

THE AMERICAN LEGION
DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN



**2019 FALL CONFERENCE
REGISTRATION FORM**



September 20 - 22, 2019

Holiday Inn Gateway Centre
Flint, Michigan

Hosted by the Genesee County Convention Corporation

All room reservations, requests and special needs are to be placed through the Holiday Inn Gateway Centre, 5353 Gateway Center, Flint, MI 48507 - (810) 232-5300.

A block of rooms are available at the Holiday Inn Gateway and the Courtyard Marriott until August 25, 2019. Mention the American Legion reservation code **ALD** to secure the special room rate of \$97.00 + 11% hotel tax. Contact Tim Hernandez with any questions at 810-653-0314 or 810-444-2502.

Registration fee is **\$15.00 per person**. Make your check payable to:

Genesee County Convention Corp. or to: **GCCC.**

Mail to: Tim Hernandez, 719 E Chelsea Cir, Davison MI 48423-1204

The American Legion requires that each person in a room must register with the corporation and be issued an official badge to be allowed to attend any meeting, session or event.



2019 Fall Conference Registrant Information

PLEASE PRINT	LEGION	AUX	SAL	ALR
NAME: _____	_____	_____	_____	_____
ADDRESS: _____				
CITY/ST/ZIP: _____				
GUESTS' NAMES:				
1. _____	_____	_____	_____	_____
2. _____	_____	_____	_____	_____
3. _____	_____	_____	_____	_____
4. _____	_____	_____	_____	_____

\$15.00 x _____ (number of people registering) = \$ _____.

Please find enclosed: \$ _____ for _____ registration(s).

Are your hotel reservations confirmed with the Holiday Inn Gateway? (810-232-5300): Yes ☐ No ☐

If not, then the Courtyard Marriott? (810-232-3500) : Yes ☐ No ☐

Best Western Plus? (810-232-9000) : Yes ☐ No ☐

I am commuting daily: Yes ☐ No ☐

Other accommodations? _____

Please provide the following contact information:

Ph: (_____) _____ email: _____

Give Ten to Education

School supplies are needed year round. It makes sense to donate supplies at the beginning of the school year, but supplies also need to be replenished throughout the school year. Therefore, a school supply drive at any time of year, is a good idea

Suggested items by grade are listed below. Additionally a tracking sheet is attached for your use and reference when it comes time to file your Unit's year-end report.

Questions or concerns, please contact Carol Burke, Education Committee Chairman. ck323@msn.com or 734 546 2604

KIDERGARTEN

Glue Sticks
Facial Tissue
Pencils, #2
Markers
Scissors
Dry Erase Markers
Erasers
Glue Bottles
Comp Notebook
Binder
Watercolor paints
Disinfecting Wipes

FIRST & SECOND GRADES

Pocket Folders
Crayons
Pencils #2
Re-closable Storage Bags
Glue Sticks
Facial Tissues
Scissors
Erasers
Dry Erase Markers
Markers
Comp Notebook
Spiral Notebook, Wide
Ruler
Disinfecting Wipes
Glue Bottle
Colored Pencils
Hand Sanitizer
Binder
Highlighters
Filler Paper
Cap Erasers
Sticky Notes

Ruler

Construction Paper

THIRD & FOURTH GRADES

Pocket Folders
Pencils, #2
Facial Tissues
Glue Sticks
Spiral Notebooks
Scissors
Crayons
Filler Paper
Re-closable Storage Bags
Dry Erase Markers
Composition Notebook
Colored Pencils
Highlighters & Markers
Eraser
Binder
Pens
Disinfecting Wipes
Ruler
Hand Sanitizer
Glue Bottle
Sticky Notes
Cap Erasers
Index Cards
Pencil Sharpener
Printer Paper
Permanent Markers
Dividers

FIFTH & SIXTH GRADES

In addition to the items listed for Third and Fourth grades:

Calculators
Graph Paper
Tab Indexed Dividers



American Legion Auxiliary Give 10 to Education Suggested Donation Items and Tracking Sheet

Suggested Item	Quantity	Monetary Value
Books		
Backpack/Book bag		
Loose Paper		
Notebooks		
Folders		
3-Ring Binders		
Pencils		
Pens		
Erasers		
Highlighters		
Crayons		
Colored Pencils		
Markers		
Pencil Box/Pencil Case		
Scissors		
Glue/Glue Sticks		
Ruler		
Calculator		
Craft Supplies		
Kleenex/Paper Towels		
Hand Sanitizer		
Disinfecting Wipes/Baby Wipes		
Mentoring/Reading		
Donation to School		
Donation to Library		
Donation to Scholarship		
Clothing		
Patriotic Item		
Sports Equipment/Games		
Box Tops 4 Education		
Totals:		

Historian News Letter

I would like to start by saying Thank you for electing me to be your Department Historian For 2019 - 2020. I can not think of a more exciting time to be your Historian than our 100 year Anniversary. This year I am challenging all Units. The challenge is to create the best Unit History video. This will be a one time Monetary award in the amount of \$200.00 to the winning Unit from me personally. Details will be given at Fall conference / training , September 20th - 21st in Flint. So get your creative minds working. I look forward to an exciting and Historical year For the Department of Michigan American Legion Auxiliary.

For God and Country,
Julie Becker
Dept. of Michigan Historian

100th Anniversary Celebration Committee

At National Convention the American Legion Auxiliary kicked off the official start to a year of celebration. National President Nicole wants us to spend the entire year in celebration of 100 years of *Service, not Self*. She hopes that every Department, District and Unit will not only accomplish great things as we work our Mission, but also celebrate those accomplishments throughout the year. To share your accomplishments with President Nicole and the nation, use **#ALA100Celebration** when you post anything on Facebook – especially pictures of your celebrations. Anything else you do that is not celebrating the 100th anniversary, but what you are doing to work our Mission – use **#ALA100**. By using these hashtags, your posts will be directed to both National President Nicole and the National Headquarters staff. They will be collecting celebration and mission related stories throughout the year. Perhaps your post will appear on the jumbotron at the 100th National Convention next year in Louisville.

I know that some of you have already had 100th Anniversary Celebrations and some are still in the process of planning them. Some Units have gone to great lengths to have an elegant event, while some are having more casual celebrations. All of these are great as we bring attention to our organization and get our communities to celebrate with us. Please be sure you are sending me details of your event – pictures and a narrative so that I might include them in the record of this year's Department of Michigan Celebration. Watch for a "Centennial Celebration" section in the Annual Report Form so that we can compile a great history of this 100th year.

Let's make this a year to remember! We won't be here to celebrate the next 100th milestone, so we need to celebrate now.

You can send your information to me at: marcyjorae1952@gmail.com or share with me through Facebook. If your Unit/District has a page and I haven't "liked" it or "friended" it, please let me know. I would love to see all that you are doing.

Marcy Jorae

100th Anniversary Committee Chairman

On behalf of the NVCAF committee, we would like to thank the American Legion Auxiliary family for all their support for the National Veterans Creative Arts Festival.

This includes all the Districts who participated in and donated items for the Hospitality Shower, along with Judy Lynch and the volunteers who organized, made the beautiful gift baskets and sold tickets at our Department Convention. We also want to thank all of the Units who have generously donated money for the Festival.

It is such an honor that Michigan is hosting the Festival this year and our American Legion Auxiliary members should be proud for showing such awesome support! Thank you so much!!!

Chris Reed

Co-Chair - NVCAF

Attention All Unit Members !!

It is our privilege to host the National Veterans Creative Arts Festival this year. It will be held in Kalamazoo in conjunction with the Battle Creek VA System October 27-November 3, 2019.

We need workers for the Hospitality Room . This room offers a place for the contestants and their companions to take a break, have a snack and connect with other veterans at the festival. We are working along with the VA and other veterans organizations to staff this room. There will also be a game room which we will be covering. The shifts for the festival are 9:00 am-3:00 pm. and 3:00 to 9:00 pm. Many days are still open.

Please contact me. Mary Anne Yuncker (616-780-4884) or ynckr@aol.com. I also text. I'd love to see you there. It will be an experience you'll never forget!

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN

IMPORTANT -- PLEASE READ ENTIRE BULLETIN

TO: UNIT REHABILITATION CHAIRMEN

RE: CHRISTMAS GIFT SHOP – GRAND RAPIDS HOME FOR VETERANS

DATES: Tuesday, December 3, 2019
Wednesday, December 4, 2019

WORKERS: From the **FIFTH, SEVENTH, NINTH, AND NINETEENTH** Districts

GIFTS: To be supplied by the Units in the **5th, 7th, 9th, and 19th Districts**.
Boxes must be delivered to the Home no later than November 11, 2019
NO WEEKEND DELIVERIES. WHEN DELIVERING IN PERSON, PLEASE SEAL BOX AS IF FOR MAILING. MAKE SURE "GIFT SHOP AND UNIT NUMBER" ARE MARKED ON THE OUTSIDE OF EVERY BOX AND ADDRESS AS FOLLOWS:

Grand Rapids Home for Veterans
American Legion Auxiliary Gift Shop
Attention: Sarah Brooks, Hospital Representative
3000 Monroe Ave. N.W.
Grand Rapids, MI 49505

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY

Enclose the **WHITE** copy of the packing list in the box. If more than one box is sent, mark boxes 1 of 3, 2 of 3, etc. Additional copies should be sent as follows:

YELLOW goes to your DISTRICT VA&R Chairman
PINK for the Unit files.

If you want a confirmation of receipt, you **MUST** enclose a self-addressed, stamped postcard or stamped envelope with your gifts for acknowledgment from the Hospital Representative.

After the 2018 Christmas Gift Shop, some changes have been made for 2019. Since the number of members at GRHV is getting lower, we are revising the number of gifts requested from the Units in your Districts

<u>Membership</u>	<u>Suggested Number of Gifts</u>	<u>Membership</u>	<u>Suggested Number of Gifts</u>
10-25	9 5 women, 2 men, 2 children	276-325	22 10 women, 10 men, 2 children
26-50	10 5 women, 3 men, 2 children	326-375	22 10 women, 10 men, 2 children
51-75	10 5 women, 3 men, 2 children	376-425	22 10 women, 10 men, 2 children
76-100	10 5 women, 3 men, 2 children	426-475	22 10 women, 10 men, 2 children
101-125	11 5 women, 3 men, 2 children	476-550	27 17 women, 10 men, 2 children
126-150	11 5 women, 3 men, 2 children	551-625	27 17 women, 10 men, 2 children
151-175	11 5 women, 3 men, 2 children	626-700	27 17 women, 10 men, 2 children
176-225	11 5 women, 3 men, 2 children	701+	37 20 women, 15 men, 2 children
226-275	12 7 women, 5 men, 2 children		

After reviewing the inventory after the 2018 Gift Shop, we are listing items that we felt would be popular and also items that are not needed. However, this list is not all inclusive. We are also asking that the items donated have a value of at least \$10.00. The members at the Home deserve to select quality items for their family members for Christmas. Here are a few suggestions:

We have a need for

Men's and Women's Watches (pull stem out so the battery doesn't wear down)
Men's and Women's Wallets (leather)
Men's and Women's Cologne Sets (plastic only)
Men's Tool Sets (small and not too heavy – multi-purpose tools are popular)
Women's Quality Jewelry
Blankets – Full size (no throws)
Clock Radios
Flashlights
Children's items, such as board games, stuffed animals, etc. (pre-teens and teens)
Gift Cards: Applebee's, Meijer, Walmart, McDonalds, Burger King (please include receipts)

Not Needed

Clothing – men or women
Bath Towel sets
Kitchen Towel Sets
Throws
Gift Cards: Tim Horton, Coldstone, Subway, I Tunes

SOME IMPORTANT DO'S AND DON'TS

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| <u>DO</u> | <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Do be on time, both in sending your gifts and reporting to work at the Gift Shop.2. Do be sure you list the <u>retail value</u> of the gifts donated. |
| <u>DON'T</u> | <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Do not send any glassware or breakable items.2. Do not send hand made items.3. Do not send articles <u>valued at less than \$10.00.</u>4. Do not send candy, house slippers, pajamas or nightgowns, any women's clothing, puzzles, books, stationery, purses, handkerchiefs, and
NO GIFT BOXES.6. Do not send Christmas decorations.7. Consider size and weight when selecting items (costly to mail). |

Purchase of these gifts is the responsibility of the UNIT. However, in an **EMERGENCY** situation only, if a Unit is unable to shop, the Hospital Representative will shop for you, **PROVIDING** funds are sent to Department by **OCTOBER 15.** ALL MONIES ARE TO GO TO DEPARTMENT CLEARLY MARKED FOR THE GRAND RAPIDS HOME FOR VETERANS CHRISTMAS GIFT SHOP.

GIFT SHOP HOURS ARE 8:30 A.M. TO 3:00 P.M.

Workers are asked to specify which day(s) they can work and give that information to Sarah Brooks by phone or mail (home address and phone listed below) no later than NOVEMBER 21. Please arrive at the Home by 8:00 A.M. Your help can be used anytime that is convenient for you. However, help is especially needed on Wednesday.

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

ADDRESS BOXES TO: D.J. Jacobetti Home for Veterans

American Legion Auxiliary

Attn: Wanda Westman Representative

425 Fisher St.

Marquette, Mi. 49855

PLEASE FOLLOW THIS SHOPPING LIST:

UNITS OF	10-25 members	10 gifts	4 women 6 men
	26-50 members	12 gifts	5 women 7 men
	51-75 members	14 gifts	6 women 8 men
	76-100 members	16 gifts	8 women 8 men
	101-125 members	18 gifts	8 women 10 men
	126-150 members	20 gifts	10 women 10 men
	151-175 members	22 gifts	11 women 11 men
	176-225 members	24 gifts	12 women 12 men
	226-275 members	28 gifts	14 women 14 men
	276-325 members	32 gifts	15 women 17 men
	326-375 members	36 gifts	16 women 20 men
	376-425 members	38 gifts	18 women 20 men
	426-475 members	42 gifts	20 women 22men
	476-550 members	47 gifts	23 women 24men

ALL GIFTS MUST BE NEW ITEMS: DO NOT SEND ANYTHING YOU WOULDN'T WANT TO RECEIVE YOURSELF. Please select a variety of items. The gifts should be lightweight and small; if it is necessary to mail the gifts, the postage or UPS charges will be less expensive.

ALSO WALMART GIFT CARDS ARE ALWAYS NEEDED TOO !

LADIES :Embellished sweatshirts , Dressy blouses, Nightgowns, Pajamas, Robes, Slippers (in all sizes)

Lightweight Blankets, Throws, Bath towel Sets, Kitchen towel Sets, Watches, Wallets, Hat& Glove Sets, Jewelry , (no purses please !)

MEN'S : Sweatshirts and Sweatpants with plain non elastic hem are our most requested items. Also need Dress, Polo & Henley Shirts, Pajamas, Robes, Men's Pocket T-Shirts, Slippers (All Sizes Needed for these) +
Flannel shirts Too
White socks including Diabetic Socks, Wallets, Gloves, Scarves, Watches(including large face and pocket watches) , & Suspenders.

Some tall sizes would also be appreciated. Sizes go Small, Med, Large, X-large, ~~1XL~~, 2xl, 3xl, ..

MOST REQUESTED ARE Large & X-Large

DO'S 1. Do send gift bags & Boxes

2. Do choose as many unsized gifts as possible.

3. Do be on TIME both in sending your gifts and reporting to work at the gift shop.

4. DO be sure you list valuations of gifts donated.

List ORIGINAL PRICE (NOT JUST THE SALE PRICE)

DON'TS 1. DO NOT send glassware or breakables, such as colognes, perfumes or aftershave.

2. DO NOT count articles valued at less than \$7.00 as one gift.

3. DO NOT send soiled or broken articles.

4. DO NOT send women's personal underwear with the exception of robes.

5. DO NOT send candy, ladies purses, belts, curling irons, bath powder, photo albums, or umbrellas

PACKING LISTS: two sets of packing lists are enclosed. If additional sets are needed, request them from Department Headquarters early. One set is needed for each carton. Please mark cartons "1 Of 1" , "1 of 2" ,etc.

WHITE Copy In each shipping carton

YELLOW Copy to Your District VA&R Chairman

Barb Larson

605 Kennedy Rd. Iron Mt., Mi. 49801

Please enclose a self-addressed envelope with your gifts for acknowledgement from the Hospital Representative.

If your Unit is unable to shop for gift shop items and wish to contribute cash, the money MUST BE MAILED TO THE DEPARTMENT OFFICE NO LATER THAN OCT.19TH, TO ALLOW THEM TIME TO PROCESS YOUR CHECK AND GET IT TO THE V.A. REPRESENTATIVE SO SHE CAN PURCHASE THE NEEDED GIFTS. BE SURE TO INDICATE WHICH MEDICAL CENTER, YOUR GIFT SHOP MONEY IS TO BE FORWARDED TO;

Make sure to mail check to department or Wanda Westman

Wanda Westman, Representative American Legion Auxiliary at

D.J. Jacobetti Home for Veterans 425 Fisher St . Marquette, Mi. 49855

ALWAYS MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO :AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY

CHRISTMAS GIFT SHOP - PACKING LIST

DATE _____ UNIT NAME _____

CITY _____ UNIT NUMBER _____ DISTRICT NUMBER _____

NAME OF UNIT VA&R CHAIRMAN _____

UNIT CHAIRMAN'S ADDRESS _____

NUMBER OF GIFTS _____ TOTAL VALUE OF GIFTS \$ _____

INSTRUCTIONS:

- 1) Please list the full **retail** cost of the gifts.
- 2) Multiply the quantity times the unit retail value to get Total Retail Value.
- 3) Fill in the number of items you are shipping and enclose the **ONE COPY IN CARTON.**
- 4) Send **ONE COPY to your DISTRICT** Rehabilitation Chairman.
- 5) Keep the **one** copy for your Unit files.

NOTE: One self-addressed stamped envelope or postcard **must** be included to receive acknowledgment.

THE FOLLOWING ARTICLES ARE ENCLOSED:

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