



American Legion Auxiliary

Department of Michigan

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December, 2016



TIME TO CLEAN UP THE BOOKS!

Attention all Unit Officers past and present: There are quite a few uncashed checks that have been issued to Unit for dues, etc. by Department. I need to get these taken care of as I prepare for the upcoming audit.

Please check ALL your Auxiliary files and make sure you don't have checks that should have been deposited. If you find them, please deposit them immediately.

At the end of December, 2016, I will be cancelling any checks that were written in 2015 and have not been cashed.

If you have any questions, please give me a call at (517) 267-8809, Ext 21.

PLAN TO ATTEND WINTER CONFERENCE

Mid Winter Conference is being held March 9-12, 2017 in Flint at the Holiday Inn Gateway Centre. The Winter Conference Banquet will be Friday, March 10, 2017. The registration information is included in this mailing and more information will be forthcoming on Auxiliary events at the Conference.

Plan ahead and don't miss the fun time rivalry of Commander Money, President Jackson and Son Chapman. Did someone say Pie Eating Contest? Oh my.....

Wishing you much happiness in the Holidays season and in the coming year from your Department Staff!



KEEPING MEMBERSHIP STRAIGHT

1. Please make sure all applications for new members are completed and signed by the Post Adjutant.
2. If a member pays online, the Unit will receive a check from Department after we receive the funds from National. This is a tedious task writing checks for 265 Units. Please be patient.
3. If a member pays online, when submitting your transmittal, you should include them on the transmittal indicating they paid online and include them in your Year to Date member count.

UPCOMING EVENTS TO PLAN FOR:

Girls State 2017

June 18-24, 2017 MSU

Department Convention June 22-25, 2017 Flint, MI



2017 WINTER CONFERENCE BANQUET RESERVATION FORM

Friday, March 10, 2017

Holiday Inn Gateway Centre, Flint, MI
Cash Social Hour: 6:00 p.m. - Dinner: 7:00 p.m.
\$30.00 per person

Select # of each: Beef _____ Chicken _____ Fish _____

Enclosed is \$ _____ for a total of _____ tickets at \$30 each

Credit Card # _____ Exp. Date ____/____/____

We accept all credit cards except American Express

NAME _____ EMAIL _____

ADDRESS _____ POST/UNIT # _____

CITY _____ ZIP _____

TELEPHONE (_____) _____

Make checks payable and mail to: The American Legion, Department of Michigan,
Attn: Kim, 212 N. Verlinden, Ste A, Lansing, MI 48915

DEADLINE FOR RECEIPT OF RESERVATIONS AT DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS

FEBRUARY 9, 2017

No Refunds after 2/9/2017



GENESEE COUNTY CONVENTION CORPORATION
IS PROUD TO PRESENT
THE AMERICAN LEGION, DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN
WINTER MEETING MARCH 9-12, 2017



REGISTRATION: \$15.00 per person, **you must be registered to attend meetings.**

PAYABLE TO: Genesee County Convention Corporation

MAILED TO: Bernie Langlois, 12248 E. Atherton Rd., Davison, MI 48423

CHECKS ONLY PLEASE

****Note**** Please print legibly or fill out the form online, print it out and mail it in.

Name _____ ☐ Legion ☐ Auxiliary ☐ SAL ☐ Leg. Riders

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Number x \$15.00= _____

All room requests and special needs are to be placed through:

THE HOLIDAY INN GATEWAY CENTRE
5353 GATEWAY CENTRE
FLINT, MI 48507
PHONE: 1-810-232-5300

If the Holiday Inn is full please call the Courtyard 1-810-232-3500

CODE: ALD

DEADLINE: February 16, 2017

Located in Mundy Twp. – Hill Rd. at Gateway Center

Note: The Code # ALD will allow the hotel to access the room rate of 92.00 + 11% tax. All major credit cards are acceptable.

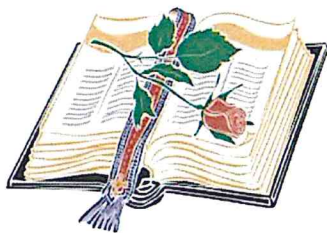
When you call for your reservation you should be greeted with **"It's a great day at the Holiday Inn in Flint."** If this is not your greeting please hang up and try your call again in 10 to 15 minutes. The Flint phone # is 1-810-232-5300. If the hotel is full please asked to be transferred to **Courtyard.**

If you have asked the hotel for any special needs and would like to verify them please drop a note in with your registration and we will verify them for you. **THE HOLIDAY INN & THE COURTYARD HAVE DETROIT WATER...NOT FLINT WATER.**

Please feel free to contact one of the following with any questions:

Bernie Langlois (Leg.) 810-653-6517

Venus Langlois (Aux.) 810-653-6517



CHAPLAIN Georgia Downs

For many of us, Holy Season and Festive Holidays are fast approaching. Remember to keep our military and their families in your prayers during this Holiday Season. Keep our Veterans and our Homeless in your prayers. Volunteer at Homeless Centers and Nursing Homes, help wherever there is a need, if you can.

For a refresher, here are some of the responsibilities of our Chaplains.

1. Reporting the names of members that are ill at meetings and presenting cards for all who are present to sign.
2. Sending a sympathy card to the family and if possible visiting the funeral home when a member passes away. She may also be assigned to ask the family if they wish to have a funeral dinner.
3. Being in charge of any religious services the Unit may have, such as draping the charter or performing memorial services.
4. Visiting members and veterans in nursing homes and hospitals.
5. Visiting members and veterans who are shut-in at home.
6. Keeping in contact with all Gold Star Mothers and remembering them during all holidays.
7. Sending cards to members and their family members.
8. Volunteering in community projects.
9. Making a prayer and devotional book.
10. Encouraging members to send prayers and devotional thoughts so that she can use them to make a prayer book.

Please send me prayers and devotional thoughts, so far I have received none. My mailing address is: P.O. Box 52, Hesperia, MI 49421

May God Bless and keep each of you, safe in his loving arms.

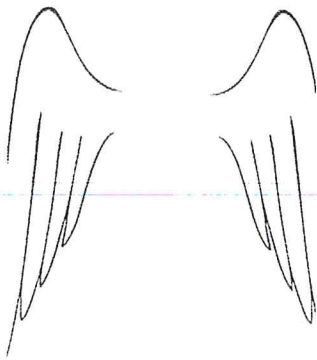


MEMORY GARDEN

2016 – 2017

GEORGIA DOWNS, CHAPLAIN

Gwen Beckman	District 2	Unit 322	10/??/2016
Arlene Weyher	District 2	Unit 155	05/14/2016
Marion Pearce	District 3	Unit 465	08/29/2016
Sandra Bowker	District 4	Unit 51	09/26/2016
Gladys A. Sandra	District 4	Unit 568	10/06/2016
Adele M. Gray	District 4	Unit 138	02/06/2016
Hazel Klaiber	District 4	Unit 138	08/15/2016
Elaine L. Isom	District 4	Unit 160	09/19/2016
Lori Fish	District 4	Unit 484	07/06/2016
Adele E. Church	District 4	Unit 484	06/12/2016
Diane M. Tithof	District 4	Unit 345	06/13/2016
Ann M. Bell	District 7	Unit 525	08/01/2016
Angelika Headlee	District 7	Unit 449	10/25/2016
Deanna Porter	District 8	Unit 452	09/26/2016
Donna Slock	District 8	Unit 452	09/11/2016
Margaret Spain	District 8	Unit 380	08/05/2016



MEMORY GARDEN

2016 – 2017

Suzanne Larkin	District 10	Unit 416	10/09/2016
Bonnie Schmitt	District 10	Unit 416	10/29/2016
Florence Clark	District 9	Unit 10	10/08/2016
Margaret Tomascik	UPAA	Unit 340	09/27/2016
Marjorie Faccio	UPAA	Unit 340	10/11/2016
June Stello	UPAA	Unit 21	08/15/2016
Cyndi Hacker	UPAA	Unit 559	10/01/2016
Adeline Burnell	UPAA	Unit 21	09/24/2016
Patricia Swanson	UPAA	Unit 17	09/12/2016
Martha Hurtubise	UPAA	Unit 438	10/30/2016
Sherry L. Boucher	UPAA	Unit 131	10/01/2016
Elvera Barda	UPAA	Unit 444	05/11/2016
Barbara Howe	District 19	Unit 198	10/11/2016
Glenda Johnson	District 19	Unit 198	09/27/2016
Gloria J. Lasley	District 19	Unit 281	09/22/2016

AMERICANISM

The 2016-17 Essay contest is as follows:

National Essay Title: "How does learning about government and our America help you become a future guardian of the liberties of our country?"

Units, please send your National Essay contest entries to your District Chairman. The entries must be postmarked by March 15, 2017.

District Chairmen, your entries must be sent to Pamela Globke, Department Chairman postmarked by April 1, 2017.

The Department Chairman will send the State entries to National postmarked by April 15, 2017.

If you have any questions please contact myself or Sue Hilgris or Dawn Marie Stevens.

Please promote Americanism in your area schools, publish flag etiquette tips in your newspaper and on social media; Practice respect for our flag; Conduct a flag disposal ceremony; and encourage local businesses to fly the American flag.

Patriotically Yours,
Pamela Globke
Department Americanism Chairman
26340 Pennie Street
Dearborn, MI 48125

and
Sue Hilgris, Committee Member
Dawn Marie Stevens, Committee Member

2016-2017 Americanism Chairperson

DISTRICT	NAME	ADDRESS	CITY	STATE	ZIP	Unit
1	Veronica Germany	2991 Field Ct	Detroit	MI	48214	126
2	Loretta Gestwite	251 Oatie	Onstead	MI	49265	550
3	Lisa Bartlett	13730 S Grange Rd	Eagle	MI	48822	48
4	Binnie Price	285 Station St	Constantine	MI	49042	170
5	Kathy Edington	2046 Vernon N.E.	Grand Rapids	MI	49503	258
6	June Holley	204 S Lansing St	Mason	MI	48854	141
7	Kathy Spiekerman	3490 Loomis Rd	Unionville	MI	48767	421
8	Laurie Sweet	10376 Hardwood Tr	Perrington	MI	48871	380
9	Georgia Downs	1908 S 186th Ave	Hesperia	MI	49421	411
10	Norma Tracy	4860 Mt. Maria	Hubbard Lake	MI	49747	254
12	Karen Fluery	5088 Co 416 25th R	Gladstone	MI	49837	71
16	Pam Globke	26340 Pennie St	Dearborn Heights	MI	48125	396
17	Amanda Martin	PO Box 346	South Lyon	MI	48178	32
18	Janice Rollin	11260 Linda Kay	Goodrich	MI	48438	63
19	Darlene Wade	14355 Straits Hwy	Millerburg	MI	49799	122

CHANGE TO THE UNIT AND DEPARTMENT BYLAWS

There has been a change to the Unit and Department Bylaws as voted on at the National Convention held in Cincinnati Ohio in August. The following change is:

Unit Bylaws-Article VII-Unit Organization-Section 7 will now read:

“A member who is not subject to suspension or membership revocation under due process is eligible to transfer her membership to another unit if she has paid her membership dues to her current unit for either the current year or immediate past membership year. A member transferring to a new unit must pay current year dues to either her current unit or to the unit into which she wishes to transfer.

Evidence of paid membership includes:

1. American Legion Auxiliary Membership Card.
2. Verification of membership by ALA Department or National Headquarters membership records.
3. Other documentation verifying payment of current or immediate past year membership dues such as a cancelled check or receipt; or
4. When verifying documentation is not available, a sworn statement that the member's membership dues payment was tendered.”

The same wording applies to the Department Bylaws, Article VII, Unit organization, Section 7.

Hopefully everyone has the changes that were voted on at the Department Convention held at the Sault Ste. Marie.

Donna Fuelling-Chairman

Department of Michigan American Legion Auxiliary

Education Program, 2016-2017

Unit Mailing December

Chairman: Susan Svacha

Education Reporting

Mid-Year Reports

Mid-Year reports reflect the program work of units in the department. Each department Education chairman is required to submit a narrative report by **January 5, 2017**, to the division Education chairman at her address found on the front page of this program Plan, and copy the national Education chairman.

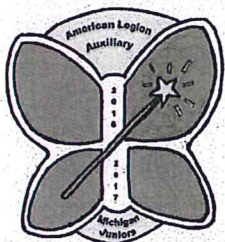
As part of your Narrative Report, please include answers to the following questions:

- Did member/units participate in Teacher Appreciation Week? How?
- How was Give 10 participation recognized in your department?
- Describe how Veterans in Community Schools programs were presented?
- If units actively support veteran's associations on campus, describe their activities?
- What types of help did units give a needy student?
- How did units/department recognize scholarship winners?
- How many scholarship applications were received for national scholarships?

Additional Resources You Can Use

1. www.ALAforVeterans.org/Programs/Education for more how to sheets and other support tools.
2. American Legion Auxiliary scholarship applications:
www.ALAforVeterans.org/Scholarships
3. Educational resources through the Americanism and Children & Youth Commission of The American Legion: www.legion.org/education
4. Free online tutoring for military children: www.tutor.com/military
5. Student Veterans of America: www.studentveterans.org
6. Your national committee members (see front page of this program Plan).

Fairy Tales Newsletter

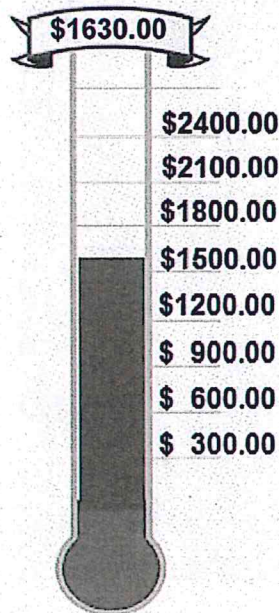


November 2016

Honorary President:
Sabrina Townes

Committee Chair:
Connie Kovacs

Project Funds Raised



The American Legion Auxiliary Department of Michigan Honorary Juniors



Project News

The Juniors will be collecting the following items for Stiggy's Dogs. They were very specific on the food needed and are not able to use any other dog food due to the training diet of their cadet dogs.

- Food for the cadets - 4 Health Salmon and Potato found at Tractor Supply Company stores
- Treats - Zukes Blue Buffalo Training Bits, or any soft stinky treats
- Canned Pumpkin
- Other Needs - Musher's Paw Wax and Dog Coats (sizes L and XL)

Please plan to bring all items collected to Winter Meeting.

Thank you!



Spreading Our Magic Around the State

Spreading their wings at the National Juniors Meeting in Columbus, Ohio and having some Creepy Sleepy fun at the Juniors Overnighter in Cedar Springs!





President's Pixie Dust

This year the Central Division meeting (mission training) was in Columbus, Ohio. The meeting was on Saturday October 15th, 2016, and Michigan had 7 juniors in attendance. The meeting began with the Honorary National Junior Division Vice President installation and opening ceremony. After the opening ceremony we played a game called beach ball ice breaker, where the beach ball has a bunch of questions on it and you throw it to different people to get to know everyone. After that we learned about the award patches and Junior programs followed by a couple more games and singing. We then went into the adults mission training, sang a little song for them and listened to Army Women talk about their Military Careers. After lunch, we went back to our session and worked on "Socks Filled with Love for the Veterans". This consisted of filling socks with toiletries and personal needs items for homeless veterans. We started working on one of the patches and made poppies. During closing ceremony I was invited to read the closing prayer. It was a lot of fun, so if you ever get the chance to go you should! You will also make so many new friends from around the country!



Junior Sparkle - 5th District Juniors

Our 5th District Juniors have adopted a 2 mile of road in Kent County to maintain and beautify. This not only allows the Juniors an opportunity to give back to their communities, it is also great public relations as well.

They have been doing this for two years and go out three times a year in the spring, summer and fall to maintain their adopted highway.

Way to Sparkle Juniors!



Upcoming Events

- ◆ November 11th - Veterans Day
- ◆ November 20th - Frankenmuth Military Museum
- ◆ November 24th Happy Thanksgiving!
- ◆ Dec. 17th - Wreaths Across America - Great Lakes Nat'l Cemetery



Shining Star Contact Form

Department: _____

Name of Person Completing Form: _____

Do you know a member or unit that is doing extraordinary work for the American Legion Auxillary? Include their contact information below and submit to the national membership vice chairman. They may be interviewed to be included in national publications such as the monthly membership newsletter, the eNews or eBulletin.

Individual Member

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Check One: ☐ Seasoned Member (*more than 1 year*)
☐ New Member
☐ Recruiter

Unit

Unit Name & Number: _____

Contact Person: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Submit forms to National Membership Committee Vice Chairman:
Donna Ray, 5724 Willnean Dr., Milford, OH 45150; rrayent@aol.com



American Legion Auxiliary

“Let's Talk About It” Public Relations Dec '16

Talk about having a busy month ahead...with the holidays, preparing for the new year and getting ready for the upcoming events...WOW! Public Relations needs to be constantly on your mind to have successful events. Are you and your Unit ready for the challenge??


You should be finalizing your plans for Martin Luther King Day (1/16/17). Are you going to participate in the Martin Luther King, Jr Day of Service?

Here are six ways to serve:

- 1) Help veterans in their home. Do you know a veteran that needs basic home repairs, or yard work?
- 2) Organize or participate in a stand down.
- 3) Host a job fair for veterans at a post, community center or library.
- 4) Organize a mid-year school supply drive for military children. Can you collaborate with other units in your area or with your District?
- 5) Encourage Juniors to create Hero Packs, in conjunction with Operation: Military Kids, to be given to military kids who have a deployed family member.
- 6) Bring at least one new person (a member that does not usually volunteer or even a non-member) along as you visit with veterans at a VA Medical Center or state veterans home.

More information on how to organize these events can be found at www.alaforveterans.org.

Presidents' Day is also fast approaching! (2/20/17) Washington's Birthday, or Presidents' Day, honors the life and work of the first president of the United States, George Washington. While several states still have individual holidays honoring the birthdays of Washington, Abraham Lincoln and other figures, Presidents' Day is now popularly viewed as a day to celebrate all U.S. presidents past and present. In its modern form, Presidents' Day is used by many patriotic and historical groups as a date for celebration and other



events. Many states require public schools spend the days leading up to Presidents' Day teaching students about the accomplishments of the presidents, often with a focus on the lives of Washington and Lincoln.

MARCH 15, 2017 This is the deadline date for the scholarships! Please get out to your schools, talk to the counselors and students about money available to them, leave information about the scholarships, brochures which have the links to the applications and criteria. (<https://www.alaforveterans.org/Scholarships/>) At the link, the scholarships are also listed with a tab to direct them to the appropriate application as well as the criteria for each scholarship. Promote the Department of Michigan scholarships as well as the scholarships that are available from National.

The American Legion also has money to give to students. When promoting scholarships to the schools, parents and students, make sure they know all of the possibilities.

Let's give some money to the youth of our nation to further their education! Provided below is the link to each websites scholarship page with applications and criteria.

The American Legion National website:
<https://www.legion.org/scholarships>

The American Legion Auxiliary National website:
<https://www.alaforveterans.org/Scholarships/>

The American Legion Department of Michigan website:
<http://michiganlegion.org/scholarships.html>

The American Legion Auxiliary Department of Michigan website:
<http://michalaux.org/scholarships/>

Lastly, St. Patrick's Day is 3/17/17. Have you signed up for the parade?? Hosting a Corned Beef and Cabbage fundraising dinner? What kinds of unique events can you and your units think of to raise money for our mission?

Start planning earlier to make sure you have a successful turn out for your event.

PROMOTE PROMOTE PROMOTE!!

Suzanne Knapp
Public Relations Chairman