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February 2017



WINTER CONFERENCE MARCH 10-11, 2017

SCHEDULE IS ATTACHED

Looking forward to seeing you there!

REPORT FORMS ARE COMING

Please start preparing your information to fill in the report forms. ALL Units need to report to their District Chairmen what the Unit did during the year. All District Chairmen need to report to the Department Chairmen, based on the information received from their Units. This information is needed to report to National. PLEASE take the time to report.

CALLING THE OFFICE

We love to hear from you and help you. When you call and get the voice mail, we are either on another line or away from our desk. PLEASE leave a message. Here's what happens when you don't. Once you reach the voice mail, it records your call and when we check our messages, it repeats the date called, the number that called and time you called. Then we get to the message part and there isn't one. You are much better off telling us who you are what we can do for you. That way we can call you back with all the information at our fingertips and save you a lot of time. Thanks!

SHARING INFORMATION

In the Spring of each year, we ask each Unit where they would like the Unit mailings sent. The person who gets the Unit mailing packet needs to know that they must open it, look through it and pass information on to the appropriate Chairmen in your Unit. General information should be read and talked about at your meetings.

Also, the Unit mailings are put on our website, michalaux.org as soon as they are mailed out. Not on the website? Not mailed out yet!

SPEAKING OF OUR WEBSITE

If you have suggestions for additions or deletions, please give Denise a call at Extension 21. If you get her voice mail, LEAVE A MESSAGE!

Membership reports are updated weekly by Friday at 5 p.m. (Usually sooner because Heather likes to go home once in a while.)

UPCOMING EVENTS

Testmonial Dinner 3/25/17

Department Convention 6/22-25/17

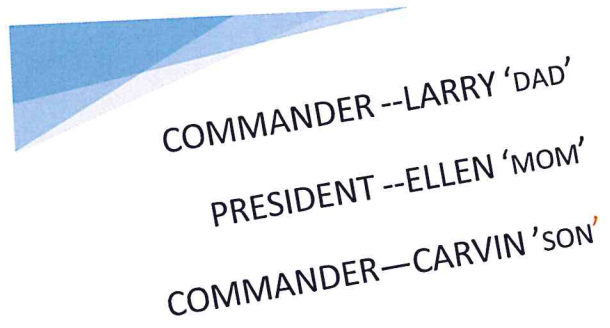
**AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY
2017 WINTER CONFERENCE SCHEDULE**

Friday, March 10, 2017

1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Auxiliary Store Open	Adams/Jefferson
1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Auxiliary Executive Board Meeting	Adams/Jefferson

Saturday, March 11, 2017

9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Auxiliary Store Open	Adams/Jefferson
10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.	Auxiliary – Protocol Workshop	Adams/Jefferson
11:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Poppies available to purchase	Adams/Jefferson
11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.	Lunch on your own	
1:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.	Reporting Workshop	Adams/Jefferson
2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.	Membership Workshop-ALAMIS	Adams/Jefferson
5:30 p.m.	The Pie Eating Challenge Who will eat the most pie? Commander Money?? President Jackson?? Detachment Commander Chapman?? Honorary Junior President Townes?? Join us to cheer on your favorite contestant!	To Be Announced



LEGION FAMILY JOINT TESTIMONIAL DINNER

MARCH 25, 2017

Once again, this year, all 3 *Testimonial Dinners* are being rolled into one. An exciting night is being planned, starting with a SOCIAL HOUR @ 5:00 pm. followed by DINNER @ 6:00 and PROGRAM @ 7:00. All this is happening in the Ballroom of the American Legion Post 16, 1701 W. Genesee St. Lapeer.

Just \$40.00 per person, includes meal, draft beer, and wine.

SEND NAME AND CHECK-PAYABLE TO: Anita Mennel 6040 Dryden Rd. Dryden, 48428

(tickets will be available thru Sat of Mid-Winter Conference)

A block of rooms has been held at the Best Western in Lapeer, under *Legion Family Testimonial*. The room must be reserved by 3/4 /17. Call direct 810.667.9444



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December 14, 2016

**AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS
TAX EXEMPT INFORMATION**

To Whom It May Concern:

This letter confirms that American Legion Auxiliary, Department of Michigan, Inc., 212 North Verlinden Avenue, Room/Suite B; Lansing, MI 48915; is a not-for-profit veterans support, advocacy, youth development, and patriotic community service organization that has operated continuously as a separately incorporated entity affiliated with the American Legion Auxiliary, established in 1919 and nationally headquartered in Indianapolis, Indiana.

The American Legion Auxiliary Department of Michigan is duly registered with the Internal Revenue Service and is **tax exempt under section 501(c)(19)** of the Internal Revenue Code as part of the American Legion Auxiliary national group exemption. Contributions may be tax deductible according to the Internal Revenue Code and Internal Revenue Service regulations.

American Legion Auxiliary Department of Michigan, Inc., **federal tax Exemption Identification Number is:**

EIN 380297690

The American Legion Auxiliary, Inc. National **Group Exemption Number is:**

GEN 0964

American Legion Auxiliary affiliated Departments and Units are separately incorporated, each with its own tax identification number, and are exempt under the national organization's Group Exemption.

Sincerely,

Denise Carter
Department Secretary/Treasurer

Mary "Dubbie" Buckler
National Secretary

Marta Hedding
National Treasurer



National Security
Deborah Williamson, Chairmen
Bobby Yates, Committee Member
Pat Bliss, Committee Member

UNIT PRESIDENTS: PLEASE, make sure your National Security Chairman receives this.

Many of you have been asking for the following information.

Where To Send Expired Coupons For Military Family Use

Some people recommend sending the coupons directly to various overseas commissaries, but this program has become so popular that many of these commissaries, which don't have lots of extra manpower, have gotten rather overwhelmed with all the coupons they've received.

Honestly, these days sending them directly to the commissaries is less likely for them to actually get used like you'd like.

A charity which helps as a middle-man for processing these coupons that I've come across is called "Support Our Troops." They run a program called Troopons, which has a [Facebook page](#) where people often post pictures of the bags of coupons they're donating.

If you have specific questions about the packaging and sorting required to get your own donation ready this Facebook page is a great resource to look at.

Once you've got your expired coupons properly sorted, bagged and labeled mail them here:

Support Our Troops
P.O. Box 70
Daytona Beach, FL 32115-0070

At least from this research it appears that this charity has the best ability, since they deal with so many of these coupons daily, to know exactly which commissaries need them the most, and to get them into the hands of military families who can really benefit from your generosity. Remember also, with electronic coupons the need for the paper coupons is diminishing.



Children & Youth

I am hoping that many of your programs are in the works. I also hope to receive year-end reports that will be so full of information that it will amaze me, Central Division and National Children and Youth Chairman. It saddens me to report I received one mid-year report.

We have had Halloween parties, been to the schools (I hope) and working our program. Please tell me and our President Ellen and the Department of Michigan about them. Learning about what many of you do inspires others to follow, develop and grow their C & Y program. Collaborate with other units and unite for our young people, our future and the families of our Veterans.

Follow the guide for awards. Submit articles and pictures.

Are we supporting our youth through the ALA National Plan?

- “Star Spangled Kids is an American Legion Auxiliary program to educate our children and youth on the history of the United States from the aspect of patriotism, Americanism and the United States constitution.
- Youth Hero Awards and Good Deed Awards are American Legion Auxiliary programs that recognize youth that demonstrate a heroic act of valor or who exemplify community service in action.
- Kids of Deployed are Heroes 2 (KDH2) is a recognition program for military children who experience extended separation from their active-duty parent or parents.
- Josh Dogs: An American Legion Family alliance, GI Josh is a plush dog and accompanying storybook that is used to help ease separation fears and anxieties for military children.
- April is the American Legion’s Children and Youth Month.
- Beads of Courage is a program designed to support and strengthen children and families coping with serious illness.

How can I support our military children and youth?

- Volunteer at a Tragedy Assistance Program for Survivors (TAPS) camp program.
- Volunteer at a Family readiness Group event where KDH2 “I’m a Hero 2” buttons or stickers can be distributed.
- Give a GI Josh to the child of a deployed service member.
- Wear purple on April 15, in honor of Purple Up for Military Kids Day.

These are suggestions.

Will you tell me about what you are doing in your year – end report?

Kathleen Copeland
C & Y Chairman



AMERICANISM



Year end reports and National Essay's are coming due fast.

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 Chairmen postmarked by March 15, 2017.

District Chairmen 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.

Units reports and narratives please send to your District Chairmen postmarked by March 31, 2017. District chairmen have your entries to Department chairman postmarked by April 15, 2017.

Also don't forget the green slips. If you have any questions please contact myself or Sue Hilgris or Ann Marie Stevens.

Don't forget to Promote Americanism in your schools, community, publish flag etiquette tips in your local newspaper and on social media. Practice respect for our flag, conduct a flag disposal ceremony and encourage local business to fly the American Flag.

Promote....Promote....Promote!!!

Patriotically Yours,

Pamela Globke

Department Americanism Chairman

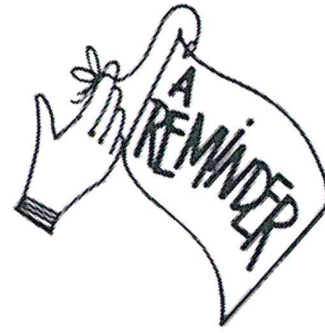
AND

Sue Hilgris, Committee Member

Ann Marie Stevens, Committee Member



**American Legion Auxiliary
Michigan
Girls State**



Your ALA Girls State Committee is working hard to prepare for our 77th Session, scheduled for June 18 – June 24, 2017 at Michigan State University's Shaw Hall. Here are a few reminders on ways you can help make it a success!

1. Our Department Convention is scheduled to begin during ALA Girls State again this year. We need volunteers that are available to work the entire week, or can join us mid-week to cover spots vacated by those attending the Convention. We are seeking volunteers skilled in office work, nursing, sales, driving students unable to walk between Shaw Hall and Wells Hall, and counting inventory and money. You must be of reasonable health, have a positive attitude and good communication skills. The 2017 Volunteer Form is included in this Unit Mailing for your convenience. If you plan on volunteering for the first time, or an experienced volunteer that is returning, you must complete this form and send it to Rysta Brown at your earliest convenience, by snail mail or email at rystab@hotmail.com or 3885 Forest Rd., Oscoda MI 48750.
2. The ALA Girls State brochure will be mailed to all Michigan schools, and our 2016 Sponsors by the end of January. Now is the time to visit or call your local schools and let them know you are looking for candidates to sponsor.
3. Did you end up with extra Delegate Applications? Send those to Beryl Robbins at berylrobbins@comcast.net or 14683 Shenandoah Drive, Riverview, MI 48193. We want to make sure that everyone who has the desire to attend ALA Girls State has a chance to get there!
4. Follow through with your Delegates and Alternates. Make sure they know who their Sponsor is! Everyone complains that their Delegates never report back to them, but do they know who to contact? Keep your Alternates interested, let them know we have placed every Alternate that was available to attend for the past five years!
5. Can't afford to sponsor a Delegate to ALA Girls State? We are now accepting donations of any amount that will help sponsor applicants without sponsors! Make your checks payable to ALA Department of Michigan, memo: GS Delegate Fund.

THANK YOU FROM ALA GIRLS STATE!



2017 GIRLS STATE
VOLUNTEER SIGN-UP AND PREFERENCE FORM

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Polo Shirt Size _____ Quantity _____ Amount of check (\$30/ea.) _____

☐ I **cannot** attend the 2017 Girls State Session

☐ I wish to volunteer for the 2017 Girls State Session.

I am available for:

☐ Entire session - June 18 through June 24

I am only available on the following days. Please check all that apply.

☐ June 17 - packets, inventory, set up etc.

☐ June 18 - registration day

☐ June 19- full day of meetings for the citizens, lots of copying for us!

☐ June 20 - Convention day

☐ June 21 - Past Department President's Day! City pictures, voting, and election results!

☐ June 22- Capitol Day (we will not be walking this year)

☐ June 23 - Talent Show

☐ June 24 - Closing Awards Ceremony

If possible, I would like to share my room with:

I plan on bringing an air conditioner, and agree to the \$75 installation fee: ☐ Yes ☐ No

I would be interested in working on: (Check all that apply.)

☐ Typing/Computer Will you be bringing your own computer? ☐ Yes ☐ No

☐ Copy Room ☐ Sales ☐ Banking ☐ Shopping

☐ Nurse Relief ☐ Office relief ☐ Work with Counselors

☐ Office Staff (relief)

☐ Sgt. at Arms for daily flag Ceremonies

☐ Sgt. at Arms and 2 Flag Bearers needed for opening ceremony (white dress required)

NOTE: Every attempt will be made to assign staff members to the duties they feel most comfortable with. MSU requires an accurate count of the staff members in advance. **It is very important that you return this form by May 15, 2017 to Rysta Brown, 3885 Forest Rd., Oscoda MI 48750.**

Department of Michigan American Legion Auxiliary

Education Program, 2016-2017

Unit Mailing January

Chairman: Susan Svacha

National Scholarships

1. Children of Warriors National Presidents' Scholarship - Awarded to children of veterans who served in the armed forces during the eligibility dates for The American Legion. One \$3,500 scholarship, one \$3,000 scholarship and one \$2,500 scholarship will be awarded in each division. Fifteen outstanding students will be awarded a total of \$45,000 to further their higher education. The applicant must complete 50 hours of community service during his/her high school years to be eligible for one of these scholarships.
2. The Non-Traditional Student Scholarship - One scholarship in the amount of \$2,000 will be awarded in each American Legion Auxiliary division. Applicant must be a member of The American Legion, American Legion Auxiliary or Sons of The American Legion and shall have paid dues for the two preceding years and for the calendar year in which the application is made.
3. Spirit of Youth Scholarship - One Junior member in each division will receive a scholarship valued at \$5,000. The applicant must have held membership in the American Legion Auxiliary for the immediate past three years, hold a current membership card and continue her membership in the American Legion Auxiliary during the four-year scholarship period.

Department Scholarships

MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

RULES FOR THE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

DEADLINE: POSTMARKED NO LATER THAN MARCH 15, 2017

FURTHER INFORMATION MAY BE OBTAINED BY:

Phone: (517) 267-8809; ext 22, FAX (517) 371-2401; email: info@michalaux.org

Applications available on Website at: www.michalaux.org

ELIGIBILITY: Daughters, granddaughters and great-granddaughters, of any honorably discharged or deceased men/women veterans of World War I, April 6, 1917-November 11, 1918; World War II, December 7, 1941-December 31, 1946; Korean Conflict, June 25, 1950-January 31, 1955; Vietnam Hostilities, February 28, 1961-May 7, 1975; Granada and Lebanon Hostilities, August 24, 1982-July 31, 1984; Panama Hostilities, December 20, 1989-January 31, 1990; or Persian Gulf Conflict, August 2, 1990 to date to be set by Congress.

REQUIREMENTS: Applicant must be a resident of the State of Michigan at the time of application and for one year preceding the date of this award. Applicant must be going into, or in her senior year of high school, or freshman/sophomore year of college but not over 21 years of age. Complete information must be given as to the applicant's family financial status. A copy of parent or guardian's most recent Income Tax Return (1040 Pages 1 & 2) or a Federal FAFSA Form completed in 2013 must be included with the application. Applicant must mail her own entry. Please fill out all questions on the application. If not applicable, indicate so by N/A.

DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN

NON-TRADITIONAL STUDENT 2017

** This scholarship was given by Allen Park Auxiliary Unit 409 as a memorial to Aletha (Lee) Harvey, deceased Unit Education Chairman from 1977 through 1998, and other deceased members of Unit 409. One two-year scholarship will be awarded in the amount of \$500.00 per year.

Rules

1. Applicant must be a descendant of a veteran.
2. Applicant must be one of the following.
 - a. A non-traditional student returning to the classroom after some period of time in which his/her formal education was interrupted.
 - b. A student over the age of twenty-two attending college for the first time pursuing a degree, or
 - c. A student over the age of twenty-two attending a vocational or trade school.
3. Scholarship must be used within six months of the winner being notified.
4. The money is to be applied toward expenses of tuition and books necessary to pursue study at any school, college or any other education institution in the State of Michigan.
5. No Unit shall enter more than one candidate in the Department competition.
6. The winning entry for each Unit must be received by the Department Secretary on or before April 1, 2017.

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

Assist and support veterans pursuing higher education and vocational education.

Ideas:

Member

- Contact a campus student veterans group at colleges and universities in your community to volunteer. The VA counselor at the college can assist you in locating the veterans groups.
- Sign up to receive The American Legion's Legislative Action Alerts, and support the alerts regarding the GI Bill.

Unit

- Collaborate with a campus student veterans group at colleges and universities in your community.
 - Arrange for your post home to be available for off-campus events/chapter meetings.
- Provide information/handouts to members on organizing and delivering presentations on career and life skills topics to student veterans.
- Promote events through local media and your own social media accounts.
- Encourage members to sign up to receive The American Legion's Legislative Action Alerts, and support the alerts regarding the GI Bill.

Assist and support military children with educational opportunities.

Ideas:

Member/Unit

- Provide your local school with a copy of the Educator's Guide to the Military Child During Deployment: www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/os/homefront/homefront.pdf
- Inform schools of a free tutoring website for military children: www.tutor.com/military
- Provide information on the ALA Children of Warriors National Presidents' Scholarship



POPPY ORDER FORM
NO ORDERS ACCEPTED AFTER May 1, 2017



POPPY DAYS – MAY 18, 19, 20, 2017
(Units and Posts may distribute Poppies at other times
to coincide with VFW dates or local ordinances)

DIRECTIONS FOR POPPY ORDERS:

1. Please PRINT the name and address of where you want the order shipped. **Orders cannot be shipped to a Post Office box.** They are shipped UPS. Make sure there is someone to receive them.
2. Write the quantity for each item you wish to purchase and the price of that quantity.
3. Fill in the total amount of your order.
4. Enclose a check for full amount, payable to: *American Legion Auxiliary Dept of Michigan.* **Orders cannot be placed without pre-payment.**
5. When your poppies arrive, CHECK ORDER IMMEDIATELY for accuracy. **You have 30 days to report any inaccuracies!** Poppy materials may be sent separately and may not be received at the same time.
6. **DO NOT store in a basement, on cement floors, or in outdoor buildings. NOTE: ORDER CAREFULLY: UNUSED POPPIES CANNOT BE RETURNED.**

SHIP TO: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE _____ ZIP CODE _____

PHONE (w/area code)--e-mail _____

District _____ Legion Post No. _____ Auxiliary Unit No. _____

QUANTITY (PER 1,000)	ITEM	PRICE
_____	POPIES \$130.00/thousand	\$ _____
_____	POPIES \$67.50 per five hundred	\$ _____
_____	POPIES \$33.75 for one hundred	\$ _____
_____	COIN CONTAINERS \$1.50 each (includes one label per container)	\$ _____
_____	EXTRA LABELS 50¢ each (for coin containers)	\$ _____

Check # _____ TOTAL \$ _____

White copy: A.L.A. Dept of Michigan, 212 N. Verlinden Ave., Ste. B, Lansing, MI 48915

Keep yellow copy for your records

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For Office Use Only	
Order Sent	_____
Order Number	_____
Tracking #:	_____ (place sticker here)



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 Feb '17

MARCH 15, 2017 - SCHOLARSHIP DEADLINE!!!

Now is the time for that final push for scholarships. Please get out to your schools! Leave brochures with the links to the applications.

(<https://www.alaforveterans.org/Scholarships/>) Promote **ALL** Department of Michigan scholarships as well as scholarships available from our National Organization.

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/>

St Patrick's Day 3/17

How are your plans going? Have your list of volunteers to help with the corned beef and cabbage dinner? Have the parade all finalized?

April is The American Legion's Children and Youth Month!

Have you picked a few projects for Children & Youth month? Listed below are many ideas that anyone can participate in to promote Children and Youth:

- ✓ Offer to make a “Star Spangled” presentation to your local schools. Invite post members to help students learn how their military service was meaningful in defending the U.S. Constitution.
- ✓ Contact local high schools to invite them to encourage their students to use their knowledge of the U.S. Constitution by participating in The American Legion Oratorical Contest.
- ✓ Monitor newspapers, TV and neighborhoods for children and youth who have performed a heroic act of physical valor, such as performing CPR, helping evacuate in the event of a fire, calling 911 for an emergency, etc. Work with your unit to nominate them for a Youth Hero/Good Deed Award. Contact local schools, churches and youth groups to make them aware of the Youth Hero/Good Deed Awards. Make sure to leave unit contact information.
- ✓ Identify children in your community who may be or are facing hospitalization for the first time and who may benefit from a Josh and friends dog and book.
- ✓ Create a Unit Citizenship Award for children and youth who have learned the ideals of the U.S. Constitution.



“Let's Talk About It” Public Relations Feb ‘17

Share a constitutional fact each month in the unit newsletter, the newspaper editorial and/or on social media.

- ✓ September 17 is Constitution Day (Citizenship Day). Host a party that revolves around the U.S. Constitution for children.
- ✓ Print and distribute pocket constitutions to schoolchildren.
- ✓ Refer to the Star Spangled Kids how to sheet in the National Program Plan.
- ✓ Once a child has been identified as a Youth Hero/Good Deed applicant, complete the nomination form. Have the form signed by two unit members, and then submit the form to your department secretary. When a Youth Hero/Good Deed award is approved, contact local media, community school leaders and the child's parents, and plan for a public presentation of the award. Plan a special celebration of children during the month of April in honor of Children and Youth Month.
- ✓ Share a constitutional fact each month in the department bulletin.
- ✓ Offer incentives for starting a “Star Spangled Kids” activity.
- ✓ Support the Children and Youth programs of The American Legion by providing information to units and distributing TAL pamphlets, coloring books, comic books and other information found on www.Legion.org and through Emblem Sales.

Suzanne Knapp

Public Relations Chairman
American Legion Auxiliary
Department of Michigan
586.596.5494
suzanne.knapp26@gmail.com

May Dates to start planning for:

Armed Forces Day 5/5

Poppy Days

Are you ready with your volunteers to offer the poppy for donations? Do you have the pick up and drop off set up? Let's make it a success and raise awareness for our veterans and our mission.

Memorial Day

Let us celebrate! Have you signed up for the local parade? Made plans for a community picnic? Whatever you are thinking of doing, start your planning and make it a huge success.

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

PROMOTE PROMOTE PROMOTE!!

Suzanne Knapp
Public Relations Chairman



MEMORY GARDEN

2016 – 2017

GEORGIA DOWNS, CHAPLAIN

Mary Jacobsen	District 2	Unit 322	??/??/2016
Frances D. Otto	District 4	Unit 49	11/10/2016
Barbara J. Bicard	District 4	Unit 51	10/15/2016
Nora Ford	District 4	Unit 138	04/16/2016
Laurie Granger	District 4	Unit 568	11/13/2016
Glennis Markoski	District 5	Unit 258	05/14/2016
Geraldine Hupp	District 5	Unit 258	10/04//2016
Jean Prys	District 5	Unit 28	10/01//2016
G. Trudy Kohloff	District 5	Unit 28	11/12/2016
Frances L. Gilmore	District 5	Unit 28	11/02/2016
Jessie May Wickland	District 5	Unit 28	08/31/2016
Phyllis Corner	District 5	Unit 258	11/29/2016
Elizabeth Le Clair	District 6	Unit 158	11/18/2016
Marjorie S. Miesmer	District 7	Unit 197	10/11/2016
Linda Gower	District 8	Unit 212	11/24/2016
Maralyse Brooks	District 8	Unit 153	??/??/2016
Alice Brooks	District 8	Unit 153	??/??/2016
Margaret Finch	District 9	Unit 411	11/15/2016
Mary Jane Harper	District 9	Unit 411	09/04/2016
Patricia Lloyd	District 9	Unit 219	11/06/2016
Margaret Mosher	District 9	Unit 300	11/14/2016
Robin Thon	District 10	Unit 98	08/12/2016

Helen Wilson	District 10	Unit 422	11/04/2016
Marjorie Mackowiak	District 10	Unit 422	10/30/2016
Marjorie Schlenvogt	UPAA	Unit 146	10/01/2016
Margaret Bovin	UPAA	Unit 146	09/11/2016
Deborah Johnson	UPAA	Unit 146	12/01/2016
Lillian Leblanc	UPAA	Unit 559	11/04/2016
Beatrice Richmond	District 18	Unit 377	10/20/2016
Rosemary Diponia	District 19	Unit 227	09/15/2016
Marietta Walden	District 19	Unit 227	07/??/2016

LEADERSHIP

Happy New Year to all our past, current and future leaders of this organization. With the New Year comes a time when we reflect on how we can do things better and be more productive than the previous year. This is true for the Leadership Committee as well.

If you have attended one of the Leadership Workshops held so far this year, you have heard me talk about how important our reporting is to this organization. Our numbers, along with the numbers of the 51 other Departments, get compiled at National and are used to let Congress know what an impact we have in serving our Veterans and active military and their families. This helps to justify the stance of The American Legion on legislative matters. It helps to promote who we are, what we do and why we matter.

Time will soon be here for Units to complete their Annual Reports and submit to their District Chairmen. There will be more details about the reporting process in the February Unit Mailing. We are also planning to have information on the Department of Michigan Facebook page as it gets closer to time to submit your reports. Now is the time to start thinking about preparing for those reports. Have you been keeping track of your hours beginning April 1, 2016? (Remember that our reporting year runs from April 1st through March 31st.)

When you submit your Annual Reports, you will also be asked to submit your entries for awards. Have you checked out the Guides for the Programs your Unit is working? Do you know if your Unit qualifies for any awards? Every year there are many awards that are not presented because no one submitted an entry for them. This occurs at both the Department and National levels. You may think your Unit will win an award - and if you don't try, that is a guarantee. Think if you are the only Unit that submits an entry for a particular award - if you follow all the rules and do everything correctly, you will win. That has happened, so why not give it a try? As volunteers, we are good at doing the work - but some of us are not as good at accepting the recognition for what we do. Take the opportunity to publish your successes in your community newspaper - that is good PR for your Unit and the American Legion Auxiliary.

Let's improve our numbers in reporting this year. The Department of Michigan is a great Department - let's show National who we are, what we do and how we have mattered - to our Veterans, to our active military and their families, to our children and youth, and to our communities. If we report what we have done and submit entries for awards, we can promote not only ourselves, but also the American Legion Auxiliary as we share the news of our achievements with our communities.

Marcy Jorae
Leadership Chairman

January 2017



Conflict Management

Getting Along

To be effective and efficient in achieving their goals, American Legion Auxiliary members need to have a shared vision of what they are striving to achieve as well as clear objectives for each program committee. It is important to recognize and resolve conflict among members before conflict becomes a serious problem.

Managing conflict is never easy. Conflict involves members' needs, their perceptions of reality, power, values, feelings and emotions. All members need to have ways of keeping conflict to a minimum. Conflict management is the process of planning to avoid conflict where possible and organizing to resolve conflict as rapidly and smoothly as possible.

1. "Competition" vs. "Conflict"

Competition usually brings out the best in people as they strive to be the best in their field. Fair and friendly competition can lead to new achievements, inventions or outstanding effort in problem solving. When competition becomes unfriendly or bitter, conflict can begin, which can bring out the worst in people.



Conflict occurs when two or more people disagree because of differing needs, wants, goals or values. Hurt feelings, anger, bruised egos and poor communication are all precursors of conflict.

Common Causes of Conflict:

- Different attitudes, values or perceptions
- Disagreements about needs, goals, priorities and interests
- Poor communication
- Poor or inadequate organizational structure
- Lack of teamwork
- Lack of clarity in roles and responsibilities
- Desire for power

Individual Conflict

People have different styles of communication, ambitions, views and different cultural backgrounds. In our diverse society, the possibility of these differences leading to conflict between individuals is imminent. We must be alert to preventing and resolving situations where conflict can arise.

Conflict between Groups

When people form groups, they may emphasize the things that make their group "better" or "different." This elitist attitude can change from healthy competition to destructive conflict.

Conflict within a Group



Within a group of similar goals and interests, conflict can arise from individual differences, ambitions or from rivalry between factions. All leaders and members of the unit need to be alert to group dynamics that can result in conflict.

2. How to Identify the Signs and Stages of Conflict

Signs of Conflict between Individuals:

- Negative/hostile body language
- Members not speaking to each other
- Members ignoring each other
- Members contradicting and/or bad-mouthing each other
- Members deliberately undermining or not cooperating with each other



Signs of Conflict between Groups of People:

- Cliques or factions meet to discuss issues separately from the group
- A group is not invited to or does not attend an event that should include everyone
- A group adopts slogans or symbols to show their group is right and the others are wrong

Stages of Conflict:

Handling conflict requires awareness of its developmental stages. If leaders can identify the conflict issue and how far it has developed, they can solve it before it becomes more serious. Typical stages of conflict include the following:

- Level 1: Potential for conflict. Lack of sensitivity to individual diversity can result in communication failure and conflict.
- Level 2: Latent conflict. When faced with a competitive situation, conflict can easily develop.
- Level 3: Aftermath conflict. A particular problem may have been resolved, but the potential for conflict still exists.

3. How to Build Teamwork and Cooperation

- Share information by keeping members up-to-date with current issues.
- Express positive expectations about each other.
- Empower each other by publicly crediting members who have performed well and encouraging each other to achieve results.
- Team-build by promoting good morale and protecting the group's reputation.
- Resolve potential conflict by airing differences of opinion and facilitating conflict resolution.

4. Conflict-prone Personalities

Sherman Tanks — They try to intimidate with “in your face” arguments and state their opinion as fact.

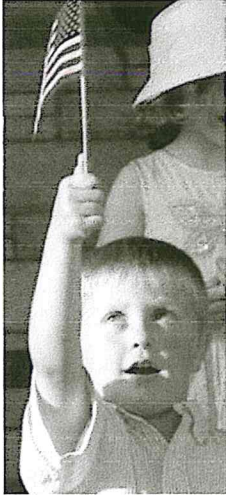
- Get their attention by beginning a sentence with their first name.
- Maintain eye contact and give them time to wind down.
- Stand up to them without being aggressive.
- If they try to physically intimidate, suggest that you both sit down to continue the discussion.

Snipers — They make snide comments in meetings and avoid one-on-one confrontations.

- Expose the attack. Draw them out and address their concerns in public.



- Get other opinions. Don't give in to the sniper's views.



Chronic Complainers – They find fault with everyone except themselves.

- Politely interrupt and take control of the situation.
- Quickly sum up the facts and fight them with logic.
- Ask for their complaints in writing.

Negativists – They believe that nothing new works. They will toss a wet blanket on your ideas.

- Acknowledge their valid points.
- Describe past successes of new ideas.
- Avoid the "You're wrong; I'm right" approach.

Exploders – They throw tantrums and escalate situations quickly into conflict.

- Give them time to regain self-control.
- If they don't regain control, firmly state a neutral phrase such as "STOP."
- Take a time out or have a private meeting with them.

5. Reactions to Conflict

Compromise: When there is give and take for each party, which is generally not satisfying and lacks trust.

Collaborating: A win-win and often the best option, but requires time, assertive communication and cooperation.

Competing: Each party aggressively meets its own needs, which generally increases the level of threat toward the other party.

Accommodating: The smoothing-over of the situation at the expense of the party's needs, because preserving the relation is more important than anything else. This may lead to resentment.

Avoiding: The party hopes that the conflict will go away, but often pent up feelings and problems escalate.

6. Methods for Managing and Resolving Conflicts

Conflict Buster Conciliation: "The act of procuring goodwill or inducing a friendly feeling." In this conflict resolution approach, individuals or groups come together to attempt to settle their differences. It can be useful to involve a facilitator (such as the district president) in the reconciliation process. The president should avoid "taking sides." If the president is part of the problem, an arbitrator should be called in to assist in resolving the conflict.

Negotiation: When representatives of groups in a conflict situation meet to resolve their differences and reach an agreement. Negotiations often involve compromise; there is give and take for each party.

Mediation: When negotiations fail or come to an impasse, parties often call in an independent mediator. This person will try to facilitate settlement of the conflict. The mediator plays an active part in the process, advises both or all groups, acts as intermediary and suggests possible solutions. Mediators act only in an advisory capacity; they have no decision-making powers and cannot impose a settlement on the



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A collection of resources from National Headquarters to assist and guide members and volunteers in serving veterans, servicemembers and their families.

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conflicting parties. Skilled mediators gain trust and confidence from all groups or individuals involved in the conflict.

Arbitration: The appointment of an independent person to act as a judge who decides the terms of a settlement. Both parties in a conflict have to agree on the chosen arbitrator and the finality of their decision.



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Presidents Day 2/20

Washington's Birthday, or Presidents' Day, honors the life and work of the first president of the United States, George Washington. Presidents' Day is now popularly viewed as a day to celebrate all U.S. presidents past and present. Presidents' Day is used by many patriotic and historical groups as a date for celebration. 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.

Scholarships Due 3/15

MARCH 15, 2017 - SCHOLARSHIP DEADLINE!!!

Please get out to your schools, talk to the counselors and students about money available to them. Leave information about scholarships and 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 **ALL** Department of Michigan scholarships as well as scholarships available from our National Organization.

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/>

St Patricks Day 3/17

Have you signed up for the parade?? Hosting a Corned Beef and Cabbage fundraising dinner? Have you gotten a hold of your local newspaper to be listed in the upcoming events page??



April is The American Legion's Children and Youth Month!

Below are many ideas that an individual, unit or department can participate in to promote Children and Youth:

- ✓ Offer to make a "Star Spangled" presentation to your local schools. Invite post members to help students learn how their military service was meaningful in defending the U.S. Constitution.
- ✓ Refer to the Star Spangled Kids how to sheet at the end of the National Program Plan.
- ✓ Contact local high schools to invite them to encourage their students to use their knowledge of the U.S. Constitution by participating in The American Legion Oratorical Contest.
- ✓ Refer to www.legion.org for information on the Oratorical Contest.
- ✓ Monitor newspapers, TV and neighborhoods for children and youth who have performed a heroic act of physical valor, such as performing CPR, helping evacuate in the event of a fire, calling 911 for an emergency, etc. Work with your unit to nominate them for a Youth Hero/Good Deed Award. Contact local schools, churches and youth groups to make them aware of the Youth Hero/Good Deed Awards. Make sure to leave unit contact information.
- ✓ Identify children in your community who may be or are facing hospitalization for the first time and who may benefit from a Josh and friends dog and book.
- ✓ Create a Unit Citizenship Award for children and youth who have learned the ideals of the U.S. Constitution.
- ✓ Share a constitutional fact each month in the unit newsletter, the newspaper editorial and/or on social media.
- ✓ September 17 is Constitution Day (Citizenship Day). Host a party that revolves around the U.S. Constitution for children.
- ✓ Print and distribute pocket constitutions to schoolchildren.
- ✓ Refer to the Star Spangled Kids how to sheet in the National Program Plan.
- ✓ Once a child has been identified as a Youth Hero/Good Deed applicant, complete the nomination form. Have the form signed by two unit members, and then submit the form to your department secretary. When a Youth Hero/Good Deed award is approved, contact local media, community school leaders and the child's parents, and plan for a public presentation of the award. Plan a special celebration of children during the month of April in honor of Children and Youth Month.
- ✓ Share a constitutional fact each month in the department bulletin.
- ✓ Departments can offer incentives to units for starting a "Star Spangled Kids" activity.
- ✓ Support the Children and Youth programs of The American Legion by providing information to units and distributing TAL pamphlets, coloring books, comic books and other information found on www.Legion.org and through Emblem Sales.

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

PROMOTE PROMOTE PROMOTE!!

Suzanne Knapp
Public Relations Chairman

Past Presidents Parley: Obligation to Mentor Future Leaders
By Mary Anne Yuncker, Department Chairman 2016-17

As we continue to “keep our promise” by fulfilling the mission of the American Legion Auxiliary, we must look forward to the fulfillment of our Centennial Strategic Plan to lead us into the future. Our Past Presidents Parley program is a perfect way to accomplish this.

The word “parley” comes from the French word “parler” which means to talk. Parleys provide means for creative thinkers and leaders to come together to talk, discuss and deliberate about how to raise awareness and propose solutions or compromises to strengthen and grow their units and departments. They can be an opportunity to develop meaningful strategies to accomplish goal 4 of the Centennial Strategic Plan, i.e. To develop leadership at all levels. Past Presidents have an obligation to carry out these important tasks.

Leadership is a skill that must be learned and cultivated. Past Presidents can help develop new leaders through mentoring. The word “mentor” itself was inspired by the character of Mentor in Greek mythology, the friend who Odysseus left in charge of the household while he was in Troy and who was the teacher and protector of Odysseus’s son. Today we define mentor as a wise and trusted leader, counselor, tutor, or supporter who advises and guides a less experienced person. Past Presidents Parley provides a place where past leaders who are knowledgeable about our mission, values, traditions and goals can give clarity and advise when needed.

By helping members understand what we do and how we do it, we can help them gain the confidence they need to take on new leadership roles and responsibilities.

As past presidents meet to discuss problems and solutions, and as we continue to mentor membership we need to remember to cultivate a culture of good will. Goodwill can be described as a kind, helpful, and positive attitude toward others. We need to be that example of goodwill. We need to demonstrate the Auxiliary’s core values of personal integrity, respect for the uniqueness of individual members, and truthful open communication with our members. Keep the promise you made when you took the oath of office as President. Stay involved, lead by example, and help the American Legion Auxiliary move toward its second century of Service, not Self.

Enclosed in this Unit mailing are the Medical Scholarship application, the Unit Member of the Year criteria, and the Salute to Servicewomen criteria. There is as member in every Unit who could be our next Unit member of the year. Take the time to write about her and she could have the honor of being Michigan’s Unit Member of the Year. Spread the word about our scholarships. Make copies and hand out the application. The Salute to Servicewoman is our other award. Last year the National Award was given to a Coast Guard Lieutenant from Michigan. We can do it again. Contact a servicewoman you know and write about it. It’s an honor to have these military women recognized for their service.

These forms are available in line. The scholarship is listed under Scholarships on the American Legion Auxiliary Department of Michigan website. The criteria for Salute to Servicewoman and the Unit member of the Year are both found under the Past Presidents Parley Guide on the website under programs.

Let’s work on having many entries for all three of these. Thanks for your participation.

*excerpts taken from the Auxiliary magazine August 2016



Past Presidents Parley Committee

SALUTE TO SERVICEWOMEN AWARD NOMINATION FORM

Established in 2003, this award has evolved from honoring women veterans to honoring women who are currently serving our country in the U.S. Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force, and Coast Guard (includes National Guard and Reserve components of each branch).

One servicewoman from each branch of service will be recognized at the American Legion Auxiliary National Convention. Recipients attend the later portion of the 2017 National Convention in Reno, Nevada, as guests of the Auxiliary.

Nomination Criteria:

- A woman currently serving in the U.S. Armed Forces (active duty or Reserve).
- Demonstrate a track record of exemplary service both in and out of uniform.
- A narrative or YouTube video that shows the servicewoman demonstrating exemplary service both in and out of uniform, making her the future face of women in the military.
- Servicewoman must be willing to be a guest of the Auxiliary and speak to the general assembly of the American Legion Auxiliary National Convention.
- All nomination forms must be submitted by June 1, 2017.

YouTube Video Checklist

If you choose to submit a video, please be sure to check that your video:

- does not contain any copyrighted music, video, images or text (not legally owned)
- is not set to "private;" your video must be public.
- is under 2GB in size
- is in .AVI, .MOV, .WMV, or .MPG file formats
- is 3 minutes or less in length

Next Steps:

- The nominating person or the servicewoman writes a narrative (750 words or less) or creates a YouTube video (3 minutes or less) that shows the nominated servicewoman demonstrating exemplary service both in and out of uniform making her the future face of women in the military.
- The following form must be completed and submitted by June 1, 2017, to National Chairman Virginia Hobbs. Written narratives should be attached. YouTube video links should be pasted in the box provided on the following form.

Servicewoman's Name:	
Servicewoman's Email:	
Servicewoman's Phone Number:	
Servicewoman's Branch of Service:	
Servicewoman's Rank:	
Servicewoman's Date of Enlistment:	
Servicewoman's Awards and Decorations, <i>if any</i> :	
Name of Person Making this Nomination, <i>if not the nominee</i> :	
Email of Person Making this Nomination, <i>if not the nominee</i> :	
Phone Number of Person Making this Nomination, <i>if not the nominee</i> :	
Is the servicewoman able to attend National Convention?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Is the servicewoman comfortable with public speaking?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Would servicewoman be willing to write a narrative/create a video?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Written Narrative: 1) please attach separate document to this form. 2) or type narrative directly into the box to the right.	
YouTube Video: copy and paste your video link in the box to the right.	

Return completed nomination form to Past Presidents Parley National Chairman Virginia Hobbs, 297 Terrace Drive, Radcliff, KY 40160-1185, or email to virginiahobbs@yahoo.com.



Past Presidents Parley Committee Award Entry Form

UNIT MEMBER OF THE YEAR AWARD

A Unit Member of the Year from each department will be recognized annually at the American Legion Auxiliary National Convention.

Requirements:

- 1. Open to senior members who are not in an elected or appointed leadership role higher than unit president.***
- 2. Each department may submit only one entry. Units must submit a narrative of 1,000 words or less describing the nominee's accomplishments and activities together with the nominee's name and address.***

<i>Nominating Department:</i>	
<i>Dept PPP Chairman Information</i>	
<i>Name:</i>	
<i>Address:</i>	
<i>Email:</i>	
<i>Telephone Number:</i>	
<i>Nominee Information</i>	
<i>Name:</i>	
<i>Address:</i>	
<i>Email:</i>	
<i>Phone:</i>	
<i>Nominee's Unit Name and Number:</i>	

<i>Form must be completed and submitted to National Vice Chairman Nancy Brown-Park by June 1, 2017.</i>	<i>National Committee Vice Chairman Nancy Brown-Park 73316 Cabazon Peak Dr. Palm Desert, CA 92260 brownpark1@me.com</i>
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American Legion Auxiliary, Department of Michigan

MEDICAL CAREER SCHOLARSHIP

DEADLINE--POSTMARKED NO LATER THAN MARCH 15, 2017

FURTHER INFORMATION MAY BE OBTAINED BY:

Phone: (517) 267-8809; Fax (517) 371-3698; or email: info@michalaux.org

Website: www.michalaux.org

Applications available at www.michalaux.org

Scholarships shall be for training men and women for medical careers.

ELIGIBILITY: Candidates shall be daughters, granddaughters, great-granddaughters, sons, grandsons, great grandsons, of honorably discharged or deceased men or women veterans of World War I, April 6, 1917 – November 11, 1918; World War II, December 7, 1941 - December 31, 1946; Korean Conflict, June 25, 1950 - January 31, 1955; Vietnam Hostilities, February 28, 1961 - May 7, 1975; Grenada and Lebanon Hostilities, August 24, 1982 - July 31, 1984; Panama Hostilities, December 2, 1989 - January 31, 1990; Persian Gulf, August 2, 1990 to Date to be set by Congress.

SCHOLARSHIPS SHALL BE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$500.00 AND FOR ONE YEAR ONLY. The scholarship award shall be forfeited immediately upon advice from the Dean or other authorized officials of said institution, for failure to continue with classes because of misconduct, scholastic deficiency or other disqualifying cause. Should a recipient drop out during the year, he/she must repay the American Legion Auxiliary the unused portion of the scholarship.

DESCRIPTION OF GRANT - The \$500.00 grant is to apply toward the expense of tuition, room and board fees, books and supplies necessary for pursuit of study at any school, college, or other education institution **in the State of Michigan.**

APPLICANTS SHOULD BE IN THE TOP QUARTER OF THEIR CLASS. Scholarships restricted to students going into, or completing their senior year of high school and entering their first year of college who qualify and are in need of assistance. Therefore, complete information must be given as to the applicant's family financial status. This information will be kept confidential.

Applicants must be a resident of the State of Michigan at the time of application and for one year preceding the date of filing application. **Scholarship must be used in a school in Michigan.**

Please complete all questions on the application. If not applicable, please indicate so with N/A.

INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL BE AUTOMATICALLY ELIMINATED.

Winners will be notified following judging of scholarship applications. If you have not received notification by July 10, feel free to call the Department of Michigan Auxiliary Headquarters, 517-267-8809 ext. 21.

ACCEPTANCE NOTIFICATION - Upon notification, scholarship winners shall notify the American Legion Auxiliary Headquarters (address above) by **July 10, 2017** of acceptance or non-acceptance of the scholarship, or the award shall be forfeited and all benefits terminated. Recipients must send complete name and address of the office of Financial Aid of the school he/she will attend. Two \$250.00 scholarship checks will be sent from the American Legion Auxiliary Headquarters **in late July and late November** and it will be deposited in the winner's name at the school he/she will attend.

Applications will be taken into consideration by the judging committee using the following scale:

1. Grades of student
2. Financial Need
3. Degree of interest of applicant
4. Three (3) letters of recommendation

THE FOLLOWING MUST ACCOMPANY APPLICATION:

1. A copy of the veteran's discharge papers showing date of induction or enlistment and date of separation. If you do not have a copy of the veterans discharge papers, they may be obtained in the following ways:
May be obtained from the County Clerk's Office where veteran resides
If the veterans lived in Michigan and received a Michigan bonus, you may apply to the Michigan Veterans Trust Fund, P.O. Box 30026, Lansing, MI 48909.
If she/he has not filed the DD-214 with the local clerk, a copy may be obtained by going to www.archives.gov and requesting the military service records. If the DD-214 is unavailable, a Form SF-180, Request Pertaining to Military Records can be obtained from the same website.
Please note, however, only the veteran may request a copy of the document unless she/he is deceased.
It will take 6-8 weeks to obtain copies of these documents. SO ACT PROMPTLY
2. Three letters of recommendation – (from principal or counselor, clergyman, or unrelated person knowing of the applicant's character).
3. Copy of High School Transcript
4. A copy of Income Tax Form 1040 (pages 1&2) for 2015 or 2016 or a Federal FAFSA Form completed in 2016.

NOTE: ANYONE APPLYING FOR THIS MEDICAL CAREER SCHOLARSHIP MAY NOT ACCEPT ANY OTHER SCHOLARSHIP FROM THE AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY, DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN.

MAIL COMPLETED SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION WITH REQUIRED ATTACHMENTS TO:

**Mary Anne Yuncker
12575 Stout Ave NE
Cedar Springs, MI 49319**



American Legion Auxiliary, Department of Michigan

APPLICATION FOR MEDICAL CAREER SCHOLARSHIP

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MAIL COMPLETED SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION WITH REQUIRED ATTACHMENTS TO:

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ELIGIBILITY: Daughters, granddaughters, great-granddaughters, sons, grandsons, great-grandsons, wives, husbands or widows of honorably discharged or deceased men or women veterans of World War I, April 6, 1917 - November 11, 1918; World War II, December 7, 1941 - December 31, 1946; Korean Conflict, June 25, 1950 - January 31, 1955; Vietnam Hostilities, February 28, 1961 - May 7, 1975; Grenada and Lebanon Hostilities, August 24, 1982 - July 31, 1984; Panama Hostilities, December 2, 1989 - January 31, 1990; Persian Gulf, August 2, 1990 to Date to be set by Congress.

Name _____

Home Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

Phone Number (include area code) _____ Birth Date _____

Grade Point Average _____

Application for (check one):

Registered Nurse _____

Licensed Practical Nurse _____

Physical Therapists _____

Respiratory Therapists _____

Other _____

Applicant's relationship to the Veteran: _____

Veteran Served in: _____ World War I, April 6, 1917 - November 11, 1918
_____ World War II, December 7, 1941 - December 31, 1946
_____ Korean Conflict, June 25, 1950 - January 31, 1955
_____ Vietnam Hostilities, February 28, 1961 - May 7, 1975
_____ Grenada & Lebanon, August 24, 1982 - July 31, 1984
_____ Panama Hostilities, December 2, 1989 - January 31, 1990
_____ Persian Gulf, August 2, 1990 to Date to be set by Congress

What medical career school in Michigan do you plan to attend? _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

ACCEPTED _____ PENDING _____

INCOME INFORMATION

Mother Name _____
Place of Employment _____
Occupation _____
W2/1099 Income _____

Father Name _____
Place of Employment _____
Occupation _____
W2/1099 Income _____

OTHER INCOME:

Alimony _____
Social Security Benefits _____
Pension/Retirement _____
Child Support _____
Other Income _____

Alimony _____
Social Security Benefits _____
Pension/Retirement _____
Child Support _____
Other Income _____

Total Household Gross Incomes _____

Number of DEPENDENT CHILDREN at home (including yourself) _____

How many are in high school? _____ How many are in College? _____

What plans have you and your family made for financing your education? _____

Have you been granted other scholarships? Yes _____ No _____, if yes, describe source, amount, and duration.

If your education was interrupted because of illness, employment, or travel, please describe the circumstances.

List extra-curricular activities _____

Describe briefly how you became interested in a medical career _____

I agree to enter a basic medical career program if I am awarded this scholarship. In the event I do not complete the year I promise to repay to the American Legion Auxiliary the unused portion of the scholarship.

Applicant Signature _____ Date _____
Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____

Be sure to include:

1. Completed Application Form
2. Copy of Veteran's Discharge papers (may be obtained from County Clerk's Office where veteran resides)
3. Copy of High School Transcript
4. Copy of Parent/Guardian's Income Tax Form (1040 pages 1&2) for 2015 or 2016 or a Federal FAFSA Form completed in 2016.
Please blacken out Social Security Numbers for privacy purposes.
5. Three (3) letters of recommendation

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