

## INFORMATION FROM HEADQUARTERS

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### **APRIL CHILDREN & YOUTH MONTH**

- April 1 Final Girls State Registration if quota is not filled
- April 10 Good Friday—Department HQ closed
- April 15 Deadline for Reports to District Presidents
- District conventions continue and Division conventions begin.

### **MAY POPPY MONTH 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 10 Mothers Day
- MAY 25 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 14-20 Girls State in Session — TLU in Seguin
- JUNE 16 Close of Department Membership books. Transmittals must BE IN DEPARTMENT by this date.
- JUNE 25-28 DEPARTMENT CONVENTION IN MCALLEN  
PRE-REGISTRATION IS \$25.  
ON-SITE REGISTRATION WILL BE \$30.

### **JULY**

- JULY 4 Independence Day – Department headquarters closed

### **INFORMATION FROM DEPARTMENT**

The Department Convention Bulletin will be mailed in the near future. Be on the lookout for it! It will contain most of the necessary information regarding the convention in McAllen. Some information is already available on the website, [www.alatexas.org](http://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.

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**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 1, 2009.

**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 2010 Membership Cards and also to compile the roster for next year. (The form is available at the website.)

### **AEF PLAN OF WORK REMINDER:**

Although our reports will have already been submitted; National will continue to accept donations to the AEF program until June 1, 2009 in order to qualify for a recognition citation and lapel pin. 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.

### **A PRAYER BECAUSE WE CARE**

Americanism Committee Member Linda Arnold lost her brother to cancer. Condolences may be sent to her using the address in the mailed bulletin.

Department Adjutant Bill West lost his father. Condolences may be sent to Bill at the Legion Department Headquarters address.

### **OUR FRIENDS SAY "THANK YOU"**

Americanism Committee Member Linda Arnold says, "Thanks to everyone who sent a card. There are not enough words to say 'thank you' for keeping me and my family in your prayers. God bless all of you."

### **FROM THE DESK OF MICKEY/MINNIE MOUSE**

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Congratulations go out to the following District Presidents for chartering a New Unit.

Bertha Torres	District 22,	1 New Unit	319 Deer Park
Nell Baker	District 3,	2 New Units	195 Henderson, 281 Gladewater
Mary Ann Paul	District 4,	1 New Unit	21 The Colony

Membership is still growing in our great state. Just remember to ask that one important question, "Are you eligible to be a member in our great organization, the American Legion Auxiliary?"

Don't forget we have a new Membership Challenge for every Auxiliary member in the state of Texas.

Sign up a new member in the American Legion Auxiliary between February 1, 2009 and May 23, 2009 and become a Charter member of the "I Signed Mine in 2009 Club".

Send copy of the new member info to Membership Chairman Kay Mims. E-mail info to her [lottascorner@aol.com](mailto:lottascorner@aol.com)

So far we have **Fifteen Ladies** that have signed up **30 New Members.**

**Way To Go!!!!**

Charter Club Member card will be awarded at your District Convention, or Division Convention – whichever is closer.

Now let's recruit a lot of new members!

Thanks,

Kay Mims

Department Membership Chairman

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### FROM THE DESK OF PRESIDENT MICKIE

Spring conventions, and elections are just about over, and Division conventions are upon us. I hope every unit president filled out and sent in their reports. I know it's a pain- but, it is so very important! That is how we tell our story of what we have been doing all year- other wise it looks like we just 'sat around'. AND each and every District President MUST forward each of those reports, to each Activity chairmen. Last year I heard that a District President didn't forward any reports to the activity chairmen- and the units in her district didn't get any of the awards they had earned. How sad and unfair that was for those units!

It's time for that last minute membership "crunch"! We are long past the 75% goal and bearing down on the 100% goal. Department is almost 92%

*With a little extra effort- you ALL can be 100% !!!*

Unit Presidents- the notices have gone out, members *still* haven't renewed- (maybe they are waiting for your call to see if they really DO matter to you) so please call them, ask what you can do to help.

District Presidents, if the Units look like they aren't moving membership- call the units..... ask what you can do to help.

Division Presidents- the rest is up to you!..... if District units are just sitting at 40-50-60-70% call the District President and ask what you can do to help.

And remember- the next, and last, target date is 100% by May 23<sup>rd</sup> Let's go down in history with everyone at 100% or over!

DON'T FORGET The "I Signed Mine in 2009" club! It is easy and free to join! Just sign up a NEW Auxiliary member between February 1<sup>st</sup> and May 23<sup>rd</sup>. Send the info (date, name, and unit # of new member, for verification) to: membership chairman Kay Mims. Your "free" membership card to this very *unique and prestigious club* is yours for the "asking"! (by "asking" someone to join)!

"Thank you" to the Activity chairman, and their committee members, that followed through on my request to send a short report to each District President, for those conventions that the activity representatives couldn't attend. Great job!

I am proud of you for taking your appointment seriously, and not just as a "title".

Remember: When saying the Pledge of Allegiance..... "*there is no comma after One nation.*" So say it without hesitation..... "*One nation under God*",

April is Children & Youth Month – remember the *children* of our service members- through OMK; also through the USO's "United through reading program"

## Serving our Veteran Warriors through the USO

Mickie Prendergast

Department President