



AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY DEPARTMENT OF IOWA

SERVING VETERANS, THEIR FAMILIES AND THEIR COMMUNITIES

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Auxiliary President Tammy

"Honoring our Veterans – Past, Present and Future"



Tammy Wright
2015 - 2016



Hello American Legion Auxiliary Stars! Spring has sprung and I can't believe this is my last article to you as your Department President. Time sure has flown and the next few busy months will be no exception. Since I last updated you, I have been to Washington, D. C., wow, what a great experience as always! I truly hope you all get to experience the Washington Conference someday. So much

history and it's so good to see where it all happens! I was able to attend 1st, 3rd, 4th, 6th Junior District Conferences as well as 3rd, 6th, 7th, 8th and 9th Senior District Conferences. All were conducted so well, both Junior and Senior. We have so much to learn from each other! American Legion Birthday celebrations were attended in Bellevue, Oskaloosa, Newhall, Osage, Traer and Blue Grass. All of these events were well attended and our Presidents did such a wonderful job. I would love to tell you details, however, I just don't have enough space. I appreciate all of the hospitality that has been shown to me and my traveling companions.

National President Sharon Conatser was with us April 11-14 and I deeply appreciate all of you welcoming her and making her time in Iowa memorable. She is a very special lady with unending energy. While she was here she was able to visit all of our veteran's facilities and show appreciation and give thanks to our Auxiliary hospital representatives. We so value what these ladies do.

There have been a few other things that I have been able to attend while representing our Iowa American Legion Auxiliary as well, but I must say a highlight so far has been addressing the Military Mom's banquet at Prairie Meadows. I thank Kathy Nees for making the opportunity and true honor possible. The opportunity to reach out to approximately 300 women who live what we, the American Legion Auxiliary, do was amazing, not to mention very difficult and emotional. Showing our appreciation for their service and sacrifice, well, it truly leaves me speechless.

Memorial Day is nearly upon us and as I reflect on the year and look forward to Junior Auxiliary Camp and American Legion Auxiliary Girls State, as well as Department Convention, (where I hope to see ALL of you!!!) I can't help but be overwhelmed with pride and gratefulness.

A big thank you to all who have supported the 2015-2016 theme and projects this year, the Auxiliary Emergency Fund and the Iowa American Legion Foundation. We need to keep working on good communication within our organization and our Legion Family, sharing knowledge all while enjoying each other and a little fun too. We have inherited a wonderful legacy, it's up to us to carry it forward.

I truly thank each and every one of you for all of your good deeds, your support, love and friendship. What a wonderful group of dedicated people, our American Legion Family! I realize that sometimes there are struggles that leave us questioning why we do what we do, however, the answer is very clear to me . . . Because we matter, what we do matters! We make so much of a difference in the lives of our veterans, our youth and our communities! This country would not be near as great as it is and our veterans would not get near what they receive now if it weren't for the American Legion, American Legion Auxiliary (Junior and Senior), Sons of the American Legion and our Legion Riders! Thank you all from the bottom of my heart as you continue "Honoring our Veterans – Past, Present and Future!"

CALL TO IOWA AMERICAN LEGION JUNIOR AUXILIARY CAMP

JUNE 5-19, 2016 -

CHRISTIAN CONFERENCE CENTER - NEWTON
(REGISTERED CAMPERS HAVE BEEN
NOTIFIED OF DETAILS)

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY

Department of Iowa - 720 Lyon Street - Des Moines, IA 50309

CALL TO THE 96TH ANNUAL DEPARTMENT CONVENTION

The 96th Annual Department Convention of the American Legion Auxiliary, Department of Iowa will be held Friday, Saturday and Sunday, July 15, 16, and 17, 2016 at the (location and motel Coralville Marriott Hotel, 300 E 9th Street, Coralville, Iowa 52241. Phone – 39-688-4000. All Auxiliary Pre-Convention Meetings, General Sessions and Joint Meetings with The American Legion will be held at the Hotel Convention Center.

PURPOSE:

The convention is called for the purpose of electing officers for the ensuing year, amending the Department Constitution, Bylaws, and Standing Rules, receiving reports from Department Officers and Committees, electing delegates and alternates to attend National Convention, reports from National Committee people, and the transaction of such other business as may be brought before it.

REGISTRATION:

Registration will be Friday, July 15, from Noon to 7:00 p.m. and Saturday, July 16, from 8:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. Registration fee is \$10.00 for Delegates, Alternates and Guests. There is no registration fee for Junior Auxiliary members, but they MUST register. Everyone is required to register at the Convention. Registration fees ARE NOT accepted at the Department Office. You must register at the Auxiliary Registration Table at the Convention Center.

REPRESENTATION:

Refer to page 5 of the 2015-2016 Department Blue Book, Article VIII of the Department Constitution, Sections 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6:

Section 2. Each Unit shall be entitled to elect one (1) delegate and one (1) alternate, and one (1) additional delegate and one (1) additional alternate for each fifty (50) members or major fraction thereof, provided their current dues have been received by the Department Executive Director by MAY 15th of the current year. No alternate shall be entitled to a vote unless seated as a delegate.

Section 3. Members of the Department Executive Committee, all Past Department Presidents, District Presidents-elect, and incoming County Presidents, and all of whom are in good standing in their local Units, shall be delegates to the Department Convention.

Section 4. Election of officers shall be held according to the Department Standing Rules. No member shall have more than one vote.

Section 5: The Legislative Body of this Department shall be the delegates to the Department Convention to be held each year not less than two (2) weeks prior to the National Convention.

Section 6. A quorum of the Department Convention shall consist of fifty percent (50%) of the duly registered delegates of the Units of the Department.

DELEGATE AND ALTERNATE CREDENTIALS:

A form to list Delegates and Alternates is included in the packet (sent to the Unit President of each Unit by May 31, 2016). This form, listing the Delegates and Alternates, must be in the Department Office by July 1, 2016. If you are not sending any Delegates or Alternates, please send the form in and indicate there will not be any Delegates or Alternates from your Unit. Delegate/Alternate ribbons will be issued at the Department Convention Registration table. **A member's name must be on the list provided by her Unit to be a Unit Delegate or Alternate.** If a member of your Unit fits into one of the following categories, please list name and title on the Delegate/Alternate form. They will receive their Delegate ribbon at Department Convention. We need this information for delegate strength.

Past Department Presidents

2015-2016 Department Executive Committee Member (2015-2016 Department Officers, 2015-2016 District Presidents, 2015-2016 Parliamentarian) District President-Elect (for 2016-2017) County President-Elect (for 2016-2017)

NOMINATIONS, CAUCUSES AND ELECTIONS:

Nominations for Department Offices will be on Friday afternoon, July 15, 2016. If there is only one nominee for an office, voting shall be by acclamation at the Friday afternoon session. If there is more than one nominee for an office, the voting shall be by ballot at the District Caucuses. Caucuses are scheduled for Saturday, July 16, 2016.

NATIONAL GUEST: Iowa does not have a National Guest scheduled.

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE: Changes in the convention schedule will be updated in the convention program or announced from the podium. A tentative schedule will be on our web site – www.iowaala.org - no later than July 1, 2016.

QUESTIONS: Call the Department Office at 515-282-7987, fax the Department Office at 515-282-7583 or e-mail Marlene at alasetreas@ialegion.org. **See you at Convention.**

CALL TO IOWA DEPARTMENT AMERICAN LEGION JUNIOR AUXILIARY CONVENTION

June 10, 2016 - Christian Conference Center, Newton, IA

Registration, 9:00 a.m. – Call to Order 9:30 a.m. - Adjournment – 12:15 p.m.

All in attendance must depart the Christian Conference Center by 1:00 p.m.

NO LUNCH WILL BE SERVED

Junior Campers must check out with camp staff
before departing camp grounds