ofcourse I must mention the many who invested in Kleenex and I should tell you I still shed a tear or two when speaking of such a great organization and hope you keep spreading the wonderful things we do for our Veterans and Families.

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The words of Martha Setlock President 2015-2016---Still Rocking for Veterans

In October 1999, my husband to be invited me to Post 214 in Willoughby to assist him in decorating for an event. My life with the American Legion Family especially for the Auxiliary began that day and 19 years later it is still going. Volunteering has been a way of life for me. My mom spent many hours in the coal fields of West Virginia registering voters, feeding the poor and other community activities. I recently found ALA membership cards for her dated 1949 and 1951, Department of Virginia. Her father was in the army during World War I and thus my eligibility.

Within three years of joining ALA Unit 214 I was elected president and was in that position for TEN years, and also served as Community Service, VA& R, Education, Children and Youth, Americanism

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and Public Relations Chairman. Wrote the essays that were entered into the National Presidents Awards for Excellence and our Unit received that award for 2008,2009,2012, 2017, and 2018. In 2008 I was inducted into the Lake County Senior Citizens Hall of Fame which has been one of my greatest honors. Although in 2012 unit 214 was recognized at a luncheon by the Rotary Club as the Community Service Organization of the year. One of the fun projects we did was a three day walk to the Ohio Veterans home in Sandusky to raise over \$9000. To purchase TV's for the Veterans rooms.

From 2006-2008 I served as ALA Lake County Department of Ohio, President and then was elected 9th District President Serving four years on the DEC. Since then I have been Americanism, Leadership and Community Service Chairman for the District. In 2013 I began to think seriously about moving up the chairs as a Department Officer. Some members didn't think I was experienced enough and wanted me to wait but I was thinking "Am I too old to wait?" Well I certainly wasn't getting any younger so I was on my way. I was running against Susan Masten who I didn't know very well at the time, but got to know this great lady.

Well election day came, votes were counted and as you well know, I Lost, BIG TIME/landslide. I was devastated. Susan named me Poppy Chairman. The next year was fun, successful time that made me realize that losing was a good thing for me as I learned so much about the ALA. I was ready in 2015 to run again and I did unopposed. Served as Second Vice President with Vicky Buck and Susan Masten. As first Vice President and Membership Chairman RENEW, RECRUIT, And RETAIN. I was elected Department President in 2015 and my theme was "OHIO ROCKS FOR VETERANS" . My Special Project was Homeless Veterans and over \$17000. Dollars was raised.

A Collection of food took place at my convention and was the first Department service project. Those three years were awesome. The Friends I made will last a Lifetime. One thing I will never forget was the A&G Trip to Washington DC as chaperone. And of coarse the Hospital tour with Rene was very special and she made feel very special.

After my year as Dept. President was over, I served as NEC. In 2017-2018 I served as National Central Division Community Service Chairman. And am now serving Americanism Committee member. Also, I am on the National 100th Anniversary Committee, Chairman of the Ohio Committee and 214 Committee.

I am not ready to through in the towel yet as long as my body allows me, I will be volunteering for our organization and our Veterans. They deserve all that we can give them.

STILL ROCKING

Words of.... **DENISE CONRAD**....Do I know her? Do you know her?

If you had told me years ago that someday I would be writing an article as a Past Department President I would have said "You are CRAZY!".... proving anyone can achieve this goal. My membership began in Pemberville Unit 183 and within six months I was elected Treasurer and was in the Unit Color Guard because MOM was the commander of the Color Guard (She formed it in 1986). We became known as the "go to" color guard for Department Functions and are still performing today when called upon. We were State and National Champions at a time when competitions were held. In the years that followed I was content to be a chairman and treasurer in my Unit. In 2006 I was given my first Department appointment by Donna Ray. There were 2 mentors from my District, Gwen Schroeder-Zulch and Miriam Junge, who had other ideas and in 2010 I found myself as a candidate for District President, followed by my 2014 election as a Department officer. Serving as Department President in 2016-17 my theme was ***Serving Our Soldiers, Past and Present.***

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I used to sit in the audience at a District or Department function and be in awe of those who were on stage giving presentations and running the meetings.....thinking I could never do that! I have always considered myself a MEMBER first. There is no title that elevates you above the rest. Armed with this philosophy, I have always tried to listen and do what is best for our members, our organization and our mission of serving Veterans, Military and their families, youth and our communities. I have always encouraged All members to consider leadership positions because the possibilities are limitless. EVERYONE brings something to the organization...we just need to nurture it and make it blossom.

One of the most memorable and moving experiences I have had so far as an American Legion Auxiliary member, was the opportunity to lay a wreath at the Arlington Tomb of the Unknown Soldier as Department 1st Vice President. I was always moved watching the ceremony, but nothing prepares you for the rush of emotions while actually participating.

As Department President, I was proud to be a part of several things

- Updating our documents to accommodate change
- Allowing those that follow the opportunity to see that change is possible
- Things don't always need to be done the way they always have been
- Mentoring and sharing, not dictating, our legacy to encourage others
- Raising funds for the Military Assistance Fund as my special project
- Meeting wonderful Unit members across the State of Ohio
- Featuring the crafts of our Members in the Arts for a Cause auction

I am thankful for all the Past Department Presidents, friends and family that helped me to achieve this awesome journey. No one achieves a goal alone in this organization. I am currently serving as the 2018-19 National Central Division AEF Chairman.

Celebrating 100 Years-Ideas

Is Your unit making plans to celebrate the 100th Anniversary? Work as a Legion Family to make a really special event. If that doesn't work out; each of our units need to plan some sort of celebration. A special dinner or tea. Check your Charters and your histories. Some ladies did so much for our units they should be remembered! Often times the most active members paid dues for their families; but many times when that active member died their families didn't renew their membership. Now is a chance to show them how much you appreciated their Mom, Grandmother or Aunt. Share that person's many contributions to your unit-maybe they will join!

We need to take pictures and send them to the newspaper with a story. We need to do all we can to increase our visibility. When I was young everyone seemed to know about the American Legion Auxiliary. But for years we have been too modest and failed to publicize all the great project we do. Let's turn that around and let people know who we are.

The planning should not be up to the President. This celebration should be planned by many members. Your unit can't afford a meal? Then have a potluck or an afternoon tea: refreshments with cookies or Finger foods.

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PLAN to honor some of those former active members and invite their families. Tell them your plans and they might have pictures to share.

Let's share our rich heritage.

What about a county 100 year celebration? The Legion has a 100 year MEDIA kit to help!

Start now Submitting the stories of the founding ladies to your local newspaper and they might run a story about the wonderful accomplishments these ladies made to your local organization. What were some of the special projects these ladies did in wartime? To help when there were disasters and on and on. These projects made your unit and should be remembered. If the newspaper won't put the stories in, share them on your local Facebook page or Web page.

Next month more stories from Past Department Presidents and Past National Officers!

CHAPLAIN
KAREN PEEL – DEPARTMENT CHAPLAIN

Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah, Happy Kwanzaa!

Whatever you celebrate – I hope that it is truly wonderful and magical!

The holidays can be hard for our veterans, members and military. I am so happy to see all the pictures on Facebook of all they wonderful things that our Units are doing to ensure that they have a happy holiday! I am sure that they appreciate everything that the Units do for them.

However – sometimes prayers mean more than material things. Prayers at the holidays mean so much and are a simple gift. Here are a few prayers from our Chaplain’s Manual:

Christmas:

Our Heavenly Father, on this holy Christmas Day, our hearts are filled with solemn joy and gratitude for the gift of the Savior, Christ the Lord. For the fullness of His grace and for His redeeming love, we humbly join in ceaseless praise and thanksgiving. Amen.

In Thy infinite mercy, Our Father, grant us to and to all others, the spirit of kindness, good will and charity. Hasten the day when men shall again hear the angel chorus paying homage to Thee, the Prince of Peace, singing again the glad tidings “Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace to men of good will.” Amen.

We beseech Thee, O Lord, that we, who rejoice in celebrating the nativity of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, may never cease to be grateful to Thee for Thy divine gift. May our actions at all times be directed toward good works and helpful ministrations, which are pleasing to Thee.

Bless us all, we earnestly pray; gladden our hearts anew with the joyful tidings of this holy day. Let the day soon dawn when men shall permit Thy love to right every wrong, and when truth and justice and love shall overrule all the affairs of men, that here and everywhere there shall prevail the glorious message of the first Christmas morning, “Peace on earth to men of good will” though Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

New Year

Lord, as we begin a new year, let us resolve to keep a promise, seek out a forgotten friend, listen, laugh, brighten the heart of a child, encourage the young, appreciate our elders, express our gratitude, take pictures in the beauty and wonder of life, and speak your love to others.

Dear Lord, guide us in the new year to grow closer together in our families, in our Units, in our world. Let us always strive to bring peace to the world. Let us live each day to the fullest. For the blessings of the year, we give you thanks, O Lord. Amen.

Prayers are just a conversation with God. They do not have to be long or elaborate. Just a simple “talk” with God. We may not always be able to do something – but we can always pray.

If you are not a member of our Facebook page – Department of Ohio American Legion Auxiliary Chaplain’s page – please join us. Our page is place for prayer requests, encouraging quotes and Scripture of the Week.

Also – if you have a favorite scripture – please send it to me by email – karen.peel@svindustries.com or text – (330) 962-0738. We feature a favorite scripture each Sunday.

In closing I would will close with:

In A Christmas Carol, written by English author Charles Dickens, Ebenezer Scrooge’s nephew captures the magic of this sacred time of year. He reflects, I have always thought of Christmas time, when it comes around...as a good time, a kind, forgiving, charity, pleasant time, the only time I know of, in the long calendar year, when men and women seem by one consent to open their hearts freely, and to think of other people...And therefore...through it has never put a scrap of gold or silver in my pocket, I believe that it has done me good, and will do me good; and I say, God Bless it!”

I wish you all a most blessed Christmas, as we celebrate the birth of Our Savior, Jesus Christ!

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Love,

Karen

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Community Service
Pam Brenneman, Chairman

I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas and a very Happy New Year. So let's start out 2019 with another Community Service Project. Martin Luck King, JR. Day.

HOW TO PARTICIPATE IN A MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., DAY OF SERVICE
January 21, 2019

History: In 1994, Congress passed the King Holiday and Service Act, designating Martin Luther King, Jr., Day (observed on the third Monday of January) as a national day of volunteer service. Instead of a day off from work or school, Congress asked Americans of all backgrounds and ages to celebrate Dr. King's legacy by turning community concern into citizen action.

Participating on This Day:

The intention of the American Legion Auxiliary is to promote patriotic community service activities and to build community partnerships. Our service on this day elevates our presence in the community while focusing on the needs of our national heroes. It is encouraged not to use this day for membership recruitment purposes, but to approach this holiday as an opportunity to serve veterans in accordance with our mission.

Ways to Serve:

Here are six ideas to serve veterans on Martin Luther King, Jr., Day:

1. Help veterans in their home. Examples of these projects include building wheelchair ramps, basic home repairs and yard work. a. See How to Help Veterans Around Their Home
2. Organize or participate in a stand down. a. See How to Plan a One-Day Homeless Veteran Health Fair
3. Host a job fair for veterans at a post, community center or library. a. See How to Organize a Job Fair for Veterans
4. Organize a mid-year school supply drive for military children. To maximize effectiveness, collaboration with other units in your district and/or area is recommended. a. See How to Organize a School Supply Drive for Military Children
5. Encourage Juniors to create Hero Packs, in conjunction with Operation: Military Kids, to be given to military kids who have a deployed family member. a. See How to Partner with Operation: Military Kids
6. Bring at least one new person (this can be a member that doesn't normally volunteer or a nonmember) along as you visit with veterans at VA Medical Centers or state veterans homes.

Resources:

- Official Martin Luther King, Jr., Day of Service website: www.mlkday.gov
- MLK Day Mobilization provides specific tips and information about making a Day of Service successful. There is a forum to collect ideas, as well, at: www.mlkmobilization.org.

Education
December 2018
Deb Meyer, Chairman

Did you send me a mid-year report? I have received several reports but I know there are those of you who have something to report but maybe just forgot to send anything? There is still time! I will be working on my report to the Central Division and National Chairmen but I can always add to my report before I send it right after the first of the January. Have you contacted your schools to assure they have all the scholarship applications? What did you do for American Education Week? I could also use pictures for those of you who have them. I cannot report if I do not know all the good things your unit has done in your schools and community.

It is hard to believe the school year is very close to the mid-year mark. What has your unit done to aid the education process in your local schools? It is this time of year that students need to replenish their school supplies. This would be a good time to look at the National's "Give 10 to Education" program. Crayons and pencils are wearing down. Students have been busy filling pages of notebooks and filler paper and it is taking a lot of tape to hold folders together. With the cold season in full swing your schools might need Kleenex tissues and hand sanitizer. Make sure to check with the school as to what kind of hand sanitizer they are allowed to use. Playgrounds get cold and so do little hands and heads for children who do not have hats and gloves when it is time to go out for recess so check with your schools for students' needs.

If you have not already brought Auxiliary scholarship forms to your high schools, do that now. All scholarship forms are due to the units by March 1, 2019. Make sure to give students plenty of time to obtain the necessary papers, letters of recommendation and forms they need in order to be eligible for the scholarships. If you are a Unit President, **please** help the students by checking that all information is attached and all blanks are filled before signing the scholarship form. Make sure the student has signed the application. If all forms and letters are not in order by the time the application gets to me, the student will not be eligible to receive the scholarship. There is no sense for me to send a scholarship application to Central Division if it is incomplete. In the past that has been a problem with students not having all the necessary paperwork. Therefore, they cannot move onto Central Division missing a component of the application. The list of what they need is on the front of the application so use that as your checklist when signing the application.

Could your unit sponsor its own scholarship? If you have the funds to do so, check with your school's guidance counselor as to how you can set up a scholarship in your unit. The guidance counselor can help with setting guidelines to use. Even if your funds are limited, any amount helps when it comes to higher education whether it is a technical school or college. Fifty or hundred dollars will help buy books. You could present the scholarship at an awards assembly at the end of the school year giving attention to your auxiliary unit as sponsoring the scholarship. Remember our need to brand ourselves.

The Continuing Education Scholarships are in the process of being confirmed. The Continuing Education Scholarship as stated on the title page of the application was established to help "meet the needs of **upperclassmen**." Unfortunately, many of the applications this year were from freshman or first year students which are not classified as upperclassmen. It was stated in the previous two bulk mailings the student must have completed one year of classes in order to apply. It would not be fair for the students who were told they could not apply because they were only freshmen and then turn around and give a scholarship to those freshmen who ignore that statement and applied anyway.

Have you contacted your American Legion Post to see if you have veterans that would be willing to go into the schools and talk to the students for the Veterans in our Community Schools program? Do you do a flag etiquette

program in your school? With Presidents' Day in a couple of months schools will be looking for patriotic programs. This would be a good time to implement our programs.

Do you have military families in your community? Have you made contact with those families to see how your unit can help them adjust to having a deployed parent? What activities can you do to help a family get involve and help ease any anxiety for the children? How can you help the parents and children get involved with the community and social organizations? Could you set up a babysitting service so the non-deployed parent could take college classes or just have time to do something for themselves? This would be a good activity to get your Juniors involved. We need to keep those Juniors interested in what the Auxiliary does.

Please continue to your Education Program and make sure to keep hours and money spent so that you can have it ready for your annual reporting. I would love to hear from all units in the Department this April 15, 2019.

I would like to encourage you to request to be part of the ALA Education Program on Facebook. This would be a way to share and get ideas from other units.

Dates to Remember

- March 1, 2019 – deadline for all scholarship applications to the units
- March 15, 2019 – deadline for scholarship applications to me
- April 15, 2019 – deadline for Education Report
- May 6-10 – Teacher Appreciation Week

This is wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

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PRAYER BOOKS	15-Mar	DEPT. CHAPLAIN		
POPPY POSTERS	15-Apr	DEPT. CHAIR		
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ERWINA EHRESMAN AWARD	7-Apr	REG/JR. COMM.		
LEADERSHIP	15-Apr	DEPT. CHAIR		
MOST OUTSTANDING OVERALL	15-Apr	DEPT. CHAIR		
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LEGISLATIVE*	15-Apr	DEPT. CHAIR		
EMMA McBANE PLAQUE	15-Apr	DEPT. CHAIR		
CERTIFICATES	15-Apr	DEPT. CHAIR		
MEMBERSHIP	15-Apr	DEPT. CHAIR		
RECRUIT & REJOIN - R5	1-Apr	HQTS.		
SILVER BRIGADE	1-Apr	HQTS.		
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PATRICIA RILEY PLAQUE	31-May	HQTS/DEPT.CHAIR		
DOLORIS KILGORE PLAQUE	31-May	HQTS/DEPT.CHAIR		
JACKIE BAYER PLAQUE	31-May	HQTS/DEPT.CHAIR		
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AVONELLE CLINGER PLAQUE	15-Apr	DEPT. CHAIR		
PHYLLIS NICKOSON PLAQUE	15-Apr	DEPT. CHAIR		
MILITARY SPOUSE MENTOR	15-Apr	DEPT. CHAIR		
PAST PRESIDENTS PARLEY	15-Apr	DEPT. CHAIR		
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SHELLEY RIGGS				
PLAQUE/SCRAPBOOK	15-Apr	DEPT. CHAIR		
MISS POPPY SCRAPBOOK	15-Apr	DEPT. CHAIR		
UNIT POPPY AWARD	15-Apr	DEPT. CHAIR		
PUBLIC RELATIONS	15-Apr	DEPT. CHAIR		
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PRESS BOOK PLAQUES				
MARIE MOORE PLAQUE	15-Apr	DEPT. CHAIR		

DORIS WAINWRIGHT PLAQUE

15-Apr

DEPT. CHAIR

NANCY SALLOT PLAQUE

15-Apr

DEPT. CHAIR

VETERANS AFFAIRS & REHAB.*

SUE FRIEDRICH PLAQUE

15-Apr

DISTRICT CHAIRMAN

DEPT. CHAIR

MARIE MOORE FUND PLAQUE

1-Jun

HQTS

OLIVER RUFFNER PLAQUE

15-Apr

HOSP. DIRECTOR

CHECK POA FOR MANY AWARDS

DIFF.

DATES WHERE GOES

do not forget that children& youth
and VA&R have assessments if
nothing else reported.

.25 for ch&yth
.75 for VA&R



HOW TO RECORD AND POST TO “MEMBER’S REMEMBER” HISTORY PROJECT

Committee:

National Historian

Contact Information for Questions:

historian@ALAforVeterans.org or national historian (see National Historian Programs Action Plan for contact information)

Objective:

Record the American Legion Auxiliary’s history through the eyes of its members.

Background Information

The history of the American Legion Auxiliary begins in November 1919 and continues with you. The organization’s history, like any other history, is more than names and dates. It is about its membership and how it developed the ALA’s programs and projects to fulfill our mission of serving veterans, military, and their families who sacrifice so much for this country of ours. A written history can only tell so much. However, when an organization’s history is told through the eyes of its membership, everyone learns a great deal more about who we are, what we do, and why we matter.

Step-by-Step Instructions

Here are some tips:

- This is a two-person project, so find someone to assist you. This is a good time to enlist the help of your Junior members and/or college students due to their experience with technology.
- Find long time members of the Auxiliary and ask them to share their stories in a video. These stories can be about:
 - A special project;
 - A particular highlight during her years of membership;
 - How many generations of her family have been members and why;
 - If a chartered member, her experience in starting the unit.
- Find a location where it is quiet and where there will be no interruptions.
- Record with smartphones and devices. Please keep in mind that your video file must be either a .mov, .avi, .mpeg, or a .wmv file extension.
- Each recording should be no longer than five minutes in length. You may make more than one. Cover one topic in each video.
- Post the video on YouTube. An instructional video on how to upload is located at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=O7iUiftbKU>.
 - Go to YouTube at <https://www.youtube.com>;
 - Give the video the following title: ALA Dept. of __ (two letter abbreviation for your state) Unit ____ Members Remember;



Season's Greetings to All Juniors and Advisors:

It is the time for giving, and sharing, and it is also mid- time for our year.

I am Pat Miller, 2nd Chair of the Juniors. I am married with a son and daughter, and 4 grandchildren.

I am honored to do this program this year and am going to challenge all Juniors to do the Travel Log, Conference Cover, and Craft Book. This can be done on one weekend at any regular meeting.

Then, I want to challenge each Junior to do the following patches. The reason you ask, well they are ones that involve things you do every day.

First: **CHILDREN OF WARRIORS NATIONAL PRESIDENTS PATCH**

All you have to do is ask for donations from family and friends to help you with this.

You collect \$5.00 for each year of life and turn this in to the Auxiliary Headquarters by the end of January to guarantee you will get your patch by the end of the year.

2nd: **EDUCATION PATCH**

You all can do this, each level is not hard, and with help of family and your teachers and can be done throughout the year.

3rd: **PHYSICAL FITNESS PATCH**

this too, can be done through home and school, many of us now have a Fit Bit, or Garmin, to track our steps, heart rate, and other fun stuff, so this will be an easy one to do also.

4th: **TECHNOLOGY PATCH**

this is all about Facebook, Twitter, messenger, etc. this can be done with your family and is very easy to do.

So, if you can get 4 patches very easily this year, and it can be fun, if you get these done, work on your **POPPY PATCH**, it is one that can be done at your meetings. So, all of you can do that one also.

Have fun and let's see how many of you can get these patches done before February. As soon as you are done with them send them to me at:

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For God and Country. God Bless America and God Bless our Military and Veterans

2018-2019

For a Successful Poppy Program

A big "Thank You" goes out to 16 units for sending in their December 15th mid winter report. All were very informative I enjoyed reading them all and seeing all the hard work to promote our program and truly puts our Veterans 1st.

I hope you have started your entry for you Poppy Usage Items for Department at Mid-Winter January 25, 2019.

Reminder: Mark each entry with a label that indicates the creators name, unit number and district number,

All proceeds collected at Mid-Winter Poppy table will be donated to the Creative Arts Festival. The Creative Arts Festival helps Veterans express through art, stage performances to oil painting and poetry.

This chairman feels blessed with loving family and great friends, and wishing everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Years, and keep up the good work you are doing with your Poppy Program.

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DECEMBER 2018 VA&R

We hope that you enjoyed Thanksgiving with your friends and loved ones. Yet there are people and veterans and our military that do not have friends and family nearby at this time of year.

We can make this time of year better by supporting our veterans in our communities by adopting a veteran's family by giving them a gift card to a local grocery store to allow the family to buy a Christmas meal for them to enjoy. Also, a gift basket with the nonperishables and a gift card for a ham or turkey from a local grocery is another suggestion to support our local veterans.

Now you are probably thinking where is that veteran's family in need of a meal or support in your community. You can advertise in your local newspaper that the American Legion Auxiliary has the funds in their hands- restricted or poppy fund- to aid a veteran in need. Also, your county service officer in your county has the names of the veterans in need (the name is to be unknown to you for security sake) and can give your holiday gift to him/her in your honor of their service for the country.

So this is something to think about to help our veterans in need. However, our veterans need help year-round. So, think of ways to aid our veterans when the needs arise in your local area. Also, you can work with your American Legion and Sons of the American Legion to aid our veterans in their time of need.

Our active military and their families are to be thought of this time of year, as well as, all year long. Your unit can find ways to help our active military by sending care packages (no aerosols like shaving cream is allowed) to our active soldiers, babysitting for the families of the soldiers so the spouse can go to the grocery or have some free time to relax from the daily family activity, giving a party to the kids of the veterans to play together and let the parents relax while the kids play, phone cards for the soldiers to call home, and I will let you decide how your unit can support our active military. The main idea is to let the families of our active military know that they are loved and cared for by the community back home and the American Legion family.

Now however you help our veterans and active military be sure to report active military in your National Security report. Also, the veterans aided can be reported in your VA&R report and a nonrelative in your Service for Veterans hours. The activities of Service for Veterans are to be reported in your VA&R report. **DO REPORT** the hours, activities, money spent and approximate value of donated items, and the volunteers who served in each project. **DO** each project and report it when you do it. So at report time you will have the information to do your reports in the areas that applies to your activities.

God bless you and your families this holiday season and have a blessed new year of service to our veterans and active military.

Martha Setlock and Robyn Cooper

