

## INFORMATION FROM HEADQUARTERS

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### JUNE Junior Activities Month

June 19 Close of Department Membership Books  
Transmittals must be in Department by this date  
**POST MARKS DO NOT COUNT**

June 29-30 DEPARTMENT CONVENTION  
SHERATON GRAND HOTEL IRVING, TEXAS

### JULY

July 1 DEPARTMENT CONVENTION  
IRVING, TEXAS

July 4 INDEPENDENCE DAY Department will be closed on July 4th

### AUGUST

August 24-30 NATIONAL CONVENTION RENO, NEVADA

### SEPTEMBER

September 29-30 DEPARTMENT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING IN AUSTIN  
Crowne Plaza (Formerly the Red Lion)

### NATIONAL CONVENTION INFORMATION

- The National Convention this year is in Reno, Nevada. All Auxiliary Members who are Texas Delegates or Alternates should pay their \$15.00 registration fee by close of Department Convention.
- Department Headquarters needs to know by July 20th if a Delegate or an Alternate is NOT going.
- Those who are not Delegates or Alternates must pay Guest Registration to THE AMERICAN LEGION.
- Housing for everyone must be paid to THE AMERICAN LEGION whether you are a Delegate, Alternate or Guest.
- A Housing form is enclosed in this Bulletin. This form is also used for Guests.

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- JUNE 2007 - 2008 UNIT CERTIFICATION OF OFFICERS: Please mail to Department immediately following your election so we can send out your 2008 cards.
- FROM MUSIC CHAIRMAN PHYLLIS JANKE TO ALL AUXILIARY CHOIR MEMBERS: We will be singing at the Memorial Service during the

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Department Convention. Practice to be announced during the Convention

- REMINDER FROM SHIRLEY OTT, WAYS AND MEANS CHAIRMAN: PLEASE BRING ALL TICKETS, PINS AND MONIES TO DEPARTMENT CONVENTION OR SEND TO SHIRLEY BEFORE JUNE 25th. MAKE THEM THE FIRST THING YOU PACK FOR DEPARTMENT CONVENTION!!
- ATTENTION ACTIVITY CHAIRMEN: Please bring an additional copy of your report to the Department Convention to give to the Court Reporter. This helps her to get the information in order and have names spelled correctly.
- JUNIOR CHAIRMAN: Nicole Ebner asked that if anyone has anything to donate to the Juniors for their raffle at Department Convention it would be appreciated.
- Please remember that ALL money earmarked for the VAMC's MUST come through Department Headquarters in order for the units to get credit for their contributions.
- Department Headquarters office in Austin will be closed during the convention in Irving. A temporary office will be open at the Sheraton Grand Hotel while the convention is in session. Office hours will be announced at the convention.
- Our next bulletin will be published in August. Have a wonderful summer. See you at Department Convention.

### ROSTER CHANGES AND ADDITIONS

NEC Gayle Simpson has moved. Her new address and phone number is listed in the printed bulletin.

2nd District has a new Vice President, Christine Trahan. Her address and phone number is listed in the printed bulletin.

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### FROM THE DESK OF PRESIDENT ROBBI

Congratulations to all the units and districts that have made goal. I have high hopes that more will get there before we close the membership books. As I look at the statistics from the membership data base, I realize how many of our members are not renewing their dues. The majority of those we lose do not renew after belonging one or two years. I have high hopes that our new membership benefits will keep us from losing so many. I encourage all units to take a look at their membership roster and try to renew the members that have dropped out. They are probably not aware of the new benefits and what they are losing.

I have filled out my response card for our insurance benefit. Within a short period of time, I was contacted and set up a meeting to discuss the benefits. It did not take long. I have designated my beneficiary and sent in my registration for the new dental benefits. There was no "high pressure sales" and I thoroughly enjoyed a chance to tell the two agents about our organization. They were impressed by all we do. They also could not believe our dues were so low.

We were distressed to discover how many members have incorrect addresses in our data base. The Department staff is working to correct the erroneous addresses, but members have the responsibility to make sure they notify headquarters of any errors or of changes.

The new shopping site is on line and available. It is very easy to use. Needless to say, I have already bought books. I love shopping from home. I like anything that makes it easier for me to spend money.

I have been exploring the National web site and the Department web site. Were you aware that you can listen to the girls state songs on the Girls State web site? The wealth of information about our organization is all out there. You no longer have to depend on information that is filtered down through others.

As I come to the close of my term of office, I want all of you to know how much I have enjoyed serving as Department President. It has been an exciting, challenging year. We continue to grow and expand our horizons. I have been inspired and together we have achieved. I will treasure forever the memories that the treasures of Texas have made for me.

For God and Country,  
Robbi Ruppert  
Department President