

#### Department of Kentucky January 2022

It's hard to believe we are already heading into 2022!

Thanks to everyone who gave, and are giving, their time, and money to help the Western part of our beautiful state affected by the tornado. The generosity is overwhelming. Keep it up. The folks there are going to need our help for a long time. Keep them in your thoughts and prayers as they rebuild.

Alica (BC) Buser and I were able to accompany National President Kathy Daudistel to Hawaii for a week. We attended an auxiliary luncheon where Kathy presented a young man with a Youth Hero Award for his courage in aiding a family and their dog who were injured while hiking. At the luncheon, we met the daughter and granddaughter of a Pearl Harbor survivor who was also a veteran of WWI, Korea, and Vietnam. We met Josephine, one of the older Hawaiian auxiliary members and watched the younger generation show off their Hawaiian heritage with a dance and a special prayer.

We attended a Memorial Service on December 7<sup>th</sup> and listened to another Pearl Harbor survivor describe his memories from Dec 7, 1941, as well as his time in service after that day. After the Memorial Service there was a parade that easily last two hours. There were blow-up floats for each branch of the service, bands from all over the United States, Rosie the Riveter and many veterans. It was a wonderful way to memorialize the day. The Hawaiian Riders held a BBQ at one of the couple's homes. It was great meeting the riders and hear their stories about the roads and rides in Hawaii.

After returning home, I recently attended the 7<sup>th</sup> District meeting in Versailles. Along with me were Jeanette Key, the Dept Education Chair. Sarah Henderson the Junior Activities Chair and Membership team member, Dee Schutz who is Children Welfare Chair, and Diane Spencer who is Southern Division AEF and Dept Girls State Chair. They each spoke about their programs in depth. There were good discussions. It was a great meeting. Thank you, 7th district, for all that you do! Versailles was decorated for the holidays and gave the opportunity for some fun photos!

My District schedule for January, is to attend my own sixth district meeting in Carrollton on January 8<sup>th</sup>, and District 5 at Jeffersontown on January 16<sup>th</sup>. Thank you everyone for all that you do for our veterans! Happy New Year!

Karen Toll
Department President 2021-2022



# DECEMBER 2021 BULLETIN CHILDREN & YOUTH

The Children & Youth program emphasizes protecting, caring for and supporting children and youth, particularly those of veterans and military families.

Ladies, I am looking forward to seeing what everyone has been doing for Children & Youth and our next Conference in January. I have received a few reports and they are doing some great things. I have some handouts ready and some new ideas that I will have at the conference.

I ask that we continue to pray for Kentucky and all the others affected by the devastating tornadoes. Is very touching to see all the things some of our units and districts have done in support for supplies and such. We are KENTUCKY PROUD!

Finally, I would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! May God Bless you all and Bless all our troops and continue to watch over them and keep them safe!

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January 2022

Hello Kentucky Auxiliary!

I know everyone is very busy with Christmas. All of our hearts and prayers are with western Kentucky. The needs there are great. After Christmas, please take a long winter's nap. When you get rested don't forget to feed your "pig" with all your change from your shopping! Head to your Unit Treasure so she can deposit the money and write a check to Jennifer at headquarters. Hope you can make it to Winter Conference so you can hear our total thus far!! Hope you have a great day!

Dee Schutz

Child Welfare chairman

Greetings to all!

I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season! It seems like December flew by! Now it's January and time to start to start thinking of printing those scholarship applications for delivery to the schools.

The Laura Blackburn Memorial Scholarship application is available for printing on the www.alaky.org website under the Education tab for your convenience. This is a wonderful Department scholarship for our senior students with a \$1000 award. The deadline for the application to be returned to the Unit Presidents is March 31<sup>st</sup>. The winning entry from each unit can then be mailed to the Dept Education Chairman to be received on or before April 15<sup>th</sup>.

The Mary Barrett Marshall Scholarship is available to daughters, wives, sisters, widows, and granddaughters of veterans eligible for membership in the American Legion. The applicant must be a high school or GED graduate. The applicant must visit the Unit when requesting the scholarship. The deadline for the applications to the Unit Presidents is April 1<sup>st</sup> and then forwarded to the Dept. Education Chairman by May 1<sup>st</sup> so winners can be notified by May 15th. The \$1000 scholarship will be awarded at the Department Convention. This is a wonderful scholarship for anyone continuing their education and it can be reapplied for every year.

The Children of Warriors National Presidents' Scholarship is a \$5000 award for daughters, sons, grandsons, and granddaughters of veterans eligible for membership in the American Legion. This is an online application that will go to National Headquarters first and then will be distributed to the departments for judging. Applications are due by March 1st and will be forwarded to the Departments by March 15th. This is the only online scholarship application and is available on the <a href="https://www.legion-aux.org">www.legion-aux.org</a> website.

The Non-Traditional Student Scholarship Application to be awarded for \$2000 is available on the national website as well. One scholarship will be awarded in each Division.

The Spirit of Youth Scholarship for Junior Members is a \$5000 award and one scholarship will be awarded for each Division. The Junior Member Loyalty Scholarship is a \$2500 award and two scholarships will be awarded in each division.

This is a lot of information to digest! Please visit the Department and National websites to print the applications and learn more about these wonderful programs we offer to our students.

Stay happy and healthy this Winter!

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#### Past Presidents Parley

#### January 2022

Joy in Jan, fun in February. Peace from March till June. No worries in July. Harmony in August, fun in September, achievements from October till December and happiness all through. HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Wow, we are moving into the second half of our year already! Just a refresher for you:

Unit Past President Parley Responsibilities

- Offer to escort a new member to your meeting.
- Introduce her to the president as well as other members in attendance. Ask her to share a little about herself. The information could be helpful in determining in which committee she may have the greatest interest. Have each attendee introduce herself.
- As each program report is given, request that the chairman explain the purpose of the program and how the unit supports it. Explain the duties of the officers, the chairmen and the committee members.
- Help maintain a positive attitude and assist in avoiding controversy during the meeting. Interject some occasional humor to help make the meeting fun.
- A prospective member is more likely to join if she feels she is joining an organization that is fun and whose activities support the community. All members will be more willing to attend meetings and assist with activities if the meetings are short and interesting. Remind the members to try new ideas without criticism if they fail. Suggest trying something else. Help keep the meeting moving toward a positive conclusion.
- Evaluate your new member's capabilities. If you feel she is ready to participate, ask her which of the programs holds her greatest interest. Discourage naming a new member as an officer or a chairman, but instead suggest she be given the opportunity of working on a committee with an experienced chairman. Let her know you are willing to mentor her and assist by answering her questions. Remember to praise her efforts.
- Past presidents should advise when asked, but preferably not serve as a chairman. Chairmanships should be held by other members so they may learn the programs and become good unit leaders who may develop an interest in moving into district, county or department positions.
- As a past president, you may wish to promote the nomination of a Unit Member of the Year. You may take the lead in recommending servicewomen to submit for an award. Develop a fundraising activity for donations to the nursing scholarship program.
- Continue to support through your ongoing leadership!

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#### **LEGISLATIVE BULLETIN JANUARY 2022**

Happy New Year 2022!!

Did you know that in March of each year, the American Legion family members descend upon the Capitol of the United States to voice their concerns on Veterans issues. It is during the National Washington Conference that our organization's leadership have a chance to meet with elected officials to discuss legislative initiatives and priorities important to Legion members and their families. It also provides a forum that allows Legionnaires to hear from senators, representatives, and officials from the White House and Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) as they address our members at the conference. **Any Legion family member may attend the "Walk to the Hill"**.

Because of the COVID pandemic, the conference for 2021 was held virtually and 2022 was cancelled. I have attended many of these in-person Capitol visits and for me, this is where the MAGIC happens and suddenly why we do what we do "CLICKED" for me. It enabled me to see past the POST and UNIT happenings and issues and see how the collective work we do impacts the decisions of our Congressional representatives for our country, our Veterans, and communities.

By using our collective voices and voting influence, we can apply pressure on our lawmakers to help ensure passage of key Veterans bills. One of the most important ways we can flex our collective power is to contact our Congressional representatives,

You can contact your representative through the campaigns located on the American Legion's <u>Legislative Action Center</u> (https://www.votervoice.net/AmericanLegion/home). Be sure to share The American Legion's legislative priorities using the Legislative Agenda when you contact their office. While you are there be sure to sign up for legislative alerts so you can stay up to date on all of The American Legion's legislative campaigns.

You can also contact your representative in a variety of ways including virtual meetings, phone calls, emails and through social media. You can get a listing of legislative priorities and how to talk about them at <a href="https://www.legion.org/legislative/point-papers">https://www.legion.org/legislative/point-papers</a>. They are in pdf format and are easily downloadable.

Remember to let me know if you do a virtual meeting, in-person or send emails to your representatives, Please continue to pray for the tornado victims and their families and the continued recovery.

Nancy Moses 2188 Treetop Lane

## The road to Membership is paved with Paw Prints."

I know it has been a struggle for our friends in western Kentucky and you have been in my prayers. On a plus side, several of the units in those districts are well ahead of their goals. Yay!!

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Did you purchase a membership gift for a family member or neighbor?
You can still do that at any time. Maybe think about a gift of love for
Valentine's Day. Send a cute little valentine letting them know you have paid their membership.

Be sure to check your unit numbers on the attached chart. Verify both the unmbers and if I have your status of assessments correct.

Now would be a good time to make phone calls or send a post card to members who have not renewed. They need to know they are no longer considered a member in good standing if they have not paid their 2022 dues by January 30, 2022. Please make sure all unit and district officers have paid their dues or they cannot be an officer.

Important Date to Remember –

December 31<sup>st</sup> = Happy Hound Award Goal of 75%

April 1<sup>st</sup> = Ruff and Tuff Award Goal of 90%

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Our preferred method of communication is email, due to our ever changing schedules. And please email all three.

### Kentucky December 20, 2021

11-2	Dec 2. I		TRIC	_	Total I	Tot%
Unit	Ren Pd	New	+	Tot Goal	Tot Pd	100.50
3	0	0	_	14	0	0.0
26	20	0		26	20	76.9
31	19	0		29	19	65.5
68	37	3		45	40	88.9
72	10	0		11	10	90.9
74	15	1		16	16	100.0
85	0	0		14	0	0.0
217	47	1		95	48	50.5
236	30	1		36	31	86.1
Tot	178	6		286	184	64.3
		DIS	TRIC	CT 2		
Unit	Ren Pd	New		Tot Goal	Tot Pd	Tot %
2	14	0		15	14	93.3
6	57	14		104	71	68.3
9	43	4		66	47	71.2
40	47	0		63	47	74.6
233	56	0		120	56	46.7
243	14	0		23	14	60.9
289	4	0		10	4	0.4
Tot	235	18	П	401	253	63.1
		DIS	TRI	CT 3		
Unit	Ren Pd	New		Tot Goal	Tot Pd	Tot %
23	42	4	П	60	46	76.7
29	14	2		29	18	55.2
61	0	0		25	0	0.0
62	86	0		91	66	72.5
119	20	2		24	22	91.7
202	22	0		31	22	71.0
Tot	164	8		260	172	66.2
			STRI	CT4		
Unit	Ren Pd	New		Tot Goal	Tot Pd	Tot %
42	5	13		15	18	120.0
49	4	0	$\vdash$	10	4	40.0
81	102	63		233	165	70.8
82	16	0		47	16	34.0
87	12	1		25	13	52.0
101	3	0		10	3	30.0
113	321	11		444	332	74.8
121	25	0		42	25	59.5
124	45	20		55	65	118.2
148	32 42	2	-	58 81	33	54.3
101	44	-		1000		
167	14	0		32	14	43.8

		DIST	TRICT	5		
Unit	Ren Pd	New	To	ot Goal	Tot Pd	Tot %
45	14	0		22	14	63.6
180	107	0		150	107	71.3
193	49	0		86	49	57.0
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220	30	4		48	34	73.9
229	35	0		51	35	68.6
244	50	6		82	58	68.3
278	3	0		10	3	30.0
Tot	288	10		447	298	66.7
		DIS	TRICT	6		
Unit	Ren Pd	New	T	ot Goal	Tot Pd	Tot %
4	34	0		65	34	52.3
11	23	0		41	23	58,1
20	35	0		53	35	66.0
41	14	0		41	14	34.1
109	0	0		10	0	0.0
203	178	0		231	178	77.1
219	43	4		54	47	87.0
Tot	327	4		495	331	66.9
		DIS	TRICT	7		
Unit	Ren Pd	New	1	ot Goal	Tot Pd	Tot%
7	52	0		51	52	102.0
8	21	0		66	21	31.8
24	57	14		77	71	92.2
67	38	3		71	41	57.7
79	21	5		32	26	81.3
132	30	0		37	30	81.1
165	25	0		33	25	75.8
176	2	0		10	2	20.0
257	22	0		45	22	48.9
313	53	6		70	59	84.3
341	31	1		37	32	86.5
Tot	352	29		529	381	72.0
		DIS	TRIC	T 8		_
Unit	Ren Pd	New	-	Tot Goal	Tot Pd	Tot %
_	15	2		17	17	100.0
12	_					
12	102	1 4		126	103	81.7 76.3

		DIST	RICT 9		
Unit	Ren Pd	New	Tot Goal	Tot Pd	Tot %
17	11	0	11	11	100.0
22	22	0	30	22	73.3
43	1	0	68	1	1.5
76	19	0	57	19	33.3
126	30	1	44	31	70.5
138	37	2	65	39	60.0
276	0	0	10	0	0.0
325	46	2	71	48	67.6
342	50	10	72	60	83.3
Tot	216	15	428	231	54.0
		DIST	RICT 10		
Unit	Ren Pd	New	Tot Goal	Tot Pd	Tot 9
66	6	0	10	6	60.0
104	8	1	17	9	52.9
152	9	0	12	9	75.0
283	0	0	18	0	0.0
Tot	23	1	55	24	43.6
		DIST	RICT 11		
Unit	Ren Pd	New	Tot Goal	Tot Pd	Tot 9
16	13	2	37	15	40.5
38	58	3	84	61	72.6
88	51	2	69	53	76.8
115	28	8	72	36	50.0
Tot	150	15	262	165	63.0

HEADQUARTERS						
Unit	Ren Pd	New	Tot Goal	Tot Pd	Tot %	
200	58	0	73	58	79.5	

DEPARTMENT OF KENTUCKY						
Unit	Ren Goal	Ren Pd	Tot Goal	Tot Pd	Tot %	
	2772	226	4499	2998	0.67	

VA Assessments Paid
OP Assessments Pd
New Unit 2021

Due 12-31 Due 3-31



January 2022 Headquarters

#### HAPPY NEW YEAR!

I hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! I wish for this year to be a great year.

The Winter Conference will be held January 21-22, 2022, at the Crowne Plaza, in Louisville. I hope you will make plans to attend.

There are several units that have not paid their V A & R assessments. To be eligible for any awards at the Winter Conference those assessments must be paid.

The second renewal notice will be sent from National in January. Please do not hold membership.

ALA MIS  $\log$  in ID's – the annual fee will be due in January. I will send an invoice to those that have  $\log$  in ID's.

Hope to see you at the Winter Conference!

**Jennifer**