



American Legion Auxiliary Unit Mailing

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MAY-JUNE, 2018

DEPARTMENT CONVENTION

You have received your Delegate certification form that needs to be turned in with a check for the Delegate fee(s). Please make sure you send them to Department as soon as possible.

The flower order form is enclosed for anyone wanting to order a corsage for your incoming officers.

ATTENTION FLAG BEARERS

The attire for the opening of Convention is white top and Navy blue skirt.

DEPARTMENT OFFICER ENDORSEMENTS

The endorsements for Department offices were printed in the Auxiliare. Copies for your delegates are enclosed.

MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN

Please note the message enclosed from President Deanna regarding membership.

We can do it! Call your unpaid members! The personal touch will make all the difference in the world!

WILWIN FUNDRAISER

Information on the Wilwin fundraiser is enclosed. If you have any questions, contact Bill Hafeman.

MICHIGAN T-SHIRTS FOR SALE

Enclosed is the order form for our Michigan shirts. A size chart is on the back. Due date for orders is May 25th.

Dates to Remember

June 21-24, 2018 Department Convention
August 25-30, 2018 National Convention
September 21-22, 2018 Fall Conference

[Learn more about the American Legion Auxiliary with ALA Academy](#)

Want to learn more about the American Legion Auxiliary? ALA members have access to FREE online training with ALA Academy! The American Legion Auxiliary is providing all members with the tools they need to help grow the organization as a team. The ALA Academy is designed to help members learn as part of a process that includes learning the information, sharing it with others, practicing their new skills, and, eventually, making those new skills a habit. Classes now available: ALA 101, an introductory course to the ALA; ALA Communications 201, an introduction to how the ALA uses E-Communication; and ALA Leadership 201 which discusses how to be an effective leader. Get started [here](#). (log in required).

CALLING ALL UNIT MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMEN

WE ARE SO VERY, VERY CLOSE TO GOAL

PLEASE, PLEASE CHECK YOUR ROSTER

ARE THERE ANY JUNIOR MEMBERS THAT AREN'T PAID?

THEY COUNT TOWARD YOUR GOAL

CONTACT YOUR UNPAID MEMBERS AND SEE IF THEY

JUST FORGOT TO PAY.....THERE IS STILL TIME

TO REACH GOAL

PLEASE DON'T HOLD ANY OF YOUR DUES

WE NEED YOUR HELP

WE KNOW IT IS TOUGH THIS TIME OF YEAR

BUT WE ARE CLOSE ENOUGH THAT THE NUMBER

WE NEED IS LESS THAN 6 MEMBERS PER UNIT!!!

FLOWER ORDER FORM

Members are encouraged to place their flower orders prior to convention. **ALL ORDERS MUST BE PLACED BY MAIL NO LATER THAN JUNE 11, 2018.** *Flowers ordered for the opening session must be picked up at the flower table by 5:30 p.m. on Thursday evening.* Flowers for Sunday may be picked up on Sunday morning before the Memorial Service. All flowers will be delivered to the Auxiliary flower table in the Lower Level Concourse of the Radisson Hotel.

Corsages (Pin-on) - All Have Bows

(All prices include 6% sales tax)

Three Sweetheart Roses *	\$22.50
Dendrobium Orchids (White or Purple).....	\$20.00
Mixture - Sweetheart Rose*, Miniature Carnation * & Daisy -.....	\$23.50
Miniature Carnation and Sweetheart Rose *	\$16.50
All Miniature Carnations *	\$12.50
Garden Mixture -Miniature Carnation * & Daisy.....	\$12.50
Daisies (White, Yellow, Lavender).....	\$ 12.00
Single Carnation (Regular Size - Also in Purple) *	\$ 7.50
Add a wristlet (wrist corsage).....	\$ 3.00

Boutonnieres

Dendrobium Orchid (White or Purple)	\$15.00
Single Regular Size Rose *	\$ 8.00
Two Sweetheart Roses *	\$ 9.00
Single Regular Size Carnation (Also in Purple) *	\$ 5.00
Two Miniature Carnations *	\$ 5.00
Sweetheart Rose/Miniature Carnation *	\$ 7.00
Daisies (White, Lavender, Yellow).....	\$ 6.50

Arm Bouquets

1/2 Dozen Roses - (Please specify color) *	\$38.00
1 Dozen Roses - (Please specify color) *	\$58.00

Note: *Rose and Carnation Colors - White, Red, Yellow, Pink

You may have more than one color of roses and/or carnations. All Corsages and Boutonnieres have greens and filler flowers

Return order form to

DEBORAH CHAMBERS, FLOWER CHAIRMAN

874 4th Street, NW

Grand Rapids, MI 49504

Qty.	Description	Color	Delivery Date	Cost

FULL PAYMENT MUST BE INCLUDED WITH ORDER.

Total Amount Enclosed \$_____

Checks should be made payable to: **"LILY'S FLORAL"**

Flowers are for: _____

Unit Number _____

District Number _____

Your Name _____

Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____



Michigan American Legion Wilwin at Cygnet Cove

A 501(c)3 Non-Profit Corporation
212 N. Verlinden Ave, Ste A., Lansing, MI 48915



May 1, 2018

To: All American Legion Posts, Auxiliary Units, and Sons of the American Legion Squadrons

Fm: Board of Directors, Michigan American Legion Wilwin Lodge (at Cygnet Cove)

Subj: 2018 Annual Wilwin Fundraiser

The Michigan American Legion Wilwin at Cygnet Cove asks for your annual monetary support for the upcoming year. Let's make this our best year ever!

Due to the generosity of you, our supporters, in the past, Wilwin is a self-sustaining entity of the Department of Michigan. To continue our mission of serving all veterans in a special way can only remain possible through your generous support.

All monies raised from this annual fundraiser will be used to house and care for our veterans, including utilities, supplies, maintenance and repairs. We want to make more heart-warming stories for our PTSD and TBI veterans tell; the difference that reuniting with the family makes after a long deployment; and the smiles on their children's faces.

With the new Veterans Village located on the east side of the lake, Wilwin can now provide a quiet, remote environment for those veterans and their families who need it.

Wilwin offers our veterans fishing, swimming, rafting, canoeing, and boating within the confines of the facility. The serenity of watching deer, eagles, migrating waterfowl and migrating monarch butterflies during the course of the year will be exciting to all our veterans. A large marsh on the property has an accessible lookout for viewing marsh birds and geese. There is a playground now available for children. The Pere Marquette River is only a few miles north for rafting, canoeing and trout fishing.

Thank you for your generosity in the past. Please earmark all contributions to Wilwin and mail directly to Department Headquarters, 212 N. Verlinden, Lansing, MI 48915; Attn: Ashley. We now accept credit cards and acknowledge all your contributions with a letter of appreciation.

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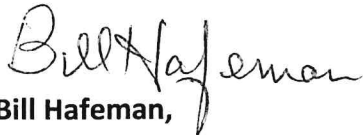


Telephone: 517-371-4720 ext. 16

Email Address: wilwin@michiganlegion.org

You are welcome to visit our new website at www.wilwin.org to answer all your questions or log onto www.michiganlegion.org and click on Wilwin. In addition, Wilwin has developed a new Facebook page for your viewing. Articles regarding Wilwin are printed periodically in the Michigan Legionnaire.

Yours in serving our veterans;



Bill Hafeman,
PDC, Wilwin Director, and Chairman of Finance and Fundraising

WILWIN DONATION FORM

Enclosed is a contribution for Wilwin to help them achieve their goals:

Enclosed is \$ _____ IN MEMORY OF/OR SPECIAL FUNDRAISER

Credit Card # _____ Expiration: _____

Signature _____

NAME _____

E-Mail (optional) _____

CITY/STATE/ZIP CODE _____

TELEPHONE (_____) _____

POST/SQUADRON/UNIT _____

Make check payable to Wilwin. Mail to The American Legion
Department of Michigan, ATTN: Accounting, 212 N. Verlinden,
Lansing, MI 48915

All donations will be acknowledged. Thank you.

"Department of MI shirts"

The winning colors were black and stone, pictured below. The sizes range from small to 6 x. The American Legion Auxiliary emblem will be on the left chest, and the outline of the state of MI on the left sleeve. They run small, the size I had at conference was 3xl. IF you want to add your name, there is a \$4.00 up-charge.

Price:

Small, medium, large, x-large = 27.00

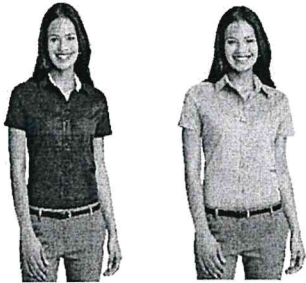
2x= 28.00

3x = 29.00

4x = 30.00

5x = 31.00

6x = 32.00



(so far, most people are buying the stone color)

Name _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

Color _____

Size: _____

Price: _____

Name (\$4.00) _____

Delivery option: Mail (\$6.00) _____

Pick up at Convention _____ **<must be ordered by May 25th**

Sub-total _____

6%tax _____

Total \$ _____

Make checks payable to: Anita Mennel
6040 Dryden Rd.
Dryden, MI 48428

—questions? —810.796.9844-leave message if no answer

REGULAR TALL
LONG SLEEVE
ARM LENGTH

	30 1/2	32	34	35	36 1/2	37 1/2	38 1/2	39 1/2	40 1/2	41 1/2	41 1/2	41 1/2	41 1/2	41 1/2
SIZE	28-28	29-31	32-34	35-37	38-40	41-43	44-47	48-51	52-54	55-57	58-60	61-63	64-66	67-69

*All sizes are in inches. All sizes are regular sizes in body and sleeve length. Tall sizes: LT-4XLT.

MALE SIZES	XS	S	M	L	XL	XXL	3XL	4XL	5XL	6XL
SIZE	4	4/6	8/10	12/14	16/18	20/22	24/26	28/30	32/34	36/38
CHEST	32-34	35-36	37-38	39-41	42-44	45-47	48-51	52-55	56-59	60-63
WAIST	24-26	27-28	29-30	31-33	34-36	37-39	40-43	44-47	48-51	52-55
HIP	34-36	37-38	39-40	41-43	44-46	47-49	50-53	54-57	58-61	62-65

YOUTH SIZES	XS	S	M	L	XL
SIZE	4	6/8	10/12	14/16	18/20
CHEST	25-26	26-28	28-30	30-32	32-34
WAIST	24-25	25-26	26-27	27-28	28-31

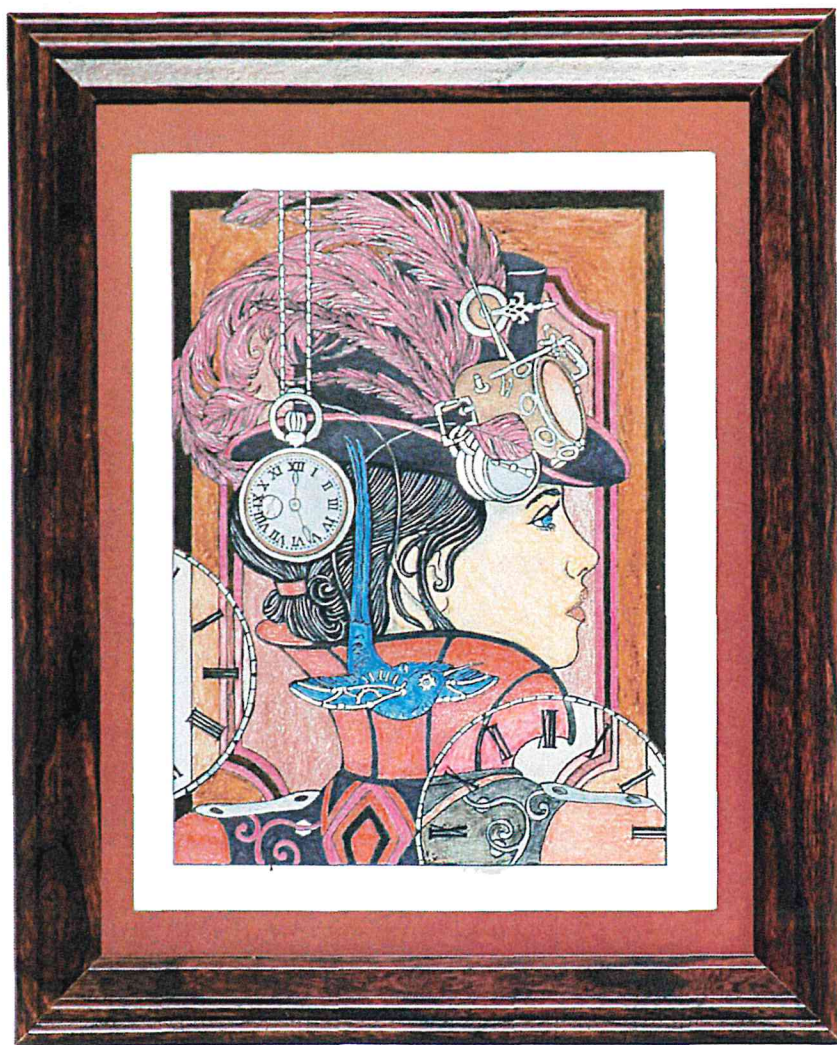
INFANT SIZES	6M	12M	18M
(APPROX.) WEIGHT (LBS)	12-17	17-22	22-27
(APPROX.) LENGTH (IN)	23-27	27-28	29-31

TODDLER SIZES	2T	3T	4T
(APPROX.) WEIGHT (LBS)	29-33	33-36	36-40
(APPROX.) HEIGHT (IN)	32-36	36-39	39-42

Calling all ALA Departments for an Exciting Fundraising Challenge

*You could win a an impressive work of art donated
by a National Veterans Creative Arts Festival gold medal-winning artist*

Largest donation to the American Legion Auxiliary Foundation's Veterans Creative Arts Festival fund
from 9/1/17 through 7/31/18 qualifies your department for a chance to win!



The Challenge:

The chance to own a one-of-a-kind piece of art is here again! An award-winning NVCAF artist has graciously donated her artwork for the ALA Foundation's special fundraising challenge. If you're the winner, you will have the opportunity to display the work of art at your department headquarters, auction it off at your own fundraiser, or use it in other creative ways to highlight the American Legion Auxiliary's mission. National President Diane Duscheck will present the artwork to the winning department representative at the 2018 National Convention in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

How Do You Win?

The department donating the most money to the ALA Foundation's Veterans Creative Arts Festival fund, per capita by membership category, from September 1, 2017, through July 31, 2018, will be entered for a chance to win! The winner and departments with the highest donation from each membership category will be recognized for their fundraising efforts.

About the Artist and Artwork

U.S. Air Force Veteran Rebecca James of Northridge, California, won gold in the NVCAF 2016 Craft Coloring Kit division for her artwork better known as Steampunk Rhapsody. "You don't have to be a Van Gogh to enjoy painting and drawing," she said. "Getting involved in something creative is a great outlet for stress relief."



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FOUNDATION

Ensuring Our Mission of Service Endures

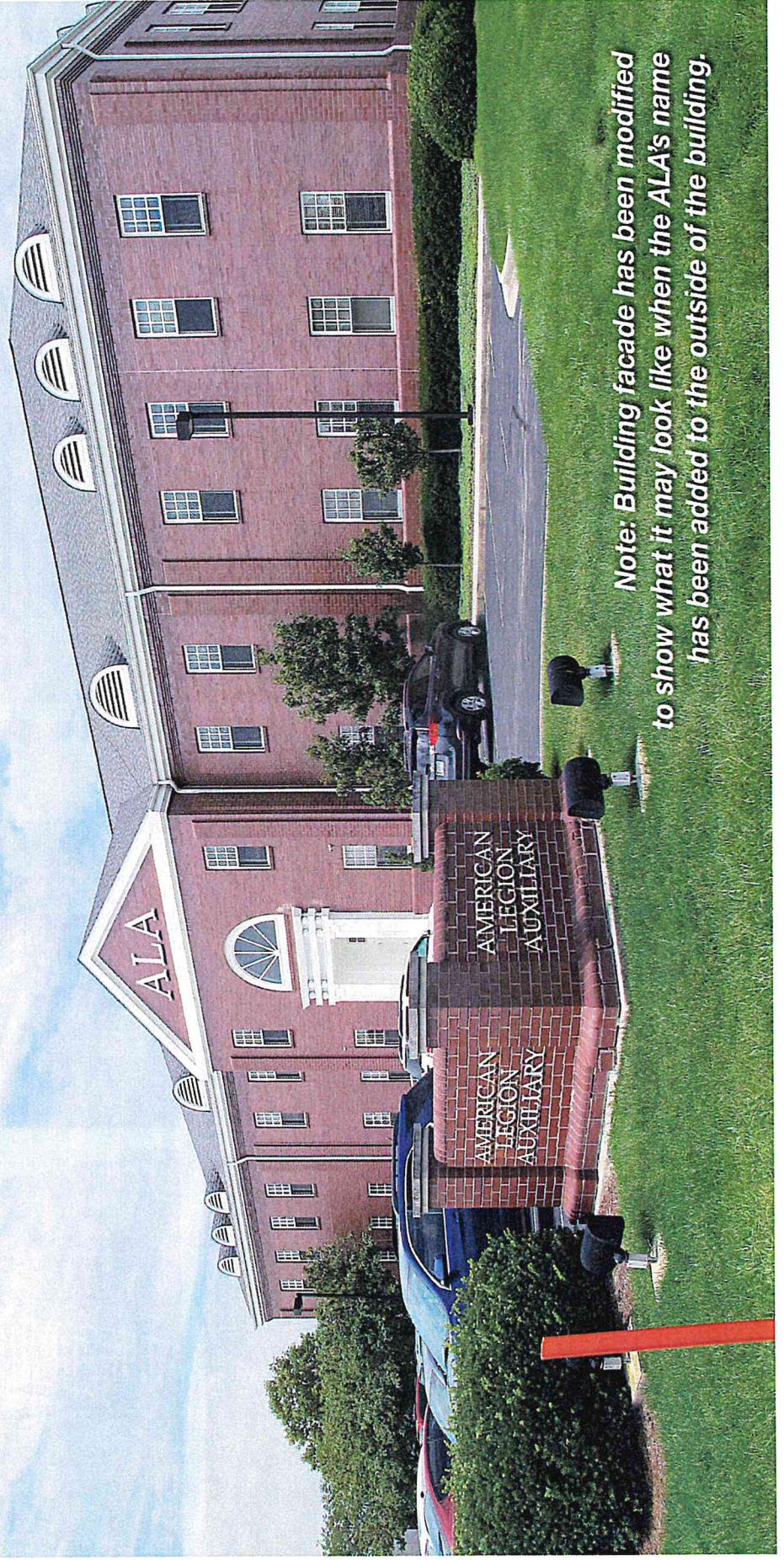
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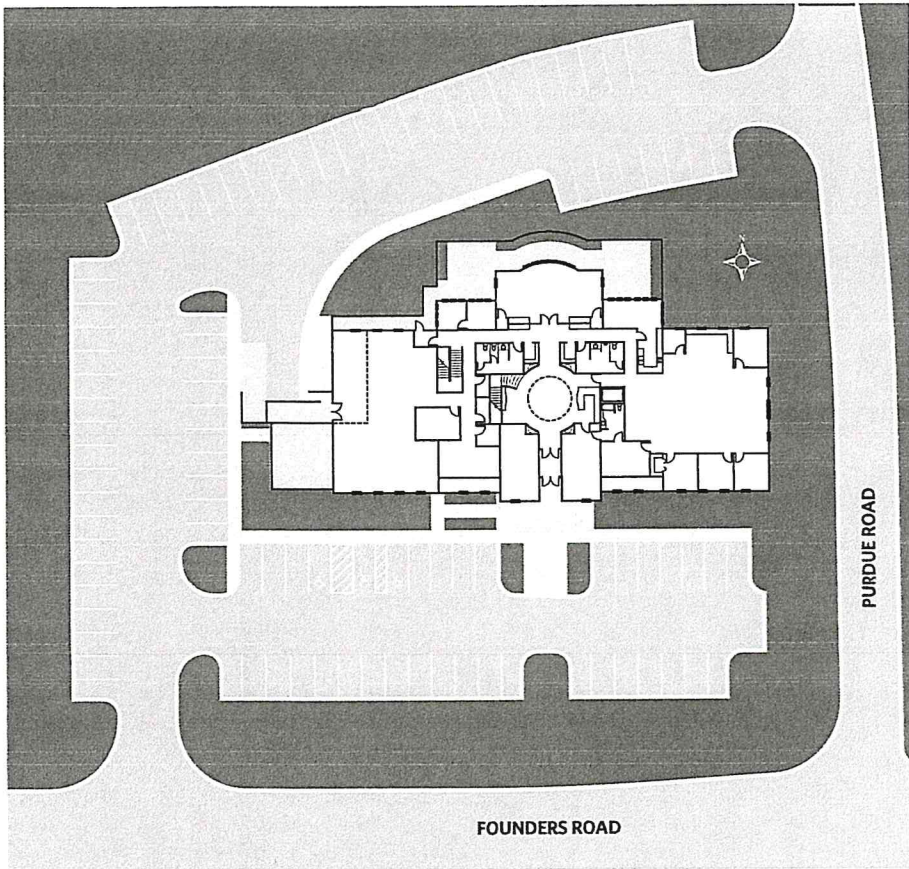
Coming 2018

The future home of the American Legion Auxiliary National Headquarters

3450 Founders Road, Indianapolis, IN 46268



Note: Building facade has been modified to show what it may look like when the ALA's name has been added to the outside of the building.





*American Legion Auxiliary
Department of Michigan
Fifth District Association*

To the members of the American Legion Auxiliary, Department of Michigan:

At a regularly scheduled meeting of the American Legion Auxiliary, 5th District Association, held Tuesday, October 17, 2017, in Caledonia MI, Deborah R. Williamson was endorsed for the office of President, American Legion Auxiliary, Department of Michigan for the year 2018-2019.

Deborah is eligible through the service of her late father, Harvey R. Volkers, who served in the United States Navy during World War II and was a Pearl Harbor survivor. She is also eligible through her brother, a retired Marine, who served in the United States Marine Corps, during the Vietnam Era.

Deborah has been an active American Legion Auxiliary member for sixty four years. She started as an active Junior member. On the Unit level, she served as President for six years. She has served her Unit as 1st Vice, 2nd Vice, Chaplain, Historian and was treasurer for twenty four years. She has held every Chairmanship on the Unit level with the exception of Americanism and VA & R.

On the District level, Deborah served as First and Second Vice President and was District President in 2006-2007. She served as Publication Chairman and Poppy Chairman for several years.

On the Department level Deborah served on the Girls State Committee for thirteen years and served three years as Girls State Assistant Chairman and two years as Girls State Chairman. She also served as National Security Chairman and is currently serving as Legislative Chairman. She has also served as Department Historian, Department Chaplain and is currently serving as Department 1st Vice President.

Deborah is a fourteen year member of Kent Salon 322 of the 8 et 40, and a Chapeau Passe.

Deborah is a twenty four year associate of Michaels Stores Inc.

She has four children, and blessed with sixteen grandchildren and six great grandchildren.

We, the members of the 5th District Association, feel that Deborah is well qualified and willing to serve as Department of Michigan President for the year 2018-2019. We ask your consideration and support of our candidate.

Missy Townes

Missy Townes,
5th District President

Christine Merlington

Christine Merlington,
5th District Secretary



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AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY 9TH DISTRICT

October 1, 2017

American Legion Auxiliary Department of Michigan,

At a regularly scheduled meeting of the American Legion Auxiliary, 9th District Association, Department of Michigan, held on September 30, 2017, we endorsed Georgia Downs for the office of First Vice President of the American Legion Auxiliary Department of Michigan for the year 2018 - 2019.

Georgia became eligible to join the American Legion Auxiliary through the service of her deceased father, Kenneth P. Carlson, who served in World War II. Mr. Carlson enlisted in the Army when he was 16 years old and was one of the few survivors of his platoon while battling in Germany. He was a recipient of several honor ribbons.

While being a member for 20 years, she has held the office of Unit President (3 years) and District President for two terms. She has had the opportunity to chair many committees at the Unit, District level and Department including but not limited to Poppies, Americanism, Lower Northern Membership Chairman, V.A. & R. and Girls State staff. Currently Georgia is chairing the same committees along with the Family Support Group. She has been the chairman and co-chairman for twelve years for the Veterans Dinners at Post 411. Georgia has held the Department offices of Historian, Chaplain and Second Vice President and currently is chairman for National Security.

As District President her project was the Wilwin Lodge, a retreat for our returning Veterans; she raised thousands of dollars by hosting a dinner once a month with all proceeds going to her project. Georgia has successfully raised funds for Girls State Program so no Alternate is left behind.

Georgia is Second Vice President for the Department of Michigan and she is part of our Strategic Planning Team to help lead us into the future. She has been a volunteer at Girls State for five years. She is a strong supporter of all of our programs. She is a member of Salon 300.

She raised her family in Westerville, Ohio and moved back to Michigan in 1990. She has multiple designations and degrees in insurance and brings strong managerial skills in customer service/sales. She sat on the Boards of her local township for ten years, secretary for the Zoning Board two years and Board of Review for eight years. Georgia retired from Greenridge Real Estate in 2012 after 23 years in the industry. She has been a broker for 16 years and still maintains her own Real Estate brokerage.

Georgia has been endorsed for the office of First Vice President, Department of Michigan 2018 – 2019 by the Thomas Richard Annis Unit 411.

We feel Georgia has the skills and our confidence to serve in this position. We ask for your support of our endorsement.

Marcia Moore
Marcia Moore – President

Barbara Hoaglund
Barbara Hoaglund - Treasurer

Date 9-30-17

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Thomas Richard Annis
American Legion Auxiliary Unit 411
4075 S. 198th Ave
Hesperia, MI 49421

At a regularly scheduled meeting of the Thomas Richard Annis Unit 411 of the American Legion Auxiliary, 9th District Association, Department of Michigan, held on October 19, 2017, we endorsed Georgia Downs for the office of First Vice President of the American Legion Auxiliary Department of Michigan, 2018 – 2019.

Erika Maynard 10/19/17
Erika Maynard date

Unit 411 President

Donna Bush 10/19/17
Donna Bush date

Unit 411 Secretary

The American Legion Auxiliary
Seventh District Association

At a regularly scheduled meeting of the Seventh District Association of the American Legion Auxiliary, Department of Michigan held on August 6, 2017 and at a regularly scheduled meeting of Harry Ollrich Unit #4 of the American Legion Auxiliary, Department of Michigan held on June 26, 2017, Mary (Mrs. Richard) Dubay was endorsed for the office of Department Second Vice President.

Mary is eligible for membership through her husband, Richard T. Dubay, a Vietnam Veteran who served in the Air Force from 1966 to 1969. She is also eligible through the service of her late father, Charles Desmet, who served in World War II.

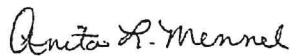
Mary has been a member of Harry Ollrich Unit #4 for 28 years. During this time she has held most offices and chairmanships. She served as Unit President for 2 years and, is currently serving as Chaplain.

On the District level, Mary has held many chairmanships and offices and served as District President in 1999-2000. She is currently serving her eighth consecutive term as District Treasurer.

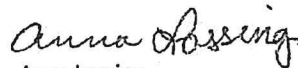
On the Department level, Mary has served as Americanism, Poppy, Public Relations, Auxiliary Emergency Fund, Resolutions, Education, Eastern Area Membership and Community Service Chairman and as Historian. Mary has also served as a committee member on Americanism, Poppy, and Public Relations. As a Department Chairman, Mary won the Best Overall program in Americanism for the Central Division, the American Legion Education Award, and the Community Service Department award for the most outstanding promotion of the Community Service program by a Department in the Central Division. Mary is currently serving the Department as Chaplain. On the National level, Mary has served as Central Division Chairman for National Security and as Vice Chairman on the Auxiliary Emergency Fund.

Mary is currently employed as a Medical Secretary by Michigan Healthcare Professionals, where she has worked for the last 17 years. She and her husband, Richard, have been married for 47 years, and have 4 children and 10 grandchildren, all of which are members of the Legion family. Mary and her family are members of St. Peters Catholic Church in Mt. Clemens. Mary has been a member of Macomb County Salon #396 of the 8 & 40 for 14 years.

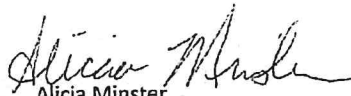
We, the members of the Seventh District and Harry Ollrich Unit #4 ask for your support of our candidate, Mary Dubay, for the office of Second Vice President for the Department of Michigan for the 2018-2019 year.



Anita Mennel
Seventh District President



Anna Lossing
Seventh District Secretary



Alicia Minster
Unit #4 President



Kathleen Copeland
Unit #4 Secretary



September 10, 2017

At a regularly scheduled meeting of the Edwin T. Stiles American Legion Auxiliary Unit 153 held August 7, 2017 and the 8th District Association meeting held September 10, 2017, Marcy (Mrs. Stephen) Jorae was endorsed for the office of Department Chaplain of the American Legion Auxiliary Department of Michigan for the Auxiliary year 2018-2019.

Marcy is eligible for membership through the service of her late husband, Stephen C. Jorae, a U S Marine Corps Veteran. He served for 6 years in the Marine Corps Reserve during the Vietnam conflict. Mr. Jorae was a 30-year member of Edwin T. Stiles Post 153 in St. Johns, MI at the time of his passing in 2003.

Marcy has been an active member of the American Legion Auxiliary since 2006. At the Unit level, she has served as Unit President for 10 years, a position she currently holds. She has served as Chairman of most committees at the Unit level. During this time, Marcy has led the ladies in participation with the Legion's Veteran's Flag Project which honors over 600 Clinton County Veterans by flying their burial flags at the local cemetery on patriotic holidays, has been instrumental in broadening the scope of programs that Unit 153 participates in, has encouraged members to learn more about the American Legion Auxiliary through discussions at meetings and working new programs for the Unit, and has spearheaded work at the Post to make the American Legion Family more visible in the community through Americanism awards, the Girls State program, and more visibility at community events and newspaper articles.

At the District level, Marcy served as First Vice President for 2009-2011; as District President 2011 - 2013; and as District Secretary 2013 to the present, mentoring District and Unit Presidents when possible. Marcy has served as the District Chairman for the following committees: Americanism, Community Service, Constitution and Bylaws, Education, Leadership, Membership, Past President's Parley, and Public Relations.

On the Department level, Marcy has served on the Americanism Committee and chaired the Public Relations and Leadership Committees. During her time as Leadership Chairman, Marcy focused on training, mentorship, and improving both reporting and nurturing a Culture of Goodwill. Marcy is also on the Michigan Long Range Strategic Planning Committee, currently serving as the Goal 3 Champion - *Developing Leadership at All Levels* and has conducted Workshops in many of the Districts to reach out to as many members as possible. As we approach the 100th Anniversary of the establishment of the American Legion Auxiliary, Marcy has been appointed chairman of the Department Centennial Celebration Committee which will focus on celebrating 100 years of helping Michigan's Veterans. Marcy has also attended Mission Training for the past three years in an effort to learn more about the American Legion Auxiliary and pass that knowledge on to her Unit and District.

On the National level, Marcy has been appointed to the American Legion Auxiliary Special Centennial Celebration Committee which is working on a year-long celebration of the achievements of the American Legion Auxiliary in its first 100 years.

Marcy has been a Registered Pharmacist since 1977. She worked for Meijer Pharmacy for 32 years in the Lansing, MI area, having retired in early 2016. She was a Pharmacy Team Leader for 10 of those years.

Her management experience will be an invaluable asset as an officer for the Department of Michigan. Prior to working for Meijer, Marcy worked for SuperX Drugs for 14 years.

Additional community service has included chairing Clinton County Friends of Hospice for several years. Marcy was the Chairman of the Sparrow Foundation "Hike for Hospice" the first three years of its existence - Hike for Hospice is the major annual fundraiser for the Hospice Program of the Sparrow Foundation. Marcy also served on the committee for the development of the Hospice House of Mid-Michigan in Lansing, Michigan and on other Foundation Committees.

It is with great pleasure that we endorse Marcy for this position. We feel that she is well qualified to serve the American Legion Auxiliary Department of Michigan as an officer. We ask for your consideration and endorsement of Marcy for the nomination of Department Chaplain for the 2018-2019 Auxiliary year.

Sincerely,

Lori Smalley
Unit 153 First Vice President

Lynne Priester
Unit 153 Second Vice President

Laurie Sweet
Eighth District President

Dorothy Shanks
Eighth District First Vice President

KIMBERLY CHAMPION ENDORSED FOR 2018-19 HISTORIAN

At regularly scheduled meetings of the American Legion Auxiliary 18th District, we voted to join Chief Pontiac Unit 377 and endorse Kimberly Champion for Department Historian for the year 2018-19.

Kimberly is a dedicated, active Auxiliary member who joined under her deceased father, a World War II veteran. She is committed to serving the Veterans and their families and has shown her loyalty over a 38 year period of unselfish giving. It is our honor and duty to ask for your support of Kimberly Champion for the office of Department Historian 2018-19.

Kimberly has held every office in the unit level, and serving President, Girl State Chairman, Junior Chairman, Americanism Chairman, Past Presidents Parley and Membership Chairman.

Kimberly also served the 18th District and has held every office. She served as 18th District President, Parliamentarian, Girls State Chairman, Junior Chairman, Past Presidents Parley, Poppy Chairman and Membership Chairman.

At the Department level, Kimberly has served on many levels, Finance Poppy, Parliamentarian, Membership Resolutions and Juniors. She is always willing to help anyone who asks for help.

Kimberly also served on the National Strategic Planning Committee. On a personal level, she has a very successful career at Havenwyck Hospital as the Director, Medical Staff Services. She also helps with ten Josh Foundation. She has two daughters who are both members and active in the American Legion Auxiliary and a Goddaughter and Granddaughter.