



AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY DEPARTMENT OF IOWA

SERVING VETERANS, THEIR FAMILIES AND THEIR COMMUNITIES

Auxiliary Communique - Winter 2015-2016

Membership

Shooting for the Moon . . . Land Among the Stars!

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Fall leaves are blowing around just like our membership numbers! We are so proud of the MANY units that have reached the many incentives and are on their way OR HAVE REACHED 100% and that means \$100! Don't give up now - call each one of those members that haven't paid - or stop by and visit! Remember, we are shooting for the moon NOW, so we will land among the STARS!
The membership team will be handing out LOTS of certificates for

all of your hard work at Mid-Winter in February!
Ninth District is really pushing to make Mary Bryan's hair BLUE! Kim Dixon will look great with RED hair and Dawn Aberle is ready to go white. All three of these awesome women are gearing up for the RED CARPET party in Coralville!
Stop by the membership table at Mid-Winter and we'll have some fun ideas for membership.
It was great to see everyone at District Meetings this fall. The



Community Service

Jan Schaffer
Department Chairman

As a Unit of the American Legion Auxiliary you have access to masses of information on helping our Veterans, our Active Duty Military and the Children of these same individuals. Community Service allows you to involve your community in these efforts and to give your Unit attention through your involvement in your community.
What community service projects have you been working on this year? Are you using the Community Service Hours Worksheet that is available at the www.ialegion.org/ala web page to keep track of the projects, the hours, the dollars, the volunteers? Has your local Auxiliary Unit partnered with non-Auxiliary members of your community for a combined event? Have you gotten your communities citizens involved in your support Veterans programs? Let's hear about them on the Annual Reports due April 30th.

While I have yet to find a listing of all things that qualify as Community Service here are a few: Serving your communities governing offices, as an elected official or appointed representative; working on community projects: church activities ie: teaching Sunday school, singing in the choir, planning activities; preparing welcome baskets for new members of your community; gift baskets for holidays; taking part in community support committees; remembering families of deployed and active duty military; scooping the sidewalk of an elderly citizen; serving and working at funerals both community members and veterans. Yes, Veterans funeral workers and food donations are community service. Things you can do are: organize a community safety fair; inform you community of the help available in a disaster; inform you community of the services provided through your Fire Department, the Red Cross, and any other organization that helps the citizens in your community. Support and assist with Meals on Wheels, *Get Out the Vote*, Travel to Doctor appointments. The list can go on and on. When possible publicize your activity, let your community know what you do for them.

Just remember to wear your Auxiliary shirt or pin, write all this down so that our organization gets the credit and report it all on your Annual Report. If you have a special project or just do great work throughout the year. Send me a narrative report, pictures, newspaper articles. Let the rest of the country know what you are doing.

Americanism/Music

Alma Meyer, Department Chairman

Dear Junior Miss/Mrs/Miss Americanism Stars, Every member is invited to submit photos by mail, include identification information and include a paragraph about the Americanism activity done in the photo the past six months so it can be included in the 2016 midyear conference reports and other Americanism photo entries are needed by April 30; no limit of entries. The patriotic photos will not be returned but will be on display at the midwinter programs fair. Americanism photos could be as simple as the member flying the flag, leading the pledge, singing President Tammy's patriotic songs "Your A Grand Old Flag" or "This Is My Country", being a flag bearer, you and your red-white-blue centerpieces or clothing, presenting girl state delegates to speak locally, working on the Junior ALA Americanism patch

requirements or Americanism national essay*, participating in co-hosting oratorical contest, to participating in the National Anthem Singing Challenge, election involvement or donating the newly released Legion's "Indivisible" Story of Our Flag bookazine, to schools, youth groups, libraries, and VA waiting rooms. As Iowa culminates the "year of the veteran" you could include such activities as pocket flag folding for the deployed military, writing and welcoming home veterans on honor flights, donating flags, supporting & maintaining your county's freedom rock, quilts of valor, assisting veterans in community schools, float and parade participation, partnering with the Legion Family Americanism project opportunities and teaming-up with the Iowa High School Student Council 2015-2016 service projects, and any other Americanism-type of activity as

membership team needs to know when your spring District Conferences are. We are sure many of you will need those forms to fill out for all the great incentives we've set up for individuals from Department AND National!
May each of you have a blessed holiday season. See you in the New Year if not before!
KEEP CALM AND KEEP SIGNING UP NEW MEMBERS!
Department Total: 63.50%

we "Honor Our Veterans ~ Past, Present and Future".
(*The National Americanism Essay contest theme and rules for students, grades 3-12 & special needs students, can be found in the 2015-2016 ALA Plan of Action or online. Local winning essays require the teacher's signature and ALA cover sheet found, page 53 and 55, online www.ALAforVeterans.org and submitted to me by April 1, 2016, note the early deadline.) Send winning essays in each grade category, annual reports, and photo entries by mailing to: Americanism Chairman, Alma Meyer, P.O. Box 377, Calmar, Iowa 52132-0377. Questions? call 563-380-5607 or ampmeyer@gmail.com

District Membership Standings

District	Percentage	Standing
First District	65.39%	Fourth Place
Second District	61.04%	Ninth Place
Third District	63.27%	Fifth Place
Fourth District	62.92%	Seventh Place
Fifth District	62.81%	Eighth Place
Sixth District	66.78%	Third Place
Seventh District	62.97%	Sixth Place
Eighth District	70.52%	Second Place
Ninth District	75.59%	First Place

2015 - 2016 Obligations

The following Units have NOT paid their obligations. If you want to send a girl to Girls State or Junior Camp they MUST be paid NOW!!!!!! Questions??? - call the office on Monday or Tuesday and ask for Traci. (515-282-7987) Also please consider unpaid obligations could mean the Unit will have to disband.

- 1st District - 309 Mechanicsville, 489 Oakville, 181 Birmingham
- 2nd District - 259 Wyoming, 297 Centerpoint
- 3rd District - 285 Parkersburg, 242 Reinbeck, 304 Eagle Grove, 370 Goldfield, 523 Dows
- 4th District - 375 Clermont, 597 Elma
- 5th District - 340 Mystic, 361 Moravia, 78 Bloomfield, 485 Delta, 541 Ellston
- 6th District - 505 Bussey, 116 Zearing, 260 Slater, 661 Liberty Center
- 7th District - 117 Corning, 646 Nodaway, 43 Atlantic, 210 Anita, 314 Persia, 337 Missouri Valley, 695 Modale, 575 Emerson, 556 Carson
- 8th District - 105 Rockwell City, 383 Kiron, 444 Dow City, 315 Britt, 90 Algona
- 9th District - 115 Storm Lake, 367 Linn Grove, 103 Rock Rapids, 288 Hartley, 186 Akron, 272 Boyden, 64 Sioux City

25th Annual Past District Presidents' Luncheon

Linda Sue Mullen, President

This is the 25th Anniversary of the Past President's luncheon. This is where our "Past, Present and Future Presidents" have been "Keeping the Promise" for our Veterans. There are so many memories that we need to share with each other. Come join the fellowship!

- Who:** To all District Presidents (including 2015-2016 District Presidents)
- When:** Saturday, February 13, 2016
- Where:** Mid-Winter Luncheon, 11:30 a.m., Iowa Rooms D & E
- Why:** Business meeting to elect officers and a memorial service
- Guest:** Department of Iowa President Tammy Wright
- Menu:** Lasagna, vegetable, salad, dessert, roll and beverage
- Cost:** \$25.00 to Joyce Elliott, Treasurer - 580 18th Street Place - Nevada, IA 50201
- Deadline:** February 5, 2016 - No exceptions