

Department of
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AMERICAN LEGION
AUXILIARY

Serving veterans, their families and their communities

Monthly
Newsletter

July 2015

CALENDAR OF
EVENTS

- State Convention,
Natchez, July 10-12

GREETINGS FROM THE DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT



“Beep Beep” It has been a great year, this Roadrunner has kept the roads hot all year. We had a lot of firsts this year and hope to see some of them continue. The thing that has been very dear to my heart is the unity of the American Legion Family. It has been a pleasure to see the American Legion, Sons of the Legion, the American Legion Riders and the American Legion Auxiliary all work together.

I have so many people to thank for the outstanding year that we have had. I would like to thank my family for all of the support and the rescheduling they had to do so I could join them for family functions and a special thanks to my Husband, Ray for “Driving Mrs. Daisy” and being there for me.

I want to thank all of our officers and a special thanks to my 1st Vice, Anita McAllister. Anita has been my sounding board all year, and I really appreciate her.

I want to thank our Parliamentarian Jeanette Ghetti. I have had to call her on several occasions, and she has always gave me what I needed to make the right decisions.

I want to thank Nancy Sanders for helping me all year with information that I needed.

A big thanks goes out to Kathy Dungan for all of her information and support she has added this year.

I want to thank Angela Kilcrease for her dedicated work and service to help keep this Auxiliary strong.

I want to thank all the Department Program Chairmen for their extra work and all the District Officers for their important part in keeping us strong.

I want to give a special thanks to Diane Belue for all the work she has done on my Support Fund and also the unity she has added to our Districts and our Units.

Thanks goes to Melissa Seward for chairing my Special Project fund this year.

I want to thank Unit 51 and Post 51 for all of their help and support. I want to thank

every Unit and Post that I have visited this year, you have made me welcome and help me feel right at home. It takes everyone of us to make a successful ALA, and I want to thank everyone of you for working with me this year.

I would like to thank State Commander Ronnie Bennett and the entire American Legion for all of their support this year.

Commander Bennett and I have had a good time with our membership challenges all year. I also want to thank Ron Roberts and Ray Thornton for their support from the Sons of the American Legion. I am proud of the American Legion Family.

This new year has a lot of good planning for the Auxiliary to help us all enjoy our year, learn more and especially they are planning on getting us geared up to be even more helpful to our Veterans.

I am excited to be welcome Anita McAllister as our new Department President and want to ask everyone to jump in and help her have a great year and help our Auxiliary grow.

Thanks to every member for allowing me to be your Department President this past year.

We remain “On the Road for our Veterans.”

For God and Country,

Mary Barrett



1ST VICE PRESIDENT-PROGRAMS COORDINATOR



Time has flown by and another year is almost complete. I thank each of you for your support in helping our organization and your faith in me this past year as your Programs Coordinator. I have enjoyed working with each of you and meeting so many of our members. Our Units have worked with our Dept. Program Chairmen. I wish we could have had more Units reporting, but I think we have some of the hardest working, dedicated Auxiliary members in the country, and I am so proud of each of you.

We need to get the Auxiliary off to a good start this year. Elections and installations will be coming up, so encourage all members in your units to work the programs and help be a vital part of our organization. Do not wait for the Plans of Action to be sent out—START NOW. Work with our Juniors as they are the future of our organization. and we need to get them involved. Remember to work on membership—that is what helps keep our Department strong. I went to Girls State this year; WHAT A WONDERFUL EXPERIENCE. Talk about dedication—everyone involved is dedicated!

With all of us working together for our Veterans, Service men and women and their families we can have a great year. Keep Smiling and think POSTIVE.

Anita McAllister, 1st Vice/Programs Coordinator

2ND VICE PRESIDENT-VA&R CHAIRMAN



Ladies of the most humble group of dedicated homeland (ALA) soldiers, soldiers of love, hope, faith, and commitment for or veterans and their

families. I say to you with love, appreciation and gratitude for all you have done are doing. And most of all, what you will do in the coming year, to help our sons, daughters, husbands, brothers, fathers, etc...

Our Veterans will never reach a point where they don't need us; they will as

long as there are soldiers. Thank you for all you did and all your help this past year including all of you wonderful, caring, and heartfelt angels' volunteers.

Keep in mind that as each of us close one chapter in history, hopefully we will open another with a positive and determine attitude, etc our membership will increase, (2) we will have more finances to help our veterans next year, (3) we will have more finances for our veterans families as needed, and (4) most of all we will be able to say "We tried. We did our best for our veterans and families." Nothing wrong with thinking positive, Huh!

As this chapter closes for the year, I extend to each of you many thanks for all you did for our veterans and families. I hope all of you sent in your reports so you could be counted in that number of awards.

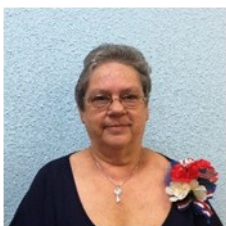
I am looking forward to working with you in the year to come. Always remember, we can do much with a little if we work together in unity.

All about our veterans, not self.

God Bless our Veterans and
God Bless America,

Eva Ford, 2nd Vice

FOR THE RECORD – DEPT. HISTORIAN



Hi Ladies,

The year is just about over. I hope everyone has had a successful year and have lots of good memories. To have a successful organization depends largely upon the skill and competence of its members, so let's "Beep Beep" prepared

to make Mississippi the greatest department in our organization. Let's attend the training and workshops, so tomorrow will be a brighter day for us.

History is a good source for those who are, so let's get our history program in action! We can learn so much from the past, and pass it onto the future generation.

I have enjoyed this year and hope to be of service to the ALA, in the future. Love to all.

Days to remember in July: 4th Independence Day and Annual State Convention!!!!

For God and Country,

Jackie Baughman, Historian



M.E.M.B.E.R.S.H.I.P.

So many members to get renewed for 2015, so little time to do it! Ladies, we finally jumped the 90% hurdle and moved back into the top 5 nationally. Now let's move full steam ahead to 100%...and by State Convention, too.

Trophies for our 100% Units have been ordered, and we will be delighted to hand them out at State Convention. You'll want to make sure that your Unit gets one!!

In order for us to reach our 100% numeric goal by next week, we need every unit, district president and vice president, department officer, and Past Dept. President to man those phones and call our members who haven't renewed. Membership is EVERYBODY'S responsibility. Remember?

Kudos to those units have reached 100% numeric goal to date! Whoo Hoo to You!! Let's have more units join their ranks and get this done, Mississippi! And, we now have TWO DISTRICTS at 100%...congrats District 4 for joining District 6 as a Goal District!

Many, Many Thanks to all of those units who are continuing to turn in membership and working the program. Your efforts are most appreciated, believe me!

For God and Country,

Angela Kilcrease, Chairman



DEPARTMENT SUPPORT FUND



Hello, ladies,

The Jeans & Jewels Gala is on for State Convention this month! Remember, the attire can be gowns with blue jean jackets or a bedazzled jean look. Just mix up country and glamour, and you will have it. Lots of BLING! Also, bring your \$\$\$\$. The Jail-N-Bail will be back by request. We will also have a live jewelry auction during the event. We have received donations from various jewelry designers and companies such as, Designs by Ronaldo, Kendra Scott Jewelry, Florence Scovel, Alex and Ani, and the Silpada Foundation, just to name a few. So, come ready to dance, post bail, and walk away with more bling and style than you arrived with. Come ready to have fun! Don't forget those \$\$\$.

We are asking for donations of cheese, crackers, nuts, etc. to provide snacks for the night. If you can help with this, please let me know.

To all Units that have made donations so far, I say, thank you. You are showing that the units in each District can work together, and that is what this is all about.

For God and Country,

Diane Belue, Chairman

Team Mississippi 2019

\$10,000.00 CASH BASH DRAWING



Yes, that's right, we will start drawing 3 tickets for 10 months. Each month we will give \$200, \$300 and \$500. The winners' names will be put back into the barrel, so this gives you 30 chances to win...now, if you buy more than 1 ticket you will have more chances to win. I'M JUST SAYING.

Please make your checks payable to Kathy Dungan 2019 Candidate Fund and mail to Glenda Wheelis, 35 Oak Tree Dr., Laurel, MS 39443, and we will mail you your ticket. We will have tickets at State Convention, so don't forget your checkbook.

We need every unit and member to support Katy. She will represent the Legion Family and the State of Mississippi as our 2019 National President. Remember you have to have a ticket to win !!!!! We also have \$20 Cookbooks and \$3 Campaign Buttons.

For God and Country,

June Laws
Steering Committee Chairman

PUBLIC RELATIONS



BEEP! BEEP!

Congratulations to all Units! I extend my sincere thanks to all the Units that submitted a report to me on the information regarding this year's Public Relations programs. Many joint efforts have been made to promote our Public Relations efforts throughout the state. I hope that everyone has had an outstanding year with their Unit's activities. The Auxiliary's activities have been advertised and the community knows that we are dedicated to our Veterans. They are our HEROS. The American Legion has good news to share through Public Relations. Public Relations involve the planned promotion of the goods and services of the American Legion Auxiliary. Also, Public Relations (PR) will promote a positive image of our organization. Communication may be utilized in varies ways such as flyers, community calendars, Tee shirts, local newspaper, TV, emails, Facebook, and billboards. Certainly, it is always good to know that the programs of the American Legion Auxiliary are advertised.

Ladies, keep up the good works with sharing and promoting the news about the American Legion Auxiliary. Again, thanks to all of the Units that submitted a Public Relations report. Remember to keep promoting our mission and projects of the Auxiliary through Public Relations!

For God and Country,

Charlotte Williams, Chairman

**ATTENTION: 2015-2016 DEPT. OFFICERS, PROGRAM CHAIRMEN
DISTRICT PRESIDENTS AND VICE PRESIDENTS**

SAVETHE DATE

2015-2015 BOOT CAMP

Friday, August 8-9, 2015

at The University of Southern Mississippi

More details to come after State Convention.



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REACHING
FOR 100%
MEMBERSHIP
AT
STATE
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FROM THE DEPT. SECRETARY

Needless to say, we are busy as bees here at Headquarters preparing for State Convention. There is no inch on this desk or conference table that is not covered with paperwork or award certificates! Also, we are drawing sooooo close to our membership deadline to make 100% before National Convention. Please, please! Work a little harder! Let's do this!



Hope all units remembered to file their tax reports (e-cards) for 2014. Don't forget the two-year rule. After the second year of non-filing, your tax exempt status will be pulled and it costs hundreds of dollars to get this exemption back.

If you have not sent in your Unit Certification of Officers, you need to do it immediately. This is the **ONLY** way we know who to send newsletters, membership information and other pertinent information to during the year.

We have put the National Convention packets together. Included in this newsletter is a form you must fill out and send to Johnny Bracy at the American Legion Headquarters if you plan to go to National Convention. This form was in the Legionnaire, but Johnny says he is not receiving any back. We will have the packets for you who are going to National Convention at State Convention. Please do not forget to ask me for one.

Hope to see you all in Natchez!

Lovin' you all and my country,

Nancy Sanders, Dept. Secretary/Treasurer

CHECK LIST FOR STATE CONVENTION 2015—ARE YOU READY?

- Registration fee of \$13 per person
- Bring First-Time Attendees from your Unit
- Cash for Auctions and Raffles to support our Department
- LOTS AND LOTS AND LOTS OF 2014 AND 2015 MEMBERSHIP TURN-INS!!!
- Three door prizes per unit for meeting drawings
- Unit Senior and Junior Scrapbook for judging
- Unit Prayer Book for judging
- Unit History binder for your history (already submitted to Dept. Historian) to complete entry for judging
- Unit Pressbook for judging
- Anchor Club renewals for 2015 and new dues for 2016
- Past Department Presidents: Bring your Past Presidents Parley 2016 dues! We're having a meeting immediately following the Pre-Con DEC meeting on Thursday evening.
- Did we mention LOTS OF MEMBERSHIP TURN-INS!???