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## President's Message ~ A Note From President Jane

*Jane Ridenour, Department President*

**2023-2024**

So many people have helped me, encouraged me, and supported me in this journey, and I'd like to thank each and every one of you!! It's going to be an amazing year working alongside the team of 1st Vice Louise Smerk, 2nd Vice Renee Kohl, the DEC, and Department Chairmen! I can't wait!!

My theme this year, "Our Heroes Inspiring Others" lends itself not only to our mission but to the superhero members who give their all to support our TRUE heroes, our Veterans! And my special project will be focused on the Veterans Affairs &



Rehabilitation program with a portion of donations made being given to H.O.O.V.E.S. (Healing of our Veterans Equine Service). H.O.O.V.E.S. is a private, donor-supported charity dedicated to providing fully funded, 4-day healing retreats for veterans across the nation who are seeking recovery from PTSD.

So, let's have some fun. . . get your capes, power rings, shields, web-shooters, lassos, infinity gauntlets and anything else that helps your superpowers and let's get down to the business of taking care of our veterans!!



## Ohio's 2023-2024 Department Officers



**Jane Ridenour**



**Louise Smerk**



**Renee Kohl**

**The 2023-2024  
Department Officers  
elected during the  
Department Convention in Dayton.  
President Jane Ridenour,  
1st Vice President (Membership)  
Louise Smerk, and 2nd Vice President  
(Public Relations) Renee Kohl.**



## 2023 District Summer Conference

District	Date	Reg. Time	Meeting Begins	Host Unit/Meeting Place	Hostess	Address and Directions	Lunch	Reserve By Date	Send Reserve. to	Phone
1	10/7/23	9:30 AM	10:00 AM	#541 Continental	Heather Lewis	109 S. 5th St, Continental, Ohio 45831				
2	10/22/23	9:00 AM	10:00 AM	#241 New Bremen	Janet Suchland	6458 State Rt. 66 N. New Bremen, OH 45869	Yes	10/16/23	Janet Suchland	419-629-3111 or 419-733-6218 mjsuchland@nktelco.net
3	10/14/23	9:00 AM	10:00 AM	#598 Kettering	Erica Kubea	5700 Kentshire Dr., Kettering, OH 45440	\$6.00	10/11/23	Erica Kubea	317-507-4000 post598auxiliary@gmail.com
4	10/8/23	12:00 PM	1:00 PM	#256 Loveland	Jenny Walker	897 Oakland Rd, Loveland, OH 45140	Snacks	9/24/23	Margie Hominy	440-823-2515 oh4thdistrictpresident@gmail.com
5	10/14/23	9:00 AM	10:00 AM	#41 Ken-Bur-Bel	Tony Barnham	406 W. Main St. Norwalk, OH 44857	\$8.00	10/7/23	Tony Barnham	419-677-4617
6	10/1/23	9:00 AM	10:00 AM	#85 Levi Phillips	Joyce Chaney	85 S. 6th St, Newark, OH 43055	Yes	N/A		
7	10/14/23	9:00 AM	10:00 AM	#142 Merritt	Teresa Smith	201 James Road, Waverly, OH	Yes	10/7/23	Betty Taylor	740-250-3249 ALANUNIT471@yahoo.com
8	10/15/23	9:00 AM	10:00 AM	#376 Junction City	Roselyn Blanchard	110 South Logan St. Junction City, OH	\$5.00	10/9/23	ALA Post 376	Pres R. Dianne Blanchard 740-605-0807
9	10/14/23	9:30 AM	10:00 AM	#601 North Madison Memorial	Carol Johnston	1725 Hubbard Rd, Madison, OH 44057	Yes	10/1/23	Susan Fratino	440-759-4961 bfratino@yahoo.com
10	10/4/23	9:00 AM	10:00 AM	#221 Massillon	Brenda Stottsberry	427 Lincoln Way E. Massillon, OH. 44646	\$6.00	9/23/23	Peggy Bigler	330-833-7720
11	10/14/23	9:00 A.M	10:00 AM	#64 Marietta	Cassandra Rice	9 Wooster St. Marietta, OH 45750	\$10.00	9/30/23	Brenda Waterman	740-538-4121 waterman.brenda@yahoo.com
12	10/28/23	9:00 A.M	10:00 AM	#171 Westerville	Kim Mann	393 E. College Ave., Westerville, OH 43081	\$6.00	10/15/23	Sheila Nocks	614-563-4798 sheilanocks@yahoo.com
13	10/8/23	11:30 AM	12:00 PM	#610 Brook Park	Kristen McLaughlin	19944 Sheldon Road, Brook Park, OH 44142	\$6.00	10/1/23	Diann Long	216-267-4711 ken17402@yahoo.com
14	10/7/23	9:00 AM	10:00 AM	#331 Ravenna	Kim Holland	109 Elm Street, Ravenna, OH		9/30/23	Sharon Oostdyk	330-654-2228 stoyk1996@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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## 2023-2024 Themes

Department President Theme  
**“Our Heroes Inspiring Others”**

Department Membership Theme  
**“Growing From our Roots”**

**We have Facebook, Come Check us Out!!**

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<https://www.facebook.com/OhioAmericanLegionAuxiliary>

# HEADQUARTERS HEADS UP

## Department Secretary’s Corner

**Maria Frame, Department Secretary**



Well, Fall is right around the corner and that means many things to look forward to for the 2023-2024 year. We kick it off with School of Instruction, September 22-24, 2023, at the Embassy Suites in Dublin, Ohio. The link to book your hotel room will be on the Department Headquarters website and booking through September 8th only. Room types and sizes are on a first come first served basis. I plan to see SO MANY of you there. Let’s kick off this year with a sense of the Ohio Superhero power President Jane would like to see us all exhibit. **Our Heros Inspiring Others!**

I look forward to being your Department Secretary in this new administrative year. I hope I can be an asset to all of you. In this issue, you will find the 2023-2024 Book or Reports from our Department Officers, Department Chairmen, District Presidents, and Hospital Representatives, etc. I wish to extend regards to all the newly elected officers and newly appointed Department Committee Chairmen and members. Let’s do our best to promote positivity and productivity throughout the 2023-2024 year.

This issue also includes a great deal of necessary information to help ensure a successful 2023-2024 year. It provides names and email addresses for Department Officers, District Presidents, Department Chairmen, Hospital Representatives, and Buckeye Girl State. Please save this issue to refer to during the year to make it simpler for you to reach out to these leaders with questions or concerns.

Let’s talk “Plan of Action.” Plan it! Act! Make a difference! Our new Department Chairmen are working on putting together the Department Plan of Action. The Department Plan of Action is packed with information about our various Auxiliary programs. Participating in these programs is important to uphold the mission of

The American Legion Auxiliary. Let’s do our best to make every effort to get involved. If your Unit cannot participate in all the programs, please select a few and put your best effort forth to excel in the programs that you chose. Unit Presidents may pick up their Plan of Action at School of Instruction then any remaining packets will be mailed or given to your District President to pass out at your Fall Conferences. When you receive this information, it is important that you make sure to pass this information along to your Unit Chairmen. **Please ensure Department Headquarters has your current Unit Certification of officers. If contact information changes let us know right away so you don’t miss out on getting your information in a timely manner.** Reach out to new members or members who have not previously been active in helping with your Unit programs. Be sure to report all your Unit’s accomplishments this year. Keep records as you go, so that you do not have to do it all at report time. It would be a shame if all your hard work didn’t get recorded and recognized.

Don’t forget to attend your District Fall conferences. I encourage you to go and network with members of other Units in your area. It is a great opportunity to share ideas that help everyone have more successful programs.

One last point, MEMBERSHIP STARTS WITH YOU! Live the mission, share the mission, and be a product of The American Legion Auxiliary past, present, and future. The success of the Auxiliary here in Ohio is up to you and me. It’s up to all of us! If we want to continue as a successful State Auxiliary, we must have good membership numbers. 2022-2023 we finished at roughly 98%. I believe we are on track to beat and exceed that percentage this year. We can do this if we continue to share the legacy of the American Legion Auxiliary with everyone we know that is eligible to be a member. Let’s make 2023-2024 the best year ever!



## Zanesville Office Workers Acknowledged

At the Department Convention, Angie Miller and Vicky Buck are being acknowledged for all the work they do at the office in Zanesville, OH. Angie handles everything membership while Vicky handles everything related to Buckeye Girls State and our Programs. Thank you Angie and Vicky!



## FROM THE EDITOR — Some Article Submission Guidelines

With the new administrative year upon us, a few suggestions when submitting articles and photos to be included in the Buckeye Messenger. Please adhere to the due dates. It takes time to get it all ready, get it to the publisher and we want to make sure your article is included. When submitting your printed items, please be sure to use 1-inch margins all around. All print needs to be in Times New Roman, 12 font. All articles need to be submitted in word, please do not send it in a pdf. We have to put it in a word document and then make formatting changes to it. This takes time to get it ready for publication. When typing up your item, be sure that your spacing is set to 0 pt. before and after paragraphs and your line spacing is set to single. This uses less space when it goes into the newspaper. Indent each paragraph and leave no space between paragraphs. Pictures are a great way to tell your story. Be sure

that pictures come in .jpg format. When they come other ways we find it difficult to get it transferred into a .jpg. Sometimes we can’t get it and we have to call and ask for it to be in another format. Please don’t cut up photos and send us only a portion of one. It is difficult to get it sized correctly to use. When submitting pictures, give a little information about the picture, the who, what where, when, and why. If your picture is fuzzy when you send it to us, it only gets fuzzier when we put it in the paper. Using a higher resolution picture makes for a better photo on paper. Please do not use any clip art. Depending on where you get it, there may be a copyright tied to it.

We want your Unit to submit items. Be sure we know who you are by including your Unit number and District number. If you have any questions, please contact the office for further information! Thank you!



## AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY Department of Ohio – Calendar of Events 2023-24

<p><b>August</b></p> <p>17 School of Instructions Mailing</p> <p>25th-31st National Convention</p>	<p>24 Christmas Eve</p> <p>25 Christmas Day -Office Closed</p> <p>31 New Year's Eve</p>	<p>15 Bulk Mail Items Due</p> <p>TBD Junior Convention</p>	
<p><b>September</b></p> <p>4 Labor Day-Office Closed</p> <p>11 Patriot Day</p> <p>22 Department Finance Meeting</p> <p>22 Department Executive Meeting</p> <p>22-24 School of Instructions</p> <p>24 Jr. Meeting</p>	<p><b>January</b></p> <p>1 New Year's Day - Office Closed</p> <p>15 Martin Luther King Day-Office Closed</p> <p>19 Finance Meeting</p> <p>19 Department Executive Committee Meeting</p> <p>20 Mid-Winter Conference</p>	<p><b>May</b></p> <p>TBD DLNC</p> <p>12 Mother's Day</p> <p>15 Bulk Mail Items Due</p> <p>20 Armed Forces Day</p> <p>27 Memorial Day-Office Closed</p>	
<p><b>October</b></p> <p>9 Columbus Day</p> <p>15 Bulk Mail Items Due</p> <p>15 Buckeye Messenger Articles Due</p> <p>31 Halloween</p>	<p><b>February</b></p> <p>14 Valentine's Day</p> <p>15 Bulk Mail Items Due</p> <p>19 President's Day-Office Closed</p> <p>24-28 Washington DC Conference</p>	<p><b>June</b></p> <p>TBD Buckeye Girls State</p> <p>14 Flag Day</p> <p>16 Father's Day</p> <p>TBD Department Convention</p>	
<p><b>November</b></p> <p>4 National Jr. Meeting Central Division</p> <p>10 Veterans Day Observed Holiday- Office Closed</p> <p>15 Bulk Mail Items Due</p> <p>23rd-24th Thanksgiving- Office Closed</p>	<p><b>March</b></p> <p>TBD A&amp;G Test Trip</p> <p>TBD Spring Budget Meeting</p> <p>TBD Finance Committee Meeting</p> <p>TBD Department Executive Committee Meeting</p> <p>TBD Poppy Shop Celebration</p> <p>15 Bulk Mail Items Due</p> <p>29 Good Friday - Office Closed</p> <p>31 Easter Sunday</p>	<p><b>July</b></p> <p>4 Independence Day -Office Closed</p> <p>15 Book of Reports Articles Due</p> <p>15 Buckeye Messenger Article Due</p>	
<p><b>December</b></p> <p>7 Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day</p> <p>15 Bulk Mail Items Due</p>	<p><b>April</b></p> <p>15 Buckeye Messenger Articles Due</p>	<p><b>August</b></p> <p>23-29 National Convention</p>	

### Membership

#### Louise Smerk, 1st Vice President 2023-2024

Here we are a new year for membership. Please make sure that you are using the new blue transmittal form when sending in dues to the Department office. This form has the correct amount that you need to send to the office when submitting the 2023/2024 dues, since the dues increase from National went into effect this year.

If you have not already, but are interested in completing your dues online, join us at School of Instructions where Vicky Buck and Angela Miller will be conducting a complete training session on the ALAMIS software. They will be happy to get you enrolled into the program and teach you how to use it.

Angela Miller and Vicky Buck are in the process of implementing the new program from National Headquarters for membership. Once the Ohio database is up and working they will start processing the renewals. They hope to have it completed by Friday 8/4/23. They will not be able to process new members until 9/1/23. Please be patient during this transition. All Unit officers should have their dues paid by September 1, 2023.

**PLEASE, PLEASE do not hold membership.** From the final



report on membership, we ended with 34,063 members at 98.01% of our goal. Our goal for National did go up, but after working the numbers we were able to make reaching goal obtainable. If you made goal or surpassed goal by May 31, 2023, that number is your goal for 2023/2024. If you did not make goal by May 31, this year's goal is the same as last year, plus 1.

Have you seen this year's membership pin? Personally, I think that it is the best one yet. Our theme this year for membership is "Growing from our Roots, soaring to new heights." This theme is a combination of my theme and including some of our Department President Jane's superhero theme. Your district Presidents have the pins available for only \$3.00. The superhero pin sales, fund the membership incentives that we pay out for units reaching the different goal achievements.

I hope to make this year just as much fun as last year. Go out and get those members to pay their dues early this year. We can do this together!



### Public Relations

#### Renee Kohl, 2nd Vice President 2023-2024



I am very excited to begin our new Auxiliary year as your Department 2nd Vice President. I'd like to say "Thank You" for this opportunity, and I appreciate your support!

I'm looking forward to working with President Jane, 1st Vice President Louise and all our **superhero** Auxiliary members, as we work together to incorporate President Jane's theme of **Our Heroes Inspiring Others** into our programs and for our veterans.

A few ideas are floating around in my mind, so be ready, as more

information and details for Public Relations will be provided at the Fall School of Instructions. In the meantime, display our ALA emblem proudly and continue to promote our great programs. We know how wonderful our programs are and we need to let everyone else know too.

I am very excited to be able to assist you in being the **superheroes** you are and communicate this to the public with you. Please feel free to contact me with any ideas, suggestions, or questions.

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### 2022-2023 Department Convention Plaques

<p>"Patricia Logan" Americanism Plaque..... Freedom Unit 183, District 1</p> <p>"Mary Walker" Americanism Plaque..... Johnstown Unit 254, District 6</p> <p>All-American High School .....Newark High School</p> <p>All-American Middle School ..... Streetsboro Middle School</p> <p>"Ardith Cooper" Auxiliary Emergency Fund Plaque..... Susan Schofield-Fratino, District 9</p> <p>"Ruth Adams" Chaplain Plaque..... Albert E. Baesel Unit 91, District 13</p> <p>"Leta Zeller" Children &amp; Youth Plaque ..... Rebecca Long, District 6</p> <p>"Miriam Junge" Children &amp; Youth Plaque.....Ehret-Parsel Unit 447, District 5</p> <p>"Anna Mae Beckley" Community Service Plaque ..... Firestone Memorial Unit 449, District 14</p> <p>Spirit of Community Plaque ..... Victory Unit 260, District 5</p> <p>"Mary Parker" Community Service Plaque..... Albert E. Baesel Unit 91, District 13</p> <p>"Agnes Merritt" Education Plaque ..... Colonel Crawford Unit 181, District 5</p> <p>"Betty Robaszkiwicz" Education Plaque..... Freedom Unit 183, District 1</p> <p>Best All Around History .....Ehret-Parsel Unit 447, District 5</p> <p>"Martha Van Horn" Junior Activities Plaque..... Garfield Memorial Unit 566, District 14</p> <p>"Merry Lyn" Junior Activities Plaque.....Kristi Yeager, Ehret-Parsel Unit 447, District 5</p> <p>"Erwina Ehbresman" Junior Activities Plaque ..... Garfield Memorial Unit 566, District 14</p> <p>"Helen Sloan" Junior Activities Plaque ..... Kathleen Richardson, Streetsboro Unit 685, District 14</p> <p>"Emma McBane" Legislative Plaque.....Palmer-Roberts Unit 214, District 9</p> <p>Most Outstanding Overall Leadership Program ..... Community Unit 279, District 1</p>	<p>"Jane Bates" Membership Plaque..... Kettering Unit 598, District 1</p> <p>"Patricia Riley" Membership Plaque..... Brecksville-Excelsior Unit 196, District 13</p> <p>"Doloris Kilgore" Membership Plaque ..... Murray City Unit 420, District 8</p> <p>"Jackie Bayer" Membership Plaque..... Brecksville-Excelsior Unit 196, District 13</p> <p>"Avonelle Clinger" National Security Plaque..... Warren L. McIntire Unit 262, District 1</p> <p>"Phyllis Nickoson" National Security Plaque ..... Roseanne Paquette, District 1</p> <p>"Shelley Riggs" Poppy Plaque..... Levi Phillips Unit 85, District 6</p> <p>Little Miss Poppy Citation Plaque..... Ruth Hermiller, Kerner-Slusser Unit 63, District 1</p> <p>Past Presidents Parley Plaque..... Albert E. Baesel Unit 91, District 13</p> <p>"Josephine Hrabak" Past Presidents Parley Plaque.....Freedom Unit 183, District 1; Brook Park Unit 610, District 13; and Levi Phillips Unit 85, District 6</p> <p>"Unit Member of the Year"..... Sammie Cordial, Hall-Adkins Unit 134, District 7</p> <p>"Marie Moore" Public Relations Plaque ..... Maria Stein Unit 571, District 2</p> <p>"Doris Wainwright" Public Relations Plaque..... Colonel Crawford Unit 181, District 5</p> <p>"Nancy Sallor" Public Relations Plaque ..... Joe Barr Unit 194, District 4</p> <p>"Anne Eshelman" Public Relations Plaque ..... Renee Kohl, 14th District</p> <p>"Blanche Klein" VA &amp; R Plaque ..... Colonel Crawford Unit 181, District 5</p> <p>"Sue Frederick" VA &amp; R Plaque ..... Freedom Unit 183, District 1</p> <p>"Marie Moore" VA &amp; R Plaque.....Euclid Unit 343, District 13</p>
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**SCHOOL OF INSTRUCTIONS**  
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**RESERVATION DEADLINE is FRIDAY, September 8, 2023**

## 4th District

May, June & July

*Marsha Giehls, District President*

Spring is here and summer is fast approaching in the Fabulous 4th District. I have been to visit a few Units in the past couple of months. When I have visited these Units, they talk about some of the things they have done in the past year, it is exciting to hear what they have done, and then the reports come in and there is either no report or no mention of the activity. Also, when you do these events take pictures and turn them in for the Buckeye Messenger. I am proud to say The Fabulous 4th District does great things for our Veterans and Communities, and we need to let the rest of the State know what we are doing. Congratulations to all the Units that hit a Grand Slam and are goal. By the time you receive this the 2022-2023 reporting will be complete, thanks to all those Units who took the time to turn in their reports, and it is now on to the next year so remember to keep track of what your Unit and members are doing so it will be easier to fill out those reports next year. I hope every Unit turned in their Unit Data form if you did not the information on the renewal notices that go out next year might not be correct. It is time to elect your new officers for 2023-2024. Your Certification of Officers should have been turned in to Department after your elections. This is a Mandatory report and if you did not send it in you will not receive your next year's membership cards or any mailings from the Department. As another Auxiliary report year ends, I want to thank my District Chairpersons for their hard work and everyone else who has helped me this year.

## Children & Youth

May, June & July — *Patty Miller, Chairman*  
 and *Deb Sutterlin, Vice Chairman*

Hi Everyone!

Hope everyone is well. Hopefully this beautiful spring weather will help energize you. We are grateful for all of you who are continuing to do support the Children and Youth program. Thank you to those who completed the green reports. We look forward to recognizing your efforts. And to those who didn't report, maybe next year you can, we know that there are so many priorities that can interfere with your volunteer time. We just appreciate what you do!

I just learned something new. There is a teenage suicide hotline. It is "988". Please get the word out to our youth that this is available. With the school shootings, bullying, sexting situations, and other life situations, these events can be overwhelming to the youth. It is bad enough that these situations occur, but the news and social media broadcasting these can make it worse for our children. Make posters up if that is appropriate for your area and get them posted. Suicide among the youth is becoming more prevalent.

There are many holidays coming up to reach out to children. May 20th is Armed Forces Day. May 26th is Poppy Day, May 29th is Memorial Day, June 14th is Flag Day, and there is July 4th. You can use the coloring pages in our youth coloring books to promote these special days. Don't know where to find them? They are free. Go to the National website [alaforveterans.org](http://alaforveterans.org) then go to **resources**, then to **recruitment tools**, and **ALA coloring books** is under that heading. When you print a page, put a sticker on it with you Unit info and the holiday you are emphasizing and put it on the page before you make copies. In the America the Beautiful coloring book there is a page with a soldier and the American flag, use this page to promote Armed Forces Day. There is also a copy of Mt. Rushmore with the Declaration of Independence and the Statute of Liberty to promote 4th of July. In the Poppy coloring book, there is a page of Flanders field poem and another page that explains why the poppy is worn. These are great for Memorial Day and any page is great for Poppy Day, another page with the American flag and poppies can be used for Flag Day. These coloring pages can be handed out at the library summer reading program, summer playground groups, day cares, or any other place you can think of. Your post's summer picnics are a great opportunity to sponsor coloring contests or make up treat bags with this information in it. And yes, Mother's Day and Father's Day present other opportunities.

Have a great summer and have fun. We hope to see you at the Department Summer Convention!

## 5th District

May, June & July

*Jane Yeager, District President*

It's hard to believe that we are coming into "Home Plate" already, the year is winding down. So many units have done GREAT things this year and helped so many veterans, children, and their community.

In March, we held a "Report How To" during the 5th District Legion Conference. It was very well attended. Hopefully, it inspired some more participation in reporting.

May 6th, in Shelby, Unit #326 O'Brien, will host the 5th District Summer Convention where units will be recognized for all their hard work and accomplishments.

**CONGRATULATIONS to our Goal Units** this year so far. Unit # 17, #73, #118, #181, #202, #225, #260, #292, #503, #547, #659. We have 10 units that need 5 or less for Goal and I'm sure they will make it.

I have been visiting units within the District and hope to be doing more. I have installations coming up in the next few months.

There are 3 Girls State Orientations scheduled for our District in Shelby, Elyria, and Bellville.

OVH is finally opening up and I have 3 Bingo Parties scheduled. August 19, October 21, and March 16. There might be more. More info later.

Thank you to all the units who have been so welcoming to me. I have thoroughly enjoyed meeting all of you and am looking forward to next year.

Hope to see many of you at the District and Department Convention.

## 9th District

May, June & July

*Susan Schofield Fratino, District President*

Greetings, District 9 Members. This year is coming to an end, and I cannot wait to hear about all the great things our members have done.

This year, Unit 7 will be hosting our District Summer Convention. The date is June 10, with registration starting at 9:30 am. Lunch will be \$5.00 per person. PLEASE RSVP TO ME BY JUNE 1ST.

With elections coming up, do not forget to send a copy of the updated Officers Certification Form to Department. Even if your officers remain the same, you must still turn a copy in. Please also send a copy to me.

There are many units who have not turned in their per capita money of \$0.75 cents per member. Please remember this is the funding that keeps the District running.

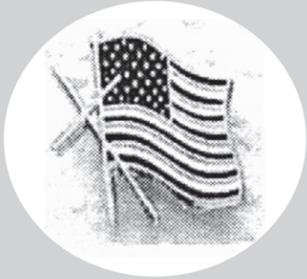
Although we have not been able to hold the Birthday Parties at the VA, we are hoping that we will be able to start hosting the parties soon.

As a reminder, the Birthday Parties are covered by donations. At this point there are some units that have donated money. Once we are able to get back into the VA, I will be asking for those donations as well.

I hope that you all continue on with the great work you do serving Veterans, Military Men and Women and our Communities.

Susan Schofield Fratino  
 District 9 President



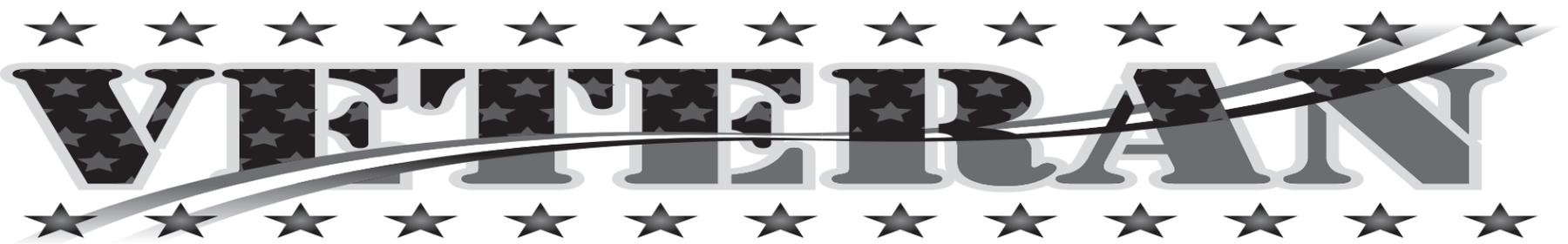


# “IN MEMORY OF OUR DECEASED MEMBERS”

*Cynthia Underwood, 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*

<b>District 1</b>	Joan Maurer ..... Unit 355	Joretta Cates ..... Unit 257	Janet Reinhart ..... Unit 737
Lora Friedrich ..... Unit 3	Mary Winner ..... Unit 355	Susan Sprang ..... Unit 257	<b>District 10</b>
Mildred Agner ..... Unit 63	Helen Homan ..... Unit 470	Elsie Vaughan ..... Unit 257	Donna Bland ..... Unit 34
Janice Minier ..... Unit 114	Martha Thieman ..... Unit 571	Susan Shade ..... Unit 260	Susan Watson ..... Unit 34
Beverly McNeely ..... Unit 132	<b>District 3</b>	Mary Argo ..... Unit 326	Janet Shaheen ..... Unit 44
Jo Coplin ..... Unit 223	Linda Arthur ..... Unit 140	Barbra Furr ..... Unit 326	Sally Daughtery ..... Unit 67
Geraldine Lerorchick ..... Unit 240	Jennifer J. Fields ..... Unit 140	Helen Milliron ..... Unit 326	Ruth Walton ..... Unit 67
Dolores Robinson ..... Unit 240	Victoria Hunt ..... Unit 140	Rita Cupp ..... Unit 344	Donna Criss ..... Unit 86
Maeola Smith ..... Unit 240	Carol Huntington ..... Unit 140	Jessie Farley ..... Unit 344	Marlene Frenger ..... Unit 131
Marian Fintel ..... Unit 262	Patricia Miller ..... Unit 140	Mary Gibson ..... Unit 344	Michaela Nicotera ..... Unit 131
Ila Frank ..... Unit 265	Rita Buschur ..... Unit 174	Prater Jacki ..... Unit 344	Fran Fisher ..... Unit 166
June Voss ..... Unit 265	Lois Stammen ..... Unit 174	Wanda Orians ..... Unit 344	Elsie Lewandoski ..... Unit 166
Pamela Winter ..... Unit 265	Elaine Winner ..... Unit 174	Nancy Emery ..... Unit 397	Miriam DeWitt ..... Unit 192
Dorothy Humberger ..... Unit 279	Marilyn Howard ..... Unit 184	Pauline Farley ..... Unit 397	Richardson Beverly ..... Unit 290
Viola Topp ..... Unit 287	Debra Buzzard ..... Unit 200	Donna Kendera ..... Unit 397	Critchley Sara ..... Unit 290
Jane Hoeffel ..... Unit 300	Constance Smith ..... Unit 200	Viola Klaus ..... Unit 397	Peggy Barker ..... Unit 374
Joyce Johnson ..... Unit 300	Betty Rhoades ..... Unit 245	Elene Mayer ..... Unit 397	Elna Joy ..... Unit 374
Edith Johann ..... Unit 316	Beverly Blakely ..... Unit 286	Gail Dean ..... Unit 447	Bonnie Maltarich ..... Unit 374
Arlene Brossia ..... Unit 320	Elizabeth Mescher ..... Unit 435	Linda Stumpf ..... Unit 488	Marvann Plumley ..... Unit 374
Pamela Engelhardt ..... Unit 320	Mary R. Green ..... Unit 487	Kay Robinson ..... Unit 535	Irene Pontones ..... Unit 436
Kelly Hagen ..... Unit 320	Ellen Hemmerich ..... Unit 487	Dorothy Daniels ..... Unit 659	Johan Holmes ..... Unit 525
Barbara Brown ..... Unit 324	Bonnie Berry ..... Unit 526	Daniels Dorothy ..... Unit 659	Thelma Charvat ..... Unit 529
Constance Ehlers ..... Unit 332	Janet Martel ..... Unit 526	Rule Gaye ..... Unit 659	Dorothy Dolfi ..... Unit 529
Bernadine Rudolph ..... Unit 332	Cheryl Nickoson ..... Unit 526	Gaye E. Rule ..... Unit 659	Doris Gazzola ..... Unit 529
Patricia Allen ..... Unit 338	Eileen Pleiman ..... Unit 588	<b>District 6</b>	Anna Lengyl ..... Unit 529
Jean Tahy ..... Unit 338	Eunice Winner ..... Unit 588	Mickie Drumm ..... Unit 85	Terri Lamatrice ..... Unit 557
Gladys Leaders ..... Unit 340	Barbara Bettinger ..... Unit 598	Lucille Haynes ..... Unit 85	Audrey Minch ..... Unit 557
Joyce Pacak ..... Unit 373	Joanne McKenna ..... Unit 598	Nancy Smith ..... Unit 85	Shirley Coen ..... Unit 573
Joyce Williams ..... Unit 373	Patricia Neer ..... Unit 598	Sally Smith ..... Unit 85	Edna Coy ..... Unit 667
Vivian Mayer ..... Unit 384	Honey Sease ..... Unit 598	Jennifer Welsh ..... Unit 85	Arla Jean Fitch ..... Unit 736
Meredyth Tilton ..... Unit 384	Karen Staples ..... Unit 598	Barbara Wilson ..... Unit 85	<b>District 11</b>
Karlyn Tonjes ..... Unit 400	Jacqueline Wuitzbacher ..... Unit 675	Maryann Britton ..... Unit 92	Marylou Agin ..... Unit 29
Leona Hogrefe ..... Unit 454	Kathy Wright ..... Unit 763	Jaclyn Frey ..... Unit 92	Mary Bradley ..... Unit 29
Barbara Farley ..... Unit 468	Rose Payne ..... Unit 776	Elizabeth Rose ..... Unit 92	Starley Smith ..... Unit 29
Mary Ellen Rader ..... Unit 511	<b>District 4</b>	Evelyn Long ..... Unit 92	Linda S. Stiers ..... Unit 29
Pauline Osterhage ..... Unit 516	Mary Crisp ..... Unit 69	Gladys Conkel ..... Unit 105	Beulah Burghy ..... Unit 159
Irene Harshman ..... Unit 541	Marilyn McKenzie ..... Unit 72	Sally Conrad ..... Unit 254	Victoria Mitchell ..... Unit 389
Bernie Houck ..... Unit 541	Pam Figart ..... Unit 179	Marie Blubaugh ..... Unit 650	Cathy Watson ..... Unit 521
Norma Ruen ..... Unit 541	Carol Kattine ..... Unit 180	<b>District 7</b>	Lucy Barton ..... Unit 750
Constance Verhoff ..... Unit 541	Jessie Shaw ..... Unit 186	Sytha Rayer ..... Unit 62	Tammy Edgell ..... Unit 760
Janet McGarahan ..... Unit 553	Bryson Venessa ..... Unit 199	Theresa Price ..... Unit 134	Pam Jones ..... Unit 768
Carolun Kohler ..... Unit 587	Linda Neanover ..... Unit 218	Athelia McGraw ..... Unit 471	<b>District 12</b>
Marilyn Mooney ..... Unit 587	Lois Steele ..... Unit 218	<b>District 8</b>	Norma Ayers ..... Unit 144
Ursula Podzinski ..... Unit 587	Martha Tharp ..... Unit 218	Barbara Arledge ..... Unit 11	Bonnie Frank ..... Unit 144
Virgene Toth ..... Unit 587	Barbara Walker ..... Unit 218	Elva Martens ..... Unit 11	Nancy Laird ..... Unit 144
Freda Sanders ..... Unit 635	Terry Collins ..... Unit 256	Jan Sorg ..... Unit 11	Anna Stonebreaker ..... Unit 144
Alice Szymanski ..... Unit 642	Georgia Hamilton ..... Unit 288	Lucy Valentine ..... Unit 11	Helen Sue Turner ..... Unit 144
Alice Stine ..... Unit 646	Diane Hancock ..... Unit 406	Dorothy Witham ..... Unit 11	Mary Elliott ..... Unit 430
<b>District 2</b>	Mary Hancock ..... Unit 406	Virginia Dittoe ..... Unit 58	Patricia Chambers ..... Unit 532
Marjorie Bryan ..... Unit 96	Lois Henson ..... Unit 484	Patricia Sterner ..... Unit 58	Debora Delauder ..... Unit 532
Diana Kohls ..... Unit 96	Nancy Bouch ..... Unit 615	Mabel Wagner ..... Unit 58	Carter Patricia ..... Unit 532
Naomi Mayo ..... Unit 96	Sharon Fitzgerald ..... Unit 615	Stellings Ludena ..... Unit 161	Betty J. Wood ..... Unit 532
Elaine Parrish ..... Unit 96	Vicki Rye ..... Unit 615	Elaine Harnetty ..... Unit 376	<b>District 13</b>
Charlotte Prater ..... Unit 96	Helen Carter ..... Unit 631	Ann Cook ..... Unit 420	Nancie Rucky ..... Unit 610
Helen Foughty ..... Unit 173	<b>District 5</b>	Stella Stoncel ..... Unit 420	Carol Sobota ..... Unit 610
Betty Hunt ..... Unit 173	Geraldine Piscola ..... Unit 12	Judith Winchell ..... Unit 420	Jones Roberta ..... Unit 627
Linda Jennings ..... Unit 173	Betty Chance ..... Unit 16	Aves Yates ..... Unit 420	Phyllis Zelink ..... Unit 627
Lois Kopus ..... Unit 173	Beatrice Schaad ..... Unit 16	Barbara Byron ..... Unit 677	Theresa Beno ..... Unit 703
Laura K. Alexander ..... Unit 210	Walker Charlotte ..... Unit 17	Bonnie Laposki ..... Unit 677	Marie Chick ..... Unit 703
Zita Bidwell ..... Unit 210	Loyola Zeller ..... Unit 17	Leathel Phillips ..... Unit 677	Marie Stankiewicz ..... Unit 703
Shirley Crider ..... Unit 210	Shirley Knoll ..... Unit 41	<b>District 9</b>	<b>District 14</b>
Beverly Fortkamp ..... Unit 210	Mary Newland ..... Unit 41	Shero Margaret ..... Unit 7	Melissa Dickson ..... Unit 331
V June Link ..... Unit 210	Grace Allen-Staley ..... Unit 83	Linda Cameron ..... Unit 103	Betty Melesky ..... Unit 331
Eileen Stobel ..... Unit 210	Jane Chime ..... Unit 83	Barbara Carr ..... Unit 103	Shirley Tyrncio ..... Unit 331
Ilene Brown ..... Unit 217	Irma Nimrichter ..... Unit 83	Sandy Klaeges ..... Unit 103	Melanie Elkins ..... Unit 566
Patricia Sprague ..... Unit 217	Diane Stachura ..... Unit 83	Phyllis Wilson ..... Unit 103	Sondra Harbarger ..... Unit 566
Jacqueline Thoma ..... Unit 217	Lois Troike ..... Unit 83	Debby Melvin ..... Unit 112	Kathleen Hartline ..... Unit 566
Carol Dodds ..... Unit 266	Patricia Tyneski ..... Unit 83	Marie Kaczoroski ..... Unit 151	Darlene Richards ..... Unit 566
Rachel Bailey ..... Unit 268	Terrie Verble ..... Unit 83	Lynne Deahl ..... Unit 214	
Beverly Cross-McNeal ..... Unit 268	Vicky Wells ..... Unit 83	Marion Simpson ..... Unit 214	
Connie Hughes ..... Unit 268	Clara Baird ..... Unit 181	Marie Stiffler ..... Unit 236	
Margart Koester ..... Unit 268	Susan Weber ..... Unit 181	Patricia Roland ..... Unit 678	



# Poppy

## May, June & July 2023 — Diane Woerner, 22-23 Chairman

Poppy Celebration was wonderful and a HUGE success!!! Thanks to all who attended, donated items for female Veterans and supported our Master and Miss Poppies. My sincere gratitude to the American Legion Auxiliary Department of Ohio and the Grande Voiture Du Ohio La Societe des, 40 Hommes et 8 Chevaux, for their patience and planning. Also, to all distinguished guests and those that pitched in, and helped to make this day special.

Our special guest was Ms. Stephanie Blades. Ms. Blades is the Women Veteran Program Manager, for the VA, Central Ohio Health Care Systems. Ms. Blades oversees program operations at 7 facilities in the Columbus area. Ms. Blades shared a very comprehensive and informative overview specific to the challenges, opportunities, and growth of female veterans.

In return, we showed our love and support to Stephanie and all female veterans by donating items for those facilities totaling a value of **\$2800.00**. Way to go OHIO!!! With that said.....many have asked, that could not attend Poppy Celebration if they could still collect and bring to Department Convention??? YES, you can always collect and not just for Female but also Male veterans!! However, rather than bringing to Department Convention, please contact your local VA medical facility, CBOC (Community Based Outreach Center), Clinic, VA Housing/Domiciliary, or any Veteran shelters and see if you can donate items to them. Since they are local might

be easier to deliver items directly to them and they ALWAYS need donations of this type. Don't forget to include all that information under VA&R.

The Master and Miss Poppy's stole the show and were stars for a day!!! Thank you, Hayden (our comedian), Mimi, Tay, Riley, Callie, and Kendall. You all have very special talents and one day will be our leaders. Dayna, thanks for all the great pictures.

Special note: My postal mailbox has been FULL for the last 2 weeks and my husband gets the daily "mail run", along with many emailed reports. Thank you for GROWING your POPPY PROGRAMS!! Remember, May 26th is National Poppy Day, I am looking forward to seeing some pictures and hearing how Units celebrated the day.

Please email me any questions you might have regarding Poppies.

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## 2023-2024 Book of Reports

### Americanism

*Michelle Zayakosky, Chair 2022-2023*

Throughout the Department of Ohio, units promoted Americanism by proudly displaying our flag and colors on bags, shirts, socks, shoes, hats, scarves, tags, pins, pencils, cookies, cupcakes, and candies, just to name a few items of red, white, and blue!

Units conducted elementary school or summer camp programs where they teach the meaning of the folds of the flag, distribute flag pins, bookmarks, coloring books, stickers, flag etiquette cards and even pocket constitutions. Some use tools from the Legion website, conduct them with Legion members and members of other patriotic organizations like the VFW, Elks and 40/8. One unit reported a 6th grade history project where military and veterans are discussed, students learn about Flanders Field and the poppies that grew on graves of fallen soldiers and then create poppy posters. The project ends with a pizza party once they return from a bus trip to place flags at a local cemetery. Another unit reported patriotic pictures and flag education materials were packed in 400 trick or treat bags! Units supplied flags for classrooms and outside poles.

In participation with the Freedom Flag Foundation, Streetsboro Middle School has a piece of a steel beam from the World Trade Center on display for one year and proudly flies the Freedom Flag.

Many Ohio cities participate in veteran honor banner programs, displaying local veteran photos from lampposts. Supporting streets or bridges of flags, by donating or maintaining. We have the Boulevard of 500 Flags with 506 flagpoles honoring 846 veterans, 100% funded by donations and volunteers. There is also a War Dog Memorial, honoring service dogs that protected our soldiers, attached to a dog park at the Boulevard of Flags.

Units promoted patriotic holidays by marching in parades, placing flags near

veteran graves, preparing/hosting meals/desserts. One unit reported having a bike decorating contest for Memorial Day.

Our Junior Department Convention displayed flags and a POW/MIA table at their meeting alongside ours. And performed the POW/MIA table ceremony at our Senior meeting. Several units gifted blue star banners and explained the meaning to the recipients. One unit reported a 'Purple Star School'. This award recognizes schools that show a major commitment to students and families connected to our nation's military. Ohio actually has 165 schools that received this distinctive designation and is celebrating 5 years of this special program.

A lot of units reported on Flag retirement ceremonies around Flag Day and July 4. They were held at American Legion and VFW Posts with members, Boy/Girls Scouts, and public attending.

We use social media to spread the word of 'who we are and why we matter'. We try to promote events by sharing them on our Facebook pages. It's a bit of incentive to attend another unit's fundraiser to support their cause when are not obligated to set up or clean up! And after, we're all trying to help our veterans, military, and their families.

The Department of Ohio theme this year is 'ALA Batting for Veterans' under Madam President Cindy Masowick, who is an avid fan of all things baseball, especially the Guardians! What is more American than baseball?! We began our 'spring training' in September at our School of Instruction where we learn about the Department theme and her project for the year, along with program information tables and gift baskets. Cindy's special project is Education – Department Scholarships.

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## Americanism (Continued)

Department 1st Vice won the pledge of allegiance wood carving that was donated by Willoughby Cleveland Elks #18 and proceeds were donated to President Cindy's project – Education.

Lots of units supported the American Legion 'Get Out the Vote' program by encouraging people to vote, volunteering at the polls and providing rides to those who needed transportation to be able to vote. We supported the American Legion with their A&G tests by distributing, collecting, and grading tests. We encouraged participation in the Americanism Essay Contest in schools, some units held dinners and awarded gift certificates to honor the winners.

Veterans Day ceremonies were held in a variety of ways and places, including rehab centers and assisted living facilities, where flags on small stands were distributed. City and state government officials dedicated wreaths while First Responders attended along with Post family members and the public. Services were held in Posts and retirement communities and one Auxiliary member was honored to lay the civilian wreath at an abbreviated ceremony at the Soldier and Sailors Monument in downtown Cleveland. One elementary school created placemats and made thank you cards for an annual Veterans Day breakfast. On Saturday, December 17, Wreaths Across America events were held worldwide! Ohio had 207 events laying almost 109K wreaths and units reported on fundraisers, donations and placing of wreaths.

We love to have some fun as we teach and learn! Our Department Leadership Chair created a fun game for mid-winter workshop, Jeopardy! We didn't have an entire category for Americanism but there were several questions. It was fun to play the Mission Impossible music while we competed against each other. She always comes up with creative themes and ways to teach! This chair told the story of the 'greatest play in baseball' which really isn't about baseball at all! It's about respect for our flag.

Members participate in the Pledge of Allegiance at Unit, County, District and Department meetings, as well as standing for the National Anthem at any event. Videos of one unit reciting the pledge of allegiance regularly air on a local TV station.

Ohio, where you see loyalty to our flag in all sorts of places: large corporations headquartered in Ohio showcasing the red, white, and blue in apparel and objects! Car dealerships that fly a gigantic old glory, pickup trucks having distressed flag stickers, window decals of 'We the People' and more. Radio stations and Mission BBQ play the Star-Spangled Banner at noon each day, stopping to remove hats and placing hands over their hearts to sing the national anthem.

Inside the numbers: 100% District reporting (14); 116 Unit reports; 165,516 hours, including 5 Districts reporting over 40K in flying the flag \$124, 274 monies spent.

We love showing our patriotism and pride in this country and organization as we hit lots of homeruns and look forward to the playoffs and the World Series in Charlotte!



## Auxiliary Emergency Fund Deborah A. Smith, Chair 2022-2023

Greetings Auxiliary Emergency Fund (AEF) participants. Thank you for your continued support for this worthwhile program. It was enjoyable reading what your Post and Units are doing, not just one day but for the entire year.

We have now come around to home plate. We have had strikeouts, errors, we even had times where we thought we had a home run, but that left out fielder stopped us, yet we kept hitting and making a run for home plate. And Units kept increasing and adding new members to the team.

Here is an example of the hard-hitting teams who had home runs for AEF and received certificates:

DISTRICTS	UNITS	DONATIONS OR ACTIVITY
1	63	Free Will Donations
2	323	Purse Bingo
3	286	Bake Sale, Dinners & Garage Sale
4	615	Booth at Sauerkraut Festival
5	181	50/50 Raffle for Gas Card
6	254	Monthly Breakfast
7	100	Donations
8	283	Donations
9	214	Ohio State Basket Theme
10	374	Bingo Tournament
11	389	Donations
12	532	Donations
13	304/572	Loss of Member, needed assistance donations
14	566/175	Keeps assistance available,
SOI/Mid-Winter	Various	Donations of \$76 & \$96= \$172.00

Units had bake sales, collected eyeglasses, had display tables talking about AEF, baskets with different themes. One Unit had a plastic pig named Emery (emergency) and collected funds. Your help with families with the loss of loved ones was moving and shows just how much you care.

Diane Woerner from District 9 Unit 214 left us with this:

### AEF FACTS

Serving Size:	Large Portion of Love
Servings Per Can:	Unlimited Donations
Amount/Serving	What U Can
Benefits from Donations	Limitless
	<b>% Daily Value</b>
Saturated Smiles	100%
Generous Contributions	100%
Providing a Helping Hand	100%
Heartwarming Support	100%
Improving Members' Lives	100%

### CONTRIBUTE AFTER OPENING

Ingredients: American Legion Auxiliary members selflessly serve Veterans and Military Families in need. But when need strikes home, the Auxiliary Emergency Fund is available to members for temporary emergency assistance.

Since its establishment in 1969, the AEF has been available to members experiencing radically life-changing events whether from personal crisis to acts of nature.

The AEF is here to help thanks to your generous contributions –members helping members in the truest form. But it will only be here with your continued assistance. Any amount helps.

As we have made it to home plate and hear the cheering for a job well done. Let us make 2023-2024 another outstanding year! Do not forget to take pictures, that you can share with other Units about the wonderful job your Units are doing!

It will be exciting to see who will receive the Ardith Copper Plaque this year. Please know that you are all WINNERS. And this year's WINNER is District 9 Unit 214 President Susan Schoefield-Fratino. Congratulations!

*"There is nothing more beautiful than someone who goes out of their way to make life beautiful for others."* Mandy Hale

For God and Country  
Deborah Smith  
AEF Chair

## Buckeye Girls State Gwenda Schroeder-Zulch, Director

2023 marked the 77th session of Buckeye Girls State. As with previous sessions, it was a remarkable success. On June 11th 474 young women were welcomed to the campus of the Bowling Green State University in Bowling Green, Ohio. Delegates were sponsored by 280 American Legion Auxiliary Units/Posts representing 398 high schools throughout Ohio. Units can be immensely proud of their efforts to select Ohio's finest young women to attend BGS.

This year BGS counties were named Buck, Close and Conrad. Some of the highlights of this year's program include Sunday's Naturalization Ceremony to swear in all delegates as citizens of Buckeye Girls State; Government Workshops; Highway Patrol graduation; City and County assemblies; State Inauguration; and a Joint Session of

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## Buckeye Girls State (Continued)

the Senate and the House of Representatives, which closed our program on a high note. Our Buckeye Girls State band and chorus were once again a terrific addition.

There was plenty to keep our citizens busy with city formation, campaigning, elections, and city, county, and state government functioning. We were also honored to have representatives from the Governor's Cabinet, as well as City and County officials, helping throughout the week.

This year we were extremely fortunate to have the Governor of the State of Ohio, Mike DeWine, address the Buckeye Girls State Delegates on Wednesday. A question-and-answer period and plenty of photographs with the Governor. And also, another was a visit by the Colonel of the Ohio State Highway Patrol—Colonel Jones.

We also thank each Unit and individual who financially supported BGS and the Buckeye Girls State Endowment Fund. Buckeye Girls State Endowment Fund Certificates were handed out to forty-four units. Buckeye Girls State Endowment Fund plaques were awarded to Celina Unit 210 and The Great First District for their contributions of \$1000 each for scholarships. These donations go to support the scholarships for Buckeye Girls State.

The top Buckeye Girls State reports went to Teresa Bailey—Unit 240 Luckey (1st District). This chairperson received 115 Buckeye Girls State reports.

Units were busy having fundraisers, bake sales, toy sales and Avon fundraising to fund the Buckeye Girls State Delegates. They were then recognized at their unit

meetings, potlucks, and school presentations with certificates of appreciation and small monetary gifts. The units went into the schools to promote the programs to the fullest. We find that many of the Juniors in High School do not know what our program is and feel it is just a camp and not a learning process. We need to stress to the schools that the Buckeye Girls State Program is one of the best and is an educational government program.

This Director would like to extend her personal thanks to the President Cindy Masowick, BGS Board of Directors and the entire 2023 staff of BGS for their continued support of the program. It was a team effort that makes a difference in the lives of many young women. "Dreams of Lifetime, A Lifetime of Dreams". Although we had some hic-cups with the new venue, after listening to the delegates they had the time of their life while learning about the government aspect. One highlight I have heard mentioned many times is the visit by the Department of Ohio American Legion Commander Charles Stennis who brought the entire room of delegates to their feet with his fancy dancing. Now that is the American Legion Family aspects.

Next year 2024 we will once again move to the campus of Bowling Green State University for the 78th Session and we encourage auxiliary members to volunteer in any capacity. We are in need of volunteers for the session and if you are interested please contact Vicky Buck at American Legion Auxiliary Headquarters.



### Children & Youth

#### End-Of-Year Report – Patty Miller, Chairman

We had a **GREAT** year for Children and Youth this year! Members helped at libraries, food pantries, and halfway houses. Created the Military Child Table. Sent bookbags filled with school supplies to the USO.

I want to thank my Vice Chairman, Deb Sutterlin, for her help and dedication. We gave out 54 Certificates of Appreciation for those who wrote narratives. We gave Certificates to those Districts and Units that completed their end of year reports in each group.

The winner of the Letta Zeller Award was Rebecca Long

The winner of the Miriam Junge Award was ALA Unit 447, Tiffany Shepherd

I want to thank President Cindy for this position, and I learned a lot. I hope that next year is as exciting as this year was.

Love and Warm Hugs to all.

Patty Miller

### Chillicothe VAMC

#### End-Of-Year Report – Linda Lyons, Chief Rep

New and exciting things are starting to happen!

First of all,

Let's welcome –

- Executive Medical Center New Director Kenneth J Mormer and Joshua Rawlings, Assistant Director
- Chillicothe VA Centenary (100 yr. Anniversary) May 27 – 31, 2024 – Week of historical if anyone has memories, pictures, etc. of the Chillicothe VAMC, we would greatly appreciate them.

The American Legion Auxiliary Dept of Ohio donated \$500.00 June – 2024 Celebration is on, all in the early planning.

As of now (7-31-23) you may visit the units – 210-unit 1 floor... 211 unit 2 floors. A total of 5 volunteers on each unit (floor). Hopefully in September parties could be held in Bldg. 9.

Please call Volunteer Services 740-773-1141 ext. 17420 if you plan on dropping off donations or plan to visit the units.

Veteran's closet clothing room is all only brand-new items.

The following is a small list of donations that are needed: 3 in 1 body wash, Loon, Men's deodorant, coloring books (adult), "Beter" disposable razors, prepackaged snacks, soda, coffee, cup with lids, Model car kits. These items are used in stress lab, G.I. Clinic, Chaplain Services, in patients' units.

I would like to thank all of you for the support that you have given the Chillicothe VAMC. It's been an uphill challenge, but we survived. If you have any questions or concerns please call me at 740-773-0337.

Remember fresh start/fresh eyes,

Sincerely & God Bless America & our Veterans

Linda

### Cincinnati VA

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

We have had a busy year and we are doing so much for the Veterans. Thank you for the sympathy cards when Bob passed away in October and the good thoughts. Sue and I have been doing what Bob would want and that is taking care of the Veterans.

We gave gifts on Veterans Day (portfolios), (back packs) on Christmas. Salute to Veterans was a special week. We had gift distributions for all the patients and outpatients. The Sons of the American Legion, Past Department Commander Jean Wilson from the Department of Ohio. Volunteering with these members is exceptional. Valentine's Day was also this week, and we did a luncheon for the Community Living Center. We had sandwiches, fruit and vegetable trays, sodas and best of all cheesecakes. We then had goody bags made up by Liz Castle from Unit 484 Mt. Washington. The women's clines were given cupcakes and goody bags. Lastly, we gave the 7th floor cupcakes. Now we are off to take care of St. Patrick's Day and again the Community Living Center and the Women's Clinic was given cookies. Yes, now it is time for Easter and the Sons of the American Legion partnered up with us and brought in Pizza and Liz again made goody bags. We have been busy, and I have attached pictures.

We were able to give to the Community Outreach Center 10 plus Laptops for Veterans completing classes. They will learn to do resumes, applications, look for job opportunities and when they graduate, they will be able to keep their laptops. We are looking forward to attending the graduation.

We continue to place snacks on Dialysis, hematology, oncology, and the 7th floor. They get so excited when we show up. We make sure we supply healthy snacks, cookies, crackers, protein bars, chips, trail mix, juices. We continue to stock the Community Living/Hospice Center closet with coffee, tea, microwave soups, spaghetti, lasagna, ravioli, mac and cheese, cereal, oatmeal, tuna fish salads, cookies, chips, crackers, juice, and soft drinks.

Toiletry Items are placed on Floors 2nd, 3rd, 5th, 6th north and south and 7th floor. We put brushes, combs, nail clippers, deodorant, chap stick, denture adhesive, denture cleanser, shaving cream (7th floor), flip flops (Ft. Thomas), socks, feminine items. We are now getting ready for Memorial Day and hoping we can have a picnic.

We are going strong and loving everything we do.



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## Cincinnati VA (Continued)



### VA Central Ohio Healthcare System Chalmers P. Wylie VA Outpatient Care Center 2022-2023 Year Summary Cheryl A. Smith, Chief Hospital Representative

Our facility has opened up with veteran patients able to have one-on-one appointments with their primary care team and/or specialty treatment areas. We continue safety guidelines to ensure our veteran patient's health and wellness.

Staff continue to recruit volunteers for the facility and we have approximately 116 "active" volunteers at present. New full-time staff members have been added to the Center for Development & Civic Engagement which has added much needed support for Chief Traci Washington. There continues to be a need for both golf cart and van drivers to transport our veteran patients. The Compassionate Contact Corps program is growing and the Suicide Prevention Program and workshop for Domestic Abuse/Partner program is growing with the inclusion of the LBGQTQ+ services.

Our facility held a ticketed "Thanksgiving Dinner" for veterans at Bob Evans in NE Columbus; our Holiday Program at the Zoo was a success with approximately 2000 veterans/ families enjoying food, presentations, toys for the children obtained from Operation Homefront and "Wildlights". During Salute to Veteran Patient week, a ticketed dance with light refreshments was held at Valley Dale with Rick Brunetto hosting the evenings fun. On April 22nd, the quarterly "Last Roll Call" program was observed for those veteran patients who had passed.

The Women's Program held a "drive-thru" Baby Shower for expectant moms/dads in early November. The collection of women veteran items at the Poppy Celebration was a great success and Program Manager Stephanie Blades shared the overwhelming donations at our facility, Chillicothe VA, Grove City and Zanesville CBOCs. A Celebration of Women Veterans was hosted on March 30th with cookies.

The upcoming event is the "Drive Thru" VA PACT ACT on August 5th. Staff are celebrating the "HOT DOG DAYS OF SUMMER" with free Hot Dogs, chips, and a drink. Valuable and timely information regarding the Pact Act will be given to everyone.

We continue to support the VA Veteran Patient snack cupboard with water, soda, juice and assorted sweet, salty, and nutritious snacks.

### Community Service 2022-2023 Tammy Dillon, Chairman

Community Service takes in all aspects of the American Legion Programs. Our members took this to heart with 248,650 volunteer hours between our senior and junior members. Money raised and spent was \$539,690.60. Congratulations to all our members. All 14 Districts sent in a report with 141 units reporting. We held a 50/50 raffle at the School of Instructions with the money going to the Ohio Disaster Emergency Assistance Program. A total of \$206.00, of which \$103.00 was turned over to the finance committee.

Here are some of the projects that were done by units: getting high schoolers to help put out flags on Veteran's graves for Memorial Day, helping various breast cancer awareness organizations with fundraising and biker runs, giving money and other donations to various organizations that help with homeless and mental health issues, food bank donations, donating stuffed animals to hospitals, fire, and police departments. This is just a sample of what the units have done.

Here are the plaques that were awarded from the podium at department convention: **Mary Parker Plaque** was presented to the unit with the most outstanding Single Community Service Activity. It went to **Albert E Baesel Unit 91 D-13**, Nancy Douth chairman. They helped a lady become an Honorary 2nd LT. in the Army on her 100th birthday.

**Spirit of Community Plaque** was presented to the unit with the best narrative on a Community Service project involving the unit and other organizations. It went to **Victory Unit 260 D-5**, Laurie Risner chairman. This unit along with many other organizations designed, built, and maintain the Attica Area Veteran's Memorial Park.

### Community Service (Continued)

**Anna Mae Beckley** was presented to the unit for the best all-around Community Service program. It was awarded to **Firestone Memorial Unit 449 D-14**, Karen Peel chairman. This unit has shown to their community what the American Legion Auxiliary is all about and touched on every aspect of Community Service.

#### Group 1 10-50 members

**1st Place -D-2** Maria Stein Unit 571 Diane Pohlman Chr., **2nd Place-D-14** Wendell I Willkie Unit #19 Michele Sandridge Chr., **3rd Place-D-14** Lee- Bishop Unit # 464 Sandra Borovicka Chr.

#### Group 2 51- 100 members

**1st Place-D-2** Minster Unit 3 387 Karen Timmerman Chr. **2nd Place-D-2** William F Helmke Unit 340 Susan Junge Chr. **3rd Place-D-4** George A Lambert Unit 755 Beatrice Fryman

#### Group 3 101-200 members

**1st Place-D-1** Freedom Unit 183 Kay Brueggermeier Chr., **2nd Place D-14** Steetsboro Unit 685 Janine Leonard Chr., **3rd Place D-5** Fiebirsch Unit 397 Rae Brough Chr.

#### Group 4 201-400 members

**1st Place D-6** Levi Phillips Unit 85 Miriam Miller Chr., **2nd Place D-13** Parma Heights Unit 703 Dana Hauff Chr., **3rd Place D-2** Sidney Unit 217 Linda Limbert Chr.

### Constitution and Bylaws End Of Year Report Carol T. Robinson, Chairman

Thank you to all Units that updated their constitution, bylaws, and standing rules. Remember, the department does not approve your C&B and standing rules; we only accept them.

I have reviewed the Department's C&B and standing rules. They are, for the most part, correct and follow the guidelines of National. The only corrections now are gender references. Change reference from Department Secretary/Executive Officer to Department Secretary. Add the ALA Mission, Vision Statement, Purposes, and Value statements to the standing rules. Have you added these statements to your Unit's Standing Rules?

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

Knowing your state's non-profit laws provides the foundation for your governing documents at the department, district, county, and unit levels.

The importance of having governing documents in place is vital. It elevates arguments and misunderstandings and allows operations to continue in an emergency if you have the appropriate wording in place.

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

Remember that department, district, county, and unit's 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.

### Dayton VA Year-End Report Susan Masten Chief Representative

During the pandemic, while we could not see our Veterans, we had a system in place...we kept the Gift Shop stocked and clean. If something were needed, I would get a phone call or text asking if we had certain items. I would let them know we did and a VAVS employee would get the items from the shop.

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*(Continued from Page 9)* **Dayton VA (Continued)**

We finally got to start seeing and serving our Veterans in person at the end of August 2022. Unfortunately, by the time we got close to having our Christmas Gift Shop there was an outbreak of Covid positive cases in their building and I had to drop back and regroup for their Christmas. We prepared gift bags that had candy, American Eagle stress balls and a Christmas from our shop that had a \$75.00 gift card. We also bought them a KFC lunch.

I have been discussing with Music and Rec Therapist helping with their Creative Arts Festival. We would like to get that going again and have a performance and showcase where we can have an audience to see the incredible things they do. This is an ongoing project. One Unit has already donated toward this.

They are also starting their Suicide Prevention Program. Especially now with people out of work or making a low income, and the excessive cost of food and gas, this creates incredible issues. For this program they are asking for food and fuel cards to assist these veterans and their families. We donated \$500.00 in Kroger Food and Fuel cards to kick off this program. When I was informed of this program there were two veterans that really needed help. Two days later, when I gave them the cards, there were three veterans in serious need.

We are working hard to get things back on track and meet the current needs of Veterans. They did start scheduling the District Parties and events at the VA.



The Dayton VAMC had a Summer Cook-Out with activities. Here are pictures of those in attendance and those that worked as "crew" from the 3rd District! It looks like everyone had a great time!

**Education Department of Ohio**  
**Mindi Rue, Department Chairman**

The Department of Ohio spent this program year "Batting for Veterans" for President Cindy and the Education program did not disappoint! The Department of Ohio hit it out of the park working on the Education program.

The Department started out with a single while members Gave 10 to Education with school supply drives across the state. Items donated went for school supplies to new pairs of tennis shoes, sweatshirts and pants, microscopes, TVs and even a new pair of glasses for a student. All total, two hundred forty-two members of the Department of Ohio donated \$14,582.66 in items to Give 10 to Education.

The Department stole second when units showed up for National Education Week and Teacher Appreciation Week with treats and gifts for employees of their community schools.

The stolen base was followed up with another hit when many units checked the box for Veterans in School program when posts, squadrons and units helped at local schools for Veterans Day programs.

Freedom Unit 183 and Troy-Webster Unit 240 hit a triple with their unique 6th grade Memorial Day Education Program. This Veterans in the Classroom project gets the 6th graders to the Post to talk to veterans in a comfortable environment. Then, the students watch an American Legion video called, "For Which It Stands." They learn what markers to look for on the gravesite and they put flags and geraniums on the graves at the local cemeteries. The result of this program is 700 graves of veterans are decorated for Memorial Day. When they are finished, the units pay for pizza for lunch.

The next batter reached first base on a passed ball when units supported Junior ROTC programs in high schools and Student Veterans Associations (SVA) and ROTC programs on college campuses.

Right to Read Week rolled around, and the Department started to see runs scoring! American Legion Auxiliary All-Star Readers were given gift cards and awards, schools were decorated, and students were celebrated for reading improvement throughout the year.

The Department started hitting dingers when scholarship time rolled around!

**Education (Continued)**

There were thirteen Continuing Education Grants given out in Ohio in January of 2023. Fifty-two high school seniors applied for the Children of Warriors National President's Scholarship, two National Non-Traditional applications were received, two Spirit of Youth National Scholarships, and two National Junior Member Loyalty Scholarships were received. The Department had seventy-two unit scholarships valued at \$31,925.00 and \$14,662.20 was donated for Department Scholarships. Colonel Crawford Unit 181 put on a Patriotic Dinner and donated \$4050.00 to Department Scholarships alone.

Ohio had two National Scholarship winners. Rachel Franke from Dayton won the National President's Children of Warriors Scholarship. Natasha Nunnicut, RN from Rockford, OH also won the National Non-Traditional Student Scholarship. Colleen Bare from Pickerington, OH was chosen as the Ohio winner for the National Junior Membership Loyalty Scholarship and Rebekah Davenport from Blanchester, OH was chosen as the Spirit of Youth Ohio winner.

Department President's Scholarship winner is Kirsten Shaneyfelt from Piqua, OH and runner-up was Rachel Dreher from Orrville, OH. The scholarship applications were all grand slams!

Our Manager, President Cindy's, team put a great team effort together for the Education program. In the words of former Dodgers manager, Tommy Lasorda, "There are three types of baseball players: those who make it happen, those who watch it happen, and those who wonder what happened." Ohio players made it happen this program year!

**Historian**  
**2022-2023 Dayna Beyer, Chairman**

Who's on first? The year of "Batting for Veterans" makes history as for the very first time, The American Legion Auxiliary Department of Ohio made it to the World Series! Our baseball teams were made up of auxiliary units, unit presidents were team captains, and members played a variety of positions. Coaches were our program chairman, umpires were made up of our president, Cindy Masowick and vice presidents Jane Ridenour and Louise Smerk. Our baseball commission were made up of past department presidents. WHAT-A-TEAM!

We also saw our members getting ahead of the game by participating in batting practice, stealing bases, and hitting home runs noted on their detailed reports. We had an influx of narratives, history, and scrapbooks to review. The units had a great year and documented their unit and post family birthday celebrations, memorable patriotic and veteran events, and community and youth activities. Overall, we had a good turnout throughout the year. We compared and analyzed our numbers from last to this year, and found members were still finding their way to get social and active, after being shut-in at home with their families. The president's theme surely motivated members to get outside and play ball!

	2021-2022	2022-2023
Senior History Reports	119	113
Junior History Reports	2	2
Total Seniors:	n/a	2,046
Total Volunteers:	2376	362
Total Juniors:	160	227
Total Hours:	38,840	43,769
Patriotic Events:	325	3,108
Dollars spent:	\$141,188.09	\$202,777.26
Dollars raised:	\$77,585.55	\$312,336.00
Narratives:	59	60
History Books:	15	11
Scrapbooks:	13	8

Our Best Overall Senior History Winner:

Ehret Parsel Unit 447, District 5 Jane Yeager  
Plaque & ALA Brand Crystal Drop Jewelry Set

Our Best Overall Junior History Winner

Ehret Parsel Unit 447, District 5 Kristy Yeager  
Certificate & ALA Brand Earrings & Pendant Set

There was an increase in creativity of history reports received overall, however, the number of declining submissions was evident. 100% reporting from all districts with some units coming out for the first time with completing of a report and a history book. Congratulations for the effort on our First Timers! Not surprising due to increase in cost of products including food and personal items, we saw dollars spent increase to dollars raised by almost 55%. Patriotism was still the most popular topic in the history reports. While we were not up in senior reports, however, members showed their enthusiasm through the events and activities planned. There was more emphasis on the details in scrapbooks and writing skills to tell the story.

The narratives of our units were more personalized with a caring touch, which seemed to be mindful of the national and state presidents' themes. Unit historians reached out for help, advice, and ideas, which was appreciated being able to work more closely with their goals and achievements. And members worked within their American Legion Family as they pursued the mission of others, over self.

Congratulations to our Best of the Best Winners in all categories and our free drawing incentive award winners:

District with the most members wearing our ALA Brand at their District Conference: District 9, President Susan Schofield Fratino \$50.00

Unit with the most members wearing our ALA brand at their District Conference Robert-Palmer Unit 214 Willoughby - \$50.00

Best Overall Scrapbook 2022-2023 - Jeanne Ginther, Beverly Unit District 11 - Personalized ALA Coffee Mug

Honorable Mention 2022-2023 - Karen McFadden, Fort Laurens Unit 190 District 10 - Personalized ALA Coffee Mug

Incentive History Contest Participants Drawing 2022-2023 - Linda Sauter, David Johnston Memorial Unit 283 District 8 - ALA Brand Crystal Drop Jewelry Set

Join me in congratulating the 113 Senior and 2 Junior history submissions, which are categorized by district:

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(Continued from Page 10) **Historian (Continued)**

<b>District 1</b>	<b>President Roseanne Paquette</b>	<b>Total History Submissions: 16 Units</b>	
279	Community	Susan Avers	Excellence
340	William F. Helmke	R. Susan Junge	Excellence
183	Freedom Pemberville	Sandra M. Miesmer	Excellence
240	Troy Webster	Jennifer Durbin	Excellence
<b>District 2</b>	<b>Shirley Maurer</b>	<b>Total History Submissions: 11 Units</b>	
571	Maria Stein	Delores Schlarman	Excellence
355	Fort Loramie	Cynthia A. Plas	Excellence
<b>District 3</b>	<b>Judi Thompson</b>	<b>Total History Submissions: 7 Units</b>	
763	Beavercreek Memorial	Tina White	Excellence
174	Buckeye	Bernadine Niekamp	Excellence
<b>District 4</b>	<b>Marsha Giehls</b>	<b>Total History Submissions: 9 Units</b>	
49	Wilmington Veterans	Mary Conger	Excellence
194	Joe Barr	Jennifer Shepherd	Excellence
<b>District 5</b>	<b>Jane Yeager</b>	<b>Total History Submission: 13 Units</b>	
447	Ehret Parsel	Jane Yeager	BEST
OVERALL PLAQUE			
<b>District 6</b>	<b>Rebecca Long</b>	<b>Total History Submissions: 7 Units</b>	
85	Levi Phillips	Lois Singleton	Excellence
<b>District 7</b>	<b>Betty Taylor</b>	<b>Total History Submissions: 7 Units</b>	
633	Charles H. Eyre	Doris Bailey	Excellence
<b>District 8</b>	<b>Betty Harris</b>	<b>Total History Submissions: 3 Units</b>	
161	Vinton	Loretta Keaton	Excellence
<b>District 9</b>	<b>Susan Schofield Fratino</b>	<b>Total History Submissions: 6 Units</b>	
737	Lake Milton	Janice Pitzer	Excellence
<b>District 10</b>	<b>Ruby Witherow</b>	<b>Total History Submissions: 6 Units</b>	
667	Lowell D. Oberly	Beth Toalston	Excellence
282	Frank E. Cook	Debbie Kelly	Excellence
<b>District 11</b>	<b>LeeAnn Stan</b>	<b>Total History Submissions: 7 Units</b>	
495	Blennerhassett	Flo Harpold	Excellence
768	Beallsville	Linda Davis	Excellence
389	Russell Chadwick	Jeanne Ginther	BEST
SCRAPBOOK			
<b>District 12</b>	<b>Vacant</b>	<b>Total History Submissions: 6 Units</b>	
171	Young Budd	Kim Mann	Excellence
<b>District 13</b>	<b>Kimm Hill Bunch</b>	<b>Total History Submissions: 9 Units</b>	
703	Parma	Danielle Zavemba	Excellence
627	Teddy M. Zeija	Michelle Bolen	Excellence
<b>District 14</b>	<b>Renee Kohl</b>	<b>Total History Submissions: 9 Units</b>	
449	Firestone	Shelley Hawk	Excellence
<b>Juniors Total History Submissions: 2 Units</b>			
District 2	Unit 571	Laney Greenwood	History & Scrapbook Excellence
District 5	Unit 447	Kristi Yeager	History & Scrapbook BEST

Congratulations to our **BEST OVERALL HISTORY** that goes to Senior Auxiliary Historian Jane Yeager Ehret Parsel Unit 447, District 5 - Plaque & ALA Brand Crystal Drop Jewelry Set

Thank you to each one of our units that submitted their history. Your COMPLETED reports with those important numbers of your volunteers, junior participants, how much you spent and raised as well as how many patriotic events you had during the year showed the mission was a Home Run! Written narrative of your unit's year of events and activities was a Grand Slam! Truly a World Series Event for the hard work put into the history book or scrapbook, we applaud you for the efforts you made to archive your history for generations to come.

Until I see you at one of the many events, be camera ready with pen and pad as you never know when history will be sliding to home base!

For God and Country & to Ask, Listen and Reach out! #BeTheOne

Mrs. Dayna Beyer, Department Historian

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## Hospital Director Report

### Linda Close, Hospital Director 2022-2023

I would like to thank all the Hospital Representatives and Deputies for their hard work and support this past year. It has been a pleasure to work with each one of them. All our veterans are so blessed to have them in their lives at each of the V A Facilities.

President Cindy and I completed three hospital tours and one Fisher House tour. We toured Columbus Ambulatory, Ohio Veterans Home in Sandusky, and Cleveland Wade Park. We also visited the Fisher House at Cleveland Wade Park and I ask that your American Legion Family plan a summer barbeque/picnic at this Fisher House. You only need to plan for 10-25 people at a time and you can contact Cleveland Wade Park to check their schedule. This is something that can be done on a weekday late afternoon or evening and would really make the stay for the hospitalized veteran's family a whole lot better. You can also provide outside games for any of the young children. An example would be jump ropes, hoola hoops, rubber balls, bottles of bubble blowing and coloring books and crayons. Make it a fun day for all! President Cindy and I are still finishing our hospital tours at Dayton and Chillicothe this month.

If you or your Unit is unable to volunteer at a V A Facility please make a donation. The monies are used for Bingo parties, birthday & holiday parties, doughnuts, cookies & coffee, toiletries, new puzzles and books, stationery and stamps, snacks, and ice cream. Our Hospital Representatives also plan entertainment and road trips for our veterans. The Ohio Veterans Home is hoping to get American Legions to host 10-25 veterans this summer for Bingo and dinner at your Posts. Call Denise Bossetti or Linda Close to arrange this. They love their road trips!

Last, but not least, I'd like to thank all those who have volunteered or financially supported our veterans. You truly have made a difference during their most difficult time. Please continue to support our veterans who are unable to live without assistance. May God bless you all.

For God & Country,

Linda Close, Hospital Director

## Junior Activities

### Alexus Underwood, Chairman 2022-2023

It all started with a wonderful installation of our Department of Ohio President Cindy Masowick. She got us prepped and ready for the game to take place. The day was bright and sunny... but not too hot. Breezy... it was the perfect day to prep us for the ballgames ahead.

Our units went up to bat and every single one of them made contact! We had a Ronald McDonald gift card collection that was a grand slam and championed by our Department Junior President, raising over \$900 for those in need. The dust is still settling from the slide in home, so we are still counting additional dollars from our last meeting. To align with the Department of Ohio President's theme, Batting for Veterans, the Junior Vice-President wanted to help collect school supplies. We collected well over \$1,000 in school supplies that were distributed to schools within undervalued communities. Another homerun that brought the juniors running into home plate!!

The above were some big hits, but there were plenty of units that made contact with the ball to get us here. We had Post 685 place flags on Veterans graves, learning how to host a proper meeting with the Department Chairman and worked on goodie bags to be delivered to Aurora Manor. The crowd went wild! Dist. 7 was up next and we needed a good sweep of the plates to forge ahead. Crack went the bat!! They sang Christmas Carols at several nursing homes and assisted living facilities. Not only that they helped raise awareness and education around Veteran Suicide and preform "The Battle Field Cross." They kept running and collected stuffed animals and donated to the local police department and MORE! We were on base and ready to go! The team was alive!!

The smell of hotdogs drifted through the air. We were all on the edge of our seats, eating cracker jacks. Post 496 was up this time. The pitcher was throwing some heat. BAM! There goes a hit on the sweet spot. Junior members served tables at the post dinners. Another one of those Juniors served as the Junior Vice President for the Department, helping the girls learn the preamble during the senior convention and collected loads of school supplies.

Those are just some highlight plays, but every unit on the team Department of Ohio scored! Many juniors helped with dinners, made blankets, cards, filled backpacks for after school activities, took part in parades, attended Buckeye Girls State, 11 Patches, \$4,000+ in charitable funds and beyond. I think most importantly, all of the Junior Alumni (Senior Auxiliary members) really leaned in and helped mentor our girls this year. We could not have been as successful without everyone involved.

Looking forward to another year undefeated! 😊

## Leadership

### Book of Reports 2022-2023

#### Pam Bates, Department Leadership Chairman

When receiving the leadership reports for this administrative year, they were truly amazing to read...the Leadership program saw an increase in all areas: reporting, writing of narratives, end of year reports, award submittal entries and Unit Member of the Year entries. The increase was attributed to: (1) good leadership at Unit, District and Department levels; (2) the willingness of officers to promote good leadership and maintain goodwill; and (3) members using the leadership "tools" given to them for their success. Many met the challenges by using social media; in person and zoom meetings; called members to ask how they were; encouraged members to attend meetings at all levels, engaged members with games and personal contact...yes this is leadership...it takes time, planning, effort, volunteers and follow through. Congratulations for all you did to keep the ALA Leadership Mission Possible alive and successful this year.

This year's program provided slide show presentations and online courses on topics like: finance; importance of Standing Rules, Policies and Procedures; working together as a cohesive group; why goodwill and how to spin a positive attitude; how to engage members with new ideas; how to mentor your members; how to write a narrative; assessments you can use for reporting; explore and initiate new ways for all members to become engaged in meaningful opportunities within the Unit and with all members remembering our tag line of "A Community of Volunteers Serving Veterans, Military and Their Families"; how to fill out the National data survey form; branding; rights & responsibilities of officers & members; how to have an effective meeting and much more. To learn more all you had to do was attend the School of Instruction, read the Monthly Leadership Bulletin, pick up and read your Buckeye Messenger, share the Bulk Mailings and surf the [www.alaohio.org/Leadership](http://www.alaohio.org/Leadership) and [www.alaforveterans.org](http://www.alaforveterans.org) for online courses. These were all "tools" available this year for members. National added new webinars and zoom on various topics which many members participated in, including in person Mission Training.

Ohio members should be proud of what was accomplished in leadership this year... from the Unit to the District to the Department. You proved the Mission Impossible was truly a Mission Possible" by setting examples and promoting and implementing activities in leadership to meet the key program statements and make your unit successful.

DISTRICT	UNIT		PLACEMENT WINNERS
1	279	Sue Avers	1st & Most Outstanding Program
3	776	Carol T Robinson	2nd
4	194	Marsha Giehls	3rd
3	174	Audrey Subur	HM
5	181	Alice Treynor	HM
7	134	Sammie Cordial	Unit Member of the Year

## Legislative

### Cindy Boehnlein, 22-23 Chairman

Ohio has really stepped it up with the Legion's grassroots campaigns through the [www.legion.org/action](http://www.legion.org/action) - Grassroots Action Center. Note that this access has changed. We batted for veterans receiving 68 Certificates for letters sent to/or received from their representatives. 5 Certificates of Excellence were awarded to Units that went above and beyond for the American Legion Priorities. 9 Certificates of Excellence were given to the members of the Ohio Mini Council. 95 Units participated and all Districts reported. We had another 4% increase this year, and a total of 82 certificates which is an increase of 22 certificates from last year.

We advocate for our Veterans and Military also by writing, calling, and attending town hall meetings, either in person or teleconferencing. We put a face to our cause and helped the American Legion get results. 244 members were signed up for the Legislative Alerts. A total of 777 copies of letters sent and/or received were included with the reports. We also had 91 members working at the polls for elections. Well done Ohio!

How did you educate your members? Units held workshops at their meetings, bought or viewed "the Dispatch" online, 3 Units used the "How to Use the Action Center" PowerPoint, and 3 Units downloaded prepared letters to the senators from the ALA Legislative Ohio Facebook group.

How did you develop a relationship with elected officials? The number one thing was inviting them to your pancake breakfasts, veteran events or holding dinners in their honor. Several Units called or met in person with their Representatives on keeping the Chillicothe VA open and the Palestine derailment disaster. Three other members met with them in DC.

This reporting year we had two Auxiliary members selected as National Legionnaire of the Week by the Legislative Division Weekly. Cindy Boehnlein and dual member Suzette Heller reported their meeting information, on the Grassroots site, for discussing the Legion priorities for the 118th Congress with J.D. Vance's office.

Major priorities of the 117th and 118th Congress, that were passed this last year were: The PACT Act, Improving Health Care for Women Veterans, Buddy Check, and the Veterans' Compensation Cost-of-Living Act. Remember that legislation enhances lives and saves lives!

**The Emma McBane Plaque** went to District 9, Unit 214 Palmer-Roberts, Chairman Susan Schofield-Fratino. They utilized the How-to PowerPoint and downloaded letters from the Legislative Facebook group. They helped instruct at the County and District level, receiving 16 Certificates of Achievement for letters sent/rec'd. The radio show "They Sacrificed for Us" featured their State Senator Cirino and other legislative topics.

**Incentive for sending in pictures with your representatives** was won by Susan Schofield-Fratino Unit 214, winning a blinged out Auxiliary Tote bag.

**Incentive for the 3 Poppy Bracelets** for sending in copies of letters sent/rec'd was won by Distr. 9's Carolyn Greene Unit 76, and Lucille Pietrzyk Unit 214, and Distr. 13 Michael Ann Doycich of Unit 703.

Our work continues. Our mission is to assist The American Legion in serving our veterans and military. There are so many more contacts we need to make. Make sure you are signed up for the Legislative Alerts at [www.legion.org/action](http://www.legion.org/action)!

## Membership Department of Ohio

### Jane Ridenour, Chairman

The challenge was made, and the members did not disappoint! A total of 175 units reached goal along with six districts! Members stepped up to the plate and held luncheons, sip and paint parties, branding with signs at parades and poppy events, distributed flyers, and made personal contact with phone calls and one-on-one conversations to retain and get new members. GREAT JOB DEPARTMENT OF OHIO!!!

The following plaques were presented at Department Convention:

**JANE BATES PLAQUE** (Unit with the highest numerical increase over goal): Kettering American Legion Auxiliary Unit 598, District 3, at 79 over goal.

**PATRICIA RILEY PLAQUE** (Unit with the second highest numerical increase over goal):

Brecksville-Excelsior American Legion Auxiliary Unit 196, District 13, at 40 over goal.

**DOLORIS KILGORE PLAQUE** (Unit with the highest percentage of membership over goal): Murray Post American Legion Auxiliary, Unit 420, District 8, at 372% over goal.

**JACKIE BAYER PLAQUE** (Unit with the most new member per capita): Brecksville-Excelsior American Legion Auxiliary Unit 598, District 3, with 43 new members.

Adams Township American Legion Auxiliary Unit 553 was the incentive winner as the unit with the highest increase of Junior members from August 1, 2022, to May 1, 2023.

Incentive drawings were held as follows:

District President who sold the most membership pins and turned in by Mid-Winter. Districts 4, 6, 7, 9 and 10 were placed in a drawing for \$50. And the winner was: Betty Taylor, District 7.

Units reaching 3rd base (75% of membership goal) by March 31, 2023, were placed in drawing for \$75.00. And the winner was: Holland American Legion Auxiliary, Unit 646, District 1.

Those units who hit the home run and reached 100% of membership goal by May 21, 2023, were placed in a drawing for \$100. And the winner was: Wilbur Wely American Legion Auxiliary Unit 147, District 10.

A special gift was presented to the district presidents who made goal by Mary 31, 2023. Those were presented to Judii Thompson, District 3; Marsha Geihls, District 4; Betty Harris, District; and Renee Kohl, District 14.

And, last, but not least, I missed a drawing for an incentive. . .my sincere apologies!! Incentive #6 on the Plan of Action was for all Goal Units by June 1, 2023: first drawn gets \$75.00, 2nd gets \$50.00, and 3rd gets \$25.00. I had my husband draw those eligible units. And the winners are: \$75 to Bird-McGinnis American Legion Auxiliary Unit 162, District 6; \$50 to Warren L. McIntire American Legion Auxiliary

## Membership (Continued)

Unit 262, District 1; and, \$25 to Minster American Legion Auxiliary Unit 387, District 2.

**CONGRATULATIONS ONE AND ALL ON A FANTASTIC YEAR!! WAY TO HIT IT OUT OF THE PARK!!**

## National Executive Committee

### 2022-2023 Colleen K. Phillips, Chairman

It has been an interesting year as your NEC Representative from Ohio. We had one in-person meeting after the National convention. There we discussed the \$6.00 increase that was passed at convention.

All other meetings have been virtual, and in executive session.

I would like to thank you for allowing me to serve on the National Executive Committee. I am excited to announce that I have accepted the appointment to serve as Central Division Junior Activities chairman.

I would like to Thank each of you for everything each of you do to keep our amazing organization strong.

## National Security Final Report

### 2022-2023 Sharon McClain, Chairman

Well, the Department Convention is over, and we all have the chance to relax some and go over our accomplishments that we did throughout the year. Congratulations to all of the winners. You all deserve a round of Applause, so pat yourself on the back or clap to yourself you hit it out of the ball field. Great Job.

I attended the F group with Karen Peel, Diane Wagner and Karen Peel open the meeting and I served as the Chaplain, I was first in giving my National Security report. I handed out group Certificates and Honorable mentions certificates. First place winners in each group got a key chain of diamond art made by my daughter. She donated them.

The winners of the National Security Plaques are the follow: The Phyllis Nicholson for the most narratives reported from a district went to District 1, President Rosanne Paquette.

We did not have an Award for the Service Member of the Year. I hope that your Unit will consider finding a Service Member of the Year for next year.

I thank each of you for turning in a National Security report and let's try to do better next year.

Remember when doing your narrative, you should have WHO-WHAT-WHERE-AND WHEN.

Have a great Summer and Congratulations to the incoming officers and chairman. Sharon McClain, National Security Chairman  
SMccl84118@yahoo.com



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## Ohio Veterans Home

### 2023 End of the Year Summary

#### Denise Bossetti, Chief Rep., Nanette Peters, Deputy Rep.

It has been a long time in getting back to our routine, from just before Covid hit, an illness I never want to mention again.

Volunteers are as glad to return to the O.V. H. as the veterans that see our return. Veterans are delighted with our changes this year, fewer Bingo dates but higher payouts.

For the Veterans, the O.V.H. staff informed Volunteers that Volunteers could do no personal shopping during Christmas. Each Veteran received \$40.00 in their account from the A. L. A. to brighten their Holidays. We constantly check to make sure that they receive the funds. Remember that we now have to do Christmas for all the Veterans, not just the domiciliary—an increase from 125 to 275 Veterans we need to accommodate.

In March, we had St. Patrick's Day Bingo festivities with handmade crocheted shamrock pins for the Veterans to wear. The pins have been on hold since the beginning of the Pandemic in March 2019. We furnished cookies with green frosting and some shamrock butter cookies with green sugar sprinkles. The Veterans love special treats, which must be individually bagged for distribution.

Having attended Poppy celebrations in Westerville, Ohio, March 26 brings to light the money donated for the poppies handed out, that these donations are restricted for the use and betterment of the Veterans.

Only a few Units have requested to host a Bingo. It is better to do it when the A. L. A. is scheduled for Bingo on the second and fourth Tuesdays, at 1:30 PM from September through May. As the Veterans benefit from many more activities, less available time can be found on the calendar.

Volunteers enjoy our short time with the Veterans, making them laugh and smile with short stories and jokes, besides the regular Bingo games. It truly is a pleasure to entertain the Veterans. The American Legion Auxiliary is making a difference in our Veterans' lives.

## Past Presidents Parlay Department of Ohio

### Kristen McLaughlin, Chairman

The Past President from Ohio have been busy working hard throughout the State. Several units reported helping at their posts with Veterans Day and Memorial Day events. Many went to local cemeteries to help place flags on veterans' graves, made lunches for veterans at the V.A. facilities, helped with Christmas Parties, just to name a few.

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## Past Presidents Parlay (Continued)

Cards were sent for all the holidays to nursing homes, V.A. facilities and Legions family members that could not get out to let them know they were being thought of.

Fundraisers were held to raise money for the PPP Scholarship Fund and Support for Female Veterans. Those included bake sales, quarter auctions, yard sales, and candy bar sales. Over \$4500.00 was sent in for scholarships. This year we awarded 7 Nurses Scholarships. Donations for Support for Women Veteran's was \$6200.00. These funds will be distributed to the V.A. Facilities and Outpatient Clinics.

The winner of the Past Presidents Parlay Plaque for the unit submitting the best annual report was presented to Albert E. Baesel, Unit 91, Berea, Ohio.

There was a 4-way tie for the Josephine Hrabak plaque, they were awarded to:

Freedom Unit 183

Levi Phillips Unit 85

Brook Park Unit 610

Walter Weller Unit 135

Department of Ohio

Past President's Parlay

## Poppy Program 2022-2023

*Diane Woerner, Chairman*

A BIG shout out to all the Poppy Sluggers that have been Batting for Veterans! The Poppy Program was part of this winning team, collecting donations and raising funds for Veterans via 141 reports received. Most units finally "struck out" Covid, yet a few reported Covid game delays.

This year, it was reported that over 56K (56,376) poppies were distributed throughout Ohio, collecting almost \$143K dollars (\$142,736) in donations. Funds were used to support the National Creative Arts Festival, VA facilities & food pantries, veteran nursing homes and family support. Some even supported Honor Flights, Valor Homes, Wreaths Across America, Service Dogs and Standdowns. Through the Department Poppy Program an additional \$1528 was collected at School of Instruction, Mid-Winter, and Poppy Celebration.

Poppy Shop at the Ohio Veteran's Home struck out and was not permitted due to Covid restrictions. However, the Poppy team called up a Poppy Celebration again, in lieu of the Poppy Shop. The game was well attended and grew in popularity. We had 7 batters representing Miss & Master Poppy, with Master Poppy hitting a Grand Slam with his humor. Our special guest was Ms. Stephanie Blades, from the VA Health Care System in mid-Ohio. Ms. Blades manages Women Veteran Programs at 7 facilities and shared a presentation on the programs, defining excellence in the 21st century. Units donated items for those facilities valued at \$2800.

Honorable Mention was given to 19 uniquely beautiful Poppy Posters. The 3 most outstanding Poppy Posters were sent to National for judging. Thank you to all the units that sponsored these talented artists.

1st Place: Gabriella DeVecchio, Willoughby Hills, OH

Sponsored by Palmer-Roberts ALA Unit 214, Dist 9, Willoughby, OH

2nd Place: Natalie Digby, Holgate, OH

Sponsored by William F Helmke ALA Unit 340, Dist 1, Holgate, OH

3rd Place: Rylee Little, Frazeyburg, OH

Sponsored by Hanover ALA Unit 764, Dist 6, Newark, OH

One Little Miss Poppy scrapbook was received and submitted to National. Congratulations to Ruth Hermler, Little Miss Poppy, Citation Plaque, Dist 1, Kerner-Slusser Unit 63, Ottawa, OH. Ruth is a very active member and submitted a scrapbook detailing how the Poppy story was promoted in her Legion family and community. Ruth went on to win the **National** Little Miss Poppy!!! Congratulations!!

The Shelley Riggs Plaque is presented to the unit submitting the Best All Around Poppy Program based on a scrapbook. This year the recipient was Joyce Chaney, Dist 6, Levi-Phillips, Unit 85, Newark, OH. Congratulations Joyce on a wonderful pictorial of your Units Poppy program.

The Most Outstanding Unit Poppy Program went to David Johnston Memorial, Unit 283, Dist 8, Pickerington, OH. The unit was nominated for its creative thinking and uniqueness. They used today's common method of fundraising, Online, as well as traditional means to collect and accept donations. The unit also sold "pin-wheel" poppies and re-created Flanders Field at their American Legion Post home. A local online publication supported and showcased their program assisting with advertising and getting the word out. Congratulations to this very well-rounded Unit 283, David Johnston Memorial. This Unit award was also submitted to National.

Other Unit Awards:

**District 1** - Honorable Mention: Freedom Unit 183, Pemberville, OH; 1st Place: Community Unit 279, Elmore, OH; 2nd Place: Joseph W Diehn Unit 468, Sylvania, OH; 3rd Place: Troy-Webster Unit 240, Luckey, OH

**District 2** - 1st Place: Minster Unit 387, Minster, OH; 2nd Place: St Henry Unit 648, St Henry, OH; 3rd Place: Fort Loramie Unit 355, Ft Loramie, OH

**District 3** - 1st Place: Beaver Creek Memorial Unit 763, Beaver Creek, OH; 2nd Place: General Daniel "Chappie" James, Unit 776, Riverside, OH; 3rd Place: Versailles Unit 435, Versailles, OH

**District 4** - 1st Place: Mt Washington, Unit 484, Cincinnati, OH; 2nd Place: George A Lambert Unit 765, Sardinia, OH

**District 5** - 1st Place: Colonel Crawford, Unit 181, Bucyrus, OH; 2nd Place: Irvine Hiskey, Unit 535, Bellville, OH; 3rd Place: Berlin Heights Unit 659, Berlin Heights, OH; 2nd Place Scrapbook, Loretta Sue Adams, Colonel Crawford, Unit 181, Bucyrus, OH

**District 6** - 1st Place: Levi-Phillips Unit 085, Newark, OH; 2nd Place: Hanover Unit 764, Newark, OH

**District 7** - 1st Place: Young-Moore Unit 100, West Union, OH

**District 8** - 1st Place: David Johnston Memorial, Unit 283, Pickerington, OH

**District 9** - 1st Place: Palmer-Roberts Unit 214, Willoughby, OH; 2nd Place: Cowle Unit 151, Conneaut, OH

**District 10** - 1st Place: Lowell D Oberly Unit 667, East Canton, OH; 2nd Place: Frank E Cook Unit 282, Orrville, OH

**District 11** - 1st Place: Beallsville Unit 768, Beallsville, OH; 2nd Place: Blennerhas-

## Poppy Program (Continued)

sett Unit 495, Belpre, OH

**District 12** - Honorable Mention: Young Budd Unit 171, Westerville, OH

**District 13** - 1st Place: Joseph J Jacubic Unit 572, Parma, OH; 2nd Place: Euclid Unit 343, Euclid, OH

**District 14** - 1st Place: Charles Faust Unit 281, Cuyahoga Falls, OH; 2nd Place: Firestone Memorial Unit 449, Akron, OH; 3rd Place: Ravenna Unit 331, Ravenna, OH

There were no Resolutions or Amendments for the Poppy program.

Ohio is very honored to support the Poppy Program and hit many Grand Slam Homeruns helping veterans in many ways. Thank you all for your hard work and dedication.

## President 2022-2023

*Cindy Masowick, Department President*

I want to thank all the great Department of Ohio Auxiliary Members for all the hospitality and warm welcome you have shown me this past year. I enjoyed being your Department President.

As I traveled throughout Ohio, all I seen was Base Ball Fever. Thank you so much for taking my theme "ALA Batting for Veterans" to the fullest. Being American's past time, it made it a fun theme.

My special project, "Education, Emphasis on Scholarships" did extremely well. Donations sent into Department Headquarters for Education were around \$15,000. The Louisville Slugger baseball bat raffle has raised over \$1000. Thank you everyone for your donations to a wonderful program. These monies will help our future youth.

I want to congratulate the newly elected Jane Ridenour, Department President, Louise Smerk, 1st Vice President and Renee Kohl 2nd Vice President. As incoming NEC, I look forward to being part of their team and keeping Ohio great.

You will now find me at Progressive Field with my baseball family and traveling to Phoenix for Spring training next February.

Thank you again for all of your support.

## Public Relations

*Louise Smerk 2nd Vice President, Chairperson*

Public Relations this year followed our Department President's lead and love of baseball to have all teams participating. Each team consisted of a district, making 14 teams in this league. The coaches for each team (District President) were asked to complete at least 6 newsletters throughout the year. These coaches kept their players well informed with current events, meeting dates and other important information that came down for our National Headquarters. They kept me busy reading the entire year. Each month they seem to get better and better. The team that put out the most email publications was District 3. Judii Thompson had the wonderful Susan Masten on her team as press manager. There were a few coaches that reached out for assistance and in the long run they ended the year on a high note.

I received 86 Public Relations reports. These reports told how they promoted their programs and the use of our emblem and new logo. Units discovered new avenues to get the message out by asking their communities to include information in school music and sporting programs, church bulletins and placing flyers on bulletin boards. Certificates of Appreciation were handed out at the Department convention during the pre-convention caucuses.

Plaque awards were awarded as follows: Marie Moore Plaque - Unit 571 Maria Stein, Marilyn Holdheide, Chairperson. Doris Wainwright Plaque - Unit 181 Colonel Crawford, Alice Teynor, Chairperson. Nancy Sallot Plaque - Unit 194, Marsh Giehls, Chairperson. Anne Eshelman Plaque - Rene' Kohl, District 14 President.

Keep up the good work at keeping your teammates informed.

## Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation

*Department of Ohio 2022-2023*

*Karen Peel & Robyn Cooper*

The members took Department President Cindy's theme "ALA Batting for Veterans" to heart as they went out to hit a home run for our Veterans! The Units stayed focused on our Veterans. ALA Batting for Veterans was Department President Cindy's cheer, and we supported her game!

Let's look at the statistics for 2022 -2023:

Total hours members volunteered - 139,173.5

Total dollars spent - \$358,578.81

Total number of veterans / military assisted - 24,689

Total number of Veterans in Community Schools presentations facilitated - 919

Value of in-kind donations received - \$97,118.74

I would say that we had a great year!

**VA & R AWARDS  
2022 - 2023**

### CLASS I

1 - Deerfield Unit 713 - District 14, 2 - Blennerhassett Unit 495 - District 11; 3 - Wendell L. Willkie Unit 19 - District 14; 4 - Joseph Ellsworth White Unit 483 - District 7

### CLASS II

1 - Clifton Unit 421 - District 13; 2 - Ehret Parsil Unit 447 - District 5; 3 - Mt. Washington Unit 484 - District 4; 4 - Russell D. Williams Unit 471 - District 7

### CLASS III

1 - Colonel Crawford Unit 181 - District 5; 1 - Freedom Unit 183 - District 1; 2 - Teddy M. Zieja Unit 624 - District 13; 3 - Ravenna Unit 331 - District 14; 4 - Firestone Memorial Unit 449 - District 14

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**Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation (Continued)****CLASS IV**

1 – Levi Phillips Unit 85 – District 6; 2 – Albert E Baesel Unit 91, District 13; 3 – Joe Barr Unit 194 – District 4; 4 – Charles Faust Unit 281 – District 14

**SUE FRIEDRICH PLAQUE**

1 – Freedom Unit 183 – District 1; 2 – Levi Phillips Unit 85 – District 6; 3 – Joe Barr Unit 194 – District 4

**BLANCHE KLEIN PLAQUE**

1 – Colonel Crawford Unit 181 – District 5; 2 – Freedom Unit 183 – District 1; 3 – Streetsboro Unit 685 – District 14

**100 % DISTRICT REPORTING** - District 14

**District 1****Roseanne Paquette, President**

Here we are in the middle of July – we have been lucky some far that the temperatures, even though have been hot, have not been out of control. I attended the Department Convention in Dayton, Ohio the last weekend of June. Please see the picture with National President Vickie Koutz and those from the First District at Department Convention. There were a number of awards by units in the district along with the district itself winning a couple awards. But first of all, let's begin with the election of our own JANE RIDENOUR as Department President for the year 2023-2024. Let's give huge CONGRATULATIONS to Jane. I know she will be do a great job as she as some big shoes to fill of all the past presidents behind her. Louise Smerk will serve as First Vice and Renee Kohl will serve as Second Vice. These ladies will represent the State of Ohio magnificently.

The awards/plaques handed out at department for units within the First District are as follows: Freedom Unit 183 took home plaques for VA&R, Education, and Past Presidents Parley. Unit 262 took home the plaque (Phyllis Nicholson) for National Security. Unit 135 received a plaque for Past Presidents Parley. Unit 279 received a plaque for Leadership. Unit 63 the Miss Poppy winner and at the end of convention it was learned that she also will serve as the National Miss Poppy. There were many units that received Certificate of Achievement,

The membership awards received for our district are as follows: Unit 553 received an award for the most junior members and Unit 646 won one of the membership drawings and won \$75.00. Congratulations to both of these units.

I would like to congratulate the following units for becoming goal units this year: **45, 63, 99, 110, 114, 132, 143, 232, 262, 300, 305, 316, 320, 332, 338, 384, 454, 516, 541, 545, and 553.**

National Convention will be coming up on August 25th to August 31st and will be held in Charlotte, North Carolina. I will be attending and hope to see a lot of the auxiliary members from the State of Ohio in attendance along with seeing the auxiliary members from all of the United States. Rumor has it that President Cindy Masowick has some surprises for the delegates in store for us at National Convention.

Fall conference will be held on October 7, 2023, at 10:00 a.m. at Continental Unit 541. Registration will be at 9:30 a.m. It was voted at Summer District Convention that there will not be a luncheon served at the Fall conference. The unit will have available breakfast/brunch items. I hope to see you there!

I wish everyone to have a safe and great summer and will see you soon.

**District 2****Shirley Maurer, District President**

Well, our year has come to an end. As you remember, I was appointed and ratified by the DEC Board to fill the unexpired term left by Ruth Peters. My year was over this year. Unfortunately, no one would come forward and fill the term for 2024-2026. At the District Summer Convention, I was nominated to run for President again for the 2024-2026 term. I did accept only because I did not want our District to be without a President. For those of you that don't know, this will be my 8th time of being District President. I hope that someone will step forward and take over. I will mentor that person and show her what to do.

There are several units that I have been working with this past year to get them up to speed on what our District does and what can be done for the American Legion Auxiliary. If you are needing help, please do not hesitate to contact me. As your District President, I am here to help you. If you need someone to install your officers, let me know and I will gladly do that for you.

Our District Summer Convention was held at Sidney Unit 217. Attendance was very low which was sad because this is where the awards were given out and you got to hear all the good things the units done for our veterans. Following is a list of the 1st place winners in each of the groups and the overall winner.

**Americanism** – Group I – Maria Stein Unit 571; Group II – Minster Unit 387; Group III – Patriotism Unit 470; Group IV – New Bremen Unit 241; Overall Winner – St. Henry Unit 648

**Community Service** – Group I – Maria Stein Unit 571; Group 2 – Minster Unit 387; Group 3 – Ft. Loramie Unit 355; Group IV – Celina Unit 210; Overall Winner – Minster Unit 387

**Children & Youth** – Group I – Charles Collins, Huntsville Unit 381; Group II – St. Henry Unit 648; Group III – Emmet Mannix, Ft. Recovery Unit 345; Group IV – Celina Unit 210; Overall Winner – Emmet Mannix Unit 345

**Junior Activities** – Group I – Maria Stein Unit 571; Group II – St. Henry Unit 648; Group III – Harold Kerr Unit 173; Group IV – Celina Unit 210; Overall Winner – Celina Unit 210

**VA&R** – Group I – Maria Stein Unit 571; Group II – St. Henry Unit 648; Group

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III – Ft. Loramie Unit 355; Group IV – New Bremen Unit 241; Overall Winner – New Bremen Unit 241

Awards that were given out on the Department Convention Floor for our District were as follows: Americanism – Patricia Logan Plaque went to Emmett Mannix Unit 345; VA&R – Sue Frederick Plaque given to New Bremen Unit 241. The Department President's 2022 Special Citation were given to Units 210, 241, 345, 381, 387, 470 and 571. Congratulations!! A certificate was given to Emmet Mannix Unit 345 for donating \$100 to the Buckeye Girls State Endowment Fund and a certificate was given to Celina Unit 210 for donating \$1000 to the Buckeye Girls State Endowment Fund. St. Marys Unit 323 received a citation for donating to the Auxiliary Emergency Fund. Scholarships were given to Hannah Wood from St. Henry Unit 648 and Violet Bruns from Celina Unit 210. Each received \$500.00. The Doris Wainwright Plaque with membership under 200 was given to Maria Stein Unit 571 Marilyn Holdheide for the best press book.

Our District Fall Conference/School of Instructions will be held at the New Bremen Post on October 22, 2023. Registration at 9, meeting starts at 10. Hope to see a lot of you there.

**Thundering Third District  
Judii Thompson Year End Report**

The Thundering Third District Report goes like this . . . What a year it has been! My Commander was Mike Blakwell and it was hard to keep up him, he was such a Dynamic Person!! I am so lucky to have so many Key people to help me in running this District. Thanks to Susan Maston, Pam Bates, Pat Taylor, and the Greatest Baseball Team ever:

Therese Courtney – Coach; Tina White – 1st Base; Krista Carpenter – 2nd Base; Juanita Ballard – 3rd Base; Maggie Wiley – Catcher; Robin Cooper – Pitcher; Deborah Smith – Center Field; and Carol T. Robinson – Umpire

Thanks to all of you that attended our conferences and convention also include Department Convention in Dayton, total was around 35, all of you made this President Proud! I hope you learned a lot and had fun playing our ball game. Hope to see a lot more attend next year and please send in more REPORTS!!! If you participate more in Auxiliary Programs you get a lot more FUN and REWARDS! Speaking of rewards, I had two Certificate of Merit Awards going to: Unit 174 Buckeye and Unit 776 Daniel "Chappie" James. The Jane Bates Plaque for Membership went to the Kettering Post Unit 598. Great job, if you make goal we all can make goal!!! So proud of all my GOAL units, we almost made a SWEEP, short stopped in the Dirt a Little, but you tried, WELL try harder next year. WE WILL COME BACK! THUNDERING THIRD." THANK YOU!

**4th District Year End Report  
Marsha Giehls, District President**

I am proud to say that 18 of the 27 Units in our Fabulous 4th District were goal Units and proud that the District was a Goal District. I know every Unit worked hard to get that membership turned in.

Our District awards were handed out at our Summer Convention. There were certificates given out by the District Chairmen to many Units for the reports they sent in for Americanism, Community Service, Children and Youth, Juniors, and VA&R. District Plaques were also awarded. Congratulations to all Units who received awards.

At the Department of Ohio Convention in Dayton, in June there were certificates handed out to many of our Units. Congratulations to those Units. Those Units that were not at the Department Convention will be able to pick up their certificates at our Fall Conference.

Remember it is that time of year that Unit's should also be turning in your 990's to the IRS.

I want to thank all Unit officers, chairpersons (Unit and District), members, including our Juniors, who volunteered their time, turned in membership, and sent in reports this past year. I also want to thank those Units who have invited me to their Units. Remember all members make a difference in your Units, communities and by helping our Veterans. Our new year has started, and Congratulations to Margie Hominy your new District President. Remember if you keep track of what you are doing as the year progresses it is easier to do your next year's reports. The Fabulous 4th is a great District. I am very proud of everyone for the work they did this year and let's continue to let the rest of the State know what we are doing.

School of Instructions is in September. If you have never been, it is a great place to get new information and learn more about each program.

Marsha Giehls  
4th District President

**WE REMEMBER THE HEROES**

## 5th District Department of Ohio Jane Yeager 2022-2023 – End of Year Report

I want to thank everyone who completed reports and narratives. There are still so many units who do so much for their community, children, and veterans who do not report. I had a "Report How To" at the spring roundtable in Elyria. I hope it helped and I hope to do another one this year. I have been to all but 18 units so far, and I am making plans to visit them in the very near future. The units I have visited have been very welcoming and gracious and I have thoroughly enjoyed them. Several have had problems, even one was considering turning in their charter, but we have that turned around with a full slate of officers. It looks like we are off to a good start this year and I Thank everyone who has helped me this year.

We finished the year 7th in membership and was 72 members short of goal. I do want to CONGRATULATE the Units who were goal: #008 Wellington, #12 Elyria, #17 Gibsonburg, #73 Fostoria, #118 Amherst, #169 Tiffin, #181 Bucyrus, #202 Medina, #211 Avon Lake, #225 Upper Sandusky, #260 Attica, #292 New London, #326 Shelby, #344 Carey, #397 Vermillion, #434 Bloomville, #503 Shiloh, #523 Lodi, #535 Bellville, #547 Monroeville, #659 Berlin Heights, #733 Bettsville.

May 6, 2023, was the District Summer Convention held at O'Brien Post #326, Shelby. CONGRATULATIONS to the following plaque winners: Americanism Ella Mae Beaverson Plaque to Unit #397 Fiebich Vermillion; Children and Youth Mabel Royer Plaque (Best Overall Program) #260 Victory, Attica. Wilda Boyer Plaque (Best Narrative), Ehret Parsel Unit #447, Plymouth; Community Service Past District Presidents Plaque, Colonel Crawford Unit #181, Bucyrus; Junior Activities Helen Sloan Plaque – Ehret Parsel Unit #447, Plymouth; and the VA&R Sandusky Unit #83 plaque Fiebich Unit #397, Vermillion.

Awards given at the Department Convention in Dayton on June 29-July 1, 2023, were as follows: Miriam Junge Plaque for Children and Youth- Ehret Parsel Unit #447, Tiffany Shepherd Chairman; Community Spirit Plaque to Unit #260 Victory, Attica. Merry-Lyn Plaque went to Kristi Yeager Junior Unit #447, Best Overall History went to Ehret Parsel Unit #447, Plymouth; Blanche Klein Plaque-Unit #181 Colonel Crawford, Bucyrus; Agnes Merritt Plaque-Unit #181 Colonel Crawford, Bucyrus; Doris Wainwright Award – Colonel Crawford Unit #181.

Two Past President Parley Scholarships were awards to Dalton Kent from #181 and Olivia Fidler from #447.

Colonel Crawford Unit #181 received the Citation of Merit and Ehret Parsel Unit #447 received the President's Special Citation.

Many certificates were awarded, and too many to name. If you didn't receive awards and certificates at the District and Department, I will be contacting you and making arrangements to deliver.

I was so PROUD of all the units in the 5th District. I am looking forward to working with all of you for one more year.

Jane Yeager  
5th District President

## 6th District Book of Reports 2022-23 Rebecca Long

The sixth district was busy this year with breakfasts, dinners, craft/vendor fairs, and bingo. 10 units met their goal, and 4 others came in at over 90%.

We were able to get a new unit chartered. Congratulations to President Brandy Little for a job well done getting Hanover Unit #764 off to a great start.

### DISTRICT AWARDS

**AMERICANISM:** Group 1 - 1st Hanover, 2nd Marengo, 3rd Marysville; Group 2 - 1st Caledonia, 2nd Mt Sterling, 3rd Cardington; Group 3 1st Madison Memorial; Group 4 - 1st Newark

**CHILDREN AND YOUTH:** Group 1 - 1st Marengo, 2nd Johnstown, 3rd Jefferson; Group 2 - 1st Prospect, 2nd Mt Sterling; Group 3 - 1st Marion; Group 4 1st Newark

**COMMUNITY SERVICE** Group 1 - 1st Marengo, 2nd Johnstown, 3rd Jefferson; Group 2 - 1st Prospect, 2nd Mt Sterling, 3rd Cardington; Group 3 - 1st Madison Memorial; Group 4 - 1st Newark

**JUNIORS:** Group 1 - 1st Hanover, 2nd Marengo, 3rd Marysville; Group 2 - 1st Caledonia, 2nd Mt Sterling, 3rd Cardington; Group 3 - 1st Marion, 2nd Madison Memorial; Group 4 - 1st Newark

**VA&R:** Group 1 - 1st Marengo, 2nd Johnstown, 3rd Hanover; Group 2 - 1st Mt Sterling, 2nd Cardington 3rd Prospect; Group 3 - 1st Madison Memorial; Group 4 - 1st Newark

The following Awards were presented at the Department Convention.

**AMERICANISM** - All American High School – Newark High School – Unit 85 and Mary Walker Plaque to Unit 254 Johnstown

**CHILDREN AND YOUTH** - Leta Zeller Plaque to Rebecca Long 6th District President

**POPPY** - Shelly Riggs Plaque to Joyce Chaney – Unit 85 Newark

**PAST PRESIDENT PARLEY** - Jo Hrabak Plaque to Unit 85 Newark

We are looking forward to making the 2023-24 year another great year for the Sizzlin' Sixth District.

## 8th District Betty Harris, District President

I started my year out being appointed the 8th District President in August 2023, as the current President resigned. I was sworn in at the first DEC by Department President Cindy Masowick.

It has been a learning year for me! There have been so many changes since I was a District President over 20 years ago.

I attended all the Board Meetings, Department Mid-Winter, Poppy Shop Celebration, and Department Convention. I also visited several units and helped some with little problems from the American Legion Auxiliary.

We had the District Fall Conference in October in Athens where the District

## 8th District (Continued)

Chairman gave very inspiring talks on their committees. A delicious lunch was served by the Unit. Guest speaker was Department President Cindy Masowick. The Summer Convention was held at Gallipolis in March. The Unit served a very nice assortment of finger foods. I was then elected as District 8 President for the next two years.

Due to COVID, I was not allowed to do the Christmas Party nor the Birthday Party at Chillicothe VA, so I did deliver 150 treat bags for the residents in December. Then in July I took down 140 treat bags.

I am so proud of all the Units in the 8th District. They did a great job in getting membership in. We ended up in Second Place in OHIO. There were nine Units that made goal.

I am very proud to represent the 8th District and look forward to working with them the next two years.

## 9th District Susan Schofield Fratino, District President

Greetings from District 9. I want to thank all the Units who sent in reports this year. That being said, we only had 8 units that sent in their Impact Reports.

Congratulations to District 9 for receiving the "Ardith Cooper" Auxiliary Emergency Fund Award. This award is for the District with the highest donations per capita. Great Job everyone.

Unit 214 received a certificate of recognition for submitting a prayer book.

The following Units received Honorable Mention for submitting narratives for Community Service; Units 103, 112, 151, and 737.

Gabriella DeVecchio of Willoughby received 1st place for her Poppy Poster. The Poppy Poster was sent to National for judging.

The following Units received Honorable Mention for submitting narratives for Education; Units 151 and 214.

The following Units received Excellence in Reporting for Leadership 112, 214, and 336.

The following Units received certificates for Buckeye Girls State; 103, 151, 177, and 214.

The following Units received certificates for History; 7, 76, 112, 177, and 737.

The following Units received certificates for Legislation; 7 and 76. Unit 214 received the "Emma McBane" Award for best all around Legislative program based on the annual report and narrative.

Thank you to Units 76, 214, 336, and 737 for participating in the Department President's Special Project.

Congratulations to Unit 76 on receiving the Department President's Special Citation.

Please watch for the next newsletter. We have some great things coming up for the new year.

## 10th District Ruby Witherow, District President

For the past three years I have had the privilege of serving the great Tenth District as their district president. I have met and talked to many wonderful Auxiliary members. Many of our units have unique projects and programs. I have found out that every project benefited our veterans and the children from our efforts. Many units have found new ways to make money during the pandemic. We still have units doing yearly yard sales and candy and cookies sales.

I want to thank Benjamin Firestone Unit 290 of Columbiana for hosting the summer district convention. Our attendance was better than the past couple district meetings. The district chairmen gave their end of the year reports. I want to thank the district chairmen for a job well done.

At the Department Convention we had many units that received certificates of achievement and/or participation for their reporting effects. The only unit that received a citation of merit was Lowell D. Oberly Unit 667 of East Canton. Apple Creek Unit 147 won one of the membership incentives for being a goal unit. We had 21 goal units. I thank everyone for the job that they did with membership. We were a goal district. This is the first time in many years. Thank you!

The units continue to donate to the Wade Park VA and district nurse scholarship funds. Since Wade Park has not permitted us to have parties at the hospital since the pandemic, we donated to the Ohio Veterans Home in Sandusky for a bingo party. I am sure that the veterans enjoyed the party. We donated \$800.00 to the department PPP nurse scholarship fund. Saylor Bachman sponsored by Unit 667 of East Canton received a scholarship for \$500.00.

We had several delegates attending Buckeye Girls State at Bowling Green University in June. Nadia Watts-Jackson was elected this year's governor. Nadia was sponsored by Col. Charles H. Young Unit 204 of Canton.

I know that the units will give our newly elected district president Brenda Stottsberry of Massillon Unit 221 the support that they gave me. I will continue to help whenever I can and wherever I am needed. See you at the district SOI in Massillon in October. Thanks for serving our veterans, the children, and our communities.

## District 11 Department of Ohio 2022-2023 Leeann Stan, District President

District 11 consists of 26 Units. The following is noted as per the Department Convention held June 29 – July 1, 2023:

District 11 achieved 98.03 % of their membership goal. Our goal was 2688. We had 79 Juniors and 2556 Seniors to make 2635. We were 53 short of making goal. Our goal last year was 2518. The District did really well with the new goal. We had 12 Units that made goal and one Unit (578) Batesville made 128.57% over goal.

Citation of Merit was awarded to Unit 71, Forest Mumford, Unit 389, Russell Chadwick and Unit 168, Barnesville.

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President's Citation was awarded to Unit 495, Blennerhasset.

President's Special Project certificate went to Unit 760, Hannibal. Unit 726, Newton and Unit 495 Blennerhasset (Group 1) Honorable Mention Community Service, Unit 399, Dresden and Unit 71 Forest Mumford (Group 2) Unit 168, Barnesville, Unit 641, Belle Valley (Group 3)

Best Overall History Book was awarded to Unit 389, Jeanne Ginther, Russell Chadwick and Honorable Mention, Unit 768, Linda Davis, Beallsville.

Unit 389, Russell Chadwick, received Excellence Certificate in National Security and First Place in (Group IV) Legislative.

Unit 495, Blennerhasset received Certificates in Children and Youth (Group 1) Poppy (2nd Place in District 11) VA&R 2nd place in (Group 1) Public Relations and History Book.

Post Events, Memorial Day and Veterans Day, assist with Veterans Funerals, meal preparations, caring for home bound veterans, transportation to appointments, sending care packages, donations to VA Hospital and buying an air conditioner and bed for a Veteran was reported.

**12th District****Ann Garren, District President**

The 12th District worked hard this year and did a wonderful job supporting our Veterans, their families, and the community.

We all held activities to raise funds so we could support our programs.

We have all donated a lot of hours, items and money for our Veterans, their families, Children and Youth, Community Service, V A and R and Americanism. I cannot even begin to list everything you have done this year, but I can say that it was amazing. I am proud to be part of the 12th District.

We did really well on membership. We had 10 Units in our District, 3 made goal; 164, 490, and 532. A few others were only a couple short of making goal. Overall, as a District we ended up at 98.95 percent.

I would like to send out a big welcome to Kim Mann our new 12 District president. I know she will do a great job for us. I know all of you will give her all the help and understanding you gave me.

It has been an honor and a pleasure to serve as your 12th District president. I wish to thank everyone for their help and encouragement along the way.

Thank you!

For God and Country

Ann Garren

**13th District Book of Reports****2022-2023 Kimm Bunch, District President**

My first year as District President has been exciting! We've had a lot of changes within the 13th District. And change is good. I look forward to the coming year working with all of the 13th District Unit Presidents and the D.E.C.

Seven of the 14 units within the district made goal - Unit 91, 196, 469, 572, 610, 703 and 738. We are also a goal District at 101.46% which, as of today, puts us in 5th place in Ohio.

If your unit made goal, your 2023-2024 goal will be the same that you ended with. If your unit did NOT make goal, your 2023-2024 goal will increase by 1 using your 2022-2023 goal.

Congratulations to Brecksville Excelsior Unit 196 on receiving the Patricia Riley Membership Plaque given to the Unit with the second highest numerical increase over goal AND the Jackie Bayer Membership Plaque given to the Unit with the most new members per capita.

We had 2 units receive the Citation of Merit. The units completed all of the required reports, purchased poppies by December 31st and made goal. The recipient Units are 91 and 610. And 1 unit received the Department President's Special Citation for meeting all of the same requirements, but not a goal unit. That award goes to Joseph J. Jacubic, Unit 572.

Euclid Unit 343 received the Marie Moore Plaque for largest donation per capita. And Albert E. Baesel Unit 91 hit it out of the ballpark! They received the Ruth Adams Plaque for Best Chaplain Program Narrative submitted by Nicki Haire; the Mary Parker Plaque for a Community Service Project coordinated by Stacey Lehmann (Miss Doris Rochelle was installed in the U.S. Army at her 100th Birthday Celebration); a Certificate of Excellence for their Legislative Program; And Past President's Parley Best Annual Report (Donella Kline, Chairman).

Brook Park Unit 610 received a special certificate for their donation for a Past President's Parley Nurse's Scholarship.

Units 91, 421, 572, 610 and 627 received Certificates for their donation to the Department President's Special Project. President Cindy's special project was the Ohio Scholarships.

As for the certificates that were handed out, please plan to come to the Fall Conference on Sunday, October 8th held at Brook Park Post 610, 19944 Sheldon Rd, Brook Park. Registration is at 11:30, conference will start at 12:00 and lunch will be served at a cost of \$6.00. You can collect your goal ribbons, and all your certificates and the reports that were returned.

CONGRATULATIONS to our very own, Louise Smerk (Brook Park Unit 610) on being elected Department of Ohio 1st Vice President. Her Membership Theme this year is "Growing from our roots and soaring to new heights".

Department President Jane's Theme is Our Heroes Inspiring Others. And her Special Project this year is **H.O.O.V.E.S.** H.O.O.V.E.S. is a private, donor-supported charity dedicated to providing fully funded, 4-day, non-clinical healing intensives for veterans across the nation who are seeking recovery from service-connected stress. Our intensives offer a safe and supportive environment where veterans can find healing, camaraderie, and a renewed sense of purpose.

**District 14****2022-2023 Reneé Kohl, District President**

As I wrap up my term as the 14th District President, I couldn't be more proud of our District! There has been lots of laughter, some tears shed and unforgettable memories. Here is a recap of the fabulous 14th's 2022-2023 year.

At the District Summer Convention, several Certificates of Achievement were distributed as well as plaques and trophies. Congratulations to the following Units:

- Wendell L. Wilkie Unit 19 for the best Make A Difference Day program.
- Charles Faust Unit 281 for having the best programs of Americanism and Community Service, as well as being the winning Unit for the Mary Forsythe Best All Around Unit Trophy
- Ravenna Unit 331 for having the best VA&R program, the most Juniors over Goal and the best Poppy Program.
- Firestone Memorial Unit 449 for having the best programs of Chaplain and Junior Activities.
- Copley Unit 473 was the first Unit in the district to reach Goal.
- Streetsboro Unit 685 for having the best Children and Youth program.
- Congratulations to Roger Moore Unit 175 and Ravenna Unit 331 for being tied for having the most new members in their Unit with 30 new members each. You gals rocked it!!
- Congratulations to Units 19, 272, 281, 331, 464, 473, 496 & 685 for reaching Junior Goal!
- Congratulations to Units 19, 175, 193, 272, 281, 331, 464, 473, 566, 674 and 685 for being Goal Units!

District 14 was strongly represented at the Department Summer Convention as well, and due to your hard work; we were first in membership and we were able to sit at the front of the room! I'm very proud of each of you that attended and a huge Thank You to each of you that volunteered to attend the pre-convention meetings.

A special thanks to Tammy Rieger from Streetsboro Unit 685 and Kimmie Holland from Ravenna Unit 331 for being my pages for the weekend.

Unit Citations of Merit were presented to Wendell L. Wilkie Unit 19, Ravenna Unit 331, Lee-Bishop Unit 464, Frank Bender Unit 473, Garfield Memorial Unit 566, and Streetsboro Unit 685. Congratulations to all!!!

Kat Richardson from Streetsboro Unit 685 was the recipient of 2 awards at the Summer Convention. The Norma Frazier Plaque for the best Middle School Americanism Report and the Helen Sloan Plaque for the Best Overall Junior Activities Program. Karen Peel from Firestone Memorial Unit 449 was the recipient of the Anna Mae Beckley Plaque for Community Service. Garfield Memorial Unit 566 received the Erwina Ehresman Attendance Award and the Martha Van Horne Plaque for having the most Juniors in attendance at the Department Junior Convention and the most round-trip miles for attending. In complete surprise, I was the recipient of the Anne Eshelman Plaque for the 14th District Newsletters.

I would like to thank all of you for the amazing memories these past 2 years...it's been quite an interesting ride!

**District and Unit News****1st District, Unit 63**

The American Legion Auxiliary held their Membership Dinner/meeting on September 12, 2022. The Buckeye Girls State and Buckeye Boys State delegates were honored. Unit #63 also celebrated a long-time standing member of 65 years. Miss Poppy 2022 was also present to receive her award. **Picture #1** – Heath Miller of Kalida High School attended Buckeye Boys State. **Picture #2** – Marissa Beckett of Ottawa Glandorf School attended Buckeye Girls State. Pictured with her are Colleen Phillips Past Department President, Susie Wischmeyer Buckeye Girls State Chairman, Pag Agner Unit #63 President and Gloria Verbeke Past Department President. **Picture #3** – Alma Schimmoeller was presented a Meritorious Service Award from the American Legion Auxiliary Unit #63. Pictured with Alma is President Pat Agner of Unit #63. **Picture #4** – Miss Poppy Ruth Hermiller pictured with Pat Agner of Unit #63.

**District 1, Unit 553**

The following members presented a small gift along with a poppy to some of the veterans who are at the Heatherdowns Rehabilitation Center – Peggy Sherwood-Hayes, Judy Vanderzwan, Carol Benson & Roseanne Paquette.



Senior and Junior Members marching in the Downtown Toledo Memorial Day parade.

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# District and Unit News (Continued)

## District 1, Unit 553 (Continued)



National President Vickie Koutz with Unit 553 Junior Member, Londyn Blackshear at Department of Ohio Summer Convention.



Some of the veterans at Heatherdowns Rehabilitation Center receiving their gifts presented by Unit 553 Members.

## District 2, Unit 355



Fort Loramie Unit 355 Officers count money during a fundraiser event at the canteen.



Members of Fort Loramie Unit 355 attended the Veterans Lounge Open House at Edison Community College in Piqua, Ohio.



Members gather at Fort Loramie Unit 355 to prepare potato salad for a fundraiser.

## District 2, Unit 444



American Legion Auxiliary Post 444 of New Knoxville, Ohio honored our veterans with a dinner in November. The Junior Auxiliary members pinned flowers made of poppies on our veterans. Pictured are Robert Bayham and Ariyah Pfenning.



Around 180 children and adults attended breakfast with Santa at the American Legion Post 444, in New Knoxville, in December 2022. Pictured are the large crowd and the workers from the Auxiliary and Sons. This breakfast is put on every year by the Ladies Auxiliary.



The ladies Auxiliary from American Legion Post 444 of New Knoxville presented flags and booklets to 31 first graders at New Knoxville School on February 28th. Pictured are the teachers Mrs. Casey Phillips, Mrs. Kelley Mele and helpers, along with Mrs. Marsha Mangen and Mrs. Luanne Kuck from the Auxiliary. This is a service project for the Auxiliary.



Ninety (90) children enjoyed hunting eggs and chatting with the bunny at the New Knoxville American Legion Auxiliary Post 444 Egg Hunt on the Saturday before Easter. The afternoon was enjoyed by all attending.

## District 2, Unit 444 (Continued)



Pictured are the winners of the Easter Egg Hunt held by the New Knoxville American Legion Auxiliary, Post 444, the Saturday before Easter.



Five Juniors and ten adults packed eggs for the New Knoxville American Legion Auxiliary Post 444 Easter Egg Hunt.

## District 2, Unit 571



Members of Unit 571 are enjoying Bingo, which was played at the Christmas Party. The party was held after the meeting on December 12. Everyone received a prize!



The Blood Mobile was held at the 571 Maria Stein Legion Home on January 16, 2023. Marilyn Holdheide and Delores Schlarman were attending the registration table.



The Maria Stein Legion Auxiliary Post 571 nominated Amber Wendel for the Youth Good Deed Award for her Girl Scout Gold Award. She initiated a project to make life "more beautiful" for the elderly of the area that reside in The Gardens Nursing Home of St. Henry. She did landscape at the front entrance of the facility. She lined up river rock and stepping stone around the American flag pole. Mulch, bushes, and benches were added to this, and a new flag was put up.

Flag raising was on February 25, 2023. (L to R) in the picture is: Irene Bruns, ALA Member, and Katie Dippold (they sang), Marilyn Holdheide, Amber Wendel and her mother Heather, Bertie Bruns and Jane Luebke. Marily, Bertie and Janie are Auxiliary Drill Team members.



The lady in the center is from Van Wert. She was at the Auxiliary Garage Sale. She fills shoe boxes with pencils, crayons, hand-held games and clothing and thermos bottles to put water in. She sends them to Africa and different places like that. Since she is doing this ministry, the Auxiliary donated the items to her. On the left is Irene Bruns, 1st Vice and on the right is Janie Luebke, President of the Auxiliary.



Veterans Day was held at the Mercer County Fair in August. Members of Auxiliary 571 Drill Team that marched were (L-R) Marilyn Holdheide, Janie Luebke, Ruth Kremer, and Jancie Piekenbrock.

A special election was held at the Legion Post 571 in August for the public voters. The Auxiliary 571 members made the food for the poll workers.



Officer's Club Banquet was held October 9th at the 571 Legion Hall at Maria Stein. These ladies made the desserts for the meal. (L-R) Marjorie Meier, Cheril Bergman, wives of Legion 571, Charlene Heitkamp (cooked for the meal), Marilyn Holdheide, 571 Auxiliary members, Sharon Koesters, Wife of Legion 571 and Janie Luebke, President of Auxiliary 571.



The District Auxiliary Meeting was held in New Knoxville, October 9th, 2022. (L-R) Cindy Masowick, Department of Ohio President, Shirley Maurer, 2nd District President, and Janie Luebke, Unit 571 President.

### District 3, Unit 174



I am sending pictures of our Installation and Awards ceremony we held on June 15. Included is a picture of member Betty Schlarman who celebrated 80 years of membership! Our current President is Joan Gehret. Other pictures included are our 20-year members and they are Marlene Wilker, Cathy Shue, Carolyn Kremer, Rita Ehlers, and Doris Keiser. The 50-year members are Phyllis Krieg and Janet Kemper. Our member of the year is Joyce Hiestand.

### District 3, Unit 286



Easter Bunny visit to Post 286, New Carlisle Ohio, and escorted by outstanding chairman Anthea Wilson. There were activities for the kids and lots of things to do. A great time was had by all that attended.

### District 4, Unit 49



On May 29, Unit 49 participated in the Memorial Day Parade. The float was decorated by the membership volunteers. The picture "kids on float" are the grandchildren of our members, the three past presidents on the float for from L to R - Katie Anderson, Blair Brown, and Gloria Frazier; and the last picture is members riding the float.

### District 4, Unit 49 (Continued)



### District 4, Unit 179



Marsha Gheils and Margie Hominy of the 4th District presided over the installation of officers for the Auxiliary officers of Unit 179 for the 2023 - 2024 year. The officers sworn in were Linda Mider- President, Micky Weiss - 1st Vice, Patty Loftin - 2nd Vice, Donna Braley - Secretary, Barb Chaplain - Chaplain

### District 4, Unit 194



Members and friends got together for a fun night of painting taught by one of our members.

### District 4, Unit 530



Our American Legion Auxiliary made a donation to the Police Department in the Village of Greenhills. This came about because American Legion Auxiliary Unit 530 President, Joan Knox asked what they could use if the ALA made a donation to them. Joan was told that body armor was expensive and new hires needed that equipment. Chief Neil Ferdelman also stated that Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs) were also needed as the department did not have any as the ones they had were now obsolete and could not be repaired. The Unit donated \$700 for the body armor and \$1,000 towards an AED. City Council member Maria Walther, also a Unit 530 member, made a personal donation of \$1,000 which gave them the amount to purchase one AED. Maria's husband, a Post 530 member, died from heart failure, so this was personal to her. The Village Council had a lot of discussion as to how many to purchase and where to place them. An anonymous donor helped to fund this project by donating \$8,770.00 so that each cruiser has one, the Municipal Building gets one and by using Recreation Funds was able to place one at the pool. They were able to collaborate with the Fire Department to obtain the same devices they currently use so that the parts are interchangeable when the Fire Department takes over lifesaving efforts at the scene.

This just goes to show how a small auxiliary inspired others to donate to a cause greater than themselves. This generosity means that the future lives of the Greenhills residents will be better saved by their first responders.

Pictured are Joan Knox, President Unit 530 and Maria Walther, Council Member and Unit 530 member, receiving an appreciation award from the Chief of Police, Neil R. Ferdelman.

### District 5, Unit 169



President of Tiffin Unit #169 Mary Anne Boehler, on the right, along with Chris Brown and Treasurer Karen Kotnik, on the left, are putting together book bags with supplies for veterans' families. Donations were supplied by Dollar Tree Store of Tiffin and book bags bought by the Auxiliary. Bags were also supplied to the children in the Seneca County Transitional Center.

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### District 5, Unit 169 (Continued)



Members of Tiffin Unit #169 put together Halloween goodie sacks for veterans in nursing homes. The bags were decorated by Noble School, Mrs. Jane Diedricks' fourth grade class. In the picture left to right are Karen Kotnik, Mary Ann Boehler, Chris Brown, Sue Trapp, K'lee Mullenex, and Sandy Schleter.



Tiffin Auxiliary #169 handing out treats at the Tiffin Community Downtown Trick or Treat Event. Serving the Joker are Sandy Schleter and MaryAnn Boehler. In the back row are Junior members Vivianna Mullenex and K'lee Mullenex.



Fifth District President, Jane Yeager visited Tiffin Auxiliary #169. That evening the charter was draped for a fallen member, Donna Weber. A small buffet followed the meeting. In the picture L to R are Unit Chaplain, Marilyn Coney; 5th District President, Jane Yeager; and Unit President, Mary Ann Boehler.



Tiffin Unit #169 worked with Mrs. Dietrich's, 4th grade class at Nobel School to decorate sacks for our Veterans at Easter in our local nursing homes. Walker totes were made by Auxiliary member Barbara Trapp for our vets in local nursing homes. Thank you for always thinking of our Veterans. #livelifefully

### District 5, Unit 257



American Legion Auxiliary member Melinda Middleton of Loudon Unit 257, District 5, receiving Certificate of Appreciation from Post Commander Dave Rohrbaugh.



### District 6, Unit 368



Lois Oswald of Verne I Mounts American Legion Aux Post 368, 6th District, posed with our Easter raffle. She crocheted the basket, and the other members donated the contents. It was a huge success, and the money will be used to give back to our veterans.

### 7th District



Good Things are Happening in the 7th District. Sammie Cordial received the Dept of Ohio, Member of the Year Award, in which I am very proud of her accomplishments in our Auxiliary.



Portsmouth VA Clinic in New Boston Ohio. Also was Mary from Voluntary Services in Chillicothe. Mary was interviewed and spoke live with the Scioto County Daily News with host Betty Smith for the Pact Act Event. We appreciated the diabetic treats that Unit 23 brought for the veterans. From 11am - 3pm Unit 471 stayed and cooked and served the veterans and assisted them as they needed..

### District 7, Unit 730



The Ashville ALA Unit #730 sponsored their Veterans Appreciation Luncheon on June 14, 2023. Local Veterans from WWII to the Gulf War were honored. Special Thanks to the ladies of the South Bloomfield UMC for the meal and to Margie Pettibone from the local VA for the Veteran gifts and to our membership for this annual tribute.

### 7th District, Unit 730 (Continued)



In honor and remembrance, Ashville ALA Unit #730 celebrated National Poppy Day. Members distributed poppies in the Ashville community on Saturday, May 20th (Armed Forces Day). Many Thanks to all those who supported our local Veterans.

### 8th District



The 8th District was represented by Units 11, 21, 283 and 376 at the Summer Convention in Dayton.



Thank you to Lafayette Unit 27 in Gallipolis for hosting the 8th District summer meeting. Certificates and prizes were handed out to participating Units. The Units attending were 11, 21, 27, 161, 283, 376, and 637. The host Unit provided wonderful refreshments and door prizes.

### District 8, Unit 283



8th District President Betty Harris visited with Unit 283 President Wendy Robertson in May.

### District 9, Unit 7



Debbi Jordan from Unit 7, Brewer-Tarasco presented a \$300 check to the Volunteer Coordinator, Charisse Patchin at Hannah's Home. Hannah's Home exists only on private donation, as they provide all their services for free to mothers and children in crisis. They are conducting a Baby Bottle Campaign for 2023. Hannah's Home provides a safe and nurturing home for single young women who are pregnant where they can receive counsel, continue their education, and become thoroughly equipped to make life decisions based on Gospel truth. They encourage life and educate young women to make an informed decision between adoption and parenting. Their Vision Statement is to provide a community where the value of life is upheld, and every child is born safe, healthy, and thriving in a loving, nurturing, and stable Christ-following home. If you feel in your heart to give individually or as a unit, you may email the Executive Director, Vicki Krnac at director@hannahshome.org or call 440-209-9615 with any additional questions. Filling these baby bottle banks is an easy thing to do. We are so happy to participate in the community for the welfare of our children. You can research the organization @ www.HANNASHOME.ORG. Any contributions can be sent to P.O. Box 1395, Mentor, Ohio 44060.



*Thanks, Veterans!*

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### District 9, Unit 7 (Continued)



Unit 7 hosted a Kentucky Derby Dinner raffle on May 6, 2023. The annual fundraiser was very successful. Did you know that in 1883 roses were given to all the ladies that attended Derby parties? In 1904, the Red Rose was declared the official flower. The Derby is often called "The Run for the Roses," because a blanket of roses is draped over the winner. The winning jockey is presented with 60 long-stem roses wrapped in 10 yards of ribbon. People don't realize that over 7,500 stems of red roses are used to decorate racetrack events. The official derby colors are red, black, gold, and white. The Kentucky Derby was considered a high-class affair similar to the racing events in Europe. It was the chance to show off new spring styles and the latest fashion(s). Derby hats are considered to be a sign of good luck. The bigger the hat, the bigger the luck. We had an awesome display of fashion at our fundraiser.

### District 9, Unit 112



Our Auxiliary gave our BGS Delegate some funds for BGS. Pictured here is ALA Member Sharon Volpe and BGS Delegate Lorelai Megery.



We spent the day at Post 737 learning about what events will take place next month at Bowling Green University. Our girl won a gift certificate!! I bet you can't imagine who pulled her winning ticket!



On May 25 we helped our community learn various VA benefits they are entitled to.

On March 1, Post 112 had an Easter Party for the kids. Our committee was Deb Vargo, Karen Bronzer, Deb Heilman, Bonnie Van Boxel, and Sharon Volpe. In the kitchen was Deanna Sanford and Julie Russ. Everyone enjoyed themselves!



We put together goodie bags that included zipped sweatshirts,

We put together goodie bags for our Veterans. Pictured are Deb Heilman, Deb Vargo, Darlene McClough, Bonnie Van-Boxel. Not pictured is Sharon Volpe

homemade candy for each branch of service the Veteran was in, magnify sheet, homemade cookies, caps, and many other items. We visited Divine Living and Cardinal Woods Nursing Homes. We had a ball with these men pictured! We learned how we could eject out of a plane and take the seat with us!



On November 19, 2022, Jay Wilson Post 112 hosted the Sub Zero Bux. Before that however, we served breakfast of pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausage patties, biscuits and gravy, fruit cup, juice, and coffee. Auxiliary members who participated are Debbie Heilman, Debbie Melvin, Debbie Vargo, Bonnie VanBoxel, and Sharon Volpe. Our helpers and heavy lifters were Tim VanBoxel and Steve Heilman. All proceeds from the breakfast went to Sub Zero.

### District 9, Unit 737



Buckeye Girls State orientation was held at Unit 737. Thanks for the great information given to the participants. Good attendance looks like a great 2023 class of BGS! Seated are Unit 737 President Janet Batta, Treasurer Karen Shesko, and BGS Unit Chair Phyllis Nuzzie. Seated are Lauren & Jackie Bervish of Windham who attended the BGS Orientation.



The Easter Bunny came and dropped her eggs & lots of kids had fun finding them at the Lake Unit 737 Easter Party! ALA members Pam Snowden & Kim Pittman worked in the kitchen to be sure everyone enjoyed refreshments.

### District 9, Unit 737



ALA Unit 737 Children & Youth & Party Chair Melinda Franko getting ready to pass out the gifts!



American Legion Auxiliary Elf Jeanette Hendershot. Looking Good!



I think someone is ready for Christmas looking all "dekked" out!



Here is Santa and some friends.



ALA member Debbie Stoffer with great grandson



ALA member Beth Hanusak & friend

### District 10, Unit 33



During Poppy Days, we have members Dorothy Mazik, photographed by herself, Scott Campbell Owner of M&M Hardware Store, also a member of Post #33, and Jess Kelley, Cindy Longwell and Karen Markakis who are all out and about distributing Poppies for Unit 33 in District 10.



### District 10, Unit 282



Sommers & Wolbaugh 2023 Co-Poppy Girls

Jazmyne Sommers & Abby Wolbaugh are this year's Post 282 Co-Poppy Girls. Both young ladies are American Legion Auxiliary Junior members at the Orrville American Legion Frank E. Cook, Post 282 in Orrville, Ohio. Jazmyne is the daughter of Evan and Rachel Sommers. Jazmyne is 12 years old and a student at Orrville Middle School. She has a strong passion for music and singing.

When Jazmyne isn't enjoying the outdoors camping with her family and friends, you can find her volunteering with her fellow American Legion Auxiliary members. Abby Wolbaugh is the daughter of Lynann Titler & Jeremy L. Wolbaugh. Abby is 12 years old and a student at Smithville Green Middle School, where she is an active member of the Choir. Her hobbies including showing her animals (Steer, heifer, goats & pig) at the Wayne County Fair and being highly active in 4H. When not taking care of her show animals, Abby loves spending time with Bella, her beagle & Bugsley, her rabbit, and showing off her baking skills with making delicious treats for her family & friends.

Jazmyne & Abby proudly represented Post 282 with their volunteerism distributing poppies during Poppy Days and attending this year's Memorial Day Ceremony/Precession at Crown Hill Cemetery, in Orrville, Ohio.

SUBMITTED BY: Orrville American Legion Auxiliary Unit 282  
PICTURE INFO: Jazmyne Sommers & Abby Wolbaugh presenting Orrville Mayor Dave Handwerk with poppies.

### District 10, Unit 557



10th District...Stevens-Christian American Legion Post 557 in Wintersville, Ohio held it's 2023 flag retirement and Installation of Officer's on June 14th Flag Day. Units 23-24 Officer's from left to right are (President) Melissa Cochran, (1st Vice) Pam Damis, (2nd Vice) Amy Prologo, (Chaplain) Nancy Ott, (Secretary) Barbara Majewski, (Sgt. at Arms) Patricia Bozich and (Treasurer) Holly Lewis who sworn us in.

### 11th District



June 3, 2023, Unit 495 hosted the District 11 Summer Convention. District President Leeann brought certificates to award to Unit members 50 plus years or any member 90 plus years old. Three ladies were awarded that day with certificates. They are left to right, Dorothy May with 72 continuous years of membership from Unit 495, Betty Hutchinson age 98 with 13 continuous year from Unit 495 and Cora Tomolonis age 91 with 35 years continuous membership from Unit 768, and District 11 President Leeann Stan. All Units will receive Certificates to award to their members by the end of 2023 with 50 plus years membership or age 90 and above.



### District 11, Unit 168

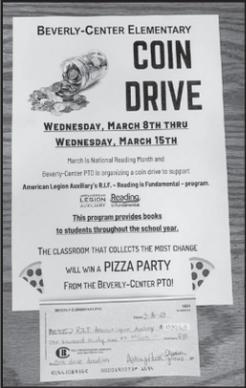


Good Deed Award Presentation, Monday, June 12, 2023, our recipient is Cole Atkinson. Cole started a not for profit, Veterans Helpers, when he was 9 years old. He is now 13 years old. They mow grass for veterans and veteran widows. They also do yard work and snow removal. He was very appreciative. Pictured left to right: Gina Carvin, Michele Mc Gee, recipient Cole Atkinson, Robyn Misner, Kathryn Pittman, Erin Palmer, Amanda Tracy.

We also recognized one of our members for 33 years of service to the American Legion Auxiliary. Gina Carvin joined the auxiliary in 1990. She is pictured receiving her plaque. Left to right: Michele McGee, Gina Carvin, Kathryn Pittman.

Submitted by Kathryn Pittman, President of Barnesville American Legion Auxiliary Unit 168

### District 11, Unit 389



March was National Reading Month! Unit 389 has been donating books for over 40 years to three local school districts, connecting 1000s of children with books over the years. Elementary school children get to pick out their own books over the school year through the Unit's ALA Reading is Fundamental Program. This year it was a little different. When Unit Members showed up to present books they were greeted with a donation check from funds collected by the kids. The class that brought in the most money was awarded with a pizza party. Unit 389 Members, Susanne Burchett, and Sue Trotter, were presented a check from Beverly-Center Elementary for \$1039.63 to support the Unit's RIF program. What a way to say THANK YOU!



Good morning to all. Unit 389 has been very busy this quarter. Our unit had several members attend a convention, unit focused on Buckeye Girls State preparation, scholarship promotion, and school supplies were provided.

Leeann Stan and Jeanne Ginther attended Mid-Winter conference in Columbus. Several members attended also from the American Legion, Sons, and Riders. We attended the BGS meeting about the coming year. A basket was also there with some contributions from 389 Auxiliary.

Preparation for BGS began. Bobbi Webb and Leeann Stan went to the local high schools and spoke to juniors about attending the program. Last year's attendees spoke of the experience they had. The interested applicants were interviewed on March 4th. Beverly and Lowell auxiliaries were both in attendance.

Scholarships was another focus and was promoted on Facebook Auxiliary 389 and American Legion 389. Bobbi Webb worked hard on learning and promoting the scholarships in schools as well. The last program for today was the 10 for schools. Donations were given by businesses, individuals, and the community for much needed supplies for teacher classrooms. Bobbi Webb introduced this to the unit this year. It was successful, as were all the other things I told you about. Gods Bless You!



Good day to you all. Unit 389 of Russell Chadwick has remained very busy, as usual. Buckeye Girls State season was kicked in high gear with BGS interviews, BGS Orientation, and the girls selected attending the week-long program held at Bowling Green University. Our unit worked with Lowell Unit 750 on the interviews. Bobbi Webb and Leeann Stan orchestrated this leg of the selection process. Leeann hosted one of the orientations for the selected candidates in the state for information at Russell Chadwick on May 7th.

On May 7th, another event was held in Marietta that several members attended including Rhonda Beebe and Bobbi Hess. A statue was revealed donated from our entire unit family called Silent Battle for Suicide at Gold Star Park on the west side of Marietta.

Another project with our auxiliary unit was educational in nature. For Teachers' Appreciation Week, Bobbi Webb delivered the teachers and bus garages gift baskets to Fort Frye, Waterford, and St Johns Catholic School.

Honored by our veterans are the core of our existence. Memorial Day and Poppy Day were observed. Heather Mahoney, Pam Jackson, and Shelly Kitts honored the graves at Beverly, Waterford, and Smith Chapel cemeteries for their military honors. Helen Irvine and Amber Kern were among members of the unit to collect poppy donations. Amber Kern, Heather Mahoney, and Rhonda Beebe walked the parade route that stopped at the Veterans Memorial by the Beverly library, the joined bridge at Beverly and Waterford, and each of the community's cemeteries. Small American flags were handed out by the auxiliary.

The unit received a donation from Beverly-Center Elementary. We were given \$1039 collected by classes in a coin collection from each grade. The schools are important to our Unit. Just prior to this donation, the unit had its spring Reading Is Fundamental book distribution to the schools. Thank you to Sue Trotter and Susanne Burchett for your time and devotion.

June meeting swore in the new officers for the new year. The officers are: Unit President Jeanne Ginther, 1st Vice Heather Mahoney, 2nd Vice Bobbi Hess, Secretary Kandi Baker, and Treasurer Pam Jackson. Membership is Kandi Baker. We look forward to an awesome year.

Conference and convention season came into full swing beginning with the Summer Conference at Belpre on June 3rd. The day presented changes with district concerning standing rules and award presentations by district chairman. Jeanne Ginther, Jean Chapman, and Leeann Stan were present from our unit in varied capacity. It was very informative and sponsored by Belpre. Thank you Belpre.

Lastly, Marilyn Leach, Leeann Stan and Jeanne Ginther attended Department Convention in Dayton held June 29th through July 2nd. Our unit received Certificate of Merit among other awards at the convention. Thank you Marilyn Leach for your leadership in the year leading up to the award.

### District 12, Unit 171



What better way is there to keep warm than making blankets. As part of our Community Service, Auxiliary 171 has been making Welcome Blankets for Ronald McDonald House in Columbus. Over 20 will be on their way to cheer-up recipients who are facing challenging times.

Our President Kim Mann was part of the

### District 12, Unit 171 (Continued)

Wreaths Across America in Washington D.C. this past December. Wreaths were laid in Arlington National Cemetery as well as at the Vietnam Wall.



What better way is there to celebrate the arrival of Spring than hosting an Easter egg hunt for District 12 families. Held on April 2, The Easter Bunny also arrived to spread cheer and have pictures taken. Face painting, a chalk-draw-



ing Easter egg contest, and crayon drawings preceded the Hunt. Hundreds of eggs filled with candy and trinkets were collected. We are committed to having this as an annual event.

Our Adopt- A-Service project has again sent out over 500 K-Cups to deployed troops. It is one of the items most requested. The photo shows one of our soldiers with our coffee.

### District 13, Unit 343



Always working on an Auxiliary program. This time Americanism. Shirley Skerness and her daughter, Cathy, placed flags on the lawns of 80 homes in their neighborhood in Nipomo, California on July 3, 2023. Shirley is an inspiration to all auxiliary members.

### District 14, Unit 803



Unit 803 Chaplain Sue Kray gave the invocation at the opening ceremony of WALL 2023. The traveling Vietnam Wall was brought to Aurora in June.



District 14 AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY CLARE EGGLESTON UNIT 803 Buckeye Girls State delegates Olivia and Hannah Salgado attended the Unit 803 July Auxiliary/Legion picnic and described their Girls State experience. (Hannah Salgado was sponsored by Post 255.)



Unit 803 sponsored Diya Brahmbhatt as one of our 2023 BGS delegates.



District 14 AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY CLARE EGGLESTON UNIT 803 Unit 803 Buckeye Girls State delegates Olivia and Hannah Salgado carried flags and participated in the Memorial Day Walk of Remembrance.



District 14 AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY CLARE EGGLESTON UNIT 803



On Memorial Day at the main Aurora Cemetery, Aurora's Mayor Ann Womer Benjamin

Unit President Becky Sharp and Chaplain Sue Kray present the Auxiliary Memorial Day wreath at Aurora's Veterans Park.

(who is an Auxiliary member of Unit 803) gives a speech and reads the names of Aurora veterans who died within the last year.



Mrs. Becky Sharp, President of Clare Eggleston American Legion Auxiliary Unit 803, lead a prayer and thanked the veterans of Post 803 in recognition of National Vietnam War Veterans Day. Auxiliary members provided a variety of desserts for the coffee held at the end of the March Legion meeting. The Vietnam War Veterans

Recognition Act designates March 29 of each year as National Vietnam War Veterans Day. Most states celebrate "Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Day" on March 29 or 30 of each year).

### 14th District



The Fabulous 14th District! Renee Kohl, District President

Mid-Winter is now behind us, and we are headed to the World Series in June/July. Can you believe how fast this year has gone by?

The District presented President Cindy with a new t-shirt, a pair of socks and a trinket box at the conference. We were all a bit jealous as

Cindy was down in Florida for her son's wedding.

Kathy Burkhammer was the lucky winner of the District 14 Christmas Basket. She went to Mid-Winter empty handed and came back with her arms full! Congratulations Kathy B.!

The 14th District Juniors held their summer convention and elected new officers for 2023-2024.

Honorary President Virginia O'Dell 449

Honorary Vice President Brooklyn Taylor 449, not pictured

Honorary Secretary Alexis Terrell 566, not pictured

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Honorary Chaplain Lea Masowick 685
Honorary Historian Ellie Masowick 265
Honorary Sgt-at-Arms Talia Life 449
Cindy Suchan, Jim Forsythe, and Karen Peel strategized and hosted a joint Homecoming for Commander John Life and President Renee Kohl.

Gail Roddy, Lee-Bishop Unit 464 presenting President Renee a gift from her Unit & the head table.

Thank you to Lee-Bishop Unit 464 Cindy, Cathy, Sandy, Barbara, Pat, Nancy, Gail & Judy, for all of your support these last 2 years as District President. Your kindness, generosity and patience guided me down the path of an amazing learning experience.

Thank you to all members of the 14th District. I have learned so much from each of you and I will keep those lessons close to my heart. Thank you to all of the 14th District Officers and Chairman for being a part of an amazing team and I have to say WE ROCKED!!

Thank you to the Stow Squadron of the Civil Air Patrol that presented and retired the colors during this event.

Special shout out to Cindy Suchan, Gail Roddy, Martha Marsh, Karen Peel, Cindy Masowick, and Cyndi Underwood, the things that you've taught me are life lessons that I will never forget. I am fortunate enough that I was able to make strong connections with so many of you during this tenure and I can honestly say that, not only are you members of this great organization, but you have become friends.

District Chairmen

Table with 4 columns: Dist/Unit, Program, Name, E-mail Address. Lists chairmen for Districts 1 through 14 across various programs like Americanism, Children & Youth, Community Service, etc.

Past Presidents

Table with 4 columns: Title, Dist/Unit, Name, Email Address. Lists past presidents from 09/214 to 14/209.



Department Chairmen

Table with 4 columns: Title, Dist/Unit, Name, E-mail Address. Lists department chairmen for various roles like Americanism, Auxiliary Emergency Fund, etc.



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## Membership Goals for 2024

	Sr. Goal	Jr. Goal						
<b>DISTRICT 0</b>			479 MURBACH-SEIFERT	170	4	<b>DISTRICT 3</b>		
888 HEADQUARTERS	241	1	511 MULFORD-BUTLER	22	1	006 CULTICE-WARD	57	1
<b>DISTRICT 1</b>			516 BOWERS-SLUSSER	50	1	043 CLIFFORD THOMPSON	71	6
003 RALPH D COLE	141	3	533 ROSSFORD	12	1	080 A B COLE	14	1
045 BOWLING GREEN	43	6	537 CHRIST DUNBERGER	49	2	120 PEARCE-KERNS	115	1
060 YACKEE-STRONG MEMORIAL	12	1	539 NORTH BALTIMORE	169	4	140 ERK COTTRELL	248	6
063 KERNER-SLUSSER	274	24	541 WINNOW-ARN	170	29	165 MIAMISBURG	291	8
099 HARRY E POND	25	1	545 ARGONNE	19	1	174 BUCKEYE	94	12
110 POINT PLACE	65	1	553 ADAMS TOWNSHIP	94	23	184 SCHNELL-WESTFALL	114	2
114 JOHN A FADER	65	1	587 CONN-WEISSENBARGER	121	3	200 HUBER HEIGHTS	104	2
132 VERNON MCCUNE	23	2	635 COMMUNITY MEMORIAL	13	1	215 ST. CLAIR	44	1
143 JOHN DALE	20	4	642 PRZYBYLSKI	84	5	238 DONALD CANNON	20	1
183 FREEDOM	174	11	646 HOLLAND	86	3	245 LAROY FARST	35	1
223 EDWARD C SMART	36	1	669 WEST UNITY	61	1	286 NEW CARLISLE	123	3
232 ALVA N SIDLE	155	13	680 NEY COMMUNITY	13	1	322 JAMES E RYAN	132	1
240 TROY-WEBSTER	102	22	715 COLONEL JENNINGS	239	11	353 ECK ARY-DOUGLAS DICKEY	126	9
262 WARREN L MCINTIRE	76	12	725 PORTAGE MEMORIAL	12	1	360 CLARENCE TEAFORD	113	1
265 ROBINSON GIBBS	277	10	<b>DISTRICT 2</b>			377 JUSTICE-LEIBOLT	40	1
279 COMMUNITY	31	3	096 WILLIAM PAUL GALLAGHER	203	14	435 VERSAILLES	95	1
287 CHARLES J WAGNER	86	16	173 HAROLD KERR	169	12	487 GINGRICH-POINCE	12	1
300 BERT G TAYLOR	320	9	178 ISAAC VAN WERT	316	5	526 DIGNAM-WHITMORE	75	3
305 NORCROSS-MEYERS	34	4	191 HARRY J REYNOLDS	153	2	586 FRANK E ROBINSON	201	10
307 AGNEW-SHINABARGER	40	1	207 HOMER PIERSON	80	9	588 OSGOOD	21	1
311 BUEHRER-LAUBER-WECKESSER	26	2	210 CELINA	367	45	598 KETTERING	717	9
316 DESHLER	94	4	217 SIDNEY	204	2	613 FT. MCKINLEY MEMORIAL	45	1
320 MAUMEE	232	13	241 NEW BREMEN	204	13	619 TONY STEIN	12	1
324 GENOA	60	5	266 WILLARD STOUT	41	11	643 BRADFORD MEMORIAL	20	2
332 ROBERTS-MCMILLEN	112	13	268 COMMEMORATIVE	50	2	668 VANDALIA MEMORIAL	139	2
334 ARTHUR DALY	19	3	323 ST. MARYS	181	5	675 SOUTH PARK MEMORIAL	89	1
338 ALBERT BOWE	137	9	330 AUGLAIZE	154	1	707 RANDOLPH	198	9
340 WILLIAM F HELMKE	101	16	345 EMMET MANNIX	165	26	708 NILES RICHARDS	12	1
373 A. E. E. W.	95	6	355 FORT LORAMIE	194	3	746 NORTHRIDGE MEMORIAL	92	2
384 WHITEHOUSE	241	11	381 CHARLES COLLINS	28	1	762 NEW LEBANON	62	1
400 BEVELHYMER-GILLILAND	12	1	387 MINSTER	52	7	763 BEAVERCREEK MEMORIAL	107	1
409 WESTON	18	2	395 WAYNESFIELD	12	1	776 GENERAL DANIEL "CHAPPIE" JAMES	109	7
441 LYBARGER-GRIMM	67	3	444 WASHINGTON	77	8	787 ROGER L VICKERS	15	4
454 WARD L ADAMS	94	16	470 PATRIOTISM	133	2	<b>DISTRICT 4</b>		
468 JOSEPH W DIEHN	141	5	571 MARIA STEIN	32	2	049 WILMINGTON-VETERANS	136	1
			648 ST. HENRY	83	6	069 HALKER-FLEGE	77	7

# Membership Goals for 2024 (Continued)

<b>DISTRICT 4 (Continued)</b>			Sr. Goal	Jr. Goal											
072	STUART G LUGINBUHL	163	10		804	MELVIN MAYFIELD	12	1	431	THOMAS E MONTGOMERY	82	1			
123	LELAND M BARNETT	62	2		<b>DISTRICT 7</b>							436	HOWARD D MILLER	20	2
138	DURWIN-SCHANTZ	149	10		014	LUTHER GIFFIN	125	9	440	STANLEY S BOWMAN	25	1			
179	MARION	76	13		023	JAMES DICKEY	300	8	442	JOHN ADAMS	18	2			
180	CAREY BAVIS	45	1		025	PAUL H HUGHEY	147	1	482	SCIO	55	1			
186	RALPH P SNOOK	21	1		062	ROSS COUNTY	230	6	499	JAMES STEVENSON	13	1			
194	JOE BARR	221	19		100	YOUNG-MOORE	36	5	525	GILBERT KOONTZ	141	17			
199	JENNINGS BRYAN YEAGER	246	27		134	HALL-ADKINS	97	13	529	MCCOOK	49	2			
218	MIDDLETOWN	154	4		142	MERRITT	116	1	548	MONNIER-DUPLAIN	214	4			
256	LOVELAND	140	7		325	MATTHEWS-CARTER	117	2	549	WEIMER-WIDDER	27	2			
288	WILLIAMSBURG	117	11		363	WILLIAM A BAKER	20	1	551	MELVIN McCLURE	55	1			
367	COURTS-FUSSNECKER	33	3		433	IRONTON	12	1	557	STEVENS-CHRISTIAN MEMORIAL	110	5			
394	WALTER MILLER	32	2		471	RUSSELL D WILLIAMS	145	35	573	BRILLIANT	37	1			
406	ARCHIE LEE BOYCE	31	1		483	JOE ELLSWORTH WHITE	33	3	651	FREDERICKSBURG	46	1			
450	VICTOR STIER	124	24		594	THOMPSON-WALLINGFORD	39	1	667	LOWELL D OBERLY	76	6			
484	MT WASHINGTON	85	7		622	JAMES W IRWIN	12	1	679	RICHARD REGULA	21	4			
513	WESLEY WERNER	95	2		633	CHARLES H EYRE	102	21	682	HOPEDALE	71	2			
530	HUGH WATSON	20	1		653	HOMER LAWSON	12	1	718	MARSHALLVILLE	47	2			
534	CHAMBERS-HAUTMAN-BUDDE	38	4		694	ROY W WILSON	24	1	735	GWYN ALLEN	22	2			
554	EDWARD C GEHLERT	42	1		730	ASHVILLE COMMUNITY	30	1	736	GLENMOOR	37	1			
615	AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY	136	3		757	JOSEPH W HOFFMAN	97	4	740	HONORED SEVEN	16	1			
631	JOHN R FOX	22	1		<b>DISTRICT 8</b>							791	WILLIAM G TAYLOR	13	1
744	HYDE PARK-MT LOOKOUT	44	2		011	FAIRFIELD	264	6	<b>DISTRICT 11</b>						
755	GEORGE A LAMBERT	65	15		020	MCVEIGH-BURNWORTH	12	1	024	MALCONTA	65	2			
<b>DISTRICT 5</b>					021	K T CROSSEN	153	6	029	ZANESVILLE	615	10			
008	SPIRIT OF '76	217	2		027	LAFAYETTE	40	4	038	MARTINS FERRY	41	5			
012	ELYRIA	200	6		039	DREW-WEBSTER	22	1	052	BELLAIRE	84	3			
016	EARL D MCVEY	57	1		058	LEO RYAN	128	5	064	MARIETTA	248	10			
017	WELKER-SMITH	47	2		078	LAWRENCE NEAL HELBER	57	1	071	FOREST L MUMFORD	97	2			
030	LORAIN	92	1		161	VINTON	37	7	077	NEFFS	77	6			
041	KEN-BUR-BEL	145	1		222	BASIL GRIMES	52	1	087	MONROE	45	3			
073	EARL FOUST	88	1		283	DAVID JOHNSTON MEMORIAL	196	2	159	ST CLAIRSVILLE	176	2			
083	COMMODORE DENIG	513	10		342	EDGAR A ORR	12	1	168	BARNESVILLE	123	1			
088	HARRY HIGGINS	129	6		371	WELLSTON	146	2	228	SANER	98	1			
118	ELMER JOHNSON	284	1		376	JAMES E FISHER	129	8	366	FLUSHING	56	3			
169	TIFFIN	64	3		420	MURRAY POST	34	1	389	RUSSELL CHADWICK	275	22			
170	WADSWORTH	158	1		476	JOSEPH FREEMAN	73	3	399	CHARLES MITCHELL	78	4			
181	COLONEL CRAWFORD	215	10		602	RACINE	15	2	418	DEXTER	18	1			
202	COURTNEY LAWRENCE	18	1		637	MILLERSPORT	32	10	495	BLANNERHASSETT	38	6			
211	AVON LAKE	378	2		677	WALKER-HECOX HICKLE	105	1	521	SHADYSIDE	109	5			
225	WYANDOT	63	1		<b>DISTRICT 9</b>							578	BEAVER	36	1
243	SCARBROUGH	110	1		007	BREWER-TARASCO	108	5	632	GLENCOE	38	3			
250	SYCAMORE	96	2		015	MAHONING VALLEY	21	2	641	BELLE VALLEY	135	9			
257	LOUDON	330	3		076	MCKINLEY	144	8	726	NEWTON	39	1			
260	VICTORY	80	7		103	DEWEY HOWLETT	285	2	750	LOWELL	110	1			
292	BROOME-WOOD	64	6		112	JAY WILSON	174	7	768	BEALLSVILLE	112	1			
295	MARION H PECK	91	7		151	COWLE	266	2	<b>DISTRICT 12</b>						
326	O'BRIEN	98	5		177	CANFIELD	17	4	082	COLUMBUS	13	1			
344	EARL GREEN	129	8		214	PALMER-ROBERTS	99	1	144	SOUTHWAY	207	2			
354	EDWARD GRINE	100	4		235	DEWITT MCCONNELL	32	1	164	PASCHALL	129	1			
397	FIEBIRCH	113	2		236	NEWTON	24	1	171	YOUNG BUDD	67	8			
404	WADE BENFER	23	1		247	LOWELLVILLE	16	1	239	LEASURE BLACKSTON	48	4			
405	CARL A GEIGER	64	4		301	AUSTINTOWN MEMORIAL	12	1	490	COMRADE WHITEHALL	59	3			
434	CAUFIELD	23	1		336	BRAKEMAN-KING	198	4	532	DON GENTILE	307	1			
447	EHRET-PARSEL	87	18		472	ROAD TO REMEMBRANCE	57	2	614	WILLIAM B SCHNUG MEMORIAL	73	3			
488	MCWHIRTER	25	1		506	HARRY LEES	39	3	797	GAHANNA	27	1			
503	GARRETT-RIEST	61	9		601	NORTH MADISON MEMORIAL	87	6	<b>DISTRICT 13</b>						
523	LODI	67	1		663	NEWBURY AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY	14	1	091	ALBERT E BAESEL	390	15			
527	COLVIN-DALE	61	2		678	WILLOWICK-EASTLAKE	47	1	196	BRECKSVILLE-EXCELSIOR	141	1			
535	IRVIN HISKEY	231	14		700	HOWLAND	32	1	304	GARFIELD HEIGHTS	47	12			
547	SCH-LOE-MAN	119	2		719	ORWELL MEMORIAL	42	5	309	MAPLE HEIGHTS	35	2			
659	BERLIN HEIGHTS	23	1		737	LAKE MILTON	178	5	343	EUCLID	76	10			
676	EUGENE HICKS	32	1		<b>DISTRICT 10</b>							421	CLIFTON	94	5
706	FIRELANDS MEMORIAL	35	2		033	ARGONNE	65	1	451	HENRY J MORGAN	45	1			
733	JAMES W SULLIVAN	113	1		034	CADIZ	49	2	469	THEODORE ROOSEVELT	22	1			
749	JEROME	50	1		044	CANTON	178	1	572	JOSEPH J JACUBIC	181	13			
<b>DISTRICT 6</b>					065	RALPH COURTRIGHT	83	1	610	BROOK PARK	250	11			
079	UNION	28	1		067	FOREST	49	2	627	TEDDY M ZIEJA	127	11			
085	LEVI PHILLIPS	228	9		068	WOOSTER	86	7	703	PARMA HEIGHTS	323	16			
092	LAWRENCE LIGHTNER	59	1		070	WELLSVILLE	67	2	738	FAIRVIEW	31	1			
097	JENKINS-VAUGHAN	49	6		086	ST. MIHIEL	91	6	<b>DISTRICT 14</b>						
105	MADISON MEMORIAL	106	1		131	JOE WILLIAMS	109	1	019	WENDELL L WILLKIE	49	8			
107	CPL JERRALD R. THOMPSON	16	4		147	WILBUR WELTY	43	2	175	ROGER MOORE	162	5			
162	BIRD-MCGINNIS	122	4		166	CHARLES C WEYBRECHT	98	2	209	AKRON	28	3			
201	JEFFERSON	19	1		192	HOLMES	121	4	272	JOHN FULTON	46	8			
254	JOHNSTOWN	38	2		204	COLONEL CHARLES M YOUNG	15	1	281	CHARLES FAUST	223	8			
368	VERNE I MOUNTS	60	2		221	MASSILLON	122	7	331	RAVENNA	177	10			
401	CALEDONIA	67	1		244	ISAAC L KINNEY	13	1	449	FIRESTONE MEMORIAL	106	16			
417	MT STERLING	63	10		274	DAVID WALKER	28	1	464	LEE-BISHOP	43	8			
500	JOE COCANOUR	13	1		282	FRANK E COOK	159	10	473	FRANK BENDER	34	5			
584	HAROLD L BRADLEY	185	3		290	BENJAMIN FIRESTONE	161	1	496	PORTAGE	156	6			
605	PORTER-SNYDER	44	1		351	MINGO JUNCTION	12	2	566	GARFIELD MEMORIAL	179	27			
650	JOSEPH COLOPY JR	20	1		374	ALFRED H WEDGEWOOD	100	2	674	WINDHAM	69	1			
710	MARENGO MEMORIAL	18	2		375	VALLEY	77	2	685	STREETSBORO	166	26			
754	E B RINEHART	12	1		407	D. W. M. D.	108	2	713	DEERFIELD	30	1			
764	HANOVER	22	3		428	CARROLL	12	1	803	CLARE EGGLESTON	28	5			