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President's Message ~ A Note From President Colleen

Colleen Phillips, Department President

You are such talented and giving American Legion Auxiliary Members. Thanks to your dedication to our Veterans and your helpful natures, our Juniors were able to put together sixty-seven bags for our Veterans. Many of them had socks, hats, and scarves. The girls made no-sew blankets with donated materials and thank you angels to put in the bags. Way to go! Thank you, Michelle Zayakosky Junior Activities Chair and the Ohio Juniors that took time out of their busy schedules to attend our Midwinter Conference. The girls I talked to said they had fun and hope to come back to the next planned Junior event.

What a wonderful and informative Midwinter! The guest speaker on Friday, at the Mid-Winter conference, was Kevin P. Cullen, Colonel, US Air Force (Retired), of the Ohio State University. He is the Assistant Vice Provost and Director for Military & Veterans Services supporting the 2,300+ military, veteran and family member students attending OSU. Among the many committees, boards and councils he serves on, are Canine Companions for Independence North Central Region and Ohio State's Suicide Prevention Advisory Board. He gave a presentation on services at OSU. Stating that OSU is a national model for military friendly universities; Buckeyes serving Buckeyes in order to achieve academic success, graduate and have better lives.

Our program chairman and friends had many informative presentations, very interesting, sometimes quite funny. It was great to have fun! Each reminded us of the importance of reading our Plans of Actions and sending in the reports on a timely manner. With the often slow snail mail, it was suggested sending in reports several weeks early. To the updated information on the reports being sent out in February.

Denise Delaney-Wrolen, Central Division National Vice-President brought an encouraging message to Ohio. She encouraged us to ask the male spouses of our lady veterans to join. Her smile and pleasant nature were appreciated by all. Before she left, she complimented our Chairmen on the great job they did to inform our members in an interesting and fun way.

Thanks to everyone who attended. Sorry we were not able to do FaceBook Live. We are sure you make our new members and visitors feel welcome. Ask them if they are interested in being part of a committee. NEVER make them Chairman at the first meeting they attend. But if you can give them a reason to come back it will help

them want to come back.

We need to remember our mission. So many wonderful members keep working our programs and growing our membership. We want to congratulate each of our units that have reached their goal! There are some of you that only need a few members to reach goal. **DO NOT BE DISCOURAGED! YOU CAN DO IT!!** If you have a member that doesn't want to renew, find out why.

RESPECT, we all want it, and yet so many do not treat others with the respect we want to receive. Each week we hear about a unit with problems; so often the problem is more about lack of respect and personality conflicts. Remember patience is a virtue. Take a step back look at both sides and decide if the problem is bigger than the great programs of our American Legion Auxiliary. Anytime we are dealing with others we need to remember the Golden Rule and treat others as we want to be treated.



Donations are down. Please make every effort to send your donations soon. Vicky Buck our Program Coordinator & Buckeye Girls State Coordinator has some fundraising ideas if your unit is suffering from a low funding balance because of all the Covid concerns; you can email her at vicky@alaohio.org.

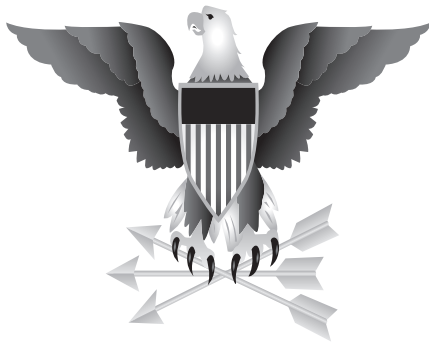
Soon it will be time to work on reports. Please know how important completing reports and sending them in on time. There will be updates to several of the reports PLEASE take the information from the updated Plan of Actions.

I recently read a quote by Rabbi Harold Kushner: You become happy by living a life that means something. I suspect the happiest people you know are the ones who work at being kind, helpful, reliable, and happiness sneaks into their lives while doing those things.

Continue to pray for all those members dealing with cancer, covid, other illnesses and those who have lost a loved one.

You American Legion Auxiliary Members are so very special, and we need each of you and your many talents to continue to help our Veterans, Active-Duty Military and our Children. Bless each of you and know You are Appreciated!!

2022 District Summer Convention



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District	Date	Reg. Time	Meeting Begins	City	Host Unit/ Meeting Place	Hostess	Address and Directions	Guest Speaker	Lunch	Reserve By Date	Send Reserve to	Address	Phone/Email
1	6/4/22	8:00 AM	9:30 AM	Ottawa	Ottawa Post 63	Pat Agner	218 W. Main St. Ottawa, OH 45875		\$6.00	5/28/22	Pat Agner	1012 E 2nd St. Ottawa, OH 45875	419-523-6750 jagner@woh.rr.com
2	6/5/22	9:00 AM	10:00 AM	Celina	Celina Post 210	Becky Fetters	2510 State Route 703 Celina, OH 45822		Yes -No Charge	5/29/22	Becky Fetters	3893 Carmel Church Rd Celina, OH 45822	419-305-8644 or tyh@bright.net
3	6/4/22	9:00 AM	10:00 AM	Kettering	Kettering Post 598		5700 Kentshire Dr Kettering, OH 45440		\$6.00	5/31/22	Unit 598		post598auxiliary@gmail.com
4	6/5/22	12:00 PM	1:00 PM	Mason	Mason Post 194	Marsha Giehls	401 Reading Rd Mason, OH 45040		Light Snacks	5/24/22	Marsha Giehls	118 S. West St Mason, OH 45040	513-398-6566 aux194@embarqmail.com
5											Contact District President Deb Sutterlin for information		
6	5/1/22	9:00 AM	10:00 AM	Marion	Marion Post 162	Peggy Kohler	531 Bellefontaine Ave, Marion, OH 43302		Yes price TBD	Reservation not required			
7	6/12/22	1:00 PM	2:00 PM	Seaman	Seaman Post 633	Kathy Gorman	17825 State Route 247 Seaman, OH 45679		Yes for donation	6/4/22	Kathy Gorman	1811 Inlow Ave Peebles, OH 45660	937-779-9156
8											Contact District President April Ice for information		
9	6/11/22	9:00 AM	10:00 AM	Willoughby	Elks Lodge #18	Sue Fratino	38860 Mentor Ave Willoughby, OH 44094		Yes - No Charge	6/1/22	Louise Cichon		440-391-9857
10	6/1/22	9:00 AM	10:00 AM	Salineville	Salineville Post 442	Kay Bettis	51 West Main St Salineville, OH 43945		\$6.00	5/25/22	Kay Bettis	Maple Hill Box 23A Salineville, OH 43945	330-303-6252
11	6/4/22	9:00 AM	10:00 AM	Roseville	Roseville Post 71	Rebecca Cole	74 S. Main St. Roseville, OH 43777		\$8.00	5/28/22	Rebecca Cole	74 S. Main St. Lot 8 Roseville, OH 43777	740-704-1221
12	5/14/22	9:00 AM	10:00 AM	Columbus	Southway Post 144	Ann Garren	3253 S High St Columbus, OH 43207		\$6.00	5/6/22	Ann Garren	3744 Abney Rd Columbus, OH 43207	614-749-2821 anngarren@hotmail.com
13	6/5/22	11:30 AM	12:00 PM	Newburgh Hts	Newburgh Hts Post 627	Kimm Bunch	3935 E. 42nd St. Newburgh Hts, OH 44105		\$5.00	5/28/22	Kimm Bunch	1060 Fairlawn Dr, Parma, OH 44130	216-401-8842 kimmieb219@sbcglobal.net
14	5/14/22	9:00 AM	10:00 AM	Streetsboro	Streetsboro Post 685	Cindy Masowick	10001 Hudson Aurora Rd Streetsboro, OH 44241		\$8.00	5/9/22	Cindy Masowick		330-650-9594 cjidgy@gmail.com

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

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Department Secretary's Corner

by Kelly Gibson

Department Secretary/Executive Director



I hope that those of you who attended Midwinter enjoyed the experience and that you learned things to take back and share with your Unit. I encourage everyone who is able to attend Department and District meetings. It is a great forum to share information and get ideas from the presentations, program tables, and from your peers.

Bulk mail is coming out soon and there is so much good information included for Unit President's to share with your members so they can be fully informed, engaged, and excited to fulfill our mission. The Kit of Reports will be in the February bulk mailing. Please take the time to fill out the Impact Report and get it to your District President by the due date. The good work each of you do matters so stand up and be counted. Also take

the time to get your year end reports in by April 15th. I know the Chairmen would be thrilled to have reports from every Unit.

Many important deadlines are just around the corner. Here are just a few:

- BGS application requests are due March 1st. We have limited the number of delegates again this year to be proactive in the face of covid. Also please note among important changes this year is that in person orientations are required for all delegates. The schedule of available orientations is in this issue and delegates can attend the orientation of their choice in any district that is convenient for them.
- New Unit Data Forms will be going out soon and will be due to Department on April 1st. Officer Certification Forms will come out soon after and will be due on June 1st. It is very important that these are received on time whether or not there have been any changes.
- Please get your donations in by June 1st. This is the date for consideration for many of our awards. I encourage you to send donations sooner rather than later. Donations are down and the funds are critical to our mission.

Membership

Cindy Masowick, 1st Vice President

First, I need to make a correction from the last Buckeye Messenger issue under Membership. I wrote when visiting various District Conferences that they were fun, successful and informative. I must correct that these conferences were fun, successful and formative. These district chairmen did a great job informing their members on their programs.

Membership is going extremely well. We currently have 22 goal Units that will be placed in 2-separate drawings at Mid-Winter. Details will be in the next issue. Last year membership was at 67.6544% on 12/31/2020. This we are at 70.1022%. Ohio is ahead of last year on the National level as well. Thank you to

all the Team Leaders, District Presidents and members for getting renewals in. This Membership Chairman appreciates all your hard work. Thank you for continuing "Ohio Angels Working Membership Together for the Red, White, and Blue".

I am working on 2022-2023 Chairmanships for next year. If you are interested, please contact me.

Thank you to everyone for Service not Self.



Public Relations

Jane Ridenour, 2nd Vice President



Where has time gone? I know, for a lot of you members, it's been busy helping others! You've spread holiday cheer to many veterans, children and communities. You've sent help by way of packages to those affected by the tornadoes. You've commemorated our veterans with participation in Wreaths

Across America. You've seen that food pantries and gift shops are stocked. You've crocheted blankets and hats. And how do I know these things? PUBLIC RELATIONS!! Social media, radio programs, newspaper articles, press releases, pictures...ALL have documented the tremendous things you have done! And it makes a difference. Not just in the people you've helped but to

those reading/hearing about these good deeds and saying, "I'd like to be a part of that group!" SPREAD THE WORD!!

And while you're doing that, are you putting together your press books? It won't be long before that favorite time of year is once again upon us... Year End Reports. Time flies when you're having fun!! And while you're putting together those press books, if you have any photos/articles regarding any visits by Department President Colleen, I'd love to have a copy so I can put them in my press book that goes to her to document all of the travels she has had throughout her year.

Last, but not least, be sure to keep information from National, Department, District and Unit flowing between your members. As you know, our favorite saying in Public Relations is: "COMMUNICATION IS KEY!!"

Department Convention 2022

Cincinnati

Hilton Cincinnati Netherland Plaza

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June 30-July 2

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MEET THE CANDIDATES...

Roseanne Paquette — Candidate for 1st District President

Adams Township Unit #553 of Toledo proudly announces and endorses our candidate for 1st District President, Roseanne Paquette.

Roseanne has been a member of Adams Township Unit #553 for over 15 years. Roseanne gains her eligibility through her husband David Paquette who is an active American Legion Post #553 member. Roseanne comes from a strong American Legion Auxiliary family as her daughter and granddaughters have been members.

In her Unit, Roseanne has presided as Unit President, First Vice President, Historian and is currently the Unit Secretary/Treasurer and Americanism Chairman. She has also served in her unit on the Audit Committee, Nominating Committee and Community Service. Roseanne has actively served the 1st District by currently serving as the 1st District Vice President and served for three (3) years as the Americanism Chairman. Roseanne is currently serving as Department Community Service Co-Chairman.

We feel Roseanne will guide the 1st District in a very capable and caring way and on to new endeavors for the 2022-2024 term.

Peggy Sherwood-Hayes

President

Adams Township Unit #553



Jane Yeager — Candidate for 5th District President

Ehret Parsel American Legion Auxiliary Unit #447 would like to nominate Jane Yeager for the office of 5th District President for the years 2022-2024. She has been an active member for 51 years, beginning as a charter member of our Junior Unit. Her eligibility is through her father who is a Korean War veteran and is a 71 year member of American Legion Post #447.

Jane has held all the offices and chairmanships in the Unit and the District. She is currently Unit Secretary, Girls State and Americanism Chairman, and helps with whatever she can within our Post and Unit. In the District she is currently the Vice -President and Junior Activities Chairman. Her granddaughter Kristi Yeager is currently the 5th District Honorary Junior President.

Working with children, community, and veterans while promoting patriotism are Jane's priorities and she is usually busy with a project that involves at least one of them.

She is a very proud member of the American Legion Auxiliary, the Fighting 5th District and Department of Ohio. She is looking forward to working with all the American Legion Family in the future.

Sincerely,

Cindy Perkins

President Ehret Parsel Unit #447



Kimberly Bunch — Candidate for 13th District President

The members of Teddy M. Zieja Unit 627 American Legion Auxiliary are proud to present and endorse Kimberly Bunch as our candidate for the office of Thirteenth District President for the 2022-2023 & 2023-2024 Auxiliary years.

Kimberly gained her eligibility through her brother, Donald Hill, who served in the US Army during Vietnam and has been a member of Unit 627 since 2000.

Kimberly has served on the Executive Committee and has been President of Unit 627 for 11 years. She has assisted and helped all her Unit Officers and Chairmen. In addition, she has been deeply involved in the selection of the Unit's delegates for Buckeye Girls State. She has organized and helped with the Unit's many visits to the Cleveland VA Medical Center for bingos, Easter & Christmas bag handouts. She has attended and taken Miss Poppy to the Poppy Shop in Sandusky Ohio several times.

In the Thirteenth District she has served as Americanism Chairman and is currently the District's 1st Vice President and VA&R Chairman.

Kimberly has attended many School of Instructions, Leadership sessions, Mid-Winter Conferences, and Department Conventions. At the recent Department Convention she acted as the Head Teller in charge of the ballot boxes.

Kimberly exemplifies what we, as Auxiliary members, should remember-“Service not Self” not only for our Veterans but for our Children & Communities. Kimberly considers the Teddy M Zieja Family- Legion, Auxiliary, Junior Auxiliary, Sons of The American Legion, and Riders, part of her family and strives to serve all.

We know that Kimberly's commitment and eagerness to help in any way would make her a great leader for the 13th District. She has the full support of Unit 627 and the current Thirteenth District President, Louise Aigner. We ask for your support by electing Kimberly Bunch as your next 13th District President.

The Officers and Members of Teddy M. Zieja Unit 627 and 13th District President and Members,

Michelle Bolin, Secretary Unit 627

Louise Aigner, 13th District President



AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY Department of Ohio – Calendar of Events 2022

February		17	Easter	12-18	Buckeye Girls State - University of Mount Union
14	Valentine's Day	TBD	DLNC	14	Flag Day
15	Bulk Mail Due	TBD	Spring Budget Meeting Dept. HQ, Zanesville	17	BGS Board Meeting UMU
21	President's Day - Office Closed	TBD	Finance Committee Meeting	19	Father's Day
28th-4th	A&G Test Trip	TBD	Department Executive Committee Meeting	30th-2nd	Department Convention Cincinnati, OH
March		TBD	Junior Convention	July	
15th	Bulk Mail Due	May		4	Independence Day observed - Office Closed
April		8	Mother's Day	15	Book of Reports Articles Due
3	Poppy Celebration 1:00-4:00	15	Armed Forces Day	15	Buckeye Messenger Articles Due
	Young-Budd Post 171, Westerville, Ohio	15	Bulk Mail Due	August	
15	Good Friday - Office Closed	31	Memorial Day - Office Closed	26th-1st	National Convention - Milwaukee, WI
15	Buckeye Messenger Articles Due	June			
15	Bulk Mail Due	11	BGS Board Meeting UMU		





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BUCKEYE GIRLS STATE District Orientation Schedule – Spring 2022

District	Date	Host Unit Number	Location	Registration Time	Orientation Convenes	Additional Information	BGS Staff Member to Assist with the Orientation
1	April 24, 2022	Holgate Unit #340	St. Peter's Lutheran Church 710 Joe E. Brown Ave. Holgate, OH	2:00 p.m.	2:30 p.m.	St. Peter's Lutheran Church	Gwen Schroeder-Zulch Colleen Phillips
1	May 5, 2021	American Legion Freedom Post #183	405 E. Front St. Pemberville, OH 43450	6:30 p.m.	7:00 p.m.		Gwen Schroeder-Zulch Colleen Phillips
2	April 27, 2022	Isaac Van Wert Post #178	631 W. Main St. Van Wert, OH 45891	6:30 p.m.	7:00 p.m.		Gwen Schroeder-Zulch Colleen Phillips
2	May 1, 2022	Washington Post 444	241 N. Mill St. New Knoxville, OH 45871	1:00 p.m.	1:30 p.m.		Gwen Schroeder-Zulch Colleen Phillips
3	April 23, 2021	New Carlisle Unit #286	2251 N. Dayton-Lakeview Rd. New Carlisle, OH 45344	3:00 p.m.	3:30 p.m.		Kristen McLaughlin Diann Long
4	April 24, 2022	Loveland Unit #256	897 Oakland Rd. Loveland, OH 45140	12:30 p.m.	1:00 p.m.		Kristen McLaughlin Diann Long
5	April 23, 2022	American Legion Auxiliary - Unit #83	3615 Hayes Ave. Sandusky, OH 44870	1:00 p.m.	1:30 p.m.		Linda Close
5	April 24, 2022	American Legion Auxiliary Unit #257	131 S. Water St. Loudonville, OH 44842	1:00 p.m.	1:30 p.m.		Linda Close
5	May 15, 2022	American Legion Auxiliary Shelby Unit #326	89 E. Main St. Shelby, OH 44875	1:00 p.m.	1:30 p.m.		Linda Close
6	April 9, 2022	American Legion Auxiliary Unit #254	180 W. Maple St. Johnstown, OH 43031	1:00 p.m.	1:30 p.m.		Linda Close
7	April 30, 2022	American Legion Unit #25	Fayette Masonic Lodge #107 118 E. Market St. Washington Court House, OH 43160	1:00 p.m.	1:30 p.m.	Fayette Masonic Lodge #107	Vicky Buck
8							Vicky Buck
9	May 14, 2022	American Legion Post #336	60 Chester St. Painesville, OH 44077	9:30 a.m.	10:00 a.m.		Kristen McLaughlin Diann Long
10	April 24, 2022	Lowell D. Oberly Unit #667	224 Wood St. NE East Canton, OH 44730	1:00 p.m.	1:30 p.m.	Foltz Community Center	Karen Peel Cindy Masowick
11	May 14, 2022	Forest L. Mumford Unit #171	74 S. Main St. Roseville, OH 43777	1:00 p.m.	1:30 p.m.		Karen Peel Cindy Masowick
12	May 1, 2022	Southway Post Unit #144	3253 S. High St. Columbus, OH 43207	1:30 p.m.	2:00 p.m.		Vicky Buck
13	May 15, 2022	Clifton Post #421	22001 Brookpark Rd. Fairview, OH 44126	12:00 p.m.	12:30 p.m.		Kristen McLaughlin Diann Long
14	May 1, 2022	Kent Unit #496	1945 Mogadore Rd. Kent, OH 44240	1:00 p.m.	2:00 p.m.		Karen Peel Cindy Masowick

Regarding Elections for the 2022-2023 Department Officers

Below is an excerpt from the Department Constitution regarding elections. Those wishing to be considered for office for the 2022-2023 administrative year must submit a letter of intent to run for office, stating which office they intend to run for and must submit an article of endorsement for the Buckeye Messenger by May 1st, 2022.

ARTICLE IV **Officers – Elections**

Section 1. The Department officers shall be: President, First Vice-President, Second Vice-President, Secretary/Executive Director and Fourteen (14) District Presidents. The National Executive Committeeperson shall be the immediate past Department President.

Section 2. Nominations for election of Department officers with the exception of the Department Secretary/Executive Director, District Presidents and National Executive Committeeperson (NEC) shall be made at the Department Convention. Any Unit member in good standing is eligible to hold office.

Section 3. The President, First Vice-President and Second Vice-President shall be

elected annually. For those offices with more than one nominee, election shall be by ballot at the Department Convention. These officers are elected at the Department Convention for a term of one year or until their successors are elected and installed. A plurality vote shall elect. These officers shall not be eligible for a second term in the same office. These officers shall assume their duties at the adjournment of the Department Convention.

Section 4. The Department Secretary/Executive Director may serve an unlimited number of terms and shall be ratified annually by the Department Executive Committee.

Section 5. A vacancy occurring in any office shall be filled by the Department President with the approval of the Department Executive Committee.

Section 6. The Department President, First Vice-President, Second Vice-President, National Executive Committeeperson, the Fourteen (14) District Presidents, and Department Secretary/Executive Director without vote, shall comprise the Department Executive Committee.

The 2022 Americanism & Government Program Washington Trip Participants

<u>GRADE 12 – BOYS</u>			<u>GRADE 12 – GIRLS</u>		
Jacob Carman District 3 Versailles HS	Reece Brunton District 8 Wellston HS	Connor Dute District 4 McNicholas HS	Kate Nutter District 8 River Valley HS	Hope Zagar District 9 Berkshire HS	Emily Barker District 7 Fayette Christian School
<u>GRADE 11 – BOYS</u>			<u>GRADE 11 – GIRLS</u>		
Paul Homan District 2 Fort Recovery HS	Jacob Goodson District 1 Evergreen HS	Carl Stumbo District 8 River Valley HS	Ryleigh Tooill District 7 Fayette Christian School	Emma Scott District 5 Colonial Crawford HS	Faith Lord District 2 Christian Academy HS
<u>GRADE 10 – BOYS</u>			<u>GRADE 10 – GIRLS</u>		
William Minatel District 13 Breckersville-Broadview Hts HS	Walker Hill District 7 Fayette Christian HS	Joseph Krause District 10 Minerva HS	Katherine Hynes District 7 Miami Trace HS	Regan Taylor District 10 Minerva HS	Lana McAdams District 3 Miami East HS

Buckeye Girls State *Gwen Schroder-Zulch, Director*

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

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

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

FACTS: We need VOLUNTEERS. Whether it be as a City Counselor, Residence Hall Counselor, City Government Advisor, we have a place for you.

FACT: You get free rooms and board, three meals a day, plenty of exercise and a LIFE-TIME OF MEMORIES.

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


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

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

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

Remember: It is the responsibility of the Unit to interview the American Legion Buckeye Girls State delegates and alternates and to keep in contact with them.

Poppy Celebration



Please Join Us

Sunday, April 3, 2022
1:00 pm – 4:00 pm
American Legion, Young-Budd Post 171
393 East College Avenue
Westerville, OH 43081
(Maximum Capacity – 150)

IN ORDER TO ATTEND YOU MUST RSVP

No admission will be granted on a walk-in basis, you must RSVP.

The Earlier the Better.

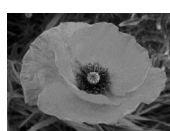
Masks are not required/Refreshments will not be served or be available

Please RSVP By March 14, 2022

Susan Schofield Fratino
sscoey17@gmail.com
We look forward to seeing you at this year’s
Poppy Celebration

Poppy Celebration Application

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



Lest We Forget

POPPY CELEBRATION
 Sunday, April 3, 2022
 American Legion, Young-Budd Post 171
 393 East College Avenue
 Westerville, OH 43081
 Attendance limited to 150 people for this event
 Masks are not required at this time (Subject to change)

This application must be completed and mailed no later than March 14, 2022, to:

Susan Schofield-Fratino
 7565 Lambton Court
 Mentor, OH 44060

Only 25 applicants will be accepted limited to 3 guests
Please remember that Poppy Attire is to be worn by all participants

Name: _____

Guests: _____

Sponsoring Unit, Post, Squadron: _____

School, Grade, and Age: _____
(if participant is a child)

Parents: _____

Parent’s Email Address: _____
(if participant is a child)

Please note: You will receive an email confirming your reservation. Only those guests listed on the application will be able to attend the Poppy Celebration

Hobbies, extracurricular activities, sports, accomplishments: _____

Thank you for taking the time to complete this application. It is very beneficial in the preparation of the program and ensure that each participant receives proper recognition.

Constitution and Bylaws *Carol T. Robinson, Chairman*

The Constitution & Bylaws program informs and educates members of the American Legion Auxiliary on the importance and power of having properly written and regularly reviewed and updated governing documents.

Your governing documents include your articles of incorporation (if incorporated), constitution, bylaws, standing rules, and policies.

The fundamental rules of the organization state how the membership agrees to govern itself, how it will choose its leaders, hold its meetings, and policies of the administration of the organization.

Knowing the non-profit laws in your state provides the essential foundation for your governing documents at the department, district, county, and unit level.

and misunderstandings and if you have the appropriate wording in place, it can allow operations to continue in an emergency.

Keeping your governing documents up to date and making them available to all members are key to a healthy organization that functions as a team to support our veterans, military, and their families.

Remember that department, district, county, and unit constitution, bylaws, and standing rules cannot conflict with national governing documents.

When the national constitution, bylaws, and standing rules change, departments, districts, counties, and units should automatically update their governing documents.

Remember I am here to assist with updating your documents. I am available Monday through Friday from 8:00 AM until 9:00 PM. My phone number is 937-602-9365.

LEADERSHIP - ARE YOU PLANNING AHEAD?

Pam Bates, Chairperson

What does planning ahead mean: to make all arrangements or preparations that one will or might find necessary or useful in advance of something happening.

Can you guess what? I bet you know! How about End of Year Reports...Reporting on your forms...Writing a narrative for that form...Award Criteria...and Elections. WOW....it's all around the corner. Most of what I'm about to share can be used with any program...BUT...READ your specific Program Plan of Action. Reading and following the directions are the KEY.

FILLING OUT YOUR REPORT FORM:

- Make sure you fill it out correctly...especially the top section.
- Know your Unit's Official Name & Number!!
- Make sure you refer to the American Legion Auxiliary as UNIT ###...not a Post
- Make sure you write in a Point of contact with phone number and email if possible
- Answer any or all questions in accordance with the form's directions
- Most Chairmen want a little explanation when you answer "yes". Just a sentence or two or refer to your narrative story note really helps

END YEAR REPORT & WRITING YOUR NARRATIVE STORY

- Review & read the Plan of Action for your program to determine objectives to accomplish during the year. They were mailed to the Unit President to distribute to the Unit Chairman or you can find them online at www.alaohio.org or you can request an email copy from the Department Chairman.
- The Leadership's Plan has questions to answer that can be used in your report and there are Key Statements with objectives than be used in the narrative.
- It is IMPORTANT to read thoroughly and completely as each program has different criteria. Some require dollar values; number of volunteers; number of veterans served (be

specific - "many" is not numerical); impact reports some require totally different information. One size does not fit all.

- Compile data, total numbers, activities from your members and treasurer and then determine where the information fits.
- If an activity crosses several Programs, you can decide to use the numbers on one program or distribute the hours across the Programs that are involved.
- Write the narrative, and forward it by deadline to the individual who is to receive the report. This is listed in the Plan of Action.
- If we as department chairmen do not receive information from the units, we cannot report "What Ohio Does" for the programs.

WRITING YOUR UNIT NARRATIVE STORY

- The word narrative often panics people. Don't let it! You are really writing a story about what the unit did or if it's a member specific award, what they did for the program.
- Think of a member you have not seen for a long time. Here's your chance to tell that member what has been happening in the unit for the year.
- Review and read the OHIO Action Plan for awards...National and Department. Each has different criteria. Some require impact reports in order to be considered. READ CAREFULLY!
- There are also certificates that can be earned.
- NEW THIS YEAR...The Member of the Year Award has moved from Past Presidents' Parley to Leadership. The criteria and the form are included in the Plan of Action.
- CONFUSED...don't be...Contact your Department/District Chairman for any help or specifics.

Poppy

Susan Schofield-Fratino, Chairman

Happy New Year Everyone!! Can you believe that we have under four months, until reports are due??

This is a good time to start taking notes on what you have done for the Poppy Program. Did you have any fundraisers, participate in the National Poppy Challenge, or have participants for the Poppy Poster Contest? In addition, is your unit doing something special for National Poppy Day on May 28?

National Poppy Chairman, Sallie Rossman is looking for photos to share at the National Convention. Please send me photos of any Poppy related events, and I will forward the photos and also post on the Poppy Facebook page.

Although we are not able to have Poppy Shop this year at the Ohio Veterans Home in Sandusky, we will having a modified version called the "Poppy Celebration". Information

was in the last Bulk Mailing. The event will be held on Sunday, April 3, 2022, from 1:00 – 4:00 pm at American Legion, Young- Budd Post 171 in Westerville, OH.

In order to attend you MUST RSVP. The maximum capacity is 150, and no admission will be granted on a walk-in basis. Refreshments will not be served or available. You can RSVP, by emailing me at sscoey17@gmail.com.

Also, an application is available for Miss Poppy, Master Poppy, and Mr. & Mrs. Poppy in the last bulk mailing.

Please contact me with any questions or concerns.

Susan Schofield Fratino, Poppy Chairman

sscoey17@gmail.com

440 759 4961

Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation

Shirley Maurer, Chairman

Usually this article for VA&R would be a long one. By this time, we would have had hospital tours to all the VA facilities and a report would be given on each of them, but that has not happened this year due to COVID and the majority of them not letting us come in yet. So, I am sure by the time I get done with this article, it will be short. We pray that next year we will be able to visit the VA facilities.

I have seen on Facebook that there are a lot of units that have been doing wonderful things for the veterans. Items have been collected by the hospital representatives and distributed to the veterans at Christmas and other times, baby showers for the expected mothers and a lot of other things too numerous to mention. Please all of you, keep up the good work. We want the veterans to know that we still care about them and are thinking about them during this time that we can't physically be with them.

If you have not heard, caregiver initiatives have been established by our National President. Caregivers can now be awarded "Service to Veterans" hours which may accumulate

for hour bars for time spent providing care and assistance to Veterans within their families if they do not receive PROFESSIONAL compensation for doing so. If the caregiver lives with the Veteran, they may be awarded 10 hours a week. If they do NOT live with the Veteran then they may be awarded 5 hours a week. The onus is placed upon the caregiver to report these hours through the existing structure within their units and departments. Only the highest earned hour bar will be awarded. This change will have bearing on how we ask Impact Numbers to be reported-specifically what is included, and that information will be updated on the National website soon. So, with that said, when you write your narrative for your year end report, please include the number of hours that you spent as a caregiver, but don't forget to turn them in for your hour bars.

Don't forget that your green report is due to your district VA&R chairman by April 15, 2022 and district VA&R chairman, your report is due to me by May 1, 2022.

God Bless all of You and keep up the good work that you are doing.

Children & Youth

Deb Meyer, Chairman

Patricia Miller, Vice Chairman

Objective four of the Children and Youth Plan of Action is working with the American Legion's Children and Youth program and part of their program is the Child Welfare Foundations. This foundation had its beginning in 1952 when Dr. Garland D. Murphy, Jr. gave the American Legion a large contribution that would benefit children. The Legion and Murphy entered into a trust agreement that established the Child Welfare Foundation. The American Legion Child Welfare Foundation was developed as a repository of funds from individuals who wished to contribute to the betterment of children in this country. The mission of the Child Welfare foundation is "to contribute to the physical, mental, emotional and spiritual need of children and youth; to improve the lives of children and youth through funding projects or in other ways, including youth activities and programs sponsored by the American Legion." Grants are awarded to various organization around the country advocating for children. You can find a list of those grants using: legion.org/childwelfare At the bottom of that page there is link to a list of those who have received a grant.

As of first of December the auxiliaries in the Department of Ohio had contributed only \$25. How can you help? I realize our units' funds can be stretch thin especially now with all the social restriction we have with the pandemic, so we have to think out of the box. When you login to the National ALA website under "My Auxiliary Member Portal," and click on Liaison to Child Welfare Foundation page, you can download a label that will fit around a Pringles can. These donation cans can be place at your Post. Check with other

business around the community to see if you can place a can at their establishment. Work with your post and see if you could cut hearts or maybe a spring flower and when a person donates a dollar their name can go on the cut-out and place on a "Wall for CWF."

We are still seeking children and youth to be recognized with the Good Deed Award, Youth Hero Award and the Youth Caregiver Certificate. Check with your local scout and other youth organizations to see what children are doing. Check with the schools to see what students might be doing to help and being hero to other students. The youth caregiver does not have to be a veteran receiving the care. The reason for the recognition is to acknowledge the child giving care and not being paid for his or her services.

April is children and Youth Month so start planning now. Think about planning a summer safety program that would include bike and water safety and the importance of sun safety. Invite the local police to hold a bike rodeo and lifeguards to talk about water safety. April is also Military Children Month, and our National chairman is asking us to "Purple Up" on April 15th, Military Children Day. If you have military children in your community plan an event to honor them. There is a special Military Children Table Ceremony that would be good for the Junior and young SAL member to perform in honor of military children.

April 30th is Military Brat Day. Whereas the term used to be considered derogatory, it is now used often for self-awareness to identify as being part of a military family.

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Children & Youth (Continued)

Approximately one out of every 25 Americans is a military brat. These children have to make sacrifices other children do not. If you have children of military families in your community, consider hosting special event at your post to honor them and acknowledge their sacrifice for our country.

Soon it will be time to report so check the Children and Youth POA for the awards

the unit will be eligible to receive. Please send pictures of what your unit is doing so I can share with others all your fabulous ideas with the units in our Department and our National Chairman. You just might see your pictures on the big screen at the National Convention.

Historian

Dayna Beyer, Historian

Happy New Year! For all our unit historians and presidents that sent an email or message of what your unit did since department convention. Kudos to all members who highlighted special events and activities that involved veterans, juniors, volunteers, and their communities. These are the things that need recording for your annual narrative with a completed Plan of Action due on April 15, 2022.

Congratulations to the lucky member whose name was drawn for the history incentive at Mid-Winter. She will be receiving a personalized American Legion Auxiliary branded mug from Emblem Sales.

Our history reflects all of the hard work members do when serving, working our programs and making a difference. Whether it's following our department theme set by President Colleen, "Angels Serving Others" or National President Kathy Daudistel's "Caring for Caregivers" what you do in your unit with your post family or your district, reporting what you do helps other units with ideas from your experience.

A most recent adventure in serving was on a last-minute road trip with Cindy Boehnlein, Department Legislative Chairman to deliver 14 bags of linens and household items and 2 boxes of coffee pots donated in the names of Auxiliary Units 421 Clifton and 535 Bellville and greatly accepted by Department of Kentucky President Karen Toll at the Latonia Legion Post for the Veterans and Families affected by the tornados.

Activities like these need to be reported weekly/monthly on social media like Facebook, and added to your annual narrative helps to recognize your commitment to serving and the achievements you have reached.

What is most important these events and activities will be the legacy of your unit and it's members. Every action we take in serving, is a seed being planted for our future. Knowing our history, what we've done in the past, helps guide the next generation to continue the work we started.

Whether we consider ourselves "Angels" or "Caregivers" the actions we take are synonymous. Guiding, watching, caring, supporting, and serving are what we auxiliary mem-

bers are doing. We are leaving impressions upon our fellow members, our veterans and community, and our youth including our Juniors. Be proud of the work you are doing, because YOU are making an impact as Carol T. Robinson, National ALA Chaplain shares:

I would love to hear the history you have made! If you have any questions or need assistance, or would like me to attend your Unit or district event, email me mrsdaynabeyer@gmail.com or call me 419-566-9395.

Keep warm and I look forward to making history with you!

For God and Country in your continued service,

Dayna Beyer, Department Historian



Pictured are Dayna Beyer, Cindy Boehnlein, Department of Kentucky ALA President Karen Toll and Post Commander Larry McSweeney.

Where are they now?

Past Department Honorary Junior President Rachel Prater



Since graduating high school in 2008, Rachel has obtained an Associate's in Hospitality Management from Sinclair Community College, a Bachelor's in English from Wright State University, and a Master's in Creative Writing from Arcadia University, located outside Philadelphia. Additionally, she studied abroad at both the University of Westminster in London, England and the University of Edinburgh in Edinburgh, Scotland.

After working her college years in hospitality and services industry - five of those years for Kettering Health Network, Rachel switched gears to follow her true dream

of working in publishing in New York City. In 2018, that dream came true! She first worked in educational publishing for Mc-Graw Hill, editing textbooks for Grade 6. She then found her footing in Trade Publishing and currently works as a Production Editor at the children's publisher, Scholastic. Yes they still have their Book Fairs! She oversees the publication of more than 50 titles annually.

Rachel has always had a passion for reading and writing, of course. She also enjoys traveling, attending concerts, Broadway shows, and visiting her parents in Florida, both who have served for the American Legion. Additionally, Rachel volunteers for Girls Write Now where she is a writing mentor, and at Word Up Community Bookshop, a volunteer-led bookstore in her Manhattan neighborhood.

Rachel is appreciative of her time serving in the American Legion Junior Auxiliary and attending Buckeye Girls State. It helped her make connections with people from all walks of life, the scholarships received assisted in her educational goals, and she learned to honor and respect our past as we move forward into the future. Being part of the Junior Auxiliary brings back many fond memories she made with people she still loves and admires dearly!



Pictured is Honorary Junior President Evelyn Phillips loading her Special Projects bags for Veterans. Each bag contained a blanket, pair of gloves, scarf, and hat. The bags were delivered to the Toledo CBOC.

Community Service

Becky Dippman, Chairman

Greetings to all Units of the Buckeye State! Hopefully you have been able to get out into your communities to help enrich and give back so all involved will reap the benefits. We hope all Units have been "American Legion Auxiliary Angels Serving Others" in their communities. Now that the Covid variants have arrived, we can still continue our community service work, but we need to do that with caution and care. The pandemic also provides many opportunities for community service. You can fix meals for friends and neighbors with Covid and drop them off on the porch or at the front door. Provide gift certificates, meals, or spa certificates for first responders and medical professionals. They are exhausted from saving lives and could use a break. Remember to wear your Auxiliary apparel and/or pins in public, including your Auxiliary MASK. Let people know how active and needed our organization is in their community.

The Ohio Disaster Emergency Assistance Program offers help to members and units

directly involved in a disaster. Plan a fundraiser or donate to this fund. You will be helping fellow members in need as well as serving the community. What if we had a disaster like the tornadoes that devastated the southern states in Ohio? This fund would be there for those who needed it.

Speaking of those tornadoes: There is a huge need for Veterans affected by the tornadoes in Mayfield, Kentucky. If your Unit wants to help, you can contact Past 10th District Commander Larry Glasgow. 330-340-1159. Legion Post #549, Beach City, OH who is coordinating efforts with Legion Post #26 in Mayfield, KY. Their Post was severely damaged by the tornado and has set up a temporary Post in an empty building that survived the storm. Larry is in constant contact with Post #26 Commander and his wife and is up to date on the most urgent needs they have.

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Community Service (Continued)

The Red Cross announced the first ever national blood shortage. The pandemic has caused a decline in blood donors, staff shortages, and forced cancellations of bloodmobiles. If your Unit is able to sponsor a bloodmobile, contact your local Red Cross chapter and set one up. If you are able to donate blood, find a bloodmobile in your area and give. Live-saving blood is in desperate demand. "ALA Angels Serving Others" can not only make a difference but save lives too!

Valentine's Day, St. Patrick's Day, and Easter are coming. V.A. Outpatient Clinics, Senior centers, or residents in nursing homes, rehab and mental health facilities, etc. would love to receive a Valentine, table favor with candy, or cards. Ask a teacher at the local school to have the class make something, or have your Juniors participate. Provide supplies for them to work with.

Before we know it, report time will be here. Start organizing your activities and events that you performed community service for. Newsletters, news articles, Facebook posts, etc. Check your Plan of Action to see what the requirements are for reports. Make sure to send it to the correct person. **Whether you write a couple of paragraphs or do a big report with all the items listed above does not matter, unless you want to win an award. What matters is ALL UNITS REPORT SOMETHING.** All of your reports are compiled, and National ALA sends the information to Congress to show them the impact that the ALA has on our Veterans.

We can be very proud of OHIO'S "American Legion Auxiliary Angels Serving Others"! Becky and Roseanne

Legislative

Cindy Boehlein, Chairman

Hello everyone. April 15th is right around the corner. Have you contacted your representatives yet? Did you receive an answer letter back? Remember we support the American Legion agenda, and it is far easier than you think. You will find the Legion priorities at www.legion.org/legislative. There you can send your messages through the Legislative Alert section. It will automatically send you to www.capwiz.com/legion/mlm/signup.

The Guard and Reserve GI Bill Parity Act of 2021 – HR 1836 has passed the House and now awaits action in the Senate. Please contact Senators Brown and Portman through the Legion's Legislative Center to get this passed. Did you know that the National Guard has been deployed to hospitals and nursing homes to assist due to the Covid pandemic? Well, they will not get credit toward their GI benefits, as it may not be a deployment of 90 consecutive days. Passing this act will fix that. So...Contact, Contact, Contact!

Make sure your Unit chairman shares the Plan of Action with you. You may have helped at the voting polls, assisted with Get Out the Vote, Kids Voting Ohio, or supported protection of the flag, or maybe handed out honoring the flag coloring pages for young

children. Tell me what you have done! Did you instruct your Legionnaires and SAL how to do this? Don't forget that Ohio is redistricting, and this is a chance to hold a "Meet the Candidates Night" at your Post. The "How To's" can be found at www.alaforveterans.org for the organizing and timelines. I am still offering to come out and instruct your Unit how to navigate the websites. I have a PowerPoint presentation with printouts available. **Give me a call.** How about joining the ALA Legislative Ohio, FaceBook group?

Do not forget about the incentives! You will get a certificate for sending in your answers from your representatives, and each one you send in, will get you entries for the drawing at Dept. Convention. You will win a Poppy bracelet! If you turn in a picture of you and your congress or senate representative, you can win a set of poppy earrings and necklace! So far I have one entry for the picture. Your odds are good. Make sure you put these with your annual report to me.

It is OK to email these to me, but load as a Word or PDF doc. However, if you have pictures also snail mail and email to me. I will need the jpeg to send on to Central Division. You will get credit for the date of the email. You guys are awesome!

"IN MEMORY OF OUR DECEASED MEMBERS"

Sharon McClain, Department Chaplain

For when our life wanes, as we come to the end, It isn't our accomplishments we will have to defend, But who did we serve as we traveled life's way?

That is the proof of our faith on that day



Headquarters

Thelma Dewire..... Unit 888

District 1

Norma Gentit Unit 60
Linda Gamber..... Unit 265
Lorna Hausch..... Unit 265
Marianne Paule Unit 279
Mitzie Paule Unit 279
Karis Schroeder Unit 287
Cheryl Weideman Unit 300
Ruth Barnes Unit 332
Bernadette Barth Unit 373
Jackie Sautter..... Unit 400
Arlene Brown Unit 479
Lois Myers..... Unit 479
Rosalia Pawliski..... Unit 545
Lillian Betts..... Unit 553

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Martha Jarrett..... Unit 210
Donna Pearson..... Unit 210
R Stetler Unit 210
Norma Young..... Unit 210
Joan Shoffner Unit 217
Ruth Weimer..... Unit 217
Joyce Hilvers Unit 268
Cora Saum Unit 268
Sandra Schimmaoeller..... Unit 268
Rita Harting..... Unit 287
Shannan Albers Unit 330
Irene Boerger..... Unit 355
Mary Ann Quinter..... Unit 355
Vicki Kindle..... Unit 381
Joan Bruns Unit 470
Mildred Siefring..... Unit 470
Marian Franzer..... Unit 571

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Delores Mattis..... Unit 322
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Cora Reed Unit 675
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Hazel Annis..... Unit 180
Erstine Hammiel..... Unit 186
Janice Hartford..... Unit 256
Shirley Osborne Unit 256

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Tonya Hampton..... Unit 16
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Grace Knight..... Unit 30
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Thelma Henline Unit 73
Cleona Gundlach Unit 83
Joanne Hosey Unit 83
Ruby Lightfoot..... Unit 243
Paula Ryan Unit 243
Sylvia Bell..... Unit 250
Andrea Paugh..... Unit 344
Rebecca Missig..... Unit 397
Thelma Baker Unit 706

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Kinberly Hagans Unit 85
Emma Hartsough..... Unit 85
Mary Kreager Unit 85
Anne Seidel Unit 85
Elizabeth Smith..... Unit 85
Betty Hall..... Unit 92

Betty Lanthorn..... Unit 92
Lanore Mick..... Unit 92
Patricia Groves Unit 105
Sharon Lemaster..... Unit 105
Betty Hoeflich..... Unit 500
Joyce Pence..... Unit 500

District 7

Teresa Brickley Unit 23
Virginia Leightenheime..... Unit 23
Pauletta Paulin Unit 23
Danita McFadden Unit 25
Lori Tyler Unit 134
Virginia Bliss..... Unit 363
Pam Brown Elick..... Unit 730

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Diana Savage..... Unit 58
Paula Anderson Unit 161
Verta Casto..... Unit 161
Mildred Donahue..... Unit 161
Ernestine Polsley Unit 161
Joan Thacker Unit 161
Amy Wyant..... Unit 371
Joyce Wollenberg..... Unit 376
Theo Stebelton Unit 677
Brenda Thacker Unit 677

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Connie Mcfeely..... Unit 76
Margaret Draper..... Unit 103
Jennifer Lautanen..... Unit 103
Anne Thome Unit 103
Anne Lasko Unit 112
Sandra Nelson Unit 151
Audrey Vasti..... Unit 151
Ruth Scharf..... Unit 214
Josephine Palinkas..... Unit 336

District 10

Jill Machan..... Unit 44

Linda Beyl..... Unit 221
Cheryl Masters Unit 407
Phyllis Rastorfer Unit 707
V. G Larkin Unit 548
Elaine Amos Unit 549
Myrna Kandle Unit 549
Nancy Sampsel..... Unit 551
Joanne Baker Unit 682
Mary Thomas..... Unit 791

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Sharon Allen Unit 24
Margaret McFarland..... Unit 38
Kathy Mort Unit 52
Frances Dolin..... Unit 366
Gertruede Arnold..... Unit 389
Mary Niebert Unit 389
Evelyn Adriano..... Unit 521
Mary Rycarz..... Unit 521
Sharon Baker..... Unit 768

District 12

Patricia Langley Unit 532
Sharon Armentrout Unit 614
Deborah Duke Unit 614
Hazel McQueen Unit 614

District 13

Erin Dennis..... Unit 91
Linda Gum Unit 304
Mary Slaby Unit 421
Barbara Wallner..... Unit 421
Ruth Blogna..... Unit 451
Susan Demko Unit 610
Alice Robitailee Unit 703

District 14

Helen Hahn Unit 331
Margaret Gabriel..... Unit 685
Mary Tiebel..... Unit 685



A Note from Past Department President Pat Riley...

THANK YOU for all the cards, letters and well wishes I received when I was under the weather. I enjoyed reading each of them as they came. It is so great to know that my Ohio American Legion Auxiliary can lift up my spirits and that you all care about me. Again, thank you and God Bless each of you.

A Note from Past District President Charlotte Frazier...

Charlotte would like to express her thanks for the many cards and well wishes she has received from her fellow Auxiliary members. She has faced many challenges in recent months including a serious accident, her husband's illness, and the passing of her mother and brother in law. The accident has her unable to handwrite thank you notes at this time, but she wanted to be sure to let her many well wishers know she appreciated their thoughtfulness.

Parma VA CBOC

Patricia Miazga, VAVS Rep.

Hoping everyone had a safe and happy holiday this year. In November I contacted the Director of the Parma VA Outpatient Clinic to see if I would be able to drop off lady Veterans bags. She took the bags I dropped off to the physician's office so they could pass them to the patients. The bags had an afghan and toiletries, along with socks, a gift card for Dunkin Donuts and goodies. While I was there, I asked her if I could make bags for Christmas, only on a much smaller scale and she said she wanted to do something for them. She had afghans and I gave her what I had so those were given out with the bags that I made up. She passed them

out on the Friday before Christmas and sent me an email telling me how surprised they were to receive them. They love the fact that they are remembered.

I'd like to thank the units for their donations so I can keep my program going, even if it is in a different way than it used to be. Please always keep our Veterans in your thoughts and prayers. Let's hope this Covid becomes a thing of the past.

Pat Miazga
Parma VA Outpatient Clinic

Ohio Veterans Home

Denise Bossetti, Chief Rep.

Nanette Peters, Dep.

Who would have thought in 2022 we would still have lockdowns from COVID-19? Yet there is no change in the status at the Ohio Veterans Home. Every time they start allowing people to return, another outbreak occurs.

We did see that all 19 women received their gifts, which included Veterans Day and Christmas, for a total of \$2,375.00. We also gave all 101 men in the domiciliary \$10,100.00 for a total of \$12,475.00. Since we did not know when and if Bingo may restart, we bumped up the sum we gave them for Christmas.

The Veterans were disappointed to learn that the V.A.C. (Volunteer Advisory Committee) was not giving them the \$100.00 per Veteran for Christmas as they would typically do. I know the Veterans count on that money for the holidays. We felt the need to

surprise them by boosting the Christmas gifts to ensure they had what they needed for the holidays. I have talked to the Veterans outside the home when running errands. Veterans have told me how grateful they are to the American Legion Auxiliary, members who take excellent care of them during the Christmas season.

One of the lady Veterans calls or texts me occasionally to see what I'm up to and if I can do lunch with her. She is taking care of the Christmas planter we got last year to keep in the Atrium. She says it's about 3 feet across. She wanted me to tell all of the American Legion Auxiliary members thank you so very much for always remembering them. She was in awe of the generosity of the sum of cash.

Cleveland Wade Park VA

Stephanie Beuck, Chief Rep.

I was hoping that I would be able to give good news after our quarterly meeting via phone on December 9th. Gerardo Navarro, Chief of Voluntary Services, reported that they are going to let five volunteers help with the recreation program in The Towers. Due to the increase in Covid cases, there has been no more information reported.

Even though we are not permitted on the floors, we are still doing what we can for our veterans. In October, with the assistance from the Auxiliary of the 9th District, we put together two-hundred treat bags for the veterans. The Auxiliary of the 10th District called and asked if it would be possible to do box lunches for our veterans on Veterans Day. I ordered three-hundred and fifteen box lunches: one for each veteran at Wade Park. We took them to the V.A. and the nurses handed them out to the patients. Thank you for your very generous donations.

The American Legion Post 221 wanted to do something special for their fellow veter-

ans. They asked if I could find out what it would cost to buy all one-hundred and twenty veterans in The Towers a pair of sweatpants and a shirt. They sent the money to me, after which I did the shopping and delivered the items to the V.A. Thank you to all at The American Legion Post 221.

This year, Voluntary Services sent a list of items that were requested for Christmas. We were asked to bring the donations to Wade Park. The gifts were given to the veterans every day during the month of December. I made numerous trips to the V.A. to deliver items such as puzzle books, gloves, socks, underwear, sweats, lap robes, and toiletries.

Thank you to everyone for your donations and continued support. Our veterans are an important part of our nation's history and sadly, they are often forgotten. Be safe, God Bless you, and God bless our veterans.

Cincinnati VA

Donna Ray, Chief Rep.

Sue Whitham, Dep.

Happy New Year! I don't know where 2021 went to, but we have continued to stay busy at the Cincinnati VA.

We have been able to continue to take care of the floors with snacks and personal care items. The VAVS Committee has still been able to give out gifts on the different holidays. We couldn't give directly to the Veterans, but we were able to give to the nurse's station and they gave out the gifts. This past year has been a rough year where the VA is concerned.

Sue and I have been able to have a great Christmas Distribution for TRAC, Homebound Veterans, Women's Clinic, Fisher House, and the Inpatients from the VAVS Committee. We wrapped over 375 gifts that included, hats, gloves, scarves, socks, puzzle books, lotions, body wash and umbrellas. This next year I hope will bring this pandemic to an end.

We have been collecting items for the Salute to Veterans, the week of February 14, 2022. We are hoping we will be able to set up tables in the waiting room off the entrance to the hospital. Not sure but we will make sure the gifts are given out along with a Valentine cookie from Buskin Bakery.

Sue and I can't thank the Fourth District enough for all their in-kind donations. Donations this year have come from Ron Wissman, personal donation, Unit 49, Unit 72 and SAL Squadron, Unit 138, 194 Unit and SAL Squadron, 199 Unit and SAL Squadron, 256 Unit and SAL Squadron, Unit 450, Unit 484 and SAL Squadron, Unit 755, SAL Squadron 615, Unit 554, and SAL Squadron. If I have forgotten anyone, please accept my apologies. Remember to succeed in being a family all you must do is ask. The Units, Squadrons, Legion, and personal donations are so special, and we thank all who have given from their heart. Please accept our gratitude for all you do for the Veterans. When you see a smile coming from a Veteran it makes you feel you are doing a lot for them and believe me it will never be enough.

Please keep our Veterans and their families in your prayers and that this pandemic will go away. We hope everyone has gotten their shots and boosters. Let us continue to keep the Veterans close to our hearts and hope for the best in 2022.

Wishing each of you continued success in the 2022 year.

Donna Ray, Chief Representative
Sue Whitham, Deputy

Jobs for Veterans



District and Unit News

District 1 Mindi Rue, President

The Great First District did some great work around the holidays. Troy-Webster Unit 240 in Luckey and Freedom Unit 183 in Pemberville have been collaborating on several projects recently. They baked 50 dozen sugar cookies that the Eastwood High School National Honor Society members decorated for the Eastwood area active-duty military. Those two units also collected food, supplies and homemade blankets for tornado victims in Mayfield, KY. They collected so many items, they filled TWO VEHICLES to deliver items to Beach City Post 549 in the 10th district.

Winnow-Arn Unit 541 was also working the community service program when they used the Reverse Advent Calendar that was shared by National Community Service Chairman, Denise Conrad. Members collected 9 boxes of food, to which the unit purchased a 28 oz can of chicken and beef to add to the boxes. Unit 541 also made no sew lap blankets with members of Continental High School National Honor Society and delivered them to the veterans in the Putnam County nursing homes. Delivery of the blankets were done by members of the American Legion, SAL, and Auxiliary.

I also heard of several units that participated in Wreaths Across America, children's Christmas parties at the post, and Christmas gifts for active-duty military and veterans. Great job by all!

The Great First District would also like to congratulate Chloe Schroeder, sponsored by Unit 63, for winning a \$1250 Samsung Department Scholarship!

The First District is looking forward to finishing out the program year strong!



1st District, Tornado Relief (Continued)



Some of the goods delivered.



L-R: Jan Brinker, Larry Glasgow, Becky Dippman, Catherine & Charlotte Durbin, Sophia Wynkoop, Wynn Brinker. Not pictured-First District Honorary Jr. President Jordan Durbin

1st District, Active Duty Care Packages

Troy-Webster Unit #240 Luckey, Freedom Unit #183 Pemberville, and Eastwood HS National Honor Society teamed up to provide "A gift from home" for 125 Active-Duty Military in their community. Each package contained a dozen cookies, Christmas card, pocket flag, poppy, and a poppy story.



L-R: Gail Wachter, Anne Michel, Sandy Miesmer, & Ruth Peters signing Christmas cards.



Unit #183 kitchen crew. Anne Michel, Sandy Miesmer, Joanne Busdeker, Marlene Hoodlebrink, and Sheila Rahe.



Eastwood High School National Honor Society Students decorated the cookies.



Packing the boxes.



1st District, Tornado Relief

Troy-Webster Unit #240 Luckey, and Freedom Unit #183 collected items for Mayfield, KY American Legion Post #26 tornado victims. Approximately \$2,800.00 worth of items were delivered to Past 10th District Commander Larry Glasgow AL Post #549 in Beach City. His crew then delivered them to AL Post #26 in Mayfield, KY.



L-R: Unit #240 juniors Jordan Durbin, Sophia Wynkoop, and Charlotte Durbin help unload.



Junior & Senior members hand-made 22 no-sew blankets.



Unit #183 & #240 members sorted and packed items.

1st District, Wreaths Across America

Freedom Unit #183 Pemberville, and Troy-Webster Unit #240 Luckey, participated in Wreaths Across America. They are part of the Eastwood Community Wreaths Across America Team.



Becky Dippman Unit #240 and Anne Michel Unit #183 WAA Committee Members.



Chad Albright, WAA Committee Chairman, at the dedication ceremony.



Simply Stock 4-H Group helped place Wreaths.



#240 Junior Sophia Wynkoop places a Wreath.



Becky Dippman #240 places a Wreath on a Legion Member's grave.

District 2 Shirley Maurer, President

Unfortunately, our District 2 President, Ruth Peters, has had to resign because of health issues. So, at this point I am keeping the district apprised of what is happening. Right now, I am asking you members in District 2 to please search your soul and one of you step forward to be our District President. It is not hard to do and myself and Deb Meyer will help you in getting established and in knowing what to do. If you would do it, please contact me at 419-733-3397. I hope to hear from one of you. The units in the district have not forgotten our veterans. We support them through our donations, giving them baskets of food at Christmas time and other times, donating items to the Dayton VA gift shop which is then distributed by Susan Masten, our auxiliary representative, along with fundraising and many other things. We have had to “think out of the box” these last couple of years and it can be done. Don't forget that your “green reports” are due to chairmen by April 15, 2022. Our next district meeting will be on March 20, 2022, at the Ft. Loramie Post in Ft. Loramie, Ohio. Registration will be at 9 and the meeting will be at 10. Breakfast is provided and there is a lunch after the meeting is over. I hope to see a lot of you there. Looking ahead, our district summer convention will be on June 5, 2022, at the Celina Post in Celina, Ohio. Until the next article, always remember and pray for our veterans.

District 2, Unit 241



New Bremen Post 241 held their Veterans Day Dinner on November 13, 2021.

Diane Naseman was presented the American Legion Department of Ohio Red, White, and Blue award by New Bremen Commander Dale Heitkamp. This award is given to those who show and exemplify Americanism by home displays or volunteering in the community. Several years ago, Diane spearheaded the New Bremen Veterans banner program and still takes care of ordering the banners. She puts together the Veterans float in the Bremenfest Parade and sets up and gets volunteers to man the Legion, Auxiliary, and Sons of the Legion tent at Bremenfest. She volunteered many hours this past summer at the Legions box lunches program.

Pictured from the left are District Commander Mike Homan, Diane Naseman, and Post 241 Commander Dale Heitkamp.

District 3 Deborah Smith, President

Happy, Healthy, and Prosperous New Year American Legion Auxiliary. I know that it feels like Groundhog Day as we enter a New Year. A repeat of 2020 and 2021. Yet even though we are starting off like the past years we are not going to give up. We will continue our excellent work for those we care so much for, our Veterans, their families, and our communities. Thank you so much to Units that have worked so hard through these unbelievable times. The pandemic has not kept you down.

The Thundering Third District have Units that have made goal and other Units are few sign up away with one to five to make goal. Unit 174 Buckeye, North Star, Unit 353 Ech Ary-Douglas, Ansonia and Unit 613, Ft. McKinley Memorial, Trotwood. Congratulations Units! Thanks to National Chaplain Carol T. Robinson for her assistance for helping turning Unit 613 around. The members are hungry to get back on track and give Service not Self to their Vets. On January 16, 2022, Past President Robyn Cooper (VA&R) and Past District President Juanita Ballard (Community Service) are schedule to make presentations to help with new officers have a great start.

We have had to find other ways to communicate with each other. Of course, phones and emails have been an outreach, to members. Zoom is a new communication tool that is being utilized. Cards, and letters are still an effective way to check on our members. Unit 360 had a large Christmas gathering for their Post and a Children Christmas Party for 118 Kids. The Legion Riders presented Toys for Kids. They put together baskets for 44 families, talk about a successful event.

On March 5, 2022, Thundering Third District, will meet in Vandalia, Unit 668 for our Mid-Winter Conference, registration is at 12:00 and meeting will convene at 1:00. On April 23, 2022, is BGS Orientation in New Carlisle at 3:00 till 5:00 P.M.

7 RULES OF LIFE (just a reminder)

1. *SMILE*--IT ALWAYS WORKS AT THE END!
2. *BE KIND*--YOU HAVE THE POWER TO MAKE PEOPLE FEEL GOOD!
3. *DON'T GIVE UP*--IF IT DOESN'T WORK THE FIRST TIME, FIND ANOTHER WAY!
4. *DON'T COMPARE*--EVERYONES ON A DIFFERENT JOURNEY!
5. *AVOID NEGATIVITY*--AVOID NEGATIVE THOUGHTS, SITUATIONS, AND PEOPLE!
6. *MAKE PEACE WITH YOUR PAST*--FOCUS ON BEING PRESENT, AND CREATE A BETTER FUTURE
7. *TAKE CARE OF YOUR BODY AND MIND FOR GOD AND COUNTRY*

Deborah A. Smith

Thundering Third District President

District 2, Unit 345

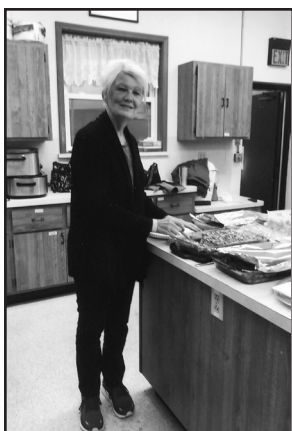


Betty Bechtol of Unit 345 Emmet Mannix, Fort Recovery celebrated her 100th birthday recently. She is the oldest member of her Unit. Many members attended a party in her honor.

District 2, Unit 571



Unit 571 Christmas was held December 13th at the 571 Post home. A delicious meal was prepared by Angie Homan. After the meal cards and bingo were enjoyed. Everybody took a prize home. Seated L-R are Ginny Tangeman, Velma Thobe, Bert Heitbrink, Janice Piekenbrock, and Ruth Bruns. Standing L-R are Bertie Bruns, Marilyn Holdheide, Pat Clune, Carolyn Reier, Irene Bruns, Diane Pohlman, Ruth Kremer, Connie Fullenkamp, Jane Meyer, and Janie Luebke.



Diane Pohlman serving poll workers lunch made by Auxiliary Unit 571. The election was held at the Post 571 home on November 2nd.

District 2, Unit 355



Fort Loramie American Legion Auxiliary Unit 355 President Cindy Plas dropped off a fundraiser proceeds check to the Shelby County Veterans Service Office in Sidney, Ohio.



Fort Loramie Unit #355 flag depository box project. Pictured are Junior Member Aubrey Baker, Post Legion Commander, and Auxiliary President.

District 2, Unit 571 (Con't.)



Members of the 571 Auxiliary team seated L-R are Connie Fullenkamp, Ruth Bruns, Bertie Bruns, and Ruth Kremer and standing L-R Janice Piekenbrock, Marilyn Holdheide, Carolyn Reier, Diane Pohlman, and Janie Luebke.

District 3, Unit 184



Junior member, Caleigh Fogt of Unit 184 loved playing “Rudolph”. She greeted attendees of the Children's Christmas Party held at the Post in Piqua, OH.

District 3, Unit 668 (Con't.)



Vandalia Unit 668 members and a spouse prepared and served brunch for Veterans from our Post and the community on November 7th.



On Saturday December 11 Santa showed up at Post 668 in a fire engine and presented gifts to over 90 good little boys and girls.

District 3, Unit 668



Vandalia Unit 668 1st Vice Judy Roweton presenting 2 \$500 checks to Susan Masten for the VA Snack Shop and VA Store at the 3rd District's Fall Conference on October 9th.



Through the generosity of the American Legion Family members of Post 668, our Unit was able to donate a significant amount of brand new toys to the Dayton Area Toy4Tots 2021 campaign along with monetary donations in a check.



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District 3, Unit 668 (Con't.)



On October 22 Unit 668 2nd Vice Sandi Fisher presented 2 bouquets of Poppies to Mrs. Connie Miles, a Reading Intervention teacher, K-4, at Ascension Catholic School for use in a lesson about Veterans Day and the significance of the Poppy. On Veterans Day Mrs. Miles presented her lesson to her classes. Below are pictures of 2 of her reading classes with the poppies and a booklet about who Veterans are and why we celebrate the day. The children also listened to a poem about the Poppy and discussed its meaning.



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 1500 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.

District 5 Deb Sutterlin, President

Greetings Everyone!

I am so happy to be able to write this article for you. Like many of you, I was also sick. I am no exception to the current situation, and I know many of you are also affected. I wish I could reach out to each one of you for moral support and to let you know I care. I want you to know that I understand what it is to have sick family members to care for regardless of how you feel. All I can say is, I care! Thank you for being the kind and caring person you are. It makes such a big difference to everyone, including yourself. If you are ill and could use cheer up cards, please let me know. Text 330-465-9230 or email d5alapresident@gmail.com. You can text me or send me an email. Or, if you know of someone, please let me know. So many people are playing the role of caregiver that have never been put in that position. If you will communicate to me, I will communicate to others so that those who are in need of support can get some. YOU matter and YOU make a difference!!

Before I got ill, I was able to go visit some auxiliaries. I visited Fostoria Unit 73. They had bought gifts for local veterans. The gifts (each veteran got several gifts) were on a table and members would come into the canteen and help wrap while they were there. Great job, Ladies! They also have a member who is teaching painting a couple times a month. They call this "Sip and Paint". It has turned into a successful project with men and women participating. I visited Attica Unit 260. They are working on a community project to create a Veterans Memorial with a mural on the side of the building. It is great! It is worth a trip to Attica to see it. It would make a nice springtime drive! I visited the members at Berlin Heights Unit 659. They have a new post home in town, and it is being remodeled. It will really look nice when it is done. The auxiliary voted to donate to a local community project to buy gifts for local children. Galion Unit 243 members are also busy. They had just sponsored a poker walk and donated the proceeds. They are also selling Rada knives, so if anyone is in need of a new Rada knife, call Ginger 419-468-9242. It was also great to visit with the ladies at Milan Unit.

Thank you to the units, legions, and riders who have made a donation to the 5th District Juniors Project. President Kristi Yeager chose to get a wheelchair swing for the veterans at Ohio Veterans Home. We still have a few more months to collect donations. Thank you again for the support. The 5th District Juniors Convention will be held Sunday, March 6th at Post 447 in Plymouth.

Thank you for your hospitality. I look forward to getting out to more units. I know that Bucyrus has their Make and Bake January 29th and I hope to be there. Take care of yourselves and thank you for all you do for our Veterans, our members, and our communities.

Deb Sutterlin, 5th District President

District 4 Marsha Giehls, President

From the Fabulous 4th District. The holidays are behind us and the 2nd half of our year in in full swing. Congratulations to the 4th District Units that have made goal so far this year. Keep sending that membership in. Remember, year-end reports are due on April 15, read your plans and make sure you send them to the correct place. You can start working on them now, do not have to wait until the reports are due. There is also an impact report due to your District President in April. I know many Units did a lot for our Veterans, and those families that needed help during the holidays. Remember two reports that all Units should have something to turn in for are Veteran Affairs and Rehabilitation, 75cents of each member dues goes towards this program and Children and Youth 25 cents of your dues goes towards this program. Do not forget to send in your donations to Department on the Donation form. You do not have to wait until April to send this to Department. Donations are down so let's get them sent in as soon as possible. I want to thank all the Units and members who have donated items to for our Veterans at the Cincinnati VA. I also would like to thank Donna Ray and Sue for doing such a great job at the VA.

There will be a Buckeye Girls State Orientation held in the District, and this is mandatory for your delegates, so remember to remind your delegates they should attend. This will be held in April at Loveland Unit 256. As a reminder each Unit should be doing your own interviews.

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

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

Marsha Giehls
4th District President

District 4, Unit 194



Joe Barr Unit 194 had their 2021 Buckeye Girls State attendee's and 2 Girls who attended the Chief of Staff of the Air Force Flight Academy attend a Unit meeting to talk about their experiences.

District 5, Unit 169



Unit 169 held a Christmas party for the children of their Post. Christmas cookies were decorated and ornaments were made. Pictured are Vivianna Mullenex, Denise Mullenex holding Evan Wyatt, and Samantha Wyatt busy making their ornaments.

District 5, Unit 547



American Legion Auxiliary Unit 547 from Monroeville sponsored a Wreaths Across America ceremony in our Memorial Park. Carlo, a son and grandson of Auxiliary members, is laying a Wreath in honor of the Air Force. Carlo's sister Ally is an Auxiliary member and is currently serving in the Air Force.

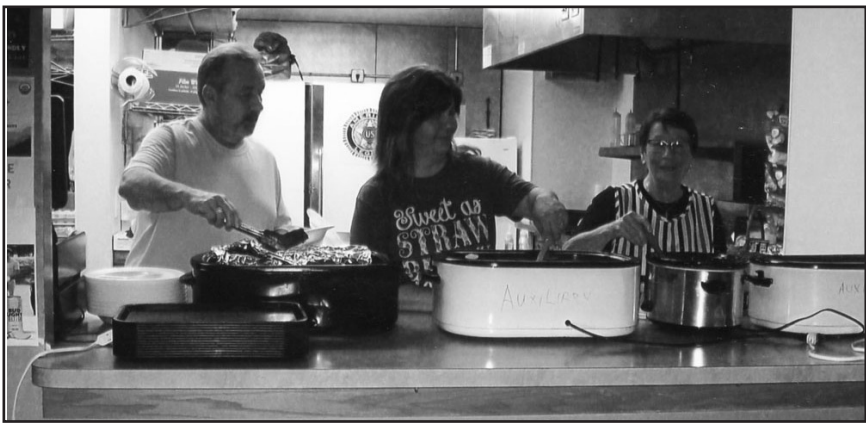
District 6 Rebecca Long, President

Happy new year from the 6th District. I hope that 2022 is going to be a great year for everyone.

As we ended 2021 several of the Units of the sixth district were having community events such as dinners and breakfasts. Other events included participating in Veterans Day celebrations, Wreaths across America, and distributing toys for Christmas. I am hoping that this can continue into the new year and more units are able to get back to these activities

We are continuing to work towards our membership goal, currently at 70% with 8 units needing 10 or less members to reach their goal. Keep up the good work and let's keep working at retaining last year's members as well as recruiting new ones.

District 6, Unit 85



The Miller family serving dinner at Post 85. Pictured are son Ken who is a Legion member, daughter in law Patricia who is an Auxiliary member, and mom Miriam who is the President of Unit 85.



Unit 85 member Sylvia Miller and 2nd Vice Amy Welsh serving at a Quarter Auction for Crystal City Chorus.



Unit 85 Junior member Ava Miller is pictured working on a no sew blanket for the Department Junior President's special project.



Unit 85's 1st Vice and Poppy Chairman is pictured with Junior Ava Miller on Poppy Day.



Unit 85 participated in Trunk or Treat on Halloween. Jenny Welsh is pictured with witch Kinleigh Lovely and monster Karsen Miller.

District 6, Unit 105



Members of Unit 105 donated \$545.72 for the Special Olympics pictured are Jill Boggs, Susan Thompson from MRDD, President Linda Stier, Bev Whitelow, Cheryl Homeier, and Stephanie Cunningham.



Winners of the Annual Mama Helen 31 tournament for cancer pictured left to right are Lou Yoder 3rd, Linda Stier 1st, and John Caldwell 2nd.



Members from Unit 105 held a toy drive for the local firefighters in London Ohio.



Members of Unit 105 help serve lunch for the Special Olympics.



Auxiliary Unit 105 members recently put together Christmas boxes for local veterans pictured are Bev Whitelow, Cheryl Homeier, Jill Boggs, President Linda Stier, and Stephanie Cunningham.

District 6, Unit 107



Members of Auxiliary Unit 107 in Pataskala hand out poppies for donations and auxiliary and legionnaires membership applications on Veterans Day at the "Vets Eat Free" night at the Nutcracker Family Restaurant. (left to right) Member Kay Cameron, Kathy Russo, Vice President; and Penny Scott, Unit President.

District 6, Unit 254



Unit 254 members Marcia White, Sally Conrad, Janet Piper and Rebecca Long assisted with Flag Disposal at the post.

District 7 Sandra Grooms, President

Greetings to the members of the Seventh District. I want to thank everyone for your patience during this difficult time. I am finally on the road to re-vitalizing my role as your District President and it has been an honor to serve you. We have lost some wonderful and dedicated members over the past few months, Unit Presidents Lori Tyler and Pam Elick. Please remember them in your prayers.

I want to take this time to thank Units 471 and 757 for their donations for Mid-Winter Friendship Quarters and their donation along with Stacy Burchett for the Raffle Basket at the January 2022 Mid-Winter Convention.

Summer Convention will be June 11th, with Registration at 1pm and Meeting at 2pm, in Seaman, Ohio. Don't forget to get your delegate and alternate info to me as soon as possible.

I would like to take this time to remind members about why they are members. It is not about you; it is about VETERANS and their families. If you have differences with other members, you need to work them out. It is providing the best possible care and services for veterans as your main goal.

I wish for everyone to have a Blessed Easter and Stay Safe.

Sandra Grooms

7th District President

District 7, Unit 730



The Ashville American Legion Auxiliary Unit #730 sponsored their annual Veterans Appreciation Dinner November 12, 2021. Local Veterans from WWII to Vietnam were honored.

Special thanks to the ladies of South Bloomfield United Methodist Church for the meal, Margie Pettibone from the local VA for the Veteran gifts, our membership, and speaker Matt Hafey- Pickaway County Sheriff and a USN Veteran.

District 9, Unit 112



Unit 112 of District 9 enjoyed the arrival of Santa with help from The Madison Fire Department, because there was no snow. His helpers were there to greet him and pass out presents, donuts, and juice. I wonder who had a better time...the helpers or the kids.

District 9, Unit 737



Post & Unit 737 supported Toys for Tots. Pictured are the kitchen crew ALA Janice Pitzer, Cindy Leasure, Sergeant at Arms Tracey Ayres, ALA Laurie Perkins

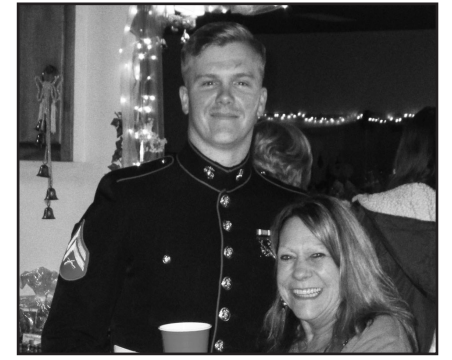


At Toys for Tots Santa Post 737 Commander Ed Villone greets the Marines.

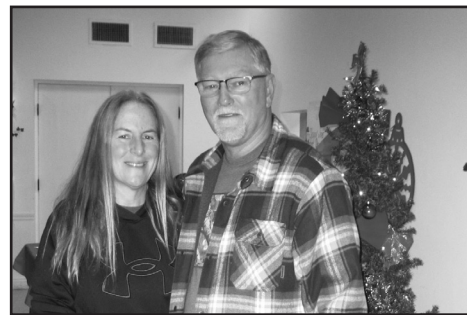
District 9, Unit 737 (Con't.)



Unit 737 ALA Community Service Barb Neil & ALA Bonnie Dewberry work the baked goods table at Toys for Tots.



Unit 737 ALA member "LUCKY" Liz Spuhler & the Marines.



Post 737 2nd Vice & Coordinator John Ayres & ALA Sgt at Arms Tracey Ayres take a break during Toys for Tots.



The Toys for Tots crowd enjoys the all day bands.



Unit 737 Hosted a Veterans Day dinner for Post 737 members as well community veterans. ALA members got together before dinner with the cooks. Dinner hosted by Dianne Buehner, VA & R, & Jody Curigliano, Ways & Means.



Just a few of the baskets for raffle at Unit 737 Toys for Tots.

District 10

Ruby Witherow, President

The units of the great Tenth District were busy in November, December and January. They had drive-thru dinners as fundraisers in order to purchase gifts for the veterans and children in their communities for Christmas. They had food collections for the Thanksgiving baskets. They provided meals for the veterans during the holidays. They provided cookies for the children's Christmas parties. They provided mittens, gloves, and hats for the schools. They truly showed service not self in so many ways. Many individual members have been practicing the buddy check system that the National Commanders have been encouraging during the COVID-19 pandemic with the veterans and the shut-ins. It is just neighborly to send a card or call on the phone and check up on someone that you have not been in contact with for a while.

The units and several of the posts that participate in the Buckeye Girls Sate program have contact their schools and co-sponsors about this year's program. They have applied for their applications. They have begun to select their delegates and alternates for this year's session. The Board of Directors have begun their work planning for this great opportunity for Junior girls.

Membership has been coming in on a regular basis. I am pleased to report that we have five goal Units. They are Apple Creek Unit 147, Canton Unit 204, Fredericksburg Unit 651, Baltic Unit 679, and Richmond Unit 740. We have 13 units at this time that need less that 10 members to reach goal. I know that all the units are working on this project. I just want to remind everyone that membership is everyone's responsibility. Therefore, contact someone that has not renewed their membership yet.

I have been in contact with many of the units via phone or on social media. The pandemic has been very hard in some part of the district. Some units have not been able to get back to their normal routine. However, many are trying and are thinking outside of the box. I keep reminding them to follow the guidelines of washing your hands, practicing social distance, wearing your masks, get the vaccine, and using common sense. I know that together we will get through this and will continue to service our veterans, the children, and our communities.

District 10, Unit 33



On December 19th the Auxiliary of American Legion Post 33 in Steubenville provided Christmas for 5 Veterans and their family members totaling 15 people. The Veterans were chosen through the VA office. The Unit was able to do this by receiving grants from Walmart in Steubenville and the Walmart Distribution Center. It became a very Merry Christmas for all.

District 10, Unit 282



In July the The Orrville American Legion Auxiliary set a booth up at The Orrville Lions Club Rib & Music Festival. Information about the Orrville Post & new member information was available. The auxiliary also collected donations around the Orrville Community to put in gift baskets for drawings. The money went to be used for veterans and active military. Also in July, the auxiliary participated in The Orrville Salvation Army 2021/2022 Back-To- School Supply Drive. They collected school supplies from members of the 282 Unit to be used around at the schools.

District 10, Unit 282 (Con't.)



The Orrville American Legion took part in the 2021 Community Day Kickball Tournament. Some of the auxiliary along with other legionaries played kickball to raise money. The proceeds benefited Shop With A Cop Program, Service Scholarship and Orrville Parks and Recreation.



The auxiliary hosted Trunk Or Treat at The Second Annual Fall Festival at Orr Park. The Orrville American Legion members participated and donated candy for the event. The fun event allows the Unit 282 a chance to give back to the community. Pictured are auxiliary members Jazmyne & her mom Rachael Sommers



In November in honor of Veterans Day, auxiliary members served a lunch at the The Orrville American Legion Post. Auxiliary volunteers helped at The Feather Party that the Unit 282 has every year in November. Pictured are Legion member Jerry Bauman, auxiliary members: Amy Bishop, Dee Rufener, Kris Swerline and Suzi Nichols.

District 11, Unit 71



Post 71 Color Guard.



The Post 71 Color Guard Pauses while the National Anthem is played.



11th District President Carole Sowards getting ready to drive Unit 71 members in the parade.

The Roseville Fire Department organized a Christmas parade for the Village on December 11th. Post and Unit 71 proudly led the parade. We also gave monetary donations to help purchase toys for the children. Although it was a cold, windy and rainy day, it was a huge success.

District 11, Unit 77



A Kids Christmas Party was held on December 12, 2021, in Neffs, Ohio at our American Legion Post. We had over 50 kids of members that attended. We had a wonderful service dog "Jersey", Santa, and even a few elves. All of the kids received a gift bag with a gift card and miscellaneous items and candy. The kids snacked on pizza and other goodies and drinks. We even had face painting by one of the elves. Jersey the comfort dog and Santa were definitely the highlight of the day, and all had a good time. We are an Auxiliary dedicated to our Veterans and their families.

District 11, Unit 389



On Oct 30th ALA Unit 389 of Beverly Ohio provided a free lunch to over 100 members to the community. This was held at the Beverly United Methodist Church. The menu was chicken and noodles, mashed potatoes, carrots, rolls, and a desert.



The American Legion Post 389 and Auxiliary Unit 389 of Beverly, Ohio participated November 10th in the school programs at Fort Frye, St. Johns and Waterford for Veterans Day. Patriotic pencils were given out to the students along with apples to the teachers. All three schools put on a wonderful program. Candy bars, cookies and thank you cards were handed out to all veterans that attended by the students.



District 11, Unit 495



Unit 495 American Legion Auxiliary junior and senior members, family, and friends delivered supplies to the Hope Center Ministries for the 22 men who live there. A member of the Belpre Area Veterans donated a box of men's clothing. The home is a place for men to get help dealing with alcohol and drug addictions.



Unit 495 took part in Wreaths Across America in December. Participants included a Civil War Reenactment member, Belpre Area Veterans, American Legion Auxiliary Unit 495, Mayor and Mrs. Lorentz, and Rotary members laid wreaths at Cedarville Cemetery where 18 Revolutionary War soldiers are buried.



Unit 495 Junior member Sarah Greiner laying a wreath at Cedarville Cemetery in Belpre.



Unit 495 Junior member Abby Greiner laying a wreath at Cedarville Cemetery in Belpre.

District 12, Unit 171



Unit 171 President Kim Mann pinning on Honor Flight Pin. Honor Flight from Westerville.

District 13, Unit 421(Con't.)



Pictured on Christmas are 94th street caregivers and veterans from the home as well as Auxiliary, Junior Auxiliary, Post Members, Dept of Ohio, and young marines.

District 13 Louise Aigner, President

Since my last article in the Buckeye Messenger I have visited a few of the 13th District units for meetings or functions. I look forward to visiting the rest of the units over the remainder of this year.

Unit 343 held a Ladies Night raffle. This consisted of several vendors with craft items or products to purchase, mini chair massage and manicures. They had refreshments and several baskets and door prizes to raffle off.

We as a district combined our giving efforts with the 9th district to donate twin bed sheets for the Volunteers of America Cleveland Housing & Veterans Resource Center.

Unit 610 held their annual Christmas meeting in December and asked those in attendance to also donate twin sheets that will be delivered to the facility in January or February. Unit 610 also conducted a Barn Yard raffle in the month of November. The paired up steaks, roasts, chicken, turkeys, sausages and other items to raise money for their programs.

Unit 421 cooked and delivered Thanksgiving dinner to the Veterans housed on W. 92nd Street.

All of my units are working their programs and doing a great job at collecting membership. I look forward to reporting on other unit activities in the next Buckeye Messenger.

District 14 Renee Kohl, President

The fabulous 14th District has been quite busy these last few months. So many different activities and fundraising has happened. The District held a Craft Event and we all had a great time. T-Shirts were made for Juniors and the young participants. Unit 685 hosted this event and provided the refreshments. Karen Peel generously donated cookies. Hudson Middle School students' hand-made cards for Veterans. Unit 464 distributed these cards to local Veterans in nursing homes, assisted living facilities, to Post members. It was incredible. These students are very talented. Unit 685 not only had a Santa and Mrs. Claus visit for the children, they also held a very successful Pie Fundraiser. Unit 281 also had a Santa visit. Thanks to the members of Unit 281, they collected a very large amount of donations for Valor Home in Akron. Items such as towels/washcloths, body wash, detergent, puzzles cards are examples of the many items that were collected. Unit 713 donated blankets, socks, hats and gloves to Valor Home in Akron as well as the Department Junior President's special project. Unit 464 purchased a refrigerator for Freedom House in Kent. The Unit is very excited for the fridge to be delivered as it had to be ordered.

District 13, Unit 421



Jason Nye Post 421 Finance Officer standing with Poppy table at Giant Eagle.



Pictured are Post member Carl Wade, Bob Darby 94th St caretaker, and Eric Hall American Legion Dept of Ohio Adjutant.



District 14, Unit 19



Rozella Brickman Sargent at Arms of Unit 421 at the Auxiliary raffle table.



Commander Jim Forsythe of Kneil-Lawrentz Post 255 and President Michele Sandridge of Wendell L. Willkie Unit 19 standing with Kelsie Horner, recipient of the Edith Hobart \$900 scholarship. Post 255 and Unit 19 co-sponsored Kelsie in her endeavors into her Nursing education.