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President's Message ~ A Note From President Cindy

Cindy Masowick, Department President

Thank you for the support and confidence you have in me to be your 2022-2023 Department President.

I look forward to working with 1st Vice Jane Ridenour, 2nd Vice Louise Aigner, the DEC, and Chairman. I can't forget the Past Department Presidents as they have become great mentors the past couple of years. We will have a great year!

My theme for this coming year will be "ALA Batting for Veterans". Our Veterans needs us! With COVID still being a factor, we must find a way to get into the VA Hospitals to help with the needs of the In-Patient Residents. To have birthday parties, get them to baseball games and especially back into our Post homes.



We need to continue to support our Out-Patient Clinics, our Valor Homes, Fisher Houses and our Military and their families.

The 2022-2023 special project will be "Education". We must educate our youth as they are our future. Department has great scholarships available for members and non-members. I would love to double the amount of scholarships given this next year. We must promote these scholarships in our schools along with A & G Test and Buckeye Girls State.

Let's keep in mind this year to communicate, be kind and compassionate to your fellow members.



Ohio's 2022-2023 Department Officers



Cindy Masowick



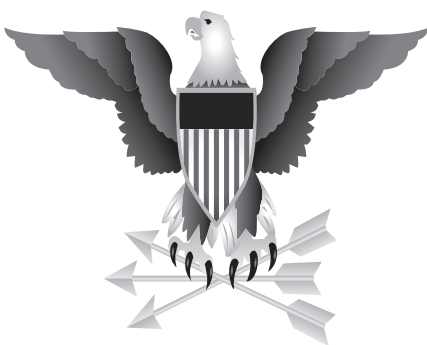
Jane Ridenour



Louise Aigner

**The 2022-2023
Department Officers
were elected during
Department Convention
in Cincinnati.**

**President Cindy Masowick,
1st Vice President Jane Ridenour,
and 2nd Vice President Louise Aigner.**



2022 District Fall Conference

District	Date	Reg. Time	Meeting Begins	City	Host Unit/Meeting Place	Hostess	Address & Directions	Guest Speaker	Lunch	Reserve By Date	Send Reserve. to	Address	Phone
1	10/1/22	8:30 AM	9:30 AM	Toledo, OH	Unit #553 Adams Township	Peggy Sherwood	206 S Byrne Rd, Toledo, OH 43615	Gwen Schroeder-Zulch	\$8.00	9/24/22	Peggy Sherwood	156 Roseanna Dr, Toledo, OH 43615	419-868-1464 or 419-386-7020 peggysherwoodhayes@yahoo.com
2	10/9/22	9:00 AM	10:00 AM	New Knoxville, OH	Unit #444 Washington	Deborah Schrolucke	241 N. Mill St., New Knoxville, OH 45871	Cindy Masowick	no charge	10/3/22	Deborah Schrolucke	05325 State Route 219, New Knoxville, OH 45871	419-733-2166 schroluc@nktelco.net
3	10/1/22	9:00 AM	10:00 AM	Tipp City, OH	Unit #586 Tipp City		377 N. 3rd St., Tipp City, OH 45371	Jane Ridenour					
4	10/9/22	12:00 PM	1:00 PM	Milford, OH	#450 Victor Stier	Leslie Williams	450 Victor Stier Dr, Milford, OH 45150	Jane Ridenour	light snacks	9/27/21	Marsha Giehls	118 Southwest St., Mason, OH 45040	513-398-6566 aux194@embarqmail.com
5	10/8/22	9:00 AM	10:00 AM	New London, OH	#292 Brome Wood	Nancy Longbrake	185 N Main St, New London, OH 44851	Cindy Masowick	\$6.00	10/1/22	Nancy Longbrake	169 New London Ave, New London, OH 44851	567-215-7386
6	10/2/22	9:00 AM	10:00 AM	Cardington, OH	#97 Jenkins-Vaughn Bradley	Audrey Leonard	307 Park St, Cardington, OH 43315	Cindy Masowick	Yes	No reservation required			
7	10/22/22	9:00 AM	10:00 AM	Portsmouth, OH	#471 Russell D. Williams	Royce Rays	950 Gallia St, Portsmouth, OH 45662	Louise Aigner	Yes	10/17/22	Beth Taylor	207 High St., Wheelersburg, OH 45694	740-250-3249 alaunit471@yahoo.com
8	TBA												
9	10/1/22	9:30 AM	10:00 AM	Conneaut, OH	Unit #151 Cowle Post	Renee Unruh	272 Broad St, Conneaut, OH 44030	Cindy Boehnlein	Yes	9/23/22	Susan Fratino	7565 Lambton St., Mentor, OH 44060	440-759-4961 sscoey17@gmail.com
10	10/5/22	9:00 AM	10:00 AM	Salineville, OH	#442 John Adams	Kay Bettis	51 W. Main St., Salineville, OH 43945	Cindy Masowick	\$7.00	9/27/22	Kelli Pastore	200 Lincoln St Ext, Salineville, OH 43945	330-429-660 kellipastore@yahoo.com
11	10/1/22	9:30 AM	10:00 AM	Martins Ferry, OH	#38 Martins Ferry	Jane Klug	221 Zane Hwy, Martins Ferry, OH 43935	Colleen Phillips	\$8.00	9/24/22	Attn. Tracy	American Legion Post 38 221 S Zane Hwy, Martins Ferry, OH 43935	740-310-7179
12	10/1/22	9:00 AM	10:00 AM	Westerville, OH	#171 Young Budd	Kim Mann	393 E. College Ave., Westerville, OH 43081	Vicky Buck	\$6.00	9/23/22	Kim Mann		614-262-2695 kim.mann.67@yahoo.com
13	10/2/22	11:30 AM	12:00 PM	Brook Park, OH	#610 Brook Park	Kristen McLaughlin	19944 Sheldon Rd, Brook Park, OH 44142	Jane Ridenour	\$6.00	9/25/22	Louise Aigner	6115 Smith Rd, Brook Park, OH 44142	216-337-4037 laigner109@yahoo.com
14	10/1/22	9:00 AM	10:00 AM	Cuyahoga Falls, OH	#281 Cuyahoga Falls	Dottie Allrutz	1601 Front St., Cuyahoga Falls, OH 44221	Louise Aigner	\$10.00	9/26/22	Dottie Allrutz	736 Eleanor Dr, Cuyahoga Falls, OH 44223	330-671-1882 dsja14@aol.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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Memorial Day

5/28/22 Dayton National Cemetery Grave Decorating Program with speakers SAL Detachment Commander Dennis Albright, Department President Colleen Phillips, American Legion 1st Vice Commander Brad Teis, and Chaplain Al Buxton.
Taking a picture is Past Dept. President Carol T. Robinson.

Department Secretary's Corner

by Vicky Buck

Interim
Department Secretary



Hello everyone!
Some things to remember as the new fiscal year begins – be sure to file your 990, read through the Plan of Actions that you will receive at School of Instructions, involve all your members when it comes to planning activities for the year, invite your Junior members to help with your planning and executing of activities. Don't forget that membership is what drives our programs. Encourage friends in your community to consider becoming a member of your Unit. New members may bring new ideas and energy to your Unit.

In the coming months, you will see some changes in our office. We will be utilizing more volunteers to help with lots of tasks around the office, such as pulling the bulk mailings, filing, copying, mailing, data entry, answering phones, etc. If you are willing to come to Department Headquarters in Zanesville, OH and help out 1-2 days a month, please send me an email with days that you might be available. I will put you on the list!!

Membership packets for the Units were mailed out the middle of July. If your Unit did not receive one, it could be that we do not have your Certification of Officers form that was due June 1, 2022. Without this form, your Unit will not receive important mailings that come from our office. If you did not complete this

form, do so now and return to Department Headquarters so you don't miss out on all the important stuff!

Information for School of Instructions will be coming to a Unit near you very soon. Be sure to follow the deadlines for getting your room reservations and registering for activities. President Cindy has some special things planned, so you don't want to miss out! We will be passing out the Department Plan of Actions to Unit Presidents, so be sure to get yours! Fall Conference schedule is also in this edition with date, locations, and times. Be sure to attend your Fall Conference to get the important information our Department Chairman gave the District Chairman to share with you. Bring a member that has never attended to both of these events!

For those that don't know, I will be working as the Interim Department Secretary to make sure that the day-to-day business gets completed. We have started the process to hire a replacement. Kelly Gibson, our former Department Secretary is no longer with us. She provided us with several years of service to our organization and we wish her the best in all her future endeavors.

Lastly, be sure to communicate with your Post and SAL officers. When you need help, they are usually ready and willing to help out. Zanesville Squadron #29 member David Dilts, also the Department SAL Detachment Vice Commander, came to Department Headquarters and replaced our tattered American Flag with a new one. In June when the U-Haul truck, loaded with Buckeye Girls State supplies, was unloaded by members of Squadron #29, David made mention that our flag looked a little tattered. He then came back on a Saturday morning and replaced our flag with a new one. What a way to do something nice for us! Kudos and thank you, David!

Vicky Buck
Interim Department Secretary

Membership

Jane Ridenour, 1st Vice President

We are going for the **GRAND SLAM** in Membership!! Let's make our way to the batter's box, get warmed up and surpass the awesome job Department of Ohio did in membership last year! At 97% in mid-July, I have every faith and confidence that we will step up to the plate and hit a home run and achieve 100% Department goal by the end of fiscal year 2023! Are you ready for the challenge? In addition to the incentives that will be spelled out in your Plan of

Action, I will be adding extra incentives for individual units. . .details of which will be announced at Fall School of Instruction. All it takes is all that you've got!! Never let good enough BE enough! Teamwork makes the dream work! United we recruit members, united we WIN!! **BATTER UP!!!!**



Public Relations

Louise Aigner, 2nd Vice President



First and foremost, I would like to thank you for having trust and faith in me to be your Department 2nd Vice President. I have grown up within this organization and I hope that I can bring some new ideas to it in order to get our existing membership re-ignited and to get new members into our organization. I want to use my experience that I have gained from my employment to bring technology to our meetings. We need to be able to reach out to the millennial age group and introduce ourselves. Let them know how we are here to support and assist them. We can do this by communicating.

Communication is the key to a successful unit, district, and Department. We can communicate in so many ways, phone calls, text messages, Facebook and most importantly NEWSLETTERS. Let's all put on our baseball caps and hit a home run with our newslet-

ters and publications this year.

To go along with our President Cindy Masowick's theme, I have chosen the title of my publications as "THE GUARDIAN TIMES". I hope to bring you insightful and useful tools that you may use to engage your membership. That will assist you in composing a fun and informative way of getting the message out to all. Keep in mind when you are putting together your newsletters that we are promoting who we are, what we do and why it matters.

Your first task I ask of each unit President and membership chairperson is to ensure that you have the correct addresses of all your members, make sure that they are receiving the national Auxiliary magazine and your newsletters. Please remember to include me in receiving your newsletters, my email address is laigner109@yahoo.com.

I am looking forward to reading about all of the wonderful things that are happening in the best department of the American Legion Auxiliary – OHIO.

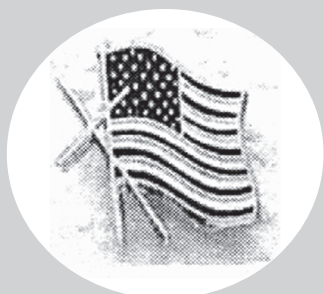
2022-2023 Themes

Dept. President Cindy Masowick's Department Theme
"ALA Batting for Veterans"

Department Membership Theme
"Grand Slam" in Membership - "United we recruit members, united we WIN!! BATTER UP!!"

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY Department of Ohio – Calendar of Events 2022-23

<p>August 26-1 National Convention - Wilwaukee, Wisconsin</p> <p>September 5 Labor Day - Office closed 11 Patriot Day 23 Department Finance Meeting Crowne Plaza, Columbus North 23 Department Executive Meeting Crowne Plaza, Columbus North 23-24 School of Instructions Crowne Plaza, Columbus North 24 Jr. Meeting - Crowne Plaza, Columbus North</p> <p>October 10 Columbus Day 15 Bulk Mail Due 15 Buckeye Messenger Articles Due 31 Halloween</p> <p>November 11 Veterans Day Holiday - Office Closed 24-25 Thanksgiving - Office Closed</p> <p>December 7 Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day 15 Bulk Mail Due 24 Christmas Eve</p>	<p>25 Christmas Day 31 New Year's Eve</p> <p>January 1 New Year's Day 15 Buckeye Messenger Articles Due 16 Martin Luther King Jr. Day - Office Closed TBD Finance Meeting TBD Dept. Executive Committee Meeting TBD Mid-Winter Conference</p> <p>February 14 Valentine's Day 15 Bulk Mail Due 20 President's Day - Office Closed 26-1 Washington DC Conference</p> <p>March TBD A&G Test Trip TBD Spring Budget Meeting - Dept. HQ, Zanesville TBD Finance Committee Meeting Post 83, Sandusky TBD Dept. Executive Committee Meeting Post 83, Sandusky TBD Poppy Shop Open House Ohio Veteran's Home, Sandusky TBD Junior Convention</p>	<p>April 7 Good Friday - Office Closed 9 Easter 15 Buckeye Messenger Articles Due 15 Bulk Mail Due</p> <p>May 6-9 DLNC - Indianapolis, IN 14 Mother's Day 20 Armed Forces Day 31 Memorial Day - Office Closed</p> <p>June 9 BGS Board Meeting - BGSU 11-16 Buckeye Girls State - Bowling Green State University 14 Flag Day 16 BGS Board Meeting - BGSU 18 Father's Day 29-1 Department Convention - Dayton, OH</p> <p>July 4 Independence Day - Office Closed 15 Book of Reports Articles Due 15 Buckeye Messenger Articles Due</p> <p>August 25-31 National Convention - Charlotte, NC</p>
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“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

<p>District 1 Dorothy Businger..... Unit 3 Marilyn Woodruff..... Unit 3 Carla Jarvis..... Unit 110 Barbara Hester Unit 265 Robin Schantz..... Unit 265 Marcille Eberle Unit 300 Bernice Elling..... Unit 300 Louise Fahringer..... Unit 300 Jo Funchion Unit 300 Joanne Shue Unit 320 Bernadine Smith Unit 338 Shannon McVey-Zimmerman... Unit 373 Geraldine Stobinski..... Unit 384 Mabel Bischoff..... Unit 454 Marian Darr..... Unit 468</p> <p>District 2 Nancy Kauffman..... Unit 173 Lucille Donaldson..... Unit 191 Marian Price..... Unit 217 Jeannette Quellhorst-Hoenie.. Unit 241 Lucille Scheer..... Unit 241</p>	<p>Mary Wenning..... Unit 470</p> <p>District 3 Lavonne Boitnott Unit 586 Norma Adkins..... Unit 586</p> <p>District 4 Judy Schnell Unit 179 Carol Kirby Unit 484 Donna Wahoff Unit 484</p> <p>District 5 Connie Tutko Unit 8 Dorothea Lehmann Unit 73 Patricia Faber..... Unit 118 Mary Algire Unit 257 Donna Cowell..... Unit 257 Pauline Milovanovic..... Unit 257 Brenda Welcel Unit 257</p> <p>District 6 Bobbie Fiant..... Unit 401 Phyllis Kiggans..... Unit 401 Lillie Long..... Unit 401</p> <p>District 7 PJ Brackney..... Unit 25</p>	<p>Maxine Haskins Unit 62 Kathy McKinnis..... Unit 62 Deborah Rose..... Unit 62 Deborah Turvy Unit 62 Judy Althouse..... Unit 757 Geraldine Bell Unit 757 Linda Selby Unit 757</p> <p>District 8 Carl Wilson..... Unit 21 Thelma Case..... Unit 371 Donna Gray Unit 371</p> <p>District 9 Gertrude Fulton Unit 7 Mildred Gray Unit 7 Theresa Linich..... Unit 7 Barbara Pierce Unit 103 Wanda Friedel..... Unit 214 Mildred McDaniel Unit 214 Josephine Ream..... Unit 214 Mary Hughes Unit 737</p> <p>District 10 Judy Yarosz..... Unit 86</p>	<p>Norma Humpu Unit 166 Cathy Herron..... Unit 431 Norma Ross Unit 431 Luann Cornish..... Unit 525 Shirla Spangler Unit 549</p> <p>District 11 Elizabeth Weber Unit 87 Arlene Winland..... Unit 87 Kathyrn Baugh..... Unit 366</p> <p>District 12 Bobbie Bryan Unit 532 Doris Edwards..... Unit 532 Betty Hite Unit 532</p> <p>District 13 Ruth Petrie..... Unit 91 Gail Shaver..... Unit 572</p> <p>District 14 Christine McHugh..... Unit 281 Betty Migyanko..... Unit 464 Judith Haney..... Unit 685 Chloela Basinais Unit 713</p>
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Junior President's Special Project

Alexis Terrell

Department Honorary Junior Department President 2022-2023

Hi! I am Alexis Terrell, this year's American Legion Auxiliary Honorary Junior Department President. I am 16 years old and a Junior in Barberton High School. I am involved in our color guard and our yearly musicals, as well as many other events. I have held all positions in my unit, Unit 566, and different positions in my district, District 14. I have been a member since I was around 5 or 6. I am eligible through my grandpa, Bob Carson, Past District 14 Commander. I have many goals to accomplish in the future, but for now I would like to announce my Honorary Junior Department President Project for 2022-2023. My project this year is called "Project Genie." "Project Genie" was created to fulfill the wish

lists for Ronald McDonald Housing Charities all around Ohio. To participate in this project all you need to do is donate in the project's name. You can donate online through the website, rmhc.org, donate in person, or donate through your district presidents. Alternative ways to donate can be learned by messaging me. The most important item needed currently is gift cards, specifically from Acme, ALDI, Target, Costco, Walmart, etc. Other top needed items are, Juice Boxes, house shoes, and body wash. For more information on my project, email me at lexiterrell4@gmail.com, or message me on Facebook @ Alexis Terrell.



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RONALD McDONALD HOUSE CHARITIES

OHIO AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY HONORARY DEPARTMENT JUNIOR PRESIDENT PROJECT

ALEXIS TERRELL POST 566

Be a Genie... Fulfill a wish!

How to Donate

The Genie Project Take your items to the house in your district and donate under my projects name. If you cant transport there, give your items to your district president. You can also donate online at rmhc.org

What to donate?
Gift cards, dinner donations, Juice boxes, body wash, etc. They really stress to donate gift cards, as that is a top priority item for them. A full wish list will be provided with flyer.

More Info
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rmhc.org

About the Ronald McDonald Houses
Ronald McDonald House Charities is an independent American nonprofit organization whose stated mission is to create, find, and support programs that directly improve the health and well-being of children.

American Legion Auxiliary Department Of Ohio SCHOOL OF INSTRUCTION September 23-24, 2022

Tentative Schedule

Thursday, September 22, 2022

7:30 – 9:30pm Finance Meeting Capital Room

Friday, September 23, 2022

12:00-9:00 pm HQ Office Open Capital Room

8:00-11:00 am Buckeye Girls State Board Cardinal Room

11:00 am-2:00 pm DEC meeting Cardinal Room

1:00-4:00 pm Leadership Workshop Salon B/C

2:00-4:00 pm District Chairman's meeting Salon E/F

4:15-5:30 pm Hospital Rep./Dep. Meeting w/Finance Salon B/C

6:00-9:00 pm Program Chairman Information Tables Foyer 2
available for members to visit

6:45-7:45 pm Breakout Session VA&R Ballroom

Breakout Session Children & Youth Salon B/C

Breakout Session Community Service Cardinal Room

8:00-9:00 pm Breakout Session Americanism Cardinal Room

Breakout Session Junior Activities

Salon B/C

Breakout Session Membership Ballroom

NO JUNIOR SESSION FRIDAY NIGHT – Juniors may be a part of Children & Youth on Friday night, to help put the C&Y bags together.

Saturday September 24, 2022

7:30-9:00 am HQ Office Open Capital Room

8:30 am-12:30 pm Junior Meeting Salon B/C

8:30 am-12:30 pm General Session Ballroom



RESERVATION INSTRUCTIONS - AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY

Reservations by Phone

Please call 614-885-1885 and select option #2. When making reservations please ask for the School Of Instruction and reference the 3 letter code SSI (School Of Instruction) to receive the group discounted rate of \$105.00 plus tax. The cut-off date is September 8, 2022.

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Department of Ohio School of Instruction LEADERSHIP TRAINING & WORKSHOP

SHARE COMMUNICATE BE THE SOLUTION

Department of Ohio Leadership Chairman Pam Bates will conduct a Leadership Training Session on Friday, September 23, 2022 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, 6500 Doubletree Plaza, Columbus, Ohio. Participants must pre-register and pre-pay through Department. (no exceptions)

The session will be from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm. No one will be admitted after the 1:00 start time.

The Registration fee is \$5.00. All Unit members are invited and encouraged to attend. We are limited to 50 participants, so we encourage people who wish to participate register and pay as soon as possible.

Please send the completed registration form with \$5.00 per person by September 16, 2022 to: American Legion Auxiliary, Department of Ohio, PO Box 2760, Zanesville, Ohio 43702-2760

Name _____ Phone _____ Email _____

Name _____ Phone _____ Email _____

Name _____ Phone _____ Email _____

Unit # _____ District # _____ Total registered _____ @ \$5.00 per = \$ _____

LEADERSHIP SOI WORKSHOP 2022-2023



Join us Friday, September 23, 2022
1pm to 4pm

TOPICS

- Mandi Rue Change is Good
- Michelle Zayakoswky Meeting Protocol & Parliamentary Procedures
- LET THE HUNT BEGIN Pam Bates, Diane Woerner & YOU

(Things you might bring for the hunt-bring the hard copy or download on your devices: 2021 Unit hand Guide; Department C&B; National Department Operations Guide)

★ THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT THE WORKSHOP PRIOR TO ATTENDING

(These were approved by the 2022 Department Convention delegation)

- Advanced registration with \$5 fee per attendee is MANDATORY & paid to the Department for the workshop. Deadline for registration and fee is September 16, 2022.
- Seating for attendees will be held at not more than 50 or less if determined by the facility.
- No walk ins will be accepted.
- The workshop doors will be closed at the designed start time, and no one will be allowed in after that time. BE ON TIME & PREREGISTERED.



2021-2022 Book of Reports

A Year to Remember Colleen, Department President

Thank You American Legion Auxiliary Angels for serving others! Special Thanks to all our Chairman, Vice Chairs, Hospital Reps and Deputies. You have continued to serve others even with Covid restrictions. You have shown all that you are each ALA Angels serving others.

Special thanks go out to our junior officers. It was so great to have my Granddaughter Evelyn Phillips serve as Junior President in my year. The junior officers are so special to have stepped up to present the POW/MIA program at our convention opening, thank you Alexis Terrell and Leila Underwood.

Buckeye Girls State was once again a special experience for our 444 girls. We need to thank each of the volunteers that made it possible and thank Gwen Schroeder-Zulch for a great job as BGS Director.

Extra special thanks go out to each and every Unit, Post, Squadron and individual who donated to my Special Project: *Military and Veterans Family Assistance*. It was so exciting to find out that you had given over \$22,290.00. This is such a great help for our Department. I was able to give 65 Certificates out to those who donated fifty dollars or more and what a special honor it was to receive a \$5,000.00 check from Unit 181 the project top donation. (Each year they hold a fundraiser a "Patriotic Dinner" and all proceed go to our Department Presidents Special Project.) Your Unit is awesome! We will now be able to help so many Military, Veterans, and their

families!

Department Convention had its challenges, but we made it through and what a special time we had to acknowledge all the hard work you and your Units have been doing. It was exciting! Great to see old friends and make new ones. Special thanks to Donna Ray our Convention Coordinator and Carol T Robinson who stepped in when Donna Ray had to be with her husband in the hospital.

What wonderful ladies you two are! Ohio is truly Blessed to have you two working in our great state! The Awards and Certificates are listed in this issue of the Buckeye Messenger; Congratulations to each of you!

I would be remiss if I failed to thank our office personnel for all the Hard work they have done this year



President Colleen Phillips pictured with Department Chaplain Sharon McClain and "First Dude" Timothy Phillips at Department Convention.

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A Year To Remember (Continued)

and continue to do. Your love for our organization can be seen through your dedication.

Congratulations to all the Department and District officers that were elected and are serving our wonderful organization this year.

Each of you are ALA Angels Serving Others!

Americanism

Mary Ann Dull, 21-22 Chairman

Americanism – It's not all about waving the flag, helping veterans in need, doing volunteer work for the church or community, teaching flag education or just flying your American flag every day – it's all of these things and more. Think about it – you do Americanism every day.

Americanism is not only a word, but it's a feeling buried deep in our hearts that we must continually work to release. How did we show patriotic spirit? This is how members of the Department of Ohio of the American Legion Auxiliary showed their patriotism in the community.

American flags were collected at the post home and were given to the local VFW when they conducted their flag-burning ceremony.

On Memorial Day, we publicly honored all the men and women who served our country and have given their greatest sacrifices. Auxiliary members helped place flags on the graves of deceased veterans for the Memorial Day observance. Auxiliary members served hotdogs and chips to the Scouts after they helped place the flags on the graves.

During their County Fair, members passed out American flags and set up a table display. The Americanism and Government test was administered at many schools. The tests are graded with help from Legionnaires, Auxiliary and Sons of the American Legion.

Auxiliary members worked the election polls. Members provide incentives to see that citizens are knowledgeable about candidates and issues.

POW/MIA tables are set up at the post homes. Members placed yellow ribbons outside to show support to those veterans currently serving. Members replaced outdoor light bulbs from white to green and leaving them on from dusk to dawn to show support to the veterans.

Members were active in the observance of patriotic holidays and attended veterans' programs at the post. Flying the flag at home, wearing American Legion Auxiliary apparel and an American flag pin and thanking veterans for their service are some simple ways we put American principles in practice every day.

With patriotism at an all-time high since September 11, 2001, it is increasing evident that education in regard to proper display of the flag is a primary need. Everyone takes an active role in promotion of Americanism. Americanism is respect to our flag. We set an example when rendering proper respect to the flag and when reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Department of Ohio unit members volunteered 181,020 hours towards Americanism and spent \$84,571.66 on Americanism projects.

Many members say, "I can't do that, or I don't know where to begin." But begin we must! It is everyone's responsibility to show their patriotism.

Our work is cut out for us, but if we put many hands together, we can reach for success. As auxiliary members, we are patriotic, foster a pride in American and are mindful of the price paid for freedoms we enjoy every day.

Many excellent entries were submitted for the Patricia Logan plaque. The Patricia Logan Plaque for the most outstanding program based on the annual report went to Emmet Mannix Unit 345, District 2, Marie Osterholt, chairman.

The Mary Walker Plaque presented to the unit that contributes the most money per capita to the Americanism and Government test fund went to Lowell D. Oberly Unit 667, District 10.

The Norma Frazier Plaques for the schools displaying the most outstanding Americanism program throughout the year went to: All American High School goes to Newark High School; and the All American Elementary School goes to McGuffey Elementary School, both sponsored by Levi Phillips Unit 85, District 6.

Americanism Essay Contest Winners

Class One: First Place, Cecilia Topp, sponsored by Minister Unit 387, District 2; Second Place, Skylar Eider, sponsored by William F. Helmke Unit 340, District 1; Third Place, Myra Hartings, sponsored by Levi Phillips Unit 85, District 6.

Class Two: First Place, Rowan Schnelle, sponsored by Minister Unit 387, District 2; Second Place, Jayke Williamson, sponsored by Levi Phillips Unit 85, District 6; Third Place, Nellayna Cooper, sponsored by Levi Phillips Unit 85, District 6.

Class Three: First Place, Kenneth Collins, sponsored by Lowell Unit 667, District 10.

Class Four: First Place, Gabriella Burford, sponsored by Levi Phillips Unit 85, District 6; Second Place, Jason Bartlett, sponsored by Levi Phillips Unit 85, District 6; Third Place, Jared Sherrard, sponsored by Levi Phillips Unit 85, District 6.

Class Five: First Place Kenzie Anderson, sponsored by Schnell-Westfall Unit 184, District 3; Second Place, Patience Stapleton, sponsored by Levi Phillips Unit 85, District 6; Third Place, Karlee Clark, sponsored by Levi Phillips Unit 85, District 6; Honorable Mention, Caleb Armentrout, sponsored by Schnell-Westfall Unit 184, District 3.

Auxiliary Emergency Fund

Pam Brenneman, 21-22 Chairman

What a fantastic year the Department of Ohio had. Over \$6,000.00 was donated by our units to this fund.

And our Units did some awesome fund raisers. They held raffles throughout the year, some even sold hearts and hung them in their Post Canteen. They held food stands at fairs and community picnics. One of our units holds a yearly golf tourna-

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ment and all the proceeds go to the Auxiliary Emergency Fund. Another unit along with their juniors collected items and monetary donations for the members of Post #26 in Mayfield, KY who lost everything to a disastrous tornado back in December. This unit also has a piggy bank that they set out at every meeting to collect change from the members. Another unit stated that they send in a donation in memory of a unit member that passes away. And most of the units just put it in their budgets.

The units stated that they share the information about the AEF through their monthly meetings, newsletters and Facebook pages.

As I informed our members the Auxiliary Emergency fund isn't just about our State. It is about every state. And with the horrible tornadoes and wildfires this past year, so many members need our help and assistance. As I tell them, every little bit helps. We never know when we might need that help and assistance.

Congratulations to Deborah Smith, District 3 the winner of the Ardith Cooper plaque for the highest donation to the Auxiliary Emergency Fund!

Buckeye Girls State

Gwen Schroeder-Zulch, 21-22 Director

2022 marked the 76th session of Buckeye Girls State. As with previous sessions, it was a remarkable success. On June 12th 474 young women were welcomed to the campus of the University of Mount Union in Alliance Ohio. University 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, Warner, Verbeke and Bates. 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 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 first was a visit by the Colonel of the Ohio State Highway Patrol—Colonel Richard Fambro.

We also thank each Unit and individual who financially supported BGS (\$1,871) and the Buckeye Girls State Endowment Fund (\$8,400). Buckeye Girls State Endowment Fund Certificates were handed out to forty-four units. The Buckeye Girls State Endowment Fund Plaque went to Ann Williams District 12 Young Budd Unit 171 for her generous donation of \$5000.00. These donations go to support the scholarships for Buckeye Girls State.

The top Buckeye Girls State reports went to Vicki Monroe—Unit 484 Mt. Washington (4th District) and Michelle Cossman—Unit 194—Mason (4th District). This chairperson received 115 Buckeye Girls State reports.

The Buckeye Girls State program not only instructs young women about the duties, privileges, rights, and responsibilities of good citizenship, but also changes their lives. I have talked with many parents and former participants who share the same story.

This Director would like to extend her personal thanks to the President Colleen, BGS Board of Directors and the entire 2022 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".

Next year 2023 we will move to the campus of Bowling Green State University for the 77th Session and we encourage auxiliary members to volunteer in any capacity.

Children & Youth

Deb Meyer, 21-22 Chairman

Patti Miller, 21-22 Vice Chairman

The units in the Department of Ohio were very busy this year tending to the children and youth of their communities. Many had to think out of the box with the covid pandemic that was still in the back of everyone's thoughts. Children's activities had to be scaled back but most units found a way to carry on activities as best they could. Many had Truck or Treat parties in the Post parking lots and some had drive-thru Christmas parties. As things opened up units had Easter egg hunts which for some included a visit from the Easter bunny.

Although many units could not get into their schools, the units helped where they could by collecting school supplies and necessary articles of warm clothing and backpacked for children who did not have those items. They gave snacks and gift cards for teachers to get items for their classrooms. Some worked with county children services providing backpacks and luggage so foster children would not have to transport the belongings in a garbage bag. Units gave to Angel Tree programs and sponsored needy families at Thanksgiving and Christmas with gifts and fixings for Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners.

Units supported the American Legion Children and Youth programs donating to the Child Welfare Fund, sponsoring and/or grading the Americanism and Government Test, and sending delegates to Buckeye Girls State.

Members help to support children by donating to national charities such as Ronald McDonalds House, St. Jude, and Make a Wish. Many watched children and grandchildren play ball, dance in recital, or perform in school plays, bank, and choir

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concerts. The members ate a lot of Girl Scout cookies and popped Boy Scout popcorn.

There was a disappointing total of 133 units sending reports to their District Chairman which gives the Department of Ohio a 36% reporting. Members gave a total of 35,196 hours to the Legion Family youth activities. A total of \$309,251.10 was spent by the units and members supporting 27,951 children and youth activities and/or donating to children's charities. The awards were as follows:

The winner of the Leta Zeller Plaque was Renee Kohl District 14 and the Miriam Junge Plaques for Best Overall went to Firestone Unit 449 in Akron. Streetsboro Unit 685 received a certificate for a report on three Children and Youth activities during the year.

Group I

District 2; Maria Stein Unit 571, Maria Stein
District 14; Akron Unit 209, Akron
District 11; Newton Unit 726, East Fultonha
District 4; Courts-Fussnecker Unit 367, Ripley

Group II

District 4; Mount Washington Unit 484, Cincinnati
District 5; Ehret Parsel Unit 447, Plymouth
District 13; Euclid Unit 343, Euclid
District 14; Wendell L. Willkie Unit 19, Akron
District 2; St. Henry Unit 648, St. Henry

Group III

District 14; Firestone Memorial Unit 449, Akron
District 14; Streetsboro Unit 685, Streetsboro
District 13; Teddy M Zieja Unit 627; Newburgh Height
District 7; Charles H. Eyre Unit 633,
District 2; Emmet Mannix Unit 345, Fort Recovery

Group IV

District 6; Levi Phillips Unit 85, Newark
District 14; Charles Faust Unit 281, Cuyahoga Falls
District 11; Russell Chadwick Unit 389, Beverly
District 12; Southway Unit 144, Columbus
District 13; Albert E. Baesel Unit 91, Berea
District 4; Joe Barr 194, Mason

Group V

District 3; Kettering Unit 598, Kettering

As a reminder the Department will be "Stuffing the Bag" at School of Instruction. Units are asked to collect comfort items such as stickers, small push toys, Legos, flags, patriotic dog tags, pins, bracelets, poppies, poppy seeds, hard candies and school supplies. These items can be brought to School of Instruction.

Cincinnati VA

Donna Ray, VAMC Chief Representative

Sue Whitham, Deputy Representative

This year the Cincinnati VA has had a lot of changes going on despite the covid pandemic.

Many renovations going on and when finished it will be beautiful. We now have Valet for Veterans coming into the hospital.

As for Sue and myself we have been very busy with new projects. We are working with patient affairs making service bags with a bottle of water, note pads, sanitizer, crackers, health bars, tissues. We made 110 bags up with the help of the Sons of The American Legion, Legionnaires, and Auxiliary members. These bags are given out to Veterans who come into the hospital and might be having a bad day. This shows how many people think of them each day. We then received 50 bags put together by Unit 203 in Kentucky.

Christmas Gifts and the MICHA, PTSD Gifts of socks, scarves, hats, gloves, puzzle books were given out to close to 385 Veterans. This was larger than the year before.

We are now taking care of 2 Hospice Closets with food for the families coming into seeing their Veterans.

We continue to put toiletry items and snacks in Dialysis, Hematology, MICU, SICU, 5th, 6th, and 7th floors. Making sure the women's clinic is taken care of with personal items and blankets and whatever they may need.

We did a Valentine Party with sandwiches, vegetable tray, fruit tray, cheesecakes, and Valentine's Day Cards.

We gave away two hundred camouflage flashlights, for Memorial Day and the Veterans loved them. We are now working on Veterans Day, Christmas, Salute to Veterans, Memorial Day, and Independence Day next year.

We are looking for more programs this coming year and to work with the Auxiliaries, Sons of the American Legion, and the American Legion. Thank you for all the donations.

Donna R. Ray, Chief Representative

Sue Whitham, Deputy Representative

Cleveland VA

Stephanie Beuck, Chief Representative

We have been volunteering at Wade Park for more than twenty years and have decided it is time to let someone else take over. My last day will be August 31st. This has been the hardest decision I have had to make.

The patients in the Towers still have many restrictions that they are dealing with. I asked a friend what he misses the most and he told me not being able to go on day

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trips. I was also told that the veterans enjoy watching the Guardians play baseball. I wanted to do something special for the veterans on behalf of the Auxiliary and asked two of the nurses if they thought the patients would like to receive baseball hats. The nurses said the veterans would love that. I handed out the hats and told the vets the hats were from the very generous ladies of the American Legion Auxiliary- Department of Ohio. I received many smiles, some tears, and lots of "thank-yous". One of the nurses who is also a member of the American Legion told me this is one of the best gifts they have ever received.

Voluntary Services told us we can start serving coffee to the patients coming to the V.A. for doctor appointments. There is a problem getting volunteers to return. Some are traveling, some are volunteering at other places, and many are still fearful of the Covid pandemic. I was only able to find two or three volunteers willing to return and only for two days a month.

I want to thank all of you for your continued support and generosity. We will miss you and our veterans.

God bless you and may God bless our veterans, now and forever!

Chalmers P. Wylie VA ACC

Cheryl Smith, Chief Representative

The Columbus VA facility continues to operate under strict guidelines from the Dept. of Veterans Affairs. Health checks are conducted daily upon entering. No open events, tours etc. are being held in the building. Events of over 50 people must be approved by the VA Secretary's Office unless it is held outside. Our Voluntary Service area has been renamed "Center for Development & Civic Engagement".

An active volunteer recruitment program continues and we have 114 "active" volunteers at this time. Staffing issues continue but new support staff is expected soon. Staff hopes to have a new "Coffee Service" available to our veterans in the near future. Desperate need for Golf Cart drivers and transport vans to assist our veterans. The Compassionate Contact Corps is growing. Our Suicide Prevention Program and workshop and the Domestic Abuse/Partner program is growing with inclusion of the LBGTQ+ services.

Funds from Dept. of Ohio have been distributed to support the VAVS snack cupboard. Juice, soda, water, sweet/salty snacks, cereal bars, peanuts etc are being distributed to veterans upon request.

Ass'd baby/toddler items were purchased in October to benefit our Women Veterans program. A survey furnished many needed ideas (both wants/wishes) for our veteran moms/dads. Pack-n-Play; high chairs, car seats, vaporizers, security sets/systems, safety and more items were provided. Women's Program Manager and staff held a "drive-thru" baby shower in early November for these families.

Thanksgiving Holiday meal boxes were delivered to our veterans patients thru the efforts of our many Social Workers. The Annual Holiday Party was held at the Columbus Zoo and Aquarium keeping with size/outdoor limitations.

The Salute To Veteran Patients was held the week of February 14th; each day veterans were greeted in the facility and given small gifts. A virtual concert was presented and many special groups visited including The OSU Cheerleaders and Brutus.

The Welcome Home Event was held on July 2nd at the Columbus Zoo and Aquarium; over 1000 veterans/family members attended.

Dr. Marc Cooperman, Chief of Staff/Acting Director has been named the new Columbus VA ACC Director.

Cheryl A. Smith

July 2022

Community Service

Becky Dippman, 21-22 Chairman

The Department of Ohio "American Legion Auxiliary Angels Serving Others" jumped into action and had a very successful year! Our Angels have fought the covid barriers and won the battles. Many communities in Ohio are now "shining with angelic light" as a direct result of our efforts.

Several Units participated in the ALA suggested days of service. Units held ceremonies for the 20th anniversary of the 911 terror attacks on our country. One Unit made September 11th their poppy day since covid was spreading too fast in May. They reported the best campaign ever held. Many Units participated in "Make A Difference Day," whether it was held in October, or another time, they had success stories to share. Two Units partnered together to collect relief items and monetary donations for the victims of December tornadoes in Kentucky. Approximately \$2,800.00 in food, supplies, homemade no-sew blankets, and dollars were delivered to Post #26 in Mayfield, Kentucky. It went directly to the Veterans from the Post who had lost everything. Other "Angels" donated, or participated in Wreaths Across America, cemetery clean ups, community center landscaping, mowing and cleanup of elderly neighbor's yards, and many more projects for their Make A Difference Days.

Veteran's Day was honored by nearly ¾ of the Units in our State. There were free meals with drive-through dinners, sit-down dinners, programs in communities, senior centers, and schools. Flags were lining sidewalks and buildings. Quilts of Valor were presented to Veterans.

We had Units participate in Martin Luther King Jr. Day of service, and National Volunteer week where community volunteers were recognized and given certificates of appreciation.

This year, Ohio started a Mental Health Initiative to address the need and help

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people with mental health issues. At the Fall School of Instructions, the Department Community Service Team presented information to Units encouraging them to take this back to their members and help with this nationwide problem. Several Units partnered with ADAMHS (Alcohol, Drug Addiction, and Mental Health Services) and Behavioral Connections in their communities to provide volunteers, assistance, or dollars for their needs. NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Health) was the benefactor of a fundraiser from one Unit. Some members attended Mental Health Awareness seminars online, then shared the information they received with both the Unit and Post members helping spread awareness. Two members raffled off a lottery ticket basket with a bottle of wine to enjoy while scratching. They raised \$350.00 for the Ohio ALA Military Family Assistance Fund earmarked for mental health. Another Unit held a race/walk in their community and proceeds went directly to Deepwood, a community mental health facility. Our "Angels" accepted the challenge and flew high with results.

Units donated to the Disaster Emergency Assistance Program to assist Veterans and their families in need. Other Units brought the information about this program to families in need and assisted them in the process of applying and receiving help.

Our "ALA Angels Serving Others" volunteered and donated to local food banks, pantries, churches, and schools with families in need. We had donors as well as volunteers with Meals on Wheels, senior citizen centers, libraries, domestic violence shelters, assisted living, and nursing home facilities, first responders-doctors, nurses, medical technicians, police, and fire departments, and many other community facilities and groups. While these angels were serving their communities, they wore their American Legion Auxiliary apparel to let the community know who they represented and how active the ALA is in their communities.

Many forms of advertising and communications were used to promote these projects and events. Interviews on radio and television as well as newspaper articles, social media posts, flyers and posters advertised these events. Table tents, or mini flyers were placed at Post and Unit events letting the community know what was coming up.

Ohio had members who served on local community boards, task forces, and committees. They shared the information from these groups with their Post and Unit, who then became involved in supporting these community events.

Here are some who benefited from ALA Units in Ohio: American Legion, Freedom, Fisher, and Valor Homes, Ronald McDonald House, Patches of Light, Wreaths Across America, Cancer Society, Lung Association, Leukemia/Lymphoma Society, Hospice, Humane and Historical Societies, United Way, Goodwill, Easter Seals, Helping Hands, Habitat for Humanity, Rotary and Elks Clubs, Moose Lodges, VFW's, Amvets, Behavioral Connections, ADAMHS, NAMI, Lion's, Athletic and Music Boosters, Red Cross, and many more!

Some of the activities for Community Service: Supplies were provided to food pantries, humane societies, schools, bible schools, elderly were taken to appointments, provided meals, and groceries were delivered. Variety of greeting cards were sent to thousands, random acts of kindness were paid forward, bingo, feather parties, quarter frenzies, block parties, ugly sweater contests, Halloween events, bloodmobiles, meals, and gifts to first responders, elderly and veterans, buddy checks, meet and greets, and baskets to shut ins.

Special Awards: Freedom Unit #183, D-1, Pemberville, was presented the **Anna Mae Beckley Plaque**. They compiled 14,452 hours of service, spent, and raised \$42,266.62 for the program. **The Mary Parker Plaque** was awarded to Unit #449, D-14, Firestone Memorial, Akron for planning, raising funds, and holding a Military Ball for the University of Akron Student Veterans of America. **The Spirit of Community Plaque** went to Albert E. Baesel Unit #91, D-13, Berea. They designed t-shirts to "Support the Blue" when one of their police officers was shot. These shirts were sold across the country and raised over \$33,000.00 to build a memorial at the Police Academy. **The Unit Caregiver of the Year Award** went to: Mary Ann Dull, Harry Higgins Unit #88, D-5, Ashland. Mary Ann has been instrumental in many community projects including the Wall of Honor at The Ashland County Fairgrounds. She spends 5 nights a week taking care of a 93-year-old Veteran with dementia so his wife can get some rest. She helps almost daily with her neighbor's laundry and lunches as well as taking care of her own disabled Veteran husband. Ohio has some mighty fine Angels!

Group 1 10-50 Members:

1st Place: Maria Stein Unit #571, D-2, Diane Pohlman- Chr., **2nd Place:** Akron Unit #209, D-14, Patricia Shipp, Chr., **3rd Place:** Leisure Blackston Unit #239, D-12, Cheryl Smith, Pr. **Honorable Mentions:** Henry J. Morgan Unit #451, D-13, Pat Falkenstein, Pr. Millersport Unit #637, D-8, Elizabeth Sanders, Pr., and Community Unit #279, Elmore, D-1, Sue Avers, Pres

Group 2 51-100 Members:

1st Place: Troy-Webster Unit #240, Luckey, D-1, Maxine Cross, Chr., **2nd Place:** Minster Unit #387, D-2, Karen Timmerman, Chr., **3rd Place:** Mt. Washington Unit #484, D-4, Lizanne Castle, Chr. **Honorable Mentions:** Ehret Parsel Unit #447, D-5, Deb Holloman, Chr., Luther Giffin Unit #14, D-7, Amanda Olaker, Chr., and Lowell D. Oberly Unit #667, D-10, Beth Toalston, Pr.

Group 3 101-200 Members:

1st Place: Freedom Unit #183, Pemberville, D-1, Kay Brueggemeier, Chr., **2nd Place:** Loveland Unit #256, D-4, Marge Hominy, Chr., **3rd Place:** Harry Higgins Unit #88, Ashland, D-5, Kayla Conway, Chr., **Honorable Mentions:** General Davie/Chappie James Unit #776, D-3, Juanita Ballard, Chr., Emmet Mannix Unit #345, Ft. Recovery, D-2, Kris Vogel, Chr., and Clifflin Unit #421, D-13, Diane Hall, Chr.

Group 4 201-400 Members:

1st Place: Albert E. Baesel Unit #91, Berea, D-13, Nancy Doult, Chr., **2nd Place:** Joe Barr Unit #194, Mason, D-4, Marsha Giehls, Chr., **3rd Place:** Levi Phillips Unit #85, D-6, Miriam Miller, Chr., **Honorable Mentions:** Elmer Johnson Unit #118, D-5, Christine Burman, Chr., Kerner-Slessor Unit #63, Ottawa, D-1, Pat Agner, Pr., and Russell Chadwick Unit #389, D-11, Heather Mahoney, Pr.

Ohio's American Legion Auxiliary "Angels Serving Others" provided 216,952 hours of service with \$721,666.50 spent and raised by 3,565 seniors and 242 juniors. Congratulations to all for their "Heavenly Accomplishments!"

Constitution & Bylaws

Carol T. Robinson, 21-22 Chairman

Thank you to the units who reported their progress. You made Ohio's report to National a breeze. I received a note from the National chairman stating she enjoyed reading the report, and it appears Ohio is keeping the units informed.

In September, each Unit was sent a plan of action explaining why it is necessary to have governing documents. Constitution and bylaws are the road map or blueprint to a successful organization if properly written, reviewed, and updated.

At the School of Instruction conference in September, this chairman used a skit to inform the members about governing documents. The skit was Here Comes the judge – Judge CTR. The scenario was a member filed charges against a unit president for not following the constitution and bylaws. It was fun and informative, hopefully, everyone understood the importance of structure and meeting procedures. Thank you to Linda Close, Susan Masten, and Deborah Smith for their starring role in this skit.

In January, at Mid-Winter Conference, this chairman did another skit as a follow-up called "Mediation." To show how things can turn around if members are informed about the Unit's constitution and bylaws. Think of it this way, what would a baseball team be like without rules? How many innings would there be? How many strikes would it take before the batter is out? Without rules, nobody would know how to play baseball. Rules tell us how and what to do so we can complete our mission.

I hope the monthly bulletins and quarterly articles for the Buckeye Messenger with little tidbits about the constitution and bylaws were helpful.

Units are encouraged to use the constitution and bylaws unit model as a guide in revising the unit constitution and bylaws. Each Unit is encouraged to have a current unit guidebook, national constitution, and bylaws, and department constitution and bylaws

This year, there will be a lengthy pre-con meeting at National Convention concerning the constitution and bylaws. Stay tuned as yours truly will provide information as I receive it.

Thank you to all members I had the privilege to communicate with through phone calls or emails. Your input or questions helped this chairman understand the units' needs and how I could better assist.

Dayton VA

Susan Masten, Chief Representative

The 2020-2021 year has definitely been filled with challenges. Since we started with everything shut down already by July, we were not seeing patients in our shop even though we were able to be in the shop a few days a month on Thursdays only. So that meant our crew was Maggie Wiley, Deputy; Jeanette Gearhart, Regular Volunteer and me, Susan Masten, Chief Rep.

We weren't able to have the 2nd Annual Baby Shower, or the Women's Stand Down in August, or the All-Veteran Stand Down in September.

But...I was asked to help with the Flu Shot Clinic. I worked 1-3 afternoons a week from the last week of September till the last week of October.

Covid cases were spiking in Montgomery County in December, so we were shut down again. But they did let me come back the 2nd week of December so we could do our Christmas Gift Shop. Poor Maggie got sick that week, but I never would have gotten it all done without the help of Jeanette, Carol T Robinson, VA Golf Cart Driver and Deborah Smith, our 3rd District President. We gave the patients in Building 410 a shopping bag of gifts including a hoodie with matching sweatpants. We also gave them box lunches and pop.

I got the call in January to come get my 1st vaccine so I could work in the Vaccine Clinic. Just before Easter I was contacted to help Voluntary Services get ready for the holiday by filling plastic eggs with candies and applying stickers. I did enough for Building 410 and for the Community Living Center (nursing home).

In April we were allowed to come back to our shop, still not seeing our veterans from Building 410. But we needed to time to clean, straighten, restock/reorganize everything in hopes that it will be soon.

May brought a phone call that Voluntary Services needed help again. And they immediately thought of the American Legion Auxiliary. The Community Living Center has a canteen for the patients. But it has been closed for the last year and a half. They wanted to get it opened and staffed again. Staff pitched in to clean the space and make sure the refrigerator worked. It's been stocked and decorated. And beginning June 29 the canteen had a grand opening with the ALA volunteers, Maggie and me, and a rotation of others as needed, serving the patients and getting to visit with them.

Now if we could just get our shop back to operating 2-days a week AND get to see our Veterans there. Our last VAVS zoom call, they said patient activities will resume soon.

Education

Diann Long, 21-22 Chairman

“Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world.” — Nelson Mandela. You took those words to heart and found many creative ways to support students and show appreciation for educators and school staff.

Members assisted students from preschool to those furthering their education long after high school graduation.

Preschools were the recipients of clothing, books, art materials, and classroom supplies.

Units reported donations in excess of \$8,000.00 to the ‘Give 10 to Education’ program. In addition to these school supplies, donations of clothing for children who might have an accident at school were given when requested. Most schools in Ohio had returned to in person learning and the requests for sanitizing wipes and hand sanitizer were fulfilled by unit members. Units gave funds or donations of goods in coordination with other local organizations providing backpacks filled with school supplies to homeless children or those with financial need.

Box Tops for Education were clipped or scanned to support area schools. Members assisted in fundraising for or made donations to school music programs, athletic teams, JROTC and other school programs that enhance students learning.

One unit attends their high schools Armed Forces Signing Day program in support of those students who will be entering the military. This is an event that other units may want to consider if their local high school has the ceremony.

Veterans on Campus enjoyed luncheons provided by units in addition to funds given to assist with non-tuition expenses.

While many schools were closed to visitors, some veteran interviews were conducted. One unit compiled the interviews into a book.

While assisting students was a priority, those who support students in the education process were never forgotten. During National Education Week, members delivered donuts, cookies, goodie bags, gift cards, and thank you cards to educators, office staff, bus drivers, and custodians. In recognition of Teacher Appreciation Week, units provided lunches and small gifts to classroom teachers and aides.

Units reported presenting 71 scholarships to local students. These included graduating seniors and non-traditional students. Their combined value exceeded \$30,000.00.

The Department gave 6 Continuing Education scholarships and 2 Department Presidents scholarships. **The winners and their sponsoring units were:**

Sydney Bennington – University of Pittsburg – Unit 33/District 10

Marie Ewing – Huntington University – Unit 184/District 3

Megan Johnson – Walsh University – Unit 685/District 14

Sarah Lipscomb – University of Findlay – Unit 181/District 5

Isabella Paratore – Kent State University – Unit 685/District 14

Joel Wargo – Kent State University – Unit 685/District 14

Department President’s Scholarships

Winner - \$1,500.00 Scholarship

Kyle Low - Sponsored by: Unit 43 / District 3

Winner - \$1,000.00 Scholarship

Blake Eickholt - Sponsored by: Unit 63 / District 1

All applications for the ‘Children of Warriors National Presidents’ Scholarship’, ‘Spirit of Youth Scholarship’ and ‘Junior Member Loyalty Scholarship’ were judged and forwarded.

Those selected were:

Children of Warriors National President’ Scholarship

Kevin Partington

Spirit of Youth Scholarship

Samantha Stewart

Sponsored by: Freedom Unit 183

Junior Member Loyalty Scholarship

Nancy Lipscomb

Sponsored by: Colonel Crawford Unit 181

Non-Traditional Students Scholarship

No applications that were complete were submitted.

Samantha Stewart was selected as a National winner. Congratulations!

Members have worked extremely hard this past year to help all students receive the education they need to advance in this changing world. Providing both students and educators with the tools that they need to succeed is an ongoing program that never takes a summer vacation.

The winner of the Agnes Merritt Plaque for the Most Outstanding Overall Education Programs is Lowell D. Oberly Unit 667, Beth Toalston, chairperson.

The winner of the Betty Robaszkievicz Plaque for the Unit contributing the largest monetary donation to the Department of Ohio Education Fund is Lowell D. Oberly Unit 667.

Historian

Dayna Beyer, 21-22 Chairman

Hark! I hear the ALA Ohio Angels Serving Others in 2021-2022! It was a year of Caring for the Caregiver, placing an emphasis on our members caring for their loved ones including veterans, spouses, children, and their siblings. Most definitely a year that has had its trials and tribulations as we saw our participation of members decrease due to economic and health issues on the rise.

We also saw our members needing personal care both due to medical and health issues, loss of a loved one or loss of income. Units came to the aid of their own members with fundraisers, meals being made, and errands being run. Even with these reports, members continued to serve others following along the mission set before

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them. It was important to compare and analyze our numbers from last to this year.

	2020-2021	2021-2022
Senior History Reports	97	119
Junior History Reports	5	2
Total Volunteers:	1237	2376
Total Juniors:	140	160
Total Hours:	56,812	38,840
Patriotic Events:	585	325
Dollars spent:	\$58,698.27	\$141,188.09
Dollars raised:	\$55,289.59	\$77,585.55
Narratives:	63	59
History Books:	17	15
Scrapbooks:	13	13
Our Best Overall Senior History Winner:	Joe Barr Unit 194, District 4	
Jennifer Shepherd	Plaque & ALA Brand Heart Earrings & Pendant	
Our Best Overall Junior History Winner	Ehret Parsel Unit 447, District 5	
Kristy Yeager	Certificate & ALA Poppy Earrings & Pendant	

There was an increase in how many reports received overall, however, the number of declining volunteer hours was significant. 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. We were up in senior reports by 22, however, down 4 by actual narratives. There was more emphasis on creativity in scrapbooks.

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.

Congratulations to our free drawing incentive award winners, both are District Presidents –

Mid-Winter: Mindi Rue, Unit 541 District 1 Personalized ALA Coffee Mug
Annual: Louise Aigner, Unit 610 District 13 ALA Brand Heart Earrings & Pendant

Join me in congratulating the 119 Senior and 2 Junior history submissions, which area categorized by district. I have listed those that received an Excellence rating.

District	President	Total History Submissions:	Units
District 1	President Mindi Rue	Total History Submissions: 16	Units
63	Kerner Slusser	Patricia Agner	Excellence
183	Freedom Pemberville	Sandra M. Miesmer	Excellence
240	Troy Webster	Jennifer Durbin	Excellence
279	Community	Susan Avers	Excellence
340	William F. Helmke	R. Susan Junge	Excellence
District 2	President Shirley Maurer	Total History Submissions: 11	
345	Emmet Mannix Ft Recovery	Janet Rindler	Excellence
571	Maria Stein	Delores Schlarman	Excellence
District 3	President Deborah Smith	Total History Submissions: 8	
170	Buckeye	Bernadine Niekamp	Excellence
776	General Chappie James	Patricia Taylor	Excellence
District 4	President Marsha Giehls	Total History Submissions: 11	
49	Wilmington Veterans	Mary Conger	Excellence
194	Joe Barr	Jennifer Shepherd	BEST OVERALL PLAQUE
District 5	President Deb Sutterlin	Total History Submission: 14	
88	Harry Higgins	Mary Ann Dull	Excellence
170	Wadsworth	Jane Fenton King	Excellence
181	Colonel Crawford	Alice Teynor	Excellence
447	Ehret Parsel	Jane Yeager	Excellence
District 6	President Rebecca Long	Total History Submissions: 6	
85	Levi Phillips	Lois Singleton	Excellence
District 7	President Sandy Grooms	Total History Submissions: 6	
14	Luther Griffin	Kathy Knisley	Excellence
District 8	President April Ice	Total History Submissions: 2	
39	Drew Webster	Kathryn Johnson	Excellence
District 9	President Louise “Lulu” Cichon	Total History Submissions: 7	
214	Palmer-Roberts	Shirley Raleigh	Excellence
District 10	President Ruby Witherow	Total History Submissions: 7	
190	Ft. Laurens	Karen McFadden	Excellence
667	Lowell D. Oberly	Beth Toalston	Excellence
District 11	President Carole Sowards	Total History Submissions: 7	
399	Dresden	Mindy KromenBitter	Excellence
District 12	President Vicky Dalton	Total History Submissions: 6	
797	Gahanna	Maggie Glasgow	Excellence
District 13	President Louise Aigner	Total history Submissions: 9	
343	Euclid	Mary Lou Jost	Excellence
421	Clifton Fairview	Cynthia Boehnlein	Excellence
District 14	President Renee Kohl	Total History Submissions: 9	
685	Streetsboro	Cindy Masowick	Excellence
Juniors Total History Submissions: 2			
District 2	Unit 571 Laney Greenwood	History & Scrapbook	Excellence
District 5	Unit 447 Kristi Yeager	History & Scrapbook	BEST OVERALL
District History Submission: 1			
District 13	Historian: Cynthia Boehnlein	District President:	Louise Aigner
	Mistress of Ceremonies:	Kristen McLaughlin	

Congratulations to our BEST OVERALL HISTORY that goes to Senior Auxiliary

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Historian Jennifer Shepherd of Joe Barr Unit 194, and Junior member Kristy Yeager of Ehret Parsel Unit 447!

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 continues. Written narrative of your year of events and activities and your 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 your events, be ready with your camera, notepad, and pen as you never know when history will be passing in front of you!

For God and Country & eager to serve,
Mrs. Dayna Beyer, Department Historian
mrsdaynabeyer@gmail.com

VA Hospital 21-22

Linda Close, VA Hospital Director

Although the past year has been difficult, due to COVID -19, pandemic and lock downs, the hospital representatives are to be commended for their efforts to continue the donations to our veterans in the VA facilities. The good news is that our hospitals are finally starting to open up and restart some of their activities.

President Colleen and I were able to make one hospital visit this year to the Ohio Veteran's Home in Sandusky. We enjoyed a nice dinner in Sandusky, spent the night at the hospital and ate breakfast there before beginning our tour. Although part of the tour was closed due to remodeling construction and a couple wings of active COVID, we did have a lovely visit and were able to tour much of the facility. The peacocks were out that day and many displayed their open plumage, allowing us to capture some great pictures. It was such a joy to see many of my old friends and I look forward to BINGO starting up again.

I am very hopeful that I can schedule hospital visits once again and will be in contact with our excellent Representatives to keep me updated on the changes. President Cindy is definitely looking forward to these visits.

We are in great need for Hospital Representatives and volunteers. Pam Brenneman will be taking over duties for Vi Grzybowski and Stephanie Beuck is retiring from Cleveland Wade Park due to health of her husband and herself. If you are interested in filling this position, please contact me Linda Close, at 419-989-1180 to discuss.

Once again thank-you to all the Representatives, Deputies, and volunteers for your support throughout the past year. I know your support never wavered and I am sure your donations will increase as the facilities open back up. Our veterans truly need our support and donations, so please hold a fundraiser, and invite me to attend. I will come and I promise to work your event, wherever needed.

I look forward to working with each of you and getting to know more of these wonderful veterans at each facility. I am truly blessed to hold this position and represent such a fine organization. Thank you all.

Linda Close,
Hospital Director
Department of Ohio

Junior Activities

Michelle Zayakosky, 21-22 Chairman

Department of Ohio Juniors continue to serve our Veterans, showing who we are and why we matter! From passing out poppies to making crafts and cards for our Veterans, they were in communities and churches in their Auxiliary attire this past year. Helping at fish fries, Friday night dinners, bingo events, pancake breakfasts, spaghetti dinners and Mother's/Father's Day brunches is common. Juniors help set up, decorate, greet, serve, and clean up.

Our Units involved Juniors in so many creative ways to raise money for their Veteran programs! Including selling poinsettias, Christmas cactus, partnering with a local cupcake shop, bake sales, silent auctions, basket auctions, toy bingo, create a bowl, create a plate, popcorn, flamingos, and carnivals, to name a few. Accepting donations in sock, sheet, card, diaper, and candy drives. One district has a 'Caring Coins Project' where coins were requested as donations and used to assemble caring bags for Veterans and senior citizens.

Many Units throughout the state participated in Honorary Department Junior President Evelyn's special project by collecting hats, gloves, scarves, socks and making no-sew blankets. We made 22 no-sew blankets at School of Instruction and created 67 bags including blankets at Mid-Winter.

Our Junior member of the year, Kristi Yeager is an awesome example of a future leader in this organization. As Honorary 5th District Junior President, she chose to raise money for a WhisperGLIDE Wheelchair Accessible for the Ohio Veterans Home in Sandusky. This chair allows the veteran in a wheelchair to sit on one side while family or friends sit on the other side, all swinging in shade.

We closed out the year in Belleville at the Junior Convention on April 30. Please join me in congratulating 2022-2023 Honorary Junior Department President Alexis Terrell and Honorary Junior Vice President Lila Underwood. We wish them a successful year!



Leadership

Pamela Bates, 21-22 Chairman

When receiving the leadership reports for this year, it was a little disappointing as the reports decreased. I know that there are AWESOME LEADERS out there. I just need you to report. I speculate the decrease was attributed to: (1) not yet understanding the NEW Key Program Statement format with objectives and key steps and (2) some units are still not at 100% capability. Those that did report met the challenges by using social media; in person meetings with rules; meetings using zoom; fundraisers to support programs; reviewed the governing documents with new and seasoned members and taking the ALA Academy, Webinar and Mission Training courses. LEADERSHIP takes time, planning, effort, volunteers to follow through. CONGRATULTIONS FOR ALL YOU who kept the ALA mission alive and thriving.

This year's program provided slide show presentations, monthly leadership bulletins, online courses on topics like: finance; importance of Standing Rules, Policies and Procedures; working together as a cohesive group; 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 and www.alaforveterans.org for online courses. These were all "tools" available this year for members.

Ohio members should too be proud of what was accomplished in leadership this year...from the Unit to the District to the Department. You proved that "being the solution" started by setting examples and promoting and implementing activities in leadership to meet goals and make your unit successful.

DIST.	UNIT #	SUBMITTED BY	CERT TITLE	AWARD
1	183	Anne Michel	SUPERB PARTICIPATION	2ND
1	240	Becky Dippman	STELLAR PARTICIPATION	HM
1	279	Sue Avers	STELLAR PARTICIPATION	HM
1	468	Evelyn Navarre	STELLAR PARTICIPATION	HM
2	571	Martha Jane Luebke	STELLAR PARTICIPATION	HM
3	174	Audrey Subler	STELLAR PARTICIPATION	HM
4	256	Jennifer Walker	SUPERB PARTICIPATION	3RD
5	118	Donna Bruner	STELLAR PARTICIPATION	HM
5	181	Loretta Sue Adams	UNIT MEMBER OF THE YR	
7	14	Tammy Wagoner	STELLAR PARTICIPATION	HM
8	283	Wendy Robertson	STELLAR PARTICIPATION	HM
12	144	Vicky Dalton	STELLAR PARTICIPATION	HM
13	91	Marianna Peris	STELLAR PARTICIPATION	HM
14	449	Karen Peel	SUPERB PARTICIPATION	1ST
14	449	Karen Peel	Most Outstanding Unit Leadership Report	

Legislative

Cindy Boehnlein, 21-22 Chairman

Ohio has really stepped it up with the Legion's grassroots campaigns through the legion.org/legislative - Action Center. Our Angels received 60 Certificates for letters sent to/or received from their representatives. This was 39 more than last year. 9 Certificates of Excellence were awarded to Units that went above and beyond for the American Legion Priorities. 82 Units sent in valid reports and sadly 19 Units sent invalid or blank reports.

Ohio's Angels advocate for our Veterans and Military also by writing, calling, and attending town hall meetings, either in person or teleconferencing. A letter writing campaign was reported by 3 Units to save the Chillicothe VA. We had 4 members participate as contacts to their Congressional Reps. We put a face to our cause and got results. 200 members were signed up for the Legislative Alerts. 367 members were using the Action Center, wrote, called, or separately emailed Reps. A total of 552 copies of letters sent, were included with the reports. We also had 27 members working 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 viewed the "How to Use the Action Center" PowerPoint, one Unit involved their Juniors and participated with 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 hold dinners in their honor, and "They Sacrificed for Us" radio show.

Our increased participation in using the Legislative Action Center pushed Ohio into second place for most messages sent for S.544 Buddy Check Week. This was specifically mentioned at the National Washington DC Legislative meeting, as the first time that Ohio has made the list. We also did well with H.R.3967 Honoring our PACT Act of 2021. Ohio was holding 5th and 6th place, over the last 3 months, out of all 50 states! Hopefully by the time you read this, the PACT Act will be on the President's desk.

The Emma McBane Plaque winner was District 1, Freedom Unit 183, Gwenda Schroeder-Zulch chairman.

The winner of the Poppy jewelry set for sending in pictures with their congressman was District 6, Lois Singleton of Levi Phillips Unit 85.

The Poppy Bracelet winner for sending in copies of letters was District 9, Diane Woerner, Palmer Roberts Unit 214.

"Vote for Mini (Mouse)" book for the ALA Legislative Ohio Facebook drawing was District 6, Rebecca Long, Johnstown Unit 254.

Our work continues. There are so many more contacts we need to make. Legislation enhances lives and saves lives!

Membership

Cindy Masowick, 1st Vice President

As of the 7/7/22 Membership we have 2-goal Districts. Congratulations to Carole Sowards and District 11 and to Deb Sutterlin and District 5. We have several Districts that still can meet goal

As a Department we are 96.8510%. We need 1088 members to make Department goal.

I only received 120 membership reports. I was a little disappointed by this since membership is an important part of our organization. Our Units reported that use word of mouth, emails, joint newsletters, and mail out reminder cards to notify members that membership cards were available. They kept members informed with post/unit functions and community activities. They used event flyers, emails, joint newsletters, social media, post websites and newspapers to keep their communities and members updated.

Incentive Winners are as follows:

Membership Incentive #4: \$50.00 to the District President who sells the most membership pins. Incentive goes to Marsha Giehls, District 4 President with the help from Donna Ray.

Membership Incentive #5: \$50.00 to the Highest Increase in Junior Membership. Incentive goes to District 1, Adams Township Unit 553.

Membership Incentive #8: A gift given to the Unit Chairman who signed up the most Male Spouses. The gift goes to District 1, Murbach-Siefert Unit 479. They signed up 2-male spouses. We as a Department signed up 16 male spouses this year.

Plaque Winners are as follows:

Jane Bates Membership Award: Unit with the Highest Numerical Increase over goal goes to District 5, Avon Lake Unit 211.

Patricia Riley Membership Award: Unit with 2nd Highest Numerical Increase over goal goes to District 11, Zanesville Unit 29.

Doris Kilgore Membership Award: Unit with the Highest Percentage of Membership over goal goes to District 4, Hyde Park-Mount Lookout Unit 744.

Jackie Bayer Membership Award: Unit with the Most New Members per capita (New members divided by goal) goes to District 9, Lowellville Unit 247.

Drawings: For Goal Units

1st Drawing for \$75.00 - District 12, Unit 797

2nd Drawing for \$50.00 - District 9, Unit 601

3rd Drawing for \$25.00 - District 14, Unit 713

Congratulations to all winners. Ohio Angels Working Membership for the Red, White, and Blue!

National Security

Gloria Verbeke, 21-22 Chairman

With the Covid 19 viruses still creating a problem in many of our Units, they are continuing to have problems coping and getting their members out. We only had 89 out of 376 Units that reported. A few highlights were, 56 blood drives were held, or worked at; with 1,406 pints of blood and 18 plasmas collected. Six Units held Welcome Home events plus two sendoff events. Twenty-two Units reported having Military Appreciation evenings. Thirteen Units reported clipping 200,164 coupons totaling \$300,695.47. Twenty-Two Units reported helping and donating to Wreaths across America.

Special mention of several units that went to their schools and asked students for help in singing Christmas Cards to be put in the Care Boxes to Deployed Troops; and help decorating cookies to be sent along with Thank You card for what they are doing for our country.

One Unit uses 100 Miles for Hope, a National program, a campaign to raise funds for their Unit's programs. Units are contacting their local Military Family Support organizations letting them know about our Military Family Assistance Fund; to promote our message.

Certificates of Appreciation were given to the members of each membership group within the Districts and gifts were given to each District President.

The winner of the Avonelle Clinger Plaque was Unit 240 Troy Webster District 1. 2nd Place Freedom Unit 183; 3rd Place District 2 St Henry Unit 648; 4th Place District 11, Russel Chadwick, Unit 389; 5th Place District 13 Albert E. Basel Unit 81. The Phyllis Nickoson Plaque went to District 1 with 17 Units reporting, Mindi Rue District President.

Statewide totals:

Volunteers 1,276 Senior Unit and 73 Junior members

Hours 16,166 with Dollars raised \$21,187.32

Total Events held 249

Not bad for our Units attempting to overcome the pandemic.

Remember, National Security is the reporting of our Active-Duty Military, their families, and our security for our nation. So please keep trying.

Gloria Verbeke Department of Ohio Chairman



Ohio Veterans Home

Sandusky, Ohio

Denise Bossetti, Chief Representative

Nanette Peters, Deputy Representative

Another year has passed, and we are still waiting for the all-clear from the OVH. Currently, there are over 40 cases of Covid; not sure what strain of Covid it is. Every time we think they are ready to let us return to start Bingo sessions, another outbreak occurs. Their hope at the OVH is that it could be August or September, and we can resume Bingo.

As of July 19, 2022, an email received stated that on Thursday, August 4, 2022, at 1:00 PM in the Seacrest Auditorium, Barefoot (Jake) McCoy will be playing for our Veteran's enjoyment. Jake plays the guitar, sings, and plays the drum with his foot. The performance should last approximately 1-1 1/2 hours, after the entertainment refreshments are served.

We are pleased to hear that the Veterans are being treated to an incredible live show to boost their spirits. As soon as we get the full speed ahead command, we can start scheduling and resume Bingos.

It has been a very long wait for the Veterans and the Volunteers, but hopefully not much longer. We certainly miss the Veterans more than words can say.

Poppy

Susan Schofield Fratino, 21-22 Chairman

This year continued to be a struggle for many units. Seven units turned in reports stating that nothing was completed for the Poppy Program this year due to the pandemic. However, a total of one hundred and twenty-five reports were received.

This year a total of 57,080 poppies were distributed throughout the state, and a total of \$123,126 was collected by units. A total of 1,200 senior members and 99 junior members assisted in making the Poppy Program a success this year.

Four units reported they participated in National Poppy Chairman Sallie Rossman's National Poppy Challenge to place a poppy in the window of every veteran.

Four beautiful Poppy Posters were submitted and sent on to National. What talented young ladies we have in Ohio!!

The Shelley Riggs Plaque is presented to the unit submitting the best all around Poppy Program based on a scrapbook. This year the recipient of the Shelley Riggs Plaque is Unit 240, Troy-Webster and the Chairman is Jill Bixler.

Runner Up for the Shelley Riggs Plaque are:

2nd place: Streetsboro, Unit 685 and 3rd place: Freedom, Unit 183

Poppy Poster Winners:

1st Place, Class I: Emma Harper, Unit 503

1st Place, Class III: Makaylah Giesige, Unit 340

1st Place, Class IV: Molly Betz, Unit 667

1st Place, Class VI: Samantha Altman, Unit 535

Thank you all for all your hard work this year, and all you do to support the Poppy Program.

Public Relations

Jane Ridenour, 21-22 Chairman

From Zoom to Facebook to Twitter, Instagram and even Snapchat! Text, email, radio, newspapers, magazines, flyers, newsletters and even old-fashioned mail and phone calls...these are the ways units communicated not only between themselves but with the public letting them know of events they were participating in and/or hosting. You truly exemplified the phrase, "communication is key!" Give yourselves a standing ovation!! Members across the state shared the activities of their unit within their communities showing the public just what the mission of the American Legion Auxiliary is all about. Job well done! I received 119 reports and here are the results of the judging.

Doris Wainwright Plaque: 1st Place: Troy-Webster, Unit 240, Becky Dippman, Chairman, 2nd Place: Harry Higgins, Unit 88, Mary Ann Dull, Chairman, 3rd Place: Maria Stein, Unit 572, Marilyn Holdheide, Chairman, Honorable Mention: Blennerhasset Unit 495, Evelyn Atha, Chairman, Victory Unit 260, Paula Karr, Chairman, Russell Chadwick, Unit 389, Leeann Stan, Chairman.

Nancy Sallot Plaque: 1st Place: Palmer-Roberts, Unit 214, Diane Woerner, Chairman,

2nd Place: Troy-Webster, Unit 240, Becky Dippman, Chairman, 3rd Place: Levi Phillips, Unit 85, Miriam Miller, President.

Anne Eshelman Plaque: 1st Place: District 4, Marsha Giehls, President, 2nd Place: District 14, Renee Kohl, President.

Unit Newsletter Award: 1st Place: Joe Barr, Unit 194, Marsha Giehls, Chairman,



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2nd Place: Teddy M. Zieja, Unit 627, Michelle Bolin, Chairman, 3rd Place: Wendell L. Willkie, Unit 19, Michele Sandridge, Chairman, Honorable Mention: Beallsville Legion Auxiliary, Unit 768, Lisa Jo Snodgrass, Chairman, Kerner Slusser, Unit 62, Darlene Hanneman, Chairman.

Two nominations were sent for National's Brand Ambassador Award: Kimberly Bunch, Teddy M. Zieja Unit 627, and Dayna Beyer, Bellville Unit 535.

Toledo VA CBOC

Vi Grzybowski, VAVS Representative

Time has gone so fast with all the changes at the Toledo VA CBOC. I go there and don't know half of the staff. There has been a huge change over in staffing due to covid, retirement, promotions within the system and what-ever. Veterans are the same..... but the county drivers are relatively new. I know personally two drivers we loved to see bring in the veterans from their counties but now we have a replacement. Why?...these drivers passed away from contracting the virus from sicker veterans and they couldn't fight it. So sad.

We had to scrub the voluntary services lounge from top to bottom, had the coffee machine sanitized to make sure no over carrying contaminants. We are up and running with a very limited-service hours and number of persons in room to service the "few" veterans that come in each day. The favorite are still the cookies, warm from the oven, the hot coffee served with a smile but most of all the familiar faces who are there to assist them. We have had to make a few restrictions, but they seem to be working out.

The Toledo VA CBOC did have this year's VA2K walk (mostly with employees and volunteers). Maybe next year we will be able to have that car show and more time to visit with the veterans. This year despite all the confusion, \$16,500.00 (monetary, gift cards and necessary items) were brought in to assist in the homeless program to "get them off the streets" and one to a better way of life. We cannot thank the units enough for the blankets, Afghans, lap robes, hats, scarves, gloves and gift cards. Your hard-working hands provided the one thing they are missing all winter long, hats and gloves.

With all that being written to keep you abreast of where we are two points of new to pass on. First Stephen Sparr has taken another diversion of his career at the Ann Harbor System by accepting a position of Health System Specialist to the Associate Director (Executive Director). We don't know yet who will be filling those shoes, but we may not get the new one for a few months. We are on our own for a while.

Second, I will be retiring after 10 years to create a vacancy at the Toledo VA CBOC. Good news is that Pam Brenneman has accepted that appointment. It truly has been a great experience and very rewarding to assist the veterans thru their troubles. I will be around but just not in charge. Best wishes to Pam on her new journey.

Thank you to all the units who have made Afghans, blankets, hats, and scarves. To all the volunteers who served coffee over these past 10 years I have enjoyed working with you. To all bakers for Christmas cookies and servers for our veteran luncheons, we all thank you. Auxiliary members are the best! With heartfelt thanks I can't say any more. Thank you for supporting me these past 10 years.

VA & R

Shirley Maurer, 21-22 Chairman

By the time you are reading this, our administrative year will be over. I received reports from all 14 district VA&R chairmen for a total of 138 reports out of 369 units for the State. This is 37% reporting. I should have had 100% because everyone has an assessment for VA&R which would have been a report for you. Let's try harder next year. Following are the statistics that I received from the district chairmen. Total hours members volunteered was 106,168 hours; Total Dollars Spent was \$301,590; Total number of veterans/military assisted was 38,370; Total number of "Veterans in Community Schools" presentation was 3,380; and Value of in-kind donations received was \$148,166. Just imagine if all 369 units had reported what these number would have been.

All fourteen districts were busy "thinking outside the box" on what they did and could do for our veterans. They did not let COVID stop them. Some of the things the units did were: donated monies and gift cards to the CBOC's and VA Hospitals. They put on dinners, held raffles, had bake sales, supported Packages from Home by collecting Crown Royal bags to be filled for the veterans with care items. Some units donated to the Snack Shack, made homemade valentines, made blankets and passed them out, visited veterans in nursing homes, marched in parades, was chauffeur to many vets for various appointments they had, participated in Wreaths Across America, prepared funeral dinners, caring for homebound veterans and the list goes on and on.

The Hospital Director, Linda, and Department President, Colleen, were only able to visit one VA facility this year and that was the Ohio Veterans Home. They did not get to visit the whole facility as a couple of floors had COVID patients on them. We are hoping this coming year that the VA facilities will return to being open so that Linda and our new president, Cindy, will be able to make their hospital tour.

I want to thank the ladies that sent their hours in for Service to Veterans. We will be distributing them at School of Instructions.

Awards given out at our Department Convention were as follows: Blanche Klein Plaque was awarded to Troy Webster Unit 240, Ruth M. Peters Chairman. The Sue Frederick Plaque went to New Bremen Unit 241, Shirley Suchland Chairman. The Marie Moore Fund Plaque went to Euclid Unit 343, District 13. Congratulations to all the winners and their hard work.

It has been a real pleasure to have served as your VA&R chairman for this past year. Please support the new chairman this coming year, Karen Peel.

VA & R

Judy Leddy, 21-22 Vice Chairman

There are several important reminders when submitting member hours:

1. Hours worked for VAVS should be reported through that committee.
2. VA&R is for all other service to veterans outside of VAVS.
3. Please use the form provided in the Plan of Action. Make several copies for your members!!
4. Use ONLY ONE form per member. Make a copy of each members' form to send to the VA&R Vice Chair and keep one for your Unit's records.
5. Complete the top of the form with all of the requested information...**and**
6. **Be sure to include each person's membership number.** This must be included, as the information is submitted to Department and National. It is the only way for members to get the credit they deserve for the hard work they do.
7. If the Unit VA&R chair is not available to sign, the certifying member may be the Unit President. There must be a signature on this line!!
8. Per the revised VA&R Guidelines, members may now receive credit for:
 - a. **A maximum of ten (10) hours per week** for the care of a veteran family member who lives in your home. (Spouse, parent, etc.)
 - b. **A maximum of five (5) hours per week** for the care/assistance of a veteran family member who lives outside your home (baby-sitting, grocery shopping, for veteran/military son/daughter, etc.)

Hours for Service to Veterans can be from a wide variety of activities and may include:

1. Working at a Stand Down—including prep work
2. Shopping for a holiday party for a homeless veterans' shelter
3. Going to that party at the homeless veterans' shelter to help celebrate the holiday
4. Hosting a dinner at your home post for the Legionnaires
5. Recording a veteran's verbal history of their service for posterity
6. Making lap robes or ditty bags at home to donate to your local VA medical center

Ask members to provide information each month at your Unit's meeting...this way no one has to try and remember what they did three months ago!! They can also keep a log of their own. If it is a Unit activity, have a sheet of paper ready for members to sign in/out, list donations. This will make completing the Year End report so much easier!! **Please remember to document all the wonderful time and talent that each of you perform in Service to our Veterans so that each member can receive proper recognition, and maybe get a service pin!!**

In service, not self, and for God and Country,
Judy Leddy, VA&R Vice Chairman 2021-2022

District 1

Mindi Rue, 21-22 President

Wow. Where did the year go? It's bittersweet to write my last article as District President. I want to thank each and every one of you for the work that you put in this year. You have been a shining light in a sometimes very dark world. As a district, you reported 75,010 volunteer hours, which is probably only 10%-20% of the district volunteer hours served. With the volunteer hour being worth \$28.54 per hour, that is \$2,140,785.40 worth of volunteer service. There was \$219,076.43 spent on the programs of the American Legion Auxiliary in the First District this year. That means that YOUR impact in the Great First District supporting veterans, active-duty military and their families, children and youth, and our communities has been \$2,359,861.83! OVER \$2 MILLION!! Take a moment and let that soak in. YOU WERE SHINING STARS! Congratulations on a very successful program year.

As I leave, I want you to keep a few things in mind as a new program year enters with new leadership on all levels. As part of the Installation of Officers, every member of the unit makes a pledge. "I solemnly promise to renew my pledge of service to the American Legion Auxiliary and to give wholehearted support to the Unit Officers." Nowhere did it say, "I will second guess the officers. I will gossip about my fellow members. I will try to undermine the ideas of the new leadership." Take that pledge seriously. Older members, mentor younger members and teach the newer members the traditions of the American Legion Auxiliary. Newer members, glean the extensive knowledge of the experienced members. As important as the traditions and knowledge is, change is equally important. Just because, "That's the way we've always done it," doesn't mean it always has to be done that way. In the wise words of an Air Force Chaplain friend of mine, "In essentials-unity, in non-essentials-freedom, in all things-love." Respect and teach tradition but let change happen.

It has been an honor to be part of the leadership for the Department of Ohio. Best wishes to all officers, chairmen, and members for the 2022-2023 program year!

-Mindi

Here are the awards won at the summer convention for District 1 – Congratulations to all!

AMERICANISM:

Group 1 - 1st Community Unit 279; 2nd Bowling Green Unit 45; 3rd Argonne Unit 545, Toledo; Honorable Mention: 1st Buehrer-Lauber-Weckesson Unit 311; 2nd Arthur Daly Unit 334

Group 2 - 1st Troy-Webster Unit 240; 2nd Warren L McIntire Unit 262; 3rd William F Helmke Unit 340; Honorable Mention: 1st Adams Twp 553; 2nd Christ-Dunberger Unit 537; 3rd Bowers-Slusser Unit 516

Group 3 - 1st Freedom Unit 183, Pemberville; 2nd Conn-Weissenberger Unit 587; 3rd Joseph W Diehn Unit 468; Honorable Mention: 1st Winnow Arn Unit 541; 2nd Roberts McMillen Unit 332

Group 4 - 1st Kerner-Slusser Unit 63; 2nd Maumee Unit 320; 3rd Robinson Gibbs Unit 265

CHILDREN & YOUTH

Group 1 - 1st Bowling Green Unit 45; 2nd Norcross-Myers Unit 305, Custar; 3rd Christ-Dunberger Unit 537, Toledo

Group 2 - 1st Troy-Webster Unit 240, Luckey; 2nd William F Helmke Unit 340, Holgate; 3rd Warren L McIntire Unit 262, Hamler

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Group 3 - 1st Winnow-Arn Unit 541, Continental; 2nd Freedom Unit 183, Pemberville; 3rd Joseph W Diehn Unit 468, Sylvania

Group 4 - 1st Kerner-Slusser Unit 63, Ottawa

MEMBERSHIP

Betty Horton Award - Winnow-Arn Unit 541; Hulda Stebbins Award - Winnow-Arn Unit 541

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Group 1 - 1st Community Unit 279; 2nd Bowling Green Unit 45; 3rd Daly Unit 334; Honorable Mention: Buehrer-Lauber-Weckesson Unit 311

Group 2 - 1st Troy-Webster Unit 240; 2nd Warren L McIntire Unit 262; 3rd William F Helmke Unit 340; Honorable Mention: Adams Twp Unit 553; Christ-Dunberger Unit 537

Group 3 - 1st Freedom Unit 183; 2nd Winnow-Arn Unit 541; 3rd Grand Rapids Unit 232

Group 4 - 1st Kerner-Slusser Unit 63; 2nd Maumee Unit 320; 3rd Robinson-Gibbs Unit 265

BEST ALL AROUND - Freedom Unit 183

VETERANS AFFAIRS AND REHABILITATION

Group 1 - 1st Argonne Unit 545; 2nd Bowling Green Unit 45; 3rd Bowers-Slusser Unit 516; Honorable Mention: Arthur Daly Unit 334, Norcross -Meyers Unit 305; Buehrer-Lauber-Weckesson Unit 311

Group 2 - 1st Troy-Webster Unit 240; 2nd Adams Twp Unit 553; 3rd Warren L McIntire Unit 262; Honorable Mention - Christ-Dunberger Unit 537; William F Helmke Unit 340; Roberts-McMillen Unit 332

Group 3 - 1st Freedom Unit 183; 2nd Community Unit 279; 3rd Alva N Sidle Unit 232; Honorable Mention - Joseph W Diehn Unit 468; Albert Bowe Unit 338; Winnow-Arn Unit 541

Group 4 - 1st Kerner-Slusser Unit 63; 2nd Maumee Unit 320;

JUNIOR ACTIVITIES

Group 1 - 1st Bowling Green Unit 45; 2nd Community Unit 279

Group 2 - 1st Troy-Webster Unit 240; 2nd William F Helmke Unit 340; 3rd Roberts-McMillen Unit 332

Group 3 - 1st Freedom Unit 183; 2nd Joseph W Diehn Unit 468; 3rd Warren L McIntire Unit 262

Group 4 - 1st Kerner-Slusser Unit 63

BEST ALL-AROUND JUNIOR REPORT - Troy Webster Unit 240

District 2

Shirley Maurer, 21-22 President

Well, our year has come to an end. I was appointed District President in January by the DEC to filled the unexpired term of Ruth Peters. I know I haven't worked as hard this past year to get a lot of things done but hopefully this coming year will be better. Yes, I was ratified by the DEC Board to continue as District President until a new President is elected next year.

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.

Our District Summer Convention was held at Celina Unit 210. 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 – Charles Collins Unit 381; Group II – Minster Unit 387; Group III – Emmet Mannix Unit 345; Group IV – New Bremen Unit 241; Overall Winner – Minster Unit 387

Community Service – Overall Winner – Minster Unit 387 – I am sorry I do not have the first place winners on this

Children & Youth – Overall Winner – Maria Stein Unit 571

Junior Activities – Group I – Maria Stein Unit 571; Group II – St. Henry Unit 648; 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 III – Emmett Mannix Unit 345; 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!!

Our District Fall Conference/School of Instructions will be held at the New Knoxville Post 444 on October 9, 2022. Registration at 9, meeting starts at 10. Hope to see a lot of you there.

District 3

Deborah Smith, 21-22 President

Thundering Third District had its Summer Convention on June 4th in Kettering. Greetings made by Third District Commander Besty Law, and response to the welcome by Judy Thompson. Gold Star Wives National Parliamentarian Madie Tillman gave a welcome and information about the Gold Star Wives. SAL member Dan Seagraves wished us a successful convention. We also had



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the pleasure to have the Blue Star Group and Dr. Gerri Maples in our present. Thanks to attendees who not only brought boxes of toiletries and Girl Scott cookies, but they also gave monetary donations. These items shipped to soldiers in Iraq.

A Memorial Service to remember fifty-five members of several Units. Their loss will remain in our hearts, and we will not forget their service.

Election completed and the new Third District President was selected Judii Thompson from New Carlisle, Unit 286.

Awards, certificates, and plaques presented to Units, and it was exciting to read all reports that showed what our Units do for Veterans, their families, and the community. Reports sent on to Department and National, for recognition, and judging. See below those Units rewarded for their dedicated work:

AMERICANISM

Group 1 & 5 – none

Group 2 – 1st Place-Unit 435; 2nd Place-Unit 763; 3rd Place-Unit 174; Honorable Mention-Unit 526

Group 3 – 1st Place-Unit 776; 2nd Place-Unit 668; Honorable Mention-Unit 184

Group 4 – 1st Place-Unit 586

PAMELA BATES AMERICANISM PLAQUE – Unit 776

CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Group 1 – none

Group 2 – 1st Place-Unit 174; 2nd Place-Unit 435; 3rd Place-Unit 763; Honorable Mention-Unit 526

Group 3 – 1st Place-Unit 707; 2nd Place-Unit 668; 3rd Place-Unit 184; Honorable Mention-Unit 776

Group 4 – 1st Place-Unit 586; Honorable Mention-Unit 140

Group 5 – 1st Place-Unit 598

CAROL T. ROBINSON CHILDREN AND YOUTH PLAQUE – Unit 598

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Group 1, 4, & 5 – none

Group 2 – 1st Place-Unit 763; 2nd Place-Unit 174; 3rd Place-Unit 435

Group 3 – 1st Place-Unit 776; 2nd Place-Unit 668; 3rd Place-Unit 184

SUSAN MASTEN COMMUNITY SERVICE PLAQUE – Unit 776

JUNIOR ACTIVITIES

Group 1, 2, 4 & 5 – none

Group 3 – 1st Place-Unit 776

RUTH ESTEPP JUNIOR VA & R CERTIFICATE – Unit 776

VA & R

Group 1 – 1st Place-Unit 245; 2nd Place-Unit 643

Group 2 – 1st Place-Unit 174; 2nd Place-Unit 435; 3rd Place-Unit 763; Honorable Mention-Unit 526

Group 3 – 1st Place-Unit 776; 2nd Place-Unit 184; 3rd Place-Unit 668; Honorable Mention-Unit 286

Group 4 – 1st Place-Unit 586; 2nd Place-Unit 140

PEG STEELE VA&R PLAQUE – Unit 586

PHYLLIS NICKOSON PLAQUE – Unit 776

VIOLA WILLIAMS PLAQUE (1ST TO MAKE GOAL) – Unit 613 (2/13/2021)

HELEN PEEPLES MEMBERSHIP PLAQUE (LARGEST NUMERICAL INCREASE) – Unit 598 (47) 02/22/2022

CONGRATULATIONS UNITS

On June 30th thru July 2nd, I attended the Department Convention in Cincinnati. On June 30th was the Preconvention Meeting and at 9:15 til 10:15, was the District Caucuses and awards and certificates were presented to Units. July 1st Convention Session Convenes:

★ Welcome from Legion Commander Jane Wilson, she spoke on her special project "Save a Warrior" has raised \$99,000 plus.

★ Department awards and plaques were presented, Legislative Unit 776 and AEF to "Arduith Cooper" AEF to Deborah Smith District 3.

★ 1st Vice Cindy Masowick gave her report on membership, Ohio is in 3rd place in the Central Division at 96.83%. The goal for 2022-2023 is to add at least one new member to your goals.

★ Department Chaplain Sharon McCain gave her report and Memorial Service, 1110 members loss and 284 from Ohio.

★ Past President Parley report given by Shirley Maurer, dues from \$2.00 to \$5.00. Nurses Scholarship (8) at \$485.00 (4) at \$650.00 for a total of \$6,480.00.

★ Chair Pamela Bates (Third District Unit 526) gave Outstanding Programs and Member of the Year.

★ Joint Meeting stated at 6:00. P.M

➤ Per Commander Jane Wilson there are 34,000 Auxiliary Members, 30,000 SAL and there are 12,000 Legion Post.

➤ President Colleen Phillips read a poem titled "DREAMS"

➤ Justice Sharon Kenndy stated there are 29 services for suicidal Veterans, and on Nov. 17, "Lean Forward Initiative" (Suicide Awareness)

➤ 1st Vice Third District Ken Blackwell, spoke about the American Legion College

➤ Election for 2nd Vice included Third District Past Commander Arnold

Whatley (AJ) and First Distict Jason Rue. (on the 3rd of July, Jason Rue won)

July 2nd, President Colleen Phillips issued Certificates of Merit to Units 174, 763 and 435. Nominations of Officers and sworn in were: President Cindy Masowick, District 14 Unit 214 her theme is "BATTING FOR THE VETS"; 1st Vice President Jane Ridenour District 1 Unit 45; 2nd Vice President Louis Aigner District 13 Unit 610 (vs Mary Ann Dull)

National Nominations: National Chaplain Karen Peel and Central Division National Vice President Carol T. Robinson (Third District).

Ratification of all 14 Districts Officers, with our new Thundering Third District President Judy Thompson for the upcoming years 2022-2024.

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I want to THANK each of you Thundering Third District Units. It has been such a pleasure being your President, and I want to thank you again for your gift of friendship, I am a very rich person knowing this.

In my new capacity as the Third District Chaplain, please let me know who I can send to your members Get Well or Sympathy cards.



"MAY JOY FIND YOU; LOVE SURROUND YOU, LAUGHTER SING WITH YOU, GOOD HEALTH BLESS YOU AND GOD WALK WITH YOU TODAY AND ALWAYS."
FOR GOD AND COUNTRY!

Deborah A. Smith
Third District Past President

District 4

Marsha Giehls, 21-22 President

I am proud to say that 13 of the 29 Units in our Fabulous 4th District were goal Units. Although the Fabulous 4th District was not a goal District in the State of Ohio, 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 Cincinnati, in July there were certificates handed out to many of our Units. Congratulations to those Units. I was once again proud to receive The Anne Eshelman plaque, which is a Public Relations Award for the District Newsletter that I send out.

As a reminder if your Unit has not paid your Bonding Fee to Department for 2022, please get it sent in as soon as possible. The Department pays this up front for the Units with the expectation that the Units will pay them back every year. If you have not sent in your Unit Data form for 2022-23 go ahead and get it sent in so the correct information will be on the second renewal notice that goes out. Also, if your Unit has not sent in their Certification of Officers for the new year, you need to get this sent in as soon as possible, or you will not be getting any mailings from the Department including your membership cards. 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 junior's, 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 I will once again be your District President for the next year. 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, let's continue to let the rest of the State know what we do.

School of Instructions is scheduled for September 23-24. 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

District 5

Deborah Sutterlin, 21-22 President

Thank you to everyone who completed reports. I know that most of you don't do activities to win awards and therefore you don't care about doing reports. But another reason to do the reports and write the narratives is to share your great ideas. Every unit that I have visited has been active and supporting the American Legion Auxiliary mission. THANK YOU!! All of you are great. You have made this Past District President's memories of the past 4 years wonderful. I have been blessed to meet you and share time with you.

And now, there are district awards and department awards given to members and units in the Fifth District. Congratulations to all of you. First off, thank you for your work with membership! We are 100% in membership being the 2nd district to achieve that goal. Plus, I want to congratulate the following units for being 100% (in order of achieving that goal): Unit 260 Attica; Unit 405 New Washington; Unit 211 Avon Lake; Unit 225 Upper Sandusky; Unit 250 Sycamore; Unit 17 Gibsonburg; Unit 170 Wadsworth; Unit 659 Berlin Heights; Unit 181 Bucyrus; Unit 397 Vermilion; Unit 447 Plymouth; Unit 12 Elyria; Unit 434 Bloomville; Unit 295 Green Springs; Unit 8 Wellington; Unit 706 North Fairfield; Unit 257 Loudonville; and Unit 535 Bellville. There are 18 goal units as of 7/7/2022. There is still time for more of you to achieve 100%. Good luck and keep trying. Thank you very much!

May 1, 2022 was the District Summer Convention. Congratulations to the following plaque winners: Americanism Ella Mae Beaverson plaque to Unit 397 Vermilion. Children & Youth Wilda Boyer plaque to Unit 397 Vermilion, Community Service Past District Presidents plaque to Unit 447 Plymouth, Helen Sloan Junior Activities plaque to Unit 447 Plymouth, and the VA&R Sandusky Unit 83 plaque to Unit 447 Plymouth.

Awards were given at the Department Convention in Cincinnati. Two units received the Citation of Merit Award. They met the requirements to get reports sent in by April 15th, be goal, ordered poppies by 12/31/21 and paid their bond by 12/31/21. These citations went to Unit 181 Bucyrus and Unit 447 Plymouth. The unit meeting all of the requirements except goal was awarded the presidential citation given to Unit 535 Bellville. Congratulations to these three units!

District Junior President Kristi Yeager Unit 447 Plymouth was awarded Junior Member of the Year. Sue Adams Unit 181 Bucyrus was awarded the Unit Member of the Year award. The Junior Activities Dorothy McCullough award to Unit 88 Ashland, Best Overall Junior Historian report went to Kristi Yeager, Community Service

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Caregiver Award went to Mary Ann Dull Unit 88 Ashland, the Jane Bates Membership Plaque went to Unit 211 Avon Lake, Relations award went to Dayna Beyer Unit 535 Bellville, and Class I Poppy poster award went to Emma Harper Unit 503 Shiloh. Unit 181 was recognized with a citation for having the highest donation for the Department President's Special Project. Two students recommended by Unit 181 Bucyrus and two students recommended by Unit 447 Plymouth were given nursing scholarships.

There were several units receiving certificates but I don't have a complete list, so I am not posting the ones I have. Congratulations to all! As a team, we contributed to the success of the 2021-2022 year in the American Legion Auxiliary! Thank you for everything you do for the Veterans, Communities, Children and Youth, and for each other! Looking forward to a successful 2022-2023 year.

District 6

Rebecca Long, 21-22 President

First, I want to thank all of the Sizzling Sixth District units and congratulate you all on a great year. We had 5 goal units as of Department Convention. They were Levi Phillips #85 Newark, Bird-McGinnis #162 Marion, Verne I Mounts #368 Prospect, Porter-Snyder #605 Waldo, and Marengo Memorial #710 Marengo. 5 other units were close with over 90%.

3 units sent 6 representatives to Department Convention in Cincinnati where the following awards were received:

Levi Phillips Unit #85 Newark received the Citation of Merit
Johnstown #254 received the Department President's Special Citation

All American High School - Newark High School Unit #85

All American Elementary School - McGuffey Elementary Unit #85

Past Presidents Parley Plaque and Jo Hrabak Plaque were presented to Lois Singleton of Levi Phillips Unit #85 Newark

Legislative Awards - Lois Singleton received a poppy jewelry set for "Take your picture with your Representative" drawing. Rebecca Long received a "Vote for Minnie" book for her Purple Up for Military Children picture.

Thank you to all the Unit Presidents and Chairmen from this past year who reported what great work the members are doing in their communities. I am looking forward to another great year for 2022-23, working with the newly elected officers.

District 7

Sandra Grooms, 21-22 President

What an amazing 6 years it has been. It is bittersweet that I am leaving as your 7th District President, but I have made many new friends, made a lot of people happy, and a lot of people mad. Remember ladies it is not how you want it to be done, it is how it is supposed to be done. I have enjoyed my time as your District President, and I proudly hand the reigns over to Betty Taylor from Portsmouth Unit #471. Let's wish her a wonderful two-year term.

Our District Summer Convention was held at the Charles H Eyre Post #633. Thank you goes out to these wonderful women for making it an enjoyable afternoon, District Winners in the 5 Major Programs are as follows:

Unit 100 Young Moore Unit - West Union

Unit 14 Hall Adkins Unit - Circleville

Unit 471 Russell D. Williams Unit - Portsmouth

Unit 757 Joseph W. Hoffman Unit - Chillicothe

Unit 62 Ross County Unit - Chillicothe

Unit 325 Matthew Carter Unit - Manchester

Unit 633 Charles H. Eyre Unit - Seaman

We received only a couple Citation of Merits from Department. Congratulations to those Units who received them. Ladies remember, you must make GOAL to receive a Department Citation of Merit and for the President's Citation of Merit if you didn't make goal is to follow and submit the proper program reports to receive this. Get those reports filled out and mailed in.

I am at this time asking my District Ladies, since there has been quite a few changes at Department, to please BE KIND when you call. If you need to know something, maybe Betty Taylor or myself will be able to help you.

In closing, I want to wish all the ladies in our District and in Department a year of great success and let's go ROCK National in Wisconsin.

With love,

Sandra Grooms

PAST District 7th President

District 8

Tamara Dillon, Past District President

Numerous certificates were given out at the district caucus, so congratulations to the District as a whole.

The following 4 units made goal: K T Crossen Unit 21 Athens; Lawrence Neal Helber Unit 78 Logan; Racine Unit 602, and Walker Hecox Hickle Unit 677 Lithopolis.

David Johnston Unit 283 Pickerington, received the Department Presidents Award for 100% reporting. Congratulations!!!!!!

District 10

Ruby Witherow, 20-21 President

The great tenth district is slowly recovering from the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic. We are still experiencing outbreaks in different area of the district. However, the units are trying to return to a normal meeting schedule with a few returning to

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fund raiser events. Many units had events for the children for Halloween, Christmas, and Easter. They remembered the veterans for Veterans Day, Thanksgiving, Christmas, and Memorial Day.

We remembered our hospitalized veterans at the Wade Park VA Medical Center. Our representative Stephanie Beuck planned an event around Veterans Day for the patients in the towers at the hospital. Our units donated and the district sent a monetary donation for project. Many units have sent donations for the various VA medical centers and outpatient clinics to the department. We are still hoping to visits the veterans someday.

I would like to thank East Canton Unit 667 and Stark County Council for hosting the two BGS orientations. I am pleased to announce that Elizabeth Adams sponsored by Massillon Unit 221 was selected to attend Girls Nation this year. Chloe Wilhelm sponsored by Leetonia Post 131 was selected as Ohio's winner for the Samsung Scholarship receiving \$1,250.00. She will be in competition on the national level for additional scholarship money.

I would like to thank John Adams Unit 442 in Salineville for hosting the Summer District Convention. The numbers of members and units in attendance was very low. However, we had a very productive meeting. The district chairmen presented their reports and certificates for the various membership categories. Each chairman average 6 reports. I received 8 units impact reports. All the reports have good information and numbers. We had a total of 17 goal units. Another 15 units needed 5 or less to obtain goal. We had 8 units that needed between 6 and 10 members. I am very proud of each one the units for the work that was done for membership. It is everyone's job to maintain our members.

At department convention we received several certificates for participation and reporting in the various programs. The only unit that received a President's Special citation for reporting in all required programs and meeting all the other requirements with the exception of reaching goal was Lowell D. Oberly Unit 667 of East Canton. The tenth district donated \$500.00 to the past president nurse scholarship fund. Saylor Bachman of East Canton received a scholarship for \$650.00

I know that more units are working the programs. Please plan ahead for next year and report to the district and/or department chairmen by April 15th.

I want to thank everyone for the cards, calls, and prayers that I have received in the past few months. I want to thank all the district chairmen and past district presidents for all that they have done for me during this difficult time. I ask that you continue to use common sense, practice good health habits such as washing your hands and social distancing. Keep checking on our veterans in our communities by using the buddy check system. I know that I will be back in circulation very soon.

District 11**Carole Sowards, 21-22 President**

District 11 consists of 26 Units. The following is noted as per the Department Convention held June 30-July 2, 2022:

1. District 11 was first in membership for the period 2021-22 and was first as a goal District. Our goal was 2,518 Senior members, 81 Juniors and 48 PUFL = 2,647 members. Unit 29 Zanesville received the Patricia Riley plaque for the Unit with the 2nd highest numerical increase over goal.

2. Citation of Merit was awarded to Unit 71, Forest L. Mumford

3. Per the year-end reports received: Americanism-813 hours with \$43,923 spent; Children & Youth-Certificates of Achievement to Unit 726 Newton (Group 1) and Unit 389 Russell Chadwick (Group IV); Community Service-honorable mention to Unit 389 Russell Chadwick; Poppy-Certificates of Achievement to Units 495 Blennerhassett and 768 Beallsville; Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation-noted our participation in Post events, Memorial and Veterans Day, assist with veterans' funerals, meal preparation, caring for home-bound veterans, transportation to appointments, sending care packages, donations of VA hospital and purchase a television for one facility.

District 12**Vicky Dalton, 21-22 District President**

Our 2021-2022 year is quickly winding down and now we will be getting ready for the 2022-2023 year.

If you attended Department Convention, I hope you took back information to your Unit members. National Convention is at the end of August.

School of Instruction will be held September 23-24 at Crowne Plaza Columbus North. This is where you will hear the changes if any in the programs. These meetings are open to all Unit members. Encourage your members to attend. Watch for more information to come out.

I know all Units worked hard on membership this past year, so we need to keep that same gusto for this year.

Encourage members to read all information they receive from Department or National

Thank you to all the 12th District Units and members for being there to help and to step up to plate if needed.

I really do appreciate all you do.

For those that are sick God Speed.

Hope to see you at School of Instruction.

For God and Country

Vicky Dalton

District 13**Louise Aigner, 21-22 President**

Wow, another year in the books, and I could not be proud of my District. With 14 units within the district, 7 made goal, Unit 91, 196, 343, 572, 627, 703 and 738. July 30th is right around the corner as I am putting this together and we only need 23 members to be a goal district.

We had three units receive the Citation of Merit for completing all required reports, purchase poppies by December 31st and made goal, Units 343, 421 and 627.

Special acknowledgment goes out to unit 343 for receiving the Marie Moore Plaque, unit 91 for receiving the Ruth Adams Plaque (Chaplain), the Spirit of Community Plaque (Community Service) and a framed certificate of excellence for their Legislative program.

Now for certificates within each program. Please plan to come to the Fall Conference on Sunday, October 2nd 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.

Americanism: Certificates of Achievement to Units 91 196, 343, 421, 572, 610, 627 and 703.

Buckeye Girls State: 444 girls attended BGS. Recommendation #3 is a change to state that BGS in-person orientation is mandatory. If the delegate cannot attend in her respective District, she must attend in another District. Certificates were awarded to the following for their donations: Diann Long for a donation up to and including \$50; Unit 572 for their donation up to and including \$100; and Unit 610 for their donation up to and including \$500.

Legislative: Ohio was 2nd in the National Buddy check. Certificates were given to Unit members who provided copies of correspondence with legislators. Unit 91 received a framed Certificate of Excellence for their Legislative program.

AEF: Pins were given to Units who donated \$50 or more: 91, 343, 421 and 610. Certificates were given to 91, 343, 421, 469, 572, and 610.

Children & Youth: Certificates were given to Unit 343, 627, and 91.

History: Certificates were given to Units 91, 572, 610 and 627. Scrapbooks will be returned at School of Instruction. Louise Aigner won a necklace and earrings out of everyone who submitted a History report.

Community Service: An additional recommendation was made for the continuation of the promotion of the mental health incentive. Units receiving certificates 451, 421, and 91 along with Unit 91 received the Spirit of Community plaque.

Membership: As mentioned above the units that made senior goal, and junior goal was achieved by Units 91, 610 and 627. If your Unit made goal, your new goal will be increased based on the number of members in your Unit, already, increasing from between 1 member and 3 members. Junior goals will be increased by 1 member. Unit goals will be published in the Buckeye Messenger and sent to the Units as soon as the Department determines the goals based on where Units finish in 2022.

Past Presidents Parley: The recommendation to increase PPP dues from \$2.00 to \$5.00 per person was voted on and passed on the convention floor. The PPP program is going to be absorbed into other programs in 2022-2023. PPP will become part of the Leadership program, and the Salute to Service members Award will be part of National Security. Unit 91 received a certificate of achievement.

Public Relations: Units 91, 196, 421, 469, 572, 610, 627 and 703 received certificates.

VA&R: Unit 343 received the Marie Moore Plaque for highest donation per capita. Kimm Bunch received the Grand Ambassador Award.

National Security: Unit 91 received 5th place for the Avonelle Clinger Plaque. Unit 343 received 2nd place in Group II; Unit 627 received 2nd place in Group III; and Unit 421 received 1st place in Group III.

Poppy: Units 343, 421, 469, 572, 610 and 703 received certificates.

The 13th District would like to congratulate Karen Peel on her endorsement from the Department of Ohio for the position of National Chaplain, and Carol T. Robinson was endorsed for the Central Division National Vice President.

District 14**Renee Kohl, 2021-2022 President**

New faces, new ideas, new "firsts" and I couldn't be more proud of our District! We have three first-time District Chairman, a few first-time Unit Presidents completed their year and we have a couple of Units that elected first-time Unit Presidents for the upcoming year. What a refreshing first year as District President.

At the District Summer Convention, several Certificates of Achievement were distributed as well as plaques and trophies. Congratulations to the following Units: Unit 449 for having the best programs of Americanism, Chaplain, Children & Youth, Community Service, VA&R; Unit 464 for having the best programs of Community Service, Poppy and Best All-Around Unit; Unit 685 for having the best Juniors and a Membership program; Units 175 and 473 for also having received a plaque for their Membership programs. Our Units did very well within the District and I'm amazed at the hard work and dedication our members put into each program this past year.

Congratulations to Units 473, 175, 566, 803, 685 and 713 for being Goal Units!

District 14 was well represented at Department Summer Convention as well. Our very own Cindy Masowick was elected as the 2022-2023 Department President and several of us were in Cincinnati to cheer her on as she was installed.

Unit Citations of Merit were presented along with the Department President's Special Citation. I was the recipient of the Leta Zeller Plaque and I cannot thank our Units enough for their hard work. Unit 449 received the Mariam Junge Plaque. Unit 685 received a Certificate of Participation. These 3 Department awards were for the Children and Youth Program. Unit 449 received the Community Service Mary Parker Plaque. Karen Peel won the Most Outstanding Leadership Program. Unit 713 won a \$25.00 gift card. It was a random drawing for Goal Units.

I look forward to my second year as District President and the anticipation of continuing to work with the Units and to watch them grow will be amazing! Visiting several Units and attending different District functions has been a wonderful experience. Thank you to all of you!



2021-22 Department Convention Plaques

"Patricia Logan" Americanism Plaque..... Emmet Mannix Unit 345, District 2	"Emma McBane" Legislative Plaque.....Freedom Unit 183, District 1
"Mary Walker" Americanism Plaque..... Lowell D. Oberly Unit 667, District 10	Most Outstanding Overall Leadership ProgramFirestone Memorial Unit 449, District 14
All-American High School Newark High School	"Jane Bates" Membership Plaque.....Avon Lake Unit 211, District 5
All-American Elementary McGuffey Elementary School	"Patricia Riley" Membership Plaque..... Zanesville Unit 29, District 11
"Ardith Cooper" Auxiliary Emergency Fund Plaque..... Deborah Smith, District 3	"Doloris Kilgore" Membership Plaque Hyde Park-Mt. Lookout Unit 744, District 4
"Ruth Adams" Chaplain Plaque.....Albert E. Baesel Unit 91, District 13	"Jackie Bayer" Membership Plaque..... Lowellville Unit 247, District 9
"Leta Zeller" Children & Youth Plaque Renee Kohl, District 14	"Avonelle Clinger" National Security Plaque.....Troy-Webster Unit 240, District 1
"Miriam Junge" Children & Youth Plaque.....Firestone Memorial Unit 449, District 14	"Phyllis Nickoson" National Security Plaque Mindi Rue, District 1
"Anna Mae Beckley" Community Service PlaqueFreedom Unit 183, District 1	"Shelley Riggs" Poppy PlaqueTroy-Webster Unit 240, District 1
Spirit of Community PlaqueAlbert E. Baesel Unit 91, District 13	Past Presidents Parley Plaque.....Levi Phillips Unit 85, District 6
"Mary Parker" Community Service Plaque.....Firestone Memorial Unit 449, District 14	"Josephine Hrabak" Past Presidents Parley Plaque.....Levi Phillips Unit 85, District 6
"Agnes Merritt" Education Plaque Lowell D. Oberly Unit 667, District 10	"Unit Member of the Year" Loretta Sue Adams, Colonel Crawford Unit 181, District 5
"Betty Robaszkiwicz" Education Plaque..... Lowell D. Oberly Unit 667, District 10	"Service Woman of the Year" Lieutenant Arabia E. Shanklin, PHR
Best All Around History Joe Barr Unit 194, District 4	Palmer Roberts Unit 214, District 9
American Spirit Plaque..... Calliope Smith, Warren L. McIntire Unit 262, District 1	"Doris Wainwright" Public Relations Plaque.....Troy-Webster Unit 240, District 1
"Dorothy McCullough" Junior Activities PlaqueMary Ann Dull, Harry Higgins Unit 88, District 5	"Nancy Sallor" Public Relations Plaque Palmer-Roberts Unit 214, District 9
"Martha Van Horn" Junior Activities Plaque..... Troy Webster Unit 240, District 1	"Anne Eshelman" Public Relations PlaqueMarsha Giehls, District 4
"Merry Lyn" Junior Activities Plaque.....Kristi Yeager, Ehret Parsel 447, District 5	"Blanche Klein" VA & R PlaqueTroy-Webster Unit 240, District 1
"Erwina Ebresman" Junior Activities Plaque Warren McIntire Unit 262, District 1	"Sue Frederick" VA & R Plaque New Bremen Unit 241, District 2
"Helen Sloan" Junior Activities PlaqueBecky Dippman, Troy-Webster Unit 240, District 1	"Marie Moore" VA & R Plaque..... Euclid Unit 343, District 13



District and Unit News

District 1



From left to right: Past Department President and Chaplain of Henry County Council, Gloria Verbeke, Department President Colleen Phillips, County Council President Janice Knepley, County Council Secretary, Ruth Fuhrhop.

On Tuesday, May 24th, 2022, The Henry County Council was held at Napoleon Legion Post 300. Flowers were placed as a token of remembrance for all deceased member of the American Legion Auxiliary and a candle was lit.

Submitted by Roberta Kane, Member of Roberts McMillen Auxiliary Unit 332, McClure Ohio.

District 1, Unit 183



Buckeye Girls State 2022 Director Gwen Schroeder-Zulch gathers BGS volunteers together for a "We wear R.E.D. on Friday's" at Mt. Union University in Alliance, Ohio.

District 2, Unit 210



Celina Unit 210 Auxiliary President Becky Fetters (right) and members (l to r) Connie Adams; Membership Chairman, Pam Ritchie; Treasurer, Karla Hamblin; Lindsay Albers; and Chaplain, Shannon Wills host the ALA Ohio 2nd District Summer Convention.

District 2, Unit 217



Sidney Unit 217 recognized members during the annual Post Appreciation dinner held May 14, 2022. Mary Carey, 50 years, currently serves as Chaplain and has held the office of President along with other positions during her years of service. 36-year member Judy Thaman, current Sergeant of Arms, was the inspiration behind the 'Bags of Love', which is a monthly collection funding the annual scholarship program. With the lack of fundraising ability due to covid, this project has earned a total of \$1,275 since its inception. Rose Russell, a 24-year member, continues to keep in touch with members and ensures cards are sent to those who celebrate and mourn major life events.

Pictured left to right: Mary Carey, Judy Thaman, President Linda Limbert, Rose Russell.

District 2, Unit 241



District 2 President Shirley Maurer at District Summer Convention hosted by Celina Unit 210 with district officers and chairman (l to r) Children & Youth, Kim Seaver; Chaplain, Ruth Brookhart; Americanism, Deb Meyer; Junior Activities, Becky Fetters; District President Shirley Maurer; Appointed Convention Secretary, Dianne Hausfeld. VA&R, Natalie Mescher.

District 2, Unit 244



A lady's game night was held Friday May 13, 2022, at the New Knoxville American Legion Post 444 by the Auxiliary. It was the first of two fundraisers to be held to raise money to be split between Honor Flight and Lots for Soldiers. It was a fun event for ladies only. We had donated games for door prizes, snacks and drinks, and a 50/50 raffle. It was a great way to socialize with old friends, family, and neighbors and make new friends.

District 2, Unit 244 (Continued)



New Knoxville American Legion Auxiliary members are pictured working at the Unit 444 bake sale. The Auxiliary has two bake sales per year and donate the proceeds of one bake sale to veterans in need.



Pictured are junior members for Unit 444 American Legion Auxiliary in New Knoxville packing eggs for the Easter egg hunt. This is one of many projects they help with every year.



New Knoxville American Legion Auxiliary Unit 444 had an Easter bunny at our egg hunt this year. One of our Auxiliary members was the bunny. It was enjoyed by all the children attending.

District 2, Unit 571



Janie Luebke, Connie Fullenkamp, and Marilyn Holdhiede participated in the annual poppy donation drive held at the local Catholic churches in May.

District 3, Unit 360 (Continued)



The American Legion family of Post 360, New Paris participated in a Memorial Day Parade.

District 4



Members of the 4th District attending their 4th District Summer Convention.

District 3, Unit 435



District 4, Unit 179



Marion Unit 179, District 4 sent out another 10 packages in March to our overseas military program. Sandy Faulkner is the Chairman and has sent around 1,000 packages in her 8 years as Chairman. Helping her this time are Karen Asbrock and President, Linda Mider,



Marion Unit 179 decorated & rode on a 4th of July parade float. The theme was Welcome Home Vietnam Veteran.



Connie Fullenkamp of Maria Stein American Legion Auxiliary Unit 571 placed first place overall and second in the district in the VA&R competition. Jane Meyer won first place in the Children and Youth and Junior Activities. Diane Pohlman placed first in Community Service. Jane Luebke accepted the award for junior Laney Greenwood for her history and scrapbook.



Ruth Kremer and Janie Luebke of American Legion Auxiliary Unit 571 of Maria Stein marching for the annual pilgrimage that is held in connection with Country Fest.



Marion Unit 179, Dist 4 honored seven members at their annual AL/AUX birthday party. The awards were for Community Service done outside of the Legion family. Receiving certificates are Barbara Hameister, Susan Jacobs, Sandy Faulkner, Darlene Herbert, Patti Loftin, Joyce Kelly and Barb McMullin with President, Linda Mider

District 3, Unit 360



At our April 2022, meeting we welcomed five new members, Zoe Heid, Nicole Bulcher, Rose Phlipot, Shirley Magoteaux, and Sundra Bey. They have much enthusiasm and will be a great addition to our Auxiliary.

Two families were present to receive their Blue Star Banners. They are Karen Platfoot whose son, Chad Puterbaugh is serving in the Army. Chris and Lisa Heid's son, Isaac, is in the Navy aboard the USS Truman.

The Auxiliary mourns the death of member, Ruth E. Kremer. She passed away March 24, 2022, after a lingering illness. We extend our sincere sympathy to her family and friends.

The membership voted to have a fall garage sale on September 7-9 at the Vet's Club Building. We have been fortunate at previous sales to have many items donated as well as a good turnout of eager buyers. We also hold a bake sale of cookies, cakes, homemade noodles, breads, and pies. Proceeds are used for our Veterans and Youth Programs.

On Memorial Day, the Auxiliary marched in the annual parade to honor fallen Veterans. We are very appreciative of the support of our community, VFW, American Legion Post 435, the Sons of the Legion, the Versailles Firing Squad and Honor Guard, Versailles Busy Beavers 4H Club and the Versailles High School Marching Band for their participation in the parade as well as the service at Greenlawn Cemetery.

On June 4, 2022, the Auxiliary participated in the annual Versailles Bike Rodeo sponsored Versailles Fire Department and Life Squad. As part of our youth program, we fingerprinted over 80 children and gave their parents Child ID pamphlets to record information about their child. The fingerprints were part of the pamphlet. Just one lost or abducted child found makes all efforts worthwhile.



Marion Post 179 & Auxiliary had a combined Boys State/ Girls State reception for those that attended.

THANK YOU!

HONORING THOSE WHO SERVED

District 4, Unit 179 (Continued)



Marion Unit 179 marched and participated in the Memorial Day Parade.



Marion Unit 179 gave a Caregiver Certificate and Angel pin to Bonnie Simpson for the care of her husband, Richard. It was a very emotional ceremony.



Susan Jacobs, Poppy Chairman & Linda Mider, President of Marion Unit 179 listen as Mayor John Carman reads Poppy Proclamation



Americanism Chairman, Linda Mider of Marion Unit 179, wins Americanism plaque at Summer Conference in Mason.



Marion Unit 179 has swearing in ceremony of new officers. Patti Loftin, 2nd Vice, Susan Jacobs, 1st Vice, Joyce Kelly, Sargent-at Arms.

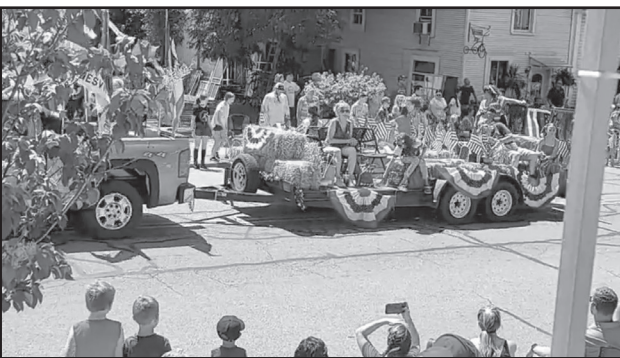
District 4, Unit 615



At Waynesville Unit 615 District President Marsha Giehls swore officers in. There was also a memorial service for Vicki Rye, one of our beloved members at the Waynesville American Legion.



District 4, Unit 615 (Continued)



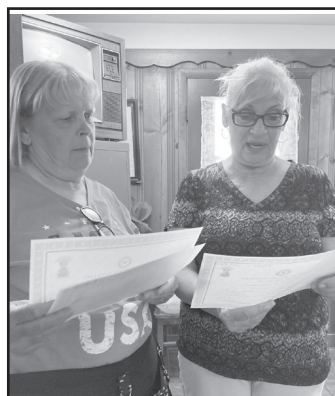
Waynesville American Legion Unit 615 brought the whole Legion family together to celebrate the 4th of July in Waynesville. President of the Auxiliary, Katie Mackoway, hosted the parade for their town. They had legion member, Paul Trimble, and Auxiliary member, Judy Prickett, as the grand marshals. The Legion, SAL, and Auxiliary joined together to have their trucks, bikes, and a float in the parade. Later in the night the SAL lit up the sky with an amazing firework display.

District 5, Unit 12



Elyria Unit 12 held an initiation for four new members 6/28/2022. Past President Shirley Messaros (standing) was doing her presentation. sitting to her right is President Suzanne White.

District 5, Unit 17



Unit 17 Gibsonburg held their annual yard sale and bake sale June 23 and 24, 2022. District President Deb Sutterlin stopped in to visit and to bring their citations from the District Program Certificates. Looking at the certificates is President Sharon Heminger on the right.

District 4, Unit 256

Loveland ALA Unit 256 is proud to have sponsored the 2022 BGS Governor, Vinaya Sivakumar. Vinaya attends Ursuline Academy in Blue Ash near Cincinnati. Pictured at Department Convention are 4th District 1st Vice Margie Hominy, BGS Governor Vinaya Sivakumar, and ALA Unit 256 President Jenny Walker.

District 5, Unit 181



Colonel Crawford Unit 181 members (l to r) Alice Teynor; Auxiliary member of the Year, Loretta "Sue" Adams; Unit President Karen Weir; and Beverly Robertson pose with their achievement awards after the Department Convention 2021-2022 in Cincinnati, Ohio.

District 5, Unit 211



Auxiliary President, Wendy Walker and Avon Lake Unit 211 Auxiliary members sponsored a "Poppy Field" fundraiser that raised funds to serve their programs, brought local and national media attention and awareness of what the poppy means to those who served and gave the ultimate sacrifice.

District 5, Unit 260



Victory Unit 260 along with the American Legion and SAL constructed the Attica Area Veterans Memorial in Attica. This memorial includes the mural painting on the building along with sculptures, POW-MIA chair, Purple Heart bench, picnic tables, pavers, dedication memorial, and a rod iron entrance. The dedication was held 5/23/22 with about 400 attendees. What a nice memorial!



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District 5, Unit 260 (Continued)



Attica Area Veterans Memorial Park

Seven years ago, several members of American Legion Victory Post 260 in Attica, Ohio wanted to find a place in Attica where all veterans of all branches of the service could be honored. There was an old building, formerly the Attica Hotel and Bar and later, the Fraternal Order of the Eagles, in disrepair. In 2017, the building was razed and turned over to the Village of Attica.

Members of Post 260 approached the Village Mayor and Council with the idea of building a veteran's memorial on the site. Fund raising, personal contributions and grant applications secured funds to build the memorial.

Through the pandemic, bad weather and supply chain issues, the park was finally completed. A beautiful mural titled "Land of the Free Because of the Brave" covers the wall of the adjacent to the park. A metal arch with "Attica Area Veterans Memorial Park" welcomes visitors. A plaza with the American and Ohio flags along with the flags of every branch of service, including the newly created Space Force, is paved with over 300 engraved stones honoring local veterans. A POW/MIA Honor Chair sits in front of a wall that will honor those who perished serving our country from WWI to present. Another wall will honor the four prisoners of war from the Attica area. There are several other smaller patriotic monuments as well as a pavilion with benches and picnic tables. This "Crown Jewel of Attica" was dedicated on May 21, 2022.



District 6, Unit 85 (Continued)

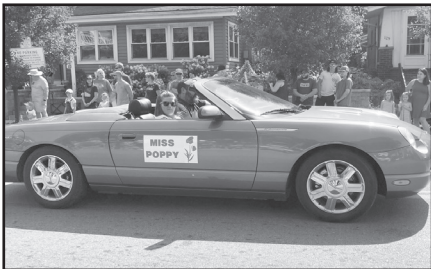


6th District President Rebecca Long and page Carla Loudermilk of Unit 85 at 2022 Department Convention.



Pictured are Unit 85 juniors Ava Miller and Logan Kasson helping with the Flag Disposal Ceremony at Post 85 alongside John Loudermilk, Post Sgt. at Arms.

District 5, Unit 535



Miss Poppy is Bobbi Jo Fliger Unit 535 in the 7/4/22 Bellville Liberty Fest parade.



District 5 SAL Squadron 535 held a Memorial Day breakfast 5/29/22. In attendance and pictured here is standing Unit 535 Miss Poppy Bobbi Jo Fliger with District President Deb Sutterlin and Vice President Jane Yeager.

District 6, Unit 85 (Continued)



Unit 85 in Newark participated in Poppy Days June 3rd and 4th 2022. Pictured are Lois Singleton, Lola Nixon, Miriam Miller, and Ava Miller.



Dr. Wilson accepts a Good Deed Award for Granville Elementary School. The school collected 1,000 boxes of cereal from the district to be given to Licking County food pantries. Presenting the award is Children and Youth Chairman Joyce Chaney.



Members of Unit 85 participated in the Memorial Day breakfast for veterans at Post 85 in Newark.



Joyce Chaney of Unit 85 laying a wreath at the veteran's unknown soldier monument on Memorial Day at Cedar Hill Cemetery escorted by a boy scout.



Ken Miller, Miriam Miller, and Patricia Miller serving up dinner hosted by Auxiliary Unit 85.

District 6, Unit 79



Reception honoring Buckeye Girls State representatives at Unit 79 in Marysville.

District 6, Unit 85



Lois Singleton, Joyce Chaney, Charlotte Frazier, and Lola Nixon passing out thank you notes and poppies to veterans at the Post 85 Memorial Day breakfast.



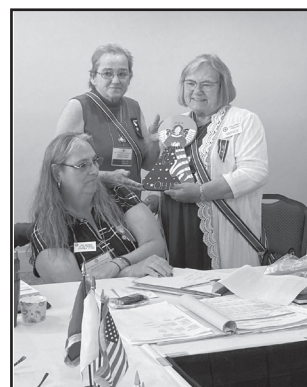
New officers were elected at Unit 85 6th District, Newark. Pictured are Joyce Chaney, Miriam Miller, Charlotte Frazier, Linda Walker, Lola Nixon, and Amy Welsh who were installed by Anne Quintrell.

District 6, Unit 107



President Penny Scott and Vice President Kathy Russo from ALA Unit 107 at Dog Days of Summer at Pataskala Grace Church on June 11, 2022.

District 7



6/30/22 at the DEC meeting in Cincinnati, 7th District President Sandra Grooms is presenting a wooden replica of the president's pin to Dept. President Colleen Phillips. Sitting in front is 1st Vice President Cindy Masowick. This angel has hand cut stars placed on the angel which was hand-made just for Colleen.

District 7, Unit 471



Commanders Ball was held on Saturday June 4th at the Russell D Williams Unit 471 District 7 Portsmouth, Ohio where we held our installation of officer's ceremony. The Auxiliary was very pleased to have Pat Olaker from Chillicothe, Ohio to install our elected board members. The new elected board members front row Betty Taylor, Unit Secretary, Joyce Bays Unit President, Amanda Porter Unit Sergeant at Arms, second row Tammy Campbell Unit First Vice President, Kay Gray Unit Treasurer, Third row Neomi Burchett Unit 2nd Vice President, Janis Corriell Unit Historian, Not pictured Kelley Alloway Chaplain.

District 7, Unit 633



Charles H. Eyre American Legion Auxiliary, District 7, Unit 633, Seaman, participated in the demonstration and story of "The Battle Cross" and laying of the wreath at the cemetery on Memorial Day.

District 7, Unit 730



Ashville Unit 730 member Katie Siers and her family remembered our veterans and their service in helping with Poppy Day.

Members of Ashville ALA Unit 730, District 7 distributed poppies in the community May 21, 2022 on Armed Forces Day.

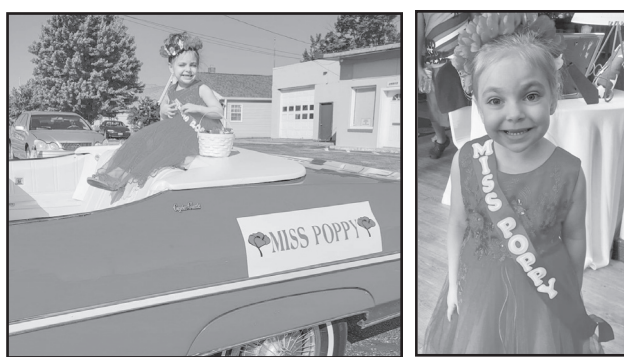


District 8, Unit 283



8th District members from Units 11, 21, and 283 attended Department Convention in Cincinnati.

District 9, Unit 7



Ready...Set...Action!

Beyancah definitely brought a smile to all today with her "Hi, Happy Monday, thank you for your service, and have a good day's" along with her princess waves to the crowd.

Beyancah personally handed out poppies and thanked people for their service. After she gave an older gentleman a poppy, he said, "you make my heart melt" and she replied, "that's the sweetest thing". She definitely displayed perseverance and we couldn't be more proud of her.

We had a halt in the parade and Beyancah took it upon herself to perform a show of Frozen "Do you want to build a snowman" from the car. Everyone loved it.

After receiving a proclamation from the mayor of Wickliffe, she shook hands and took a picture with Lake County Commissioner, John Plecnik.

Beyancah is an active junior member.



The Kentucky Derby is known as the most exciting two minutes in sports. On Saturday, May 7th, Unit 7 held their annual Kentucky Derby Dinner Raffle fundraiser. The event included a 50/50, side boards, ping pong balls, and 59+ baskets. Among the long-standing Derby traditions are the wearing of ornate hats. Many of our ladies wore a "themed" hat. Hats are considered to be a sign of good luck, so people thought the bigger the hat, the bigger the luck. This is where big brim hats came into play and the tradition just stuck. We had loads of fun and can't wait until next year.

District 9, Unit 700



We held a tea event to reach out to community to share what we at our Auxiliary do and try to continue to do for our Veterans. We had a wonderful speaker from our airbase in Vienna to speak and share her experience they her career in the military. She is Command Chief Master Sergeant & Senior Enlisted Advisor for the 910th Airlift Wing pictured with Tina Gill president of the Auxiliary Unit 700



Beyancah thanking the dog for his service. Our Miss Poppy at unit 7 district 9 has the heart of a servant.

District 10, Unit 282



The Unit 282 Auxiliary sponsored the 1st annual Business Bizarre in April. Local artists, jewelry makers, Color Street retailer, Tupperware, and local crafters were set up at the bizarre. Rachael Sommers (Membership Chairman) and Tammy Peppard (Treasurer) were there to provide information about becoming a member.



Auxiliary Unit 282 hosted the 2nd Annual Euchre Tournament. Dee Rufener was the organizer of this event along with help from other Auxiliary members. The members sold food during the evening and ran a 50/50. Cash prizes and trophies donated by P S Trophy of Orrville were given to 1st, 2nd & 3rd places. Pictured are Dave Blackwell, Jack Rose, Darin Johnson, Jan Wood, Bryan Lehman, and Joe Gonzales.



The 2nd annual Chili Cook Off was held at the Orrville American Legion in February. The event was organized and hosted by Jamie Hunt (2nd Vice) and auxiliary members. It was a big success, there were 14 contestants and trophies and prizes given. Proceeds went to benefit veterans, military and families. This year a small business showcase was featured also with several businesses, craft vendors and raffle baskets. Everyone enjoyed both events. Terry Rose (3rd) Deb Gray (2nd) Don Gray (Hottest) Barb Brandon(1st) we're the Chili Cook Off winners.



March was a busy month Auxiliary Unit 282! The 1st annual Lucky Buck drawing was held at the Post. Lori Evans (1st Vice) organized this event with help from Tammy Peppard (Treasurer).

Tammy and Auxiliary member, Stacy Peppard also hosted a Legion Trivia Night. Everyone had a fun time! These events were a great success and a great way to raise veterans, military, and families.



Jamie Hunt, Unit 282, shared a fundraiser to support and raise funds for the Great Lakes 100 Mile Challenge, powered by USAA for Stop Soldier Suicide. This a veteran-led nonprofit that provides free, confidential, trauma-informed mental health and wellness care to veterans and service members in all 50 states. To begin the month of May, Orrville American Legion members placed flags at The Crown Hill Cemetery. Volunteers help do this every year in remembrance of our lost veterans and military to show respect.

District 11, Unit 71



Unit 71 recently helped lead the Pottery Festival parade held in Roseville. Members waved American flags and threw candy throughout the parade route.

District 11, Unit 168



Promoting Poppy Month are members of the Barnesville American Legion Auxiliary, Unit 168. Pictured are Row 1: Amanda Tracy, Laura Tindall, Kathryn Pittman. Row 2: Erin Palmer, Robyn Misner, Gina Carvin.



Misner Dairy Queen of Barnesville, Ohio sponsored The Barnesville American Legion Auxiliary, Unit 168 Annual Poppy Fundraiser on May 14, 2022. We had a successful fundraiser. Thank you DQ! Pictured are Robyn Misner, Gina Carvin, and Erin Palmer.



Barnesville American Legion Auxiliary Unit 168 and The American Legion Post 168 partnered with Ohio Hills Health Centers to bring awareness to National Child Abuse Prevention Month (April)



and Mental Health Awareness Month (May).

Pictured are Penny Shepherd, LPCC; Cherie Covert, Behavioral Health Assistant; Gina Carvin; Kathryn Pittman; Robyn Misner; Jim Misner; Melissa Huff, LPCC.



April 2, 2022, Barnesville American Legion Auxiliary Unit 168 had a pancake breakfast. Much to the delight of the children in attendance, the Easter Bunny stopped to visit. Pictured are Row 1 Robyn Misner, Easter Bunny, Amanda Tracy, Michele McGee, Sandy Smith. Row 2 Cathy Taylor, Kathryn Pittman, and Gina Carvin.

District 11, Unit 389



Unit 389 sponsored its 20th annual Beverly-Waterford Bunny Hop 5K on April 16, 2022, welcoming over 350 paid participants to the springtime race which raises funds for the Unit's local community programs and also both the Volunteer Fire Department and Emergency Medical Squad. The Unit held the race virtually in 2020 and 2021 due to health concerns associated with the pandemic. Unit 389 was determined to be in person this year, and thanks to local lead sponsors and nearly 100 volunteers who support the event by providing water stops, route guides and race day registration, participants and volunteers enjoyed a morning of exercise and community spirit! The Bunny Hop 5K is part of the River City Runners (RCR) race series and this year the RCR coordinated fun runs for children 1-10 immediately following the race! Little ones from 1 to 10 lined up for 50-, 100-, 200- and 400-meter dashes and their excitement was contagious! It was a great day of racing and Unit 389 raised over \$5,000 to support its programs and community First Responders.

District 11, Unit 495



On June 25, Blennerhassett Unit 495 held a craft show at Belpre Celebration Center. The Juniors held a bake sale and received the money from the tables rented. The Auxiliary held a Country Store, served lunch and had a raffle. It was a huge success.

All monies raised will help with the Juniors activities and the Auxiliary functions throughout the year. The Craft Show is only one fundraiser that this very active Unit has. Great Job!

District 12, Unit 171



Unit 171 in Westerville is working on two community projects. The Ronald Mc Donald's House requests blankets for children being serviced at nearby hospitals. Our ladies have been making fleece tie blankets to donate. Our photo shows many that have been completed. Some members have donated money for the supplies. Our 1st round is 25 blankets completed with more to follow.

Our Adopt-A-Service Person is up and running. An item requested by soldiers in harm's way is K-Cups. 300 K-Cups were boxed for a unit in Yemen. 150 were sent to another unit in Kuwait. More boxes will go out in August. Unit 171 also helped with the Legion's Memorial Day picnic. The ladies will join the American Legion Post to decorate a float for the 4th of July parade. Both Legion and Auxiliary members will be in the parade.

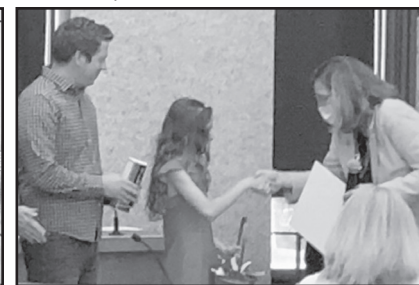


District 12, Unit 614



Vicky Buck, Buckeye Girls State Coordinator, BGS executive board members and volunteers show an appreciation for their BGS backpacks donated by 4Imprint for marketing & public relations of the ALA brand.

District 13, Unit 343



A Family Tradition

Euclid Unit 343 Miss Poppy 2022, Alexa Geosano, is following in the footsteps of her Great-grandmother, Ellen Welsh. Pictured in the older photo is Mayor Lionel Evans, Miss Poppy Ellen Welsh and her father, William Welsh. Pictured in the newer photo is Miss Poppy's father, Carmen Geosano, Miss Poppy 2022 Alexa Geosano and Euclid Mayor Kristen Holzeheimer-Gail.



Honoring a Senior Member

To honor Unit Member, Past Department President Shirley Skerness, Unit 343 Junior member, Lily Markovich, marched in the Euclid Memorial Day Parade wearing a special necklace. The necklace was made from one of Shirley's earrings. This way "Miss Shirley could be in the parade".

District 14, Unit 19



Unit 19 Danean, Shannon, Kelly with Director of Forever Ambers Acres for their VET program. PTSD Veterans and Rescued Horses give each other therapy and peace of mind at this wonderful sanctuary. "A light was lit that hasn't been there for a long time" wrote one of the veterans.



Unit 19 Terri's grandson placing flags on Memorial Day.

District 14, Unit 803



A Unit 803 junior member and 2020 BGS delegate carried the Auxiliary flag in a parade.



Grandchildren of the Chaplain from Clare Eggleston Unit 803 passed out flags donated by Ace Hardware.



Rebecca Pokorny, Unit 803 junior member and 2022 BGS delegate was elected city council for her assigned town of Hobart. Miss Pokorny is thankful for her incredible experience at BGS.



District 14 ALA Clare Eggleston Unit 803 President Becky Sharp gives remarks, Unit Chaplain Sue Kray lays the Unit's wreath at the Veterans Memorial during Aurora's Memorial Day ceremony.



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Children & Youth	02/387	KIM SEAVER	711 OAKWOOD DR MINSTER OH 45865	(937) 726-3173		kseaver30@gmail.com
Community Service	02/210	SHANNON WILLS	642 MAPLE ST CELINA OH 45822		(419) 953-2487	shannon.wills@gmail.com
Junior Activities	02/210	REBECCA FETTERS	3893 CARMEL CHURCH RD CELINA OH 45822	(419) 586-3731	(419) 305-8644	tyh@bright.net
VA & R	02/355	NATALIE MESCHER	236 OAKWOOD DR FORT LORAMIE OH 45845			natalie_m2010@hotmail.com
DISTRICT 3						
Americanism	03/763	TINA WHITE	2058 S BELLEVIEW DR BELLBROOK OH 45305-1620		(937) 776-5764	ala763president@gmail.com
Children & Youth	03/707	KRISTA CARPENTER	115 LOWRY DR. WEST MILTON OH 45383		(937) 216-8788	kristacarpenter115@gmail.com
Community Service	03/776	JUANITA BALLARD	2333 DUNCAN DR APT 7 FAIRBORN OH 45324-5749	(937) 426-2523	(937) 260-3685	thirddistpres18@gmail.com
Junior Activities	03/184	MARGARET WILEY	317 S BROOKLYN SIDNEY OH 45365-2807	(937) 489-1792		howmaw71@gmail.com
VA & R	03/184	ROBYN COOPER	901 W HIGH ST PIQUA OH 45356	(937) 773-0165	(937) 214-6307	ronaldcooper901@gmail.com
DISTRICT 4						
Americanism	04/194	KATHY NIEHAUS	7912 CREST ACRES DR MASON OH 45040-9656	(513) 885-5063		katlulu27@yahoo.com
Children & Youth	04/194	SUSAN SEWELL	6967 HIDDEN RIDGE DR WEST CHESTER OH 45069	(513) 518-1233		sewell1954@yahoo.com
Community Service	04/199	SUE WHITHAM	106 FLINTSTONE DR HARRISON OH 45030	(513) 535-0879		sue_sellers2002@yahoo.com
Junior Activities	04/194	MARSHA GIEHLS	118 SOUTHWEST ST MASON OH 45040	(513) 398-6566		aux194@embarqmail.com
VA & R	04/194	MICHELLE COSSMAN	5653 STONE TRACE DR MASON OH 45040-8314	(513) 368-5952		mcossman@zoomtown.com
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Americanism	05/292	DARLENE LEITER	329 LYNDALE AVE ASHLAND OH 44805	(419) 289-2794		darleiter@yahoo.com
Children & Youth	05/397	RITA HART	380 SALEM DR APT B VERMILLION OH 44089	(440) 213-1306		rhart@mercy.com
Community Service	05/292	NANCY LONGBRAKE	169 NEW LONDON AVE NEW LONDON OH 44851		(567) 215-7386	nllongbrake@neo.rr.com
Junior Activities	05/447	CINDY PERKINS	3603 BULLHEAD RD WILLARD OH 44890		(567) 224-6358	vocin4@hotmail.com
VA & R	05/257	LYNN BAAB	219 MT VERNON AVE LOUDONVILLE OH 44842	(419) 994-4236		babblyne@gmail.com
DISTRICT 6						
Americanism	06/107	PENNY SCOTT	166 COORS BLVD PATASKALA OH 43062	(785) 375-1624		pennyscott@cox.net
Children & Youth	06/710	HOPE EATON	3964 COUNTY RD 217 MARENGO OH 43334	(419) 210-6088		hopeeaton90@gmail.com
Community Service	06/097	BARB ARNDT	1996 CO RD 170 MARENGO OH 43334	(419) 560-5897		barndt501@twc.com
Junior Activities	06/085	MIRIAM MILLER	1104 LAWNVIEW AVE NEWARK OH 43055	(740) 344-1453	(740) 403-3291	mimilmiller1906@gmail.com
VA & R	06/085	LOLA NIXON	44 CURTIS AVE NEWARK OH 43055	(740) 345-1567	(740) 877-2164	nix7lo@roadrunner.com
DISTRICT 7						
Americanism	07/062	PEGGY PARK	PO BOX 32 CHILLICOTHE OH 45601-0032	(740) 654-5751		NONE
Children & Youth	07/633	STACY BURCHETT	13339 SINKING SPRINGS RD PEBBLES OH 45660		(937) 798-3179	jstacy858@gmail.com
Community Service	07/471	TAMMY CAMPBELL	492 S ZEIGLAR LN STOUT OH 45684		(740) 935-2678	tmcampbell2008@yahoo.com
Junior Activities	07/633	STACY HUMPHREY	1811 INLOW AVE PEBBLES OH 45660		(937) 798-1439	mnt.stacy@yahoo.com
VA & R	07/757	PATRICIA OLAKER	207 CEDARWOOD TER CHILLICOTHE OH 45601-1778	(740) 775-3389		NONE
DISTRICT 8						
Americanism	08/	VACANT				
Children & Youth	08/	VACANT				
Community Service	08/	VACANT				
Junior Activities	08/	VACANT				
VA & R	08/	VACANT				
DISTRICT 9						
Americanism	09/214	MARIBETH SHANKMAN	287 E 235TH ST EUCLID OH 44123		(216) 408-6284	scarfitup@att.net
Children & Youth	09/151	CHRISTINE BETTS	463 MILL ST CONNEAUT OH 44030	(440) 265-8161		
Community Service	09/601	CAROL JOHNSTON	6404 TIMELESS LN ADISON OH 44057		(440) 417-5879	rej5@windstream.net
Junior Activities	09/151	SHARON KNAUFF	303 BAILEY RD CONNEAUT OH 44030		(440) 812-8071	sharonk51@roadrunner.com
VA & R	09/601	TRACY KING	1856 GREEN RD MADISON OH 44057		(440) 339-1672	ludtk2002@yahoo.com
DISTRICT 10						
Americanism	10/499	LINDA PORTER	1080 COUNTRY CLUB DR UNIT 18 WOOSTER OH 44691	(330) 345-7393	(330) 641-8570	llscrp@sssnet.com
Children & Youth	10/131	ALYCE BARNES	44609 Y & O RD WELLSVILLE OH 43968	(330) 383-8941		alyce.barnes@gmail.com
Community Service	10/551	DONNA LEMON-WEAVER	8287 TWP RD 561 HOLMESVILLE OH 44633	(330) 390-0041		tcwdkl@gmail.com
Junior Activities	10/436	CONNIE MORTON	11022 KENT AVE NE HARTVILLE OH 44632	(330) 877-1237	(330) 354-6001	cjnmorton@hotmail.com
VA & R	10/436	JULIE MARTIN	12574 ISLANDVIEW AVE NW UNIONTOWN OH 44685	(330) 699-6268	(330) 730-3795	msjulieamartin@gmail.com
DISTRICT 11						
Americanism	11/071	CAROLE SOWARDS	420 ZANESVILLE RD ROSEVILLE OH 43777	(740) 697-7465	(740) 704-8518	dsowards3@columbus.rr.com
Children & Youth	11/389	JEANNE GINTHER	200 PENNOCK DR LOT 46 BEVERLY OH 45715		(740) 434-3815	jet1697@yahoo.com
Community Service	11/768	LISA SNODGRASS	PO BOX 115 BEALLSVILLE OH 43716	(740) 359-6291		ljs549@me.com
Junior Activities	11/495	FLO HARPOLD	533 WIRT ST BELPRE OH 45714	(740) 423-7766		NONE
VA & R	11/071	REBECCA COLE	74 S MAIN ST LOT #8 ROSEVILLE OH 43777	(740) 704-1221		rcole4@columbus.rr.com
DISTRICT 12						
Americanism	12/144	JUDY DANCH	2223 RAVINE WOOD DR GROVE CITY OH 43123	(614) 871-9559	(614) 203-8467	jdgrovecity@yahoo.com
Children & Youth	12/144	KAY HAYMAN	2649 MCCOMB RD GROVE CITY OH 43123	(614) 537-4359		kaybh@juno.com
Community Service	12/430	BETH MCKEE	548 ROBINWOOD AVE WHITEHALL OH 43213	(614) 231-5772		stx930@icloud.com
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VA & R	12/614	JANE DOMER	5252 GRANDON DR HILLIARD OH 43026	(614) 876-6781	(614) 653-2710	jdomer@yahoo.com
DISTRICT 13						
Americanism	13/610	KRISTEN MCLAUGHLIN	17324 INDEPENDENCE CT BROOK PARK OH 44142		(440) 781-1327	kill721@yahoo.com
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Junior Activities	13/627	MICHELLE BOLIN	4300 BRIDGEVIEW AVE NEWBURG HEIGHTS OH 44105		(216) 253-2101	mizetti1@live.com
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VA & R	14/281	DOTTI ALLRUTZ	736 ELEANORA DR CUYAHOGA FALLS OH 44223	(330) 671-1882		dsja14@aol.com



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	Goal	Jr. Goal					
DISTRICT 0			173 HAROLD KERR.....	168	7	072 STUART G LUGINBUHL.....	161 14
888 HEADQUARTERS.....	213	4	178 ISAAC VAN WERT.....	314	13	123 LELAND M BARNETT.....	61 3
DISTRICT 1			191 HARRY J REYNOLDS.....	148	2	138 DURWIN-SCHANTZ.....	148 3
003 RALPH D COLE.....	139	4	207 HOMER PIERSON.....	76	9	179 MARION.....	74 12
045 BOWLING GREEN.....	41	6	210 CELINA.....	365	44	180 CAREY BAVIS.....	44 1
060 YACKEE-STRONG MEMORIAL.....	11	1	217 SIDNEY.....	199	7	186 RALPH P SNOOK.....	20 1
063 KERNER-SLUSSER.....	266	26	241 NEW BREMEN.....	203	16	194 JOE BARR.....	217 26
099 HARRY E POND.....	18	1	266 WILLARD STOUT.....	40	12	199 JENNINGS BRYAN YEAGER.....	214 22
110 POINT PLACE.....	51	1	268 COMMEMORATIVE.....	49	5	218 MIDDLETOWN.....	149 8
114 JOHN A FADER.....	61	1	323 ST. MARYS.....	166	7	256 LOVELAND.....	130 7
132 VERNON MCCUNE.....	20	5	330 AUGLAIZE.....	150	1	288 WILLIAMSBURG.....	109 10
135 WALTER WELLER.....	11	1	345 EMMET MANNIX.....	164	31	367 COURTS-FUSSNECKER.....	32 3
143 JOHN DALE.....	20	4	355 FORT LORAMIE.....	193	5	394 WALTER MILLER.....	31 2
183 FREEDOM.....	173	12	381 CHARLES COLLINS.....	27	1	406 ARCHIE LEE BOYCE.....	24 1
223 EDWARD C SMART.....	35	1	387 MINSTER.....	52	5	450 VICTOR STIER.....	122 26
232 ALVA N SIDLE.....	154	13	395 WAYNESFIELD.....	12	1	484 MT WASHINGTON.....	81 5
240 TROY-WEBSTER.....	101	16	444 WASHINGTON.....	76	8	513 WESLEY WERNER.....	93 3
262 WARREN L MCINTIRE.....	75	13	470 PATRIOTISM.....	129	1	530 HUGH WATSON.....	19 1
265 ROBINSON GIBBS.....	275	14	571 MARIA STEIN.....	31	2	534 CHAMBERS-HAUTMAN-BUDDE.....	32 4
279 COMMUNITY.....	30	10	648 ST. HENRY.....	82	6	554 EDWARD C GEHLERT.....	41 3
287 CHARLES J WAGNER.....	85	20	DISTRICT 3			615 AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY.....	136 5
300 BERT G TAYLOR.....	318	11	006 CULTICE-WARD.....	56	1	631 JOHN R FOX.....	22 1
305 NORCROSS-MEYERS.....	30	5	043 CLIFFORD THOMPSON.....	70	3	744 HYDE PARK-MT LOOKOUT.....	44 1
307 AGNEW-SHINABARGER.....	38	1	080 A B COLE.....	13	1	755 GEORGE A LAMBERT.....	65 10
311 BUEHRER-LAUBER-WECKESSER.....	25	2	120 PEARCE-KERNS.....	114	1	773 AMELIA BICENTENNIAL.....	11 1
316 DESHLER.....	89	8	140 ERK COTTRELL.....	237	5	DISTRICT 5	
320 MAUMEE.....	217	22	165 MIAMISBURG.....	286	7	008 SPIRIT OF '76.....	214 1
324 GENOA.....	59	7	174 BUCKEYE.....	94	9	012 ELYRIA.....	200 9
332 ROBERTS-MCMILLEN.....	99	10	184 SCHNELL-WESTFALL.....	113	1	016 EARL D MCVEY.....	55 2
334 ARTHUR DALY.....	18	3	200 HUBER HEIGHTS.....	101	1	017 WELKER-SMITH.....	45 2
338 ALBERT BOWE.....	133	12	215 ST. CLAIR.....	43	1	030 LORAIN.....	68 1
340 WILLIAM F HELMKE.....	99	16	238 DONALD CANNON.....	17	1	041 KEN-BUR-BEL.....	144 1
373 A. E. E. W.....	89	14	245 LAROY FARST.....	34	1	073 EARL FOUST.....	82 2
384 WHITEHOUSE.....	239	13	286 NEW CARLISLE.....	122	2	083 COMMODORE DENIG.....	507 12
400 BEVELHYMER-GILLILAND.....	11	1	322 JAMES E RYAN.....	120	1	088 HARRY HIGGINS.....	128 10
409 WESTON.....	17	1	353 ECK ARY-DOUGLAS DICKEY.....	115	9	118 ELMER JOHNSON.....	267 5
441 LYBARGER-GRIMM.....	66	3	360 CLARENCE TEAFORD.....	110	1	169 TIFFIN.....	63 2
454 WARD L ADAMS.....	94	16	377 JUSTICE-LEIBOLT.....	39	1	170 WADSWORTH.....	151 1
468 JOSEPH W DIEHN.....	135	9	435 VERSAILLES.....	94	1	181 COLONEL CRAWFORD.....	198 9
479 MURBACH-SEIFERT.....	169	5	487 GINGRICH-POINCE.....	11	1	202 COURTNEY LAWRENCE.....	18 1
511 MULFORD-BUTLER.....	21	1	526 DIGNAM-WHITMORE.....	74	3	211 AVON LAKE.....	338 1
516 BOWERS-SLUSSER.....	50	1	586 FRANK E ROBINSON.....	195	7	225 WYANDOT.....	59 1
533 ROSSFORD.....	11	1	588 OSGOOD.....	20	1	243 SCARBROUGH.....	108 1
537 CHRIST DUNBERGER.....	48	3	598 KETTERING.....	632	10	250 SYCAMORE.....	95 2
539 NORTH BALTIMORE.....	150	5	613 FT. MCKINLEY MEMORIAL.....	42	1	257 LOUDON.....	320 2
541 WINNOW-ARN.....	169	13	619 TONY STEIN.....	11	1	260 VICTORY.....	76 8
545 ARGONNE.....	18	1	643 BRADFORD MEMORIAL.....	19	3	292 BROOME-WOOD.....	63 7
553 ADAMS TOWNSHIP.....	91	7	668 VANDALIA MEMORIAL.....	136	1	295 MARION H PECK.....	90 16
587 CONN-WEISSEBERGER.....	116	6	675 SOUTH PARK MEMORIAL.....	73	1	326 O'BRIEN.....	93 4
635 COMMUNITY MEMORIAL.....	12	1	707 RANDOLPH.....	188	9	344 EARL GREEN.....	125 4
642 PRZYBYLSKI.....	83	4	708 NILES RICHARDS.....	11	1	354 EDWARD GRINE.....	98 5
646 HOLLAND.....	82	6	746 NORTHRIDGE MEMORIAL.....	11	2	397 FIEBIRCH.....	108 2
669 WEST UNITY.....	60	1	762 NEW LEBANON.....	61	2	404 WADE BENFER.....	22 1
680 NEY COMMUNITY.....	12	1	763 BEAVERCREEK MEMORIAL.....	106	3	405 CARL A GEIGER.....	63 5
715 COLONEL JENNINGS.....	170	8	776 GENERAL DANIEL "CHAPPIE" JAMES... 107		7	434 CAUFIELD.....	22 1
725 PORTAGE MEMORIAL.....	11	1	787 ROGER L VICKERS.....	14	4	447 EHRET-PARSEL.....	86 19
DISTRICT 2			DISTRICT 4			488 MCWHIRTER.....	24 1
096 WILLIAM PAUL GALLAGHER.....	201	3	049 WILMINGTON-VETERANS.....	133	1	503 GARRETT-RIEST.....	54 7
			069 HALKER-FLEGE.....	74	11	523 LODI.....	63 2

