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JUNE Junior Activities Month

June 16 Close of Department Membership Books
Transmittals must be in Department by this date

POST MARKS DO NOT COUNT

June 26-28 DEPARTMENT CONVENTION
MCALLEN CONVENTION CENTER, MCALLEN TEXAS

JULY

July 3 Department Office closed for Independence Day

July 4 INDEPENDENCE DAY

AUGUST

August 21-27 NATIONAL CONVENTION LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY

SEPTEMBER

September 18 Division/District Presidents School
Omni Southpark Hotel

September 19-20 DEPARTMENT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING IN AUSTIN
Omni Southpark Hotel

NATIONAL CONVENTION INFORMATION

- The National Convention this year is in Louisville, Kentucky. 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 17th 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 posted to the website. This form is also used for All Guests.

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- JUNE 2009 - 2010 UNIT CERTIFICATION OF OFFICERS: Please mail to Department immediately following your election so we can send out your 2010 cards.

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- FROM MUSIC CHAIRMAN VICKI WEHMEYER TO ALL AUXILIARY CHOIR MEMBERS: We will be singing at the Memorial Service during the Department Convention. Practice to be announced during the Convention
- REMINDER FROM JACKIE CLANAN, WAYS AND MEANS CHAIRMAN: PLEASE BRING ALL TICKETS, PINS AND MONIES TO DEPARTMENT CONVENTION OR SEND TO JACKIE 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 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 McAllen. A temporary office will be open at the McAllen Convention Center 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.

FROM THE DESK OF PRESIDENT MICKIE

WHAT? You aren't a member of the "I signed mine in 2009" club?

Then get busy!..... If you sign up a new Auxiliary member between 2/1/09 and 5/23/09, then you can become a charter member of this VERY prestigious and unique club within the American Legion Auxiliary, Department of Texas. And Jr's DO count! Send name, date & unit, of new member to, Kay Mims LottasCorner@aol.com for membership card. This is a 'fun challenge' that has enticed many members to take that extra step to sign up a new member.

Membership is the life blood of the American Legion Auxiliary!

We reached National's 50% target and then the 75% target. Now, the 100% target is almost here!!!! Can we do it?? Yes, we can- if everyone really tries! There are numerous units out there needing only 1, 2 or 3 members to make them 100%. Come on, District Presidents- call those unit Presidents! I talked to one that had no idea

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she only needed 1 member to be 100% "her secretary handles all that"..... the next week, she was 100%! Another thought she was 100% as she didn't realize her goal was raised by 1. You have to call these Units- there is no other way they will get any more notifications. And again, I say to the Division Presidents..... follow up with the District Presidents!

Cancer Research

The current hard times has hurt us all, and when I heard that donations were down about $\frac{1}{2}$ that of last year, at this time, I decided it was time to beg. Cancer has hit ALL of us, a spouse, a relative, a close friend, a neighbor. Every penny donated goes directly to research at the Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences, MD Anderson Cancer Research Houston. There is still time to donate to Cancer research. Make your check to ALA Dept. ear-marked Cancer Research. THANK YOU!

R2R program last month, found me involved the last 2 days, in Cleburne/Alvarado, and Ft. Worth - what an honor it was for me, just being in the company of these amazing warriors! My granddaughter, Keely (the one who sang at my installation) sang "Amazing Grace" at the dinner in Alvarado. She touched the hearts of these very special wounded warriors and there wasn't a dry eye in that Legion Hall. Then she went on to Ft. Worth the last night and sang the National Anthem for them. The wonderful lesson Keely learned from these warriors cannot be taught in a text book; she received it first hand, through visiting with, and getting to know these very special Veterans Warriors.

This is my final message from the "Wonderful Patriotic World of Auxiliary". I have had such a great time this year in all my travels. YOU, the members of our Texas American Legion Auxiliary..... You are the Best!!

Thanks to everyone who has donated to my special project, "our Texas USO's. Continue to show your support for them, as they continue to protect us..... See you in McAllen!

Department President Mickie

"Serving our Veteran Warriors through the USO"