

### **BULK MAILING FOR December 2019**

To:

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

The enclosed information MUST be shared with your UNIT MEMBERS and UNIT CHAIRMEN.

- President's Message All Members
- Membership (Buff) Membership Chairman and All Members
- Public Relations (Ivory) All Members
- End of Year Report-Unit Officers
- American Legion Family Banquet
- Americanism (Pink)
- BGS (Ivory)
- Chaplain (Golden)- Unit Chaplain
- Education (Gray)
- Historian (Tan)
- Leadership (Green)
- Legislative (Pink)
- National Candidates Raffle
- Poppy (Cherry)





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Greetings Auxiliary Members,

I know that our Auxiliary Units have been working very hard their programs and RACE (ing) for our Veterans. Please continue to read your plans of actions and watch for any possible changes that might come out. I hope everyone sent in mid-year reports to their chairmen. Without Units reporting National will not know all the excellent work that Ohio does.

I would like to thank everyone that attended my homecoming. I had a great time and hope you did too.

The holiday season is a busy one and I was happy to have been invited to several of the holiday pass outs at the VA Hospitals and Outpatient Clinics. Once again, our volunteers put many smiles on the faces of the Veterans.

Congratulations to the Units that have made goal and I know that several more are really close to being goal. Keep up the excellent work or renewing, retaining and recruiting members.

Mid-Winter Conference is just around the corner and I hope to see many of you there. Several chairmen will have information tables set up along with lots of various raffles and contests that will going on. There will be a Buckeye Girl State information session on Friday afternoon. On Friday evening we will be having our Centennial Celebration, please come and celebrate with us. We will also have Central Division National Vice President Ruth Gott visiting us that weekend. Please plan on giving her a big Buckeye welcome as she is from Michigan.

With much appreciation,

Kristen





### Membership

The year is flying by and I hope you each continue to work to find a new member this year. I know there have been some problems but that is behind. We must each continue to work hard. With all the extra possible members lets do all we can to reach goal.

Mid-year reports are important, and it also helps get us prepare for the year-end reports.

Remember our branding and wearing our Auxiliary apparel it will help others see all the good work we do for our communities, veterans, and active duty military.

Let's do our part as Kristin's TEAM and make her proud of Ohio by being a Goal state. I know it is not easy, but we can do it I know.

Please read the plan of action there are some great incentives.

I want to remind you of the One Week of Caring and Sharing this is a National Incentive and it would be great to have our Units in Ohio reach out to all our members and let them know how important they are to us. The way to move into the next century and to keep growing and making a difference in our Community, State, and Nation.

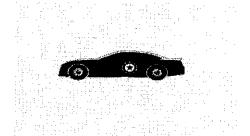
### 2020

# ONE WEEK OF CARING & SHARING April 1-7th, 2020

**Purpose:** Unit members & leaders organize during this one designated week to contact and check in with EVERY possible unit member, past and present, to kick off our next century and celebrate our 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

One entry per unit (no matter how many rejoins you end up with)

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Please type or p		_
Unit Name:	Unit #_	Dept:
UNIT Tax ID # (TIN/EIN):		
Unit representative's name (who is filling out form):		Title:
Email:	Phone:	
To qualify for entry into the drawing for \$25 for the unit to have secured at least one REJOINED member from their unit dues since 2017 & must be entered as a rejoin into ALAMIS  Name of rejoined member:	init during this w between April 1	veek. That member must not have paid  - April 24 <sup>th</sup> using her former member ID
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Check here that the unit included their Tax ID # sertify that the <u>rejoined</u> member last paid in 2017 or prior & AMIS between 4/1-4/24/20. I've provided or verified her me t the form is filled out legibly & completely. DO NOT SEND INCO	mber ID &	Or  Fax: 740 452-2620(Attn: Membership)  Due to the unpredictability of mail, use the above methods of transmittal instead.  *Must be received by DEPT by midnight 4/1/.
Please fill out the following information:  Number of unit members participating in making calls or v  Number of unit members who were called or visited:  Number of members that renewed their membership due to  Number of members that rejoined due to unit contact:	unit contact:	



#### "THE CENTENNIAL ADVOCATE"

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### "Celebrating a Century of Service"

I want to thank all the Units who have sent me a Public Relations Mid-year Report. With my deadline being December 20, I will present a detailed report during the Mid-Winter Conference. I am anticipating more reports will be coming my way.

This edition of the bulk mailing we will concentrate on the criteria for District President's awards.

- 1. A certificate will be given to the District President whose Units submit the most PR items in her District by the deadline of April 15, 2020.
- 2. A certificate will be given to the District President whose percentage of Units submit the most PR items in her District by a deadline of April 15, 2020.
- 3. ANNE ESHELMAN PLAQUE (District Presidents Only). This award is to encourage District Presidents to inform their Units of pertinent information on activities throughout their District and the Department of Ohio. Awarded to the District President with the best newsletter based on the following criteria:
  - --Six bulletins/newsletter mailed between May 1, 2019 & April 1, 2020.
  - --Appeal to the Membership
  - --Value of information contained
  - -- Copy arrangement (layout)

<u>Please note:</u> The District President is to mail or email the Department Public Relations Chairman your best six newsletters to be judged by April 15, 2020. <u>Please continue to send all newsletters to the Department Public Relations Chairman so as to have for Mid-Year and End of Year Reporting.</u>

We are approaching the middle of the race. Keep your submissions coming. Haven't seen or heard about any cautions flags yet.

From my Family to your Family, we would like to wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

## END OF YEAR REPORT AWARD CHECK SHEET

NARRATIVE FOR ANNUAL REPORT		DELIVERTO	DEPT & NATE	
*CITATION OF MERIT REQUIREMENTS	DUE	CHECK ADDRESS	COVER SHEETS	DONE
UNIT IMPACT REPORT *	1-May	DISTRICT PRESIDENT		
AMERICANISM*	15-Apr	DISTRICT CHAIRMAN		
ESSAY CONTEST/SCHOOL	1-Apr	DEPT. VICE CHAIR	-	<del>.</del>
AMERICAN SPIRIT ESSAY PLAQUE	1-Apr	DEPT, VICE CHAIR	·	·
NORMA FRAZIER PLAQUE	1-Apr	DEPT. VICE CHAIR		
PATRICIA LOGAN PLAGUE	15-Apr	DISTRICT CHAIRMAN		
MARY WALKER PLAQUE	1-Jun	HQTS	·	···
AEF	15-Apr	DEPT. CHAIR		·
ARDITH COOPER PLAGUE	1-Jun	HQTS		
BUCKEYE GIRLS STATE	1-May	DIRECTOR		
CHAPLAIN *	15-Apr	DEPT. CHAIR		
SENIOR PRAYER BOOK	15-Apr	DEPT. CHAIR		
JUNIOR PRAYER BOOK	1-Apr	DEPT, CHAIR		
RUTH ADAMS PLAQUE	15-Apr	DEPT. CHAIR		
CHILDREN & YOUTH *	15-Apr	DISTRICT CHAIRMAN		
MIRIAM JUNGE PLAQUE	15-Apr	DEPT. CHAIR		
YTH HERO/GOOD DEED  LETA ZELLER PLAQUE	15-Apr	DEPT SECRETARY		
C&Y ASSESSMENT	1-Jun \$0.25	HQTS INCLUDE ON REPORT		
COMMUNITY SERVICE *				
ANNA MAE BECKLEY PLAQUE	15-Apr 15-Apr	DISTRICT CHAIRMAN DISTRICT CHAIRMAN		
MARY PARKER PLAQUE	15-Apr	DEPT. VICE CHAIR		
SPIRIT OF COM. PLAQUE	15-Apr	DEPT. VICE CHAIR		·····
CONST. & BYLAWS	15-Apr	DEPT. CHAIR		**
EDUCATION	15-Apr	DEPT, CHAIR		
AGNES MERRITT PLAQUE	15-Apr	DEPT. CHAIR		<del> \</del>
BETTY ROBASZKIEWICZ PLAQUE	1-Jun	INTO HQTS.		
CHILDREN OF WARRIORS - NAT'L PRES	1-Mar UNIT	15-MAR DEPT, CHAIR		
NON-TRADITIONAL STUDENT	1-Mar UNIT	15-MAR DEPT. CHAIR		
SPIRIT OF YOUTH JUNIOR MEMBER LOYALTY	1-Mar UNIT	15-MAR DEPT. CHAIR		
DEPT. PRES. SCHOLARSHIP	1-Mar UNIT	15-MAR DEPT, CHAIR 15-MAR DEPT, CHAIR		
CONTINUING EDUCATION GRANT	15-Nov UNIT	1-DEC DEPT, CHAIR	_	
WOMEN VETERANS SCHOLARSHIP	15-Apr UNIT	1-MAY DEPT, CHAIR	-	
HISTORY*	15-Apr	DEPT. CHAIR		
SENIOR SCRAPBOOK	15-Apr	DEPT. CHAIR	-	
SENIOR HISTORY NARRATIVE	15-Apr	DEPT. CHAIR		-
JUNIOR SCRAPBOOK	1-Apr	DEPT. CHAIR		
JUNIOR HISTORY NARRATIVE	1-Apr	DEPT, CHAIR		
BEST ALL AROUND SENIOR PLAQUE	15-Apr	DEPT. CHAIR		
JUNIORS MERRY LVAL DI A OLIF	15-Apr	DISTRICT CHAIR		
MERRY LYN PLAQUE DOROTHY McCULLOUGH PLAQUE	1-Apr	DEPT. CHAIR		
HELEN SLOAN PLAQUE	15-Apr 15-Apr	DEPT. 3RD CHAIR DEPT. CHAIR	-	
AMERICANISM SPIRIT PLAQUE	1-Apr	DEPT. 2ND CHAIR	*	
JUNIOR CRAFT BOOK	1-Apr	DEPT. 3RD CHAIR		
BEST MEDIA COVERAGE	15-Apr	DEPT. CHAIR		
CONFERENCE COVER**	1-Apr	DEPT. CHAIR		
TRAVELOGUES**	1-Apr	DEPT. 2ND CHAIR		
JR. HIST. & SCRAPBOOKS	1-Apr	DEPT. HIST. CHAIR		
PRAYER BOOKS	1-Apr	DEPT, CHAPLAIN		
POPPY POSTERS JUNIOR PATCH PROGRAM	15-Apr	DEPT. POPPY CHAIR DEPT. 2ND CHAIR		_
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LEADERSHIP	15-Apr	DEPT. CHAIR		
MOST OUTSTANDING OVERALL	15-Apr	DEPT. CHAIR		
CHECK POA FOR OTHER AWARDS	15-Apr	DEPT. CHAIR		
INIT MEMBER GOODWILL AMBASSADOR	1-Mar	DEPT. CHAIR		
LEGISLATIVE*	15-Apr	DEPT. CHAIR		
EMMA McBANE PLAQUE	15-Apr	DEPT. CHAIR		
CERTIFICATES	15-Apr	DEPT. CHAIR		_
MEMBERSHIP	15-Apr	DEPT. CHAIR		
RECRUIT & REJOIN - R5	1/24 & 5/22	HQTS.		
10 X 10 AWARD	18-Oct	HQTS.		
ONE WEEK OF CARING & SHARING	1-Apr	HQTS.		
JANES BATES PLAQUE	1-Jun	HQTS/DEPT.CHAIR		
PATRICIA RILEY PLAQUE	1-Jun	HQTS/DEPT.CHAIR	ļ	
DOLORIS KILGORE PLAQUE  JACKIE BAYER PLAQUE	1-Jun	HQTS/DEPT.CHAIR	<u> </u>	
CHECK ALL DATES IN POA	1-Jun	HQTS/DEPT.CHAIR		
	FOR	INCENTIVES		
NATIONAL SECURITY*	15-Apr	DEPT. CHAIR		·
AVONELLE CLINGER PLAQUE	15-Apr	DEPT. CHAIR		
PHYLLIS NICKOSON PLAQUE MILITARY SPOUSE MENTOR	15-Apr	DEPT, CHAIR		
CHAIRMANS SPECIAL AWARD	15-Apr 3-Jan	DEPT, CHAIR		
		DEPT, CHAIR		
PAST PRESIDENTS PARLEY	15-Apr	DEPT. CHAIR		· .
PAST PRESIDENTS PARLEY PLAQUE JO HRABAK PLAQUE	15-Apr	DEPT. CHAIR		
SERVICEWOMEN NOMINATION	1-Jun	HQTS		
UNIT MEMBER OF THE YEAR	15-Apr	DEPT. CHAIR	<del></del>	
NURSES SCHOLARSHIP	15-Apr 15-May	DEPT. CHAIR DEPT. CHAIR	<del></del>	
POPPY*				
SHELLEY RIGGS PLAQUE/SCRAPBOOK	15-Apr 15-Apr	DEPT, CHAIR		
MISS POPPY SCRAPBOOK	15-Apr	DEPT. CHAIR DEPT. CHAIR	<del> </del>	
UNIT POPPY AWARD	15-Apr	DEPT. CHAIR	<del></del>	
POPPY POSTER CONTEST	15-Apr	DEPT. CHAIR		<del></del>
PUBLIC RELATIONS	15-Apr	DEPT, CHAIR		
CHECK POA FOR AWARDS	15-Apr	DEPT. CHAIR		
MARIE MOORE PLAQUE	15-Apr	DEPT. CHAIR	-	
DORIS WAINWRIGHT PLAQUE	15-Apr	DEPT. CHAIR		
NANCY SALLOT PLAQUE	15-Apr	DEPT. CHAIR		
UNIT NEWSLETTER AWARD	15-Apr	DEPT. CHAIR		-
VETERANS AFFAIRS & REHAB.*	15-Apr	DISTRICT CHAIRMAN		_
SUE FRIEDRICH PLAQUE	15-Apr	DEPT. CHAIR	<del></del>	
MARIE MOORE FUND PLAQUE	1-Jun	HQTS		
OLIVER RUFFNER PLAQUE	15-Apr	HOSP. DIRECTOR		
CHECK POA FOR MANY AWARDS	DIFF.	DATES WHERE GOES		
VA&R ASSESSMENT	\$0.75	<b>INCLUDE ON REPORT</b>	<del> </del>	
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<sup>\*\*</sup>Judged at District Junior Convention and sent to appropriate Dept. Chair by due date.



# 2020 American Legion Family Leadership & Membership Awards Banquet

Saturday - January 25th

The Department of Ohio is hosting a formal banquet to honor the Leadership of our Posts and Districts for their hard work and dedication regarding Membership at our Mid-Winter Conference.

Department 1st Vice Commander Jean Wilson will be presenting membership awards. Legionnaires are encouraged to attend and support those being recognized for their efforts in membership.

Keynote Speaker: Major General Deborah Ashenhurst (U.S. Army, retired)
ODVS Director.

Social hour starts at 5:00PM in the foyer with a cash bar.

Dinner will be served at 6:00PM.

Formal attire is required.

Reservation deadline: January 10th

Cost is \$38.00 per person
Please return this form with payment

\*\*All banquet tickets must be reserved and will be provided at Registration beginning Friday afternoon.

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Address		
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-	Chicken Vegetarian	-

# Save the date

I will be hosting a workshop to build more "toothpicked" poppies for the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier

Bring your Juniors to help with this project
Bring your extra poppies
Refreshments will be provided
Sunday, January 19, 2020

1:00-4:00

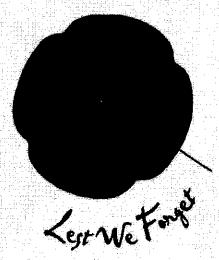
Western Reserve Christian Church

516 W. Streetsboro St.

Hudson, OH

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me Renee Kohl, Americanism Chair

330-802-2845



# **United States of America**

Freedom	District Of Columbia	Wyoming	Wisconsin
West Virginia	Washington	Virginia	Vermont
Utah	Texas	Tennessee	South Carolina
Rhode Island	Pennsylvania	Oregon	Oklahoma
Ohio	North Dakota	North Carolina	New York
New Mexico	New Jersey	New Hampshire	Nevada
Nebraska	Montana	Missouri	Mississippi
Minnesota	Michigan	Massachusetts	Maryland
Maine	Louisiana	Kentucky	Kansas
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Hawaii	Georgia	Florida	Delaware
Connecticut	Colorado	California	Arkansas
Arizona	Alaska	Alabama	

# Raffle Baskets To benefit the A&G Test Trip



Don't forget to bring your extra dollars! We will have 14 Raffle Baskets at Mid-Winter that you can bid on!

You will be required to put your name on the tickets, so here's a gentle suggestion....you know those return address labels we all receive in the mail? Well, make sure you bring them with you and I will gladly help you take some of them "off your hands".

Hope to see you and your dollars at Mid-Winter!



Renee Kohl American Legion Auxiliary Americanism Chair, 2019-2020

#### Buckeye Girls State Rene' Reese, Director (216) 362-0609

I want to thank everyone for their patience if they have reached out to me. My computer crashed in November and my email has not been functioning correctly as well. I just got my computer back and hope to get the email/phone issues corrected.

The 2020 Buckeye Girls State session will be held on the campus of the University of Mount Union, Alliance, Ohio the week of June 14-20, 2020.

If your Unit is sending a delegate(s) to Girls State you should be:

- Ordering the applications remember that the deadline is March 1<sup>st</sup> and then the price goes up.
- Working closely with the school(s) to get the names of potential delegates.
- Making plans as to when and where you will conduct the interviews. Remember that it is
  up to the Unit to decide who will be the delegates and alternates.

#### Next you should -

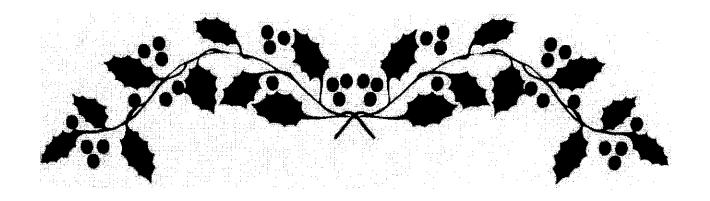
- Contact each girl to let her know when and where the interview will be held and to make sure she is available to be there. If she has a conflict, please make every attempt to reschedule her so that she has the opportunity to be interviewed.
- · Keep the parents informed of what is happening.
- Make your final decisions and contact the girls to let them know.
  - Be sure they receive the applications and it is the Unit's responsibility to see that all parties complete and sign the applications.
- After completion, the applications need to be sent to Vicky Buck at the Department office.

#### Remember:

- All delegates and alternates should have your contact information.
- Reinforce that the on-line orientation is mandatory and encourage them to attend a District orientation.
- Stay in contact with your delegates to answer questions and to be supportive.
   Especially reach out to them the week prior to Girls State to make sure nothing has changed.

I want to thank all of you who are doing the work on the Unit level and those who are volunteering at the Girls State session. It is because of you and your dedication that we are able to make this program such a success.

Please contact the office or myself if you have any questions.



# "The Christmas Prayer" by Robert Louis Stevenson

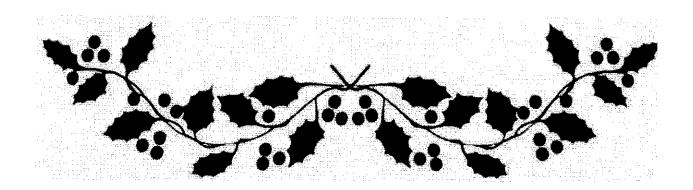
### Loving Father,

Help us remember the birth of Jesus, that we may share in the song of the angels, the gladness of the shepherds, and worship of the wise men.

Close the door of hate and open the door of love all over the world. Let kindness come with every gift and good desires with every greeting. Deliver us from evil by the blessing which Christ brings, and teach us to be merry with clear hearts.

May the Christmas morning make us happy to be Thy children, and Christmas evening bring us to our beds with grateful thoughts, forgiving and forgiven, for Jesus' sake.

Amen.



#### Education

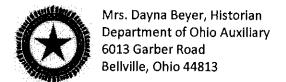
#### Barbara Benz, Chairperson

We have gotten off to a great start in our Education Program this year! I am really looking forward to sharing the specifics with you all at Mid-Winter in January. I am excited to report that we have had a sufficient number of applicants (and them some) to distribute all of the available funds for this year's Continuing Education Scholarships. There were 15 scholarships, each valued at \$250.00, awarded this year. I received a total of over 30 applications for this scholarship, so I am very pleased by the participation. The winners have been sent their checks and I will be sending a note to all of the applicants.

I have begun receiving the applications for the Department President's Scholarship as well. Keep them coming, there are many needy students and we have these funds set aside to distribute. Please remember to include the proper documents that are requested for each scholarship application. Some of the applications I received have been incomplete. I do my best to contact the applicants and request the information, but if the information is not received by the deadline, I cannot ensure the awards can be made.

Please keep an eye out for any female veterans needing scholarship assistance as well. Past President Kathy would LOVE to honor one of our vets with this scholarship that she established last year.

I have been asked by President Kristen to hold a raffle at Mid-Winter. This raffle will help support the American Legion's scholarship program. So, bring a few extra bucks and take home an amazing raffle basket.



419-566-9395 / Fax 888-225-3180 Email: <u>mrsdaynabeyer@gmail.com</u>

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to everyone and your families!

Thank you to all Seniors & Juniors Historians who submitted their Mid-Year report. You should have received an acknowledgment email or call that I did receive it. If you did not receive an acknowledgment, please contact me ASAP!

All Historians/Units whose Mid-Year reports were received will be entered into our incentive for a free drawing of one Senior and one Junior member to win ALA Brand earrings, which will be drawn during our Mid-Winter Conference.

What your Unit or District has done to work your programs of activities within your communities with visits to the VA Hospitals, Clinics and OVH, events with our Veterans and Juniors including handing out Poppies, while wearing our ALA brand are important to report. Share your stories with us and National President, Nicole Clapp and National Historian, Peggy Monroe exactly how we continue our legacy of a "Century of Serving" in the Department of Ohio.

And the R.A.C.E. is not over! We still have months of upcoming activities and events to capture and record for your Narrative, History and Scrapbooks.

If your unit has a visit from President, Kristen Little; 1st Vice, Colleen Phillips and or 2nd Vice, Cindy Masowick, please submit the visit form and any photos to me. And, don't forget to SHARE your 100th Year Birthday Celebrations with us on Facebook at "American Legion Auxiliary 100th Anniversary".

As you continue your gathering of information and photos for your history program, consider doing one or two of the following projects:

- Members Remember Project Video and interview members
- Calvacade of Memories Create an area to display unit memories
- Veterans History Project www.veteranshistoryproject.com
- Women's History Month March spotlight Auxiliary women leaders

If you have any questions, about these projects contact me and I will be happy to help you with any one of them.

Share your projects and events on Facebook on the following pages:

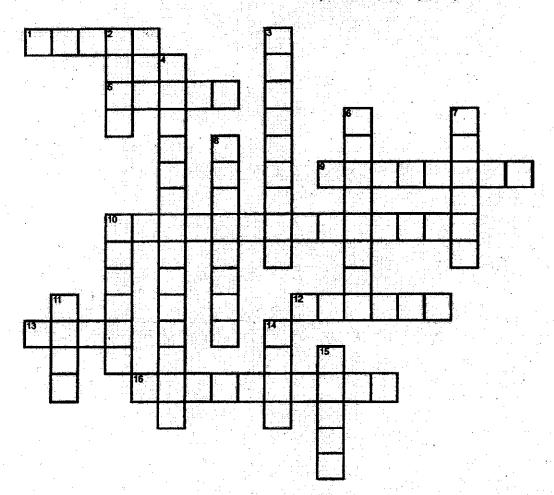
- > American Legion Auxiliary Historians
- Sharing Historian American Legion Auxiliary Ohio Photos & Events

We appreciate all that you do for our Veterans, and for God and country!

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### LEADERSHIP PROTOCOL

FUN WITH LEADERSHIP — BRING THIS TO MID-WINTER AND WIN A PRIZE ...Pam Bates, Department Leadership Chairperson



- 1 In the Dept. of OH ALA this VP position works membership Vice
- 5 Protocol for memebers to speak is that they

  & be recognized to speak
- 9 The official procedure or system of rules governing affairs
- 10 Person in the ALA meeting who gives advice to the President
- 12 The idea of not walking between/breaking the colors is called this-it is not in the Flag Code
- 13 Person at Dept. Conv. who assists their District President
- 16 This should be sent to guests whom you wish to participate in your meeting

#### Down

- The ribbon worn by all levels of Presidents is called
- 3 Members who vote at a convention
- 4 A 2 word title used to address the Chair
- 6 While a tridition in many Departments, it's not mandatory to wear these
- 7 The VP position in the Dept of OH that handles the Public Relations program
- 8 Individuals appointed by Presidents to lead a specific ALA program
- 10 The ALA custom after the President opens the meeting is \_\_\_\_\_
- 11 In the reception line, guests follow other guests according to their
- 14 This pin is worn above all others on the left side near your heart
- 15 A name tag should be worn on the what side?

### SUCCESS WORDS FOR LEADERSHIP

BRING TO MID-WINTER AND WIN A PRIZE. PAM BATES, DEPARTMENT LEADERSHIP CHAIRPERSON

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#### WORD LIST:

ACCEPT HELP COMMUNICATE CONFIDENCE CREATIVE EMBRACE EMPOWER ENCOURAGE ENTHUSIASM FLEXIBLE INNOVATIVE

MANAGE CONFLICT MOTIVATE PASSION POSITIVE ATTITUDE PRACTICE PROMOTE READ TRAIN TRUSTWORTHY

#### Legislative

Thank you for the Mid-Year reports that I received. It is evident that members are working diligently to put the 'A for Advocate' at the forefront of our R.A.C.E. for Veterans.

Have you subscribed to the Legion's Legislative Action Alerts and the Legislative Update? Please encourage your members to subscribe so that they will be current on the Legion's legislative positions.

Remember to take advantage of the resources available to all members at <a href="https://www.legion.org/legislative">www.legion.org/legislative</a> and on the ALA Legislative Facebook page <a href="https://www.facebook.com/ALAforVeterans">www.facebook.com/ALAforVeterans</a>,

All members should report results of in-person meetings with U.S. elected officials or their staff members directly to the Legion's Legislative Division using the online Congressional Contact Report Form at <a href="www.legion.org/legislative/aar">www.legion.org/legislative/aar</a>. The form asks for the names of everyone in attendance, the outcomes and personal observations of the meeting, and any follow-up actions recommended with the legislator or their staff. A copy will be provided to the ALA National Legislative Committee. For those not computer savvy, you might look for other members willing to assist them with filing this report.

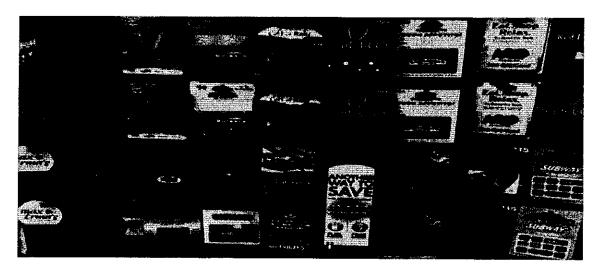
The National Legislative chairperson, Norma Tramm, asks all members using the website to answer the questions. This allow the National organization to know if those posting are members.

As this is our Centennial year we will celebrate as we look back at our accomplishments over the past 100 years. Norma would like to hear stories of how legislation has made a difference to our veterans and those still serving. Do you know someone who used the GI Bill to give them a better life? What about the Blue Water Navy Vietnam Veterans Bill that was signed in July? She asks that you email her the stories (<a href="https://ntramm@juno.com">ntramm@juno.com</a>) or post them to the ALA Legislative Facebook page.

I am still looking for members to serve on the American Legion Auxiliary's National Legislative Council. Members serve for two years and we would love to have a member from each congressional district. The nomination form was included in a prior bulk mailing but I will gladly send you a copy if needed.

For God and Country,

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#### **NATIONAL CANDIDATES FUND RAFFLE**

We are asking all units to donate gift cards in denominations of \$15-\$25 for the National Campaign Committee's raffle to raise funds.

Be advised that the units are not required to do this.

Please bring donations of gift cards to the Committee at Mid-Winter Conference in Columbus or to Poppy Shop in Sandusky. This way we can get our raffle put together and ready to go for Department Convention. You can always mail them to the members of the Committee. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact:

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# POPPY KAREN PEEL – CHAIRPERSON

Thank you to all the Poppy Chairpersons who have sent me a Mid-Winter report! You still can send me a report, if I have it by December 29<sup>th</sup>.

Don't forget to get your poppy orders into Department by December 31<sup>st</sup>. You must purchase poppies by December 31<sup>st</sup> for your Unit to qualify for a Citation of Merit.

#### Calling all crafters!!!

Mid-Winter is right around the corner! Are you working on your items for the Poppy corsage and usage contest??? Remember that the contest is open to both Juniors and Seniors! They will be judged separately. But — most of all — don't forget your dollars to vote! All donations will benefit the National Creative Arts Festival.

#### Centennial Poppy Special Project

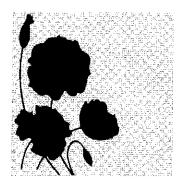
Be part of the Centennial celebration. At Mid-Winter (along with the Poppy corsage and usage contest), we will be looking for that "special Ohio" poppy to submit to National for National President Nicole Clapp's map. The instructions are included with this mailing. We will be judging entries at Mid-Winter. Remember — this is an additional contest.

If your Unit has used poppies in decorations, wreaths, etc. for the holidays or a special event, please take pictures and send them to me. I would love to share your creations in my Poppy report!

As 2019 ends, I hope that each one of you achieved everything that you hoped you would. May each of us strive to make a difference every day in the lives of those we encounter. God Bless you all!

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Love,



Karen