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Issue 1

President's Message ~ A Note From President Colleen

Colleen Phillips, Department President

It was great to see everyone at the School of Instruction and was wonderful to catch up. The Department Chairman did an exceptional job bringing the group up to date on the changes in our Plans Of Action (POA). I want to make sure that each of you have had the opportunity to reach out to your chairman and reviewed the POA. It is our desire that you work the POA into your programs this year and we are willing to help in any way needed.

A special shout out goes to Kelly and our great staff; for all of the hard work that they put in to make the weekend go flawless. They did an amazing job, and we are so appreciative of the hours they put in making the weekend successful. Vicky was awesome setting up Facebook Live. That gave so many the opportunity to see and hear the Chairman. A BIG THANK YOU!!

Believe it or not it is time to place your orders for poppies. With Covid not going away and businesses having different policies please think of creative ideas to embrace your community. For instance, sending poppies to each of your Legion, Auxiliary, SAL, and Rider members. Include a letter encouraging them to donate due to the changing climate. Also consider sending a letter to local businesses that have been supportive in the past to see how they would like you to handle Poppy



Days or if they would be willing to help out with a donation. The world has changed, and we need to be creative to make sure we can still move forward and reach the community, to help our Veterans.

A few more reminders:

Please plan a special fundraiser for our Military Family Assistance Fund!

Don't forget to reach out to your local schools about scholarship opportunities.

It is also time for Units to order for Buckeye Girls State Applications.

Lastly, I do want to thank each of you for your service. This great organization would not be possible without the kindness and service that each one of you share. Please let me know the creative ways that your unit is serving. It is great to see new and fresh ideas and helping others make us all better. Each member has different talents and together they make up the American Legion Auxiliary. You are appreciated, you are special, and we are grateful for your service!!



Deadlines for Announced Candidates Articles



Announcements for **DISTRICT** Presidents (odd district numbers):

February, March, April Issue

Deadline: February 1, 2022

Announcements for **DEPARTMENT** Officers

May, June, July Issue

Deadline: May 1, 2022

Send to
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Or Email
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Subject:
Candidate Article
for (Dist #)

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY Department of Ohio – Calendar of Events 2021-2022

Nov.	11	Veteran's Day Holiday - Office Closed	March	TBD	Department Executive Committee Meeting
	15	Bulk Mail Due		TBD	Poppy Shop Open House
	25-26	Thanksgiving - Office Closed		TBD	Junior Convention
Dec.	7	Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day		15	Bulk Mail Due
	15	Bulk Mail Due	April	15	Good Friday - Office Closed
	24	Christmas Eve - Office Closed 1/2 Day		15	Buckeye Messenger Articles Due
	25	Christmas Day - Office Closed		15	Bulk Mail Due
	31	New Year's Eve - Office Closed 1/2 Day		17	Easter
Jan.	1	New Year's Day - Office Closed		TBD	DLNC
	15	Buckeye Messenger Articles Due	May	8	Mother's Day
	17	Martin Luther King Jr. Day - Office Closed		15	Armed Forces Day
	21	Finance Meeting		15	Bulk Mail Due
	21	Department Executive Committee Meeting		31	Memorial Day - Office Closed
	21-22	Mid-Winter General Session	June	10	BGS Board Meeting UMU
		Crowne Plaza, Columbus North		12-18	Buckeye Girls State, University of Mount Union
	21-22	Mid-Winter Conference		14	Flag Day
		Crowne Plaza, Columbus North		19	Father's Day
	22	Legion Leadership Awards Banquet		30-July 2	Department Convention - Cincinnati, OH
		Crowne Plaza, Columbus North	July	4	Independence Day - Office Closed
Feb.	14	Valentine's Day		15	Book of Reports Articles Due
	15	Bulk Mail Due		15	Buckeye Messenger Articles Due
	21	President's Day - Office Closed	Aug.	26-Sept. 1	National Convention Milwaukee, WI
	28-Mar. 4	A&G Test Trip			
March	TBD	Spring Budget Meeting Dept. HQ, Zanesville			
	TBD	Finance Committee Meeting			

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Department Secretary’s Corner

by Kelly Gibson

Department Secretary/Executive Director



We are about to enter the busy holiday season and before we know it 2021 will be winding down. I know our Units will be busy planning events to engage veterans and ensure they have a happy holiday season. The holidays can be very lonely and stressful. Know that every small act of kindness can have a huge impact on a veteran’s happiness and well-being. Also remember to reach out to the many caregivers in our midst. Often these people don’t see themselves as caregivers. They simply see people who need help and find ways to meet those needs, but sometimes they forget that caregivers need to practice self-care as well.

Mid-Winter Conference is scheduled for January 21st & 22nd 2022 at the Crowne Plaza North. Members will have the opportunity meet and visit with other members. Department Chairmen will have display tables filled with information to be taken home and shared with other members. The opening session will begin at 6:30 PM on Friday and there will be a Buckeye Girls State workshop at 2:00 PM. All junior members are invited to attend and participate in activities

planned by the Department Junior Activities Committee both Friday and Saturday. Young men from SAL are also welcomed to attend the Junior sessions. The conference will reconvene on Saturday with more reports from our Program Chairmen. I hope many of you will be able to attend.

Please remember:

- You should be tracking your volunteer hours, dollars, and those served at your Unit so that you can include it on your end of year reports.
- Poppy orders and bonding must be received in Department Headquarters by **December 31, 2021** in order to qualify for a “Citation of Merit”. Please note the pandemic may slow delivery of your poppies depending on our access to OVH.
- On the Membership front, PUFL checks went out recently so be sure to get them cashed. Also, ALAMIS billing has been mailed to Unit Treasurers and payment is due by **December 31, 2021**.

• Buckeye Girls State applications are now available. Requests must be postmarked on or before **March 1, 2022** to take advantage of the special \$350.00 fee. Application requests postmarked after that will be \$400.00.

Thank you for using your time and talents to the best of your ability to serve the needs of those around you not only during the holidays but throughout the year. You are a blessing to our Veterans and their families, your family, friends, and members of your community.

The Department Headquarters staff extends our best wishes for God’s blessings upon you and your family during this holiday season.

Membership

Cindy Masowick, 1st Vice President

I want to say thank you to Louise Aigner (13th District President), Sandi Grooms (7th District President, April Ice (8th District President) and Carol Sowards (11th District President) and the Units who welcomed me for their District Conferences. The hospitality was warm and inviting. The Conferences were fun, successful, and informative.

Remember to keep sending membership in on a timely manner. You want your Units and Districts to win the incentives. But let’s make President Colleen proud by winning Department incentives and be number 1 in the Central Division.

Congratulations to the following Units who reached 50% of their goal by September 11, 2021. They are Unit 541 (D-1), Unit 381 (D-2), Unit 288 (D-4),

Unit 631 (D-4), Unit 700 (D-9) and Unit 440 (D-10). They were placed in a drawing for \$50.00. The winner of this \$50.00 was Unit 541 (D-1).

I will be starting to select Chairman for the 2022 2023 year. If you are interested in becoming a Department Chairman position, please email me at cjidgy@gmail.com.

Remember we are Ohio Angels Working Membership Together for the Red, White, and Blue.



In Memoriam...



The Department of Ohio is saddened to share that Past Department President Rene’ Reese of District 13, Unit 610 passed away on August 21st. Rene’ was a true leader. Strong and independent, but always willing to listen to others’ ideas and explore different views. Rene’ was Department President for 2000-

2001 with the theme of Beacons of Hope. She went on to serve as Central Division National Vice President for 2004-2005. She also served as the Buckeye Girls State Director prior to her passing and worked diligently to see the program through the many struggles the pandemic presented.

In addition to her ALA family Rene’ will be missed by her daughter Tracey Miller, her son James Seifert, and her stepson Michael Reese. May she live forever in our memories and may we continue her legacy of leadership, strength, and compassion.

Congratulations to Ohio’s National Appointees

Carol T. Robinson	National Chaplain
Denise Conrad	National Community Service Chairman
Pamela Bates	National Auxiliary Emergency Fund Chairman
Kristen McLaughlin	National Executive Committee
Desi Stoy	Distinguished Guest Committee Member
Donna Ray.....	VA&R Vice Chairman VAVS
Deidre Wilson.....	Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee Member
Bethany Goers.....	Code of Ethical Conduct Review Committee Member

SUPPORTING OUR TROOPS

Public Relations

Jane Ridenour, 2nd Vice President



After having spent a week in the hospital and two weeks in quarantine it was such a joy to attend several District Fall Conferences and see all of your smiling faces!! I had the honor of attending The Fighting Fifth District (Deb Sutterlin, District President), The 2nd to none District (Ruth Peters, District President), and The Great First District (Mindi Rue, District President). Your hospitality was second to none and it was enlightening to hear the variety of creative ways units contributed to the Auxiliary programs!

Please read your Plan of Action which you should have received by now. It contains the information you need to help you have a successful year as Public Relations Chairman. There are suggested action steps for our goals

along with resources to help you achieve them. Information on awards is included as well. But in addition to that, please check out and like my Facebook page, “Ohio Second Vice President Am Legion Auxiliary” where I will be posting not only what you are doing in your units, but sharing posts from National and Department, American Legion and SAL so that we can share events and ideas on how we can better serve our Veterans, Military, and their families.

Spread the news, people!! Let’s show the public what we, The American Legion Auxiliary, are all about!

On a personal note, I’d like to thank everyone for your prayers, cards, text messages, jokes, and Facebook posts while I was in the hospital and recuperating at home. You made my day and gave me the additional motivation I needed to get well. God bless you all!!

20-21 National Awards

Best Department Americanism Program in Central Division	Renee Kohl
Best Department Community Service Program in Central Division.....	Robyn Cooper
Best Department Leadership Program in Central Division	Pam Bates
Dorothy Pearl Best Department National Security Program in Central Division.....	Cindy Boehnlein
Best Department Poppy Program in Central Division.....	Karen Peel
Best Department History in Central Division	Dayna Beyer
ALA Brand Ambassador	Dayna Beyer
National President’s Award for Excellence.....	Palmer-Roberts Unit # 214
Most Outstanding Unit Community Service Program Award.....	Minster Unit #387
Outstanding Public Relations Program Award.....	Palmer-Roberts Unit # 214

VAVS Volunteer of the Year Award	Donna Ray
VAVS Perfect Attendance Card.....	Susan Masten
VAVS Perfect Attendance Card.....	Margaret Wiley
Caring and Sharing Membership Award	Robinson Gibbs Unit #265
Recruit/Rejoin 5 Membership Awards	Marsha Giehls
	Christine McEwan
	RusAnn Morrow
	Lola Nixon
	Cheryl Selvey
	Ethel Sousa

Education

Diann Long, Chairman

Promoting quality education on all levels is the goal of the Auxiliary. Our primary focus is on veterans and the children of military personnel, but all students can benefit from our program.

National and the Department of Ohio offer scholarships to a variety of students. All the applications are available on the website and can be accessed by anyone. Many units also offer scholarships to students in their communities. We need to promote these scholarships. Make sure that all applications are completed by the deadline and include all the necessary paperwork. The Children of Warriors National President’s Scholarship will be submitted to National and then distributed to the Departments for review.

Consider supporting the Give 10 to Education and the Box Tops programs to help your local schools. These are projects that members can participate in even if they can’t attend meetings.

American Education Week and Teacher Appreciation Week are opportunities to recognize those who work daily to educate students. Remember that many individuals are working in areas outside of the classroom: office staff, cafeteria workers, custodians, bus drivers, librarians, and many more. A card or small treat can mean a lot to someone assisting students every day.

Additional information is available on the Education National Facebook page and the ALA National website so please use these resources.

Junior Activities

Michelle Zayakosky, Chairman

Department of Ohio Juniors created 22 no-sew blankets at School of Instruction. We were honored to have ALA National President Kathy Daudistel and Past Department President Donna Ray assist in making three of those blankets! We rolled the blankets and placed them in ALA branded bags along with handwritten cards and gifts tags. The bags were then passed out to Senior attendees to distribute to our Veterans throughout the state.

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Please consider creating your own no-sew blankets to keep our Veterans and their families warm this winter as part of Honorary Junior President Evelyn Phillips’ special project. We would also appreciate donations of fleece in 2 yard increments at Mid-Winter to continue making no-sew blankets.



Americanism

Mary Ann Dull, Chairman

I hope the Unit Americanism Chairmen have been in contact with schools about our Americanism programs. By this time, the Americanism and Government tests should have been administered and graded. Please send your local winners on to the county and district level, with those winners being forwarded to the state level.

Please promote the Americanism Essay Contest. Please contact the elementary, middle, and high school teachers and let them know about the contest. Individuals can participate, it doesn’t need to be the whole class. Create information packets, explaining the contest, deadline dates and award opportunities.

I am sure many of our unit members have worked the election polls during the recent election. Remember to keep track of your hours and mileage to report it on your green report.

All communities should be involved in displaying the American flag. The American flag should be displayed daily. Present a certificate of appreciation to a community member or organization for displaying the American flag.

Have you ordered your Pocket Flags? The Pocket Flag Project is great for units. We want our active duty deployed and deploying soldiers to know that we care and that we keep them in our hearts. Ask a local assisted living facility if their residents could help with the project. Let your local newspaper know what your unit is doing to promote Americanism.

Please do everything possible to Promote, Participate and Report. There are many things you American Legion Auxiliary Angels can do to promote Americanism.





Mid-Winter Conference 2022

JANUARY 21-22, 2022
COLUMBUS, OHIO
CROWNE PLAZA COLUMBUS NORTH

American Legion Auxiliary, Department of Ohio

Mid-Winter Conference 2022

Weekend Events and Agenda

The American Legion Auxiliary Department of Ohio Mid-Winter Conference will be held January 21 & 22, 2022 at the Crowne Plaza Columbus North, 6500 Doubletree Avenue, Columbus, Ohio.

There are many exciting things planned for the upcoming Mid-Winter Conference. You'll hear from the Department Chairmen they will have plenty of brochures and information regarding their programs at the exhibit tables on Friday evening and Saturday morning.

There will be one workshop on Friday afternoon. A Buckeye Girls State Workshop Session will be given to Units and Posts seeking more information about the process for selecting delegates, communicating with the high school, fund raising strategies, and the application process.

Friday evening's session will open at 6:30 pm.

The Juniors will meet on Friday evening and Saturday, so plan on bringing your Juniors. Young men involved in SAL are also invited to participate in our Junior sessions.

For housing reservations, please call (614) 885-1885, Pick option 2 and refer to the American Legion Midwinter or use the three letter AAL. Rooms are \$103.00 plus tax. Reservations must be made by **January 13, 2022**. Cancellation of any reservation must be made 48 hours prior to arrival date and confirmed by the hotel cancellation number.

Please plan to attend, enjoy the fun and fellowship, and learn more about the programs of the American Legion Auxiliary.

- Buckeye Girl State Information Session for Legion & Auxiliary
– January 21st @ 2:00-4 pm
- Leadership Awards Banquet
– January 22nd
Social Hour @ 5pm
Dinner served @ 6pm
- Cut Off to Make Hotel Reservation
– January 13, 2022





Mid-Winter Conference 2022

Housing Information

Crowne Plaza Columbus North
6500 Doubletree Ave
Columbus, Ohio

To make reservations please call 614-885-1885 and select option #2 to receive the discounted group rate of \$103.00 plus tax. Please reference American Legion Midwinter or the three letter code **AAL** when making reservations.

Be sure to ask for a confirmation number and if you need to cancel, please secure a cancellation number. We ask that individuals not make multiple room reservations of large blocks in their name. Each individual should be responsible for making his or her own reservation.

Single or Double - Price: \$103.00 plus tax

Reservation Cut-Off Date – January 13, 2022

Check-in time is 4:00 PM and checkout time is 12:00 PM. The hotel will assess a \$25.00 late checkout fee to those who choose to checkout after 12:00 PM.

The Crowne Plaza Columbus North has a 100% Non-Smoking Policy, which includes all guest rooms, restaurants, lounges, meeting rooms, public space, and employee work areas. There will be a \$250.00 recovery fee for guests who do not comply.

Directions from I-71: Take the Route 161 Exit #117. Turn West onto Route 161. Turn right on Busch Boulevard. Go three (3) traffic lights to Kingsmill Parkway and turn right. Kingsmill goes directly into the Crowne Plaza Parking Lot.



Mid-Winter Conference 2022

American Legion Leadership Awards Banquet

January 23, 2022, 6pm

The Leadership Awards Banquet is a Formal Banquet Hosted by the Department of Ohio to present Membership Awards to all mid-year winners.

Auxiliary Members are encouraged to attend.

Dress is Formal

Silent Auction and social hour starts at 5 pm in the foyer with a cash bar.
Dinner will be served at 6 pm.

Reservations Cut-Off: January 15, 2022

Please visit
<http://www.ohiolegion.com/events/department-mid-winter-conference/>
and complete the banquet registration form.

Cost is \$40.00 per person

Dinner options are Beef Tenderloin, Chicken Picada, Salmon, or
Vegetarian Lasagna.

*Due to the current pandemic, you must register online for this event.



Buckeye Girls State Workshop

Friday, January 21st, 2:00-4 pm

Workshop: The BGS Workshop is designated to provide information to Units and BGS Chairman on the BGS Program. Topics covered will be: Selection of Delegates Do's & Don'ts, Deadlines, District Orientations, Planning for Success & Volunteer Opportunities.

Workshop Registration Form
Email: vicky@alaohio.org
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Mail to Department of Ohio
PO BOX 2760
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Unit _____ District _____
Name _____
Name _____
Name _____
Name _____

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 – Constitution; Bylaws – its fundamental structure and fundamental rules; and Standing Rules – process and detailed rules that “stand” for all to follow yet can be amended as frequently needed to keep the unit functioning well.

This year, this chairman asked that after your C&B committee finishes your update, you send your revised constitution and bylaws and standing rules to me via email before you present to the unit. Why? It saves a lot of frustration and postage. I have created a template for C&B; all you have to do is fill in the blanks. Then, send it to me, and I will review it, send it back via email with corrections if needed. Next, you presented to your unit members for approval; then, send two (2) signed copies to me for signature. Finally, I will send one (1) to the department and one (1) back to you to distribute to your members.

As far as your standing rules, I can help with that also, depending on how detailed you want them to be. Remember, standing rules are regulations or rules that deal with the unit's procedures, operations, and guidance.

So, to make this easier and cost-effective for everyone, contact me via email (abernia@aol.com) and request I send you the template. You can also call me with questions, 937-602-9365.

Constitution and bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the members present at a regular Unit meeting, provided the entire membership has been notified of the proposed amendments by the medium of the press, Unit notice, or unit newsletter and also read at the previous meeting.

Standing rules may be amended by a two-thirds (2/3) vote at any regularly scheduled meeting or by a majority vote if notice has been given.

We are in this together, so let's work together and get our Constitution and Bylaws and Stand Rules updated!

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Leadership

Pam Bates, Chairman

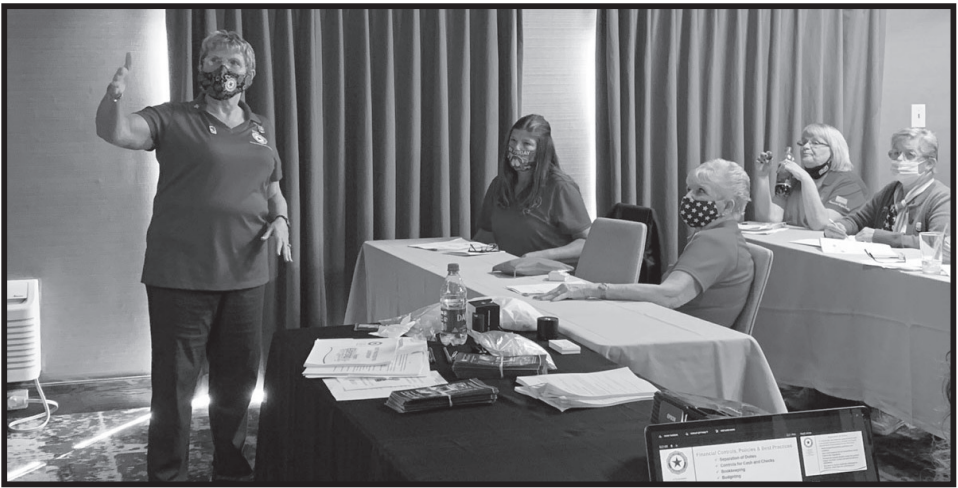
SHARE COMMUNICATE BE THE SOLUTION

WAYS TO COMMUNICATE BETTER WITH MEMBERS (author unknown)

- ✓ Don't criticize, condemn, complain, dominate the conversation
- ✓ Give honest & sincere appreciation and praise for all deeds
- ✓ Arouse in the member an eagerness to serve our mission
- ✓ Be a good listener
- ✓ MILE
- ✓ Remember a member's name
- ✓ Find out what interests the member's
- ✓ Make the member feel important
- ✓ Respect the member's opinion and views
- ✓ Agree to disagree and move on
- ✓ Ask questions instead of ordering
- ✓ See both sides to the story
- ✓ Encourage
- ✓ Be an example
- ✓ Treat every member as an equal

WORKING TOGETHER (author unknown)

1. Practice Self-Control
 - a. Control what you say and how you say it
 - b. Let members know when you're not at your best
 - c. Be a team player
2. Put the task ahead of personal likes and dislikes
 - a. Look for the positive in members
 - b. Respect individual differences
 - c. Have a sense of humor and fairness
3. Acknowledge mistakes and correct them
 - a. Admit to a mistake
 - b. Correct the problem if has caused
 - c. Be tolerant of the mistakes of members & help them find a solution
4. Don't jump to conclusions until you hear everything and every side
 - a. Prevent false assumptions by listening carefully & slowing down response-action
 - b. Clarify directions by asking questions and giving constructive feedback
 - c. When giving direction, don't assume your words are understood as you mean them
5. Embrace constructive criticism (it's personal)
 - a. Expect disagreement about ideas or opinions
 - b. Prepare to discuss them openly and rationally
 - c. When giving criticism, be positive first
 - d. Criticize the idea or behavior, NOT the person
6. Show courtesy to follow members
 - a. Be considerate of their time
 - b. Be considerate of their feelings
 - c. Be considerate of their property



The leadership workshop at School of Instruction was well attended. National President Kathy Daudistel stopped by to check out the workshop and share time with the participants.

Children and Youth

Deb Meyer, Chairman

One of my favorite Whitney Houston songs begins, “The children are our future, teach them well and let them lead the way.” What we do for our children today will be reflected in who they are tomorrow. One of this year’s objectives is to protect, care for and support children especially our military families who are homeless. All children love parties, and it can be especially exciting for a homeless child. Planning events for children, young tweens and teens is one way your unit can provide fun and safe activities. Seasonal parties are always fun but not the only events in a year’s time. Think beyond the box to what other activities or events you can have for our children and youth that would be educational. What can you do for the youth service organizations in your community? Have a flag etiquette workshop for boy and girl scout troops teaching how to present flags, fold flags and proper disposal of flags. Invite students to a safety program of how to use social media safely or how to handle bullying whether they are getting bullied or witnessing bullying. Involve your Juniors. They will have ideas of events you can plan for tweens and teens.

It is not always easy to find the homeless children in your communities because of privacy laws but those are the children in most need of many of the activities your unit can provide. The best way to find them is to give a contact number to your school administration, churches, and homeless shelters and what services your unit is willing to provide for the children. Many times, homeless children have never had a birthday party but think of the smile you could put on a child’s face. Providing a birthday cake and gift might be something that is a lifetime memory for that child.

The Good Deed and Youth Hero awards are National awards for children and youth in your community. The Youth Hero Award is awarded to any child under the age of 18 who demonstrates a physical act of valor (Heimlich, CPR, first aid, rescuing from fire or water peril). The award serves as an inspirational role model for the organization and the community, The Good Deed Award is for the child also under the age of 18 who donates time and/or money for a worthy cause (such as troop support, raising money to help homeless veterans, a food drive, etc.). You can contact the schools, churches or service organizations to find these students. Watch for news stories in the newspaper or on social media to help find worthy students. In honor of the American Legion Auxiliary’s 102nd year of service and in support of our mission, your unit can help by supporting the National effort to achieve 102 individual recognitions for both our ALA Good Deed Award and ALA Youth Hero Award. You can do your part by downloading the forms and submitting worthy youth candidates for award recognition to the Department of Ohio.

As most of you have heard by now there are no mid-year reports but please email me activities and events that you have provided for the children in your community so I can share those ideas with others. Remember to take pictures and record the activity right after it has taken place so writing a narrative at spring reporting time is easier. All units that submit a 300 word or less narrative about three events their unit has held will be recognized at the Department Summer Convention.

Poppy

Susan Schofield-Fratino, Chairman

It was wonderful to see everyone at School of Instruction! I hope everyone was able to take away at least one great idea from all the wonderful presentations.

Veterans Day is right around the corner. This would be a great time to incorporate the Poppy Challenge: to place a poppy in the window of each veteran. Be creative with your Poppy Design. When you distribute the poppy, include a thank you note from the Auxiliary.

You can also have a local school assist you in the distribution of the poppies to be placed in the window. Challenge each student to distribute the poppies to veterans. You can offer a special certificate to the student who distributes the most poppies placed in windows. You can also share the history of the poppy with the students, and possibly find some youngsters to participate in the Poppy Poster Contest.

With Veterans Day around the corner, is there a way to incorporate raising monies for your Poppy Fund? If you have a Poppy Fundraiser, please share the idea with me. I would love to share with our members all the great ideas in the state of Ohio.

At this point, there is no date for Poppy Shop. I will keep you all posted regarding any updates.

At Mid-Winter, we will be having the Poppy Usage Contest and Poppy Corsage Contest. Start thinking about your designs. We have a lot of creative members, and I cannot wait to see the ideas you come up with. Please do not forget to include your Junior Members.

Also, please do not forget to order your Poppies. In order to be considered for the President’s Citation of Merit, you must order poppies before December 31.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Susan Schofield Fratino

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Cleveland Wade Park

Stephanie Beuck, Chief Rep

Not much has changed at Wade Park. Patients are still confined to their floors and no volunteers are permitted. Recently they had a Covid outbreak on one of the floors, so we will not be returning for a while.

The new women’s clinic is now open. I talked with the supervisor and asked what they are in need of. She told me that they are fine and adequately supplied at this time. I will call her back in a month for an update on their needs. Many of the appointments are virtual.

For Memorial Day we wanted to do something special for the veterans. I called the caterer and ordered two-hundred and fifteen box lunches. Each lunch had a sandwich

Cleveland Wade Park (Continued)

wrap, cookie, and a bag of chips. The Euclid Veterans Association donated two-hundred and fifteen American flags for the veterans. We delivered the food and flags to Voluntary Services and the nurses delivered them to the floors. Thank you to the ladies of the 10th District and the men from the 10th District, Post 215, for donations that were used toward the cost of the lunches.

The 9th District usually sponsors the Halloween bingo party. Since it has been cancelled, we decided to make treat bags. We are making one-hundred and fifty regular treat bags plus fifty bags for diabetics. The bags will be delivered to the patients in the Towers.

Two or three times a month I take toiletries and clothing to the hospital. Courtney from Voluntary Services meets me outside and takes charge of the items for dispersal as needed.

We all miss spending time with our veterans. But we need to remember the men and women in charge of our VA facilities. They are doing all they can to keep our veterans safe.

Thank you for your continued support. Be safe and God bless!

Parma VA CBOC

Patricia Miazga, VAVS Rep.

The Parma VA Outpatient Clinic has been closed since the start of Covid. They did let me go in to clean out my food items since they didn’t give us a return date. All those items were donated to food pantry’s, some of which service our Veterans.

We did get a new director, Ellery Maillird who took over in the summer. I have an appointment with her to discuss if there are any needs I can fill for the patients who are still going in. I still have hats, gloves, scarves and socks in my room that I’m sure can be put to use with the cold weather coming up. I know the only Veterans going into the Outpatient Clinic have to have appointments.

When I’m out and run into one of the Veterans from the facility, they are always so kind and tell me how much they are missing us. They miss our conversations over coffee the most. Hopefully the time will come soon when I will be able to go back in and sit with them like we used to.

Toledo VA CBOC

Vi Grzybowski, VAVS Rep.

It’s been a very long year with all the Covid-19 pandemic issues. Volunteers have not been able to volunteer at the facility, but many have been making a ray of sunshine for our veterans. During this time, we had volunteers making lap robes valued at \$60.00, afghans valued at \$80.00, and hats {mostly knitted} valued at \$8.00. Way to go volunteers!

Have any units kept track of the **hours** you have spent on this monumental achievement? Yes, you and your members need to keep track of this also for the year end reporting, you will be astounded.

Good news, soon we will be returning volunteer for the veterans. Can’t wait for the smell of coffee brewing, cookies baking and hearing the laughter of the veterans. Everything is based off the Covid numbers.... Ohio and Lucas County the numbers have plateaued out! Three weeks straight! I am sure we are all anxious to get back at it. Keep watching the numbers and praying they stay where they are. We have a few new requirements in order to return to duty. All volunteers must be vaccinated for Covid, have their flu shots, take the “All Volunteer Training -2021” yearly training quiz must be taken and returned to myself to forward to Ann Harbor. Copies of Covid-19 Vaccination Record Card, 2022 Auxiliary Membership Card, Driver’s License or state ID are required. This is a requirement of Ann Arbor for updating personal records for the Volunteer Program.

The hours of the coffee room will be changed to Monday thru Friday, 8:30am to 12:30 pm. A much shorter day. **“All volunteers MUST wear FACE MASKS and GLOVES at all times.” Even while in the building!** Once you get outside or in your car you may take them off. Yeah! Yes, this a yeah for us, but even better for the veterans have always had our smiling faces and the wonderful cookies we bake. All the food regulations will remain the same, but you will need to contact me as to the day you will be bringing them in. I will start planning a Christmas party of some sort for the veterans. It may just be a “Bag-N-GO” lunch, plans as they develop will be passed on to all volunteers. Got an idea, call me, or email me. The only bad idea; is not letting me know. It may turn out to be the best ever. As with every year, we will be in need of gift cards for: Kroger’s, Walmart, Meijer’s, restaurants or gas only. If they are not used for the Christmas party, they will be given to the Home Visiting Social Workers to give to these needy veterans.

This past year for the veterans has been arriving at the VA Clinic, forced to wear a mask, looking into a funny looking computer that takes your temperature, and seeing no one in the atrium area. They sit by themselves (no one else is there, it’s empty) waiting for their appointment, alone. This has been a lonely time for the veterans’ weather they are homeless or just sick and suffering at home. They truly welcome seeing your smiling faces again, even if there are no cookies for them.

Last but not least I want to take the time to thank you all for what you do at the VA Clinic and for all your unit members do each day for our veterans.



District 1 (Continued)



District 1, Unit 183



Freedom Unit #183, Pemberville, raised over \$1,000 with a Quarter Frenzy to benefit Wreaths Across America. Left, President Anne Michel and volunteer Becky Dippman.

District 1, Unit 240



Troy-Webster Unit 240 member Teresa Bailey traveled to Louisiana in July and was trained in sex trafficking awareness. She presented an overview of her training at our August meeting. She shared signs to look for to spot potential victims and call the authorities for help.



Troy-Webster Unit #240, Luckey held their Poppy Day on Patriot's Day, September 11th. This is junior member Charlotte Durbin offering poppies.

District 1, Unit 262



Department President Colleen Phillips assisted by Department Executive Director/Secretary Kelly Gibson present a gift of thanks and fellowship to National ALA President Kathy Daudistel at the closing of School of Instruction at the Crowne Plaza in Columbus, Ohio. Photo courtesy of Cindy Boehnlein.

District 1, Unit 287



Danielle Clementz, Miss Poppy from Continental American Legion and Hannah Brodwolf, Miss Poppy from Leipsic American Legion laid the wreath for the Veterans ceremony (Danielle on the left and Hannah on the right). Both girls were proud to represent their auxiliary units in honoring the veterans.

District 2, Unit 355 (Continued)



Fort Loramie Unit 355 junior member Aubrey Baker won first runner up and the Patriotism Award in the 2021 Miss Independence Contest of Liberty Days. Aubrey was sponsored by our unit and her project was a flag depository box to be placed outside the Fort Loramie American Legion.

District 2, Unit 355



Fort Loramie Unit 355 senior member, Edie Bergman sewed 9 blankets to donate to the Holt Street Miracle Center in Dayton, Ohio. Holt Street Miracle Center is a Residential Drug and Alcohol Recovery Center that provides a family like setting for homeless veterans.



District 2

Ruth Peters, President

As Ruth is currently recovering from back surgery, she asked me if I would write some remarks for the Buckeye Messenger. Our year is just getting started. Our district chairmen are in place and they are Americanism – Deborah Meyer; Children & Youth – Kim Seaver; Community Service – Joyce Muhlenkamp; Junior Activities – Becky Feters; and VA&R – Natalie Mescher. We will have our Fall Conference/School of Instructions on October 10, 2021, at St. Henry, Ohio, Post 648. Jane Ridenour will be our guest speaker. Our Fall Roundtable will be held on November 21, 2021, at the New Bremen Legion Post 241. I hope that you will attend to learn about our programs and what wonderful things you can do to help our veterans. Our

Mid-Winter basket for the basket raffle will be a "Wine & Cheese" basket. If you would like to donate any items or give a monetary donation, please contact myself or Ruth Peters. Membership is slowly coming in. Remember DO NOT HOLD YOUR MEMBERSHIP. Let's try and see if we can't be in first place by Department Convention. We all love carrying our flags at convention. Until till the next Buckeye Messenger, keep our military in your prayers.

Shirley Maurer
Past Department President

District 3

Deborah Smith, President

Goodbye Summer, hello Fall and Winter from the Thundering Third District. As we slowly get back together and see each other, it may feel like we have been hibernating for a year.

August 27th thru September 2nd was the ALA National Convention in Phoenix, AZ. District 3 did an outstanding job in membership coming in fourth place, therefore making it possible for me to be a Page for a day. Part of my responsibility at the Convention was to attend the meeting for National Security. National awards were presented, and special recognitions was also made for the following states:

- Decorated pillowcases—North Dakota
- Decorated flags with state—New Mexico
- Over 3,500 packages sent from—California
- Homemade treats for Cannie (Petco was the sponsor)—New York
- National Guards were, supplied water/snacks—Minnesota
- Welcome Home Servicemen (one returned his flag to his Unit with thanks)—Kentucky
- Drive through School Supplies-Florida
- Spouse Club baked over 3,000 dozen cookies—Alaska
- Face Mask were made and handed to sailors getting off their ships—Wyoming
- And last but certainly not lest Snack Shack at the VA Hospital-OHIO

Election and installation of officers were completed, and we were excited to know that from Ohio and the Thundering Third District Carol T. Robinson was newly elected Chaplain for the 2021 thru 2022 year. The Convention was so exciting, from the pageantry of the flags from each state presented, to just seeing everyone with the same mission together.

On September 11th, the Jaycees from Riverside had a memorial ceremony “NEVER FORGET”, it was a solemn event with one of the fire fighters, jacket that which was made in Ohio, and was to be shipped to him, unfortunately he was one of the fallen heroes lost on that dreadful day.

September 17th thru 18th at Unit 598, was a big event “Girls Just Want to Have Fun” over five hundred invited guests, and hundreds attended. There were raffle baskets, prizes, food, and music for our enjoyment.

September 24th thru the 25th was SOI. Each Chairperson gave their presentation and Plan of Actions. The Third District had Units that made Goal for the 2020 thru 2021 year. The Units that received blue ribbons included 165, 174, 184, 200, 245, 377, 435, 668, 675, 707, 708 and 776. Juniors that received gold ribbons included Units 707, 762 and 353. Congratulations Units!

October 9th the Third District had our Fall Conference in Tipp City, Unit 586,

President Sherrie Matthews, and Unit members made sure we had an enjoyable time. Our Guest Speaker was Department President Colleen Phillips. She spoke on her theme:

- “ALA Angels Serving Others.”
- BGS, go into schools talk about our mission,
- She also talked about the Avon promotion 40% off and thanked the Units for all they do.

She also gave an update from her chairpersons.

- First Vice Cindy Masowick, membership top 3 Units, have Goal by November 11, to be in a \$50.00 drawing.
- Second Vice Jane Ridenour, communication is the key.

The Third District Chairmen gave their reports:

Americanism—Tina White’s letter was read, with suggestions for the upcoming year Americanism Essay Contest, All American School, or Star-Spangled Kids. Our theme for Mid-Winter will be “MADE in OH IO.”

Children and Youth—Krista Carpenter, a new member to the team and she looks forward to her new role.

Community Service—Past President Juanita Ballard, gave information on organizations that may need help, and requested \$25 gift cards for the Fisher House at the Dayton VA.

VA&R—Past President Robyn Cooper, reminded everyone that she needs volunteer hours, money spent or donated, and number of veterans served. She also gave example of how you can help veterans.

Junior Activities-National Chaplain Carol T. Robinson report read by Susan Matsen.

VAMC—Past President Susan Matsen, shopping for the VA, reminder of the Americanism Plaque, and how Units can get this for next year.

The 3rd District is having a raffle, all proceeds to support Veterans at Dayton VA, the drawing to be held January 29, 2022, Winners Need Not be Present (donation \$2.00 or 3 tickets for \$5.00):

- 1st Place \$125.00 Omaha Steak Gift Certificate
- 2nd Place \$75.00 Wal-Mart Gift Card
- 3rd Place \$50.00 Speedway Gas Card

May you have A Happy Thanksgiving, A Merry Christmas, and A Healthy New Year!

For GOD and Country
Deborah A. Smith

District 3, Unit 668



The Second Annual Mum Sale fund raiser was held at American Legion Post 668 in Vandalia, OH. ALA Unit 668 of the 3rd District sold 1,500 mums on September 18 and 19. Members from the Legion, the Sons, the Auxiliary and the community gathered to unload a semi and 2 large trailers on Saturday morning. By 12:30 Sunday afternoon all the mums were gone. Another successful event.



ALA Unit 668 of the 3rd District provided Christmas in July for the children and grandchildren of our Post family. Pizza was served prior to Santa’s arrival on a fire truck.

District 4

Marsha Giehls, President

From the Fabulous 4th District.

If you were not able to go to School of Instructions, you missed hearing some great information regarding the programs. You should have your Plans of Action’s by now. While Units in the District are still not been able to visit the Cincinnati VA, and CLC to visit with the Veteran’s. You can still donate items, or you can send monetary donations on the Department donation sheet and mark it for the Cincinnati VA.

We held our Fall 4th District Conference on October 10h and I want to thank Loveland Unit 256 for hosting this and to all the members who attended. Your District Chairmen did a great job of going over their programs and I want to thank Colleen for being our guest speaker.

At the time of writing this article the 4th District is in 1st place in the Department. Let’s get that membership turned in and keep the 4th District running in front. I know we can be a goal District if we keep working that membership. Also,

remember the Red, White, and Blue membership teams for the District membership challenge is going on and we are park of the White membership team.

Please remember to pay your Bonding Fees, I know it does not have to be in until December 31 but if you go ahead and send it in it is done for the year and you do not have to worry about forgetting to send it in. I hope all Units have done their 990’s for the IRS. Let’s show the rest of Ohio what the Fabulous 4th District does for our Veterans and Communities. Remember to send in your pictures of events to the Buckeye Messenger so everyone can see what you are doing.

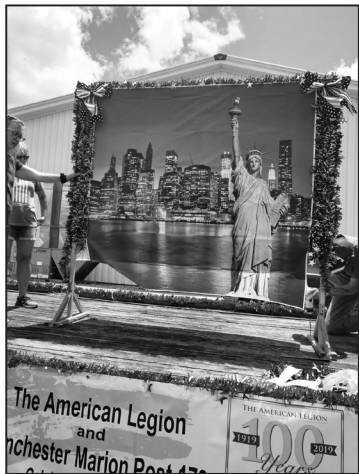
Remember Veteran’s Day is November 11. Have a Happy Thanksgiving, Merry Christmas and a safe and Happy New Year’s. I hope to see many of you at the Mid-Winter Conference in January.

Marsha Giehls
4th District President



District and Unit News (Continued)

District 4, Unit 179



The Blanchester Chamber of Commerce awarded Marion Unit 179 first place for best float for the 4th of July parade. The theme was Liberty. The two-sided float had 2 different beautiful pictures of the Statue of Liberty. The Auxiliary designed & decorated the Legion float that had Uncle Sam and Ben Franklin riding along. The Ben Franklin costume was donated by Auxiliary member Mary Davis from her deceased brother Randy Conover's collection of patriotic material. The Auxiliary rode in a decorated trailer and threw out candy. Joining the parade mid-way was Susan Jacobs pulling her adorable Jr. member granddaughter, Montana Jackson in a red decorated wagon.

District 5

Deb Sutterlin, President

Happy Fall to All of You!

Thank you to Everyone for attending the 5th District Fall Conference in Bucyrus on October 9th. We were honored to have Jane Ridenour, Dept. 2nd Vice President, as our representative. Thank you to the ladies in Unit 181 Bucyrus for hosting a successful meeting. The food was good and the decorations were pretty. The chairmen did a good job presenting the programs. The 5th District Honorary Junior President Kristi Yeager presented her project at the district fall conference. The project she chose is to buy a wheelchair swing for the Ohio Veterans Home residents. The swing has a platform where a wheelchair can be on one side and there is a bench for visitors/other residents to sit opposite the person in the wheelchair. This swing has a canopy over the top to shield the occupants from the sun. Auxiliaries, Legions, and SAL are asked to donate for this worthwhile project.

I visited Unit 8 in Wellington. They are serving food every Wednesday night. They also helped the SAL with their big annual gun raffle Oct. 2nd. I visited Attica Unit 260. The Unit members have been assisting their community with a new Attica Area Veterans Memorial Park. The dedication has been delayed until the Spring of 2022. Stop by to see the new Veterans Park in Attica. It is beautiful. Amherst Unit 118 is sponsoring an early bird dinner to get their members to pay their dues. Wadsworth Unit 160 members are preparing for their annual purse raffle. Unit 535 served food during the Bellville Street Fair. Thank you all of you for what you are doing to

participate in the programs of the auxiliary.

On an administrative note: Units are asked to pay their bonding fee by December 31, 2021, for the year 2022. Unfortunately, at the school of instruction Department Executive Committee meeting, it was approved to turn in the charters for Unit 314 Willard and Unit 234 Brunswick. We hope all members will transfer to another area unit of their choice.

New this year for membership, there are three teams with a past department president as the team leader. The 5th District has PDP Donna Ray for a leader. It is important to get your memberships paid. Please pay all that you have as of now then send more later. No Unit should have 0 members paid. National sent out the dues notices. Please show your appreciation to National by submitting paid memberships as soon as possible. All officers must be paid by December 31st or they are not eligible to hold their office. Please pay them now. Let's go 5th District units to improve our standing from last place in membership! Thank you for your work to keep and get new members for the American Legion Auxiliary.

For those who are ill, I wish you a speedy recovery. For those who have lost a loved one, I offer my sympathy. For all of you, I offer friendship. May God Bless You, those serving our Country and May God Bless our Country!

Deb Sutterlin, 5th District President

District 5



Pictured is 5th District Honorary Junior President Kristi Yeager presenting her Juniors Project at the 5th District Auxiliary Fall Conference.



Jane Ridenour, 2nd V.P., was the guest speaker at the 5th District meeting Oct. 9, 2021, at Bucyrus Unit 181. Pictured here is Jane, Alice Teynor, Secretary, and Jane Yeager, 5th District V.P.

District 5, Unit 88



Department Americanism Chairman, Mary Ann Dull with Past District 6 President Charlotte Frazier Americanism committee member representing their program booth during School of Instruction 2021 held at Crowne Plaza in Columbus, Ohio. Photo courtesy of Cindy Boehnlein.

District 5, Unit 257



Loudonville Unit 257 held a bake sale Sept. 3rd to raise funds for the American Legion Auxiliary Veterans Assistance Fund. Pictured here Left to Right is Lynne Babb 1st V.P., Jeanette Mutchler, Chaplain, and Mary Poier, President. Also helping was Dawn Greer, Sec. and Deb Sutterlin, Treasurer.

District 5, Unit 169



Pictured is Carol Alspach accepting a Pledge of Allegiance poster from Barbara Trapp for the home-schooled class of Brenda Trautwein. The posters were given to home school teachers by Tiffin Auxiliary Unit 169.



Barbara Trapp of Tiffin Auxiliary Unit 169 presents third grade teacher, Jane Diedrick, a Pledge of Allegiance poster to hang in her classroom. The poster and a special snack were presented as a thank you. Mrs. Diedrick's class helps write Christmas cards for veterans every year.

District 5, Unit 260



Unit 260 in Attica has been assisting their community to bring a new Attica Area Veterans Memorial Park.

District 5, Unit 523



Vermilion Unit 523 Participated in a 9/11 ceremony by planting a tree at the post.

District 6

Rebecca Long, President

Greetings from the Sixth District!

District 6 held their Fall Conference on Sunday Oct 3 at Harold T Bradley Unit 584 in Marion. 7 Units were represented. Our District Chairmen shared their programs and there was discussion on what was learned at the School of Instruction. We were honored to have Department President Colleen Phillips as our guest speaker.

As we go into this busy holiday season remember this is a good time to show that we are truly ALA Angels Serving Others as we reach out to our Veterans and their families, with programs for Veterans Day, Thanksgiving & Christmas.

Please get your bonding fee in and don't forget to get you poppies ordered by Dec 31.

Thank you to all the Units who have sent in their membership as we are currently in 6th place with 28%. Continue to contact your unpaid members through emails, phone calls, letters, and visits. Let them know that their membership is appreciated. Our district is a part of the White Team led by Past Department President Donna Ray. Let's do our part to help the White team beat the Red & Blue teams.

District 6, Unit 85



Unit 85 junior member Ava Miller put together a blanket to take to the juniors meeting to go to a veteran or homeless person per the Department Junior President's special project.



Unit 85 members Sylvia Miller and Amy Welsh working in the kitchen for the local Barbershop Chorus quarter auction.



Post 85 Legion family members from the Post, Auxiliary, and SAL did a first responders' program in front of Post 85. Pictured are June Huf, Ralph McCoy, Charlotte Frazier, Lois Singleton, Joyce Chaney, and Lola Nixon.



Joyce Chaney, Unit 85 1st Vice President, at the reading of the constitution at Post 85.

District 7, Unit 633



The Seaman American Legion Auxiliary did a school supply drive for the kids at the North Adams Elementary for children in their community. They collected well over \$500 worth of school supplies to be given to students free of charge as they need them. Members and several people from the community donated items.

District 8, Unit 283



First Vice President Cindy Masowick, 8th District President April Ice and Unit 238 President Wendy Robertson at the 8th District meeting in October.

District 9



9th District recently held their Fall Conference. The head table from left to right is Michelle Zayakosky, Unit 214 - Jr's Dept. & District Chair, Susan Fratino Unit 214 Pres., Dis. VA & R Chair, Dept. Poppy Chair, Lulu Cichon, Dis. 9 Pres., (Standing welcoming guest Joyce Hannum, Dist. 9 American Legion First Vice), Judy Cesek, host Unit 601 Pres., Christine (Tina) Betts, Unit 151 - District Chair Americanism, Maribeth Shankman District Chair Unit 214 - Children & Youth, Renee Silvaroli Unit 7 - District 9 Community Service Chair.

District 9 (Continued)



9th District President Lulu Cichon is pictured at her fall conference which featured decorations displaying the 2021-2022 President and Membership logos.



Department Poppy Chairman Susan Schofield-Fratino was the guest speaker at the 9th District Fall Conference.

District 9

Louise Cichon, President

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

On October 9th we had our Fall District Conference at North Madison Unit 601. Thank you, President Judy Cesek and all your Angels, for hosting a wonderful conference. The luncheon was delicious and when members choose to stay and chit chat after the meeting. Thank you again for the welcoming hospitality.

North Madison Post Commander Bill Johnson & District 9 First Vice Joyce Hannum gave very kind welcoming speeches.

All our District Chairman: Christine Betts Unit 151 – Americanism, Maribeth Shankman Unit 214 – Children & Youth, Renee Silvaroli – Community Service Unit 7, Michelle Zayakosky Unit 214 – Junior Activities & Susan Schofield-Fratino Unit 214 – V.A. & R gave reports on the programs including ideas and overviews of how to fill out reports. By the way, no more Mid-Winter reports are required.

Our District is presently in 10th place on the State membership roles. Please turn in your dues to Department as soon as possible. Department has initiated a new membership drive called "Ohio Angels Working Membership Together for the Red White & Blue." Our District is "Team Blue" which consists of Districts 9, 10, 11, 13 & 14. Let's really make an effort to call or email past and present members to get

their dues in. Make sure to wear the brand and be seen in your communities for any events where you can set up a table and talk to people about who we are and what we do.

Marie Schulz of Ashtabula Unit 103 attended the National Convention in Arizona this year. She gave us an overview of some of the meetings she attended, and a list of awards given to Members, Districts and Department of Ohio. Notably in our District Unit 214 was awarded Outstanding Public Relations Program Award and National President's Award for Excellence. Congratulation to Unit 214 President Susan Schofield-Fratino for leading a hard-working successful Unit.

Congratulations to all of the award winners from Ohio. Great Job!

We voted to donate \$50.00 towards the Juniors special project and also \$50.00 towards the twin sheet collection for the Veterans Resource Center. I put together fifty Halloween themed goody bags for the Veterans at Wade Park as we could not go there to celebrate Halloween with them. The bags contained personal items donated by Units 7, 601 & 214. Also, each bag contained a new pair of socks and candy. Our hospital rep. Stehanie Bueck put together 150 more bags with donations she received from other Districts. Thank you, Stephanie and your husband Ralph, for your work at Wade Park.

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Our basket theme for the Mid-Winter Conference is: Practical Goodies. If anyone wants to donate anything to this basket that would be considered a practical goody that would qualify, please send to me or call me and I can pick it up. I plan to give a gas card and a card to Aldi's or Giant Eagle. I saw My Pillow now has patriotic pillows so if someone wants to buy them let me know.

Our new Department President Colleen Phillips theme is "Angels Serving Others." Our District gifted her \$25.00 towards her Homecoming gift from the Units of Ohio.

As part of my Fall Conference speech, I remarked that Colleen picked a beautiful theme of Angels Serving Others. A section of my speech is as follows:

What is an Angel?

Different opinions can often be found on the question "What is an Angel?"

What do Angels Do? Angels can be helpful to yourself and others.

* How?

Giving suggestions and solutions to questions and challenges. Working through other people who can help you.

Protecting you from outer pressure and confusion.

Keeping you out of harm's way with gentle warnings.

Sending you energy to help you heal.

Providing comfort, Love and encouragement.

Guiding and inspiring with insights or sudden flashes of intuition.

Giving you a bigger picture of what life is about, where you came from, and what your purpose is.

Angels help you to the degree you help yourself and others. (Where it is best to assist others)

*Angel Teams. What is an Angel Team?

Every person has a team of angels. Some people have one, two, or more angels on their team. People have just the number of angels they need. Each angel helps a person in a certain way. The angels are a part of this team based on the person's life purpose and the particular skills needed to accomplish that purpose.

People don't realize the resources and divine help that is available to them. Once a person opens up their own inner connection, they will know who is assisting them. No matter what you call it, you have help and you don't go through life alone.

Angels can help guide people through their lives and respect our free will. They will not interfere. They help people to the degree that they want to be helped, the more we help ourselves, the more our angels will help us.

I found this article at a site called Spiritual Growth Keys. I could not believe how it related to who we are and what we do.

WHAT IS ANGEL? I would say the members of the American Legion Auxiliary are all Angels.

Submitted by Louise (Lulu) Cichon

District 9 President

District 9, Unit 7



Unit 7, Brewer-Tarasco, Junior Chairperson, Debbi Jordan and juniors, Juli Shaffer, Lilly Shaffer, and Beyancah Charon presenting a flag and veteran cross to their junior auxiliary raffle winner, Nancy Keifer. Thank you to everyone who participated and made this raffle a success.

District 9, Unit 112



On August 16th Unit 112 welcomed Ginny Gifford from the Lake County Veteran's Commission. We learned from her many new benefits veterans are entitled to along with widow's benefits. Pictured are Unit President Debbie Vargo along with Ginny Gifford.



On August 10th Unit 112 President Debbie Vargo and Sharon Volpe delivered school supplies to Madison North Elementary School.

District 9, Unit 151



Celebration of the 100th Anniversary of American Legion Cowle Post 151 in Conneaut, Ohio with Guest Speaker: American Legion Department of Ohio Commander Jean Wilson, also a dual member of Yeager Benson Post 199 in Harrison, Cincinnati, whose hometown is Conneaut, with (l to r) Unit 151 Auxiliary President Sharon Knauff, junior members Kearstin Brockelhurst, Carleigh Brockelhurst, Rylee Simes, Wilson and Nicole Unruh, Jr. Adviser.

District 9, Unit 214



Palmer-Roberts Unit 214 Auxiliary President & Department Poppy Chairman Sue Fratino and Diane Woerner get a photo opportunity with Department of Ohio Commander Jean Wilson at the Commander's Homecoming at Yeager-Benson Post 199 Banquet Hall in Harrison, Ohio.



Unit 214 and the Post 214 family presented Freedom Flags commemorating the 20th Anniversary of 9/11 to First Responders.



District 10

Ruby Witherow, President

The units in the tenth district are slowly and continuously coming out of the COVID19 pandemic. More units are holding regular meetings and planning Fall events. Many units provided school supplies for the students. The units are having dinners, some drive thru only, for fund-raisers. Other units are planning for Halloween, Thanksgiving, and Christmas. Some units are having traditional Halloween parties. Other units are having trunk and treat drive thru. A few units are providing the Halloween coloring books to their day care centers and schools. For Thanksgiving and Christmas, they will be preparing meals, food baskets, and gifts for the less fortunate in their communities.

Several posts and units are planning Veterans Day activities. More communities and schools are planning public observations for Veterans Day. Units are planning dinners at the Post. Many will be hearing from their Buckeye Boys and Girls delegates. Some units participate in the Veterans in the classroom project at this time of the year.

We are still not permitted to visit the veterans at Wade Park VA hospital. We

know how many members miss going to the facilities for the parties and visitations. However, we are still able to provide a party for the patients because of our representative Stephanie Beuck. She is planning another event in November for all the patients in the tower at Wade Park. The Tenth District is providing the funds for the refreshments. We are so fortunate to have all the representatives and deputies at all the VA facilities providing personal care items, clothing, and any support needed for the hospitalized veterans.

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

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

District 10, Unit 282



Orrville American Legion Auxiliary, District 10, Unit 282, "2021" Poppy Girl, 7-year-old, Evelyn "Evy" Massoni started Poppy Days off by presenting Orrville Mayor, Dave Handwerk with poppies for The Memorial Day Holiday. She is a junior auxiliary member at The Orrville American Legion along with her mom, Missy and Great-Grandmother Carol Carpenter.



Amelia Hunt, Junior Auxiliary member volunteered to help promote Poppy Days at Buehler's in Orrville, along with her mother, Jamie also with the Auxiliary.



On Memorial Day, Auxiliary member Robin Gray stands with sons Albert (L) and Sammy Gray (R) in front of the new trellises at The Orrville American Post 282. Robin is very involved & holds many positions with our Unit. Her sons both hold positions with the SAL. (Continued on Page 14)



The American Legion provided a lunch after The Memorial Day Ceremony. Jan McGuire and Lori Evans, Auxiliary volunteers also sisters helped with the lunch.



District 10, Unit 282 Auxiliary grilled hot dogs during Dollar\$ For Dog\$ in June. They raised money for Veterans at E & H ACE Hardware in Orrville. ACE Hardware commits to helping non-profit organizations to raise money. Gracelyn McGuire, Junior Auxiliary volunteered to help.



Other Auxiliary volunteers were (left to right) Phyllis Landis, Jan McGuire, Carol Carpenter and SAL volunteer Bill Evans. It's always a great time grilling at Ace Hardware in Orrville!



The Orrville Foundation provided local groups the opportunity to raise funds for their organizations by selling rib dinner tickets for B g's BBQ, from Rittman, Ohio. The Orrville American Legion Auxiliary participated in this event in May. Auxiliary member Jamie Hunt was involved with the ticket sells.

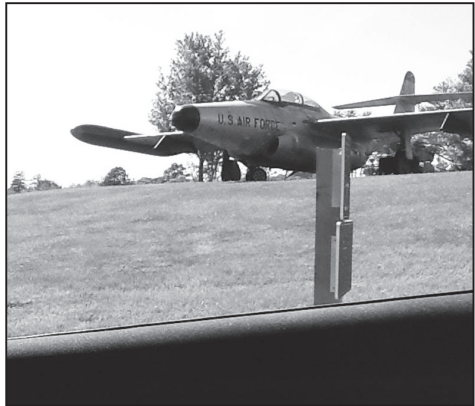
District 10, Unit 735



Unit 735 honored members for their continued membership. Left to right: Christine McCain 20yrs, Judi Phillippi 20 yrs, Corinne Rensi 26yrs, Patricia Logsdon 36yrs, Carol Brown 46yrs. Certificates are in as printed 20, 25,35 45.



Unit 735 Buckeye Girl State Delegates gave a report on their experience at BGS. Hester Lambright and Bailey Ebright made an excellent presentation. Both girls are National Honor Students.



10th District Unit 735 shared these photos of Friendship Park in Smithfield, Ohio which is in remembrance of wars. There is a wall of honor for veterans who served in WW1, WW2, Korea, Desert Storm, and Afghanistan. Some of the photos are of the Memorial Day service at the park.

District 11

Carole Sowards, President

Even though the number of delegates had to be reduced for the 2021 session of Buckeye Girls State, District 11 was well represented. Participants had a great week of learning about the rights and responsibilities of being a good citizen. They also learned about caucuses, the different levels of government, filing petitions, voting, and working in their elected or appointed position. District President Carole Sowards shared the week with these ladies working as the Deputy Director of County Government.

The Department Summer Convention was held July 9-10, 2021, in Independence, Ohio. District 11 was represented by District President Carole Sowards, LeeAnn Stan, Unit 389 and Leanna Johnson, Unit 52. District 11 was honored for

being 2nd in membership. Unit 228, Saner received both the Jane Bates membership award, highest numerical increase over goal and the Deloris Kilgore award for the highest percentage of membership over goal. The District had 14 goal Units: 38, 52, 64, 77, 168, 228, 366, 389, 495, 521, 632, 726, 750, and 768!!

District 11 was presented at the National Convention in Phoenix, August 26-31,2021 by LeeAnn Stan, Unit 389, Beverly. LeeAnn had the honor of serving as a page as well as carrying the ALA flag during opening ceremonies. The Fall Conference will be held in Belpre, October 16, 2021, hosted by Unit 495, Blennerhassett. Department 1st Vice President Cindy Masowick will be the guest speaker.

District 11, Unit 389



District 11 Post 389 American Legion Family participates in four parades a year. The Memorial Day Parade, the Homecoming Parade, the Waterford Fair Parade, and the Christmas Parade. Always marching behind The American Legion and the SAL is the Great Unit 389 passing out American Flags. 500 flags are passed out annually. Post 389 led the Waterford Fair Parade followed by the Auxiliary on Aug 20,2021. This annual event is well received by both communities, Waterford and Beverly Ohio.

The Auxiliary has an exhibit at the Waterford Fair that has a different theme every year. This year's theme was RIF. (Reading is Fundamental) Books are purchased and distributed to children in grades K thru 6 at three schools three times a year which amounts to approximately 400 books. At this year's fair, 100 plus books were given out free of charge. The display in this year's booth has several thank you cards from the children of the schools. Auxiliary President Heather Mahoney and RIF Co Chairman Susanne Burchett were responsible for this years Fair Booth Exhibit.



District 12

Vicky Dalton, President

The 12th District Fall Conference was a great success, and all District Chairman presented the programs for the year and information that is available for the end of year reports., those in attendance can take this information back to the Unit to share. Membership was discussed and informed that we are the White team and Donna Ray is our Team Leader. So let's show Donna that the 12th District is ready for the challenge. Reminder all Bonding Fees are to be paid by the end of the year. and this

is MANDATORY. With the holidays approaching we must still remember to do the Buddy Checks with family, friends, and neighbors. This visit or call could make a big difference in someone's life.

For God and Country
Vicky Dalton
12th District President

District 12



12th District Fall Conference held at Worthington Unit 239.



The Bundle of love program for the Columbus VA was amazing with more gifts to come.

District 12, Unit 430



Bexley Unit 430 donated 100 Halloween candy bags for the local veterans at church residence.



District 13

Louise Angler, President

Greetings fellow Auxiliary members from the 13th District.
We held our Fall Conference on Sunday, October 3rd at Albert E. Baesel Unit 91 in Berea, OH. It was attended by approx. 30 members representing 7 out of out 14 Units. We welcomed Cindy Masowick, our 1st Vice President from Department to share greetings from President Colleen and provide us with information on Colleen's special project along with membership incentives.
I personally am challenging my Units to make goal with homemade bakery to the top 3 Units with membership by April 15th. Our past District President Donella Kline has also sweetened the deal with her homemade chocolates.
Over the past 3 years of my term, it has been a personal struggle to line up the

location for each monthly district meeting. I am happy to say that I have scheduled out the remainder of my term as follows: Nov. 17 – Unit 610, Jan. 19 – Unit 196, Feb. 16 – Unit 91, Mar. 16 – Unit 572, Apr. 20 – Unit 421, May 18 – Unit 343 and our Summer Convention on Jun. 5 – Unit 627.
The units of the 13th district are thriving to get back to their mission by holding fund raising dinners, Ladies night parties, clam bakes, blood drives and Quarter Auctions.

I am looking forward to attending as many of these events over the next year.

District 13, Unit 421



Past Department President Kristen McLaughlin presents awards to Cindy Boehnlein, Department Legislative Chairman 2021-2022 who wore many hats at School of Instruction including accepting Central Division National Legislative Program Award as Past Department National Security Chairman, and accepting on behalf for Dayna Beyer, Department Historian the Central Division National History Program Award.



Post and Unit 421 joined forces and purchased 11 "Joy for All" therapeutic robotic cats for Cleveland Louis Stokes VAMC. They were delivered to the 5th floor of the Cares Tower on July 28th, which is the dementia unit. \$1,035 was raised for the purchases from the 100 Miles for Hope Campaign, with an additional \$80 dollars donated to the Veteran and Children's Foundation. Pictured is Cindy Boehnlein 1st Vice, Legionnaire Lynea Mieyal, Karen Glahn Secretary and Nurse Floor Manager, Rick West RN.

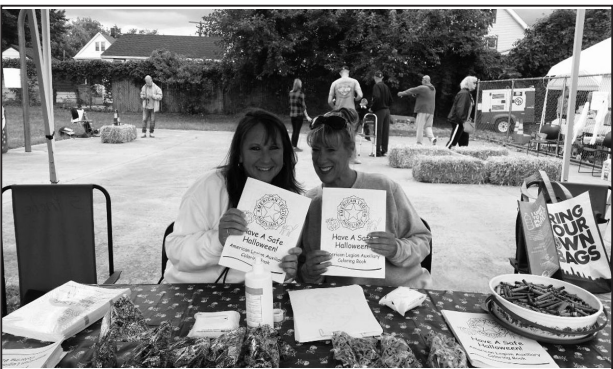


Friday Sept 17th, Linda Zimmerer and Cindy Boehnlein met with Andrea Macchiarella of the 94th and Lorain residential rehab to deliver 7 - 4 cup Mr. Coffee pots. A big thank you goes out to the generosity of the Comfort Inn of Bellville Oh that donated the coffee pots to us. Our veterans of the Cleveland VAMC residential are very appreciative of your support. With good works of companies such as this, we are able to take care of our veterans. Pictured is Linda Z., Andrea Macchiarella of Cleveland VAMC and Cindy B.

District 13, Unit 627

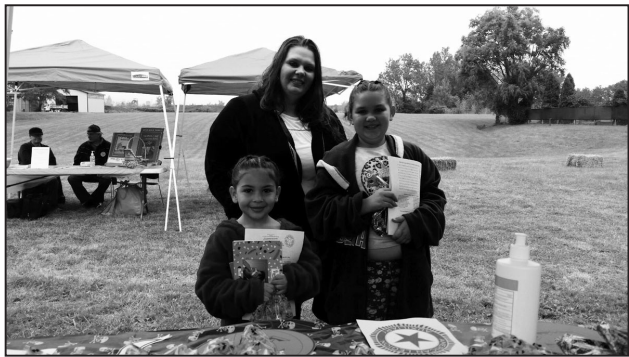


On Saturday, September 11th, the Legion Family from Post 627 in Newburgh Heights, OH came together to remember all of those lost in the attacks of 9/11/01. We held a short ceremony in front of the Post home with a short speech by Commander Mike Szczepaniak; a poem by Auxiliary President Kimm Bunch and prayers and Taps by SAL Chaplain Bob Tabory. Auxiliary President Kimm Bunch read names of victims of the attacks from Ohio and Auxiliary Members Dawn Rogaskie and Kathy Hill rang a bell as each was read. Several members of our organizations participated as well as members of the community and the local police department.



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District 13, Unit 627 (Continued)



On Saturday, September 25th, American Legion Auxiliary Unit 627 participated in the annual Newburgh Heights Fall Fest. We hosted a coloring table with Halloween pictures for kids to color. We also passed out the American Legion Auxiliary Halloween coloring books and some sweet treats too. There was a great turn out for this event and our members were so happy to be there and spend time with the kids in our community.

District 13, Unit 641



Past President Department of Ohio Beauties at ALA National President Kathy Daudistel 's homecoming. Left to right -Kristen McLaughlin, Vi Gryzbowski, Past National President Desi Stoy (front row), National Community Service Chairman Denise Conrad, Pamela Bates, National Chaplain Carol Townsend Robinson (front row), Donna Ray, Vicky Buck, and Karen Peel.

District 14



14th District School of Instructions was held on Saturday, October 2, 2021, at the Western Reserve Christian Church, hosted by Hudson Lee-Bishop Unit 464. The head table included Judy Bradley, Chaplain; Donna Ray, Distinguished Guest; Renee Kohl, 14th District President; Cyndi Underwood, Secretary; Cindy Masowick, Treasurer.



First time District Chairman Jennifer Robinson, Children and Youth speaking at District Fall Conference.

District 14 (Continued)



First time District Chairman Sandy Borovicka, Community Service speaking at District Fall Conference.



First time District Chairman Dotti Allrutz, VA&R speaking at District Fall Conference.



Summit County Council President Karen Peel and Unit 566 hosted two representatives from Buckeye Girls State. Marilyn Warner had lots of great questions for the girls. Both young ladies were extremely grateful for the opportunity to attend and have already highly recommended the program to their friends and guidance counselors. Maddy Smith, the 14th District Honorary Junior President (left) was one of the attendees and spoke of her experience that evening.



The 14th District School of Instructions guests and attendees included Donna Ray, Marilyn Warner, and Robert (Bob) Ray.



Pictured are Patty Miller and Denise Conrad enjoying time together at National Convention in Phoenix, Arizona.

District 14, Unit 281



It's raining ALA Angel polka dots at Jean Wilson's Homecoming at Yeager-Benson Post 199 in Harrison, Ohio with Ohio Angels Department Legislative Chairman, Cindy Boehnlein (Unit 421); Department Chaplain, Sharon McClain (Unit 281); and Diane Woerner (Unit 214).

District 14, Unit 496



Portage Unit 496 Installation of new officers. Past Department Cyndi Underwood was the Installing Officer. President LouAnna Fisher, 1st Vice President Maria Pizer, 2nd Vice President Karol Spano, Secretary Annette Brown, Treasurer Sue Cooper, Chaplain Judy Morgan, Sgt. At Arms C. Renee Thompson and Historian Vicki Moore.

District 14, Unit 803



American Legion Auxiliary Clare Eggleston Unit 803 Junior Member Miss Rebecca Pokorny standing in front of a Veteran themed showcase window at the Aurora Public Library. As one of her community service projects Miss Pokorny helped design and implement the November informational display for Veterans.