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A glimpse at the aims and accomplishments of
the Department of Michigan throughout the year



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SECTION A

DEPARTMENT OFFICERS



DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT

Marcy Jorae
2022-2023

As I sit down to write my last article of the year, I am thinking “Where has this year gone?” Despite the bumpy start, it seems that it has flown by – and the closer to the end it gets, the faster it goes. How could this be? But it is so.

What an incredible year it has been. I would like to thank the members of this organization for placing your faith in me to lead the American Legion Auxiliary, Department of Michigan for the 2022-2023 year. I have tried to do what is best for this organization – putting the needs of the ALA in front of my own. It has been my honor and pleasure to serve the 27,000 plus Auxiliary members, as well as working with the American Legion and the Sons of the American Legion. We truly are a Family – a great Family.

I was humbled and honored to have my two favorite Veterans with me at the Installation Ceremony in Kalamazoo last June. My husband, Steve Jorae, was with me in spirit and my best friend Mitch Louth escorted me to the podium. My heart was filled with pride and renewed passion for this organization that I love so much.

While in Kalamazoo, Department Membership Chairman Robin Basarabska-Bruff and I introduced the 2022-2023 Membership program which was a road race with the president as I traveled throughout the State. Each District was assigned a car from the Pixar movie Cars. It will be interesting to see who collects the most miles and bridge fares to get from Kalamazoo to Sault Ste. Marie. I must admit that there have been a few detours and forks in the road, but I have also seen some beautiful scenery and added a few more places to my Bucket List to return to and spend some time.

As the incoming President and the Delegation Secretary, the National Convention in Milwaukee last year was quite an experience. God Bless our Department Secretaries for all the work that they do to get ready for a National Convention. It was a real learning experience for me. Being installed at the National level was another humbling experience as our new National President Vickie Koutz looked on.

I also learned how to prepare for a Fall Conference, as we were still with no Executive Director at that time. The Department Chairpeople did a wonderful job of presenting their Committee Programs. Of special interest was the VA & R segment which was a presentation by VA & R Director Gary Easterling and his staff providing critical information to the Auxiliary members that would enable them to better help their own Veteran(s).

I was pleased to introduce Rick Bidwell from 92 for 22, my Special Project for the year. His presentation enlightened the attendees as to what the group 92 for 22 is all about. As someone who worked my whole life in the healthcare industry, I wanted a Special Project that would address the health and well-being of our Veterans. When I saw the photos of the extraction of troops from Afghanistan it replayed those same images of the helicopters landing on the roof in



Saigon many years before. It was then I decided to look for a project that would help Veterans with PTSD and suicidal tendencies. After researching various organizations, I found 92 for 22. They are a Michigan based non-profit who help Michigan Veterans not only with personal needs such as housing and transportation, but also provide support and awareness of suicide prevention. The group is comprised of Veterans who volunteer their time, allowing the non-profit to achieve an incredibly low 10% overhead. I have been so blessed by all the support and generous donations to my Special Project this year. I can't thank everyone enough for believing in this cause. I will be so excited and honored to present a sizeable donation from the proceeds of my Special Project to 92 for 22 at Fall Conference. This group also started a quarterly publication and honored the American Legion Auxiliary, Department of Michigan in its first edition with an article that I wrote about why they were chosen as my Special Project.

After Fall Conference, I traveled with Legion Department Commander Britten, Legion Adjutant Runyan and SAL Detachment Commander Fisher to the beautiful Upper Peninsula where we were warmly greeted at each stop. It was an abbreviated replacement for the discontinued Winter Tour and was very much appreciated. Since then, I have traveled to many of our Districts and Units celebrating such things as Veterans Day at the MVH of Grand Rapids and at the Red Flannel in Cedar Springs and many, many more. At each stop I have seen old friends and made many new ones and memories that I will treasure forever.

Winter Meeting was held in Lansing in February and again we had the privilege to have Gary Easterling join us with more vital information for Veterans and their caretakers. We had a 92 for 22 Coin Challenge that raised another \$600+ toward my Special Project. A presentation by Sgt. Kevin Schlagel of the Lansing Police Department gave members important information to use if one finds themselves in the midst of a violent situation. Sadly, just a few days later a lone gunman opened fire on MSU students, killing five. This shows that we don't just need to think about National Security in reference to our troops, but also in our own neighborhoods here at home. Deb Weatherbee read the book, *The Little White Table* which tells the story of the Missing Man or POW/MIA table from a child's perspective. National President Vickie Koutz has placed a special focus on POW's and MIA's this year and has asked Units to purchase and place this book in school libraries.

When we started the year, the Department of Michigan had one Veteran making poppies for the entire State of Michigan. She resides at the MVH – D.J. Jacobetti Home in Marquette. I am pleased to say that at the beginning of 2023, Post 722 in the Freeland Correctional Facility came on board and so far has provided us with over 35,000 poppies this year. Just recently, the MVH - Chesterfield Home has signed up some Veterans to help with poppy production. With over 100,000 poppies ordered this year alone, the addition of these Veterans will make a significant difference in our Poppy Program. I want to personally thank all the Units and Posts who placed orders with us for participating in the Remembrance of those Veterans we have lost over the years. If you were one of the Units or Posts who did not receive your poppy order, I apologize. We will continue to send orders out as they can be filled. I thank you for your patience and



understanding.

The Annual Reports tell of many great accomplishments at the Unit level. I thank each and every one of you that made a difference in the ALA this year. We are a Team – we are a Family - and we achieve the best results when we work together.

Despite all the obstacles encountered, there have been many accomplishments for the American Legion Auxiliary, Department of Michigan this year. These are not my accomplishments – they are your accomplishments. It is the result of you all working together to achieve a common goal. I have just been blessed to witness it all as your President.

I saved the best accomplishment for last even though it happened in October. The American Legion Auxiliary hired Shannon Werner as our Executive Director, Secretary, and Treasurer to fill the position that had been vacant for several months. Shannon is a dedicated and hard-working asset for our organization. She was in exactly the right spot at the right time, and we are very fortunate to have her at the “helm of our ship” leading us into the future.

I have been so honored to be your Department President this year. I thank you for all the gifts received and the kindness shared. I look forward to the Department Convention in Sault Ste. Marie. God Bless You – and God Bless the USA!



FIRST VICE – PRESIDENT

Kimberly Champion
2022-2023

It has been an honor to serve the Department of Michigan American Legion Auxiliary as the First Vice-President for the 2022-2023 year. My year began with the Installation of Officers at the Department Convention in Kalamazoo, Michigan. Then the delegates and alternates meeting for National Convention. Following that was the first Executive Committee Meeting. After that was the National Convention held in August 2022 in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Fall Conference followed in September 2022 held in Muskegon, Michigan.

At our Fall Conference we began with a DEC Meeting followed our opening and other business and then on Saturday our Schools of Instruction. The Winter Meeting was held in Lansing, Michigan with the Commander's Dinner on Friday night and on Saturday there were many informative sessions for the Auxiliary.

We have had several DEC zoom meetings to conduct business for the Department of Michigan American Legion Auxiliary. Throughout the year I also attended the National Quarterly Zoom Meetings as the Legislative Chairman.

I attended some District events at other Districts and Units in Michigan when asked. I enjoyed their programs and events. I also attended events and meetings in my own District and Unit. I attended a few fundraisers as well throughout the year.

I have enjoyed meeting many Auxiliary members throughout the State and connecting with members that I have known. I wish to thank everyone for warmly welcoming me at whatever events I attended.

I wish to thank the Department of Michigan Auxiliary for the opportunity to serve as the Department of Michigan First Vice-President. I look forward to seeing everyone at the Department of Michigan American Legion Auxiliary Department Convention in Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan.



SECOND VICE-PRESIDENT

Julie Becker
2022-2023

I would like to first thank you all for electing me to be your Second Vice President for the term of 2022 – 2023, it has been an honor to do so. It was a busy year. I had the pleasure of attending different events throughout the state. I was pleased to see all the amazing work you all do for our Veterans and their families. You all embodied the meaning of SERVICE NOT SELF. Thank you for all that each of you do. Keep up the amazing work. Remember to show your ALA Pride!

- For God and Country -



EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR / SECRETARY / TREASURER

Shannon Werner
2022-2023

I started this adventure on October 17, 2022 and have not had a sliver of time to reflect. Entering a position that had been vacant for months was an undertaking I did not fully understand at the time. Firstly, there was our every three-year Audit due within eight weeks of my start date. I met with the auditing and accounting firms who assist and perform duties related to that essential process, and together we planned an alternate timeline.

With nearly 1,000 questions answered, the pre-audit activity and Audit were the largest projects I completed since being hired. This project alone took many months to fully close out. The activity included locating receipts, checks, paperwork, etc. that had not previously been provided. Hundreds of entries were completed and/or edited in our Quickbooks accounting system to match the documentation. At the time of writing this report, the resultant Financial Statement had not been received. I am confident the results will be positive.

All of the accounts related to our Department of Michigan Auxiliary were updated and information was changed to protect our assets. Old and unused accounts were closed. Outstanding issues involving money were addressed and resolved. Old documentation was sorted and purged.

The dues paid on line checks were issued and provided to the Units. The 990 tax filing was completed. The fiscal year end activities have been taking place and will continue in to the foreseeable future.

I am proud to be a part of this organization and I appreciate your support and help.



CHAPLAIN

Dawn Gramza
2022 - 2023

I slept and I dreamed that life is all joy, I woke, and I saw that life was all service. I saw that service is joy. (Kahil Gibran)

Thank you for electing me as Department Chaplain for the 2022-2023, year it has been an honor. I received reports from 11 districts, and I am amazed with all the work Units have done representing the American Legion Auxiliary. Members donated \$3,120 to the Memorial scholarship fund. 12 charters were draped honoring the loss of members. Districts did ceremonies honoring the 4 Chaplains and held memorial services remembering members lost this past year.

I would like to give a thank you to Fifth District Chaplain Deb Weatherbee and her committee for their work presenting The Chaplain Workshops. They did an amazing job. I was able to attend two of the workshops and was honored to give the closing prayer at the last workshop. The Chaplain workshop was a collaboration between the Fifth District ALA Chaplain and the Michigan Military Chaplains.

The members lost in 2022 and 2023 will always be remembered as dedicated to the mission of The American Legion Auxiliary.

“Let us not become weary in doing good for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.” Galatians 6:9



HISTORIAN

Anita Mennel
2022-2023

The year started as Marcy Jorae was sworn in as President, Kim Champion First Vice President, Julie Becker Second Vice President, Chaplain Dawn Gramza, and Historian Anita L. Mennel. Marcy announced her theme: GOD BLESS THE U.S.A. recalling how our country's reactions and actions were on September 12, 2001. She also announced her special project: 92 for 22, a non-profit to raise awareness of Veteran suicide and PTSD.

Her first official meeting was immediately following the convention, for delegates to the National Convention. Following that meeting was the first Department Executive Committee Meeting, for the main purpose of ratification of appointments. Marcy is the first President to include a male member as an officer, Parliamentarian Chris Robbins. Michigan's American Legion also had a first with a Female Commander-Marilyn Britten. Our year 2022-23 was off and running. Our Honorary Junior Department President was Katie VanDam, and her special project was the Jaeger Foundation.

Unfortunately, our start was abruptly slowed to a near crawl with the unforeseen resignation of our Executive Director, Secretary, Treasurer. A very sad occurrence for our entire Department, causing much turmoil and added work. HUGE kudos to our new President Marcy, and our remaining office membership clerk Carol Lonsway. Carol stepped up and expanded her workload and hours, as much as possible to assist and keep us going. THANK YOU, CAROL! President Marcy, whom fortunately had spent lots of time at Department in the previous years, suddenly found herself attempting to keep EVERYTHING running smoothly. First and foremost was all the necessary information for our National Convention. After numerous emails and phone calls to our National office, the delegates did indeed get to our National Convention armed with all the necessary information to be successful. Vicky Koutz was elected our National President and introduced her focus to honor our veterans every day. Additionally, President Vicky's project was the National Veterans Creative Arts Festival companions. Her project on companions is triple tiered: money for a meal plan, travel, and/or a separate hotel room if needed for non-family member companions. She also worked to raise awareness of our country's POW/MIA -Prisoners of War and Missing in Action Veterans.

No time to recoup, and unfortunately the COVID virus also managed to catch our President, Fall Conference was quickly approaching AND we needed to search for and find a new Executive Director. Emergent meetings and emails prevailed, and a personnel committee was appointed. The Fall conference was informative, held in Muskegon. However, the DEC found they could not pass the budget presented. Much use of technology prevailed again, and a budget was approved. Now we could move forward! It took many interviews and time, until the appointed personnel committee could recommend a candidate. Yet another emergency meeting, and Shannon Werner was offered AND accepted the position. Starting at the end of October was no easy task. Shannon spent much of her own time learning her position, and many of us realized there was a lot of room for improvement in our structure. Hopefully in the next year, there will be long overdue updates to our protocols/procedures/guidelines/job descriptions all to make it a smooth transition for future office personnel. As a Department, we can learn much from this, and be thankful for all who helped make this transition happen. We are getting back on our feet in the office, yet much still needs to be



done. Of course, our President has remained busy, trying to keep up with the requests for visits and participation, while trying to keep us all focused on our mission of service not self.

It has been a whirlwind kind of year again. Our members are most amazing, and unfortunately don't like to be recognized as shown by our reporting. From the receipt of Historian reports, we were at 3.4%!! Yes, that's true. Of the 244 Units (not counting our holding unit #225), only 72 units did any reporting on the Historian portion. Of those reported, 30 units and 4 districts actively kept records.

Some of the reported activities from our Units and Districts were celebrations of 100-year anniversaries as well as a 5-year anniversary. A total of 14 Units reported some type of recognition of their charter's anniversary. One Unit reported having a three-day event, including displaying old scrapbooks, creating a video slide show, and a time capsule. Four Units submitted a history book and five submitted a History Scrapbook.

We continue to stay involved with our communities and support for our children and youth is a huge focus. Sharing our knowledge and passion helps promote interest in who we are and what we do.

Unfortunately, no unit reported participation in the Member's Remember project or the Veterans History Project.

Schedules did not permit a visit from our National President Vicky Koutz; however, our Central Division Vice President Ann Rhebein was scheduled to visit during ALA Girls State. Speaking of ALA Girls State, this year Michigan returned to in-person, once again held at M.S.U.

Another banner year for Michigan in membership! Kudo's to all who worked so passionately to attain our goal, which was 26,514. 30 days prior to our Convention, our Department finished with Juniors -857, Seniors-26,445, Grand total-27,302 members, or 103.05%. Currently: 6th in the nation, but still time to move up.

We must strive to share our accomplishments, and our downfalls. That's all part of our history, and we do learn from history. Speaking of that, did you know that there is a collection of our ALA Department history housed at the Bentley Historical Library at the University of Michigan? It's true, and available for our future. I hope everyone works just a little harder to record and submit their accomplishments and keep those Unit histories ALIVE.

It has been an HONOR to serve as your Department Historian, and I thank you for your confidence in electing me to this position.

For God and Country.



PARLIAMENTARIAN

Christopher Robbins
2022-2023

Serving as Department Parliamentarian over the past year has been an overall excellent experience, learning the operation of the State Department of the American Legion Auxiliary. Building relationships with the various members of local units, districts, and state office holders has been the most enjoyable part of the year.

Everyone at the department has been extremely welcoming to me being one of the few male members of the Auxiliary. I am certain it is a learning experience for everyone, but it has been an almost seamless transition incorporating male members into the organization. It is very easy to be included when we are working towards the common goals of supporting the veteran community that is near and dear to all of us.

Attending all Department Executive Committee meetings has been a learning experience as well, despite technology issues we were able to pass a budget and chart a positive course for the department activities for the year. It shows when we all follow the parliamentary procedure that we can effectively accomplish the goals set forth for the state department and support the local districts and units in a timely fashion.

I appreciate President Jorae being willing to blaze a trail and show full faith and confidence in me by appointing me to the position of Department Parliamentarian for the past year. I look forward to finishing out the last bit of the year strong and continuing to serve the American Legion Auxiliary into the future.



NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Mary Dubay, Michigan NEC
2022-2023

I attended my first National Executive Committee meeting after the close of National Convention last year in Milwaukee. National President Vicki Koutz brought greetings and asked for approval of her appointments. The budget for the 2022-2023 year was reviewed and PNP Sharon Conaster, Finance Chairperson thanked everyone for their support in passing the dues increase.

Since then, I have attended three more NEC meetings, all held by virtual Zoom. This is one of the ways that the National organization is saving money, but I will admit that I miss the opportunity to network with other ALA members from different sections of our country when we meet in person. Members of the National Executive Committee were not called to the Washington D.C. conference this year.

At our Winter virtual meeting, we approved some additional appointments, and also accepted, with regret, the loss of 52 charters. One of those was Unit #215 from Michigan. On the bright side, 12 charters were reinstated and 12 new charters were granted. The majority of the meeting was spent going over the finances of the National organization and Risk and Compliance updates.

Congratulations to Michigan as you made goal again this year! Membership is the backbone of our organization and you have been working hard to make that happen.

I would like to thank the Department of Michigan for allowing me to represent them on the National level I can truly say that this year has been a learning experience. I am looking forward to representing you at National Convention this August in Charlotte, North Carolina.



SECTION B

DISTRICT REPORTS



FIRST DISTRICT

Debra Abraham, President
2022-2023

Greetings from the small by mighty First District. As President this year, I have had the pleasure of working with Madame President, Marcy Jorae, and can honestly say she has been so helpful, caring, and supportive of our District. Thank you, Madame President!

Unit 32 had the privilege of donating a new American Flag to the Mayor of Livonia for the Veterans Park Memorial where the Memorial Day ceremony is held every year. It was decided that the unit would donate a new flag every year when needed as part of the Americanism program. The unit, in collaboration with the Post Honor Guard, visited a local elementary school and explained the 13 folds of the American Flag to an auditorium filled with children. The children asked great questions and fun was had by all. The Unit helped a Veteran in need with a trailer and household goods donated by our members. The unit continued to assist with the lunch or dinner in honor of Vietnam Veterans Day, Veterans Day, Memorial Day, First Responders and Pearl Harbor Day. The unit was privileged to sponsor three girls for Girls State and we look forward to hearing the stories of their experience when they return to a unit meeting. Again, the unit donated school supplies and continued collecting plastic caps for the "Buddy Bench" program. This year the AEF Chairman held a very successful "Music Trivia" night, and the unit was able to make a generous donation to this program.

The children's parties at Unit 32 were so fun this past year! We had a great Santa and Easter Bunny to entertain them! The unit was very generous with Community Service and helping with the local food bank. The wreath program at Great Lakes Cemetery continues to grow and is very near and dear to this unit.

Unit 147 worked closely with schools in the area as well as community members to raise awareness of proper disposal of a worn American Flag. They made gracious scholarship donations and communicated with local senators about issues in their area. The unit donated school supplies and good deed awards at their post for painting and improving the appearance of the Post lounge. As an American Legion family, they support Boy Scout Troop 755 in their adventures, they keep the landscaping around town looking nice, participate in the town's festivals, like the Victorian Festival, which allows the Unit and the Post more visibility and gives them the opportunity to explain what the Legion is all about at their informational booth. This year through their Poppy funds, the unit was able to financially help with the burial of one of their Veterans.

Unit 375 continues to do good work within their community. Not too much reporting from the unit this year but I know they continue the mission.

It has been a great year for the First District! I want to thank the Officers of Unit 32, Unit 147, and Unit 375 for continuing to work the mission of the American Legion Auxiliary. Your work does not go unnoticed. Looking forward to another great year!

"Service, Not Self"



SECOND DISTRICT

Anita Greca, President
2022-2023

I am so very proud of the 2nd Districts' Units donations, and service to the veterans, families, and community for the 2022-2023 year. Following is just a sampling of the accomplishments:

Through many donations from units to my 2nd District ALA Presidents Project for 2021 – 2022 for Wilwin Lodge (PTSD help and Prevention of Suicide) a part of the project was purchasing a bench. I am happy to report that the bench has been received. The quote on the bench reads "I survived because the fire that burned inside of me, Burned brighter than the fire around me."

Stuffed animals were collected during our October 2nd District Meeting to give to VA patients on special occasions. Several units donated lap robes, socks, underwear and food baskets to the VA Health Care in Ann Arbor and Homeless Veteran facilities.

In anticipation of the Ann Arbor VA starting their bingo program again, several units made monetary donations for new bingo equipment. The Annual Christmas Gift Shop could not be held at the VA so it was held at the Dexter Post 557. \$6,177 of in-kind items were donated and 470 hours were volunteered. Members volunteered at Wilwin Lodge to get ready for the season, the July fundraiser and the fall clean-up. Monetary donations were also made to the facility.

Donations for gift cards, puzzle books, in-kind donations and monetary donations have been made to the Fisher House. Some of the other veteran non-profits that were served: Wreaths Across America, Blue Star Dogs, Veterans Day and Memorial Day dinners and parades.

I want to highlight the largest project completed by Unit 557 in Dexter. They furnished an apartment at Hill Top View Apartments. This is newly constructed, affordable housing in Dexter. One building of 6 units was designed to be occupied by veterans who are transitioning from being homeless. So far 728 hours, \$7,120 of in-kind donations \$7,120, and \$1,400 in cash has been donated.

The reported community service hours and monetary donations were 6,084 hours and \$2,200. However, I know that these numbers were much greater, some of the information just did not make it to the reports.

I want to give kudos to Unit 97 in Adrian for the work on the children and youth project they completed. They sponsored a team and their families for the US Patriot Alumni Children's Softball tournament. They also helped with several other activities during the three-day event, including one member who assisted with the organization of the entire event, including securing the stadium location. Unit members hosted and staffed blood drives, held flag folding presentations, explained the POW/MIA table for one and the proper disposal of the flag.

The 2nd District ALA has a newsletter called the Collaborator which is delivered via email and shared on Facebook. In each edition there is an exploration of different concepts including design



and content.

The 2nd District ALA held our Annual Golf Outing on Saturday, May 20, 2023 at Hudson Mills Metroparks Golf Course Dexter, Michigan.

I enjoyed my time visiting the Unit and District meetings and the many events of the American Legion Family over the last two years. I look forward to and cannot wait to continue supporting the Auxiliary family and 2nd to None District.



THIRD DISTRICT

Penny Wright, President
2022-2023

No report.



FOURTH DISTRICT

Kathie Hartman-Gleason, President
2022-2023

Greetings! It has been an honor being the Fourth District President again. Thank you for the privilege to serve this year. I am sorry to report that we lost one of our Auxiliary Units in the District due to age and the struggle to survive the negative effects of Covid.

Congratulations to all of the Fourth District Auxiliary Units that were able to meet their 100% goal. This is terrific for the District and Department. As you all know, I have been busy traveling from Unit to Unit and assisting when possible.

My husband Danny and I got to attend the Battle Creek Medical Center's Christmas Gift Shop for the first time in a few years due to previous Covid restrictions. It has changed a lot of the procedures within the medical center but the joy is still there and in giving to our Veterans.

Our Fourth District VA&R Chairperson is Chris Reed. Chris has done a wonderful job in this position. However, she needs a lot of help to accomplish all of the activities available to the Veterans, such as bingo events every month, a New Year's Day pizza party, Salute week for Memorial Day, a VA & R golf outing, a carnival, the annual Christmas Parade and our Gift Shop. Thank you to all Fourth District members for everything you do for the Veterans. A special thank you to Chris for managing the program.

The best part of my year was traveling to Wilwin. I love it up there. I love what it stands for and I love Duane and Barbara they are absolutely wonderful people to be around, and they are so kind. They make everyone feel like they are at home and so welcome. I have many ideas for projects in the future at this location. I would like to fix up the play area and the swing set down at the cabins. I would like to help put fences up around the area. Get the weeds out, then fill it up with rubber so the children can have a good time in a safe play area.

This year, I finally got to attend my first National Convention in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. It was so beautiful there, of course I might be a little biased. I was born in Milwaukee. It was very busy and there were a lot of people all over. It was very educational and everyone I met was so kind and nice. I want to thank my right-hand woman, Donna Mapes. I never could have done this presidency if it was not for her. Donna is the District Secretary and the District Treasurer. Thank you for everything you did for me, the Veterans and the Fourth District Donna!

For God and Country



FIFTH DISTRICT

Bonnie Schuitema, President
2022-2023

Years ago our District was known as “The Fightin’ Fifth”. Over the years, it changed to “The Mighty Fifth”. This year we went back to “The Fightin’ Fifth”. Historian, Emily Terhune had buttons made and sales of those buttons (\$5 each) went to my special projects fund.

I was privileged to be able to visit 17 of the 19 Units of the Fifth District which is all of Kent and Ottawa Counties. Visits with the Units were fun, meeting the members and hearing about the things they had accomplished throughout the year.

I conducted Installation of Officers at Furniture City Unit #258 and in Alto Unit #528.

Our District is proud to have two Past Department Presidents, Mary Anne Yuncker and Deborah Williamson in its membership. We also have six Department Committee Chairmen: Missy Townes, AEF; Lynn Terhune, Finance; Kim VanDam, Junior Activities; Debbie Weatherbee, National Security; Margo Forrester, Poppy; and Christine Merlington, Public Relations. There are seven Department Committee Members: Virginia Cooper, Americanism; Bonnie Schuitema, Education; Deborah Williamson, Girls State; Mary Anne Yuncker, Leadership; Candie Chase, Western Area Membership; Emily Terhune, National Security; Chris Moore, VA&R. Judy Jones is the 1st Deputy and Mary Anne Yuncker is 2nd Deputy at the Michigan Homes for Veterans-Grand Rapids.

55 Awards were presented to our District at the 2022 Department Convention for Americanism, AEF, Chaplain, Education, History, Juniors, Leadership, Membership, National Security, Past Presidents Parley, Poppy, Public Relations, and VA&R. Nine Units participated in the Give Ten to Education program with a total value of \$797, a member of one Unit knitted 10 pairs of mittens, valued at \$50, which were presented to a pre-school, and a baking project at one Unit generated an additional \$895 for school supplies! We’re hoping for more of the same for 2023-2024!

Three Units spent a total of 441 volunteer hours to celebrate “Teacher Appreciation Day”, “Education Week” and “Read Across America” by providing two meals for teachers and support staff and reading to students. One Unit assisted The American Legion in distributing dictionaries.

Because of the limits on visitations at the Michigan Homes for Veterans-Grand Rapids, Bingo Parties are limited to six workers who need to be tested for Covid before they may enter. Since the new buildings have opened, we have found there is no space where we can hold a Christmas Gift Shop. There is a Christmas tree with tags for each of the residents and Units may take tags and shop for the individual members of the Home.

As of April 21, 2023 we reached 100.08% of our membership goal and at this writing we are at 102.08%. Currently we have nine goal Units.



We worked on two special projects this year. One is a non-profit group called Forged By Freedom, a group that assists veterans and current military members with funds to help pay utility bills, vehicle repairs, etc. It is believed that these assists will help prevent suicides. The second project is a nearby chapter of Quilts of Valor. Seven Quilts of Valor, pieced by President Bonnie, were presented during the year. Five of the veterans were selected by the Presidents of the Units who hosted our District Meetings.

On September 10, 2022 following our first Executive Committee Meeting, four of our members attended the memorial service for Georgia Downs' husband at the Hesperia American Legion Post.

A group of our members collected supplies for Cabin 4 at Wilwin Lodge – Cygnet Cove. The cabin was cleaned and spiffed up, thoroughly supplied with bathroom supplies, laundry detergent, dish detergent, linens, etc. and flowers were planted in an area where a wedding will be taking place.

Our Girls State Chairpersons worked very hard to find delegates for 2023 Girls State. We were happy to be the recipient District of the Dorothy Pearl Girls State Scholarship and our delegate has been selected for that reservation.

On March 25th, I attended the Junior Department Convention at Unit #208, home Unit of Honorary Department Junior President, Katie VanDam. Katie did a wonderful job as Honorary Junior Department President. She raised funds for the Jaeger Foundation, a group which trains dogs for veterans who need a helper to make their lives easier. Over \$6,000 was raised! The Fightin' Fifth is VERY proud of Katie's accomplishments.

National Security activities included 8 Care Packages sent to a local military member deployed to Saudi by our District, 8 Care Packages sent by Unit #179, and 25 Care Packages and 25 US flags sent by Unit #305. The value of these packages exceeded \$1,680. Three Units presented eight Blue Star flags to families of military members. Thirteen members donated blood. Nine Units reported wearing R.E.D. shirts on Fridays with 65 members participating. One Unit held a job fair.

One Unit has nominated someone for Service Member of the Year and one Unit has submitted a nomination for Unit Member of the Year. We're keeping our fingers crossed.

Chaplain's Workshops were held on October 29, 2022, at the Belmont Armory and on April 29, 2023 at the Lansing Armory. Both were well attended and very successful.

2,691 hours were spent on Poppy collections and over \$8,494 in proceeds was reported by 13 Units.



2,103 hours were dedicated to Veteran services with \$41,785 spent on gifts and goodies. 2,279 hours were spent assisting veterans and the in-kind value of items donated for distribution was \$2,025.

100 volunteer hours were given for Girls State and \$1,312 was spent on Girls State. 1,288 volunteer hours were given to Legion Family activities with a total of \$5,973. 1438 volunteer hours were spent serving our youth and \$8,345 was spent on other child service charities.

38 military families were assisted with 153 volunteer hours and \$2,865 spent.

My thanks and gratitude to Department President Marcy for all her hard work and assistance throughout this year. She certainly deserves a good rest after this year!

I also want to extend my thanks to the 5300+ members of the FIGHTIN' FIFTH for their dedication and hard work spent serving our veterans and current military and their families. Your service to God and Country is appreciated far more than you will ever know. God bless you and God bless America!



SIXTH DISTRICT

Susan Hilgris, President
2022-2023

I would like to thank the Sixth District for the honor of being your President this year. We got off to a bumpy start but we have still done well. This year the competition in membership was tough but we did well. We reached 106.54% and we came in fourth place. We had eight units that reached goal and went beyond. Thank you to everyone that worked so hard on membership.

It was a busy year there was much information to be shared with our units. I sent out many emails and snail mails to keep our units up to date on information from Department and National. In March the Sixth District held a Leadership training on how to do reports. It was well attended.

The Sixth District also sponsored Cabin 3 at Wilwin. Supplies were sent as well as a monetary donation. We also sponsored 2 girls for ALA Girl's State.

In May we held a memorial service to remember our deceased members from the past year. Our units have been very busy this past year with many activities. I will highlight just a few.

Howell Unit 141 held a Junior membership drive. They gained enough juniors to have regular junior meetings.

Clio Unit 158 held a Flag Education program for 4th grade students in the Clio and Mt. Morris school districts. Each student received a flag and a coloring book. This included a time for veterans in the classroom.

Davison Unit 367 made cards for veterans for Veteran's Day, Christmas and Valentine's Day. They were sent to Battle Creek for the veterans there.

Grand Blanc Unit 413 worked at Great Lakes National Cemetery to lay wreaths and clean up the graves.

Flint Unit 64 served several meals to honor veterans.

Unit 491 in Leslie gave over 300 items to Give 10 to Education.

Linden Unit 119 was very busy supporting their community. During their Zombie, Scarecrow and Monsters night. They had a treat stop and gave out glow sticks, ALA Halloween books, flags and other goodies.

Unit 294 Schwartz Creek served veterans at a Standdown and a veteran's breakfast. They also sent boxes to active duty military.

Haslett Unit 269 gave a \$500 scholarship and also supported their local food bank.



Unit 419 Pinckney is very active in Americanism. The unit sends patriotic cards. They honor veterans with meals in a patriotically decorated hall. They also honored one of their junior members with the Youth Caregiver Award.

A special mention to Unit 510 Stockbridge. They have been working very hard to rebuild their unit. They have made great strides in membership.

All of our units work very hard to serve our veterans and their families and our active-duty military. I am very proud of them for all they do.

Our Sixth District will continue to put service above self.



SEVENTH DISTRICT

Alicia Minster, President
2022-2023

It's been a fun and challenging year as we started our race to the Soo. We started the year off in a double challenge to see who could finish the year with the highest percentage of membership. One with the 18th District and one with the U.P.A.A. Loser(s) were to make a \$25 donation to the winning President's Special Project.

The units of the seventh district have been busy. I'm proud to say, we accumulated over 25,000 combined hours of service to our communities, military, veterans, and their families. We distributed over 1,500 poppies and proudly flew our flags. We held several dinners, teas, ceremonies, meetings, memorials, and much more.

Members visited schools, handed out flags, worked with local Young Marine's groups, assisted neighborhood elderly with chores, held bake-less bake sales, and had basket give aways to name a few. Over \$5,500 was donated to food pantries and safe houses. Over \$5,000 was donated and given out in more than five scholarships. One of our units donated over 500 school supplies totaling \$1000+ for the Give 10 to Education program. Many donations were also made to AEF.

Several of our district members participated in and attended the South-Eastern Four Chaplains service including the Co-Chairperson, our very own Secretary, Anita Mennel.

Monies, food, and clothing were donated to my special project, Vets Returning Home, a veteran's homeless shelter in our District.

We also promoted Madame President's Project, 92 for 22. We had a visit from Madame President, Marcy Jorae, at our annual Memorial meeting that took place in May. What a pleasure.

We had Units who continued the mission to update standing rules and bylaws with alternative pronouns since the Auxiliary guidelines were changed to allow male membership. We were even able to sign a few of them up.

I really focused on the stream of communication between and among members. I personally contacted, by phone, all my officers, chairs, unit presidents and past district presidents prior to scheduled district meetings. This was my way of providing a reminder, an opportunity for me to answer any questions, and extend another invitation to upcoming meetings. I feel this really helped our morale and communication especially since not everyone has a computer or email.

Our District put up an impressive show for our organization this year and I couldn't be prouder of the many accomplishments that came out of the seventh over the past year. To say I am overjoyed with our District would be an understatement. I am glowing with excitement for all we have done for this organization and our shared goal. As always, God Bless the U.S.A.



EIGHTH DISTRICT

Dorothy Shanks, President
2022-2023

District 8 Units have been helping Veterans, their families, and communities with hundreds of hours of service, spending thousands of dollars, and being available when needed. Units worked with their Post and the Marine Corps for Toys for Tots, donating toys, Halloween parties, Christmas parties, parades and more.

Cards were mailed to military bases between Veterans Day and Christmas. Families were given money to help with Christmas.

Three scholarships were given, totaling \$3,000.00. Girls were sponsored at Girls State.

Unit 380 went to High Schools to put red, white, and blue cords around the students who were going into the Military.

Post and Unit 439 Saginaw did a Pearl Harbor Day for Edwin Jastremski, one of the Veterans the Post is named after.

Unit 203 helped the Grand Rapids Veterans Home with \$1,000 for a "Veterans Experience" program, \$225 of other donations; and \$25.00 worth of cookies every month.

Unit 153 spent \$1,033 helping five Military families.

These are only a few of the activities that happened in District eight this year.

I have done my best to meet the needs of this great organization by helping Units when able. However, District 8 had to revoke the charter of Unit 125 Birch Run, which was difficult.

It has been a privilege to serve this organization which does so much to help our Veterans, their families, active-duty military, and our communities. Due to unforeseen circumstances, I could not do more.



NINTH DISTRICT

Helen Wisniewski, President
2022-2023

No report.



TENTH DISTRICT

Diana Mella, President
2022-2023

The 10th District has continued to work hard at reaching membership goals, which resulted in us exceeding 100% of goal for both years I have been District President. I have witnessed increased participation at district meetings, from an average of six units at a district meeting to as many as 12 units in attendance. Some members attended district meetings for the very first time. This is a trend that I hope continues.

District 10 is a large district geographically and includes 23 units. Yearly reports were received from 13 units this year. Combining the figures from all 13 units, over twelve thousand hours were spent volunteering, and a total of \$32,438.00 was spent to carry out the mission of the Auxiliary. The dedication of members to veterans, youth, and their community was evident in the reports received.

One unit reported that they celebrated their charter anniversary by having special shirts made for the members. It was stated that singing has been important to our units. An Auxiliary Unit can always count on the daughter of a past unit president to sing in honor of their Mother. A "Veterans and Friends Jam Session" group meets in one of the post meeting halls. New members have been recruited from this group.

Children are dear to District 10 units. To help other organizations, junior members raised funds for Girls Scouts with homemade goods and, of course, Girl Scout cookies. Another unit sold Girls Scout cookies in the Post to help them out. Units filled backpacks for kids. Another unit donated \$600 to help fund a student's trip to Jerusalem for a learning experience. Family Fun Days were hosted by Units, which included food, entertainment, and games.

Holidays are filled with fun and many members volunteering. Christmas parties and programs were held, including Santa and Mrs. Claus attending and distributing gift bags to all the children. Besides a craft table and bounce house, the children enjoyed pizza and popcorn. There were breakfasts and gifts with Santa, easter egg hunts, and Halloween events.

One District 10 member began a program at her children's school by starting a Community Garden. The program introduces children to fresh and healthy foods. She goes to the classroom to start the seeds together with the children and then they plant them together in the garden after the frost.

I have increased my knowledge of the ALA so much these past two years as president of the 10th District. My hope is that members of District 10 have learned a lot and that a spark of desire has been ignited in them to continue to pursue new ideas and members.

Thank you to everyone who has assisted and supported me as District 10 President.



SIXTEENTH DISTRICT

Doreen McMahon, District President
2022-2023

Greetings from the 16th District! I was honored to be nominated and elected as the 16th district President for the year stated above. Our District has twelve units. We hold meetings in August, September, November, March, and May.

As June was the time to go to the convention, I looked forward to the trip, and had a great time in Kalamazoo. Our District had our Legion Family Installation of Officers in July. Members of the District and Department also participated in Wyandotte's Annual Fourth of July Parade.

In September several members of the district attended the Fall Conference in Muskegon and learned about our programs.

The 16th District had their annual membership rally in October and welcomed members back. Department President Marcy Jorae and Southern area Chairman Kim Frazier were there to help with our program.

In December the district adopted a veteran's family. Five hundred dollars was spent buying presents for the family. Our units donated gifts to the John Dingell V.A. Hospital gift shop. We had many members who volunteered for a local art project event that involved veteran families. We donated ornaments and materials to use for decoration and we helped the kids complete the craft.

In January we hosted a Leadership school. Twenty members from our District attended as well as a member from District one. We also had one Legionnaire in attendance. Department Chairman Connie Kovacs and National Central Division Chairman Suzanne Knapp put on a great workshop.

Some of the events from the Units' yearly reports follow:

- Worked the booth at the street fair to promote the Legion Family
- Participated in the Wyandotte Fourth of July celebration parade
- Participated in the Detroit veteran's day parade
- Wreaths across America
- Going to schools for promotion of flags for Flag Day
- Head stone cleaning at the Great Lakes National Cemetery
- Helped homeless shelters
- Feeding the homeless on the streets of Detroit
- Give 10 to education
- Poppy programs
- Donating books to schools
- Flag burning ceremonies

The 16th District held their annual Americanism Banquet in February. We were honored to have Department President Marcy Jorae in attendance.



In March, Department President Marcy Jorae made her official visit to the 16th District where various units presented checks for her special project 92 FOR 22.

In May, the 16th District Legion Family held our annual memorial service to honor all those we have lost in the past year. Following the service, the District meeting was held along with the election of Officers for the coming year.

During the year, our members have worked hard on membership currently we have eight units with 100%. And the District is currently at 99.94%!

The 16th District is proud of members that have positions in Department as Chairman or committee members such as Karen McAdams, Pamela Globke, Fran Babbage, Beryl Robbins, Kim Frazier, and Donna Price. We thank them all for their hard work and for representing the 16th District.

It was an honor to serve as the District President for the year of 2022-2023. The journey and the events attended formed memories that will not be forgotten. I appreciate each and every one of you.



EIGHTEENTH DISTRICT

Darlene Jones, President
2022-2023

The Mighty 18th District has been racing around trying to complete the race helping our veterans. We in the 18th District American Legion Auxiliary promoted service to others not self. We had the honor of having Kimberly Champion serving as the Department First Vice President and our junior member Abbie Jones serving the Department as Honorary Junior Second Vice President.

Restrictions being lifted we were finally able to open up and attend meetings and start having fundraisers. We had a few units promoting giving 10 to education, book bags, pencils, paper, Kleenex, sanitizer, masks, gloves, scarfs and mittens to name a few of the things we donated.

Our units also sent winter items to the MVF, we helped with the Chesterfield Home for Veterans, or the district donated time and money to help. We attended the opening of the Gold Star Mother Memorial, and Memorial Day Parades, Veterans Day Parades and Holiday Parades always promoting our veterans.

We also had units that had Veterans Round Tables, inviting Veterans in the community to come and find out where and how to get help through the V.A. We also helped some of the veterans that just need help in our community. We supplied them with food, fixed their home needs and even supplied some with pet food.

With Chesterfield Home for Veterans not having an official District to help them, some of our units took on helping the Chesterfield Home with holiday gifts, and presents, and food.

Some units held baby showers for John Dingel home for Veterans and filled up a truck with items. Units held breakfast on Veterans Day for the veterans in the community and they go cook a dinner for the MVF and supplies Christmas Items. We had units Halloween Party for the kids in their community and help with Baldwin Center they we are constantly help within their community. We had units hold a Veterans dinner and invited veterans for free every veteran received gift.

We had Americanism Dinners and Patriot dinners for our first responders. One of these events 2 WWII veterans were honored. Both were in the Navy, one male and one female. What an awesome event. One of the veterans even cried because since WWII he has never been honored before. We promoted the Good Deed Awards and National Heroism Award from National. We gave out over 15 Good Deed Awards and at least 2 Heroism Awards.

We worked together with other units that were struggling and asked for help. We worked on the Be The One Program, with buddy checks and promoting the 998 suicide prevention number. As we move forward into another year the 18th District is looking forward to serve our veterans and our programs, promoting service to others not self.



I know our units are very busy so I am sure I have not mentioned even a third of what the units in the 18th district have done. I have been very proud of serving the 18th District as their President.



NINETEENTH DISTRICT

Carol Renis, President
2022-2023

The summer of 2022 started slow for this Northern Michigan District. As the snowbirds returned everyone was crossing their fingers that they were not bringing COVID back with them. Memorial Day remembrances were held this year with a few changes to protect our older and vulnerable members. By the 4th of July things were returning to normal and our Units started their summer projects. Many of our members returned to their favorite activities.

In the fall President Marcy visited unit Gardner-Neihardt #463 South Boardman. We enjoyed dinner at a local diner and a tour of the Veterans temporary housing facility 22 2 None which is located within walking distance of our Post. We were honored to have President Marcy pin a Past President pin on President Marge Levi. The Past President pin was donated back to Unit #463 by the family of Grace Hogerheide, charter member and Past President. Grace's first term as President was 1950-1951.

Smith-Hoover #281 Harbor Springs held a Murder Mystery Dinner fund raiser in honor of a member's veteran brother. They also set up a winter clothing drive for the local schools.

Leslie T. Shapton #226 Charlevoix added new signage and more flags to their local Veterans Park just before the shut downs and hope to add a new larger American Flag now that life is returning to normal.

Rebec-Hosler- Sweet #227 East Jordan racked up hundreds of volunteer hours helping in their local community. Including cleaning head stones in a local cemetery and researching the unmarked graves.

Lewiston #198 participated in their local 4th of July parade in a float promoting the American Legion.

Forest Preston Jr. #317 Onaway and Robert Vroman # 122 Wolverine have both returned to serving the breakfasts and dinners they provide for their local communities.

Every Unit seems hopeful and looking forward to the future of their organizations. Our membership numbers are holding strong, and each unit is getting new members. We have had a few Posts in our District contact me about restarting their Auxiliary Units. So hopefully in the near future the Tip of the Mitt will become home to a District of more than eight Units.

Service, Not Self



UPAA DISTRICT

Barbara Larson, President
2022-2023

No report.

SECTION C

DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN



ADMINISTRATIVE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Suzanne Knapp, Chairperson
2022– 2023

We hit the road racing towards our goals as the new year started. Never letting off the gas even as the Department met the membership goal and continued to work for veterans, their families and communities.

My appreciation and respect to Shannon Werner as she started by jumping into the deep end to learn and understand our organization.

My thanks to a grand committee of Mary Dubay, Jacklyn Skinner and Carrie Bowerman. I knew you were ready and willing, if and when, I needed to call upon you for your opinion.

I would like to thank all of our committees and chairpersons for the hard work that they have put in this year. Your guidance and help in keeping us all on the right track for the betterment of our organization has been appreciated. The questions have been keeping us busy. Our president has done a great job keeping us focused on the matters at hand.

If you have any questions, please refer to our governing documents first. We are always here for help and, remember, all questions are welcome. We will do our best to help you understand and get you going in the right direction according to those documents.

Thank you, Madame President Marcy, for trusting me with this chairmanship.



AMERICANISM

Bonnie Holt, Chairperson
2022-2023

No report.



AUXILIARY EMERGENCY FUND

Missy Townes, Chairperson
2022-2023

The Department of Michigan had 10 out of 14 Districts report.

Multiple Units and Districts talk about the Auxiliary Emergency Fund (AEF) at their respective meetings. They also keep members informed in relation to AEF on social media most going into detail as to exactly what has to be done and where to find the forms.

One member applied and received AEF funds.

Two Districts had fundraisers that included dinners and a trivia night with raffles. One Unit even formed their own AEF committee within their Unit, and it has been supported solely through donations.

A total of \$5,284.38 was donated from Units and Districts across Michigan and received by Department of Michigan.



CHILDREN & YOUTH

Maggie Merchberger, Chairperson
2022-2023

No report.



COMMUNITY SERVICE

Carol Burke, Chairperson
2022-2023

My Committee included Mary Rogers and Annmarie Stevens.

In the spirit of Service, Not Self, the Units of Michigan reported volunteering 14,372 hours, spending \$15,892.00 in their service to their communities. How and what they did ranged from beautification to supporting food pantries and shelters. They worked on projects both on their own and in conjunction with other community organizations, big and small.

Auxiliary Unit 32 of Livonia places wreaths on veteran gravesites at their “adopted” Memorial Sections I & II at Great Lakes National Cemetery in Holly, MI. To fund this project, a golf outing is held every summer which encourages community involvement. This was demonstrated by the City of Livonia Mayor for taking time out of her busy schedule to attend and participate.

In yet another project Unit 257, Battle Creek, the Auxiliary members plant and grow pumpkins as a service to their community’s families. They report that a fun time is had by all.

Many Units supported local food pantries, shelters and nursing home/senior centers which accounted for over 25% of the reported hours volunteered. Several Units donated items, volunteered time and or gave funds to local thrift shops. These thrift shops in turn, used the proceeds to support food banks, shelters, and the families of veterans.

Working in conjunction with other service organizations and communities to provide support was also often mentioned in the Unit reports. Unit 48 participated in “Amazing Race for Alzheimer’s Awareness”. Their Post was a stop on the race, while at the Post the race participants had to learn how to fold an American Flag, before they could continue to the next location.

Wyandotte Working Together is a nonprofit coalition of nonprofit organizations which Unit 217 is a member of. This year’s fundraiser was a chili cookoff to fund scholarships at local schools. Unit 217 had two chili entries and donated a raffle prize, the proceeds exceeded \$3,000.

A common service of many Units is providing a funeral luncheon for the family of a deceased veteran or community members at large. Support of Boy Scout, Girl Scout and Eagle Scout projects was also frequently mentioned. Hundreds of hours were spent by members of Unit 419, making quilts for families of deceased veterans. Units supported senior citizens by purchasing smoke detectors, offering transportation, and doing landscape projects and home repairs. A local government was requiring a woman who is handicapped to clean up her yard. Unit 108 was quick at work and cheerfully cleared the yard of debris, etc.

The Michigan membership was invited to share not only their Units service but their personal service on our Facebook page Michigan ALA makes a Difference (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/798962478143427>), we have exactly 100 members which made approximately 95 posts. To encourage the year-long sharing, we held a drawing at Department Winter Meeting, each



Facebook post became an entry. Myron H Beals Unit 32, of Livoni, MI was the winner of a \$50 Gift Card.

Many Units fail to correctly report activities under community service and yes, the unit may choose to report an activity as Americanism or Children & Youth, etc. But there are many activities we are failing to report and therefore failing to report the impact on our communities.

Dexter, Unit 557 reported over 2,000 hours of community service, much of that activity was the result of funeral luncheons and hosting of events for other service organizations. When we are serving the family of a deceased veteran, that is community service.

Only approximately 50% of the Michigan Districts submitted year end reports. Of those Districts, approximately 50% of the Units reported. I am left to ponder, if I received information from more than 25% of the Units, how many hours were volunteered. Does \$57,488.00 (\$14,372.00 x 4) reflect the true total hours? I believe the true number of hours is very much higher. I am proud of the community service both reported, and unreported, by my fellow Auxiliary members.



CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS

Sharon Schulte, Chairperson
2022-2023

It is that time of year again and annual reports must be done. I received 10 of 14 District reports. Reporting is important for us to judge where we are succeeding in our efforts and where we need to put extra emphasis.

Every District and all but three Units have a copy of their Standing Rules on file with the Department. Some of them are woefully out of date, but this year more than 100 Units and Districts reviewed and filed updates to their governing documents. Many of the updates were for an increase in our annual dues because of the increase from National as of July 1, 2023. Everyone has made great progress on editing their documents and making them gender neutral. Many have included the authority to hold electronic meetings. Thank you all for the time and effort you have spent on this project.

The Department requests that all documents are reviewed at least every 3 years. This year the 16th District Constitution and Bylaws Chairperson, Fran Babbage, took that responsibility to heart. She has been in regular contact with all of her Units. With the exception of one, all of her Units are now current, and the last one was working on their documents as I wrote this report. If you have no changes, please be aware that there is a form to file and will indicate your review. A copy of the form is attached to the Department Constitution and Bylaws Guide.

Most of the units have copies of the Department and National Constitution and Bylaws. Each unit should mail a copy of their Standing Rules to their District Chairman after approval from Department. It is each units' responsibility to do so. Units should give copies of their most current standing rules to their members. Don't forget to refer to Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised (12th Edition) if something is not covered by our governing documents.

Constitution and Bylaws continue to be an education for me. New situations and questions arise on a weekly basis, requiring research and thought to be answered in a concise and forthright manner. Continue to update and review your Standing Rules. Read the Uniform Unit Constitution and Bylaws. Become more familiar with your other governing documents-financial and procedural. The more comfortable we become with our rules, regulations, policies, and procedures, the more effective we will be in carrying out the mission of the American Legion Auxiliary.

Thank you, Madam President Marcy for the appointment this year. It has been a pleasure.



EDUCATION

Fran Babbage, Chairperson
2022-2023

The American Legion Auxiliary Department of Michigan has promoted so many educational projects this year. We delivered over 1,000 items which were donated by all of our Districts to our Junior Auxiliary who then filled and distributed backpacks for students in Michigan.

At the fall conference we raffled off a large box containing over 40 items that can go into a Give 10 to Education. We used the funds earned from the raffle to help pay for the items we gave members to use in the American education week thank you cars sent out. We displayed a poster board relating to ideas for American education week.

We presented a program to the Auxiliary at Fall Conference concerning the education plan of action and our program recommendations. We demonstrated the items that can go into Give 10 to Education. We explained the scholarships available and gave members a scroll with the information inside and recommended that all units thank the education staff this year by sending each a card with a gift and items that they could distribute to their student.

We distributed the Flag etiquette book, poppy contest flyers/coloring books, service flags flyers, Americanism contest flyers, history of the flag flyers, the poppy lady story, scholarship guidelines and how to apply, what to do with a tattered flag flyer and a pledge of allegiance bookmark to over 100 folks.

AMERICAN EDUCATION WEEK-Every district participated in some way during National Education Week. Throughout Michigan books were donated, members contributed over 50 hours of work, collected \$10,000 for the scholarship fund and \$6,000 for education programs. They also donated over \$150 for Christmas stockings, supplied students with 30 loaded backpacks worth \$748, participated in box tops for education, distributed 587 dictionaries and volunteered over 1,400 hours helping teachers and students. Unit 257 gave cookies and thank you cards to local elementary school staff.

GIVE 10 TO EDUCATION-Michigan units supplied over 12,000 items (worth approximately \$18,000) to schools with the Give 10 to Education program. One unit helped stock a supply pantry for 3rd and 4th grade students. They collected over \$1,000 for this project. The teachers of each class made a list of items that are used the entire school year and it was shared with members. They collected items for two months and stocked the class supply cabinet. Units participated in parties for the veteran's children and distributed food and gifts to the children.

TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK-Many Units distributed cards to teachers. The Myron H. Beals Unit 32, of District 1, sent thank you cards to teachers, faculty and staff at Edison and Hicks Elementary Schools in the Wayne Westland Area District for Teacher Appreciation Week.



SCHOLARSHIPS-Over 50 scholarships were awarded from Michigan Units and Department. Scholarships totaled over \$26,50; twelve medical scholarships (\$5,000) were awarded and ten Children of Veterans scholarships were provided (\$8,600). The Memorial scholarship was raised to \$1,000 and seven students received it to help with their higher education. We had over 40 applicants.

VETERANS IN COMMUNITY SCHOOLS-Many Units sent out cards and care packages to veterans. The members in Unit 26 along with the mothers of Veterans, raised flags on the first and last day of school- this had a positive influence on students. In school year 22-23 eleven students joined the military after graduation. One school created a veteran's wall of honor. In District 7 a POW program was presented to students. Two units in District 1 partnered to teach the students of the 3rd, 4th and 5th grades the meaning of each of the 13 folds of the American Flag and some history regarding the symbol of our country.

OTHER EDUCATIONAL SUPPORTS-Six Units in District 2 contributed to the Second to None Scholarship Fund by sponsoring a hole at an annual golf outing for \$100 each. The proceeds from the hole sponsorship and proceeds from other activities during the outing allowed the group to award a \$1,000 scholarship to students of veterans and two scholarships to 2nd District Auxiliary members. Over 200 volunteer hours were given by Auxiliary members for the golf outing. The scholarship processing exceeded 200 hours of volunteer time for the past year and involved six members. District 10 gave backpacks to kids. One Unit in District 16 purchased six books titled America's White Table for elementary school libraries and the public library. One unit along with the Post ritual team taught students about flag etiquette.

BUDDY BENCHES-The members of Unit 32 and our Legion Family are again collecting bottle caps for Buddy Benches for donation to Hicks Elementary School's new playground that is currently under construction. This is our second year helping a school by collecting bottle caps.

I am very proud of the Michigan Department of the American Legion Auxiliary and all they did for the Education Programs this past year.



FINANCE COMMITTEE

Lynn Terhune, Finance Chairperson

I thank you Madame President for the opportunity to serve as your Finance Committee Chairperson. There was much to do right from the start after Department Convention as Brandy Nelson was no longer the Executive Director. Until an Executive Director was hired, I did my best to assist Department in paying the bills and covering some of the regular business that had to be done immediately. I am so thankful for your assistance and communication during that time.

When Shannon Werner was hired, I was at Department to assist her in any way that needed to be done. Shannon's background with accounting and mine in bookkeeping helped us tackle very complex and time consuming situations that came up. We worked well together and it helped that we both wanted what was best for Department and the members of the Auxiliary.

Department had its first audit since we started using the QuickBooks Online Program. The process took over 3 months to complete. During the audit we came across some changes that needed to be made to ensure a more detailed accounting in some areas and a smoother audit in the future. You can be assured that Shannon is on top of the changes that need to be made and is working towards accomplishing them as fast as she can.

The finance committee met in person, and used email and the phone to communicate about the finances and the budget. We came up with a budget, reviewed the budget to the income and expenses as of May. The committee has also re-evaluated the Departments operating expenses. I want to thank Norma Wojack, Sue Ainslie, and Dawn Burton for their input, questions, and willingness to work together. You ladies are wonderful!



GIRLS STATE

Beryl Robbins, Chairperson
2022-2023

The Department of Michigan, American Legion Auxiliary Girls State Chairman received reports from only seven (7) out of fourteen (14) Districts. It's important to note that the dates on the Unit reports were 2023 and 2024, and the dates on the district reports were 2022 and 2023, so answers were sketchy.

What methods do your Units utilize to recruit ALA Girls State and are they effective?

The common answer was to contact counselors, principals and government teachers. Others reported reaching out to student athletes, Girls State alumni, and junior members, or children and grandchildren of ALA Members. One District sends letters to the parents of students who are recommended by their school, and another District encouraged their Units to look for youth groups, churches, and girl scout troops. Most Units indicated that their methods were not effective. I wrote a newspaper article that appeared in a local paper that is delivered to every household in Wyandotte, Trenton, Southgate, Riverview and Grosse Ile. I was also interviewed by a Wyandotte Cable show, Up, Down and Around Town, and it was scheduled to appear on a local station May 9th in Jackson.

Did your Units successfully solicit funds from outside of the Legion Family to sponsor delegates to ALA Girls State? Three Districts reported yes, however, only one gave the name of the organization they contacted. Four Units reported they did not.

How many delegates did Units in your District sponsor for the 2022 session? A total of 21 students were sponsored by Units.

Do they plan on increasing that number for 2023? All seven districts reported that their Units had plans to increase that number.

How many Delegates did your District Sponsor? One District reported two, and another reported one, and they plan to increase that number for 2023.

Do you plan to sponsor a District Delegate for the 2023 session? A few reports noted they would.

Did your Units/Districts donate additional funds or purchase an item on our wish list? Only one District report mentioned a small donation from their mandatory dues. The other District reports either did not answer that question or circled NO.

Did you invite your delegate(s) to a Unit/District meeting or special event to report on their ALA Girls State Experience? Three District reported yes, the First District invited them to their October membership meeting, the other two did not provide details.

Information obtained from the Chairperson's database indicated that we had 87 paid reservations,



68 students registered, and approximately 58 students participated enough to receive their certificate and ALA Girls State pin. We were directed by the Department Executive Committee to hold a virtual session in 2022.

We are presently preparing for our 2023 session to be held on the campus of MSU, June 18 – June 24, 2023. To date we have approximately 140 students planning on attending and this number is still growing each day! Normally we would have four counties and 12 cities, however, because of our lower numbers this year we have dropped that down to three counties and nine cities. We do have an alternate plan of dropping down to two cities per county if our numbers stay where they are.

Obtaining counselors was a challenge this year since we have not been in-person since 2019, but we have secured nine counselors and three of them have previous experience. The other six have at least attended an in-person program. We will also have three junior counselors that attended our 2022 virtual program that will shadow those who have the most experience. Two of the junior counselors attended ALA Girls Nation in 2022, and the other one is the granddaughter of a past department president. This will increase the number of experienced counselors available for our 2024 program.

This year we are using Wufoo for our online registration and it has definitely been an improvement over our previous methods. Another first for this year is the honor of having Ann Rehbein, our National Central Division Vice President, attend a portion of our ALA Girls State program. She will arrive in time for the opening ceremony, have the opportunity to see our students take their bar exam, watch the Women in Government panel on Monday and witness the conventions on Tuesday. We are truly looking forward to returning to an in-person program this year!



JUNIORS

Kimberly VanDam, Chairperson
2022-2023

Michigan Juniors had a very busy year and accomplished many of the goals of the American Legion Auxiliary. Many Juniors worked towards the patch program this year and some of those patches. The districts will continue to invite our members to get their children and grandchildren involved. Some units will do this through their newsletters and Facebook pages. We continued to increase our presence at events this year by inviting the younger Son of the Legion members to join us. It has been a great experience for everyone, and it has helped build comradery between the entities. We had 9 SAL members that also participated in the Patch program this year.

Here is a list of all of the activities we have participated in this year: they attended Unit meetings at both the Junior and Senior levels. We had juniors attend the Fall & Winter Conference, Department Conventions, Americanism & Memorial Banquets, Four Chaplain Ceremonies, Parades, and many Post events throughout the year. We had one Junior attend The National Junior Convention in Indianapolis, Indiana. They helped place Flags of Veterans' Grave for Memorial Day. They worked several dinners serving Veterans and their families and had many socializing sessions with Veterans from their home Posts. They volunteered in their communities and filled bags with school supplies to donate to local schools, and they also hosted dinners for first responders. They also held several different fundraisers this year to support their Honorary Department Junior Presidents Special Project the Jaeger Foundation, the Department Presidents Special Project 92 for 22, and many more special projects within their units.

Some of the fundraisers included bake sales, flower sales, and even a hot dog night. We had several juniors in our district that participated in the Poppy Contest and Americanism Essay Contest.

We held our Annual Department Convention where we had 10 juniors from the state attend. We learned about the current officer's year of service and held our elections. We also had several of our senior leadership in attendance which I believe is a great support system for our junior members. We even had a special guest that attended to tell us about the Honorary Department Juniors Presidents Special Project the Jaeger Foundation and we just all fell in love with Jaeger after his demonstration of his PTSD Support Skills. It was a great way for the juniors to understand why they raise funds for these special projects.

We had 4 districts report that they have junior meetings and several also have juniors that attend regularly to their senior meetings.

Several of our districts report that they have mentoring programs for the juniors at their unit level which involves attending senior meetings and bringing them along to all events. Our juniors within our 19 districts have put in around 700 hours of volunteering this year. We have a great group of girls and boys, and they will continue to grow every year.

Our Juniors exemplify what it means to be a member of the American Legion Auxiliary.



LEADERSHIP

Connie Kovacs, Chairperson
2022-2023

The American Legion Auxiliary Department of Michigan Leadership Team has much to be proud of this year. The Leadership team started the year by taking ALA 101, established an ALA Culture of Goodwill, and How to Deal with Conflicts in the ALA Academy. After we finished, the Leadership team developed discussion topics and shared thoughts and ideas on how best to support our membership and our Department.

Our team worked to define the habits and characteristics of a successful leader. To some, the title “leader” implies a domineering, take-charge, charismatic individual. However, we soon realized that the word leader isn’t an adjective. You don’t need to be an extrovert or charismatic to be a leader. It just takes passion, positivity, and enthusiasm. Next, we did the same to define “leadership”. Most of our members defined leadership as the ability to achieve a title, or position, and not the ability to recruit a successful team. We quickly understood that the Leadership team needed to form a connection between the two terms that would change the culture of thought.

To do that, we came up with a fun way to share our tips and ideas with our Department membership. Department of Michigan President Marcy’s Road Rally theme helped us head in the right direction. That’s when the Leadership team coined the slogan, “Michigan’s Keys to Success”. These keys would help guide our members in the right direction whenever they came to a fork in the road. We wanted our members to realize that leadership is a mindset that stems from social influence and organization, not from authority or power. Leadership also has very little to do with titles. You can be a leader in your workplace, your neighborhood, your family, and our organization, without having an official title.

We were ready to turn the key to start the new year. During our fall conference, schools of instruction were conducted which allowed our members the opportunity to learn more about the ALA Academy and the many course titles offered. We distributed a trifold with all the courses listed to help members keep track of the classes they had taken. We were also able to assess the specific needs and requests of our Units and Districts. We then developed training sessions tailored to those needs as well as recommended certain courses throughout the year to assist members on their road to success. During this instruction period we helped our members learn how to create and access their individual My Portal accounts to access the ALA Academy and the resources available to them. We helped our members develop creative solutions to deal with those bumps in the road we all seem to encounter in our Units and Districts and how to seek assistance within our Department. We distributed a 2022-2023 leadership survey with a mini listing of ALA Academy courses which Units and Districts could submit to request a local leadership school of instruction based on their specific needs.

The courses ranged from ALA Programs to the ABC’s of writing a narrative. There were conversations about creating a more detailed school of instruction for the entire Legion Family with multiple Districts invited. We kept the wheels rolling to make this happen within our state allowing members who were not able to attend Unit, District or Department meetings to attend



classes around our state. We are excited to report that Michigan successfully held 6 mini-schools of instruction with 9 out of our 14 districts attending.

We knew there was much work ahead while supporting our state whenever called upon as well as keeping Units and Districts up to date on awards at both the state level and national levels. Department moved the Unit Member of the Year Award to be handled by leadership this year. We shared tips to find that member who is always there ready to help and who best exemplifies why we all chose to become ALA members. We had several members nominated for this prestigious award and after careful deliberation, we have our winner. These members live the motto “Service Not Self”, and Michigan is honored to have these nominees belong to our Legion Family.

The My Mentor award is another way Michigan shines the spotlight on one of their members. Mentors fill in the blanks where the books cannot, but they must know what’s in the book to know how. Mentoring is the key to our organization’s growth and survival. We will be honoring another wonderful Auxiliary member at our convention for a job well done. Mentors ensure our members are ready to learn and succeed, ensuring that the future of our organization remains bright! Units and Districts also used mentors to support and train members taking on new positions. This created ways to share the history of the ALA along with our vision for the future allowing for new perspectives, ideas, and points of view within the ALA programs. More importantly, this allowed new members and seasoned members to work together, bridging the relationship gap between members.

As we head down the road into the future we are helping and supporting members to take advantage of technology. This year Units helped members learn how to create social media connections (Facebook, Instagram) allowing members to keep in touch with their Units and Districts. It helps them be aware of upcoming events and gives them the ability to learn more about their Unit and District if unable to attend meetings.

We have also successfully used leadership tools such as welcome packets for new members and sample scripts for officers to use as they learn new roles. Most importantly, sharing these tools in conjunction with mentors allows us to keep in touch with new members during those first few years and encourage them to come to events, or even co-chair a Unit event to learn and gain experience.

We had so many great success stories of members helping members learn more about our organization. During our winter meeting, we had fun with a jeopardy style trivia game allowing our members to learn in a fun, relaxing environment.

As we came to the end of our journey, even our long-time members realized that we had learned a lot about leadership, ourselves, and our organization. We will continue to move forward and ensure the success of The Department of Michigan American Legion Auxiliary.



LEGISLATIVE

Kimberly Champion, Chairperson
2022-2023

The legislative program for Department of Michigan continued, however some Districts and Units didn't report their Legislative activities. I feel more Units and Districts did communicate with their local, county, and state government agencies, but didn't report due to various reasons.

Some stated they couldn't report a number as they felt it was a private task. Members reported that they did receive the Legion updates; they stated that they didn't attend any town meetings; they didn't attend any rallies, and didn't attend any legislative receptions.

The Units and Districts reported that they did promote the priorities of the American Legion through participation in events, dinners, volunteering, and through Facebook. The Units and Districts stated the methods used to develop relationships with elected officials included invitations to Post events, Memorial Day events, and various other events throughout their communities.

The Units and Districts reported they promoted military absentee voting; they promoted voting in person by "Get Out and Vote Posters" and provided transportation to Voting Polls. Some reported that they helped with voting at their local Precincts. The Units reported that they encouraged members to do their civic duty, they reported that they had several alerts that they were able to take action on, and they encouraged their members to register, and once registered vote in person or by absentee ballot.

At our Michigan Department Auxiliary Winter Conference in February 2023 we had a Department of Michigan Legionnaire speak to our membership about some of the legislative federal priorities which included but are not limited to more funding for our Veteran Homes and funding for our Veterans with PTSD or TBI's. The State Priorities included but are not limited to roll over funding for our Service Officer Programs.

I participated in the National American Legion Auxiliary Legislative zoom meetings. They were very informative, and I learned a lot. I enjoyed hearing what other states were doing in the full sessions, and I liked the breakout sessions with the states within the central division.

Thank you, Madame President for this appointment. For God and Country



MEMBERSHIP

Robin Basarabska-Bruff
2022-2023

This incredible year started out with President Marcy and I working on our theme/game. We spent a lot of time developing all of the details for this! We had a lot of fun with this process. We had some get togethers and did a lot of texting. A good part of this development took place while we attended the DLNC (Department Leadership National Conference) in Indianapolis in May of 2022. What a wonderful learning experience! Marcy had already attended one, so she was able to share insight during the conference. It was also our first road trip together. As such, we learned a lot more about each other! She already knew that I was a little wimpy, but now she knows just how bad that can get! We got to know other Department Presidents and Membership Chairs. We had a great time learning and socializing. We also made some challenges. In our division meeting, Marcy whispered to me to challenge the entire room. The terms were that the Department with the highest percentage at 30 days before National Convention would be the winner, and the other Departments would pay the winner \$25 toward their Department project. Four Departments took us up on this challenge. We also made a challenge with the Department of Wisconsin. Whoever was ahead in membership by Veteran's Day would donate \$50 to the VA Hospital in Iron Mountain.

Our Membership theme/game for the year was a success. We had a lot of fun at Winter Meeting, letting everyone know how they were doing with their miles and their fare! Because, we have to have fare to cross that bridge! To recap, the object of the game was to race round the state with President Marcy. Districts could earn miles in various ways. Some of those ways included: having no "flat tires" (Units with 0 members), reaching membership goals on time, turning in monthly membership reports, reaching set membership increases, submitting a Unit's welcome packet, etc. Opportunities to earn fare included holding a membership drive, challenging another District, having a Unit that invited the District President to a meeting, inviting the Department President to a District meeting, and being at 95% or higher by May 27th. When we created our racing game, we had no idea that this theme would be in line with the National theme of Indy cars!

So, our District cars were racing around the state while the Department cars were racing around the Country! It was fun seeing everyone race around and shift positions! To get to the Soo, our cars needed 18,000 miles and seven fares. At the time this article was due, no one had quite enough miles, but some Districts had more than enough fares. The 19th District was close, with 17,500 miles, but only had two fares! The race would continue, though! These were the statistics at "press time."

District 1	10,750 miles	6 fares	District 7	11,750 miles	3 fares
District 2	14,000 miles	3 fares	District 8	12,500 miles	4 fares
District 3	12,000 miles	5 fares	District 9	16,000 miles	1 fare
District 4	14,000 miles	2 fares	District 10	13,500 miles	2 fares
District 5	11,750 miles	11 fares	UPAA	12,250 miles	5 fares
District 6	12,500 miles	5 fares	District 16	13,250 miles	5 fares



District 18 11,500 miles 7 fares

District 19 17,500 miles 2 fares

Great job, Everyone! President Marcy and your membership committee hope you had fun with this. By the time you are reading this, the race will be over. Thank you all for your participation!

Nine of our Districts reported this year. We had 41 Units promote the new eligibility through the Legion Act with 80 new members gained from this change. Thirty-seven Units promoted the change in wording from “wives” to “spouses” in our eligibility. Through this change, we gained sixteen new members. Thirty Units held membership rallies this year, and from those events, seventy-eight members were gained. Those rallies are definitely worth the effort! We also had one District that reported holding a rally.

The Department of Michigan finished 6th in the Nation, at 103.05%! One hundred twenty-nine Units made goal, along with ten Districts. We will have good seats at the National Convention. Thank you to all of you who worked so hard to make this year a success. Thank you to the membership committee; Dawn, Kim, Kim, Barb and Candie. And thank you to President Marcy. This was a fantastic year. It was a wonderful learning experience and a great time. Our Membership is what keeps this amazing organization alive. I am grateful and honored to have been a part of it for the 2023-2024 year.



NATIONAL SECURITY

Debbie Weatherbee, Chairperson
2022-2023

As I reflect back on this year it has been an amazing year for National Security! So much has been accomplished. First, kicking off the year with the slogan “Feel More Secure About Our National Security Program” in the Auxiliaire and the committee presentation at Fall Conference. Informing members about ShipThrifty.com and having Michelle Williamson join us via ZOOM was great. I am so happy more than a few Units have used ShipThrifty.com and were able to save money on their shipping.

At the Winter Meeting the National Security Committee was pleased to host the presentation from the Lansing Police Department on Active Shooters (Alert Program). During this presentation Sgt. Schlagel demonstrated how to get out of an active shooter situation. This was very informational and thankful we were able to have this presentation. Roger B. Chaffee Unit 154 had a presentation by their local Wyoming Police Department about the Civilian Response to Active Shooter Event Training (C.R.A.S.E) to the public.

Thank you to all the Districts that sent in their end of year reports. It was so nice to read all the wonderful work that was done. Several Units participated in giving out Blue Star Banners and sadly one Unit presented some Gold Star Banners.

POW/MIA was National President Vickie Koutz focus this year and each state was asked to look up a POW/MIA and select and write an article. I chose Joseph Bourassa and Diana Mella found he has some living relatives and connected with one of them. We are hoping to meet the family member in the near future. Also, President Koutz sent each Department Chair the book “America’s White Table” by Margot Theis Raven. This book was read at Winter Conference and many members were touched by the story. It was encouraging that some members asked about purchasing this book to put in their local school libraries.

One National Security Chairperson from Linden Unit 119, lead their members in a formal ceremony at the grave of a local POW on POW/MIA Day. The video of the ceremony is on their Facebook page “American Legion Family 119 Linden”. Unit 257 attended a funeral for an unclaimed veteran that was identified in France and sent to be buried at Fort Custer National Cemetery.

It was a joy to see all the Red Shirts worn at Winter Meeting for “Remember Everyone Deployed” on February 10, 2023. Many Units reported wearing “RED” on Fridays and it was amazing to see all the pictures sent to me and I forwarded on to National Central Division Chairperson.

Many, many Units sent Care Packages to our deployed military. The Grayling Unit 106 sent thousands of cards and some care packages. The 5th District sent boxes to an active-duty Air Force service member and she was so happy to receive the boxes. I admit that Care Packages are my passion and I thank each and every Unit who sent them.



The Walter Frazer Unit 108 had an Appreciation Dinner honoring their First Responder's and Neal E. Fonger Unit 179 participated in delivering sandwiches, chips, cookies and water on September 11, 2022 in honor of their local police and fire fighters.

As you can see our Units and Districts were very busy this year doing great volunteering for this program. I would like to thank all of you for your hard work for this program.



PAST PRESIDENT'S PARLEY

Deanna Cortright, Chairperson
2022-2023

We have a few Units that keep their Past President's busy. Ten units promote Mentor Opportunities for their members. This is a prime example of what our Past Presidents are good at. They have been there and know what members need to move them forward and to become good officers.

There are 25 reported Past Presidents that support and assist their units. These Past Presidents represent 15 units.

In my article for the Auxiliare I stressed how important our Past Presidents are to their units. They can give so much advice, as well as knowledge.

Please use your Past Presidents and take advantage of their mistakes and knowledge. Yes, I said mistakes. We are all human and do make mistakes along the way. That is how we were able to learn so much over the years. Pay attention to them. It doesn't mean that you must do what they did, it just means that you have the advantage of not making the same mistakes.

You are also always able to take advantage of the time spent and knowledge gained by Past Department Presidents. Trust me, we can all tell you what not to do because we already made that mistake. Most of us are just a phone call, email, or message away and always there to help.



PERSONNEL

Shari German, Chairperson
2022-2023

No report.



POPPY PROGRAM

Margo Forrester, Chairperson
2022-2023

Our Department of Michigan Poppy Program is perennial. Many Units have great “traditional” programs that they run year after year, and even for decades. They get permission to host a friendly patriotic table in front of one of their local stores, so that they can distribute poppies or poppy items (bracelets, bookmarks, crocheted or felt pins, etc.) They interact with citizens and tell them why we need to remember. Being visible in your community is a win-win. Other Units do mass mailings to their entire Legion Family requesting donations for their Poppy Fund. Some Units have cannisters in the clubrooms and you may even see poppies at an Auxiliary fish fry. Other Units think outside the box and raise money in a non-traditional manner. On Cinco de Mayo, the Charles Conklin Unit 28 had a gourmet taco dinner that raised almost a thousand dollars. The Cole-Briggs Unit 48 had a “Popcorn and Poppies” Fundraiser. The theatre owner donated the space and the popcorn. People either walked up or drove up and made a donation to receive theatre popcorn.

National Poppy Day was Friday, May 26, 2023 and many Units participated. The Linden Unit 119 got the Mayor and the City Council involved. The Mayor read the Proclamation and the event was covered in the Tri-County Times. The article shared the history of the poppy and where the Unit would be distributing. Plus, they did a promotional interview that ran on Live & Local Linden. They raised over \$3,200 in 2 days. Our Governor, Gretchen Whitmer, proclaimed Poppy Day in Michigan this year also.

The members of the newly formed Freeland Post 722, that is located in the Freeland Correctional Facility, made over 30,000 poppies for our Department this year. We need poppy makers and this idea arose from a meeting that our President Marcy Jorae, had with Denis Schur, a staff member that oversees the new post.

This year there were more Units from different Districts entering the Poppy Poster Contest. Yah! They were: Allen Park Unit 119 from the 16th District, Lapeer Unit 16 & Stamnitz-Lindeman Unit 293 from the 7th District, Linden Unit 119 from the 6th District, Gardener-Neihardt Unit 463 from the 19th District, Charles Conklin Unit 28, Roger Chaffee Unit 154, and Northeastern Unit 459 from the 5th District.

There were a few Miss Poppys reported, but none entered the Little Miss Poppy Contest. With our Poppy funds we donated to the Michigan Veteran Homes at Chesterfield Township, Grand Rapids & Marquette, VA Medical Centers in Battle Creek & Saginaw, Fisher House in Ann Arbor, and Wilwin Lodge. Other donations went to “Flyin Heroes”. Community Rebuilders (housing for veterans in Grand Rapids), Freedom River (veteran recreation center), Armed Service YMCA, Coast Guard Family Assistance Fund, K-9 Camo, West Michigan Veterans Horse Ranch, Grand Valley University Student Veterans, VFW National Home For Children, National Veterans Creative Arts Festival, the USO, and Mid-Michigan Therapy Dogs. Plus, we sent lots of Care Packages & gift cards overseas and helped veterans and their families locally.



Volunteer Hours = 4,473+

Poppies Ordered = 41,800+

Poppy Funds Raised = \$20,448+

Poppies Distributed = 20,286+

Poppy Funds Spent = \$19,687+



Public Relations

Christine Merlington, Chairperson
2022-2023

The American Legion Auxiliary Public Relations Machine was in full on “GO” mode for the year 2022-2023. The Auxiliary Units all over the State of Michigan and all the way through the Districts made an impact with everything they did.

Our Units marched and promoted the American Legion Auxiliary brand throughout the state this year, during parades in many areas of our state, from the East to the West and from North to South, all the way to the top of the U.P. From early Spring through Winter time in November our members marched alongside Legionnaires and Sons of the American Legion. Getting out there and making sure we could be seen as well as making sure that the public knows our main focus is on our Veterans and our Communities.

Being seen at Community events, including city wide participation days as well as working with our Chamber of Commerces in different Townships and Villages. Our District and Unit newsletters whether they were letter style or lengthy made sure that everyone knew when there was a bingo, bake sales, community events as well as fundraisers including drag bingo were spread far and wide with the help of these articles. Reminding our members when we held meetings at the District and Unit level are also in these Newsletters.

Many of our newsletters contained events that were happening at different Posts from Burger Fridays and Taco Tuesdays to Burrito Wednesdays. Keep up with your newsletters and you will never go hungry that is for sure.

A few of our Districts utilized the help of their local TV stations, radios and local newspapers to announce things as well. Articles included honoring our deceased members and services such as the Four Chaplains Services were promoted via TV and newspapers. Remembering Red Shirt Fridays was promoted via radio to let people know about a local store participating in this event. Announcing the annual Poppy Days via local newspapers also promoted who we are and what we do. Tips for Troops is also promoted.

The Juniors helped keep their Units informed of their doings and what they were accomplishing, with notes in their Unit articles. Along with the American Legion and the Sons at many Posts there are joint newsletters and articles promoting agendas for the year along with announcing who the new Officers are for the coming year.

Let us continue to get the word out and keep it going, promoting our participation with our communities and local businesses to continue to support everything we believe in. Keep us growing Steady and Strong. Department of Michigan Auxiliary you “Rock”!



SECTION D

VA & R



VETERANS AFFAIRS AND REHABILITATION

Julie Becker, Chairperson
2022-2023

I had the pleasure of attending Washington DC this past February with the other VA&R Chairpersons from all over the Nation. I learned a lot. I was able to meet with Congressmen and Senators for the State of Michigan, and voice concerns. The topics for discussion were the PACT ACT, mental health, suicide prevention, military quality of life, and protecting veterans from predatory actors.

Things got changed for the VA&R Program this year. Gary Easterling, VA&R Director for the American Legion was asked to speak at fall and winter meeting. He talked about benefits for the spouses of Veterans, The PACT ACT and how spouses of Veterans can help.

I am saddened to report there was not 100% reporting this year. I know you have all done amazing things for VA&R, unfortunately no one else will know. There was a total of 17,926.19 volunteer hours. \$48,268 was spent on our Veterans and their families. A total of 416 Veterans helped, and we received \$17,371 of "in kind" donations.

Due to Covid restrictions at the VA hospitals Christmas gift shops were difficult this past year. That did not stop our ALA members. One District held their gift shop at an offsite location. The Veterans gave a needs list, and the list was filled and delivered to the Veterans. All reported honoring our Veterans-on-Veterans Day with a dinner. 3 Districts reported on donating to Wilwin Lodge. Care packages were sent to our active military men and women. Homeless Veterans remains at the top of the priority for the Units/Districts that reported. You all stepped up. Back packs with hygiene items, socks, under garments, bottled water and snack bars were given out to homeless Veterans. One Unit's special project was to finish an apartment that is for Veterans who were transitioning from being homeless.

Another Unit adopted part of the Great Lakes National Cemetery. This section is called the Memorial section. What makes this project special is that there are names on the markers, but the remains or cremains of these service members are not interred. Their remains may have not been recovered or not identified, buried at sea, or their ashes were scattered. This area is for loved ones of these brave men and women who gave the ultimate sacrifice to memorialize them. On the second Sunday of December, wreaths are placed on the markers. This is not part of wreaths across America. These are just a few of the amazing things that have been done. I received a quote in one of the reports and I would like to share it with you all:

"Activities and Time Can Not Hold a Candle to Their Sacrifice"



VA&R HOSPITAL REPRESENTATIVE

Ann Arbor VAMC
Krystal Hall, Representative
2022-2023

Since 1953, the VA Ann Arbor Healthcare System (LTC Charles S. Kettles VA Medical Center) has provided state-of-the art healthcare services to the men and women who have so proudly served our nation. It is considered a privilege to serve their healthcare needs.

The Department of Veterans Affairs designated the Ann Arbor Medical Center as a 1A facility, meaning we are at the highest level of complexity of care. Neurosurgery, coronary artery bypass, and laparoscopic surgeries are examples of the sophisticated level of care provided at the VA Ann Arbor Medical Center. The Medical Center campus includes the hospital, outpatient clinics, community living center, a radiation therapy facility, two research buildings, five administrative outbuildings, two parking garages (one has been updated and expanded to nearly double its previous size) and the Fisher House. The main campus in Ann Arbor serves as a referral center for complex specialty care and operates 112 acute care beds and 40 Community Living Center (extended care) beds. In addition, the system provides care through eight Community Based Outpatient Clinic (CBOC) sites—including the recently completed (May 11th) Howell site.

As a leader in healthcare education, LTC Charles S. Kettles VA Medical Center is affiliated with 112 college and university programs including the University of Michigan Schools of Medicine, Dentistry, Nursing, Social Work, Public Health, and Engineering; also the University of Toledo College of Medicine is a strong supporter of the VAAHS.

LTC Charles S. Kettles VA Medical Center has an active and growing research program. It conducts research to discover knowledge, develop VA scientists, health care leaders, and create innovations that advance health care for Veterans and the nation. It offers Veterans the opportunity to participate in and benefit from the research work. The goal is to use research to promote better health and health care for all. The VA Ann Arbor Research Service supports the activities of more than 150 researchers working in Ann Arbor, Saginaw, and Battle Creek. Our facilities include 42,000 square feet of laboratory space and updated office space with a sample processing lab for clinical research staff. The research and development program increases the capacity to deliver advanced medical therapies and treatments to Veterans.

Veteran Outreach programs and Volunteer activities were greatly impacted by the COVID Pandemic since March 2020. Although many community Outreach programs have now been 're-opened, limited on-site volunteering within the AA VA Complex has only been allowed since May 2023. Although onsite volunteering is restrictive, Michigan (and Ohio—the Toledo area especially) American Legion Auxiliary Members remained involved through donations (in-kind and monetary).

Auxiliary members from the 2nd and 18th Districts continued to be active/supportive of the Annual Gift Shop. Due to restrictions imposed, the Gift Shop was held virtually; VA Nursing and Volunteer Staff met with patients to obtain their wish lists. Auxiliary members met at the



Dexter American Legion Post 557; volunteers took the collected Veterans' lists, shopped, then wrapped and boxed everything for shipping. The Event was held on Monday, December 5th with 23 volunteers donating 119 hours; overall, the Auxiliary Units were generous with cash and in-kind (gift) donations totaling over \$6,700 (down about 34% from prior years but expected).

Although we worked with/through many restrictions, we were able to assist AAVA Veterans (38) and their family members (181). Any remaining donated gifts (except children toys) were distributed to ongoing AA VA programs (clothing to Voluntary Services, games/books/crafts to the CLC (Community Living Center), appropriate gifts to the Annual Baby Shower program). Toys were allocated to local Auxiliary Units to distribute to their supporting Toys for Totals Programs.

As previously reported, The Fisher House welcomed its first guest on June 1, 2020; an official Dedication ceremony was held September 23, 2022. During 2022-2023 The Fisher House provided ongoing high quality, temporary lodging to the families and caregivers of Veterans and active duty Service members who underwent care at the VA facilities despite many restrictions due to COVID. Since its opening, the Fisher House has accommodated over 3,900 families (over 7,520 individuals) from 21 states and three countries. The average length of stay was four days; however, it has had a few guests with stays of several months. Veterans and their families have saved over \$1.27 million dollars in lodging expenses.

As in past years, the goal continues to be that we provide the best care and support for our country's Veterans and to support the VAAHS programs. As I complete my eleventh year as the Department of Michigan American Legion Auxiliary Representative, I have two major goals and/or projects. First, is to provide support to the ALA Members and AAVA staff during the upcoming transition to open/allow volunteer opportunities within the AAVA Health System. Secondly, our (ALA) project continues to gather donations to obtain special needs as identified by the staff, and to have a successful Gift Shop as well as on-going projects (Flag Day, Father's Day, the Annual Baby Shower).

In closing, I offer that I am continually honored—and humbled—to have the opportunities to work with such dedicated staff, volunteers, and other supporters here at the Ann Arbor VA Health System as we service and support our Veterans and their families.



VA&R REPRESENTATIVE

Battle Creek VAMC
Chris Reed, Representative
2022-2023

Hello from the Battle Creek VAMC! It has been a good year at the VA as many events have opened back up since the pandemic. Some of the activities we've supported this year include the PGA Golf Outing, the Patient Carnival, Christmas Gift Shop, the Holiday Parade, the New Year's Day Pizza Party, Salute Week and our monthly Bingos. It sure has been good spending time with our Veterans, and they are so appreciative as well!

I am pleased to announce we have filled our 2nd Deputy position with Penny Wright! Penny is with Unit 257 in Battle Creek and is also the President for the 3rd District. She has hit the ground running and it is so nice to have her on board with Barb Parks and I!

The VAVS meetings are back to being held in-person and it has been great to see all the volunteer organizations once again. These meetings are always very informative and cover all the things going on at the VA, as well as, sharing information for upcoming events.

Dear Auxiliary members – we need your help!!! We are always looking for sponsors for our monthly Bingos at the VA. They take place the 4th Wednesday of every month and only require a few hours of time. Some of our Units have returned since Covid, but many have not. If your Unit is interested and can help out, please contact any of us at the numbers below. The Veterans truly enjoy this activity and it is also a very rewarding experience!

Chris Reed – ckhud@mei.net – 269-420-1488

Barb Parks – 269-684-3411

Penny Wright – 269-838-8902

Since we have been supporting many activities this year, we are also in need of monetary donations. If your Unit would like to support our Veterans through a donation, it would be greatly appreciated. Please remember all donations need to be sent to Department Headquarters and your check should be “earmarked” for the Battle Creek VA Hospital.

I hope everyone has had a great year and enjoyed this beautiful summer. Remember, our Veterans are our number one priority and I think I can speak for everyone in saying I am looking so forward to things finally returning to normal and spending quality time with our Veterans!

Thank you for the opportunity to serve another year as the Battle Creek VAMC Representative. It has truly been a pleasure working with all of you.

In Service to Our Veterans.



VA & R HOSPITAL REPRESENTATIVE

Chesterfield Township
Shannon Wawruck, Representative
2022-2023

Since Winter meeting Covid restrictions have been loosened and volunteers are needed. You do need to be vaccinated nor polio tested to volunteer.

There are 100 members currently at the Chesterfield Home. A simple way to give is to send a birthday card to a veteran at the home. They enjoy getting mail. I have sent a birthday list with first names and birthdates to some members. Contact me if you would like the list emailed to you.

A shout out to a few of our Units, #377 donated items for Easter; #16 donated \$300 used for the Heroic Walk, Run and Roll 5K picnic in May. I volunteered at the event to help push wheelchair bound veterans around the grounds and escorted the walkers. They finished with the presentation of medals and a picnic on the grounds.

Poppies are now being assembled by members of the home. I have started joining them a few hours a week to help keep them motivated.

The patio umbrellas and chairs we donated are in use now and are much appreciated.

No Member Dies Alone-Michigan Veteran's Homes are looking for volunteers to join the No Member Dies Alone (NMDA) program at each Home. This highlights the need to offer companionship and assistance to veteran members who are entering the final stages of life. Visit michigan.gov/mvh/ to volunteer and/or get an application to be a resident.



VA&R HOSPITAL REPRESENTATIVE

MVH Jacobetti Home for Veterans
Wanda Westman, Representative
2022-2023

Donations received

Adopt a Vet

Units	#44	#114	#146	#349
	\$120	\$30	\$30	\$80
	\$120	\$20	\$30	\$40
		\$100	\$30	\$80
		\$120	\$30	\$160
			\$90	\$80
			\$120	
			\$30	
			\$60	
Totals	\$240	\$270	\$420	\$440

Total \$1,400

Father's Day

#131	\$30
#92	\$20
#115	\$20
#114	\$20
#44	\$35
Total	\$135

Special Project

#3	\$500
#44	\$100
Total	\$600

Bingo

#117	\$50
#349	\$765
Total	\$815

Life Enrichment Fund

#74	\$350
#146	\$200
Total	\$550

Christmas

#131	\$350
#349	\$300
Total	\$650

Grand Total \$4,150

We also received two reimbursements from Department for Christmas and wish list purchases made in the 2021-2022 fiscal year which totaled \$2,651.40.



Donations and money received were spent on the following:

Christmas	\$ 329.73	(\$320.27 left over will be spent on items needed)
Special Project	\$ 982.68	(Flowers for grounds, t-shirts, hats, jams and VFC)
Adopt-a-Vet	\$1,010.00	(Some units paid ahead through June 2023)
Magazines	\$ 231.44	(11 magazine subscriptions are current)
Father's Day	\$ 233.10	
Life Enrichment	\$ 550.00	
Bingo	\$ 815.00	
TOTAL	\$3,346.99	

Five active Auxiliary members volunteered their time to accomplish the activities which is broken down here for your convenience:

Hours this year	Lifetime Hours	
Linda Kaare	15.50	164.75
Margaret Pazzola	140.25	141.75
Jeanette Vaughan	8.00	?
Lois Westman	75.25	3,538.75
Wanda Westman	90.00	11,756.75

With community virus levels going up and down this year, access to the Jacobetti Home for Veterans was limited. The Jacobetti Home offered and provided training sessions on Covid-19 and infectious disease control to a total of 15 volunteers from various service organizations. Any volunteers who participated were allowed more access.

In the fall, we started having bingo parties twice a month. We were able to hold our annual carnival outdoors last August. We held our Christmas gift shop in December with only four volunteers. The Home started taking our Jacobetti residents to lunch at area restaurants and also at Post Homes. Thanks so much to Marquette Post #44 and Greenwood Post & Unit #114 for inviting our residents out for lunch. As you can see by the donations received, our Units have stepped up in support of the Jacobetti Home for Veterans.

We have a very compassionate group of volunteers who sit with members toward the end of their lives if their family is unavailable or they simply have none. I am the coordinator for NO MEMBER DIES ALONE, which is a system put in place where the Jacobetti Home calls me when they have a need and I contact and coordinate the volunteers who fill 2-hour time slots.

Thank you to my deputies Lois Westman (#114) and Linda Kaare (#44) for all your care and support of our residents. Thank you to Greenwood Unit #114 for allowing me the time needed to be the Jacobetti Home for Veteran's Representative. I especially wish to thank the American Legion Auxiliary who allowed me the honor of being your Jacobetti Home for Veteran's Representative. My life has been enriched by the friends I have made, and I hope I have done the same for them.



SECTION E

MEMBERSHIP REPORT



**Department of Michigan
District Standings for June 6, 2023
(30 Days Prior to Convention)**

1st place	District 19	107.72%	Carol Renis
2nd place	District 4	106.14%	Kathie Hartman-Gleason
3rd place	District 9	106.09%	Helen Wisniewski
4th place	District 6	105.53%	Sue Hilgris
5th place	District 3	105.41%	Penny Wright
6th place	District 2	105.26%	Anita Greca
7th place	District 5	102.97%	Bonnie Schuitema
8th place	UPAA	102.77%	Barb Larson
9th place	District 10	102.44%	Diana Mella
10th place	District 16	100.18%	Doreen McMahon
11th place	District 7	99.19%	Alicia Minster
12th place	District 8	97.78%	Dorothy Shanks
13th place	District 18	97.76%	Darlene Jones
14th place	District 1	95.64%	Debbie Abraham



Michigan Membership 6-06-2023

		UNIT	CITY	GOAL	JR	SR	TOTAL	PERCENT
Eastern	06	0038	Fenton	24	0	21	21	87.50%
		0064	Flint	159	2	128	130	81.76%
		0119	Linden	21	10	13	23	109.52%
		0141	Howell	188	9	254	263	139.89%
		0158	Clio	71	8	56	64	90.14%
		0215	Fowlerville	10	1	5	6	60.00%
		0238	Holt	70	2	74	76	108.57%
		0267	Davison	70	4	65	69	98.57%
		0269	Haslett	163	8	165	173	106.13%
		0294	Swartz Creek	115	12	109	121	105.22%
		0296	Williamston	16	0	14	14	87.50%
		0306	Flint	28	5	21	26	92.86%
		0367	Montrose	25	4	19	23	92.00%
		0413	Grand Blanc	211	2	228	230	109.00%
		0419	Pinckney	152	24	132	156	102.63%
		0491	Leslie	120	7	110	117	97.50%
		0510	Stockbridge	41	1	53	54	131.71%
		Total		1484	99	1467	1566	105.53%
	07	0004	Mt Clemens	49	4	42	46	93.88%
		0007	Caro	17	1	15	16	94.12%
		0008	Port Huron	140	8	108	116	82.86%
		0016	Lapeer	121	7	115	122	100.83%
		0135	Imlay City	23	0	19	19	82.61%
		0181	Mayville	10	0	13	13	130.00%
		0197	Harbor Beach	70	10	60	70	100.00%
		0255	Croswell	68	0	73	73	107.35%
		0293	Sebewaing	116	4	135	139	119.83%
		0326	Sterling Heights	80	0	79	79	98.75%
		0351	Utica	52	7	58	65	125.00%
		0382	Saint Clair	50	0	35	35	70.00%
		0421	Unionville	57	4	44	48	84.21%
		0449	Marysville	233	11	225	236	101.29%
		0457	North Branch	10	0	8	8	80.00%
		0489	Peck	123	2	118	120	97.56%
		0499	Port Austin	183	0	200	200	109.29%
		0525	Smiths Creek	15	0	13	13	86.67%
		0543	Caseville	43	6	27	33	76.74%
		0566	Memphis	17	0	14	14	82.35%
		Total		1477	64	1401	1465	99.19%
	08	0022	Saginaw	94	4	96	100	106.38%
		0057	Owosso	74	8	54	62	83.78%
		0101	Greenville	221	8	214	222	100.45%
		0125	Birch Run	10	0	1	1	10.00%
		0150	Frankenmuth	51	4	46	50	98.04%



		0153	Saint Johns	109	13	100	113	103.67%
		0175	Saranac	128	4	128	132	103.13%
		0182	Hubbardston	116	0	100	100	86.21%
		0203	Belding	160	3	152	155	96.88%
		0212	Chesaning	35	2	28	30	85.71%
		0248	Laingsburg	144	4	141	145	100.69%
		0256	Saint Louis	36	0	37	37	102.78%
		0295	Breckenridge	83	6	77	83	100.00%
		0380	Carson City	158	9	147	156	98.73%
		0412	Bath	197	8	200	208	105.58%
		0439	Saginaw	265	1	256	257	96.98%
		0452	Stanton	149	3	131	134	89.93%
		Total		2030	77	1908	1985	97.78%
	18	0014	Birmingham-Troy	74	2	65	67	90.54%
		0020	Pontiac	41	6	35	41	100.00%
		0063	Clarkston	87	1	86	87	100.00%
		0108	Oxford	146	20	126	146	100.00%
		0143	Auburn Hills	93	4	74	78	83.87%
		0149	Holly	18	0	18	18	100.00%
		0172	Rochester	28	3	18	21	75.00%
		0216	Milford	178	8	187	195	109.55%
		0224	Wixom	47	0	47	47	100.00%
		0233	Lake Orion	163	4	152	156	95.71%
		0253	Royal Oak	180	4	183	187	103.89%
		0346	Farmington	109	3	89	92	84.40%
		0374	Berkley	176	0	183	183	103.98%
		0377	Waterford	223	12	198	210	94.17%
		Total		1563	67	1461	1528	97.76%
	Total			6554	307	6237	6544	99.85%
Lower Northern	09	0009	Muskegon	19	0	20	20	105.26%
		0010	Manistee	140	4	139	143	102.14%
		0035	Traverse City	42	2	40	42	100.00%
		0069	Whitehall	170	1	189	190	111.76%
		0076	Ludington	279	0	302	302	108.24%
		0094	Cadillac	132	2	132	134	101.52%
		0120	Suttons Bay	13	0	11	11	84.62%
		0219	Fife Lake	195	15	206	221	113.33%
		0221	Frankfort	40	0	59	59	147.50%
		0289	Williamsburg	13	0	12	12	92.31%
		0297	Ravenna	56	5	46	51	91.07%
		0300	Lake City	172	8	173	181	105.23%
		0381	Newaygo	242	5	246	251	103.72%
		0397	Holton	179	3	191	194	108.38%
		0411	Hesperia	121	0	111	111	91.74%
		0531	Copemish	25	1	27	28	112.00%
		Total		1838	46	1904	1950	106.09%
	10	0018	Bay City	95	3	96	99	104.21%
		0098	Big Rapids	26	0	19	19	73.08%



		0104	Standish	105	3	114	117	111.43%
		0106	Grayling	28	4	25	29	103.57%
		0110	Mount Pleasant	34	0	36	36	105.88%
		0162	Luzerne	81	5	81	86	106.17%
		0165	Midland	138	5	126	131	94.93%
		0171	Gladwin	31	4	25	29	93.55%
		0211	East Tawas	43	3	33	36	83.72%
		0239	Linwood	63	3	70	73	115.87%
		0240	Blanchard	68	2	67	69	101.47%
		0245	Prudenville	22	0	17	17	77.27%
		0254	Mikado	62	2	64	66	106.45%
		0273	Temple	26	2	33	35	134.62%
		0274	Oscoda	150	4	144	148	98.67%
		0370	Prescott	147	4	127	131	89.12%
		0404	Harrison	146	0	145	145	99.32%
		0416	Saint Helen	195	3	196	199	102.05%
		0422	Hale	105	1	98	99	94.29%
		0443	Sanford	190	3	215	218	114.74%
		0473	Barryton	12	0	13	13	108.33%
		0554	Morley	48	0	46	46	95.83%
		0558	Farwell	195	1	217	218	111.79%
		Total		2010	52	2007	2059	102.44%
	19	0122	Wolverine	42	1	39	40	95.24%
		0159	Mackinaw City	174	3	172	175	100.57%
		0198	Lewiston	128	0	126	126	98.44%
		0226	Charlevoix	17	0	15	15	88.24%
		0227	East Jordan	37	1	30	31	83.78%
		0281	Harbor Springs	139	6	188	194	139.57%
		0317	Onaway	25	0	26	26	104.00%
		0463	South Boardman	34	3	32	35	102.94%
		Total		596	14	628	642	107.72%
	Total			4444	112	4539	4651	104.66%
Southern	01	0032	Livonia	317	17	293	310	97.79%
		0147	Northville	62	0	50	50	80.65%
		0375	Detroit	11	0	13	13	118.18%
		Total		390	17	356	373	95.64%
	16	0067	Lincoln Park	86	1	94	95	110.47%
		0111	Wayne	21	0	17	17	80.95%
		0200	Taylor	78	0	84	84	107.69%
		0217	Wyandotte	579	2	587	589	101.73%
		0231	New Boston	15	0	15	15	100.00%
		0232	Dearborn Heights	183	8	148	156	85.25%
		0364	Dearborn	134	3	134	137	102.24%
		0389	Riverview	107	1	139	140	130.84%
		0396	Garden City	260	10	251	261	100.38%
		0409	Allen Park	93	5	65	70	75.27%
		0426	Trenton	106	4	102	106	100.00%



		0472	Melvindale	17	0	12	12	70.59%
		Total		1679	34	1648	1682	100.18%
		Total		2069	51	2004	2055	99.32%
UPAA	12	0003	Sault Sainte Marie	191	2	234	236	123.56%
		0005	Ironwood	41	2	29	31	75.61%
		0011	Wakefield	25	0	28	28	112.00%
		0017	Iron River	36	6	28	34	94.44%
		0021	Stambaugh	91	7	98	105	115.38%
		0027	Bessemer	10	0	4	4	40.00%
		0041	Ewen	26	0	26	26	100.00%
		0043	Stephenson	28	0	26	26	92.86%
		0044	Marquette	394	10	385	395	100.25%
		0050	Iron Mountain	52	9	50	59	113.46%
		0071	Gladstone	102	1	108	109	106.86%
		0074	Newberry	162	1	172	173	106.79%
		0082	Escanaba	10	0	1	1	10.00%
		0090	Lake Linden	98	14	85	99	101.02%
		0092	Rockland	38	0	45	45	118.42%
		0114	Greenwood	67	1	68	69	102.99%
		0115	Escanaba River	20	0	12	12	60.00%
		0131	Munising	135	1	162	163	120.74%
		0146	Menominee	241	1	241	242	100.41%
		0186	Hancock	17	0	16	16	94.12%
		0244	Powers	19	1	16	17	89.47%
		0290	Engadine	45	2	41	43	95.56%
		0301	Rapid River	10	0	9	9	90.00%
		0340	Hermansville	22	1	20	21	95.45%
		0349	Little Lake	138	13	120	133	96.38%
		0393	Hulbert	83	3	98	101	121.69%
		0438	Bark River	22	0	20	20	90.91%
		0444	Baraga	17	0	1	1	5.88%
		0487	Carney	10	0	0	0	0.00%
		0540	Perkins	19	0	16	16	84.21%
		0559	Rock	32	3	25	28	87.50%
		Total		2201	78	2184	2262	102.77%
		Total		2201	78	2184	2262	102.77%
Western	02	0029	Jackson	215	8	204	212	98.60%
		0034	Tecumseh	108	2	107	109	100.93%
		0066	Carleton	20	3	20	23	115.00%
		0072	Dundee	35	1	42	43	122.86%
		0081	Concord	27	2	21	23	85.19%
		0097	Adrian	115	0	114	114	99.13%
		0117	Manchester	66	8	50	58	87.88%
		0155	Britton	17	1	16	17	100.00%
		0180	Hudson	77	2	70	72	93.51%
		0192	Temperance	46	2	41	43	93.48%
		0193	Luna Pier	32	3	37	40	125.00%



	0268	Milan	39	5	43	48	123.08%
	0282	Ypsilanti	49	1	33	34	69.39%
	0313	Springport	10	0	1	1	10.00%
	0315	Brooklyn	421	1	549	550	130.64%
	0322	Saline	188	7	163	170	90.43%
	0324	Jackson	69	2	102	104	150.72%
	0325	Blissfield	88	3	72	75	85.23%
	0368	Morenci	66	2	63	65	98.48%
	0392	Deerfield	28	0	32	32	114.29%
	0514	Ida	117	11	93	104	88.89%
	0550	Onsted	106	13	95	108	101.89%
	0557	Dexter	115	5	112	117	101.74%
	Total		2054	82	2080	2162	105.26%
03	0042	Charlotte	82	4	89	93	113.41%
	0048	Grand Ledge	201	34	180	214	106.47%
	0052	Coldwater	118	2	117	119	100.85%
	0053	Hillsdale	142	1	146	147	103.52%
	0054	Battle Creek	34	1	30	31	91.18%
	0055	Albion	27	0	20	20	74.07%
	0156	Montgomery	25	0	31	31	124.00%
	0157	Quincy	113	5	152	157	138.94%
	0196	Union City	16	3	21	24	150.00%
	0257	Augusta	50	8	57	65	130.00%
	0259	Bronson	42	1	40	41	97.62%
	0298	Battle Creek	248	10	240	250	100.81%
	0360	Reading	49	0	43	43	87.76%
	0465	Climax	64	0	42	42	65.63%
	0475	Schoolcraft	121	1	126	127	104.96%
	Total		1332	70	1334	1404	105.41%
04	0026	Niles	37	0	32	32	86.49%
	0045	Hastings	61	1	64	65	106.56%
	0049	South Haven	624	3	712	715	114.58%
	0051	Buchanan	204	0	199	199	97.55%
	0068	Paw Paw	10	0	6	6	60.00%
	0073	Sturgis	93	0	82	82	88.17%
	0085	Berrien Springs	67	1	66	67	100.00%
	0089	Allegan	20	1	9	10	50.00%
	0105	Benton Harbor	32	0	25	25	78.13%
	0127	Dorr	125	1	148	149	119.20%
	0138	White Pigeon	10	0	16	16	160.00%
	0160	Bangor	49	0	63	63	128.57%
	0169	New Buffalo	46	0	49	49	106.52%
	0170	Three Rivers	57	0	52	52	91.23%
	0174	Lawrence	35	1	38	39	111.43%
	0204	Three Oaks	118	4	123	127	107.63%
	0223	Constantine	70	2	62	64	91.43%
	0309	Decatur	10	1	28	29	290.00%
	0331	Bridgman	72	1	66	67	93.06%
	0344	Galien	38	4	42	46	121.05%



		0345	Baroda	46	0	50	50	108.70%
		0362	Coloma	57	2	53	55	96.49%
		0365	Edwardsburg	169	2	169	171	101.18%
		0454	Colon	93	0	102	102	109.68%
		0484	Hickory Corners	112	2	131	133	118.75%
		0518	New Troy	48	0	49	49	102.08%
		0568	Stevensville	172	8	157	165	95.93%
		Total		2475	34	2593	2627	106.14%
	05	0002	Grand Rapids	68	3	52	55	80.88%
		0006	Holland	405	0	454	454	112.10%
		0028	Grand Haven	1764	23	1797	1820	103.17%
		0033	Zeeland	24	0	23	23	95.83%
		0047	Comstock Park	345	11	329	340	98.55%
		0059	Grand Rapids	18	0	13	13	72.22%
		0102	Rockford	92	0	75	75	81.52%
		0123	Kent City	134	3	142	145	108.21%
		0154	Wyoming	256	12	247	259	101.17%
		0179	Grandville	275	5	284	289	105.09%
		0208	Kentwood	340	11	331	342	100.59%
		0258	Grand Rapids	125	12	104	116	92.80%
		0287	Cedar Springs	305	17	306	323	105.90%
		0305	Caledonia	252	6	264	270	107.14%
		0356	Grand Rapids	376	0	411	411	109.31%
		0376	Marne	74	10	73	83	112.16%
		0459	Grand Rapids	208	7	198	205	98.56%
		0528	Alto	110	3	104	107	97.27%
		1111	Walker	14	0	9	9	64.29%
		Total		5185	123	5216	5339	102.97%
	Total			11046	309	11223	11532	104.40%
ZDepartment	20	0225	Lansing	200	1	277	278	139.00%
		Total		200	1	277	278	139.00%
	Total			200	1	277	278	139.00%
Total	Total			26514	858	26464	27322	103.05%



FIRST DISTRICT

CREDENTIAL TALLY SHEET

UNIT NUMBER	UNIT NAME	UNIT MEMBERSHIP	NUMBER DELEGATES ALLOWED	NUMBER DELEGATES REGISTERED	NUMBER DELEGATES AT-LARGE ALLOWED	NUMBER DELEGATES AT-LARGE REGISTERED	TOTAL VOTING STRENGTH	TOTAL DELEGATES PAID
32	Myron H. Beals	310	4		2		6	
147	Lloyd H. Green	50	1		0		1	
375	Joe Louis	13	1		0		1	

TOTAL

373

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Past Department Presidents

District President

Committee Appointments

Officer

Debbie Abraham - 32

Connie Kovacs - 32

SECOND DISTRICT

CREDENTIAL TALLY SHEET

UNIT NUMBER	UNIT NAME	UNIT MEMBERSHIP	NUMBER DELEGATES ALLOWED	NUMBER DELEGATES REGISTERED	NUMBER DELEGATES AT-LARGE ALLOWED	NUMBER DELEGATES AT-LARGE REGISTERED	TOTAL VOTING STRENGTH	TOTAL DELEGATES PAID
29	Richard F Smith	212	3		0		3	
34	Underwood-Orr	109	2		0		2	
66	Carleton	23	1		0		1	
72	Harry W Bamm	43	1		0		1	
81	Concord-Pulaski Memorial	23	1		0		1	
97	William C Stark	114	2		0		2	
117	Emil Jacob	58	2		1		3	
155	Glen H. Daykin	17	1		0		1	
180	Hannan-Colvin	72	2		0		2	
192	Sherman H. Osborne	43	1		0		1	
193	James E Yenor	40	1		0		1	
268	Earl Gladfelter	48	1		0		1	
282	Ypsilanti	34	1		1		2	
313	Bernheisel & Riley	1	0		0		0	
315	Wilber-Bartlett	550	6		1		7	
322	William B Lutz	170	3		0		3	
324	Rose City	104	2		0		2	
325	Robert Meachen	75	2		0		2	
368	Morenci	65	2		0		2	
392	Deerfield	32	1		0		1	
514	Ida	104	2		2		4	
550	Onsted	108	2		0		2	
557	Dexter	117	2		2		4	
TOTAL		2,162	41		7		48	

Past Department Presidents

District President

Committee Appointments

Officer

Anita Greca - 117

Carol Burke - 557
Krystal Hall-557
Ethel Putala - 282
Mary Rogers - 514
Toni Kettner - 315

Dawn Gramza - 514



THIRD DISTRICT

CREDENTIAL TALLY SHEET

UNIT NUMBER	UNIT NAME	UNIT MEMBERSHIP	NUMBER DELEGATES ALLOWED	NUMBER DELEGATES REGISTERED	NUMBER DELEGATES AT-LARGE ALLOWED	NUMBER DELEGATES AT-LARGE REGISTERED	TOTAL VOTING STRENGTH	TOTAL DELEGATES PAID
42	Greenawalt-Flaherty	93	2		2		4	
48	Cole-Briggs	214	3		0		3	
52	Coldwater	119	2		2		4	
53	Leighr A Wright	147	2		0		2	
54	General George A Custer	31	1		0		1	
55	Patrick Leo Hanlon	20	1		0		1	
156	Stout-Nesbit	31	1		0		1	
157	Sherman-Rice-Demorest	157	3		0		3	
196	Union City	24	1		0		1	
257	Augusta	65	2		1		3	
259	Alderman-Luce	41	1		0		1	
298	Captain Oscar Brady	250	3		0		3	
360	Wolverine	43	1		0		1	
465	Climax-Scotts	42	1		0		1	
475	Wiley-Koon	127	2		1		3	
TOTAL			1,404	26	6		32	

Past Department Presidents

Jacklyn Skinner - 475

Norma Wojack - 52

Carrie Bowerman - 42

Deanna Cortright - 52

District President

Penny Wright - 257

Committee Appointments

Officer

Shannon Werner - 42

FOURTH DISTRICT

CREDENTIAL TALLY SHEET

UNIT NUMBER	UNIT NAME	UNIT MEMBERSHIP	NUMBER DELEGATES ALLOWED	NUMBER DELEGATES REGISTERED	NUMBER DELEGATES AT-LARGE ALLOWED	NUMBER DELEGATES AT-LARGE REGISTERED	TOTAL VOTING STRENGTH	TOTAL DELEGATES PAID
26	Larue Messenger	32	1		1		2	
45	Lawrence J Bauer	65	2		1		3	
49	Edward W Thompson	715	8		0		8	
51	Ralph Rumbaugh	199	3		1		4	
68	Mc Gowan-Johnson	6	0		0		0	
73	Neuman-Wenzel	82	2		0		2	
85	E J Stover And A D Wagner	67	2		0		2	
89	Oscar Briggs	10	1		0		1	
105	Benton Harbor	25	1		0		1	
127	George Wagner	149	2		0		2	
138	Swartz-Van Fleet	16	1		0		1	
160	Wilcox-Eastman-Salinas	63	2		0		2	
169	Edward C Sexton	49	1		0		1	
170	Hice-Shutes	52	2		0		2	
174	Hess-Eastman	39	1		0		1	
204	Randall Couchman	127	2		0		2	
223	Arthur E. Stears	64	2		0		2	
309	Phoenix	29	1		0		1	
331	Bridgman	67	2		0		2	



FOURTH DISTRICT (cont.)

CREDENTIAL TALLY SHEET

UNIT NUMBER	UNIT NAME	UNIT MEMBERSHIP	NUMBER DELEGATES ALLOWED	NUMBER DELEGATES REGISTERED	NUMBER DELEGATES AT-LARGE ALLOWED	NUMBER DELEGATES AT-LARGE REGISTERED	TOTAL VOTING STRENGTH	TOTAL DELEGATES PAID
344	Roy Chilson	46	1		0		1	
345	Baroda Community	50	1		0		1	
362	Coloma	55	2		0		2	
365	Edwardsburg	171	3		0		3	
454	Snyder-Lewis-Welty	102	2		0		2	
484	Simmonds-Williams	133	2		1		3	
518	Wee-Chick	49	1		0		1	
568	Stevensville	165	3		0		3	
TOTAL			2,627	51	4		55	

Past Department Presidents

District President

Kathy Hartman-Gleason-51

Committee Appointments

Sue Ainslie - 45
Chris Reed - 484
Barbara Parks-26

Officer

FIFTH DISTRICT

CREDENTIAL TALLY SHEET

UNIT NUMBER	UNIT NAME	UNIT MEMBERSHIP	NUMBER DELEGATES ALLOWED	NUMBER DELEGATES REGISTERED	NUMBER DELEGATES AT-LARGE ALLOWED	NUMBER DELEGATES AT-LARGE REGISTERED	TOTAL VOTING STRENGTH	TOTAL DELEGATES PAID
2	Carl A. Johnson	55	2		0		2	
6	Willard G Leenhouts	454	6		1		7	
28	Charles A Conklin	1820	19		0		19	
33	Gilbert D. Karsten	23	1		1		2	
47	Louis Teistler	340	4		0		4	
59	Crispus Attucks	13	1		0		1	
102	Merritt Lamb	75	2		0		2	
123	Evans-Swanson	145	2		0		2	
154	Roger B Chaffee	259	4		1		5	
179	Neal E Fonger	289	4		1		5	
208	Daniel Waters Cassard	342	4		2		6	
258	Furniture City	116	2		1		3	
287	Glen Hill	323	4		4		8	
305	Caledonia Memorial	270	4		0		4	
356	Valley City	411	5		0		5	
376	Marne	83	2		0		2	
459	North Eastern	205	3		5		8	
528	Alto	107	2		0		2	
1111	Walker	11	1		0		1	
TOTAL			5,339	72	16		88	

Past Department Presidents

Mary Anne Yuncker - 287
Deborah Williamson - 258

District President

Bonnie Schuitema-33

Committee Appointments

Lynn Terhune - 459
Judy Jones - 459
Missy Townes - 287
Kim VanDam - 208
Chris Merlington - 287
Virginia Cooper -6
Candie Chase - 208
Deb Weatherbee - 179
Shari German - 154
Margo Forrester - 459
Chris Moore - 459
Emily Terhune - 459
Mackenzie Townes - 287

Officer



SIXTH DISTRICT

CREDENTIAL TALLY SHEET

UNIT NUMBER	UNIT NAME	UNIT MEMBERSHIP	NUMBER DELEGATES ALLOWED	NUMBER DELEGATES REGISTERED	NUMBER DELEGATES AT-LARGE ALLOWED	NUMBER DELEGATES AT-LARGE REGISTERED	TOTAL VOTING STRENGTH	TOTAL DELEGATES PAID
38	James De Witt	21	1		0		1	
64	Oakley Traynor	130	2		0		2	
119	Linden	23	1		0		1	
141	Devereaux	263	4		0		4	
158	Neeley Labar	64	2		1		3	
215	Orson A Rose	6	0		0		0	
238	Buck-Reasoner	76	2		0		2	
267	Charles N Skellenger	69	2		0		2	
269	Captain Stephen W Frank	173	3		0		3	
294	Bernard A. Bendle	121	2		0		2	
296	Wycoff	14	1		0		1	
306	Dorie Miller	26	1		0		1	
367	Harry Baker	23	1		0		1	
413	Grand Blanc	230	3		0		3	
419	Pinckney Memorial	156	3		1		4	
491	Lyle Edwards	117	2		0		2	
510	Mackinder-Glenn	54	2		0		2	
TOTAL		1,566	32		2		34	

Past Department Presidents

District President
Susan Hilgris - 64

Committee Appointments
Linda Wallace -419

Officer

SEVENTH DISTRICT

CREDENTIAL TALLY SHEET

UNIT NUMBER	UNIT NAME	UNIT MEMBERSHIP	NUMBER DELEGATES ALLOWED	NUMBER DELEGATES REGISTERED	NUMBER DELEGATES AT-LARGE ALLOWED	NUMBER DELEGATES AT-LARGE REGISTERED	TOTAL VOTING STRENGTH	TOTAL DELEGATES PAID
4	Harry Ollrich	46	1		4		5	
7	Theron W. Atwood, Sr.	16	1		0		1	
8	Charles A Hammond	116	2		1		3	
16	Lapeer	122	2		2		4	
135	Harry F Hovey	19	1		0		1	
181	Morrison-Mead	13	1		0		1	
197	Burhans-Hagedon	70	2		0		2	
255	Cecil Service	73	2		0		2	
293	Stamnitz-Lindeman	139	2		0		2	
326	Robert L. Poxon	79	2		0		2	
351	Victor I Rieck	65	2		1		3	
382	Charles J. Fulton	35	1		0		1	
421	Gateway	48	1		0		1	
449	Marysville	236	3		0		3	
457	North Branch	8	0		0		0	
489	Peck	120	2		0		2	
499	Frank Horetski	200	3		0		3	
525	Smiths Creek	13	1		0		1	
543	Jean	33	1		0		1	
566	Merrick Potter	14	1		0		1	
TOTAL		1,465	31		8		39	

Past Department Presidents

Betty Cline-8
Suzanne Knapp - 4
Nancy Knox - 351
Mary Dubay-4

District President
Alicia Minster - 4

Committee Appointments
Sharon Schulte - 4
Pam Wagner- 16

Officer
Anita Mennel - 16



EIGHTH DISTRICT

CREDENTIAL TALLY SHEET

UNIT NUMBER	UNIT NAME	UNIT MEMBERSHIP	NUMBER		NUMBER		TOTAL VOTING STRENGTH	TOTAL DELEGATES PAID
			DELEGATES ALLOWED	DELEGATES REGISTERED	DELEGATES AT-LARGE ALLOWED	DELEGATES AT-LARGE REGISTERED		
22	Phillips-Elliott- Hodges-Van Auken	100	2		0		2	
57	Patterson-Dawson- Crawford-Arnold	62	2		1		3	
101	Ray I Booth	222	3		0		3	
125	Birch Run	1	0		0		0	
150	Frankenmuth	50	1		1		2	
153	Edwin T Stiles	113	2		4		6	
175	Leroy L Dausman	132	2		0		2	
182	Walter T Roach	100	2		0		2	
203	Hugo Fales	155	3		0		3	
212	Chesaning	30	1		0		1	
248	Clare Burt	145	2		0		2	
256	Fields-Myers-Smith-Dittenber	37	1		0		1	
295	Wolverton-Sawvel-Falor	83	2		0		2	
380	Carson City	156	3		0		3	
412	Ray Barker	208	3		0		3	
439	Jastrzemski-Lelo	257	4		1		5	
452	Stanton	134	2		0		2	
TOTAL			1,985	35	7		42	

Past Department Presidents

District President

Dorothy Shanks - 57

Committee Appointments

Robin Basarabska Bruff - 153

Bonnie Holt- 439

Dawn Burton - 153

Sandra Nuechterlein - 150

Officer

Marcy Jorae-153

Chris Robbins - 153

NINTH DISTRICT

CREDENTIAL TALLY SHEET

UNIT NUMBER	UNIT NAME	UNIT MEMBERSHIP	NUMBER		NUMBER		TOTAL VOTING STRENGTH	TOTAL DELEGATES PAID
			DELEGATES ALLOWED	DELEGATES REGISTERED	DELEGATES AT-LARGE ALLOWED	DELEGATES AT-LARGE REGISTERED		
9	Lamb-Friend	20	1		0		1	
10	Manistee	143	2		0		2	
35	Bowen-Holliday	42	1		1		2	
69	Algot Johnson	190	3		0		3	
76	Edwin H Ewing	302	4		0		4	
94	Ray E Bostick	134	2		0		2	
120	Eagletown	11	1		0		1	
219	Fife Lake	221	3		2		5	
221	John A Mortenson	59	2		0		2	
289	Deal-Ridgeway	12	1		0		1	
297	Sherman Moore	51	2		0		2	
300	Jackson-Koster-Gray	181	3		0		3	
381	Walter F Howarth	251	4		0		4	
397	Cobb-Trygstad-Anderson	194	3		0		3	
411	Thomas Richard Annis	111	2		1		3	
531	Copemish	28	1		0		1	
TOTAL			1,950	35	4	0	39	

Past Department Presidents

Ruth Gott - 219

Georgia Downs-411

District President

Helen Wisniewski- 35

Committee Appointments

Dawn Gilbert - 219

Officer



TENTH DISTRICT

CREDENTIAL TALLY SHEET

UNIT NUMBER	UNIT NAME	UNIT MEMBERSHIP	NUMBER	NUMBER	NUMBER	NUMBER	TOTAL VOTING STRENGTH	TOTAL DELEGATES PAID
			DELEGATES ALLOWED	DELEGATES REGISTERED	DELEGATES AT-LARGE ALLOWED	DELEGATES AT-LARGE REGISTERED		
18	Harding-Olk-Craidge	99	2		0		2	
98	Harry K. Kunzie	19	1		0		1	
104	Johnson Day	117	2		0		2	
106	Grayling	29	1		0		1	
110	Owen Barrett	36	1		0		1	
162	Wally Bartley	86	2		0		2	
165	Berryhill	131	2		0		2	
171	Gladwin County	29	1		1		2	
211	Audie Johnson	36	1		0		1	
239	John K. Fowler	73	2		0		2	
240	Guy Stanton	69	2		0		2	
245	Houghton-Higgins Lake	17	1		0		1	
254	Mikado	66	2		0		2	
273	Frederick W. Diem	35	1		0		1	
274	Loud Merkel La Plante	148	2		1		3	
370	Schuster-Stahl	131	2		0		2	
404	Harrison	145	2		0		2	
416	St Helen	199	3		0		3	
422	Glenn Staley	99	2		1		3	
443	Thomas-Daniels-Hand	218	3		1		4	
473	Gerald Pitts	13	1		0		1	
554	Knox-Helm	46	1		0		1	
558	Clare-Farwell	218	3		0		3	
TOTAL		2,059	40		4		44	

Past Dept Presidents
Deborah Meskill - 443

District President
Diana Mella - 171

Committee Appointments
Rysta Brown-274
AnnMarie Stevens- 422

Officer

UPAA

CREDENTIAL TALLY SHEET

UNIT NUMBER	UNIT NAME	UNIT MEMBERSHIP	NUMBER	NUMBER	NUMBER	NUMBER	TOTAL VOTING STRENGTH	TOTAL DELEGATES PAID
			DELEGATES ALLOWED	DELEGATES REGISTERED	DELEGATES AT-LARGE ALLOWED	DELEGATES AT-LARGE REGISTERED		
3	Ira D MacLachlan	236	3		1		4	
5	Ironwood	31	1		0		1	
11	Geroux	28	1		0		1	
17	Alfred Branchini	34	1		1		2	
21	Reino	105	2		1		3	
27	Peter Gedda-Francis Cychosz	4	0		0		0	
41	Ewen	26	1		0		1	
43	Godfrey Anderson	26	1		1		2	
44	Richard M Jopling	395	5		1		6	
50	Uren-Cooper-Johnson	59	2		2		4	
71	August Mattson	109	2		0		2	
74	Hugh Allen Mcinnes	173	3		0		3	
82	Cloverland	1	0		0		0	
90	Williams-Giroux	99	2		0		2	
92	Milton G. Preiss	45	1		0		1	
114	Lillian Larson	69	1		2		3	
115	Escanaba River	12	1		0		1	
131	Roderick Prato	163	3		0		3	
146	Menominee	242	3		0		3	



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CREDENTIAL TALLY SHEET

UNIT NUMBER	UNIT NAME	UNIT MEMBERSHIP	NUMBER DELEGATES ALLOWED	NUMBER DELEGATES REGISTERED	NUMBER DELEGATES AT-LARGE ALLOWED	NUMBER DELEGATES AT-LARGE REGISTERED	TOTAL VOTING STRENGTH	TOTAL DELEGATES PAID
186	Hancock	16	1		0		1	
244	Tony Rivord	17	1		0		1	
290	Feneley-McNeil-Nesbit	43	1		0		1	
301	Walter W. Cole	9	0		0		0	
340	Floriano-Stecker	21	1		0		1	
349	Morton-Guntley	133	2		0		2	
393	Barrus-Mcculligh-Stewart	101	2		0		2	
438	John Rheahme-Fred Knauf	20	1		0		1	
444	Foucault-Funke	1	0		0		0	
487	Carney-Nadeau	0	0		0		0	
540	Perkins	16	1		0		1	
559	Rock	28	1		1		2	
TOTAL		2,262	44		9		53	

Past Department Presidents

Patricia Laine - 44
Judy Lynch-43
Sue Verville-17

District President

Barbara Larson-50

Committee Appointments

Maggie Merchberger - 3
Wanda Westman-114
Lois Westman - 114
Jeannie Durocher - 50

Officer

Julie Becker-21

SIXTEENTH DISTRICT

UNIT NUMBER	UNIT NAME	UNIT MEMBERSHIP	NUMBER DELEGATES ALLOWED	NUMBER DELEGATES REGISTERED	NUMBER DELEGATES AT-LARGE ALLOWED	NUMBER DELEGATES AT-LARGE REGISTERED	TOTAL VOTING STRENGTH	TOTAL DELEGATES PAID
67	Robert A De Mars	95	2		0		2	
111	Wayne	17	1		0		1	
200	Taylor	84	2		0		2	
217	Edward C Headman	589	7		0		7	
231	Huron Valley	15	1		0		1	
232	Carl E Stitt	156	3		1		4	
364	Fort Dearborn	137	2		0		2	
389	Clough-Lambrix	140	2		0		2	
396	Garden City	261	4		3		7	
409	Allen Park	70	2		2		4	
426	Harold J Chatell	106	2		1		3	
472	Melvindale	12	1		0		1	
TOTAL		1,682	29		7		36	

Past Department Presidents

Donna Fuelling -409

District President

Doreen McMahon- 396

Committee Appointments

Beryl Robbins - 426
Kim Frazier - 232
Fran Babbage - 409
Pam Globke --396
Karen McAdams - 396

Officer



EIGHTEENTH DISTRICT

UNIT NUMBER	UNIT NAME	UNIT MEMBERSHIP	NUMBER DELEGATES ALLOWED	NUMBER DELEGATES REGISTERED	DELEGATES AT-LARGE ALLOWED	DELEGATES AT-LARGE REGISTERED	TOTAL VOTING STRENGTH	TOTAL DELEGATES PAID
14	Charles Edwards	67	2		1		3	
20	Cook-Nelson	41	1		0		1	
63	Campbell-Richmond	87	2		1		3	
108	Walter Fraser	146	2		2		4	
143	Hill-Gazette	78	2		0		2	
149	Amel Schwartz	18	1		0		1	
172	Homer Wing	21	1		0		1	
216	Ernest F Oldenburg	195	3		0		3	
224	Constitution	47	1		0		1	
233	Charlton-Polan	156	3		0		3	
253	Frank Wendtland	187	3		0		3	
346	Groves-Walker	92	2		0		2	
374	Berkley	183	3		0		3	
377	Chief Pontiac	210	3		5		8	

TOTAL

1,528

29

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Past Department Presidents

Ivy Lee Reinhardt - 377

Ellen Jackson - 108

District President

Darlene Jones - 377

Committee Appointments

Kim Lipman - 14

ShyLynn Jones- 377

Miranda Jones- 377

Ariel Eisenhardt - 108

Shannon Wawruck - 63

Officer

Kim Champion - 377

NINETEENTH DISTRICT

UNIT NUMBER	UNIT NAME	UNIT MEMBERSHIP	NUMBER DELEGATES ALLOWED	NUMBER DELEGATES REGISTERED	DELEGATES AT-LARGE ALLOWED	DELEGATES AT-LARGE REGISTERED	TOTAL VOTING STRENGTH	TOTAL DELEGATES PAID
122	Robert Vroman	40	1		0		1	
159	Clayton Murray	175	3		0		3	
198	Lewiston	126	2		0		2	
226	Leslie T Shapton	15	1		0		1	
227	Rebec-Hosler-Sweet	31	1		0		1	
281	Smith-Hoover	194	3		0		3	
317	Forest Preston Jr	26	1		0		1	
463	Gardner-Neihardt	35	1		1		2	

TOTAL

642

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Past Dept Presidents

District President

Carol Renis - 463

Committee Appointments

Officer

TWENTIETH DISTRICT

225	Department	278	0		1		1	
	<u>Past Dept Presidents</u>							
	Priscilla Kelsey - 225							

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TOTAL MEMBERSHIP

DELEGATES ALLOWED

TOTALS

Membership

27,322

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87

DAL Reg

VOT STG

571

Total Del Pd





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