



American Legion Auxiliary

Department of Michigan

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SEPTEMBER 2016



FALL CONFERENCE—SEPT. 23-25, MUSKEGON, HOLIDAY INN

DEPARTMENT NOTES

1. As of August 10, the Department national membership for the 2015-16 year is 86.47%. We remain 7th in the country and 1st in the Central Division.

2. At this time, approximately 35% of the units have ALAMIS access. **YOUR UNIT CAN TOO!** Send \$15, your name, membership number, Unit name and number and an e-mail to department. **WHAT CAN ALAMIS DO FOR YOUR UNIT....** Make address, name, and marital status changes. Check who has paid their dues on-line., check national reports., enter the information of new members. You don't need to rely on department for your unit information any more.

3. **MEMBERS CAN NOW PAY THEIR DUES ONLINE.** Refer to the national in the "Members Only" area for details on how to pay your dues directly to national.

4. 2017 Membership cards have been mailed. We now have one year of on-line dues paying available. **DO NOT** include PUFL members and members who have paid their dues online on transmittal sheets.

5. **COMMON ERRORS BY MEMBERS**

A. If you pay your dues **ON-LINE**, the **permanent card still comes from the unit**. Please do not contact national or department requesting your permanent card.

B. For the year 2016-17, start your first transmittal with the number 1.

C. Many errors are caused by math errors. Please use a calculator.

SHARE WITH YOUR MEMBERS **CONTENTS OF THE UNIT MAILING!**

It is the responsibility of those members that receive the Unit Mailing to share its contents with the members of your unit during meetings. You do not need to read everything that's in the mailing but **read the items below so if a member wants to refer to a specific sheet.**

Unit Mailing for this month has material on:

- Cover Sheet Announcements
- Memory Garden
- NEW Chaplain Deceased Form (new address)
- Fall Conference Schedule
- New format for Fall Conference explained
- Education Notice
- 2015-2016 Scholarship Winners
- Girls State Application
- Early Bird Girls State Notice
- Girls State Wish List
- Help Wanted for Girls State
- Public Relations Notice
- Ann Arbor VA Current Needs and Events
- Saginaw VAMC Special Project
- President's Special Project
- Junior President Special Project
- Notice on Poppy Guide Book Available
- Notice on Volunteer Hours Out-of-state
- Units with 102% receive check from National
- ALA National Foundation Fundraising project
- 2016-2017 Roster

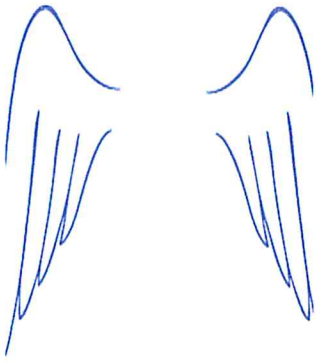
UPCOMING EVENTS

August 26-Sept. 1—Cincinnati, Ohio—National Convention

September 23-25—Fall Conference—Muskegon—Holiday Inn

FYI—President Ellen will be in the Department office approximately every other week—Please contact the department to see when she will be making a trip to Lansing if you need to speak to her.

**FALL CONFERENCE
SCHEDULE
INCLUDED IN THIS MAILING**



MEMORY GARDEN

2016 – 2017

GEORGIA DOWNS, CHAPLAIN

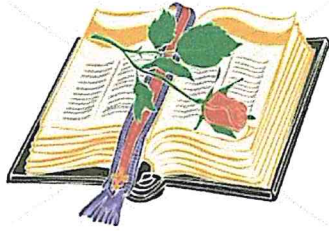
Sarah “Sally” Moros	District 2	Unit 34	06/30/2016
Helen Schmidt	District 2	Unit 34	07/11/2016
Sara Ann Smith	District 4	Unit 362	06/21/2016
Judith Nowak	District 4	Unit 454	06/21/2016
Retha Riess	District 4	Unit 454	06/29/2016
Ann Quinn	District 5	Unit 208	06/13/2016
Ruth Wilson	District 5	Unit 258	06/30/2016
Biruta Miller	District 5	Unit 154	07/30/2016
Doris M. Botos	District 6	Unit 64	03/04/2016
Emily B. Lammy	District 6	Unit 64	05/21/2016
Jennie Buchalski	District 7	Unit 543	07/20/2016
Neva Forth	District 7	Unit 16	06/20/2016
Virginia Hyde	District 7	Unit 543	05/20/2016



MEMORY GARDEN

2016 – 2017

Nancy Stevens	District 7	Unit 449	07/18/2016
Donna M. Loughren	District 7	Unit 449	07/20/2016
Carol English	UPAA	Unit 5	12/??/2015
Mary Knauf	UPAA	Unit 438	06/30/2016
Doris Phillipson-Goodrich	UPAA	Unit 131	07/10/2016
Leona Brownhill	District 16	Unit 396	05/16/2016
Carman Estrada	District 17	Unit 32	06/23/2016
Hazel M. Hoppe	District 18	Unit 14	04/23/2016
Betty Oeschger	District 18	Unit 216	10/04/2015
Carol Serva	District 19	Unit 281	06/21/2016



New Address

DECEASED MEMBER NOTIFICATION

Unit Chaplains:

We are continuing our "IN MEMORY" notification of deceased members in our monthly Department Newsletter. If you would like your Unit's deceased members listed, complete this form as soon as possible. Send the completed form to me at the address noted at the bottom of the page. Please **PRINT**, in order to eliminate spelling errors.

A data form **MUST** still be sent to Department Headquarters for membership records.

Name of Deceased Member PRINT) _____

Date of Death _____ District _____

Unit Name and Number _____

Signature _____ Date _____

Mail to: Georgia Downs

P.O. Box 52

Hesperia, MI 49421

Fall Conference-September 23-25, 2016

Holiday Inn, Muskegon, Michigan

Office Hours: Friday—10:00-5:00 and Saturday--9:00-3:00

Thursday—September 23—Registration

Friday—September 24--Registration

10:00-1:00	DEC Meeting
1:00-2:00	Lunch
3:00-4:00	Opening Session
5:00-6:00	Dinner
6:00-7:00	Strategic Planning
7:00-8:30	"Getting to Know You" Session

(Officers, Chairman, Dist. Pres, 1st Vice only)

Saturday—September 25--Registration

9:00 Schools of Instruction

9:00-9:15	Session 1
9:15-9:30	Session 2
9:30-9:45	Session 3
9:45-10:00	Session 4
10:00-10:15	Session 5
10:15-10:30	Session 6
10:30-10:45	BREAK
10:45-11:00	Session 7
11:00-11:15	Session 8
11:15-11:30	Session 9
11:30-11:45	Session 10
11:45-12:00	Session 11

12:00-1:00	LUNCH
1:00-1:15	Session 12
1:15-1:30	Session 13
1:30-1:425	Session 14
1:45-2:00	Session 15
2:00-2:15	Session 16
2:15-2:30	BREAK
2:30-2:45	Session 17
2:45-3:00	Session 18
3:00-3:15	Session 19
3:15-3:30	Session 20
3:30-3:45	Session 21
3:45-4:00	Raffles/Drawings

Thank you for attending Fall Conference—have a safe journey home.



THE FORMAT FOR FALL CONFERENCE IS GOING TO BE A LITTLE DIFFERENT THIS YEAR

SATURDAY—SCHOOL OF INSTRUCTION SESSIONS

1. Each session will be 14 minutes with 1 minute allowed to move to the next session.
2. The department chairman/officer is going to remain at the table and the attendees will be moving from table to table.
3. This format is meant to give more in-depth conversations regarding each committee, and what the chairman will be doing to promote her committee for the 2016-17 year.
4. An attendee can remain at the same table for a maximum of TWO-15 minute sessions, then she must move on to a different table.
5. After an attendee has visited all of the tables, she can return to a table later in the day for more conversation/questions.
6. We hope everyone will “get involved” in these sessions—ask questions and learn more about our wonderful organization and its mission.

Department of Michigan American Legion Auxiliary
Education Program, 2016-2017
Unit Mailing September
Chairman: Susan Svacha

What is this program, and why do we have it?

The Education Program promotes the American Legion Auxiliary's role in providing quality education for children and adults through classroom activities, literacy programs, scholarship promotion and support of education beyond high school, especially for military children.

What Can You Do?

1. Enhance respect for the sacrifices of our military heroes among schoolchildren by scheduling Veterans in Community Schools programs at local schools. See enclosed how to sheet.

(Note: This program was previously called Veterans in the Classroom.)

Ideas:

Member

- Locate a veteran willing to share his/her experience with school children. Attend a post meeting or ask around the clubroom for a volunteer.
- Contact your local schoolteachers or principals to see if they would be interested in hosting a Veterans in Community Schools event.
- Volunteer to provide transportation to and from the school for the veteran speaking in community schools.
- Wear your American Legion Auxiliary apparel when you visit schools.

Unit

- Collaborate with your local American Legion post to present Veterans in Community Schools within your local schools.
- Promote your Veterans in Community Schools event through local media and on your own social media accounts.

Department 2015-16 Scholarship Winners

Memorial Scholarship Winners

First Name	Last Name	College	City
Abigail	Barker	Cornerstone University	St. Clair
Mykaela	Cayemberg	Michigan Tech	Vulcan
Nicole	Cooley	Baker College of Muskegon	Vestaburg
Autumn	Grosvenor	Baker College of Auburn Hills	Clarkston
Susanna	Hagan	University of Michigan	Iron Mountain
Nicole	Jarvis	Aquinas College	Williamsburg
Zoe	Ketola	Michigan Technological University	Norway
Rachel	Malmquist	Northern Michigan University	Iron River
Margaret	Merogi	Oakland University	Farmington Hills
Lauren	Robisch	University of Michigan	Dearborn Heights
Alexis	Smith	University of Michigan	St. Clair
Natalie	Suchoski	Michigan State University	Shelby Twp.
Lindsay	Swinson	Michigan State University	Midland
Amanda	VanBaren	Western Michigan University	Byron Center

Medical Scholarship Winners

Kate	Beauchamp	Central Michigan University	St. Clair
Grace	Boyle	Calvin College	Battle Creek
Gwynneth	Coselman	Ferris State University	Byron
Rebecca	Dow	Western Michigan University	Caledonia
Austin	Edwards	Central Michigan University	Clarkston
Lilly	Frisbee	University of Michigan-Dearborn	Lake Orion
Drew	Graham	Michigan State University	Cadillac
Madeline	Hahn	Oakland University	Unionville
Tristen	Howard	Eastern Michigan University	Coloma
Maggie	Ivey	Oakland University	Iron River
Emilee	Kuiphoff	University of Detroit Mercy	Caledonia
Hanna	Liptak	Grand Valley State University	Boon
Mackenzie	Moore	Albion College	Quincy
Kelsey	Mullen	University of Detroit Mercy	Onsted
Kaitlyn	Sarsfield	Kirtland Community College	Roscommon
Emma	Schoenborn	Grand Valley State University	Iron Mountain
Barbara	Slagle	Northern Michigan University	Norway
Jenna	Smith	Michigan State University	Owendale
McKenzie	Thomas	Bay West	Iron Mountain
Olivia	Truscott	Michigan State University	Iron Mountain



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Michigan
Girls State**

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RESERVATION APPLICATION

The **Seventy-seventh** session of Michigan American Legion Auxiliary Girls State will be held at Shaw Hall on the campus of Michigan State University, East Lansing, Michigan.

June 18 through June 24, 2017

Mail this entire reservation form and check to the Department ALA office at the address above.

Receipt of this reservation form and the \$350 fee guarantees your reservation(s). You will be mailed one delegate registration letter and checklist, along with one alternate letter and alternate registration form, for each paid reservation. **Please make sure you get the letter and check list to your Delegate as soon as you make your selection! It is very important that you recruit an alternate for each delegate, and make sure she receives her alternate letter and form.**

THIS YEAR: You can now include orders for t-shirts and yearbooks on this reservation form. If you choose to pay in advance for t-shirts and/or yearbooks for your delegate(s), please complete the order form below and include that expense on your reservation check. We also added the option for you to make a donation to our program that will help sponsor our alternates. **If you include a donation with this form, we will combine it with other donations to send alternates to Girls State.**

Number of Girls Sponsored: _____ x \$350 per girl \$ _____
Number of Shirt Orders: _____ x \$10 per shirt \$ _____
Donation to ALA Girls State: \$ _____

Make check payable to: **ALA, Department of Michigan** (Memo line: Girls State)
Enclosed is check no. _____ for the total amount of \$ _____

(Please provide ALL information and PRINT legibly)

Sponsoring Organization _____

City _____

Contact Person _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Phone (____) _____ E-Mail _____

**Questions? Contact: Beryl Robbins @ 313.318.6845 or berylrobbins@comcast.net; or
Rysta Brown @ 989.739.1360 or rystab@hotmail.com**



**DON'T DELAY! GET YOUR AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY
GIRLS STATE RESERVATION FORM IN TODAY!**

NO NEED TO WAIT UNTIL YOU FIND A DELEGATE, ACT NOW!

**CONTACT YOUR 2016 GIRLS STATE ALUMNI FOR
RECOMMENDATIONS ON WHO TO SPONSOR FOR 2017**



MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY — SHAW HALL

JUNE 18—JUNE 24, 2017

\$350 per student for a life changing experience!

Must be completing their junior year of High School in June 2017

RESERVATION FORMS ARE AVAILABLE ONLINE AT:

www.michalaux.org—click on Girls State

SO...WHAT ARE YOU WAITING FOR?



AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY



Wish List

Grant Writers

Cash Donations

*Volunteers to work entire or part of our 2017
Girls State Session*

3x5 American Flags for Governor

Collapsible Platform Cart

Gold Charm Bracelets

Staplers

Copy Paper

Help wanted for Girls State

This year we are asking for new volunteers for Girls State. It will be held in East Lansing at Shaw Hall June 18th through the 24th, 2017.

Skills needed: office skills, nursing, sales

You must be of reasonable health.

A positive attitude and good communication skills are a must.

If interested, please contact Rysta Brown @ rystab@hotmail.com with your contact information.

Note: This is the same time as our Department Convention, so make your plans accordingly.



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MISSION STATEMENT:

In the spirit of service, not self, the mission of the American Legion Auxiliary is to support The American Legion and to honor the sacrifice of those who serve by enhancing the lives of our veterans, military, and their families, both at home and abroad. For God and Country, we advocate for veterans, educate our citizens, mentor youth, and promote patriotism, good citizenship, peace and security.

"Let's Talk About It" Public Relations Sept '16

According to the Public Relations Society of America, "Public Relations is a strategic communication process that builds mutually beneficial relationships between organizations and their public". Have you built that relationship within your communities?

We have several events coming up in the next few months that can help to build that relationship.

Over the next 30 days there are several important dates that you can take advantage of for your Unit. This month includes:

Patriots Day 9/11
POW/MIA Day 9/16
Air Force Birthday 9/18
Gold Star Mother's Day 9/25.

Reminder: Veteran day parade committees in your area are preparing now for November. Has your unit contacted the parade committee?

Have you finalized your plans for your POW/MIA Day Ceremony? Contacted you Air Force Veterans and are ready to send them a birthday card? Planned your Gold Star Mother's Day Tea? These are items that should be in the final stages of your planning. Confirming the little details should make for a successful event.

Coming in October – What will you plan for?

Columbus Day 10/10
Navy Birthday 10/13
Marines Barracks Lebanon 1985 10/23
Halloween Safety 10/3.

Has your Legion Family thought about hosting a trunk or treat in your post home parking lot for Halloween? Keeping the little goblins in a safe controlled environment for their trick or treating fun. Handing out Halloween Safety coloring books and brochures (available through National Emblem Sales) to the children and parents while giving serving refreshments can be a great conversation starter on other events that may be coming up in your community.

It's Not too Early to think Ahead - November

November brings around the Marines Birthday 11/10, Veterans' Day 11/11, Thanksgiving 11/24 and "Giving" Tuesday 11/29. Now is the time



“Let's Talk About It” Public Relations Sept ‘16

to start your planning, if you have not already, for Veterans' Day. Your local communities start to plan a year in advance.

Have you made arrangements to be in the local parade?

Host an after parade picnic or luncheon? Put out fliers to get volunteers to help make the event a success?

You should be planning for each event and an event organizer or chairman in place. Let's make each event a success as we make our relationship with our communities a success.

December will be here before you know it

December brings

Pearl Harbor Day 12/7 and Christmas 12/25.

The VA Gift stores will be opening, start thinking 8 weeks out on how to promote it.

Our troops need to have a Christmas too! Take time and plan a packing party prior to Christmas. Always allow enough time for the delivery.

POW/MIA Day and Pearl Harbor Day have sample templates available at www.ALforveterans.org. If you sign in under the members only section and click on:

PR/Marketing Resources under the members only tab, there will be

Templates for newsletters

Banners

Labels

Press releases etc.

Everything that you might need to help you get started on your units public relations track. If you cannot access the items on the website, please feel free to email me at suzanne.knapp26@gmail.com and I will be happy to email you the information that you need.

Suzanne Knapp

Public Relations Chairman
American Legion Auxiliary
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VA Ann Arbor Current Needs—July 2016

The new VA Ann Arbor Veteran Welcome Center is a renovation and 10,000 sq. ft. building addition to the main entrance of the Ann Arbor VA Medical Center. Designed to blend architectural and technology innovations with Veteran-centered care principals, both interior and exterior space will be transformed into a healing and inviting environment. We thank you for your interest in this project and supporting our vision to provide your VA of tomorrow in Ann Arbor, Michigan. GPF #4032 earmarked Veteran Welcome Center

The community living center (CLC) has requested sweat pants, sweat shirts, shorts (knee-length) and colored T-shirts for their residents. Sizes needed are L, XL, 2X, 3X, 4X, and 5X. Items may be purchased and delivered to Voluntary Service or donations may be made to GPF 4241 earmarked Community Living Center Fund



Two motorized scooters for Cardiology patients to use during their visit at the medical center.

Adult coloring books and colored pencils for inpatients on the AIMH Unit.



Laser Printer

Our Homeless Employment Program and the Therapeutic and Supported Employment program is working hard to end Veterans Homelessness through employment and vocational initiatives. We would like to establish an "employment lab"—a place where our veterans can come to, receive assistance with their resumes and job search skills and cover letter writing. To make this happen, we are in need of 5 new computers (with Windows software) and a laser printer. GPF 4003

Snack Kits:

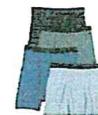
items listed below are placed in a plastic bag (self-sealing) and given to Veterans in need:

- Roll of lifesavers (or other hard candy – non-melting)
- Rice Krispies bar (or granola bar, etc.)
- Plastic utensils (knife, fork, spoon with napkin)
- Ritz Snack Mix (Cheddar) (or other trail mix, etc.).
- Easy open can of fish steaks (or tuna, canned meat, etc.)



Requesting donations of various crafts for Veterans' enjoyment (i.e. models, leather crafts, paint by number, etc.)

Men's white t-shirts and boxers Sizes: Medium through 3XL are needed. Also: White Socks



Sterile Heart Pillows for Veterans who have undergone heart surgery GPF #4003



Thank you for your support and generosity.

If you have any questions or would like to purchase any of these items, please contact Voluntary Service at (734) 845-3467

Ann Arbor VA Medical Center

Upcoming events:

- Nov 28 – 30: Gift Shop (held Mon-Wed following Thanksgiving 24th)
- Annual Baby Shower (generally first Saturday in Dec, 12/3/16)
- Veteran's Day Nov 11th

Current Needs:

- Boxers, Men's (all sizes-white)
- White Socks Men's
- New sweatpants (all sizes)—Urgent need
- T-Shirts Men's (all sizes, white)
- Chap Stick, other comfort items
- Snack Kits
- Lap blankets (4' by 4' or larger)
- Larger items—see July 2016 Needs List

**MY SPECIAL PROJECT FOR THE SAGINAW VAMC HOSPITAL
YEAR 2016 -2017 HATS OFF TO VETERANS IS**

LAZY-BOY RECLINERS –

MATERIAL MUST BE ABLE TO WIPE DOWN.

**OVER THE YEARS THE OTHER RECLINERS HAVE GAVE
AWAY, THESE NEW RECLINERS WILL STAY IN THE
HOSPITAL AND BE USED BY VETERANS WHILE THEIR STAY
IN THE VAMC HOSPITAL AND THEIR FAMILIES MEMBERS TO
ENJOY.**

ALL DONATIONS WILL GO TOWARD THE RECLINERS.

THANK YOU FOR CARING FOR OUR VETERANS.

BONNIE HOLT

598 PILGRIM DRIVE EAST

SAGINAW, MI 48638

1-989-280-1189 CALL OR TEXT

BJHFELINE@ATT.NET

Raffle

Proceeds to Benefit Department President Ellen Jackson's Special Project

The American Legion

Michigan Wounded and Returning Warrior Program

Serving Those Who Serve Our Country!



Tickets on sale at Fall Conference & Winter Meeting 6
Chances for \$5



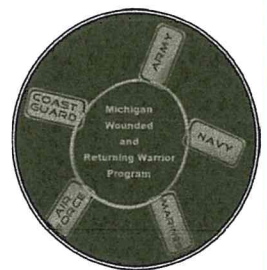
Drawing to be held on March 11, 2017

Winner will receive this commemorative figurine titled

"He Ain't Heavy, He's My Brother"



..."It was a great setting for me and the other veterans to enjoy ourselves when so many of us find very little enjoyment in our lives otherwise. And, best of all, the retreat was a sincere act of gracious love given to us with no expectations or hidden agenda."



Your donations will help provide our wounded heroes and their families with a retreat to a Michigan resort.



"Thank you American Legion for providing us with the opportunity to go on this trip. The generosity of your organization has been truly touching and it has given me great comfort knowing that during this transition period in my Military career I have so many veterans and a veterans organization that would do something as extraordinary as sending me on a honeymoon. If there is anything that I can ever do for the American Legion please know that I am only a phone call away." -
Andrew - US Marine

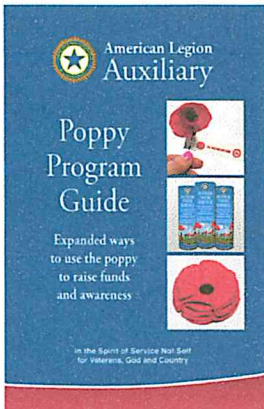
Sabrina's Report .docx

Open with Google Docs

Hello my name is Sabrina Townes. I am the Honorary Department of Michigan Junior President. My special project is Stiggy's Dogs, Stiggy's Dogs is an orga sheltered dogs and trains them to become service dogs for veterans, plus ther veteran. The reason I picked Stiggy's Dogs was because they train dogs to be dogs for veterans with PTSD and TBI's and I am in love with dogs but I also lo veterans and I thought combining the two would be wonderful. We found out a Dogs and I thought it was the perfect for me.

Bonnie Olson

From: Dubbie Buckler <dbuckler@legion-aux.org>
Sent: Tuesday, June 14, 2016 5:40 PM
To: 2016 Natl Officers; 2016 Dept NECS; 2016 Natl Chairmen; 2016 Dept Secretaries; 2016 Dept Presidents; ALA Past National Presidents; ALA NHQ Staff
Subject: ALA new Poppy Program Guide now available online and at Emblem Sales
Categories: Blue Category



FYI – The new American Legion Auxiliary Poppy Program Guide Book is now available online and for purchase from Emblem Sales. The 28-page ALA Poppy Guide incorporates information based on the expanded Poppy Fund Program Rules adopted by The American Legion. It also has helpful ideas for raising funds and heightening awareness of the symbolic meaning of the “In Memoriam” red poppy. Many thanks to the recent ALA National Poppy Committee chairs and members, NHQ staff members, and all who helped over the past few years in developing the content for this Guide.

The ALA Poppy Guide can be purchased from Emblem Sales for \$1.95 per copy: <http://emblem.legion.org/Poppy-Program-Guide/productinfo/355.218/>

The ALA Poppy Guide is available to read online and can be downloaded for free at www.ALAforVeterans.org in the Members Only Section under the tab: Resources/ALA Guides

Remember, The American Legion's recently expanded Poppy Fund and Program Rules allow more options for raising funds. The new Poppy Guide tells the poppy story, offers suggestions for new ways to increase donations from expanded poppy items to colorful poppy donation cans, has instructions for making the popular felt poppy pins, and explains how Poppy Funds can be used.

Increasing opportunities to share the poppy story and raise donations will help build awareness and American Legion Family brand loyalty. The Poppy program can also be a great opportunity to engage members and foster an ALA culture of goodwill. Thanks everyone for all you do to help achieve the goals of the ALA Centennial Strategic Plan.

Mary “Dubbie” Buckler | Executive Director/National Secretary | American Legion Auxiliary National Headquarters | Direct: 317-569-4506; Fax: 317-569-4502 | DBuckler@ALAforVeterans.org | www.ALAforVeterans.org | *In the Spirit of Service Not Self for Veterans, God and Country*

DID YOU KNOW?

"Can departments claim the hours that their members log as volunteers at VA facilities in adjacent states?" "Can departments claim the hours that their members log as volunteers at VA facilities in adjacent states?"

Good Morning All,

During my visits I've been repeatedly asked the question "Can departments claim the hours that their members log as volunteers at VA facilities in adjacent states?" Here is the answer, provided by our awesome NHQ staff members Colette Fike and Chrystal Daulton:

YES! For American Legion Auxiliary Volunteer Hours, the time that a member volunteers at a VA facility (even in another state) will count for the unit/department to which she belongs under the heading of "Service to Veterans" for our organization. However, as far as the VA is concerned her hours are counted as part of the TOTAL Veterans Affairs Voluntary Service (VAVS) hours served at that particular facility. Please keep in mind when recording volunteer hours, these are two different organizations with two different systems of record keeping, the American Legion Auxiliary's Service to Veterans hours and the Veterans Administration's Veterans Affairs voluntary Service hours.

If there are any questions, please feel free to contact Chrystal Daulton at National Headquarters at va&r@alaforveterans.org.

Thank you for your questions regarding this matter. Hopefully this helps to clarify any confusion.

Sharon Conatser
National President

Michigan 102% Units

UNIT	Legal Name	Care Of	Address	CITY	State	Zip	OBJECTIVE	JUNIOR	SENIOR	TOTAL	PERCENT
0042	Greenawalt-Flaherty		105 W What St	Charlotte	MI	48813	103	5	133	138	133.98%
0070	Captain Naomi Bell		78 Leicester Ct	Detroit	MI	48202	11	3	11	14	127.27%
0415	Austin Moore		2729 Iris Lane	Hartland	MI	48353	20	1	24	25	125.00%
0135	Harry F Hovey		6705 Lothrop Rd	Imlay City	MI	48444-8936	20	0	25	25	125.00%
0293	Stammitz-Lindeman		625 W. Hickory Ct	Sebewaing	MI	48759	72	5	80	85	118.06%
0092	Milton G. Preiss		PO Box 302	Rockland	MI	49960-0302	29	0	34	34	117.24%
0159	Clayton Murray		PO Box 613	Mackinaw City	MI	49701-0613	108	2	123	125	115.74%
0139	Reese		2452 S. Nolet Rd.	Munger	MI	48747	14	4	12	16	114.29%
0105	Benton Harbor		1796 Territorial Rd	Benton Harbor	MI	49022	32	0	36	36	112.50%
0525	Smiths Creek		1340 Georgia Ave	Marysville	MI	48040	18	0	20	20	111.11%
0115	Escanaba River		PO Box 116	Wells	MI	49894	15	1	15	16	106.67%
0226	Leslie T Shapton		6685 M-66 N. #117	Charlevoix	MI	47920	32	0	34	34	106.25%
0089	Oscar Briggs		27031 CR 388	Gobles	MI	49055	16	3	14	17	106.25%
0146	Menominee		504 8th St	Menominee	MI	49858-1757	236	7	241	248	105.08%
0028	Charles A Conklin		700 S Harbor Dr	Grand Haven	MI	49417	1456	29	1471	1500	103.02%
0472	Melvindale		17011 Raupp Rd	Melvindale	MI	48122	41	0	42	42	102.44%
0454	Snyder-Lewis-Welty		32201 Harold St	Colon	MI	49040	88	1	89	90	102.27%
0558	Clare-Farwell		773 E Coleman Rd	Clare	MI	48617	140	0	143	143	102.14%

Congratulations! Your Unit has achieved 102% or more of your unit's 2016 membership goal. In recognition of your achievement, enclosed is a \$150.00 check for your unit to use for mission outreach and/or membership efforts. Your unit will also be receiving a 102% flag pole ribbon as well as special gifts for your unit president, secretary and membership chairman. Be on the lookout for these in the near future!

Please note that your unit will have **90 days** to cash the enclosed check. Checks not cashed within 90 days will become void. No checks will be reissued once they become void.

Congratulations again and keep up the great work of growing membership!

Sincerely,

Sharon Conatser

American Legion Auxiliary
National President

Vickie Kortz

American Legion Auxiliary Foundation needs **YOUR** help to win \$6,000 to support our veterans, military, and their families!

Indiana Members Credit Union is conducting a quarterly "IMCU Gives Back" campaign to offer members of the community an opportunity to vote for their favorite organization/charity, allowing that group a chance to win \$6,000. This quarter is focused on Veteran Related Charities and the American Legion Auxiliary Foundation is in the running!

How to Vote from a Computer, Tablet, or Smartphone:

- ✓ Click on the link: <http://www.imcu.com/CustomContent.aspx?Name=imcugivesback%20voting%20poll>
- ✓ Scroll down and press **CLICK HERE TO PLACE YOUR VOTE!**
- ✓ Continue by clicking **ACCEPT**
- ✓ Type in your email address and click **SUBMIT EMAIL**
- ✓ Scroll to find the American Legion Auxiliary Foundation and click **VOTE**
- ✓ You will immediately receive an email asking for you to confirm your vote. Click **CONFIRM VOTE** in the email.

That's it! The voting will take place from August 1-September 30 and you can vote every day, using as many email addresses as you have available.

Vote daily and share this with friends and family to make an even bigger impact!



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