



**January 2017 Bulletin
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I hope everyone had a Safe and Blessed Holiday Season with family and friends. In December I attended the District Meeting at Princeton and also enjoyed a delicious meal and auction prior to the meeting.

Now we need to get down to business and really work hard on our membership. We are currently down a little over 500 members since this same time last year. Ladies, we need to ask everyone we see to get new members or even get renewals. Check with the Legion to see if they have any new members who have a spouse and/or children who can join the Legion family. WE CAN DO THIS!!!!

We have Winter Conference coming up January 27th and 28th so I am looking forward to hearing some great reports on what your Unit is doing to support the Auxiliary programs.

Also, information on the Awareness Assembly in February was included in Patty's December Bulletin. Please let her know if you will be attending so she can plan the schedule of meetings with Senators and Representatives.

Remember, there is no "I" in team. We all need to work together and strive to meet our goals. If you need help with anything, please let me know.

God Bless America and our Troops wherever they may be.

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Headquarters
January 2017

Happy New Year!

The Winter Conference is right around the corner. You should have made your reservations by now.

The VA & R assessments were due by December 31, 2016. If it slipped your mind, you can still send them in. (\$30 + \$0.15 per senior member + \$0.25 per past unit president on your roster)

The Operating Assessments are due by March 31, 2017.
(\$25 + \$0.25 per senior member)

New member applications - when sending new applications in, please, please make sure that all is complete.

Donations – when you send your donations in to the Department, please send separate checks. Not all donations are deposited in the same account.

National will be sending out the second renewal notice around the 2nd week of January. If you have members that have paid their dues and you are holding them, then they will receive a renewal notice. Please do not hold dues.

Hope to see you at Winter Conference.

Jennifer



Chaplain's Bulletin January 2017

Happy New Year everyone. I hope that you all enjoyed the holiday season. My prayer was for each of you to have a season filled with Peace, Love and Happiness and that you spread some of your joy to those who often struggle during the season. Thank you to those who sent reports in to the Chaplain program. No report was required, only requested that I might be able to share what we do with the other Chaplains across the nation.

My request to each unit is to please send the names of any deceased members to both Department Secretary Jennifer and myself. This way we can compare and ensure we do not leave anyone out for the Memorial Service to be held at Department Convention. Your members should start with those you lost after sending in your names prior to last convention. This will enable me to have them in print in the memorial book, ensure we have the names with the correct unit and if necessary, get the correct pronunciation of names. We want to ensure we honor all our members who have answered the ultimate calling.

“For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.” **Ephesians 2:10**

Chaplain
Bonita Robey



MEMBERSHIP JANUARY BULLETIN



"Enhancing the Membership Experience" - National Theme
"Kentucky Racing Towards Number One in Membership" - Dept Theme

Happy New Year! Membership is rolling along but not as fast as we would like to see. Now that the holidays are over, let's accelerate our membership. By the way, we have a very passionate membership chairman working Legion membership, John Costigan, and he is overly excited to work with the ALA and the Legion family to drive our membership upward. Let's not let him down and make sure when we talk about the ALA we include the many opportunities for membership in the Sons of the Legion and the American Legion Riders. There is one District whose percentage hasn't changed from last month, check with your Units to see if they are holding membership.

As of this bulletin, January 2nd, 2017, Department is at **60.8%** of goal and the District Rankings are:

District 8	78.7%	District 2	66.0%	District 5	46.8%
District 3	67.0%	District 6	65.1%	District 9	40.4%
District 4	66.7%	District 11	55.1%	District 10	39.5%
District 1	66.4%	District 7	54.3%		

VA&R ASSESSMENTS WERE DUE BY DECEMBER 31, 2016. \$30 per Unit, .15 per unit member and .25 per Past Dept. President -- no awards will be given at Winter Conference if the Assessments are not paid.

The winner of the 12/31/2016 drawing for \$50 for renewing by 12/31/2016 is: **Tamara Vanderpool** of Unit 67 in District 7.

For members that have not paid by 12/31/2016, they are delinquent and cannot vote on any issues until their dues are brought up to date. I will be emailing or mailing a roster of unpaid members to the District Presidents so they can pass the information on to the Units. Units please take the time to call your members that have not paid and invite them to a meeting and to renew their membership!

JANUARY AWARD PRESENTED AT WINTER CONFERENCE:

Brick Yard 400 Award: Units that reach 75% of their annual target goal by **December 31, 2016** will receive a special prize and a certificate. (given at Winter conference)

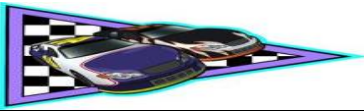
-- There are many units receiving awards, however, some haven't sent in their VA&R assessments, that means no AWARDS until these are paid. These were due 12/31/2016. If you have paid your assessments, thank you, if not, why not? Is there an issue? If so, call Jennifer Mullins to get these paid.

DO NOT HOLD YOUR MEMBERSHIP!!!!

For God and Country, Service Not Self

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KENTUCKY - RACING TOWARDS #1 IN MEMBERSHIP 12/31/2016



DISTRICT 1							DISTRICT 4							DISTRICT 7							DISTRICT 10						
Unit	Ren Goal	Ren Pd	Ren%	Tot Goal	Tot Pd	Tot %	Unit	Ren Goal	Ren Pd	Ren%	Tot Goal	Tot Pd	Tot %	Unit	Ren Goal	Ren Pd	Ren%	Tot Goal	Tot Pd	Tot %	Unit	Ren Goal	Ren Pd	Ren%	Tot Goal	Tot Pd	Tot %
26	33	28	85.1	35	29	83.7	42	21	12	57.3	22	12	54.4	7	141	94	66.8	148	96	64.8	66	10	12	120.3	11	16	152.4
31	112	44	39.4	118	45	38.3	49	22	20	91.1	23	20	86.6	8	116	19	16.4	122	20	16.4	152	21	0	0.0	22	0	0.0
68	36	23	64.0	38	24	63.5	81	412	315	76.5	434	325	74.9	24	44	27	61.5	46	37	80.1	283	10	1	10.0	11	1	9.5
72	24	13	54.3	25	13	51.6	82	73	46	63.2	77	47	61.3	30	12	0	0.0	13	0	0.0	Tot	41	13	31.8	43	17	39.5
74	11	6	54.7	12	8	69.3	87	23	0	0.0	24	0	0.0	67	91	53	58.4	96	60	62.8	DISTRICT 11						
85	17	12	70.8	18	14	78.4	101	14	0	0.0	15	0	0.0	79	76	25	33.0	80	27	33.8	Unit	Ren Goal	Ren Pd	Ren%	Tot Goal	Tot Pd	Tot %
116	51	29	57.0	54	30	56.0	113	457	298	65.2	481	328	68.2	132	32	22	68.9	34	23	68.5	16	28	7	25.1	29	10	34.0
144	13	10	77.1	14	10	73.3	121	63	48	76.4	66	49	74.1	165	45	34	75.7	47	36	76.2	38	93	63	67.9	98	66	67.6
217	95	87	91.8	100	95	95.2	124	84	56	66.8	88	56	63.5	176	12	11	91.9	13	11	87.3	88	102	51	50.1	107	58	54.2
236	57	44	77.4	60	45	75.2	148	65	28	43.2	68	37	54.2	257	45	25	55.7	47	25	52.9	115	83	35	42.3	87	43	49.3
Tot	448	296	66.1	471	313	66.4	157	134	82	61.3	141	84	59.7	313	77	45	58.6	81	46	56.9	Tot	305	156	51.1	321	177	55.1
DISTRICT 2							167	39	17	43.7	41	17	41.5	341	53	35	66.2	56	43	77.3	HEADQUARTERS						
Unit	Ren Goal	Ren Pd	Ren%	Tot Goal	Tot Pd	Tot %	247	11	7	63.8	12	7	60.6	Tot	742	390	52.6	781	424	54.3	Unit	Ren Goal	Ren Pd	Ren%	Tot Goal	Tot Pd	Tot %
2	19	13	68.6	20	13	65.2	288	36	36	100.3	38	38	100.5	DISTRICT 8							200	25	63	252.0	27	64	237.0
6	124	89	72.0	130	93	71.4	Tot	1452	965	66.4	1529	1020	66.7	Unit	Ren Goal	Ren Pd	Ren%	Tot Goal	Tot Pd	Tot %	DEPARTMENT OF KENTUCKY						
9	116	55	47.5	122	59	48.4	DISTRICT 5							12	2	1	50.1	2	1	47.6	Unit	Ren Goal	Ren Pd	Ren%	Tot Goal	Tot Pd	Tot %
40	55	38	69.3	58	38	65.8	Unit	Ren Goal	Ren Pd	Ren%	Tot Goal	Tot Pd	Tot %	34	208	163	78.2	219	167	76.1	5821	3512	60.3	6128	3724	60.8	
233	119	91	76.7	125	94	75.2	45	28	0	0.0	29	0	0.0	46	11	15	136.7	12	19	164.5							
243	24	15	62.7	25	16	63.5	180	142	70	49.4	149	71	47.6	301	20	13	65.2	21	13	61.9							
289	10	8	80.0	10	12	120.0	193	178	94	52.9	187	103	55.1	Tot	241	192	79.5	254	200	78.7							
310	20	11	55.1	21	12	57.1	201	149	91	61.2	156	91	58.2	DISTRICT 9													
Tot	486	320	65.9	511	337	66.0	220	64	0	0.0	67	0	0.0	Unit	Ren Goal	Ren Pd	Ren%	Tot Goal	Tot Pd	Tot %							
DISTRICT 3							229	64	34	53.3	67	40	59.5	17	16	13	81.5	17	13	77.4							
Unit	Ren Goal	Ren Pd	Ren%	Tot Goal	Tot Pd	Tot %	244	72	47	65.4	76	48	63.5	22	48	5	10.4	50	5	9.9							
23	71	54	76.2	75	57	76.5	278	21	0	0.0	22	0	0.0	43	33	24	72.9	35	29	83.7							
29	59	38	64.6	62	39	63.0	Tot	716	336	46.9	754	353	46.8	76	141	8	5.7	148	8	5.4							
61	38	18	47.5	40	19	47.6	DISTRICT 6							126	38	27	71.2	40	30	75.2							
62	105	84	80.2	110	86	78.0	Unit	Ren Goal	Ren Pd	Ren%	Tot Goal	Tot Pd	Tot %	138	59	46	78.2	62	48	77.5							
202	33	21	63.8	35	23	66.4	4	73	30	41.2	77	30	39.1	276	16	2	12.5	17	2	11.9							
258	14	1	7.2	15	1	6.8	11	64	36	56.4	67	36	53.6	325	75	39	52.1	79	42	53.3							
Tot	319	216	67.7	336	225	67.0	20	65	50	77.1	68	52	76.2	342	46	22	47.9	48	23	47.6							
							41	74	27	36.6	78	31	39.9	Tot	471	186	39.5	496	200	40.4							
							109	9	0	0.0	9	0	0.0														
							203	243	205	84.2	256	208	81.2														
							219	34	31	91.4	36	37	103.6														
							275	13	0	0.0	14	0	0.0														
							Tot	575	379	66.0	605	394	65.1														

VA&R Assessments Paid indicated gray
 Less than 10% Units in yellow
 Red - not enough for officers turned in last year or unit disbanding



Winter Bulletin
January 3, 2017

Hello Girls State Chairmen,

The time is getting closer have you check with your schools put in the information about the ALA Kentucky Girls State in the hands of your counselors, JR- ROTC, bulletin boards in the schools or at your post wherever you have Junior student that will be coming Senior this coming year.

We are very disappointed that we only received 2 mid-year reports about what they are doing to recruit junior participate in our ALA Kentucky Girls State program this year. We have the updated form online for you to either print off or you can have the student fill it in and print it off for your unit chairman or president to sign off on.

We are looking forward on having another great experiences with these very exciting group of young ladies that will let us know how they see our future in political seen.

So we have faith in you that you will do your part and see that your unit will be sponsoring girls to our ALA Kentucky Girls State program in June. Our dates are again June 4-9th at the University of the Cumberlands.

If you are interested in help with the program please go to the Kentucky Girls State and submit your application we will be reviewing them at Winter Conference and deciding who will be attending as staff and JC's then and bring those names for the Executive Board approval. If you have any questions or concerns please contact Virginia or myself anytime we are here to help you in anyway.

See you at WINTER CONFERENCE. ☺

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Hello everyone!

I have been slowly recuperating from my surgery and I am slowly on the mends. Mid-year reports were due to National by January 5th and with ten units reporting we reported 886 volunteer hours, a total of 77 volunteers and we spent \$17,095.60 toward our children and youth! I know everyone is working really hard doing many different projects and it showed. I know there was more going on in our Department but I haven't heard anything about them. Make sure to send me information on projects and pictures if you have them. You can email, text or call with your reports. If it is helpful, send the information after completing the projects in case you forget everything you have been doing.

The Dignity Bag program seems to be going well. We have sent 75 bags so far and have had \$300 donated to spend on them. If each unit fills 5 Dignity Bags for the Child Protective Services (CPS) office in their town we can reach the 500 bag goal for the department! Please contact me if have any questions about the program. If you would like program information so that it can be shared, let me know.

Winter Conference is just around the corner! I would love for each of you to continue the school clothing program by bringing 1 article of clothing with you. Stores are starting to mark down clothes so now would be the perfect time to take a look at what you can get. I would also love for each of you to bring ONE of the following items that will be placed in the Dignity Bags:

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| 1 package of any size diapers | Package of wipes | diaper rash cream |
| Package of socks | 3 pk Package of underwear | Toothbrush/paste |
| Travel Deodorant (both Genders) | Travel Bodywash | Travel shampoo/conditioner |
| 1 baby wash/shampoo | 1 package of pacifiers | Comb/Brush |
| 1 Bottle or Sippy Cup | 1-32 oz liquid formula OR | 1-12.5 oz generic powder formula |

Don't forget to bring lots of money to the conference so that you can purchase chances on our really cool raffle items! Just to let everyone know, we will not have our bake sale this conference.

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Community Service

The seven Units that submitted a Mid-Year report have been very busy supporting their Communities.

691 members have spent 6,030 hours helping others and the Units have contributed \$16,266 to a variety of projects and activities. They support youth events and sports, Community Centers, Retirement/Nursing Homes and Senior Centers. The Units sponsor and participate in Run/Walks for a variety of causes. Units 31 and 74 worked jointly to provide shoes for Haiti. 1,287 pairs were collected and shipped to help those in need.

Our ladies volunteer at shelters for animals and humans, libraries, art museums, Hospice, CASA and hospitals. Meals are provided for First Responders, homeless and homebound members of their communities. We contribute refreshments at community events and provide Auxiliary information while doing so. Transportation is given for Doctor appointments, shopping and other needs.

We have 85 Units in the Department of Kentucky. I can only imagine what our numbers would be if more than 8% reported. Hopefully I will have more participation at Year's end.

Respectfully submitted,

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January Poppy Bulletin

Happy New Year!

I received some wonderful poppy reports and all I can say is: "Keep up the great work". Sharing our story of the poppy is essential to our ALA Centennial Strategic plan: Using the image and story of the Flanders Field poppy to educate people about the sacrifices of our military service members helps us raise awareness of The Legion Family and link us to our mission in the eyes of the public. (Goal 5) per the National Poppy Action Plan.

Here are some activities you can do to promote the poppy program.

As a Member

- Contact local businesses for permission to distribute poppies on their premises. Make sure you have permission for liability purposes; in some instances, permits are required.
- Send a thank you to businesses that allow distribution. Consider using the Poppy Poster thank you cards, available through Emblem Sales, for your communication.
- Help local schools organize poppy drives. Make the drive competitive. Give a citation to the class raising the most money during their poppy drive.
- Wear a poppy to promote conversation and interest.

As a Unit

- Educate your community about how funds collected help veterans.
- Contact local legislative offices to announce poppy distribution days, and request proclamations declaring Poppy Days in your community.
- Deliver poppies to local media outlets (television, newspaper and radio) along with facts about where and when poppies will be distributed in your community. Even if they are not visible "on air," these people tend to be influencers in the community.

Stay tuned for next month and tips to help increase the number of poppy makers! Also there may be a pop-quiz at the Conference for prizes. Keep in mind, what do we do with the Poppy funds and how do they benefit Veterans!

Kim Ball
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Department of Kentucky Juniors

Hello Ladies,

I hope everyone had a nice Christmas and a Happy New Year. I am looking forward to seeing all of you at Winter Conference on January 28 2017. The juniors will meet in the OLDHAM room at the Crown Plaza on Sat January 28th at 9:30am.

The Juniors will be having a bake sale inside the ladies meeting room on Sat, If anyone would like to contribute any bake goods the girls and I would be grateful. Please contact Tracy.

We will also have more flag pins to sell.

We will also be working on the care packages that we will be giving out at our Spring Conference on April 14th to our fire fighters and police officers. I am working on a fire house tour. There are a few items that I am requesting the junior girls to bring to winter conference.

- 1- Paper Work for any badges earned
- 2- Candy for our service project
 - Life Savers, Kisses, Laffy Taffy, tootsie rolls,

Any questions please feel free to email or text me

Thanks

See ya soon

Tracy Saunders

Junior Chair

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