



# American Legion Auxiliary Unit Mailing

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## 2018-19 Unit Mailing—Volume 4

### IMPORTANT!

There are two forms in this mailing which I am sending out early this year. If you want the next year to go smoothly for your Unit, these forms **MUST** be completed and returned to Department.

#### FIRST: UNIT DATA FORMS

This is the form that tells Department and National what you are going to charge your Senior members and Junior members for the next calendar year. In this case for the 2020 dues.

The form also tells us where you want members to send their dues payments.

This information is what National prints on the renewal notices that they send out in September and January. If you don't give us the right information your renewal notices will be based on your old information in the system and you won't be happy.

The form also asks where you want Department to send your portion of dues that are paid online. The online payment option is becoming more popular so this is also important information to give us.

Please note: Due to the quantity of checks that Department was writing for online dues, the Executive Board approved that checks will only be written for dues over \$40. Dues due to the Unit \$40 and under will be paid in the form of an emailed credit memo. If the Unit has a credit bal-

#### SECOND: UNIT OFFICES LIST

Plain and simple, we need to know who your officers are and where you want Unit mailings to go.

We are putting the Unit mailings on our website and we are working on the capability to do e-mailings. This will allow for more timely information and for less money.

#### DEPARTMENT CONVENTION

Our convention is June 27-30th in Kalamazoo again this year.

A packet of information will be on the website in mid March.

District Number \_\_\_\_\_ Unit # \_\_\_\_\_

## 2019-2020 UNIT DUES FORM

**THIS FORM MUST BE RETURNED TO DEPARTMENT BY APRIL 1, 2019**

This information is required for the printing of your Unit's **2020** Membership cards.

**Keep in mind the dues paid to department for Senior members has gone up to \$20.00 and the dues paid to department for Junior members will be \$4.25.**

The dues amount you list will be printed on the **2020** Membership Renewal Notices that will be mailed to your Unit members approximately September 15, 2020. If National has an email address for your members, their renewal notice will be sent to them **via e-mail!** Remind your members to watch for it.

The name and address of the member you list below will be printed on each Renewal Notice to show where your members are to send their 2020 dues. This member **MUST** have her current dues paid before you list her.

*If you do not send this form in on time, your Unit's renewal notices will be incorrect and dues will be sent to the wrong address.*

**You MUST complete this form even if there are no changes since last year.**

FULL NAME OF UNIT \_\_\_\_\_

Physical Address of Post/Unit (Physical location, not mailing address):

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

**2020 Senior Dues of this Unit: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ 2020 Junior Dues of this Unit: \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

**Member to receive our Unit dues:**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Membership ID #: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_ PO BOX # \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

**Member to receive department payments for dues paid online:**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Membership ID #: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_ PO BOX # \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

**Return by April 1, 2019 to: American Legion Auxiliary Dept of Michigan  
212 N. Verlinden Ave., Suite B -- Lansing, MI 48915**

Submitted by: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature

Title

Date

Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_



## 2019 – 2020 UNIT OFFICES LIST (Please write clearly)

NOTE: Please fill in all areas. If you do not have someone currently elected/appointed, please provide name of who is currently serving in that capacity.

**PLEASE RETURN EVEN IF THERE ARE NO CHANGES FROM THE PREVIOUS YEAR!!!**

**Please mail to Department no later than June 1, 2019—212 N. Verlinden Ave., Ste. B, Lansing, MI 48915**

UNIT NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ UNIT # \_\_\_\_\_ DISTRICT # \_\_\_\_\_

UNIT E-MAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

OUR MEETINGS ARE HELD: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Example: 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of every month except July)

**UNIT PRESIDENT** Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Member ID # \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_, ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Unit mailings are sent to the Unit President. If you would like **someone else** to receive them instead, please designate it in the "Unit Mailing" Section:

**UNIT MAILING:** Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Member ID # \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_, ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

**UNIT SECRETARY** Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Member ID # \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_, ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

**UNIT TREASURER** Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Member ID # \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_, ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

**MEMBERSHIP CHAIR** Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Member ID# \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_, ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: (required for on-line payments) \_\_\_\_\_

**ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION UNIT CHAIRMAN:** (AEF, Con/ByLaws, Historian, Leadership, Membership, PPP, Public Relations)

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Member ID# \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

**FAMILY SUPPORT UNIT CHAIRMAN:** (Americanism, Chaplain, Community Service, Education, Music)

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Member ID# \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

**VETERAN/MILITARY SUPPORT & ADVOCACY UNIT CHAIRMAN:** (VA&R, Legislative, Poppy, National Security)

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Member ID# \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

**YOUTH DEVELOPMENT UNIT CHAIRMAN:** (Children & Youth, Girls State, Junior Activities)

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Member ID# \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_



**American Legion Auxiliary  
Michigan  
Girls State**

American Legion Auxiliary  
Department of Michigan Girls State  
Rysta Brown, Co-Chairman  
3885 Forest Rd Oscoda, MI 48750  
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April 15, 2019

**CALLING ALL ALA GIRL STATE VOLUNTEERS!**

The 79<sup>th</sup> Session of Michigan American Legion Auxiliary Girls State is just around the corner. As always, we need volunteers to help prepare for the session, assist with the opening and closing ceremonies, or join us for the entire week.

ALA Girls State will be held at Shaw Hall located at 591 N Shaw Lane on the campus of Michigan State University, June 16 through June 22, 2019. You may have volunteered in the past, or recently signed up for the first time. Regardless of your experience there are a number of ways you can help out at Girls State!

On Saturday, June 15, any time after 10:00 a.m., volunteers are needed to complete the citizen packets, inventory our merchandise, and set up of the ALA Girl State Store, office, copy room, and break rooms. There is always something to do for everyone!

On Sunday, June 16, volunteers are needed on opening day to assist with parking, answering questions, registration, collecting medications, banking money, selling ALA Girls State items, and cashiers. Registration begins at 9:00 a.m. on Sunday, if you are not planning on arriving Saturday, you are asked to be there no later than 8:00 a.m. on Sunday. Please let me know what time I can expect you.

During the week help is always needed with copying, collating, relief for nursing and office staff, selling Girls State items each day during lunch and dinner times, flag ceremonies, banking, shopping for program and/or staff needs, contest judging, interaction with counseling staffs, and each night there are bed checks to be done!

We need at least twelve people on staff each day throughout the session, and more on Sunday, June 17 for registration and Saturday, June 22 preparing for the Closing Ceremony. Volunteers and teamwork will make this year's Girl State session a successful one. If you know someone who could help with Sunday Registration please let me know.

Girls State provides you with free dorm room living, a roommate, three great meals a day and an experience you'll never forget! You are permitted to bring a small air conditioner for your dorm room, however, there will be a \$75 charge paid in advance for the installation. If you bring your air conditioner on Saturday there is a good chance MSU staff will not install it until Monday. Additional packing tips and useful information will be provided to you once I receive confirmation that you will be attending.

We have made available the purchase of staff polo shirts for anyone interested. They cost \$30.00 each. Please let me know if you would like to order one (or more) and with the size you need and what name and title you want on shirt. Please make your check payable to: ALA Girls State with "staff shirt" in the memo.

**If you are interested in volunteering this year please complete the Volunteer form and send it to Rysta Brown, 3885 Forest Rd., Oscoda, MI 48750 by May 15, 2019 or by email at: [rystab@gmail.com](mailto:rystab@gmail.com)**

**You can also contact me by phone:**

**(H) 989-739-1360 or (C) 989-254-7252**

Sincerely,

*Rysta Brown*

Rysta Brown, Co-Chairman  
Michigan A.L.A. Girls State

Volunteers will be selected by abilities and availability. You will be notified if you are selected to volunteer at the 2019 ALA Girls State session.



American Legion Auxiliary  
Michigan  
**Girls State**

## 2019 VOLUNTEER SIGN-UP AND PREFERENCE FORM

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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

I wish to volunteer for the 2019 Girls State Session.

**I am available for:**

Entire session - June 16 through June 22

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

- June 15 - packets, inventory, set up etc.
- June 16 - registration day
- June 17 - full day of meetings for the citizens, lots of copying for us!
- June 18 - Convention day
- June 19 - Past Department President's Day! City pictures, voting, and election results!
- June 20 - Capitol Day
- June 21 - Talent Show
- June 22 - 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
- Copy Room
- Nurse Relief
- Office Staff (relief)
- Sgt. at Arms for daily flag ceremonies
- Sgt. at Arms and 2 flag bearers needed for opening ceremony (white dress required)
- Will you be bringing your own computer?  Yes  No
- Sales
- Office Relief
- Banking
- Work with counselors

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, 2019 Rysta Brown, 3885 Forest Rd.,**



**AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY  
DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN**

**TO:** UNIT and DISTRICT VETERANS AFFAIRS AND REHABILITATION CHAIRMEN  
IN THE FIFTH AND NINTH DISTRICTS

**RE: MOTHER'S DAY PROGRAM FOR 2019**

**DUE TO YOUR GENEROUS DONATIONS  
OF MOTHER'S DAY CARDS AND  
MONETARY DONATIONS IN THE PAST,  
WE WILL NOT REQUIRE ADDITIONAL  
DONATIONS FOR THIS PROGRAM FOR THE  
YEAR 2019. THE LOWER NUMBER OF  
MEMBERS RESIDING AT THE  
GRAND RAPIDS HOME FOR VETERANS  
ALSO CONTRIBUTES TO THIS CHANGE.**

**THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR  
SUPPORT OVER THE YEARS.**

Sarah Brooks, Hospital Representative  
Grand Rapids Home for Veterans  
701 Prince St. S.E.,  
Grand Rapids, MI 49507-1241  
(616) 243-3520

## Calling all Prayer Warriors.

As I am working on my Book of Prayers for our Department President, I find that I need your help. To be truly representative of our Department, I would like to include prayers and favorite devotional thoughts from as many members as I can. Some of these prayers will be sent on to the National Chaplain for National President Kathy Dungan's Book of Prayers.

You can send me your submissions by email if you would like me to type them on specialty paper, or if you would like to type them out yourself you can either mail them to me or bring them to Department Convention.

I would also like you to consider putting together a personal, unit or district Book of Prayers for submission at Department Convention in June. Junior members, as well as Senior members, are invited to participate. You do not have to be a Chaplain to do this - God loves all those who share His love.

Please note that we are asking you to **bring your submissions to Department Convention in June**. There will be a table set up for these Books of Prayer in the Convention Hall. They may be picked up at the close of the Saturday Convention session. **This is different from the instructions in the Program Guide**. They must still be judged by your **District by May 30<sup>th</sup>** before submitting and your Annual report must have been submitted in order to qualify for judging for awards.

Please see the requirements for these books in the Chaplain's Program Guide and also included in this mailing. Please also remember that all authors must be acknowledged - whether it is a passage from the Bible, an author other than yourself, or something you have lovingly written to submit. If the author is unknown, that should be noted as such.

Thank you to all who participate in this gift of love to our Department and National Presidents.

For God and Country,  
Marcy Jorae  
2018-2019 Department Chaplain  
5122 Alward Rd. Laingsburg, MI 48848  
[marcyjorae1952@gmail.com](mailto:marcyjorae1952@gmail.com)  
(517) 230-1024



## RULES FOR THE BOOK OF PRAYERS AND DEVOTIONAL THOUGHTS FOR SENIORS

Edna Schuitema Citation for Units; Edna Clarahan Citation for Districts

### A. FORMAT OF BOOK

#### 1. COVER

- a. White, 3 ring 9.5" x 11.5" binder/notebook
- b. Must show the 2.5" American Legion Auxiliary Emblem
- c. Cover may be illustrated (decorated)

#### 2. PAGES

- a. 8.5" x 11.5" pages
- b. Typed or printed — double spaced
- c. If desired, illustration may be used

### B. CONTENTS:

#### 1) TITLE PAGE (VERY FIRST PAGE)

- a) Must show 1.25" of 2.5" American Legion Auxiliary Emblem at the top.
- b) Dedication — "To or In Memory of \_\_\_\_\_"
- c) Address, name, Unit or District number, and size of Unit/District.
- d) Name of Chaplain preparing the book.
- e) Name of the Unit/District President.
- f) Date (current year)

#### 2) SECTION 1:

- a) Title - "PRAYERS"
- b) Contents
  1. Prayers that are your original or your favorite
    - a) Original Prayers — must be signed by the author
    - b) Favorite Prayers must show:
      1. The name of the author, and
      2. The name of the person submitting it
  1. Length of entry — 1 page

#### 2. SECTION 2:

- a. Title - "DEVOTIONAL THOUGHTS"
- b. Contents:
  1. Verses, poems, quotations, Must include:
    - a) Name of author
    - b) The name of the person submitting it
  2. Favorite Scriptures  
Must include:
    - a). The source — Book of the Bible, Chapter & Verse
    - b). The name of the person submitting it
    - c). Length of entry — 1 page

#### 4. LAST PAGE OF ENTIRE BOOK

- b. Age Groups
    - 1) Age 6-12: Prayers should be simple, original and easily understood by children; illustrations accepted. Limited to 50 words
    - 2) Age 13-15: Prayers should be thoughtful, clear and meaningful to this age; illustrations accepted. Limited to 75 words
    - 3) Age 16-18: Prayers should be original and humble in respect and praise; illustrations accepted. Limited to 100 words.
3. SECTION 2
- a. Title - DEVOTIONAL THOUGHTS
  - b. Age groups — as closely related to those under prayers as possible
  - c. Content
    - 1) Verses, poems and quotations must include:
      - a) The name of the author, and
      - b) The name of the Junior submitting it, and
      - c) The reason for picking the selection 2)
    - Favorite scripture must include:
      - a) The source — Book, Chapter & Verse
      - b) The name of the Junior submitting it
    - 3) Length of Entry - not more than one-half page
4. LAST PAGE OF ENTIRE BOOK
- a. Must list the name and number of the Junior Auxiliary Unit
  - b. Must list the names of all the Juniors participating during the current administrative year

C. RULES FOR JUDGING

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Required Materials           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Format — 10%</li> <li>b. Title page — 5%</li> <li>c. Last page— 5%</li> </ul> </li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2. Contents (Prayers &amp; Devotional Thoughts)           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Originality — 25%</li> <li>b. Neatness — 25%</li> <li>c. Arrangement — 25%</li> <li>d. Member participation - 5%</li> </ul> </li> </ul> |
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**ALL ENTRIES must be sent to the DISTRICT CHAPLAIN by ~~March~~ May 30, 2019.** They will be judges at the District level and only the winning entry will be submitted to the Department Chaplain by ~~April 15, 2019.~~ **Noon on Thursday, June 27, 2019 at Department Convention\***. **ALL ENTRIES MUST HAVE SUBMITTED THEIR ANNURAL REPORT FORMS TO DISTRICT AND DEPARTMENT TO OUALIFY.**

**\*PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE IN SUBMISSION TO DEPARTMENT – BOOKS OF PRAYERS AND DEVOTIONAL THOUGHTS SHOULD BE JUDGED AT THE DISTRICT AND ONLY THE WINNING ENTRIES SHOULD BE BROUGHT TO DEPARTMENT CONVENTION (WITH A COMPLETED GREEN SLIP) BY NOON ON THURSDAY, JUNE 27, 2019. THESE BOOKS MAY BE SIGNED IN AT THE DESIGNATED TABLE IN THE CONVENTION HALL FOR JUDGING AND SHOULD BE PICKED UP FROM THE CONVENTION COMMITTEE AFTER THE CLOSE OF THE SATURDAY CONVENTION SESSION.**

# EDUCATION

## How we can with scholarships

The deadline for both Nation and Department Scholarship applications is drawing near. Please read this excellent eBulletin written by Anselma Obremski, National Education Vice Chairman on how we can help. Remember both National and the Department of Michigan scholarship applications and rules are available@ <http://michalaux.org/scholarships/>. If I can be of any assistance please don't hastate to contact me.

Carol Burke  
Education Chair. Dept. of MI  
ck323@msn.com  
734 546 2604



### Education eBulletin Series 2018-2019 - #5



DATE: January 9, 2019  
FROM: Anselma Obremski, National Education Vice Chairman  
SUBJECT: Applying for Scholarships Correctly & How As ALA Members We Can Help Get It Done Right The First Time

Many high school seniors at this time of year are living on the edge. Did I get accepted to school? Did I receive financial aid? Did I receive the scholarship? They are anxiously waiting for the mail delivery.....did I enclose my reference letters? They check their email inbox every few minutes.....did I answer all the questions? They're waiting for a phone call. Some will be elated; others will feel disappointment.

Students are currently applying for scholarships and grants with many deadlines looming in the near future. When we, as American Legion Auxiliary members, promote our ALA scholarship, it is imperative that we follow up with those students that have expressed interest. We cannot fill out the application for them, but we can encourage the applicant to pay attention to the details.

If outside paperwork is needed, make sure it is legible and scans properly if the application is to be filled out online. For example, if a DD-214 is yellowed with age, show the applicant how to obtain a clear copy from the National Archives (<https://www.archives.gov/veterans/military-service-records>).

Encourage the applicant to proofread their essays for grammar and spelling. And when done, proofread again. It is also a good idea to have someone else review as two sets of eyes are better than one. Attention to details will increase the applicant's chances of receiving the scholarship.

We can also help applicants by being mentors during the application process. Encouragement and periodic contact with an applicant can often resolve minor questions before these questions become

In surmountable mountains causing applicants to become discouraged and quit.

The ALA Children of Warriors National Presidents' Scholarship, the ALA Non-Traditional Student Scholarship and the ALA Spirit of Youth Scholarship all have deadlines of March 1, 2019 for submission to the local Unit for initial review. It is imperative that Units start now to disseminate the information to interested students.

Your help can be instrumental not only for information on National scholarships, but also those offered by your Department and local Units. Don't forget your Legion and SAL either; they too may have scholarship available. Every dollar can make a difference to a student; it all adds up. Smaller scholarships when added together can still help pay that tuition bill.

Encourage students to apply for scholarships now, providing the resources to help correctly complete the application process. As a result, many more award letters will be mailed to deserving students.

Resources:

For information and frequently asked questions about National scholarships awarded by the ALA, visit <https://www.alaforveterans.org/scholarships/>

For information about National scholarships awarded by The American Legion, visit <https://www.legion.org/scholarships>

#### **How the ALA Education Program has helped:**

Our Education program fosters learning for children in our own communities, with our focus on the children of our military and veterans. But do we see the efforts of our toil? This month, we share a letter of gratitude from Children of Warriors National Presidents' Scholarship recipient Daniel R. Rousch, Jr., sponsored by Carter Burdell Hagler Unit 178 in Georgia:

*"As expressed to the Auxiliary President and my local unit, I would like to take a moment of your time to express my appreciation to you and the entire American Legion Auxiliary organization. Receiving one of the Children of Warriors National Presidents' Scholarships is a great honor, and I am appreciative not only of the scholarship, but the time and commitment on the part of everyone involved. I am aware that it must take dozens of individuals at many levels actively committed to this segment of the Auxiliary's work and service for this scholarship opportunity to exist. I am grateful for my sponsoring unit and all of the individuals involved at each progressive level for selecting me for this scholarship opportunity. I look forward to the opportunities I will have as a Member of the Sons of The American Legion to give back my time and my talents, and making myself available to my sponsoring unit."*

ALA Scholarship information and applications can be found at: <https://www.alaforveterans.org/Programs/Education/>, on the ALA Education Program Facebook group at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1489034401420831/> or you can contact National Headquarters at (317) 569-4500 or [education@ALAforVeterans.org](mailto:education@ALAforVeterans.org).

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## JUNIOR EVENT MARCH 31, 2019

The Honorary Junior President Taylor Houghton is asking you to please spread the word and let everyone know, there is going to be a "Special Tour" for her Project this year at the Friendship Circle Location.

It is going to be on Sunday March 31<sup>st</sup>, at NOON the location is, 6892 W. Maple Road, West Bloomfield Michigan. This is the headquarters for the U Matter Program.

As most of you know "Friendship Circle" is Taylor's SPECIAL PROJECT this year.

There is so much information that can be learned from this "Special Tour" about her project and what it is all about, as well as what the Friendship Circle Organization does and how many people they can help and assist. U Matter is only just the tip of the iceberg on what they can do for the Community...

For those of you who have active Juniors in your District please invite them to come along. We are going to have a Pizza/Pool Party with some other fun events the evening before at a motel close by the location. The Pizza/Pool Party will be held from 6PM to 9PM.

Just a reminder for all juniors attending they must be accompanied by their parents or a Guardian/Chaperone that the Parent has given written permission to allow the Juniors to be with them.

The motel is Quality Inn of Waterford. We have a small block of rooms held for \$109. Plus Tax. Please R.S.V.P. Robin Puckett if you are planning on staying at the Motel. 248-875-7436

Please contact myself or Robin if you have Juniors coming so we can be assured to have enough Pizza and refreshments for the evening.

Quality Inn  
7076 Highland Road  
Waterford, MI 48328  
248-666-8555

Yours in Service  
Christine Merlington,  
Department Junior Activities Chairman.

Included below in this email is just some of what U Matter does, please take the time to read and spread the word to all the Unit Presidents in your area and as many members as you can reach. This is an awesome event and we hope to see lots of our members from Michigan there

"The Friendship Circle of Michigan serves the mission of creating friendship in the lives of individuals with special needs and those facing isolation, while providing an opportunity to become contributing members of the community. In 1994, the Friendship Circle started out as a group of 8 volunteers visited children with special needs and their families for an hour of play in their home. From this, The Friendship Circle has grown into an organization that serves 3,000 individuals with special needs and their families through social, educational, and vocational programming. In 2005, Friendship Circle received a home of its own at the Meer Family Friendship Center, including a Lfetown village with a movie theater, gift shop, doctor's office, salon, bank and library, as well as an activity wing, and a full-size gym. Just down the road you will find The Farber Center, home of the Dresner Foundation Soul Studio and Soul Café, which provides a loving and inclusive environment for artistic self-expression, vocational training, and employment opportunities. It is through the Friendship Circle's various programming that the founding value can be echoed that each person has a soul; and that soul is equal and worthy of boundless love.

In addition to helping those in need, the Friendship Circle enriches its vast network of volunteers by enabling them to reap the rewards of selfless giving. The Friendship Circle operates with a volunteer network of 700 teen and adult volunteers. It is through interactions with teen volunteers that the realization was made that volunteers who give their time to Friendship Circle faced challenges as well, particularly in the mental health realm. In 2015, U\_Matter was formed to serve the mission of encouraging teens to shatter the stigmas surrounding mental health challenges and suicide. A teen advisory board works to create projects that appropriately meet the needs of fellow teens. Currently, U\_Matter runs U\_Matter Weeks in schools, a week-long initiative incorporating teacher TEDTalks, hall decorations, mental health speakers, and more. In addition, U\_Matter runs monthly Teen Talks, an hour-long teen-facilitated discussion on pressing topics teens are facing. It is a space for teens to come together and share in an environment they may not otherwise have. SafeTALK, a 3 hour suicide-alertness training, are hosted by U\_Matter as well. Currently, 1,500 individuals in the local community have been trained to be a suicide alert helper. One Thing I Wish You Knew, an annual event where community members share their stories of overcoming challenges, and what they wish those around them knew about their stories, is set for March 14<sup>th</sup> at the Friendship Circle of Michigan in West Bloomfield. It is through these initiative that an atmosphere of inclusion within the community can be created."

## NATIONAL SECURITY

A new year brings the prospect of facing new challenges, a change of objectives, and a hope for finding a better way of doing things. It also brings us closer to the end of the Membership year and with that comes report time.

I hope that all of you have been keeping track of what you have done for National Security this year and are ready to send me your fabulous reports that I might share with the National organization. The narrative reports that you write reflect the work of your unit and are intended to be an opportunity for you to brag about your unit's achievements. As part of your narrative you could include answers to such questions such as: Did members organize a special event by using an unorthodox method? Was it successful? What type of National security activities or projects did your Unit undertake if you weren't by a military facility? Did you do anything for women veterans, especially homeless women veteran?

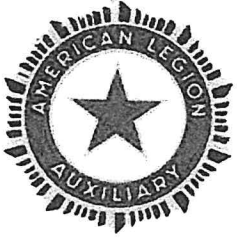
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These are just a few of the things that you might have done for National Security. I hope that your unit chose to do one or two of the objectives in the National Security Guide.

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Respectfully submitted,

Mary Dubay  
National Security Chairman



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