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President's Message

Colleen Phillips, Department President

Our American Legion Auxiliary Units are finishing another year of serving others; The 2021-2022 Auxiliary year will soon be filled out in our books. Many Units are gradually getting back to a normal schedule with meetings and fundraisers. I do hope everyone turned in their end-of-year reports to their Unit, District, and Department Chairman. I am excited to see and hear the year-end reports at Department Convention.

Most of the year many of our VA and CBOC's have been closed to visitors and therefore no hospital tour this year. We are scheduled to go to Sandusky in June. Cindy said I may be able to tag along next year to the other facilities. I am looking forward for the opportunity to visit these facilities.

Once again, we were not able to have Poppy Shop and DEC at Sandusky. We did the next best thing. We had a Virtual DEC to cover pressing matters. A Poppy Celebration was held at Young-Budd Post in Westerville. A BIG THANK YOU goes out to Poppy Chairman Sue Scholfield-Fratino and Program Coordinator Vicky Buck for the wonderful Program they put together. Carol Townsend Robinson gave an excellent presentation telling all in attendance some very interesting information about the poppy and why we have it as our special program. The 40 and 8 Grand Chef de Gare, Charles Kvochick and his officers escorted our Miss Poppy's in the procession. Kathy Burkhammer 8 et 40 Departmental d'Ohio Chapeau was there to give a courtesy Welcome. We appreciate each and every one that attended and participated in this special day. Our Miss Poppy's will long remember this special occasion; we hope it will inspire them to do more for our Veterans.

We are busy planning for our Buckeye Girls State 2022. It will be held at Mount

Union University in Alliance Ohio. Please talk to your delegates and alternates; they need to know who sponsored them, and that you are excited they want to attend. They need to go in person to an Orientation. We hope this will help the students be more prepared for this special fun week of learning.

While you plan for the next American Legion Auxiliary year; remember to include your Juniors. If you do not have a Junior Unit, please consider starting one. We all know how busy our children can be; we can provide a positive learning experience for them. If they cannot meet in person, they can work on the Patch Program or have a virtual meeting. There is a great leadership program online that could really help them. Our Juniors have so much energy and working our programs with us can be so rewarding for everyone!

Keep all our sick and grieving the loss of a loved one in your prayers. Life is so busy, but it only takes a few minutes to remember them in your prayers.

This year has flown by for many of us. I am really looking forward to hearing about all the wonderful things your Auxiliary Unit has done this year. It seems to have been slow for some Units getting back to normal; and yet you have been able to accomplish so much.

Department Convention will be a memorable weekend of June 30th in Cincinnati I hope to see you there!

You truly are American Legion Auxiliary ANGELS SERVING OTHERS.



THANK YOU!
HONORING THOSE WHO SERVED



AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY Department of Ohio – Calendar of Events 2022

May

- 8 Mother's Day
- 15 Armed Forces Day
- 15 Bulk Mail Due
- 30 Memorial Day - Office Closed

June

- 10 BGS Board Meeting University of Mt. Union
- 12-18 Buckeye Girls State, University of Mt. Union
- 14 Flag Day
- 17 BGS Board Meeting UMU
- 19 Father's Day
- 30-2 Department Convention, Cincinnati, OH

July

- 4 Independence Day-Office Closed
- 15 Book of Reports Articles Due
- 15 Buckeye Messenger Articles Due

August

- 15 Plan of Action Deadline
- 26-1 National Convention, Milwaukee, WI

September

- 5 Labor Day-Office Closed
- 23-24 School of Instruction
Crowne Plaza, Columbus North

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UNIT REMINDERS

- Has your Unit filed its 990 EZ/N?
- Have you conducted your annual Audit of the Unit Accounts?
- Have you made your annual donations for 2021-2022?
- Has your Unit paid its \$6.00 Fidelity Insurance Bonding?
- Has your Unit turned in your Unit Data Form? It was due on April 1st. If it is late, please still send it in.
- In order to receive your Unit's 2022-2023 Membership Cards, the Unit must turn in a Certification of Unit Officers even if officers have not changed. They are due to Department HQ by June 1st.



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Department Secretary's Corner

by Kelly Gibson

Department Secretary/Executive Director



Department Convention will be here before you know it, and I hope to see many of you there. District summer conventions continue to take place along with elections of Unit officers for 2022-2023. Preparations for BGS are also in full swing. It is such a busy time! Despite the many things going on this time of year it is important to please remember to complete and return the Unit Officer Certification Form which was sent out in bulk mail. Please complete and return the form even if there have been no changes to your

Units officers. If your form is not returned to Department Headquarters the Unit will not receive important mailings such as the Membership Packet, Plan of Action, Bulk Mailing, Report Forms, and Call to Convention.

Unit Data Forms were due on April 1st. If your Unit failed to turn it in your information may not be updated for the National Renewal Notice that goes out this fall. Units should still send in the form; however, the information may not be updated until the second notice goes out in January.

I know there are a lot of forms and reports, but each has a purpose and getting them turned in by the due date helps things run smoothly.

I hope you all have the opportunity to participate in Poppy Day and Memorial Day events and that you have fun as you honor our Veterans. I am proud to be a part of the American Legion Auxiliary and I enjoy seeing what our units are doing to serve the mission. Keep the articles and pictures coming!

Membership Cindy Masowick, 1st Vice President

I am very happy with the way membership is going this year. As of today, Department of Ohio is at 92%. Ohio Angels keep up the great work on pushing and working membership. We have a little over a month to become a goal Department. Let's make President Colleen proud of Ohio.

Department Convention is around the corner. There are still incentives for the Units / Districts to win. Where will your District sit at convention?

National has 2 Department awards we are in line to

win. If Ohio reaches 95% by May 27, 2022 (Poppy Day), we have the chance to be awarded \$250. The next award is to reach 100% goal 30 days prior to National Convention to be awarded \$300. It would be nice to win and help with our Department's mission.



Public Relations

Jane Ridenour, 2nd Vice President



Press books, pictures, Public Relations Reports. . . oh my!!! I have my work cut out for me!! Thank you to everyone who sent in a year-end report and/or press book, as well as your newsletters!! I am diligently reading each and every one and loving the efforts the Units have made in letting your mem-

bers and communities know what the American Legion Auxiliary and its membership are all about! Choosing a winner will be difficult as you are ALL winners in my eyes. But judge I must, and the results will be announced at Department Convention. Good luck to all!! BUT!! Just because your year-end reports are completed doesn't mean your job is done! There are so many more upcoming events on our Auxiliary calendar worthy of publishing: Easter events at your Post and Memorial Day ceremonies/parades. Let the community know

who will be attending Buckeye Girls State sponsored by your Unit. Will your Unit be distributing poppies? Remember: COMMUNICATION IS KEY!

Advice From A Tree

- Stand tall and be proud.
- Go out on a limb.
- Reach for the sky.
- Adapt to change.
- Branch out.
- Stay grounded.
- Remember your roots.

- Drink plenty of water.
- Get rid of dead wood.
- Be confident.
- Never stop growing.
- Bend before you break.
- Turn over a new leaf.
- Enjoy the view.

Farewell

Heather Wilson, Membership Clerk

It took a lot of soul searching, and tears to make the following decision. April 29th, 2022 will sadly be the last day I will be in the Office of the American Legion Auxiliary as Membership Clerk. By the time this reaches some, I will have already moved on to another chapter in my life. There were many factors to bring me to this decision but wanted everyone to know. I have loved and appreciated everything this organization as provided for me. I got to raise and care for my daughter in a family atmosphere that understands family comes first. I have met so many wonderful Men/Woman and even dogs along this chapter of my life. The best part is I get to take some of them with me forever as friends now. It has been my privilege to work for this wonderful organization.

Would personally like to say thank you to all of you that work so very hard for our Veterans and their families. You

all make a difference in this big whole world. Can't say thank you enough to Kelly Gibson, Department Executive Director/Secretary Melissa Legg, Bookkeeper and Vicky Buck, Buckeye Girl State/Program Coordinator for putting up with me as family in this office for several years now. We have had several great times and sad times working alongside one another and wish them the best in all that comes their way. Thanks for 24 years of memories, I will carry and cherish for a lifetime.

Best Wishes.... hugs
Heather Wilson



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MEET THE CANDIDATES...

Cindy Masowick — Candidate for Department President



Members and Leaders of The Department of Ohio, American Legion Auxiliary District #14 Units are very enthusiastic and proud to endorse Mrs. Steve Masowick (Cindy) for the office of Department Ohio American Legion Auxiliary President. Streetsboro Unit #685 in Portage County has been Cindy's "other" home for twenty-five years; this Unit exemplifies the foundational support needed for their member and friend in her final journey to Presidency.

The upcoming year of 2022-2023 will be creative and productive with the experiences and expertise of this qualified leader. Cindy has proven herself time and again throughout District 14. The past few years she has represented the Department to the finest level of leadership. Office positions of Second Vice, Publicity and First Vice, Membership have been clearly defined and utilized to our advantage as a Department and as Units.

Her husband, Steve Masowick, Past Ohio Commander and her children support this endeavor and fully promote the organization's mission.

Cindy Masowick is a leader first and a member always! She trusts that you will join the team of dedicated members with her during this next year, if elected. She still has ideas to share within the units and many new members yet to be encouraged to join. She portrays honesty and genuine dedication to this organization and Constitution.

The 14th District proudly and enthusiastically endorsed Mrs. Steve (Cindy) Masowick for the High office of Department President of Ohio. We welcome you to join us; endorse Cindy for 2022-2023.

*Respectfully Submitted,
Cyndi Underwood, District 14 Secretary
Renee Kohl, District 14 President*

Jane Ridenour — Candidate for 1st Vice President



We are writing this letter to all American Legion Auxiliary members; to inform you of the intention of Jane Ridenour to run for the High Office of Department of Ohio 1st Vice President for the year 2022-2023.

Jane has received her Bowling Green Unit #45 and District #1 endorsements to continue with her excellent work through the Department office positions. Her husband David and family also support this endeavor.

Jane has served proudly as Department of Ohio Second Vice President, continually updating us on Facebook, on the web as well as individual sites and offering her assistance when and where needed. Her dedication is never-ending and serves as an inspiration to us all, and proves that she is ready to give another year of service to Department!

We hope that every Delegate will make it to Department Convention in July, to be with her and give the much-needed support for Mrs. David Ridenour (Jane) for the high office of First Vice President of the Department of Ohio.

*District #14
Mindi Rue, First District President
Evelyn Navarre, First District Secretary
Bowling Green Unit #45 Unit Officers 2022*

Louise Aigner — Candidate for 2nd Vice President



Dear Auxiliary members,

In 1970, at the age of 11, Louise joined the American Legion Auxiliary as a junior member. She gained her eligibility from her Father Norm Smerk. Louise was a very active junior holding positions at the Unit and District level. She worked side by side with, at the time, a group of 30+ juniors on all of the American Legion Auxiliary programs. She reached the position of Department of Ohio Junior Vice President. Louise comes from a family that has roots within the organization. Her Father Norm Smerk and Mother Marilyn Smerk served as Commander and President respectively at the District level.

Louise continued her service to the Auxiliary as a young woman in various positions and chairmanships. Louise left the organization in 1998 for a short 10 years after the loss of her Father and rejoined in 2009. Since that time, she has returned with a new purpose and love of the American Legion Auxiliary, it's mission, service to others and not self. She has been a chairperson of many programs on both the Unit and District levels and

served as the Department VA&R chairperson.

Louise has held all leadership position for her Unit and is currently completing four years as the 13th District President.

Louise attended Buckeye Girls State in 1976 and has returned as a volunteer on the BGS staff for the past 7 years and looks forward to the program each year.

Louise has been employed for the past 25 years at Laketec Communications as an Administrative Coordinator. The company is veteran owned and employs several veterans and members of the American Legion family.

The members of Brook Park Unit 610 and the 13th District ask for your consideration in electing Louise Aigner to the office of Department 2nd Vice President for 2022-2023.



A&G Test Trip



American Legion
1st Vice Commander
Brad Teis
and
ALA 1st Vice President
Cindy Masowick
are pictured with
A&G Test Trip
participants at
Arlington Cemetery
getting ready to
lay the wreath
at the
Tomb of the
Unknown Soldier.

Chaplain

Sharon McClain, Chaplain

Happy Easter to everyone.

Well, we are coming down to the end of the year and we will be having Department Convention before you know it.

I would like to thank those that sent in your end of the year reports. Ohio has showed their concerns to our veterans and public in homes, nursing homes, and churches. My report will be giving at Convention.

I would like to ask each of you to continue to send me prayers for our Department President Colleen's prayer book. There still is a special award for the Unit and District that sends me the most prayers.

Let us not forget the people in Ukraine, pray for them and ask God to end this war. We must pray for the healing of our veterans that are suffering in hospitals, nursing homes, at home, and for those that are still living on the streets. Pray for our government.

Let us remember that even if the reports have been in, we need to continue to serve the veterans and Auxiliary. Collect prayers for the new incoming Department Presidents prayer book. Keep track of how many prayers you have, how much money you spend on cards, stamps, flowers, etc.

May God be with you
Sharon McClain Department Chaplain





DEPARTMENT CONVENTION INFORMATION

OFFICIAL CALL

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY • Department of Ohio, Inc.

ONE HUNDREDT FIRST ANNUAL DEPARTMENT CONVENTION • June 30-July 2, 2022

Hilton Cincinnati Netherland Plaza • 35 W. Fifth St. • Cincinnati, Ohio 45020

The One Hundred First Annual Department Convention of the American Legion Auxiliary, Department of Ohio, is hereby called in conformity with the Department of Ohio Constitution Article V, Section 1, "The Department Convention shall be held annually at the time and place fixed by the American Legion and this Convention shall be the legislative body of the organization". The convention will be held in **Cincinnati, Ohio on June 30-July 2, 2022** with the American Legion Auxiliary Headquarters in the **Hilton Cincinnati Netherland Plaza, 35 W, Fifth St., Cincinnati, Ohio 45020, 800-445-8667**. All Convention meetings, District Caucuses and Convention Sessions will be in the **Hilton Cincinnati Netherland Plaza** with Department **President Colleen Phillips** presiding.

PURPOSE

- To elect the following officers for the ensuing year in conformity with the Department Constitution Article IV, Section 3, Officers Election, "The President, First Vice President, and Second Vice President shall be elected annually. For those offices with more than one nominee, election shall be by ballot at the Department Convention for a term of one year or until their successors are elected and installed. A plurality vote shall elect. These Officers shall not be eligible for a second term in the same office. These Officers shall assume their duties at the adjournment of the Department Convention".
 - To ratify the elections of the District Presidents in the 1st, 3rd, 5th, 7th, 9th, 11th, and 13th Districts.
 - To elect Delegates and Alternates to the National Convention in **Milwaukee, Wisconsin August 26th through September 1st, 2022**.
 - To ratify the elections of National Delegates and Alternates in all Districts.
- Note: The National Executive Committeeman and any National Officer from the Department of Ohio shall be delegates-at-large to the next succeeding National Convention. All Department Officers, the Delegation Chairman, National Chairmen, all Past National Officers from the Department of Ohio and any National Committee members and/or Central Division National Appointees shall be automatic Delegates to National Convention, to be ratified at the Department Convention. (Department Bylaws, Article VI, Section 2.)
- To transact other business as may be brought to the attention of the Convention.

REGISTRATION

Thursday	June 30	10:00 AM to 6:00 PM
Friday	July 1	8:00 AM to 6:00 PM
Saturday	July 2	8:00 AM to 9:00 AM

Registration will close at the scheduled time on Saturday, July 2, 2022 for the election of Department Officers.

The 2022 Department Convention Delegate Certification Form and the 2022 Department Convention Alternate Certification Form must be returned to Department Headquarters by June 1, 2022 for Delegates and Alternates to be certified as Delegates and Alternates to Department Convention.

Delegates and Alternates to be certified as Delegates and Alternates to Department Convention.

All Delegates, Alternates, and Visitors must register at the Registration table in order to receive a Convention Packet, credentials card, and official ribbon. Members are required to show their current membership card and sign the registration sheet. Delegates and Alternates are encouraged to take advantage of the pre-pay registration fee of **\$10.00** to be sent to Department Headquarters, PO Box 2760, Zanesville, Ohio 43702 by **June 1, 2022**. The registration fee will be \$15.00 if not received in Department Headquarters by **June 1, 2022**.

The Registration Table will have several stations determined by Districts. Visitors must pay the \$15.00 registration fee. There is no pre-registration for visitors. Visitors are entitled to receive the Convention Packet.

If an Alternate is to become an acting Delegate and the *Alternate To Delegate Certification form* was not sent previously to Department Headquarters by **June 1, 2022**, the Alternate must obtain certification from her Unit President. If she is not available, the Alternate must obtain such authorization from the District President. After meeting these requirements, she may have her status changed at the Registration table and report the change to her District President. (If the Alternate is to replace the official Delegate for one hour or one meeting, she shall report only to her District President).

PRE-PAID REGISTRATION

The Registration Fee is **\$10.00** for all Delegates and Alternates attending the Department Convention whose registration fee is received in Department Headquarters by **June 1, 2021**. Complete the enclosed *Pre-Paid Registration Form* and send to Department Headquarters with payment of \$10.00 per Delegate/Alternate. Make checks payable to Ohio American Legion Auxiliary, PO Box 2760, Zanesville OH 43702. The Registration Fee for Delegates, Alternates and Visitors paying at Convention will be **\$15.00**. Convention fees are non-refundable.

Example: If a Unit is entitled to 3 Delegates and only 1 or 2 plan to attend, only submit the \$10.00 fee for each individual planning to attend. Should the third Delegate decide to attend, she may pay her \$15.00 registration fee at the Department Convention.

CREDENTIAL CARDS AND CONVENTION RIBBONS WILL BE ACQUIRED AT THE TIME OF REGISTRATION AT DEPARTMENT CONVENTION.

CONVENTION REPRESENTATION BY UNITS

Each Unit shall be entitled to one (1) Delegate and one (1) Alternate for the first ten (10) members and one (1) additional Delegate and Alternate for each additional fifty (50) members, or major fraction, whose current dues have been received in Department Headquarters

by **10:00 AM, May 31, 2022**. See table below to determine number of delegates and alternates permitted.

10-35	Members: 1 Delegate and 1 Alternate
36-85	Members: 2 Delegates and 2 Alternates
86-135	Members: 3 Delegates and 3 Alternates
136-185	Members: 4 Delegates and 4 Alternates
186-235	Members: 5 Delegates and 5 Alternates
236-285	Members: 6 Delegates and 6 Alternates
286-335	Members: 7 Delegates and 7 Alternates
336-385	Members: 8 Delegates and 8 Alternates
386-435	Members: 9 Delegates and 9 Alternates
436-485	Members: 10 Delegates and 10 Alternates
486-535	Members: 11 Delegates and 11 Alternates
536-585	Members: 12 Delegates and 12 Alternates
586-635	Members: 13 Delegates and 13 Alternates
636-685	Members: 14 Delegates and 14 Alternates
686-735	Members: 15 Delegates and 15 Alternates
736-785	Members: 16 Delegates and 16 Alternates
786-835	Members: 17 Delegates and 17 Alternates
836-885	Members: 18 Delegates and 18 Alternates
886-935	Members: 19 Delegates and 19 Alternates
936-985	Members: 20 Delegates and 20 Alternates
986-1035	Members: 21 Delegates and 21 Alternates
1036-1085	Members: 22 Delegates and 22 Alternates
1086-1135	Members: 23 Delegates and 23 Alternates
1136-1185	Members: 24 Delegates and 24 Alternates
1186-1235	Members: 25 Delegates and 25 Alternates

Members of the Department Executive Committee (Department President, Department 1st Vice, Department 2nd Vice, National Executive Committeewoman, Department Secretary/Treasurer, District Presidents) **and all Past Department Presidents in good standing are Delegates-At-Large and are not to be counted as Unit Delegates.**

DEPARTMENT HOUSING

Request for hotel accommodations must be made thru the Hotel Website or by phone directly to the hotel. The Department of Ohio Legion is not making reservations for housing this year.

Housing Deadline – May 29, 2022

RESOLUTIONS

Resolutions may be presented by a Unit Member in good standing. Signature must be affixed with Unit name, number and location, and District number.

Resolutions must be signed by the Unit President and the Unit Secretary, presented in quadruplicate, and forwarded to Department Headquarters at least ten (10) (June 20, 2022) days before the Convention or presented to the Resolutions Committee at the Convention (**June 30, 2022**). Any Resolution not properly signed will not receive consideration. (See enclosed Resolutions Rules.)

Consult the official program for the schedule and location of the Department Resolutions Committee, Department Finance Committee and the Department Executive Committee on Friday.

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY DEPARTMENT CONVENTION 2022

!!!!Save The Date!!!!
Tentative Schedule

THURSDAY, JUNE 30, 2022 • Hilton Cincinnati Netherland Plaza

10:00 AM-6:00 PM	Department Headquarters/Supplies Sales
10:00 AM-6:00 PM	Registration
9:00-11:00 AM	Department Finance Committee
12:00-4:00 PM	Department Executive Committee
5:00-6:00 PM	Pre Convention Meeting for Department Chairmen
6:00 PM	Department Executive Committee Dinner

FRIDAY, JULY 1, 2022 • Hilton Cincinnati Netherland Plaza

8:00 AM-5:00 PM	Department Headquarters/Supplies Sales
8:00 AM-6:00 PM	Registration
8:00-11:30 AM	District Caucuses odd Districts (9:15-10:15) & even (10:30-11:30)
1:00-4:30 PM	Convention Session Opens
6:00 PM	Joint Opening Session

SATURDAY, JULY 2, 2022 • Hilton Cincinnati Netherland Plaza

8:00-9:00 AM	Registration
8:00 AM-12:00 PM	Department Headquarters/Supplies Sales
8:00 AM-12:00 PM	Convention Session Reconvenes- (Election of Officers, Election of National Conv Delegates Installation of New Officers)
1:00 PM -4:00 PM	2022-23 Department Executive Committee Board Meeting and Orientation



DEPARTMENT CONVENTION INFORMATION

CONVENTION HOUSING

Book your room for American Legion Auxiliary
Department of Ohio Annual Convention.

The Hilton Cincinnati
Netherland Plaza
35 W. Fifth St., Cincinnati, Ohio 45020



Deadline for Registration is May 29, 2022

To make reservations please call 1-800-HILTONS or
1-800-445-8667 and reference "The American Legion
Department of Ohio Convention"

The discounted group rate is \$135.00/night + tax.



**Volunteers are
needed for the
registration table
at
Department
Convention.**

Each day, except Saturday, there will be 3 shifts.
I need 8 volunteers per shift on Thursday and
Friday. Volunteers can work more than one shift.

Registration dates and times are as follows:

Thursday, June 30, 2022 - 10 am - 6 pm
Friday, July 1, 2022 - 8 am - 6 pm
Saturday, July 2, 2022 - 8 am - 9 am

Thursday's shifts:
10 am till 2 pm
2 pm till 4 pm
4 pm till 6 pm

Friday's shift:
8 am till 12 pm
12 pm till 3 pm
3 pm till 6 pm



2022 Department Convention Program

Sponsor an Ad in this Year's Auxiliary Convention Program

This year the Legion and the Auxiliary will be doing separate programs. The Auxiliary's Program will be a black and white booklet containing the complete convention schedule and an abbreviated Legion Schedule. You have an opportunity to advertise your Unit or Organization. All proceeds will help defray convention expenses.

DEADLINE: JUNE 1, 2022

Fill out the form below and provide all information for Advertisement proof, or email to:

kelly@alaohio.org
Send Form to: Department Headquarters
PO Box 2760
Zanesville, Ohio 43702

Unit/Organization Name: _____
Contact Person Name: _____
Phone: _____
Email: _____ (address where a proof can be emailed)

AD Size 1/2 Page: \$50.00 1/4 Page: \$25.00
 Business Card: \$15.00 Small Square: \$10.00

Photo and Logos available on ads, except for Small Square. Only text available in Small Square.
Amount Enclosed: \$ _____

Saturday's shift is only 1 hour, and only 2 volunteers are needed.

Once I receive your time(s) slot request, I will send confirmation. Please send your request to me via email (abernia@aol.com) or phone (937-602-9365).

Notice: No food or drinks are allowed at the registration table.

Thank you,

Carol T.



Cincinnati VA

Donna Ray, Chief Representative
Sue Whitham, Deputy Representative

Sue and I are excited to pass on the following information regarding the Cincinnati VA.

We received this memo from the Chief of Voluntary Service regarding the return of activities to the VA. We are excited to see this happening and look forward to seeing more openings.

I am pleased to announce that effective immediately group activities except for the CLC can resume at the Cincinnati VA/FTD with the following caveats:

- Volunteers/visitors coming onsite must be fully vaccinated and documented with our office -COVID and flu
- Volunteers/visitors must adhere to current masking guidelines-surgical mask must be always worn while on VA property
- Events/activities cannot exceed fifty total attendees
- Events/activities will be discussed and pre-approved by the Chief of Voluntary Service

Return to CLC and the youth program will be reviewed as additional guidance comes out.

Requested Support:

FTD (Fort Thomas Domiciliary) is looking for a motivated volunteer to provide office support Mon-Friday for their residential programs.

Duties include answering phones, copying, scanning, filing, misc. admin support. Another opportunity we are going to start doing is putting together Service Recovery Bags. In the bags we will have a bottle of water, peanut butter crackers, a granola bar, tissues, sanitizer, note pad and Chapstick. These will be handed out into the Veterans who are having a not so good day. We have gotten donations from the Units to help with this. We will be starting out with one hundred bags. Thank you for all you do to support the Veterans.

Donna R. Ray, Chief Representative
Sue Whitham, Deputy Representative

Children and Youth

Deb Meyer, Chairman

It is April and even though our reporting year has come to an end, it does not mean that the needs of our military families and homeless children no longer need our help. The need to make their lives a little easier will always be there year-round.

The department has received several Youth Hero and Good Deed awards. Van Wert Unit 178 honored Hunter Tinsley and Braxton Kouts with Youth Hero Award for their quick actions after of discovering fire in the attic of their home. They immediately awoken the other members of the household and knocked on the door of their adjoining duplex to awaking the neighbor to get her to safety. Winnow-Arn Unit 541 from Continental awarded six-year-old Barrett Rau with the Youth Hero Award after he walk a mile and half in the dark and cold to get help for his mother who was having a medical emergency. Unit 541, also submitted for the Youth Hero Award Damien Dotson who rescued a neighbor after a four-wheeler accident. When Damien's neighbor drove into a pond and could not swim, 15-year-old Damien jumped into the pond and got the man to the shore of the pond. He immediately started chest compressions. Once the man had come to, Damien ran to his mom's house to call 911. Derrick Milbach, a third grader, was awarded the Youth Hero award by Levi Phillips Unit 85 in Newark. Derrick is credited for saving the life of a classmate from chocking on a hamburger during lunch by using the Heimlich maneuver.

Unit 541 awarded the Good Deed awards to Reese and Parker Knowles. The two young men assisted their grandfather with a cemetery project. The grandfather's Post places flags on the graves for Memorial Day in nine cemeteries. Many of the flag holders were just stuck in the ground so when it rained, the wind would blow them down. Their grandfather, a Viet Nam veteran, came up with the idea to bury coffee

cans filled with concrete and a PVC pipe just large enough for the flag holder. Parker and Reese help their grandfather with both filling the coffee cans and the burying the cans for fifty or more grave marker/flag holders.

There is no deadline for either of these awards. They can be submitted and awarded anytime. Don't forget the young people who are taking on caregiver duties. They can be awarded certificates found on the alaforveterans.org website. All young people deserved to be recognized for their efforts in volunteering to help others. These deeds help them to have a better understanding of community service and giving to others.

Heads up! The Department will be part of the National project called "Stuff the Bag." The National has supplied the Department with ALA branded sling backpacks, ALA coloring books, and crayons. The funding is coming from a grant from the Child Welfare Fund to help put the American Legion Family out in front of the youth throughout the country and to instill the American Legion Family values represented in the coloring books. The coloring books are the two coloring books that could be downloaded from the website. One explains the importance of the poppy and the other giving safety tips for Halloween.

For the Department of Ohio to have success with this project, we need your help. We will be stuffing the bags at School of Instruction. We are asking for units to collect comfort items such as stickers, small push toys, Legos, flags, patriotic dog tags, pins, bracelets, poppies, poppy seeds, hard candies and school supplies. These items can be brought to School of Instruction where the bags will be stuffed in between programs.

Constitution and Bylaws

Carol T. Robinson, Chairman

All organizations are organized and conduct business and mission service according to the organization's governing documents. In ALA, the vital governing documents are its Articles of Incorporation – its Constitution; its Bylaws – its fundamental structure and fundamental rules; and its Standing Rules – its process and detailed rules that "stand" for all to follow yet can be amended as frequently needed to keep the unit functioning well.

Units determine how their Constitution and Bylaws will be written and adopted, including key provisions of its governance structure, including offices, the number of officers, terms, the composition of the governing board, the minimum required meetings per year, who can call meetings, and how, what constitutes a quorum, roles, and responsibilities, etc. However, nothing in the Unit's Constitution and Bylaws can conflict with or oppose anything in the ALA Department and National Constitution and Bylaws. Remember Constitution and Bylaws should align with the national organization's mission and general overall structure and function.

The Department of Ohio ALA does not approve or disapprove Unit Constitution and Bylaws. The Department Constitution and Bylaws chairman (if asked) only reviews to assist the unit with structure. Once the chairman reviews your documents, she will send you a notice of acceptance, meaning your documents meet the required format.

The approval of a Unit's Constitution and Bylaws is by the vote of the unit's mem-

bers. Therefore, all Unit members should receive a signed copy of the Constitution and Bylaws and standing rules.

Remember: every unit is required to have Constitution and Bylaws and standing rules. However, it is not mandatory for your documents to be on file at Department Headquarters; that is your unit's choice.

The Department asked units to provide a copy for file at headquarters because when a question comes up or a member contacts the Department with a complaint, it is easier to review the C&B and standing rules to resolve the problem promptly.

Complying with your governing documents (Constitution and Bylaws and Standing Rules) is critical. Any decision that does not follow the provisions outlined in the Constitution and Bylaws is unconstitutional and therefore invalid. Decisions made by the unit that do not follow its Constitution and Bylaws could be ruled invalid if challenged in a court of law. A unit's decisions and actions contrary to the Constitution and Bylaws can have serious consequences. A pattern of decisions and acts contrary to a unit's Constitution and Bylaws or severe violations of its Constitution and Bylaws can be grounds for a lawsuit and/or suspension or revocation of the unit's charter.

If you have any questions or concerns, contact me at abernia@aol.com or 937-602-9365.

Community Service

Becky Dippman, Chairman

As I write this article on April 16th, the day before Easter, I find there are many things to be thankful for! Number one item on my list is my wonderful, supportive family, followed by my faith and love for Jesus Christ who sacrificed his life to save our souls. Similarly, so many of our veterans made the ultimate sacrifice to save the freedoms we enjoy today. Yes, plenty to be thankful for!

Next on my list of thanks is the end of year reports are done, or at least they should be! I hope all Units in the Department of Ohio have taken the time to report all the great work your "ALA Angels Serving Others" have completed in the last year. I know there are plenty of "Angels" who work hard to ensure the success of their community events and activities. Sending in reports is the only way we have to calculate

the total "Impact" the American Legion Auxiliary has serving veterans and their families in this country. This is how the National ALA compiles the figures they give to Congress for funding purposes.

Now, all you "Angels" out there- it is time to start keeping track of your service for the 2022-2023 Auxiliary year. Our "ALA Angels Serving Others" can organize, participate in, volunteer, and carry out events for Make A Difference Day, random acts of kindness, wear red Friday, bloodmobiles, disaster relief, activity bags or kits for veterans and elderly, funeral meals, ringing bell for salvation army, quilts of valor

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Community Service (Continued)

for veterans, care packages for Active Duty Military, Open Door Ministries, euchre tournaments, bingo, feather parties, coupons for troops overseas, rummage sales, vendor and craft shows, Wreaths Across America, adopt a family, meals on wheels, board of elections, community recycling, scrapbook fundraisers, quarter frenzies, reverse raffles, bake sales, fish fry's, local and county festivals and fairs, domestic violence and homeless shelters, senior centers and mental health awareness - including drug addiction and suicide prevention. This is only a small list of ideas Units can utilize to serve their communities.

Soon schools will be dismissed for the summer. It's a great time to plan activities and events for junior members to participate in. These "Angels" are so full of energy

and willing to serve. Have them make thank you for your service, thinking of you, get well, and birthday cards for veterans. You can take them to local senior centers, nursing homes and rehab facilities to give to veterans. The juniors could also bake cookies or make treats for the Community Based Outpatient Clinics (CBOC's) or for the first responders in their communities. Again, just a small list of ideas for the juniors as well.

I look forward to receiving all the reports from the district chairman, and I hope to see a great turn out for the Summer Convention in Cincinnati.

Becky Dippman, Department Chairman.

Historian

Dayna Beyer, Historian

Where are they now?



Heather Lynn Gold became a junior member of the American Legion Auxiliary Sidney Unit 217 in 2010. Immediately she became the Honorary Junior Unit President. Within the year she became District 2 Honorary Junior President. She held this office until 2013. Her special project was collecting cell phones for soldiers. In 2013 she was elected Department Honorary Vice President. Due to unforeseen circumstances, she stepped in as Department Honorary Junior President. She was elected to Department Honorary Junior President for the 2014-2015 year. Her Department project for the two years was "Josh the dog" and hospital bags for children.

Heather continues her Senior membership with Piqua Unit 184. Heather has volunteered at the Dayton VA ALA Gift Shop since graduating High School.

After graduating from High School in 2017 she

chose to attend Martin Methodist College (now University of Tennessee South) in Tennessee and major in Nursing.

She was very lucky to receive scholarships for her bowling. She is a championship bowler. Heather also received a scholarship from the American Legion Auxiliary. At the end of her freshman year, she changed her major to Human Performance in Physical Education with Emphasis on Exercise Science.

While at college she met her soon to be husband, James Brandon Magennis. He proposed on Valentine's Day 2021. They purchased their first home in January 2021. They will be wed July 9, 2022.

Heather graduated from college in May 2021 with a Bachelor of Science. She moved to Charlotte, North Carolina right after graduation and currently works full time at a private day care, part-time as a waitress, and at the daycare at her church. She also helps coach at the University of Tennessee South tournaments. Heather plans to further her education. Congratulations Heather in all of your achievements and your future endeavors!

Leadership

Pam Bates, Chairman

WHICH CAME FIRST THE BEGINNING OR THE END

"Life is about not knowing, having to change, taking the moment and making the best of it, without knowing what's going to happen next." - Gilda Radner

We still have Department and National Convention to work through, but you cannot wait to the last minute to start preparing for the next year. Units should start now! There's a new Auxiliary year dawning...new officers, new chairmen, new members, new ideas and new energy. Have you done any planning to assist as a member or unit as a whole to succeed! Yes, I said as a member and a unit because you need to be working as a team...change the "me" to "we". Change the "my" unit to "our" unit. Also remember we are the American Legion Auxiliary and belong to a Unit...we are not a lady's auxiliary especially with the "new" eligibility criteria and we are not a post. Let me give you a few items to put in your Leadership Tool Box to aid you in achieving success.

1. Organize and read your National, Department, District and Unit Documents... Constitution, Bylaws, Standing Rules, Policy and Procedures and the Program Action Plans (National level calls "Key Program Statements"). Provide copies to all members and encourage them to read them. (Spoiler ALERT these describe your duties as an officer, chairman and member)

2. Have you prepared a budget and discussed finances? This should be done prior to your first official meeting so it can be voted on for approval. Has your unit paid the bonding fee and filled out the appropriate IRS form.

3. As Unit President and Secretary SHARE the Departments' Bulk Mail and items you find in the Buckeye Messenger. (Spoiler ALERT...this article would be a good share)

4. Plan rejuvenate membership by touching base with your members that have not attended meetings in a while for whatever reason or even not paid their dues. Let them know they are still important and you value their knowledge and volunteerism.

5. Share with your members your activities. Use a newsletter, face book, email

blasts or a Unit website. Don't target solely the members that attend meetings, but ALL members! The younger generation and even our seasoned members are using the social media for finding out information. If you don't have this, you are missing out on possible new members, new volunteers and more participation in your activities.

6. Have you taken the (1) *American Legion Auxiliary Senior Auxiliary Basics, A Course on our History and Legacy; The ALA Academy courses; Mission Training Courses; (National -www.alaforveterans.org); (2) A Journey On Becoming A Success & Knowledgeable Member and other training slide shows about the Unit, District and more (Ohio-www.alaohio.org)*

7. Plan and encourage your members to attend District, Department and National meetings. Provide an idea on what they will learn as part of that encouragement.

8. I saved the BEST FOR LAST...the ALA UNIT GUIDE BOOK, Revised 2021. Many of the questions I received as Leadership Chairman can be found in this book. Let's take a quick walk through it: Rules on Governing Use of Emblem; Eligibility; Types of Membership; Holding Membership Dues; Recommended Unit Operations; Privacy of Unit Members; Non-Profit Information, Compliance, and Practices (this involves tax laws; TIN/EIN; Tax-Exempt7 more); Duties of Unit Officers; Unit Meeting; Protocol; Committees; ALA Foundation; Sample Unit C&B; Fundamentals of Parliamentary Procedure; How to Write a Resolution; Conducting Electronic Meetings; Honorary Juniors; ALA Academy

9. Still need help as a unit...contact a Past Unit President, a Past District President, the current District President or the Leadership Chairman.

There are many tools out there to help YOUR unit succeed. You just need to take that "first step" to research, share and ask questions.

"Success is not final, failure is not fatal: it is the courage to continue that counts." - Winston Churchill

Legislative

Cindy Boehnlein, Chairman

Hello members! I am happy to announce that, as of the submission of this message, 53 Certificates will be written out for participation in writing to your legislators. Good job! I know so many more did write, as I have helped you at SOI and Mid-Winter. Thank you for signing the petitions for the GI Bill Parity Act at the Mid-Winter conference. We obtained 180 signatures for Senator Sherrod Brown and 175 for Senator Rob Portman. Our job is not done. We still need your help in contacting

the Reps and Senators all year. We have Bills to pass! Easy access to sending messages through the American Legion site is: <https://www.voterveice.net/AmericanLegion/home>. If you have not already done so, please sign up for these alerts and send off your messages. You can send repeated messages every month. Any questions, give me a call. I will come out to your Units and get you set up. See you at Department Convention. Until then see your Bulk Mailing for added information.





Poppy

Susan Schofield-Fratino, Chairman

I am so excited...the Poppy Reports have been rolling in. I cannot wait to read them all.

The Poppy Celebration took place on Sunday, April 3. Although we were all sad that we could be at the OVH this year, we are hoping and praying that we can be back there in 2023.

We still had the opportunity to celebrate and learn about the most recognizable symbol of our organization, the Poppy.

We had three beautiful Miss Poppies who spoke and read beautifully, "In Flanders Fields" by John McCrae.

The Miss Poppy Contestants were:

Ruth Hermiller, American Legion Kerner – Slusser, Post 63. Ruth was accompanied by her mother and father, Jeff and Jackie Hermiller.

Tay and Callie Smith, American Legion Auxiliary Warren L. McIntire, Unit 262.

Tay and Callie were accompanied by grandparents Tim and Colleen Phillips.

Visitors were asked to bring cleaning supplies for the veterans who reside at the Commons of Livingston. A total of \$302.00 worth of supplies were collected. A certificate was given to Ruth Hermiller to take back to the Kerner – Slusser Post 63, as they collected \$145.00 worth of supplies.

A great big thank you to all of you who assisted in helping with the program and the spectators. It was wonderful to see "Our" Miss Poppies.

As the year winds down, do not forget to start planning your event for National Poppy Day, on Friday, May 27th. You can find ideas and assistance for the day on the National Website, www.legion-aux.org.

Thank you for all you do.

Susan Schofield Fratino

Poppy Chairman



District and Unit News

District 1

Mindi Rue, President

I don't know about you, but I'm ready to trade in the heavy coats and umbrellas for flip-flops and sunglasses! Spring, a time for hope, a time for renewal, and a time for things to bloom and turn green. Spring for the Great First District is a time to renew our commitment to the programs of the American Legion Auxiliary and turn in those GREEN REPORTS! From seeing the social media of units in the First District, those reports are going to be great. Congratulations to the district's 14 goal units! The district is over 95% Membership turn in never ends, so keep working membership and get it sent in. Buckeye Girls State orientations are April 24th at Holgate at 2:00pm and May 1st at Pemberville. Remind your delegates that orientation is mandatory, and they can attend an orientation in any district. Poppy Day and Memorial Day are just around the corner. How will your unit participate on those days? Our summer convention will be held at Kerner-Slusser Post 63 on Ottawa, OH on June 4th at 9:30 am. Reservations for lunch need to be made by May 28th to Pat Agner.

Don't forget to make your reservations for Department Convention by May 29th. I will be there and hope to see the First District show up in full force in Cincinnati.



Troy-Webster Unit 240 and Freedom Unit 183 sponsored Quarter Mania.





“IN MEMORY OF OUR DECEASED MEMBERS”

Sharon McClain, 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

- District 1**
 Kathy Hermiller Unit 63
 Rebecca Schert Unit 114
 Noladean Spicer Unit 183
 Ellenore Hart Unit 223
 Laura Durham Unit 262
 Helen Phillips..... Unit 262
 Carol Miller Unit 265
 Rosina Lee..... Unit 265
 Barbara Sattler..... Unit 265
 Marilyn Leaders Unit 300
 Janice Rastocan Unit 320
 Euncie Chambers Unit 324
 Gertrude Mengerink Unit 340
 Betty Roach..... Unit 373
 Evelyn Babock..... Unit 479
 Janet Tomesek Unit 537
 Constance Schrieber..... Unit 541
 Norma Slattman..... Unit 541
 Geraldine Jeziorowski Unit 642
 Evelyn Kolasinski Unit 642
 Gertrude Bogrowski Unit 642
 Dolores Beakas Unit 642
 Carol Bruskotter..... Unit 715
 Mary Conrad Unit 715
 Donna Keller..... Unit 715
- District 2**
 Hallie Pitzer Unit 173
 Virginia Goins..... Unit 210
 Betty May Unit 210
 Erma Evans Unit 217
 Louise Knoth Unit 345
 Eileen Schmitz Unit 345
 Rose May Unit 345
 Debra Ernst..... Unit 355
 Marlene Rethman Unit 355
 Mary Ann Quinter Unit 355
 Julia Moeller..... Unit 355
 Norma Webster Unit 387
 Vicki Rosenbeck..... Unit 470
 June Bertke Unit 571
 Elaine Grube Unit 648
 Mildred Wuebker Unit 684
- District 3**
 Pauline McNary Unit 120

- Jeannie Chilton Unit 200
 Georgia Hickey-Wolf..... Unit 200
 Alline Mogel..... Unit 245
 Joan Geer Unit 286
 Mildred Wathen Unit 322
 Wanda Brewer..... Unit 353
 Eleanor Grilliot Unit 435
 Ruth Kremer Unit 435
 Shirley Derr..... Unit 435
 Julia Coffman..... Unit 613
 Ezell Demoss..... Unit 613
 Mary Burless Unit 707
 Joyce Fonseca Unit 707
 Jackie Manning Unit 707
- District 4**
 Wilma Carey..... Unit 49
 Lois Allen Unit 49
 Claire Ledford..... Unit 179
 Phyllis Allen Unit 179
 Sylvia Buxton Unit 199
 Lulu Cridlebaugh..... Unit 218
 Norina Carozza Unit 218
 Barbara Fields..... Unit 256
 Eleanor Hubbard..... Unit 288
 Jeanette Brunett Unit 484
- District 5**
 Dorothy Shaw Unit 8
 Nina Willis..... Unit 8
 Marjorie Faust..... Unit 83
 Melody Lasnaski..... Unit 83
 Glenda Akers..... Unit 118
 Olga Mitchell..... Unit 118
 Jill Spears..... Unit 181
 Linda Kerr..... Unit 211
 Elaine Kerr Unit 250
 Shirley Assenheimer Unit 250
 Mary Lemon Unit 257
 Sally Burnside Unit 292
 Melissa Lefrancois Unit 326
 Barbara Mack..... Unit 326
 Mary Zellner Unit 434
 Pamela Dropsey..... Unit 447
 Debbie Darr Unit 535
 Carol Stieber Unit 547
 Bernadine Reynolds..... Unit 547

- Maralyn Long Unit 547
- District 6**
 Patricia Holt..... Unit 79
 Diana Sharp Unit 79
 Violet Merritt..... Unit 85
 Molly Barnes Unit 97
 June Partlow Unit 97
 Pat Moreheart Unit 201
- District 7**
 Deborah Baughn Unit 25
 Karen McCord Unit 62
 Marilyn Ayres..... Unit 62
 Patsy Raines Unit 62
 Wanda Dryden..... Unit 100
 June Kendall..... Unit 100
 Marilyn Knauff Unit 100
 Rose McCann Unit 100
 Bobbie Satterfield..... Unit 100
 Kathleen Hoffman Unit 134
 Joan Conrad..... Unit 134
 Tammie Hayslip..... Unit 471
 Charlotte Stone Unit 471
 Betty Sautter Unit 633
- District 8**
 Rosemary Garrett..... Unit 11
 Rita Rubb..... Unit 21
 Tara Stanford..... Unit 21
 Judith Smith..... Unit 78
 Janice Taulbee..... Unit 78
 Patricia Faber..... Unit 118
 Romia Swain Unit 161
 Joanne Senerance..... Unit 637
- District 9**
 Madelyn Kelly..... Unit 7
 Connie DePalma..... Unit 7
 Lucille Greig..... Unit 7
 Colleen Minadeo..... Unit 7
 Mary Manypenny..... Unit 76
 Dorothy Flood Unit 103
 Marilyn Hathy Unit 151
 Toni Ryan Unit 366
 Patricia Negrelli..... Unit 678
 Martha Hiller Unit 678
 Karen Seuffert Unit 678
 Michelle Shafer Unit 737

- District 10**
 Carol Bartels Unit 86
 Reda Burkholder Unit 147
 Misty Clark..... Unit 192
 Martha Jackson Unit 290
 Hazel Scott..... Unit 290
 Carol Czarneski..... Unit 290
- District 11**
 Jean Nolen-Ellis Unit 64
 Evelyn Dement Unit 71
 Jodi Luyster..... Unit 168
 Darlene Streets Unit 228
 Shirley Tolzda..... Unit 228
 Barbara Ramsey..... Unit 228
 Liza Heiss..... Unit 389
 Nancy Moore Unit 521
 Mary Pitt..... Unit 750
 Delores Hughes..... Unit 750
 Wanda Wagner..... Unit 750
- District 12**
 Carolynn Robeson..... Unit 144
 Nancy Laird Unit 144
 Patricia Carter Unit 144
 Helene Sue Turner..... Unit 144
 Melba Simons Unit 164
 Michelle Haughn Unit 164
 Janet Brownfield..... Unit 430
- District 13**
 Joann Koteles Unit 91
 Patricia Bender Unit 309
 Marjorie Jones..... Unit 309
 Mary Lou Dear Unit 421
 Betty Damico Unit 610
 Valina Aicone Unit 610
 Janet Uffman..... Unit 703
- District 14**
 Jean Donohue Unit 19
 Virginia Gharky Unit 193
 Ruth Balge Unit 193
 Katherine Harper Unit 464
 Brenda Beall..... Unit 566
 Brenna Samples..... Unit 674
 Chloela Basinai Unit 713

District and Unit News (CONTINUED)

1st District



Becky Dippman, Anne Michel, and Lou Ann Briggs setting up for Scrapbooking.



Freedom Unit #183, Pemberville teamed up with Troy-Webster Unit #240, Luckey for a Scrapbooking Fundraiser. Both Units worked together for an enjoyable day for all. The two Units split the profits to benefit their Auxiliary programs. The scrapbook ladies got a lot of memories on pages as well as had a good time!



Troy-Webster Unit #240, Luckey and Freedom Unit #183, Pemberville worked together to send care packages to Active-Duty Military for Christmas. We received this picture of Andrew Umbaugh and his daughter Kinzleigh enjoying a cookie.

1st District, Unit 63



Members of American Legion Auxiliary Unit 63 putting together Valentines bags and cards for veterans in local nursing homes in Putnam county.

Pictured are Buckeye Girls State delegates from Auxiliary Unit 63 Marissa Beckett and Clara Beach from Ottawa Glandorf High School, Ottawa, Ohio.

1st District, Unit 240



Troy-Webster Unit #240, Luckey sponsors Boy Scout Troop #332. Together the Scouts, Legion, and Auxiliary held a Flag Retirement Ceremony with over 300 flags being retired. State Representative Haraz Ghanbari attended and spoke to the crowd. The Auxiliary served cookies and refreshments.

Troy-Webster Unit #240 member Teresa Bailey traveled to Louisiana to be trained in Sex Trafficking. She learned what signs to look for, and what to do once she determines there is a victim, and they need help. Teresa is certified in Sex Trafficking and makes presentations to community groups.

District 2

Shirley Maurer, President

By now our green reports are finished and soon we will be having our district summer conventions and anxiously waiting for department summer convention so we can see who has won awards. District 2 is coming along nicely. We have been able to re-structure a unit that lost their president last year. Another unit has all new officers and are hitting the ground and running. I have been to several units and will be getting to more after the start of next year. Our district summer convention will be on June 5, 2022, at the Celina Post 210 in Celina, Ohio. I hope that you will attend the convention because who knows, you may receive an award and I am sure you would like to be there to receive it. Hope everyone has a great summer.

2nd District, Unit 571



L-R Marilyn Holdheide and Irene Bruns working at the registration table for the blood mobile which was held January 3rd at the Maria Stein Legion Post 571 hall. Sixty seven Units were collected.

Mid-Winter Conference was held January 21, 2022, at the Crowne Plaza Columbus North. Pictured are Janie Luebke, President of Unit 571 and Colleen Phillips, Department President.

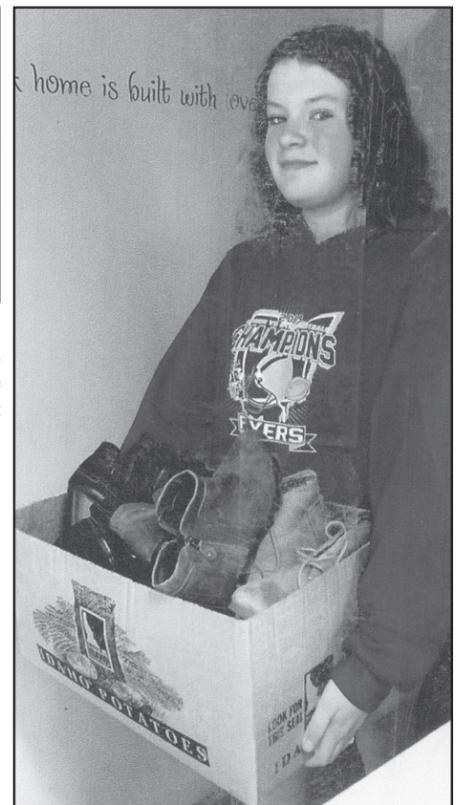
2nd District, Unit 444



Luanne Kuck and Marsha Mangen from American Legion Auxiliary Unit 444 in New Knoxville presented flags and books about the flag to the first graders at the New Knoxville School. Pictured are students along with their teachers Mrs. Phillips and Mrs. Meele along with Mrs Kuck and Mrs. Mangen.



Ellen Donges, volunteer, members Pat Clunie, Bertie Bruns, Kerie Begley, Marilyn Holdheide, Janice Piekenbrock, and Irene Bruns working at the opening of the Unit 571 garage sale.



Laney Greenwood, Junior member of Auxiliary Unit 571 helping with the Unit garage sale.



Pictured are some of Santa's elves from Post 444 that worked to feed nearly 200 children and parents at Breakfast with Santa. They were served sausage, pancakes, scrambled eggs, donut holes, and juice or milk. Santa was there for the children to pass on their Christmas wishes. The Auxiliary does this every year with the help of some great cooks from the Sons of the American Legion.



Makenna Pfenning won God, Flag, and Country at the Aerie level and second place at district. Makenna is a Junior member of American Legion Auxiliary Unit 444 in New Knoxville.



Janie Luebke, President of Unit 571 on March 10, 2022, at Ft. Loramie. With Janie is District President Shirley Maurer and Cindy Plas Unit 355 President.

District 3

Deborah Smith, President

(Tough) Thundering Third District send greetings. Tough means we have been strong, durable and challenging through 2021-2022, yet we all have done our best to keep our Veterans, and families in our prayers.

On January 21-22, 2022, I attended the Mid-Winter Conference in Columbus. Each Chair gave their reports, and were reminded that membership and donations are down. Praise was given to all care givers, by Guest Speaker Denise Delaney-Wrolen Central Division President.

Third District Mid-Year Roundtable was on March 5, 2022, at Post 668 in Vandalia. Total of 32, 29 Unit members, President Lisa Sellers, the Commander Bill Barmey and one SAL member Dan Sagraves Post 200. It was exciting to break bread, and just being together again. It also was a good time to learn what other Units are busy doing at their Post. Some Units are still not able to meet, due to covid.

Due to a few Chairmen not being present, it was great to have Past District Presidents step up and read reports. Registration report, Robyn Cooper Unit 184, Children and Youth Judii Thompson Unit 286, Poppy Ruth Estep Unit 286 and Secretary Kim Hardnick Unit 776.

Also present was Unit 613, which received a standing ovation for joining the Third District meeting. In October Carol T. Robinson and I started the process from saving them from non-existence. As you can see below they have made and surpassed their goal, we are so happy for their achievement. Yet on March 22nd, sad to report their President Julia Brook Coffman passed away. Julia was so excited to have her Unit back and ready to support her Veterans and the Community. Her Unit and ALA will miss her dedication.

Thank You to Units for making goals as of April 5, 2022, we are currently in 8th Place out of 14 Districts:

UNIT	NEED FOR GOAL	GOAL	Welcome	MADE GOAL DATE
006	50	*55	5	02/07/2022
174	93	93		12/22/2021
353	104	*114	10	12/21/2021
360	99	*102	3	03/22/2022
377	38	38		03/03/2022
598	567	*612	45	02/22/2022
613	22	*38	16	12/13/2021
707	171	*181	10	02/18/2022
776	105	*106	1	02/07/2022

***MADE OVER GOAL**

There are units that only needed 5 or less to make goal. Thank you to all Unit Membership Chairs for your demanding work, just to maintain has been a tough job.

The Thundering Third Districts next gatherings will be April 23rd, BGS orientation in New Carlisle Unit 286 starting at 3:00 till 5:00 PM. June 04, 2022 in Kettering Unit 598. Registration starts at 9:00 AM meeting convenes at 10:00 AM. Hopefully we will be able to distribute awards to outstanding UNITS, for their hardwork.

“Since God chose you to be the holy people He loves, you must clothe yourselves with tenderhearted mercy, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience.” Colossians 3:12 NLT

For God and Country
Deborah A. Smith

3rd District, Unit 435



American Legion Auxiliary Post 435 collected items for the residents at the Dayton VA for Christmas. We collected nearly a van load. Great job ladies!

Our Auxiliary has sponsored chicken fries as a fund raiser for many years. Some of our members have worked at these events for decades. Pictured are some of the dedicated workers who have made this fundraiser a success. Thank you for all you do for the Auxiliary!

The Auxiliary continues to collect Crown Royal bags to support care packages for our deployed troops. Since we began this project; we have collected over 5,000 bags. To clarify, we do not empty all these bagged bottles ourselves; local restaurants and bars save the bags for us! We then collect them from the businesses.

We are saddened at the loss of two of our members recently. Eleanor Rose Grillo passed away at age 95. Shirley Ann Derr age 87 passed away after a brief illness. Both of these ladies were a huge asset to our Auxiliary and will be missed as members and as good friends.

3rd District, Unit 668



3rd District Auxiliary Unit 668 hosted the Mid-Year Roundtable on March 5, 2022.



3rd District Auxiliary Unit 668 hosted an Easter Egg Hunt on April 9, 2022, for children and grandchildren of members and children from the community. We had a little snow mixed with sunshine. The children enjoyed themselves and went home with candy, stickers, a small playdough, a coloring book and crayons.

District 4

Marsha Giehls, President

Spring is here and the flowers and trees are all blooming in the Fabulous 4th District. I have been able to get to a few events that Units are having this year. It is good to be able to get back to seeing everyone in person once again. Congratulations to all the Units that have made goal so far this year. Keep sending in that membership. By the time you receive this the 2021-2022 reporting will be complete, thanks to all those Units who took the time to turn in their reports, and it is now on to the next year so remember to keep track of what your Unit and members are doing so it will be easier to fill out those reports next year. I hope every Unit turned in their Unit Data form. It is time for election of your next year's officers, do not forget to send in your Certification of Officers as soon as possible after your elections. This is a Mandatory report and if you do not send it in you will not receive your next year's membership cards or any mailings from the Department. As another Auxiliary year ends, I want to thank my District Chairpersons, and those who have helped me in many ways this past year. I hope to see many of you at our Summer Convention the first Sunday in June. I also, hope to see some of you at Department Convention which is coming up in June and is in Cincinnati.

Marsha Giehls
4th District

District 5

Deb Sutterlin, President

Hello Members,

Hopefully many of you are completing your impact reports to be sent in by May 1st. We also have Buckeye Girls State orientation. By the time you get this information, we will have one orientation left on May 15th at Shelby at 1:30 P.M. All BGS delegates are required to attend an in-person orientation. Attica Unit 260 will be holding a dedication ceremony for their new memorial and mural on Saturday, May 21st at 3:00 P.M. The memorial is located at 10 S. Main St., Attica. Please support them on this great accomplishment.

On Saturday, May 28th, the American flags will be put on the graves at the Western Reserve National Cemetery outside of Seville. 1st Vice President Cindy Masowick will be one of the speakers there at 10:00 AM. President Colleen Phillips will be one of the speakers at the Dayton National Cemetery. Have you ever been to one of these flag placing events? I hope some of you will check into attending one of these events and see the Boys Scouts and Girls Scouts get the flags placed at each Veterans' grave. Also, please plan to attend a flag retirement ceremony. Loudonville Post 257 will hold a retirement at the VFW Pavilion in Perrysville on Saturday June 11th at 1:00 P.M. Flag Day is June 14th.

I have listed some events that will take place but let's look back at some of the events that have happened. Thank you to all of you who attended the Mid-Winter Convention.

March 6th was the 5th District Juniors Convention. Kristi Yeager was elected Honorary Junior President for the upcoming year. Congratulations to the following Junior winners: Class I Travelogue – Henley Finley, Class II travelogue winner Aubrie Flynn, Class III Travelogue Harper Flynn, Class V Travelogue 1st place – Vegas Grenholm, 2nd place- Samantha Altman, and Class V Convention Cover winner Samantha Altman. Thank you to Unit 447 Plymouth, Cindy and Jane, for delicious snacks and hosting the convention. Congratulations Kristi!!

March 12th, I brought greetings to the 5th District American Legion meeting and the SAL meeting and Jane Yeager attended with me. April 2nd was a virtual DEC meeting that I attended. Jane and I attended Unit 326 Shelby's meeting April 4th. Jane Yeager brought greetings at the 5th District SAL annual meeting held in Wellington on April 9th. I could not attend because Buster was in the hospital with pneumonia, and I missed Unit 211's meeting. I couldn't attend more meetings because I got behind in getting income taxes done before the deadline. All of that has passed and Buster is better so I will be out visiting units and look forward to doing some installations. Vice President Jane Yeager will be accompanying me. We look forward to seeing many of you in the next couple of months.

Deb Sutterlin, 5th District President



Taken April 2nd at Unit 181 Bucyrus Patriotic Show
L to R seated: PDP Shirley Maurer, Shirley's guest, Mr. Peel, PDP Linda Close, PDP Karen Peel, Deb Sutterlin, Dept. President Colleen Phillips, Jane Yeager, Cindy Perkins. Standing PDP Gloria Verbeke, Dept 1st Vice Cindy Masowick, Dayna Beyer.



Left to Right: Deb Sutterlin, Denise Conrad, and National President Kathy Daudestil on March 19th at Monrovia, California at SAL National Commander Michael Fox's Homecoming.



L-R: Junior President Kristi Yeager Unit #447, 5th District Vice President/District Junior Chairman Jane Yeager, Past Dept. President Kath Heichel, Past Dept. Junior President Samantha Altman on March 6th 5th District Junior Convention.

5th District, Unit 118



Elmer Johnson Post and Unit 118 had a busy year. Pictured is President Donna Bruner passing out cupcakes and poppies to our Veterans on Veterans Day. Post 118 Veterans Christmas tree decorated. We also put Angel Tree tags on our tree with names of Veterans and residents of our Nursing Homes, pick a name and buy a gift. Pictures of the presents bought by our members to give to the Nursing homes. Picture of Our Commander-Clark Bruner, Sgt.at Arms, Dan Shotter, Auxiliary President Donna Bruner, 2nd Vice President Pat Kruman and Aux. member Deb Gelenius delivering the gifts to our Veterans and residents at the Nursing Homes.

5th District, Unit 181



Colonel Crawford Unit 181 held its annual Make and Bake Auction January 29th. More than \$7500.00 was raised for Doug's Kids--students needing assistance to participate in extracurricular activities in 3 local school districts. Junior member Aivlyn Fiske made a stocking cap for the auction. Those in attendance had a great time for a great cause.

5th District, Unit 535



Meet our Miss Poppy, Bobbie Jo Fliger of Irvin Hiskey Unit 535 in Bellville Ohio. She presents her first poppy to Teri McKenzie Brenkus, Mayor of Bellville for a donation to our Poppy Fund that serves and supports our veterans. Bobbie Jo has been an ALA Junior member for 16 years and is a freshman at Clear Fork High School. She was born with Perrier Robin syndrome. She is hearing impaired, and nonverbal. She plays ball for the Unstoppables, a youth group special needs athletic team. She actively participates in Special Olympics for Richland County. Her family, mom Tabby Britton, brother Nick Fliger, grandma Barb Britton and grandpa Bob Britton are all American Legion Family members of Post 535.



Irvin Hiskey Unit 535 welcomes 4 new junior and senior members to their monthly meeting on every 2nd Tuesday at 7:30pm held on the post dining hall in Bellville, Ohio. (l to r) Joann Palmer, Jr. Emma Ball, Jernice Ball, Sandy Van Houten, Robin Vanerio, Barb Britton, Beverly Flynn, Jenny Griffith, Deborah Van Wagner, Jean Webb, PNP Desi Stoy, Rhonda Barnett, and Unit Auxiliary President Barb Borders. Photo Courtesy Dayna Beyer, ALA Ohio Department Historian.

District 6

Rebecca Long, President

Spring is here and 6th district is in full swing with events and activities. We currently have 2 units that have made quota for the year and several more that are very close. It's time for that final push to get those stragglers renewed and encourage some new members to join us.

Several events have created interest among our communities including spaghetti dinners in Marengo and Waldo, breakfasts at Johnstown, Cardington and Marengo, stand down at Newark, and Easter egg hunts at several units.

On March 26 6th District held their First Annual Gary W Cox Sr Memorial Tournament. This was attended by TAL, SAL, ALA and Riders. 4 units were represented by the ALA and Tammy Cox, Gary's widow and Past 6th District President was an honored guest.

6th District Buckeye Girls State orientation was held at Johnstown Unit 254 on Saturday April 9, led by Linda Close. We had 13 girls in attendance along with several parents. This looks like a great group of girls for this year there was lots of informative discussion among the group.

6th District



Past 6th District President Tammy Cox with her son 6th District Commander Gary Cox Jr. at the First Annual Gary W Cox Sr Memorial Bowling Tournament.



Linda Close leading the 6th District Buckeye Girls State Orientation at Johnstown with 6th District President Rebecca Long.



Buckeye Girls State Delegates and parents at the 6th District orientation.



Sandy Tolle, Unit 254 greeting delegates as they arrived for Buckeye Girls State Orientation.



6th District, Unit 85



Unit 85 President serving chili at the BGS staff meeting.

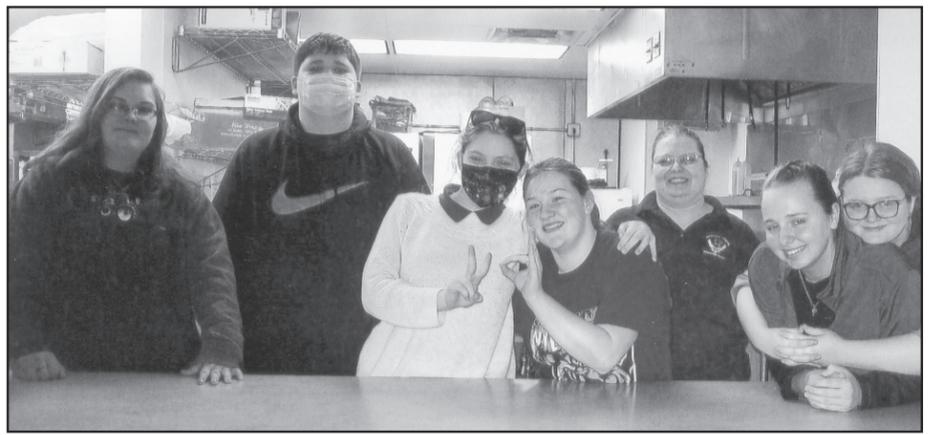


June Huff and Joyce Chaney of Unit 85 helping in the kitchen at a quarter auction for the local Barbershop Chorus.



Charlotte Frazier trying on one of the items for sale at the Unit 85 PPP yard sale.

6th District, Unit 85 (Continued)



Newark High School JROTC helping to serve at a lunch meeting for Post 85.

District 7

Sandra Grooms, President

It is drawing close to another year of completion. This has been a life changing adventure for me the past 6 years. I have met some amazing women and men. My heart has grown even more fonder for our veterans. My love for veterans and the Auxiliary has grown immensely and will continue to grow.

I want to congratulate the Units in District 7 who reached goal. The battle was a hard one, but we can still win the war. Congratulations to those units who reported in all the programs, you should be proud of your efforts.

We are not quite done yet, we have Buckeye Girls State, (don't forget, there is no online orientation for BGS, they must attend an orientation) District, Department, and National Convention to accomplish and then it is right back into a new year.

We have one candidate running for District President, Betty Taylor, from Unit 471, in Portsmouth. Elections will be held at our Summer Convention at Unit 633 in Seaman, Ohio on June 12. Registration will be at 1pm and the meeting at 2pm. If you have not sent the names of deceased members to me yet, please try to get them to me as soon as possible.

It has been an honor to serve as your District President and will continue to support the men and women of this great nation.

8th District, Unit 677



American Legion Auxiliary Unit 677 (District 8) celebrated their 75th Anniversary at their March Meeting. 20 Ladies were in attendance and enjoyed Cake & Punch.

District 9

Louise Cichon, President

Hello Auxiliary Units from Ashtabula, Geauga, Lake, Trumbull & Mahoning Counties.

I hope you are all doing well and made it through a tough winter and are enjoying springtime in Ohio looking forward to sunny warm weather.

Thanks to all who attended the Mid-Winter Conference. It was very special and a lot of fun for everyone. We were honored with wonderful speakers and our program Chairman gave us a lot of entertainment with their fun skits. I won the poppy contest with my poppy angel depicting our Department President Collen Phillips theme of "ALA Angels Serving Others". A picture is in the District section.

The District has submitted our candidate for District President, Susan Schofield-Fratino. You can see the announcement in this issue. Please plan on attending our Summer District Conference where we will vote in our new District President. Note that if anyone else wants to run, just let me know and we will prepare proper ballots.

The District Summer Convention will be hosted by Palmer-Roberts Unit 214, Willoughby, on Saturday, June 11th at Willoughby-Cleveland Elks Lodge #18, 38860 Mentor Ave., Willoughby. Registration begins 9:00 a.m. and the meeting begins at 10:00 a.m.

A light luncheon will follow the meeting at no charge. Please bring your Unit officers, Juniors, and any new members who will all benefit from this meeting.

Buckeye Girls State Orientation is May 14th at Unit 336, 60 Chester Street, Painesville. Meeting is Mandatory for all BGS Delegates. Registration begins at 9:30 a.m. and the meeting begins at 10:00 a.m.

Please try to get in your Unit membership dues asap. Also, contact those members who have not submitted their dues so we can bring up our numbers. Also, invite Juniors and friends to your meetings so they can better understand who we are and what our Mission is.

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District 9 (Continued)

Please try to donate to programs on the Purple Donation sheet which gets sent to Department. There are a lot of Programs and Veteran hospitals that need your help. Also, please donate to Buckeye Girls State even if you might not have sent a Delegate. It costs a lot of money besides the fees from individual Units to do this great program which teaches so much to young ladies about our Civic duties, how government is run, Patriotism and self-confidence.

As I will be winding down as President of the District for the last four years, I am appreciative of all our members who I know work hard for their Post and Unit projects all year around even through Covid.

God Bless to All and God Bless America,
Louise (Lulu) Cichon



Pictured is the Midwinter Poppy Contest 1st Place entry submitted by Louise Cichon, Unit 214, District 9.



Pictured left to right are Michelle Zayakosky - Unit 214, Diane Woerner - Unit 214, Susan Schofield-Fratino, Unit 214 & Dept. Poppy Chairman, Marie Schulz - Unit 103, Louise Cichon - Unit 214 and Martha Harper - Unit 103.

MEET THE CANDIDATES...



Susan Schofield-Fratino — Candidate for 9th District President

Louise Cichon, District 9 President and member of Palmer- Roberts, Unit 214 announces and endorses our candidate for the 9th District President Susan Schofield-Fratino.

Sue is a seven-year member of the American Legion Auxiliary and gained eligibility through her Father Richard Schofield who proudly served in the United States Army.

She is currently serving as Palmer-Roberts Unit 214's President for the fourth year. Sue was also Department Chair for Veteran Affairs & Rehab and is now serving as Department Poppy Chairman.

Sue and her husband Bob Fratino host a weekly veteran radio show called "They Sacrificed for Us", on AM & FM WINT RADIO. They interview veterans, have experts on veteran affairs and much more.

Sue has paved the way for her Unit to get on board for special projects like Rock the Walk raising funds for the Sandusky Veterans Home and many other successful projects based around the needs of our Veterans, their families, and our community.

Thank you Sue for all you do for our Veterans, community, and The American Legion Auxiliary.

Louise Cichon, District 9 President

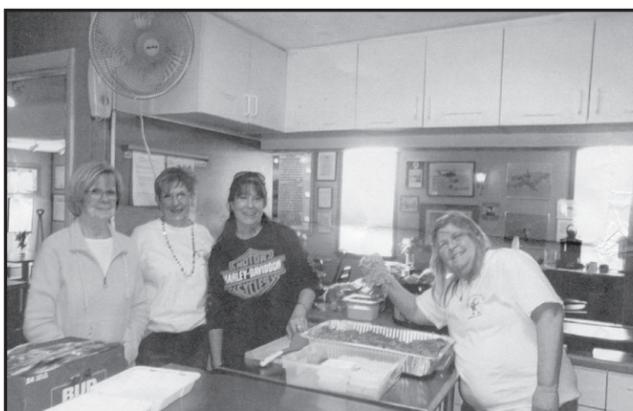
9th District, Unit 112



Unit 112 of Madison sponsored a "Stuff the Bus" event for the Sub Zero Mission based out of Perry OH. Their motto is "No One Should Freeze To Death In America". They serve the homeless with veterans being their first priority. Unit 601 of N. Madison donated boots, sleeping bags, hats, gloves, and socks.



On February 14th Unit 112 delivered patriot bags of sweatpants, cookies, chocolates, and also chocolate coins made for each branch of the military along with other various items. We distributed them to the residents for Cardinal Woods Skilled Nursing and Rehab Home.

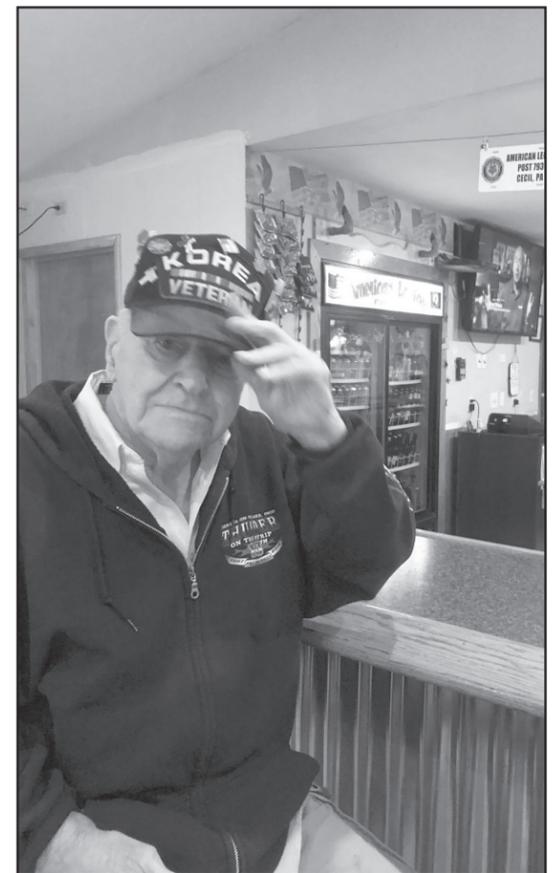


On St. Patrick's Day Unit 112 served corned beef sandwiches at the post. Looks like the girls are having fun.



On February 26 Jay Wilson Unit 112 held a bake sale, spaghetti dinner, and drawing for the post. It was a busy day!

9th District, Unit 601



George Buby is a Legionnaire at Post 601. He offers poppies for the Auxiliary all summer long at Geneva-On-The-Lake. He is a blessing to us. He was in need of a new flagpole, so the Auxiliary purchased the flagpole, American flag, and a POW flag to show our appreciation. Some of the Legionnaires installed the pole and members of our Post honor guard consisting of Legionnaires, SALs, and Auxiliary held a flag raising ceremony at George's front yard.

We have Facebook, Come Check us Out!!



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District 10

Ruby Witherow, President

The units have completed their year-end reports and sent them to the department and district chairmen. They had their Easter activities. The units have selected their delegates/alternates to Buckeye Girls State. The girls have attended the mandatory orientation and are looking forward to this wonderful experience. I would like to thank East Canton Unit 667 and Stark County Council for hosting the district's orientation. The University of Mount Union and the staff are ready for this year's session.

The district chairmen are preparing for the district summer convention. John Adams Unit 442 in Salineville will be the hostess for the meeting. I am hoping for a good representation from the entire district.

The units are preparing for Memorial Day services and parades. Many units are pleased that they can have services publicly this year. I am encouraging units to help their post by decorating the veteran's graves, the post home, and the community parks. Many units will be distributing poppies during National Poppy Day.

Following Memorial Day, we will be observing Flag Day and the July 4th. We will be attending department convention in Cincinnati. We will be hearing from the department chairmen and officers about the accomplishments of the various units, programs and projects. We will electing new officers for the next administrative year. I feel that we will be discussing the proposed dues increase on the National level. Please attend so your voice can be heard.

It is hard to believe that any auxiliary year is coming to an end. I am glad that many things are returning to some form of normalcy. I am pleased that more units are having regular meetings and fundraisers. I hope that all continues and we will be able to go back to the VA facilities to see the patients and provide them with parties soon.

I just want everyone to continue to use common sense, wash your hands, practice social distancing, and be safe.

District 11

Carole Sowards, President

Units have been busy working the many American Legion Auxiliary programs. It is the time of year we focus on preparing our year-end reports and securing our Buckeye Girls State delegates.

Unit 38 has been busy revising their Constitution and By-Laws and preparing for a wonderful Poppy program in May.

Unit 71 has been busy cooking for 2 recent fund-raising events, a soup and sandwich meal and a spaghetti dinner. Both were very successful. They also recently held a Vendors Day whereby various vendors were invited to set up tables to sell their goods. Vendors paid for their space and a baked potato bar could be purchased for lunch. The event was a hit and \$200.00+ was raised.

District 11 is currently in first place in membership. As of 4/5/22, we achieved 95.763%. We have 8 goal Units: 29, 38, 71, 77, 228, 495, 578, and 768. Congratulations!!

While spending the winter in S. Carolina I had the pleasure of meeting Bobby Henline at the Murrells Inlet VFW. He is a wounded war veteran and does so much to help other veterans suffering from the ravages of war. Look him up and follow him on TikTok; what an inspiring and brave man. I feel honored to have met him. He has persevered through so much; a true American soldier!!

District 12

Vicky Dalton, President

Spring is really here finally and that must mean time for reports to be in mailed to Chairmen. Hope you bragged about the accomplishments of your members and your Unit.

Buckeye Girls State Orientation for our District is May 1, 2022, remember all Delegates MUST attend an orientation. I'm sure Units are getting ready for election of officers and to elect delegates and alternates to represent your Unit at Department and District levels. We are getting ready for our 12th District Summer Convention on May 14th and then Department Summer Convention will be June30-July 2, 2022 at the Hilton Cincinnati Netherland Plaza. Enjoy Spring and hope to see you soon

10th District, Unit 282



In November 2021, Orrville American Legion Auxiliary member, Emogene Erwin 97 years old, was presented with a certificate for 80 Years of Participation. She became an auxiliary member (PUFL) in 1941. Auxiliary members and sisters Lori Evans (1st Vice) and Jan McGuire attended a Veterans Day Program at Orrville Maple Terrace where Emogene lives to present her the certificate and flowers.

In December Unit 282 Auxiliary members volunteered to help ring the bell for The Red Kettle Campaign at Buehler's Food Mart for The Orrville-Maiwurm Salvation Army. Auxiliary member (secretary) Tammy Peppard donated her time to help ring the bell. The Auxiliary also collected items for the annual Christmas Community Food Drive and The Angel Tree Program at the post.



Santa and Mrs Claus made a visit to the children's Christmas party held at the Post 282. Children & Youth Chairman, Jamie Hunt along with other auxiliary members hosted a great time for the kids!



The Orrville American Legion participated in "Home for The Holidays." This year ice sculptures were in front of the Orrville downtown businesses. Live ice carving demonstrations of an eagle, American Flag and The American Legion symbol we're carved outside of The American Legion. The auxiliary members served, hot dogs, hot chocolate & popcorn in the hall for the public to enjoy.

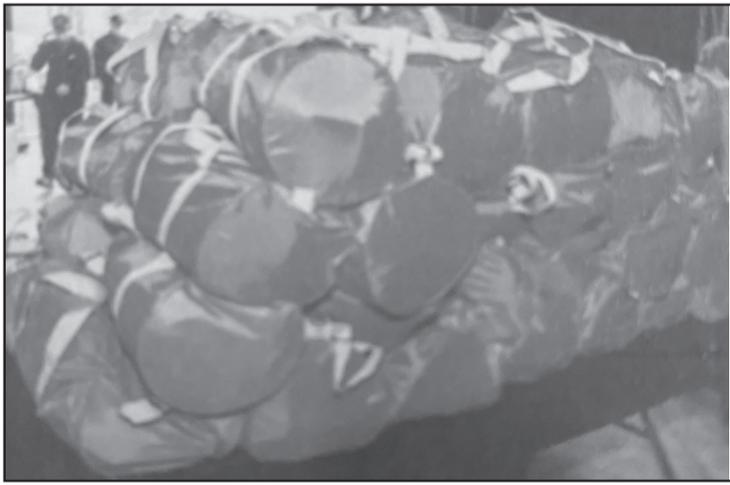
12th District, Unit 171



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District 12, Unit 171 (Continued)



As we are all trying to serve in post-pandemic world, Unit 171 is taking slow but steady steps to again become involved in our community. Central Ohio Veterans Stand Down, although canceled due to COVID, requested support in preparing duffel bags to serve Veterans at risk/need in Central Ohio. Over 280 duffel bags were filled, and Unit 171 provided personal care items, socks, \$20 Kroger gift cards, women's purses and snack items for the blue duffels.

Unit 171 also held an Easter egg hunt for member families. Face painting, chalk drawing, coloring pages, and of course the great Easter Bunny himself was able to pay a visit. Children had the fun on sitting on his lap and taking a memorable picture with the Easter Bunny. This was a first for the Auxiliary, but the success of it, especially in the excitement of the children, means it will probably be on the agenda for next Easter.

District 13

Louise Aigner, President

News from the 13th District..... Membership has been rolling in and I know that my units are working very hard. As of the last membership report we had 4 units that have made goal: 738, 343, 91 and 572. We are only 87 members away from becoming a goal District and we are still working at it.

I had a challenge for my units to obtain or be the closest to goal by April 15th. I would deliver cheesecake their next meeting. Well as I was delivering the cheesecakes to unit 91 and I attended their meeting I learned that they are sending in 9 more dues. I also delivered to unit 738 and they had 3 additional members. If my math is correct, that will take us down to 75 to reach goal.

I will be delivering the cheesecakes to unit 343 at their June meeting along with installing their new officers.

I was able to reach out to my units that had not turned in their unit data forms as well. We are wrapping up a very busy year, getting all the reports turned in and getting ready for our BGS orientation and Summer Convention.

District 14

Renee Kohl, President

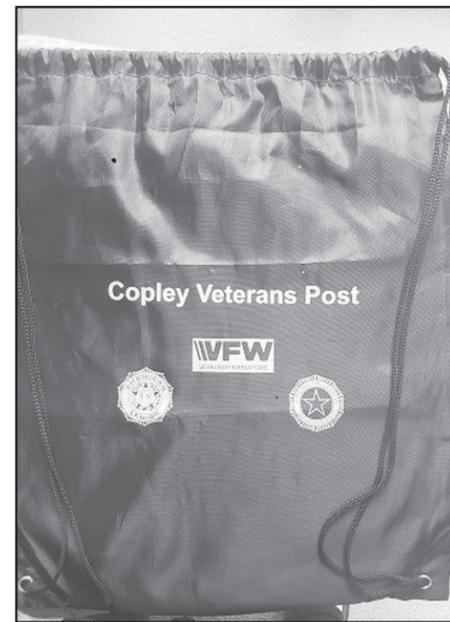
The fabulous 14th District has once again been quite busy these last few months. With Spring Roundtable, Junior District Conference, Raffles, Fundraisers, Easter Bunny visits and egg hunts, all Unit members have had their hands full. At the District Junior Conference, elections were held, and the following Juniors were installed into their newly elected positions. President, Brooklyn Taylor Unit 449; Vice President, Virginia O'Dell Unit 449; Secretary Alexis Terrell Unit 566; Chaplain, Trinity Barte Unit 566; Historian, Ellie Masowick Unit 685; Sgt-at-Arms, Lea Masowick Unit 685. Congratulations to these amazing young ladies! Maddy Smith, previous Honorary Junior President did an excellent job during her year and we wish her well as she becomes an Auxiliary member and will be heading to Mount Union College to obtain her nursing degree to work in the profession of forensics. Go get 'em Maddy!! After the District Spring Roundtable Cyndi Underwood lead a mini workshop on reports for those that wanted to learn more. Kathy Linn, Kathy Burkhammer, Jennifer Robinson, Kim Jarrell, Sharon McClain, Dotti Allertz, Sandy Borovicka were in attendance. It was an amazing learning session for all of us. Speaking of Cyndi Underwood, she has submitted her resignation as District Secretary. Sad for all of us in the District as Cyndi is an amazing lady and full of knowledge. She will be missed in this position!



District 14 (Continued)



14th District, Unit 473



Copley Veterans Organizations Work Together to Help Homeless Veterans
The Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post 7971, the American Legion Frank Bender Post 473, and the American Legion Auxiliary Unit 473 formed a joint committee to help homeless veterans in the Akron, Ohio area. The three groups helped the Valor Home and the Liberty House. The Valor Home in Akron houses and assists homeless male veterans, and the new Liberty House does the same for homeless female veterans.

The groups jointly purchased "ditty bags" (small backpacks) and had their emblems stenciled on. For the homeless male veterans, the ditty bags were filled with socks and toiletries and for the homeless female veterans, a pretty scarf and feminine toiletries. The bags were graciously received by both homes.

The Copley Veterans Post was formed in 2011 as a joint venture between the AL Post 473 and the VFW Post 7971. This project is one of many that the Copley VFW, AL, and ALA work and fund jointly, including social events for the veterans and their families.

The VFW invites all veterans who have served overseas during wartime to join their post. Copley veterans, contact the Commander, Mike Ridenour, at 330-495-6111 or mrtridenour@gmail.com. The American Legion is open for all veterans to join: all services, all ranks, for any length of service. Copley veterans, contact the Commander, Ed Miller, 330-603-2788 or emiller5959@yahoo.com. The AL Auxiliary is now open to men and women whose relatives were or are veterans. Copley residents, contact the President, Sue Gangle at 330-703-6387 or Sgangle3976@gmail.com.

Veterans helping veterans! Join us!