

INFORMATION FROM HEADQUARTERS

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JUNE

- June 17 Close of Department Membership Books
Transmittals must be in Department by this date
POST MARKS DO NOT COUNT
- June 27-29 Department Convention
Corpus Christi, TX

JULY

- July 4 INDEPENDENCE DAY
Department will be closed on July 4th
- July 12-13 New Division/District Presidents School
In Austin at the Crowne Plaza

AUGUST

August 24-30 NATIONAL CONVENTION PHOENIX AZ

SEPTEMBER

- September 27- 28 DEPARTMENT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
In Austin at the Crowne Plaza

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- ▶ The National Convention this year is in Phoenix AZ. All Auxiliary Members who are Texas Delegates or Alternates should pay their \$15.00 registration fee by the close of Department Convention.
Department Headquarters needs to know by July 18th if a Delegate or an Alternate is NOT going.
Those who are not Delegates or Alternates must pay Guest Registration (\$15) 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 the mailed bulletin and is available upon request.

- ▶ **2009 UNIT CERTIFICATION OF OFFICERS**
Please mail to Department immediately following your election so we can send out your 2009cards.

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- ▶ **FROM THE MUSIC CHAIRMAN TO ALL AUXILIARY CHOIR MEMBERS:**
We plan to sing at the Memorial Service during the 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 the Department Convention or send to Shirley before June 17th. 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 has asked that if anyone has anything to donate to the Juniors for their raffle at Department Convention it would be appreciated.

- ▶ **UPCOMING BULLETIN:** Our next bulletin will be published in August. Have a wonderful summer. See you at Department Convention.

- ▶ **VA&R DONATIONS:** 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 TO BE CLOSED.**
Department Headquarters office in Austin will be closed during the convention in Corpus Christi. A temporary office will be open at the Omni Marina Hotel while the convention is in session.

- ▶ **UNPAID CHRISTMAS ASSESSMENTS PUBLISHED.**
Unpaid Christmas Assessments was included in the mailed bulletin and is available on the website.

- ▶ **NEW CHARMS:**
A new charm and bracelet order form was included in the mailed bulletin and is available on the website. More charms have been added. Add a new charm to your bracelet today or start a charm bracelet as a gift.

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FROM THE DESK OF PRESIDENT CHARLIE

This year has been a year that I will never forget. It has been a pleasure and honor to serve the members of the great state of Texas as their Department President this year. Thank you so much for the opportunity.

As I wind down for the completion of the last race, I would like to tell everyone what a good job you all have done this year. You have worked the programs of the American Legion Auxiliary, you have worked membership, and you do this selflessly without expecting anything in return. You all are such special people to do what you do day in and day out, year after year.

We are behind on some of our donations this year. If your Unit has any funds that you have not already obligated, please consider sending what you can to your Unit's favorite program. Every penny counts as you all well know.

The Department Convention that will be held in Corpus Christi June 26-29, 2008, will be fun and informative. Please make your hotel reservations while there are rooms available. Remember it is first come, first serve on special rooms.

Christmas Assessment and Bond Fees: If your Unit is not current on these obligatory fees, you will not be seated during the Department Convention. Your Unit is not currently in good standing. So, please check to see if both of these fees have been paid so there will not be any problems or misunderstandings during the Department Convention.

I look forward to seeing each of you in Corpus! We will have a great time. Again, let me thank you for allowing me the honor of serving you as your Department President this year. It has been one heck of a race! You are the reason that this year has been the success that it has been.

The race is almost on its final lap, but, it isn't over 'til the FAT Lady sings and that FAT Lady is me. I know that we can reach our goals! Just ask for one more member, one more renewal and before you know it you will have reached your goal.

For God and Country,

Charlie Dew
Department President