



AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY

DEPARTMENT OF IOWA

SERVING VETERANS, THEIR FAMILIES AND THEIR COMMUNITIES

Auxiliary Communique - Winter 2012/2013

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Notes from Membership Clerk

JEANNIE MCKEEVER - alamembership@ialegion.org

We are still receiving membership dues without the **proper roster and transmittals**. The process is slowed down when we have to print and/or copy the correct information. We **must** have this for our auditor and IRS requirements. **Make sure the number of memberships sent in is correct and your check matches the correct amount. Only membership is included on the check.** Questions – call **515-282-7987** and ask for Jeannie.

Auxiliary Emergency Fund

Lois Slaba, Department AEF Chairman

The Auxiliary Emergency Fund – 43 years of “Women Helping Women” in times of need. The purpose of the AEF (Auxiliary Emergency Fund) is to provide:

- Temporary Assistance to eligible members during a time of financial crisis when no other source of aid is easily available to pay for food, shelter and utilities.
- Temporary Assistance for food and shelter to eligible members related to weather and natural disaster emergencies.
- Temporary Assistance for educational training for eligible members who due to life changes become the sole means of support for their family. Members may request this type of funding to gain the necessary skills and training to re-enter or for the first time enter the work force. Another reason is they may need to upgrade competitive workforce skills.
- Members who have been members of the American Legion Auxiliary for at least the immediate past two years and whose current dues are paid at the time of the emergency occurs are eligible to apply for assistance.
- Applications may be obtained from online, your District President, the Department office or from me.
- Since this is all funded by DONATIONS FROM MEMBERS TO HAVE THE NECESSARY FUNDS TO CARRY OUT THIS PROGRAM, WE NEED YOU TO START MAKING DONATIONS.
- Send all donations to the Department Office earmarked AEF with your name, Unit # and District #. Thank you all in advance, I know we are going to have a very successful year for the AEF.

GOLD CLUB

During the 2013 Mid-Winter Conference the Finance Committee will be making an announcement on the expenditure of \$500.00 from the Gold Club Fund. This announcement is made during the Platform Remarks each year. We are requesting that you, The American Legion Auxiliary Members, give us suggestions on how to spend the \$500.00. Please contact us by email so a list can be compiled and used at the Finance Meeting held at the Mid-Winter Conference. Thank you.

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Fran Kirk – fkirk42@mchsi.com

Linda Sue Mullen – lindasue39@mchsi.com

Vets Affairs & Rehab

Sharon Anderson, Department Chairman

While I was at National Convention I was browsing through the vendors and I found a booth regarding Homeless Veteran's. I picked up some cards to distribute. If we want to get our Homeless Veteran's off the street we are to call: 1-877-424-3838. (1-877-4AID VET). This is a toll free 24/7 access to trained counselors for local resources and assistance. This is the VA's National Call Center for Homeless Veterans. Their email address is WWW.VA.GOV/HOMELESS. This card is put out thru the VA Home Front. So let's do everything in our power to help our Homeless Veteran's.

I also stopped by a booth for the JOSH Dog. They have a new JOSH DOG it is “G. I. JOSH.” This dog, book and tape was available in October. This project reinforces our commitment to all who serve this great nation and recognizes our on going support of military families. You can contact them at: (865)675-6064, website www.JoshAndFriends.com, Email info@JoshANDfriends.com, mailing address, Josh and Friends/ 10242 Kingston Pike/Knoxville, TN. 37922. Cost of one dog is \$26.00 plus shipping and handling. 2 dogs \$52.00 plus shipping and handling. 4 dogs \$104.00 plus shipping and handling. 10 dogs \$260.00 plus shipping and handling. This would be a great project to get involved in.

The American Legion Auxiliary at this time has withdrawn its support for the project Ride 2Recovery. I will let you know when or if we again support this project..

We have begun our VA Hospital and Marshalltown Veteran's home tours. Jackie Tyne and I will put together a report after all visits are over.

Adopt a veteran, visit a veteran. Just make our veterans feel extra special and let them know just how much we appreciate their service.

Juniors of Iowa

Mikayla Houseman, Department Junior President

Hello to the American Legion Family! This is has been a great but busy year so far. Starting it off was the reception in Ames, which turned out great! I'd like to give a big thank you to everyone who joined us. Getting to visit with everyone was nice. Congratulations to Department President Mary Littrell, Commander Lyle Schaffer, and Detachment Commander Mike Blanchard. I'd like to thank each of you for including me in your activities.

I'm very thankful I was invited to the District Fall Conferences. I'm sorry if I wasn't able to attend your District Fall Conference. Those I did attend, however, it was great to see everyone and observe the hard work in each District. I'd also like to thank everyone who has donated pop tabs and cell phones for my projects. I really appreciate it.

Always keep veterans in your thoughts. This time of year gives us many chances to get out there and interact with veterans. Not only show them that we care but also be there for them. **Make them shine.** And don't forget membership. Get those membership forms filled out! You can do anything if you set your mind to it. **“Saluting our Flag/Saluting our Veterans.”**

Have a wonderful Holiday Season!

Upcoming Event:

**Legislative Day,
January 23, 2013, Des
Moines, IA**

Iowa Girls State

Wendy Riggle, Director

Unit Girls State Registrations were due December 1, 2012. Call the Department Office if you didn't get yours in on time (515-282-7987).

Iowa Legionnaire Deadline

Deadline for the March,-April-May Iowa Legionnaire and ALA Communiqué issue is **February 15, 2013, 9:00 a.m.** Please remember this when planning news articles. And also check out the web site – www.ialegion.org/ala - on a regular basis for updates and more news.

Unit and County Officer Forms - Where are they?

Obligations - Where are they? They were due October 20, 2012

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MID-WINTER

Write on your 2013 Calendar that the Mid-Winter Conference has a weekend change. The 2013 Mid-Winter Conference will be held February 1, 2, and 3, 2013. Make your reservations now!

Des Moines Airport
Holiday Inn, 6111 Fleur
Drive,
Des Moines, IA 50321-
9906.

Reservations – 800-248-
4013 or 515-287-2400.

Congratulations to National Award Winners

National President's “Service Not Self” Certificate of Admiration – **Moville Unit #303 – 9th Dist.**
Americanism Essay Award Class II – **Carter Bremer – Nevada Unit #48 – 6th District**
Junior Public Relations Award – **Raegan Judge, Keystone #107 – 3rd District**
Field Service Volunteer Award – **Mikayla Houseman (JUNIOR) – Lorimor Unit #96 – 5th Dist.**
Letter of Congratulations: **Department Historian Lois Slaba for her History Project**

Certificate of Participation “Give 10 to Education”

Muscatine #27 – 1st District; Ames #37 – 6th District; Nevada #48 – 6th District; Humboldt #119 – 8th District
Gladbrook#127 – 3rd District; Onawa #129 – 9th District; Bedford #164 – 7th District; Keystone #107 – 3rd District
Cherokee #230 - #9 District; Maxwell #249 – 6th District; Lenox #250 – 7th District; Osage #278 – 4th District
Moville #303 – 9th District; Lake Park #371 – 9th District; Solon #460 – 1st District; Cleghorn #486 – 9th District
Quimby #398 – 9th District; Ringstead #582 – 8th District; Varina #588 – 8th District; Conrad #681 – 3rd District