



AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY DEPARTMENT OF IOWA

SERVING VETERANS, THEIR FAMILIES AND THEIR COMMUNITIES

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Membership

Kelly Elliott, Membership Chairman

We are doing a great job getting membership turned in this year. Right now Iowa is first in the nation with 88.44% of our membership turned in. We have a little ways to go to reach our 100% goal for this year. I know we can do this! We need to stay **FIRE D UP** and remember why we joined this great Patriotic Organization. Share your enthusiasm with others. Let them know all the reasons you are a member. All the great things we do for our Veterans, our communities and the Youth programs we have.

Just a reminder we have a Dues Rate increase coming up for the next year. The Membership Dues increase for next year was voted on and passed at Department Convention last July. The senior membership will go up \$3.00 and you will need to send \$17.00 to Department

and Junior Membership went up \$.50 and you will need to send \$3.00 to Department. Part of each of these amounts goes to National. Please remember when you are discussing this at your unit meetings that you take into consideration all your unit obligations per capita. Then you will need to complete the Unit Data form and return to Department office by April 15, 2017. This form is the one you complete with your membership dues for the next year that you are going to collect. That way National knows what to send your renewal notices out for. Otherwise they will continue to send them out for the old rate. This form can be found on the Department website under forms. If you are unable to locate this you can contact the Department office and they can help you locate it.

Membership Standings

District	Goal	Paid	%	Standing
First	2,504	2,299	91.81%	1st
Second	2,878	2,491	86.55%	5th
Third	3,904	3,430	87.86%	4th
Fourth	3,435	3,144	91.53%	2nd
Fifth	1,805	1,500	83.10%	9th
Sixth	2,540	2,157	84.92%	8th
Seventh	2,156	1,871	86.78%	6th
Eighth	2,473	2,259	91.00%	3rd
Ninth	3,394	2,958	87.15%	7th
Ten	100	166	---0----	-0-
Total	25,189	22,278	88.44%	

Unit Obligations

All Units, Counties, and Districts sending in monies for donations, memorials, etc. please note on the check the Unit number or corresponding County or District. Believe it or not there are checks coming in that it is not apparent on the check. To get credit for your Unit properly we need to know this information! Do not staple or tape checks onto any form.

The following are still on our list of not paid obligations as of today. They cannot be a viable Unit if Obligations are not paid and membership not sent in. These obligations were due October 20. Units amounts vary. Questions – call Traci at the Department Office – 515-282-7987. Thank you.

2016-2017 year not paid

District 2, #381 Lost Nation, #209 Monticello; **District 3**, #71 Garwin; **District 4**, #38 New Hampton, #327 Volga; **District 5**; #516 Tingley, #340 Mystic; **District 6**, #505 Bussey, #116 Zearing; **District 7**, #646 Nodaway, #146 Stuart, #314 Persia, #410 Little Sioux, #520 Malvern; **District 8**, #444 Dow City, #315 Britt, #90 Algona, #130 Fort Dodge, #121 Forest City, #235 Lake Mills; **District 9**, #186 Akron, #272 Boyden, #1981 Sioux City

2015-2016 year not paid

District 2, #259 Wyoming; **District 3**, #304 Eagle Grove, #370 Goldfield; **District 7**, #117 Corning, #314 Persia; **District 8**, #90 Algona



Chaplain's Corner

Mary L. Sebben, Department Auxiliary Chaplain
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I hope you all are on fire for our veterans this year as President Sharon's theme asks us to do. Most of all I hope you are on fire for God, thanking him for your blessings as well as asking his wisdom and guidance as you go from day to day doing the work of the American Legion Auxiliary.

I'm especially hopeful that all nine District Chaplains are working hard on their book of prayers and inspirations. I also would enjoy seeing members participate in the contest open to them. Be sure to check the Plan of Action for these contests and the rules. The deadline for all entries is April 30, 2017.

Everyone should have a favorite prayer and/or Bible verse that means a lot to them and that helps carry them through their daily lives. Please forward them to me for President Sharon's Book of Prayers and Inspirations.

The following are some inspirations which I hope you will enjoy and use in your daily journey with God. May your journey with God be a spiritual and blessed one.

Listen without interrupting (Proverbs 18)

Speak without accusing (James 1:19)

Give without sparing (Proverbs 21:26)

Pray without ceasing (Colossians 1:9)

Answer without arguing (Proverbs 17:1)

Share without pretending (Ephesians 4:15)

Enjoy without complaint (Philippians 2:14)

Trust without wavering (Corinthians 13:7)

Forgive without punishing (Colossians 3:13)

Promise without forgetting (Proverbs 13:12)

Junior Camp

Kathy Wilkerson, Camp Director

Who's fired up for Junior Camp? The 2017 Junior Camp will be at the Christian Conference Center, Newton. All Juniors ages 8 -18 are eligible to attend. Camp will start with arrival/check-in Sunday evening, June 4 and will end with the close of Department Junior Convention, Friday, June 9. Any deviations from attending the entire week need to be cleared with the Camp Director by June 1. Registered campers will receive a letter around the middle of May with more specifics including what to pack and what to leave at home. Updates will be communicated via the Iowa American Legion Auxiliary website and/or the Iowa American Legion Auxiliary Junior Camp Facebook page.

The \$125 camp fee does not cover the cost of the week. All monetary contributions to defray the cost of camp and support crafts and other special projects or speakers are ALWAYS welcome and appreciated! Any District, County, Unit or Individual contribution of any amount helps. Please consider making a difference in the life of a Junior Auxiliary member today and send your donation directly to Department Office earmarked Iowa Junior Auxiliary Camp (4403).

Camp registration is now available online. The link may be found in the forms section of the American Legion Auxiliary Department of Iowa website. After registering online please send the \$125 camp fee directly to Department Office along with the completed parental waiver form. Reminder - Camp registration is not complete until the camp fee and parental waiver are received at Department. Don't delay; deadline for camper registration is April 1, 2017. Counselor/staff registration is also available online in the forms section with an April 1 deadline. So get your applications filled out and mark your calendars for a Hearts on Fire fun filled week of Junior Camp June 4 - 9, 2017.

SPRING MEETINGS REMINDER:

It is very important that you attend your Unit, County and District meetings during the year. Many members put a lot of time and effort into these meetings. Please do them them courtesy to attend. This spring is the time to step up and become an active officer on any level. Remember we are here to support our veterans and their families. How can you do that if you don't participate?