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APRIL CHILDREN & YOUTH MONTH

April 2 Final Girls State Registration if quota is not filled

April 6 Good Friday—Department HQ closed

April 15 Deadline for Reports to District Presidents

District conventions continue and Division conventions begin

MAY DIVISION CONVENTIONS CONTINUE

MAY 1 Activity Chairman should have received all reports from District Presidents.

MAY 1 Deadline for Girls State Citizens to have Medical, Waiver, Travel Cards and Internet permission into Department Headquarters.

MAY 13 Mothers Day

MAY 28 Memorial Day – Department Headquarters closed

JUNE JUNIOR ACTIVITIES MONTH

JUNE 14– Flag Day – Properly dispose of old, worn and soiled flags and replace with new ones. PAUSE for the PLEDGE

JUNE 12-19 Girls State in Session — TLU in Seguin

JUNE 16-17 New District & Division President's School in Austin Crowne Plaza Hotel (formerly the Red Lion)

JUNE 19 Close of Department Membership books. Transmittals must BE IN DEPARTMENT by this date.

JUNE 29, 30 &

July 1 DEPARTMENT CONVENTION IN IRVING

PRE-REGISTRATION IS \$20.

ON-SITE REGISTRATION WILL BE \$30.

JULY

JULY 4 Independence Day – Department headquarters closed

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INFORMATION FROM DEPARTMENT

The Department Convention Bulletin will be mailed very soon. Be on the lookout for it! It will contain most of the necessary information regarding the convention in Irving. Some information is already available on the website, www.alatexas.org. When you receive the Department Convention Bulletin, please check the Table of Contents to be sure none of the information is missing. Please contact Department Headquarters immediately for any replacement pages. We will send the missing items to you. It can be sent either by regular or e-mail.

GIRLS STATE QUOTA: As of this writing we have not filled our quota of slots for Girls State. We will be starting the 4th registration period on April 2, 2007.

GIRLS STATE CHAIRMEN: Please keep in close contact with your girls to be sure all requirements are met and so you know for sure they will be going. APPLICATION CARDS NEED TO BE INTO DEPARTMENT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

UNIT ELECTIONS: As soon as you have held your election, please send Certification of new Officers into Department. This certification **MUST** to be sent even if you have the same officers as last year. This information is VERY IMPORTANT. We must have it in order to send out your 2008 Membership Cards and also to compile the roster for next year. (The form is available at the website.)

CHANGE TO AEF PLAN OF WORK:

There was a cut-off date omitted in the Awards and Recognition portion of the AEF Plans of Work. Although our reports will have already been submitted; National will continue to accept donations to the AEF program until **May 31, 2007** in order to qualify for a recognition citation.

To qualify, Department will accept these unit and individual contributions and submit to National the names of those who donated \$100 or more before the deadline.

Along with their contribution, units/individuals must provide the full (legal) name they wish on the citation. If the donation is a memorial, indicate "in memory of _____."

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APRIL IS CHILDREN AND YOUTH MONTH

What we do, now, on behalf of children can have a long-lasting impact on their lives. The American Legion observes Children and Youth month every April. Now is the perfect time to think about the potential impact you, your Unit and your Post are having on the lives of children in your community.

Maybe a huge community-wide event or a simple individual act of kindness to a child. Future generations will long remember what we are doing now, when we have forgotten.

What are you, your Unit and your Post doing to make life long memories for children?

Donations to the Child Welfare Foundation are coming in from all over Texas. Has your Unit made a donation? **CWF** books close in May, but to earn credit on your report- make your donation before April 15th and note it on your Children & Youth annual report.

Be sure to ear-mark your check "**CWF**"!

Remember..... **C&Y** reports are due to your District President no later than April 15th District Presidents, your reports are due to me no later than May 1st

Don't forget to attach a narrative.

Mickie Prendergast, Children & Youth Chairman

MEMBERSHIP

Please call the non renewing members in your unit. Urge them to send in their dues. The target date for 100% is May 29th. The Treasure Chest is still busy assaying the treasures but we want more membership for our President Robbi.

Congratulations to the new units that have been chartered recently; Arlington 60, Little Elm 182, Nocona 220, Somerset 443, and Leakey 489. –This makes a total of 7 new units chartered for 2007. That's searching for treasures!!!

OUR FRIENDS SAY "THANK YOU"

Because We Care" troop support project of Lufkin Unit 113 would like to express their sincere appreciation for splitting the Junior collection of items between them and the Corsicana Angels.

Unit 113 averages 50 boxes every month to troops in Iraq and Afghanistan as well as to the 28th CSH (Combat Support Hospital) in Baghdad and two FSTs (Forward Surgical Teams) in the field.

Your contributions are appreciated by all the receive them. Rita Redd, Unit 113 President

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[A Prayer Because We Care](#)

Past Department President Pinky Matthews lost her brother. Condolences may be sent to Pinky using the address in the mailed bulletin.

UNIT DATA FORMS NOT RECEIVED

The following is a list of units by district that have not sent in their 2007 Unit Data Form. A form is available for download at the website. Click on the "forms" link.

District / Unit	5	453	9	201	12	356
1 25	5	855	9	167	12	135
1 422	5	424	9	942	12	516
1 248	5	218	9	251	12	624
1 267	6	462	9	395	12	639
	6	159	9	89	12	655
	6	388	9	241		
2 72	6	454	9	501	13	198
2 112			9	503	13	550
2 493			9	835	13	71
2 393	7	85	9	226	14	186
	7	212	9	129	14	99
3 296	7	868	9	20	14	274
3 195	7	84			14	38
3 140	7	113			14	547
	7	95	10	83	14	633
4 62	7	629	10	814	14	643
4 29	7	615	10	282	14	369
4 591	7	136	10	533	14	363
			10	180		
	8	578	10	144		
5 275	8	824	10	607	15	408
5 656	8	323	10	352		
5 184	8	586	10	295	16	598
5 53	8	397			16	58
5 111			12	389	16	653

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16	160	20	375	23	5
16	176	20	449		
16	430	20	485		
16	122				
16	253	1	487		
		21	308		
17	219	21	26		
17	163	21	285		
17	191	21	277		
17	82	21	489		
17	227	21	650		
17	343	21	479		
17	57	21	510		
17	664	21	157		
		21	583		
18	528	21	470		
18	214	21	208		
18	635	21	116		
18	175	21	410		
18	56	21	64		
18	337				
18	224	22	596		
		22	521		
19	575	22	472		
19	438	22	52		
19	269	22	325		
19	506	22	416		
		22	492		
20	592	22	654		
20	800				
20	399	23	409		
20	300	23	669		
20	2	23	359		

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IMPORTANT NEWS



We are pleased to announce that at **NO COST TO YOU**, American Legion Auxiliary, Department of Texas has made available a \$2,000 Accidental Death and Dismemberment Benefit for each member.

In Addition, you are eligible to participate in the Health Services Discount Plan. This plan provides you with substantial discounts on the following services: Eye Care, Dental Care, Prescription Drugs and Hearing Aids all at no cost.

American Income Life Insurance Company is rated "A+" Superior by A.M. Best Company, its second highest rating for overall financial strength. AIL has been working with Fraternal Organizations for more than fifty years. You and your family may qualify for additional insurance benefits at this time. The company and their programs are presented to help our members and their families.

AIL state and local agencies are involved in charity, fund-raising events, community projects, scholarships and food banks to name a few. AIL is like us because they too give back to the community in a variety of ways!

A notification of these benefits was mailed by the Auxiliary to our members. Watch your mail for a little yellow response card. All interested members should return the reply card or visit: www.aillife.com/benefits/sqJ8V to respond online. As always, there is not obligation.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS OR ARE A MEMBER IN NEED OF OUR FOOD PANTRY, PLEASE CALL SARA AT AMERICAN INCOME LIFE: 512-825-3018.

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FROM THE DESK OF PRESIDENT ROBBI

The National Awareness Assembly was held in Washington D.C. during the first week of March. This is such an opportunity to learn about our organization. We had twelve auxiliary members there from Texas. One of the special events was a breakfast with our Senators and Representatives. I have now been through the White House and seen the Hope Diamond.

The Legion birthday Celebrations are going on all over the state. I attended the 88th Celebration in Wallis, Texas at Unit 200. One of the nicest experiences I have had was to meet the twin daughters (82 years young) of the first Unit President. I attended the 85th Birthday Celebration at Unit 33 in Beaumont. I wish everyone could have seen the USO show that they put on. The period costumes were wonderful. Christine Trahan and her group of actors, singers and dancers were wonderful.

Girls State registration is in progress. Unit 593 in Converse, Texas received a grant from Wall Mart to help defray the expenses of sending girls to the 2007 session. Rotary and Lions Clubs also help sponsor citizens. I hope each district and/or unit has an orientation for the girls they have selected.

Reports are due to your District Presidents by the 15th of April. Be sure you take credit for all you do. Last year, the American Legion Auxiliary contributed 12.8 million dollars. Volunteer hours were 3.2 million and Lives that were touched more than 7 million. These are figures that were compiled from the reports that the units across the nation made. If you don't send in a report, you don't get counted.

I look forward to seeing many of you at the District and Division conventions. The odd numbered districts will be having elections. It is a time to reflect on what has been accomplished this year and to look forward to another year of service.

Robbi Ruppert

Department President