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INFORMATION FROM HEADQUARTERS

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JUNE

June 15 Close of Department Membership Books. Transmittals must be in Department by this date, postmarks do not count

June 25-27 Department Convention – Beaumont, TX

JULY

July 4 Independence Day

July 5 Department office closed

AUGUST

Aug 27-31 National Convention Milwaukee, WI

SEPTEMBER

Sept 1-2 National Convention Milwaukee, WI

Sep 17 Division/District Presidents School Dept Headquarters

Sep 18-19 Department Executive Committee Meeting (DEC)
Austin, Omni Southpark Hotel

INFORMATION FROM DEPARTMENT

2011 UNIT CERTIFICATION OF OFFICERS: Please send this form to Department immediately following your election so we can mail your 2011 membership cards. No cards will be mailed until we receive this form.

2010-2011 Unit Bond Fee: The unit bond fee for the upcoming administrative year is now due. Please send in the unit's bond fee with the 2011 Certification of Officers. If you have already sent in the unit certification, mail in the bond fee.

NATIONAL CONVENTION: The 2010 National convention is in Milwaukee, WI. All Auxiliary members who are Texas Delegates or Alternates should pay the \$15 registration fee by close of Department Convention.

Department Headquarters needs to know by July 16th if a Delegate or 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. Please note the deadline for this form.

OTHER INFORMATION: The Department Headquarters office in Austin will be closed during the convention in Beaumont. A temporary office will be open at the MCM Elegante Hotel while the convention is in session.

UNPAID 2009 Christmas Assessments are included in this bulletin.

Our next bulletin will be published in August. Have a wonderful summer.

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CHOIR NEWS

From Music Chairman Vicki Wehmeyer to all Auxiliary Choir Members: We plan to sing at the Memorial Service during the Department Convention. Choir practice will be announced during the Convention.

ATTENTION ACTIVITY CHAIRMEN

Please bring an additional copy of your report to the Department Convention to give to the Court Reporter. This assists her to get the information in order and have names spelled correctly for the convention minutes.

JUNIOR NEWS

Junior Activities Chairman Nicole Ebner asks that if anyone has something to donate to the Juniors for their annual raffle at the Department Convention, it would be appreciated.

WAYS & MEANS NEWS

Ways & Means Chairman Jackie Clanan: Please bring all tickets, pins and monies to Department Convention or send to me by June 15th. Make them the first thing you pack for Department Convention!!

FROM THE DESK OF PRESIDENT BARBARA

Most of you have heard me speak about the Auxiliary applying for the Texas Veterans Commission Grant. Well, we were not one of the 15 recipients to receive a grant from the TVC on this go around. We are very disappointed, but we learn from our mistakes and move on. I am very proud of the Auxiliary for accepting the challenge in the short length of time we had to complete the letter of interest and application. We have received another invitation to apply. After careful consideration we are going to apply again. The letter of interest must be completed by June 7, 2010. We will be notified by July 12 if we can continue the grant application process. If approved we will have until July 30, 2010, to present the grant application to the Texas Veterans Commission. This time we will keep the amount manageable for the American Legion Auxiliary. We feel this is a great opportunity to continue to help our veterans.

At this time we are working on Memorial Day programs. On May 31, 2010 I will attend the Cleburne Memorial Day Program, "All Gave Some — Some Gave All."

I am looking forward to attending Boys State and being able to work at Girls State this year. To see the transformation of these young ladies when they step from the bus and when they leave their world as they knew it before had changed. The friendships they build will last a lifetime.

My special project this year has been Cancer Research: a Texas only program. At this time we will be able to give 10 fellowships in the amount of \$5,000 each to students studying in the field of Biomedical Research. Thanks again for a job well done.

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I have enjoyed my travels this year with Commander Daft and Sons of The American Legion Detachment Commander Sonnier. We have traveled around this great state promoting the program of the American Legion, Auxiliary and SAL. We were able to take the time to visit with the members, listen to the reports and see first hand what has been accomplished around the state.

Don't forget to keep working membership. We can still make our goal, but it will take phone calls, personal contact with the members that have not paid at this time. Remember that membership starts with each of us and we all need to do our part.

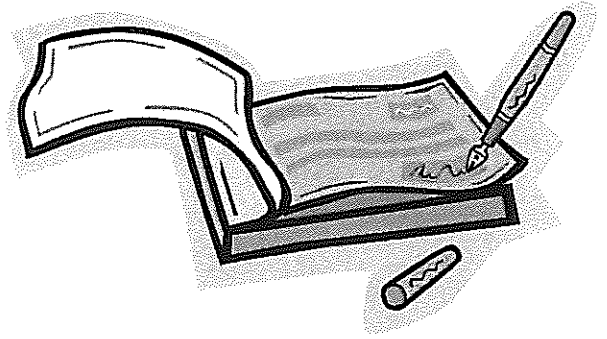
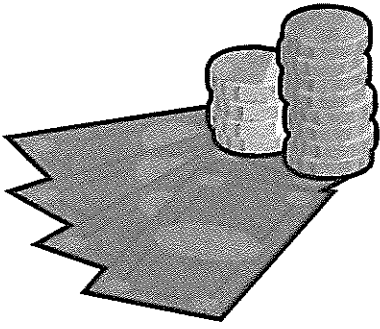
I am looking forward to seeing each of you at the Department Convention in Beaumont, Texas. I know we will have a great time.

As my year comes to a close, I would like to thank each of you for making this a year to remember. The membership across the state of Texas is working hard to promote our Veterans and Volunteers and as we have traveled together across the Happy Trails we have "Made a Path For Others To Follow."

Veterans & Volunteers

Barbara Kundert

Department President 2009-2010



NOTICE
TO:

Activity Chairmen who will be accepting money and all convention attendees

Please be aware the ALA Department of Texas will require a driver's license number and valid phone number on all personal checks received at the Department Convention in Beaumont and all future department meetings.

These items may be handwritten upon issuance of the checks.

Proposed Changes to the Department of Texas Constitution and Bylaws

Article VIII now reads:

Section 1. All matters of discipline shall be referred to the Department President and shall be taken care of by the Department Executive Committee according to procedure given in the National Constitution and Bylaws and in the Unit handbook issued by the National Headquarters.

Section 2. The Department Executive Committee may recommend to the National Executive Committee the suspension or revocation of the Charter of a Unit which violates the National Constitution and Bylaws, or the Department Constitution and Bylaws, or any specific action of the Department or National Convention, or of the Department or National Executive Committees.

If approved, Article VIII will read:

Section 1. All matters of discipline shall be referred to the Department President and shall be taken care of by the Department Executive Committee according to procedure given in the National Constitution and Bylaws and in the Unit handbook issued by the National Headquarters.

- a. For any violation of the Unit, Department or National Constitutions, or for conduct improper and prejudicial to the welfare of the auxiliary or The American Legion, any member may be expelled from membership or any officer removed from office by a two-third (2/3) vote at a Unit meeting duly called for that purpose, and expulsion or removal to be binding only in the event said member or officer shall have been given at least fifteen (15) days notice in writing by the Unit Secretary of the charges and the hearing thereon.
- b. The fifteen days notice is to be mailed Certified Mail, Restricted Delivery, Return Receipt requested, with the stamped receipt of mailing date to serve as the date the fifteen-day period commences.
- c. Either party has the right of appeal to the Department Executive Committee, or the action thereon shall be final. Department President by her authority shall convene the Department Executive Committee to hear the appeal. Any and all expenses related to and said appeal shall be the sole responsibility of the appellant.

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Rationale: "The purpose of these proposed changes is to clarify what is written in the Unit Handbook regarding the proper actions that must be taken when disciplining a Unit member. Both the Department and Unit Bylaws will be affected."

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National Headquarters

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IMPORTANT NOTICE

TO: Department Secretaries
Department Treasurers

CC: National Officers

FROM: Tim Bresnahan, CPA Controller
Susan Stewart, Accounting Manager

DATE: May 19, 2010

SUBJECT: Important information from the IRS regarding tax-exempt status
for Departments and Units

Please note the following important information we received from the IRS which affects all Departments and Units.

- Tax-exempt organizations, other than churches or church-related organizations, must file a Form 990, 990-EZ, 990-N (ePostcard) or 990-PF (for private foundations) with the IRS.
- Beginning in May 2010, tax-exempt organizations that have not filed a required 990-series form or notice for three consecutive years will automatically lose their tax-exempt status.

For American Legion Auxiliary Departments and Units, this IRS directive means that the filing of a Form 990 or any version thereof is due on the 15th of the 5th month after the tax-exempt organization's fiscal year-end.

- Example: An ALA Unit's fiscal year ends September 30th. The Unit must file its 990 or 990-EZ or 990-N (whichever is appropriate based on its annual gross receipts) by Feb. 15th.

Additional information can be obtained from the IRS website at www.IRS.gov/eo. You may also sign up for the *EO Update*, Exempt Organizations' free e-mail newsletter.

IMPORTANT! Please relay this information to your Units so they will not be in jeopardy of losing their tax-exempt status.

Thank you.

Christmas Assessment 2009

05-17-10

		Members	Due	Amount Paid
District	2			
465	Kirbyville	10	\$14.00	\$0.00
District	6			
462	Glen Rose	16	\$14.00	\$0.00
District	13			
120	Wichita Falls	39	\$21.00	\$0.00
District	16			
176	Presidio	15	\$14.00	\$0.00
653	Terlingua	32	\$19.00	\$0.00
	District Total		\$33.00	
District	17			
191	Breckenridge	14	\$14.00	\$0.00
219	Dublin	15	\$14.00	\$0.00
343	Moran	20	\$16.00	\$0.00
	District Total		\$44.00	
District	19			
269	Brownfield	21	\$16.00	\$0.00
585	Plains	31	\$19.00	\$0.00
	District Total		\$35.00	
District	20			
300	San Antonio	29	\$19.00	\$0.00
District	21			
487	Priddy	27	\$19.00	\$0.00
District	22			
319	Deer Park	14	\$16.00	\$0.00
Grand Total			\$215.00	

NATIONAL CONVENTION HOUSING REQUEST

MILWAUKEE. WI

AUGUST 27 – SEPTEMBER 2, 2010

RESERVATION DEADLINE – JUNE 27, 2010

PLEASE COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION. ANY FORMS RECEIVED INCOMPLETE, OR AFTER JUNE 27, 2010, WILL BE RETURNED. THIS FORM MUST BE ACCOMPANIED WITH CREDIT CARD INFORMATION OR FIRST ROOM NIGHT DEPOSIT.

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ ZIP: _____

POST NUMBER _____ DELEGATE _____ ALTERNATE _____ GUEST _____

Please reserve for me _____ room(s) (King _____ D/D _____) at the Hyatt Regency

Arrival Date: _____ Departure Date: _____

Enclosed is my Credit Card information or \$130.00 for the first night room deposit.

Credit Card # _____ Exp. Date _____

Visa _____ AM/Exp _____ Discover _____ Master Card _____ Other _____

I will be sharing a room with: _____

Post/Unit # _____ Delegate _____ Alternate _____ Guest _____

Registration Fee of \$15.00 (separate check) is also enclosed:

Check # _____ Cash Rec'd _____ Received by: _____

*THE ABOVE INFORMATION, ALONG WITH THE ROOM DEPOSIT IS
REQUIRED BY JUNE 27, 2010 BEFORE RESERVATIONS CAN BE MADE*

Return this form to: The American Legion, Department of Texas, Attn: National Convention,
PO Box 140527, Austin, Texas 78714.

American Legion Auxiliary Membership Report 2010

Monday, May 17, 2010

	Name	Members	Goal	Short	Pct	Flag
Dist						
2	Arliss Castle	927	913	-14	101.53%	G
4	Mary Ann Paul	1571	1650	79	95.21%	
20	Kay Morgan	1336	1409	73	94.82%	
7	Sharon Phelps	1127	1192	65	94.55%	
10	Madeline Seydler	963	1028	65	93.68%	
9	Mary Santarelli	2531	2717	186	93.15%	
12	Brenda Straten	1764	1898	134	92.94%	
21	Patsy Jordan Lackey	794	855	61	92.87%	
19	Brenda Kelley	345	377	32	91.51%	
14	Sandra Schendel	1542	1696	154	90.92%	
6	Bobbie Vessels	1258	1394	136	90.24%	
23	Peggy Lynn McKee	155	175	20	88.57%	
15	Cindy Engstrom	755	862	107	87.59%	
16	Belinda J Grimes	1424	1630	206	87.36%	
22	Bertha Torres	851	985	134	86.40%	
8	Corina Stowell	571	661	90	86.38%	
13	Shirley Paul	681	790	109	86.20%	
17	Dana McLaughlin	714	845	131	84.50%	
3	Becky Mathis	397	473	76	83.93%	
11	Kitty Gardner	923	1112	189	83.00%	
5	Ellen V Hunter	852	1052	200	80.99%	
1	Sue Stevens	372	469	97	79.32%	
18	Susan Wheatley	300	379	79	79.16%	
Div						
3	Patricia Shupe	7282	7887	605	92.33%	
2	Preress Thomas-White	5657	6257	600	90.41%	
1	Kay Mims	5637	6332	695	89.02%	
4	Yolanda McKinney	3577	4086	509	87.54%	
99		225	238	13	0.00%	
Department Total		22378	24800	2422	90.23%	

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Top Ten

		Div/District		Total Members	
245	Seguin	3	14	518	94.87%
379	Bedford	1	12	451	100.22%
618	Willis	2	7	381	104.38%
49	Orange	2	2	342	96.61%
593	Converse	3	20	316	95.76%
430	Odessa	4	16	296	84.81%
626	Fort Worth	1	12	291	86.35%
297	Benbrook	1	12	283	103.66%
231	Pottsboro	1	4	279	101.45%
48	Brenham	3	10	258	92.47%

Ambitious Ten

		Div/District		Total Members	
271	Rosenberg	3	9	256	93.43%
361	Ennis	2	6	236	91.83%
521	Pasadena	2	22	234	80.14%
516	Fort Worth	1	12	224	103.70%
491	Granbury	2	6	221	89.47%
490	Houston	2	22	220	92.05%
310	Mabank	1	4	219	90.87%
133	Temple	2	11	211	84.06%
19	Midland	4	16	205	91.11%
667	Universal City	3	20	205	106.22%

Top Ten Achievers

		Div/District		Total Members	
393	Cleveland	2	2	53	196.30%
71	Denton	1	13	24	150.00%
202	Wichita Falls	1	13	91	137.88%
447	Round Rock	3	10	92	135.29%
479	Uvalde	4	21	38	126.67%
255	Winnie	2	2	24	126.32%
533	Bastrop	3	10	81	122.73%
281	Gladewater	1	3	21	116.67%
174	Georgetown	3	10	14	116.67%
493	Nederland	2	2	61	115.09%