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## Have You Hugged A Veteran

The beginning of 2012 has been as amazing as 2011 ended. Texas made the 2<sup>nd</sup> Membership Milestone. The membership team and I are elated. National now waits for us to make the 80% club and I know we are going to make that challenge also. So keep up the good work Texas.

If you missed Mid-Winter Conference you missed an amazing weekend. The Leadership Team presented a very informative weekend and a wealth of information. VA&R Committee held a Field Service orientation, we are all now Field Service Certified. Attendees participated in National Leadership Correspondence Course. Participants will receive a letter and a Leadership Correspondence Card from National. Members were so excited learning how to use Social Media. On Sunday Membership Team presented awards and entertainment. GREAT JOB EVERYONE

On Sunday we were privilege to welcome home our own Past National President, Carlene Ashworth as our guest speaker. She shared with us her travels. Carlene is the first National President to visit all states during her year of service to the National organization. She is an inspiring and awesome lady. She lives by what our organization was formed on and its Veterans. She gives back so much. Thank You Carlene.

We look forward to seeing you all during **National President Kris Nelson** official visit to Texas on February 15, 2012. For a complete listing of her visit information see flyer on website. Deadline to RSVP is Friday, February 3, 2012. Everyone is invited to join us and welcome National President Kris to Texas.

Final VAMC visit is scheduled in March and I look forward to seeing everyone at Big Spring and Amarillo.

**DO NOT MISS THE 2013 UNIT DATA FORM**, in this bulletin. It is imperative that units complete and return this form to department by March 15, 2012. As you know that is a dues increase going into effect for 2013 year. If your unit does nothing, your renewal notice will be sent out with your old dues information. With the dues increase, units must send \$21.00 to department for 2013 membership year.

**Sweepstake Winners**-Winners are posted in the February monthly issue of the Legion Times and are posted at [www.txlegion.org](http://www.txlegion.org). Congratulations to all the winners and Thank you to all that participated.

**President Club**-There is still time to join the President's club. The Presidents Club is open to any member of the American Legion Family. You receive a pin, a membership card and you will be entered in a

drawing at Department Convention for a brand new Netbook. Donation is tax-deductible and it supports the American Legion Auxiliary. Form is on our website.

It gives me great pleasure to appoint Joyce Trojan as a Deputy to the Houston Veteran Medical Center, Trish Howell Associate Representative to McAllen, Kaye Turner-Parten Associate Representative to Lubbock and Kathleen Luffman Associate Representative to Ft. Worth. Thank you ladies for being willing, stepping up to serve our Veterans and our organization.

Christmas Assessments and Bonding Fees-Units that have not paid these obligations are not in good standing with the Department. The Christmas Assessment and Bonding Fees do not require a vote from the unit. The Bonding Fee should be paid each year when you certify your unit officers. The Christmas Assessment is the Auxiliary's gift to each hospitalized Veteran. If your unit has not submitted them, please do so as soon as possible. Units will not be seated at Department Convention until these fees are taken care of.

The Auxiliary email address [alatexas@txlegion.org](mailto:alatexas@txlegion.org), will be disconnected on February 15, 2012. Please update your email address book. Lisa Ratliff Secretary/ Treasurer's email is [alatxlr@txlegion.org](mailto:alatxlr@txlegion.org) and Sherry Harper's email is [alatxsh@txlegion.org](mailto:alatxsh@txlegion.org)

**Honor their Service with Honesty: "Honesty is the cornerstone of all success, without which confidence and ability to perform shall cease to exist"- Mary Kay Ash**

Mary Waddell,  
Department President



Celebrating Our Veterans & Freedom



## Information From Headquarters

February/March 2012

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**FEBRUARY**      **AMERICANISM MONTH**

**February 1**      **Girls State registration opens to Units**

**February 14**      **National President Kris Nelson Visit**

**February 26-29**      **Washington Conference**

**MARCH**      **COMMUNITY SERVICE MONTH**

**District Spring Conventions Begin**

**March 1**      **Girls State registration opens to schools**

**March 15-17**      **American Legion Birthday**

**March 28**      **Membership milestone 3-85%**

### **BITS AND PIECES**

- **Congratulations to the winners of the Legion Family Sweepstakes.** We had four auxiliary members that won money. Be sure to look for the next mailing that is expected to come out in April. Don't miss your chance to win big.
- Order forms for Department President Mary Lee's pin, Presidents Club and membership T-Shirts are available on request. They are also available on the website.
- The new PDP calendar is available. Order form is included in this bulletin and on the website. Don't miss out on this great product.
- **990 Information: All units are required to file a 990.** Units with less than \$25,000 in assets are required to file electronically. The group exemption number for all units is 0964. The IRS website is [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov).
- **Bond Information:** The 2011-2012 Bond Fee is due and payable. Remember this is an obligatory fee and no unit vote is required to pay this. Units that do not pay are not in good standing with the Department of Texas and will not be seated at any convention. This form is available on our website and also included in this bulletin.
- **Spring poppies** are now available. The order form is on the website and included in this bulletin. We have some new poppy makers and their poppies look really good. Remember that any unit that has previously ordered poppies must pay 1/3 of the proceeds to Department before any additional poppies will be sent. Please let us know when you order if your unit is using the poppies for decorations or other purposes so we know you do not owe the 1/3's.
- **Spring District Convention** will be posted to the website when they become available. This is the year even numbered Districts will be electing a new District President and Vice President. Please try and have your unit represented at your convention.
- **2013 Unit Data Forms:** It is very important that your Unit submit a Unit data form to Department. At the National Convention "four for the future" was passed. This increased the National Dues by \$4.00 and units will need to send **\$21 to Department for all Senior members.** Junior membership dues have not changed. This form is on the website and included in this bulletin.
- **Scholarships:** March 1<sup>st</sup> is the deadline to submit scholarship applications to Unit Presidents including National President's Scholarship, Non Traditional Student Scholarship and Spirit of Youth Scholarship. March 15<sup>th</sup> is the deadline for Units to submit winning entry to the Department Secretary.

- **Roster Changes:** Lynn Maldonado, Assistant Sgt. at Arms correct phone number is 325-728-0940; Unit 305's new President is Dayna Salter, 6726 Trebeck Lane, Spring, 77379, 281-376-3076; Unit 413's new President is Patti Vanek, 299 FM 1545, Three Rivers, 78071, their Secretary is Judy Weber, PO Box 890, Three Rivers, 78071; Unit 369's new President is Angelene Hilbrich, PO Box 144, Westhoff, 77994, 830-236-5512 and their new Secretary is Joycie Kahlich, k 714 Second Street, Cuero, 77954, 361-275-8024

## Junior activities

A BIG THANK YOU to everyone who brought comfort items for our troops to mid-winter!!! Please start your collections again as the juniors will be working on this project again at Department Convention.

Thank you to everyone who brought items for our raffle and who purchased raffle tickets. The juniors greatly appreciate the continued support. We will be doing a raffle again at the Department Convention.

Remember when you are getting ready to do your year-end reports I need nominations for Junior member of the year and junior unit of the year!!! I cannot give these awards away if there are no nominations and narratives sent to me.

Also, don't forget completed patch program sheets need to be sent to me by June 1st, if you want patches to be awarded at the department convention.

I am very proud of the 8 junior members who attended Mid-Winter this year and hope to see many more in Houston this summer.

Thank You  
Nicole R Ebner  
Junior Activities Chairman

## The Legion Family Sweepstakes Winners

The Midwinter Sweepstakes drawing was held on January 20, 2012 at the Omni Hotel in Austin.

Congratulations to the following winners:

<b>Grand Prize</b>	<b>\$10,000.00</b>	<b>Gary Moore</b>	<b>Flatonia</b>	<b>Post 94</b>
Second Prize	\$5000.00	John Scholer	Callaway	Post 36
Third Prize	\$2500.00	Peter Best	Ingleside	Post 345
Fourth Prize	\$1500.00	Maria Saenz	Raymondville	Unit 390
Fifth Prize	\$1000.00	Helen Olson	East Bernard	Unit 226
Sixth Prize	\$500.00	William Kolodzie	New Braunfels	Post 179
Seventh Prize	\$500.00	William Fisher	Denison	Post 345
Eight Prize	\$100.00	Frank Henderson	Rockport	Post 3
Ninth Prize	\$100.00	Martha Sitka	Hallettsville	Unit 230
Tenth Prize	\$100.00	Shirley McNabb	Victoria	Unit 166
Eleventh Prize	\$100.00	Johnny Patlan	Carrizo Spring	Sqd 379
Twelfth Prize	\$100.00	Raymond Farrell	Austin	Post 83
Thirteenth Prize	\$100.00	Loren Quigg	Schertz	Post 2

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY  
Department of Texas  
PO Box 140407  
Austin, Texas 78714  
February 2012

TO:           **UNIT PRESIDENTS**

SUBJECT:   **DISTRICT CONVENTION CALLS**

By virtue of the authority vested in the District Presidents by the Constitution and Bylaws of the American Legion Auxiliary, Department of Texas, for the districts listed on the reverse side, a convention of the respective districts as indicated is hereby called.

The purpose of the convention will be to plan for the 2012 year and to transact such other business as may properly come before the convention.

The voting strength of each unit will be based on the 2011 membership certified to the District President by the Department Secretary. In the district convention, a unit shall be entitled to two delegates for the first ten members and one additional delegate for each twenty five members or major fraction thereof, whose current dues have been received in Department Headquarters fifteen days prior to the convening of said convention, and to one alternate for each delegate. The delegates and alternates shall be elected at the regular unit meeting to be held not less than fifteen days before the district convention.

**Please send certification of delegates to your District President using the enclosed white form. This form is not** to be sent to Department Headquarters. The pink form is to be retained and brought to the convention by the delegation chairman.

Furnish your District President with a complete list of member's deceased since your last district convention for the memorial service.

All members of the American Legion Auxiliary are invited. Each unit in the district should send a delegation to the convention. Your cooperation in making this convention a success will be greatly appreciated.

*Lisa Ratliff*

Lisa Ratliff  
Department Secretary/Treasurer

**PLEASE NOTE: District Presidents are responsible for sending district convention minutes to Department Headquarters no later than ten (10) days after the district convention, along with copies of RESOLUTIONS that were passed at said convention.**

**American Legion Auxiliary  
Department of Texas  
Spring 2012 Convention Schedule**

<b>District 1</b>	March 10, 2012	Post 488	New Boston
<b>District 2</b>	April 21, 2012	Post 49	Orange Texas
<b>District 3</b>	March 24, 2012	Post 12	Tyler
<b>District 4</b>	April 28-30, 2012	Post 17	Greenville
<b>District 5</b>	March 24, 2012	Post 424	Dallas
<b>District 6</b>	March 24-25, 2012	Post 159 Vet. Conv.	Bryan
<b>District 7</b>	April 14, 2012	Center	Huntsville
<b>District 8</b>	March 17, 2012	Post 560	Houston
<b>District 9</b>	April 14-15, 2012	Post 291	San Leon
<b>District 10</b>	April 14, 2012	Post 455	Somerville
<b>District 11</b>	April 14, 2012	Post 121	Waco
<b>District 12</b>	March 31, 2012	Post 624	Mansfield
<b>District 13</b>	April 21, 2012	Post 220	Nocona
<b>District 14</b>	April 20-22, 2012	Post 179	New Braunfels
<b>District 15</b>	April 13-15, 2012	Post 37	McAllen
<b>District 16</b>	April 13-15, 2012	Post 58	El Paso
<b>District 17</b>	March 24-25, 2012	Post 61	Abilene
<b>District 18</b>	March 31, 2012	Post 192	Hereford
<b>District 19</b>	March 31, 2012	Post 500	Abernathy
<b>District 20</b>	April 14-15, 2012	Post 2	San Antonio
<b>District 21</b>	March 17-18, 2012	Post 157	Bandera
<b>District 22</b>	April 20-22, 2012	TBA	Houston
<b>District 23</b>	TBA		
<b>Division 1</b>	May 12, 2012	Post 655	Haltom City
<b>Division 2</b>	May 18-20, 2012	Holiday Inn	Beaumont
<b>Division 3</b>	June 1-3, 2012	Post 442	Sealy
<b>Division 4</b>	May 5-6, 2012	Post 208	Kerrville

ORIGINAL (WHITE)  
(To District President)

DUPLICATE (PINK) (to be retained by  
Chairman of Unit Delegation)

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY  
Department of Texas  
CERTIFICATION OF DELEGATES  
TO THE DISTRICT CONVENTIONS

\_\_\_\_\_  
(UNIT LOCATION) (UNIT NUMBER) (DISTRICT/DIVISION)

We hereby certify that the following members of this Unit were named to the **DISTRICT CONVENTION of the American Legion Auxiliary, Department of Texas.** (DELEGATES AND ALTERNATES MUST HAVE A 2012 MEMBERSHIP CARD IN YOUR UNIT.)

**DELEGATES**

**ALTERNATES**

1.	1.
2.	2.
3.	3.
4.	4.
5.	5.
6.	6.
7.	7.
8.	8.

(Additional Delegates may be listed and attached to this form)

CHAIRMAN OF UNIT DELEGATION

UNIT PRESIDENT

10 members - 2 votes  
23 members - 3 votes  
48 members - 4 votes  
73 members - 5 votes  
98 members - 6 votes  
123 members - 7 votes  
148 members - 8 votes

173 members - 9 votes  
198 members - 10 votes  
223 members - 11 votes  
248 members - 12 votes  
273 members - 13 votes  
298 members - 14 votes  
323 members - 15 votes

348 members - 16 votes  
373 members - 17 votes  
398 members - 18 votes  
423 members - 19 votes  
448 members - 20 votes  
473 members - 21 votes  
498 members - 22 votes

MAKE THIS REPORT IN DUPLICATE immediately after Delegates and Alternates are determined. **Mail ORIGINAL FORM (WHITE) to your DISTRICT PRESIDENT. The DUPLICATE FORM (PINK) is to be retained by the Chairman of the Unit Delegation and delivered in person to your District President or Credentials Committee upon arrival at the District Convention.**

Transmitted through Department Headquarters February 2012

# 2013 UNIT DATA FORM DIRECT BILLING

(Type or Print Using Black Ink)

*\*Non-legible forms will be returned\**

I understand that the dues amount listed below will be printed on the upcoming Membership Renewal Notices that will be mailed to each Senior member of our Unit. Below is the address to be printed on each Renewal Notice showing where our members are to mail their dues for this Unit.

It is understood that no change in the amount of dues or the address to which the dues are to be sent can be made after March 15, 2012.

DEPARTMENT OF TEXAS		UNIT NUMBER _____
2013 SENIOR DUES OF THE UNIT ARE \$ _____		Per Member
2013 JUNIOR DUES OF THE UNIT ARE \$ _____		Per Member
Name of individual in the Unit to receive membership dues (current year dues of the member must be paid)		Membership ID Number
Address		
City	State	Zip Code
(Area Code)	Telephone Number	
Date	Signature	Title
Please note: All information must be completed. It is imperative that this data form be returned not later than March 15, 2012. Not doing so may cause the 2013 renewal notices to be sent to the wrong person along with the incorrect amount. <b>Please send in even if the amount and/or person do not change.</b>		
Return completed form to the Department Headquarters		
ALA Department of Texas PO Box 140407 Austin TX 78714-0407		

## 2013 UNIT DATA FORM DIRECT BILLING

(Type or Print Using Black Ink)

*\*Non-legible forms will be returned\**

National will print the cards, rosters, and first renewal notices in April 2012 for the 2013 card year. It is important the Department provide National with information relating to the new card year before April 1, 2012.

It is imperative that Units transmit all renewals before January 31, 2012 to avoid suspension of members' rights and privileges. All membership (renewals, transfers, and new) transmitted to National by Department before March 1, 2012 will be included in the 2013 documents. Any new or transferring membership transmitted after March 1, 2012 will probably not be included in the 2013 documents. This does not mean that the membership transmitted will not be accepted; only that the record of membership may not correctly show up on the membership packet sent to the Units. Cards will not be generated by National for new and transferring members after March 1, 2012. It will be necessary to make cards for those members.

**Rosters:** The information above applies to the roster generated by National. Any new members transmitted or transferred after March 1, 2012 may not be posted to the 2013 roster. The last year paid column will be incorrect for renewals. It will be necessary to add new / transferred members to the roster.

**First Renewal Notices:** These are the notices sent to the Unit members in August 2012 for 2013 card year. The member's address will be located on the left side of the notice. On the right side will be the address for the member to use when remitting here dues to the Unit. Units are encouraged to use a permanent Unit address, such as a post office box, so that the address remains constant from year to year. If this is not possible, then the address used should be that of the person collecting the dues and processing the membership for the 2013 card year. All Units must submit a record of address for the purposes of dues collection (even if the address has not changed.) The information on the reverse side must be provided before March 15, 2012 to assure proper handling of membership documents by National.

For more information about membership, refer to the Unit Handbook (2009) published by National:

New member information:	19-21
Transferring member information:	21-23
Reinstatement of member information:	24

# Riding the Wave of Freedom..... while “Honoring their Service”

MaryAnn Paul, Department Membership Chairman



## What a Ride!!

The first six months of our membership year have been an unbelievable ride! Last week (January 25, 2012) we passed our second milestone date of 70% and I'm proud to say that the State of Texas also reached our second National Membership Milestone date of February 2 (way ahead) for 70%. Wow, what an accomplishment! You've all done an outstanding job in reaching 70%. Some of you are now over 80%! (National has sent out the 2<sup>nd</sup> renewal notices in January).

## COMMUNICATE REGULARLY

Communication – I live it, I breathe it, I believe in it. Without good communication, how can we expect others to know what we need? I encourage each Division, District, Unit to assess your communication plan in regards to working membership. Do you submit an article in the monthly newsletter? Do you use email blasts? Do you use Facebook and other social media? If no to any of these, I encourage you to explore the possibilities. We must use all that is available to us to better communicate with our Members. And, don't forget our most important tool – our mouths. Pick up the phone and call. Talk face-to-face.

We have been asked (by National) to focus on Units that are less than five in membership to date. Yes, it is always sad when we are faced with losing a Unit. In reality, however, these Units could be weighing us down. We spend a lot of energy trying to save them at the expense of working with our more active Units who are achieving and need our attention, too. If we lose a charter, we can hope that perhaps one day a go-getter will come along and will step up to revitalize that Unit. It's happened before!

Membership Idea #2  
Get a Plan!

Plan well, and your efforts will show. Whether it's an Auxiliary activity, meeting, or membership drive, get the team together and come up with a strategy for success. If you're organized, people will want to join in.

## SPECIAL RECOGNITION TO TOP FIVE DISTRICTS\*:

District 3 – Terri Mathis	86.01%
District 9 – Twyla Greer	85.80%
District 20 – Kay Morgan	85.03%
District 22 – Natasha Hudson	82.90%
District 10 – Eleanor Schulze	82.69%



Be Someone's Valentine!  
Sign Them Up!  
Or  
Send Valentine Cards to  
Unpaid Members with a  
Reminder of Dues

\* As of Membership Report January 25, 2012



# PRESSBOOK GUIDELINES 2011-2012

## **GUIDELINES FOR DEPARTMENT COMPETITION:**

Submit Entry to PR Area in Main Meeting Room at Department Convention as soon as you arrive.

Judging Saturday Afternoon after all meetings.

Books to be picked up in Public Relations Area Saturday afternoon after judging or Sunday morning.

- On the first page list the Chairman's name, address and name of the Unit.
- Include a copy of the Unit Annual Report AND a Narrative Report of 1,000 words or less, telling how Public Relations was promoted in the Unit
- Every newspaper article, including newspaper pictures, **MUST:** mention the name of the American Legion Auxiliary and be arranged by calendar year. Include name, city, date and page number (cutlines) from the newspaper.
- Contain no more than three (3) articles from your Unit newspaper, bulletin or newsletter.





## **American Legion Auxiliary Department of Texas VA&R Volunteer Hours Guidelines**

### **VA&R Hours**

- Veterans Administration Medical Centers (VAMC) facility.
- Orientation courses are determined by the facility through their Voluntary Service Coordinator.
- State Nursing Homes associated with a VAMC facility.
- VA contracted nursing homes (the VAMC sends a veteran to a local nursing home and pays for the services he/she receives).
- National Cemeteries.
- Outpatient Clinics associated with the VAMC.

### **Field Service Hours**

- Anything you do that is not at a VAMC facility or in your home for a veteran.
- Members taking the Field Service orientation Course are eligible to count their hours for pins, etc.
- If a member has not taken the course then the hours are counted as unit hours and need to be reported.
- Legion, SAL and junior hours are counted as well, if not reported elsewhere.
- Assisting at local nursing homes with veterans that are patients. If it is a veteran/non-veteran facilities count the number of veterans and divide your time between Field Service (for the veteran) and Community Service (remainder of the residents).
- Privately contracted Outpatient Clinics in local communities for veteran services (not VAMC directly contracted).
- Fisher Houses
- Homeless Shelters
- Legion Posts – Assisting veterans in preparing for and cleaning up after events.
- Helping veterans with filling out paperwork, filing documents, taxes, etc.
- Assisting a veteran with chores and daily living requirements at his/her home.
- Shopping for the veteran (personal shopper for his/her needs; gifts to be given, etc.).

- Halfway Houses; Hospice facilities; elder day care centers; local cemeteries when providing services for or on behalf of a veteran.
- Funeral detail for a veteran (being pallbearers, honor guard, flag ceremony, etc.).

### **Home Service Hours**

- Cooking and baking, sewing, crocheting, knitting, preparing goods and services for a veteran while in your home.
- Doing paperwork, taxes, bookkeeping, or handling correspondence for a veteran while in your home. If you do it at his/her homes its Field Service.

### **Community Service Hours**

- Travel time going to and returning from a VAMC facility.
- Drive time to pick up merchandise for a veterans use.
- Serving food, helping with a reception and/or paperwork after the funeral of a veteran to assist his/her family.

**Keep in mind** – If you are related to the veteran (a family member) it doesn't count. Record and keep track of how many hours, number of veterans and money spent during the year in order to provide an accurate Annual Report for your Unit and Department to turn into the National Organization.

**AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY**  
**Department of Texas**  
**VETERAN MADE POPPY –SPRING– 2012**

Mail Poppy Orders to:  
American Legion Auxiliary  
PO Box 140407  
Austin TX 78714-0407

ORDERS MUST BE RECEIVED BY  
*May 18th*, TO ASSURE DELIVERY.  
ORDERS ARE SHIPPED VIA REGULAR MAIL  
PLEASE ORDER EARLY!

According to Art. VII, Sect. 14, 33-1/3% of all Poppy Profits shall be remitted to Department Headquarter. ***NO POPPY ORDERS FOR FUTURE DISTRIBUTION SHALL BE HONORED UNTIL SUCH ASSESSMENT IS REMITTED BY UNIT.***

PRICES ARE AS FOLLOWS:

\$17.50 PER BOX OF 100	\$42.50 PER BOX OF 500	\$125.00 PER BOX OF 1500
\$35.00 PER BOX OF 200	\$85.00 PER BOX OF 1,000	\$170.00 PER BOX OF 2000
		ETC.

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Unit/Post # \_\_\_\_\_ located at \_\_\_\_\_

Herewith places an order for \_\_\_\_\_ “Veteran made” Poppies.

Check number \_\_\_\_\_ Amount \_\_\_\_\_

SHIP TO: \_\_\_\_\_  
(NAME)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(STREET ADDRESS OR PO BOX)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(CITY, STATE, ZIP)

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UNIT/POST \_\_\_\_\_ **PLEDGES** TO PAY THE 33-1/3% OF DISTRIBUTION PROCEEDS.

POPPY DAY \_\_\_\_\_  
EXACT DATE \_\_\_\_\_ SIGNED \_\_\_\_\_

OTHER USE \_\_\_\_\_  
OFFICE HELD \_\_\_\_\_

**AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY**  
**Department of Texas**  
**VETERAN MADE POPPY –SPRING– 2012**

**VETERAN MADE POPPY – SPRING- 2012**

Hundreds of disabled veterans are busily fashioning red crepe paper poppies – the memorial flower worn each year during Memorial Day and Veterans Day in honor of America’s war dead.

The American Legion Auxiliary pays these hospital-confined men for making little red blooms by hand—money they would not have were it not for this program.

Just a small percent of the public really know how and where the poppies they see are made. All poppies for the Department of Texas are made at the Temple VA Medical Center. The disabled men look forward to making the flowers as a relief from hospital boredom. They are also well aware that the funds derived from the poppies each year can only be used for rehabilitation and child welfare by the Auxiliary.

The large sums contributed by a sympathetic public have done untold good in alleviating suffering and hardship of the veteran and his or her family.

Order your poppies now. Remember the pleasure your work toward this effort will bring to someone less fortunate than you. Distribute and wear the poppy proudly.

**NOTE: According to Convention Mandate, 1949, you are asked to send to Department thirty-three and one third percent (33 1/3%) of your poppy proceeds for Rehabilitation and Child Welfare purposes. This percentage should be based on the balance of your proceeds after deducting the amount paid for the poppies and other expenses.**

**SEE REVERSE SIDE FOR ORDER FORM**



## AMERICANISM ESSAY CONTEST 2011 - 2012 Cover Sheet

Each year, the American Legion Auxiliary (ALA) sponsors an Americanism Essay Contest for students in grades 3-12. Grade levels are divided into five classes. One award in each of the five classes will be presented in each Division. Winners will receive \$50 and a \$50 honorarium in the student's name to the Children of Warriors National Presidents' Scholarship.

**Essay Theme:** *How Can I Show My Patriotism in My Community?*

### Essay Classes:

Class	Grade Level	Word Requirement
I	3 and 4	150-250
II	5 and 6	250-300
III	7 and 8	350-400
IV	9 and 10	450-500
V	11 and 12	450-500

### Essay Checklist:

- Student grade \_\_\_\_\_ Class competing in \_\_\_\_\_
- Sponsoring ALA Unit \_\_\_\_\_
- Typed or neatly written essay conforming to the word limit for class
- Completed essay coversheet as first page of essay

### Complete this information:

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address (Street, City, State, Zip): \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

School Name: \_\_\_\_\_

School City/State: \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher Name and Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsoring Unit: \_\_\_\_\_

2011-2012

**WAYS & MEANS**  
 Jackie Clanan, Chairman  
 5842 Sunny Vale Circle  
 El Paso, Texas 79924-2722  
 915-821-0351  
 clanan1@juno.com



President Mary Lee's pin is in the shape of "Texas" and goes along with her theme "Celebrating our Veterans and Freedom." The 2011-2012 pin is very colorful, our Auxiliary Emblem is on one side and a Starfish on the other side, at the bottom of the pin the words "Veterans - Freedom" appear. Mary Lee's name along with the year is also on the pin. The membership theme this year is "Riding the Wave of Freedom" and what an exciting year we are going to have with our Bishop Palace Mary Lee leading the way.

To order any of the pins below, complete the order form and send a check, and Shipping Charges to me at the above address.

<b>MARY LEE'S Pin</b>	<b>No. Ordered</b> _____	<b>\$3.00 each</b>
<b>Diana's Star Pin</b>	<b>No. Ordered</b> _____	<b>\$2.00 each</b>
<b>Barbara's Horse Pin</b>	<b>No. Ordered</b> _____	<b>\$1.00 each</b>
<b>Mickie Pin</b>	<b>No. Ordered</b> _____	<b>\$ .50 each or 3 for \$1.00</b>
<b>Poppy Pin</b>	<b>No. Ordered</b> _____	<b>\$2.00 each</b> (money goes to VA&R)



**SHIPPING CHARGES**

1 Pin	\$ .60 postage plus Price of Pin
5 Pins	\$ .95 postage plus Price of Pin
10 Pins	\$1.40 postage plus Price of Pin

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City & Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone No: \_\_\_\_\_

**MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: A.L.A. - DEPT. OF TEXAS**

***"THANKS TO EVERYONE FOR YOUR PREVIOUS ORDERS  
 AND FUTURE ORDERS"***

## 2012 PDP CALENDAR IS NOW AVAILABLE!!!

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Mail to Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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Mail completed for with your check to: ALA, Dept. of Texas, PO Box 140407, Austin, TX 78714



2012 Texas PDP Calendar Girls

If you are interested in serving on a department committee - please fill this out email or mail to the leading candidate for 12-13 :  
Marty Peters 1005 N Main, Cleburne TX 76033 or marty54@sbcglobal.net

NAME _____	UNIT # _____
MAILING ADDRESS _____	DISTRICT # _____
CITY,STATE,ZIP _____	DIVISION# _____
email address : _____	
HOME PHONE (     )     -	
CELL PHONE (     )     -	
FAX OR OTHER PHONE (     )     -	
CURRENT AUX OFFICE or APPOINTMENTS	
PREVIOUS AUX OFFICES/APPOINTMENTS	
I HAVE A PASSION TO WORK ON THE FOLLOWING COMMITTEE(S) & WHY	
#1	
#2	
#3	
MY WORK EXPERIENCE INCLUDES:	
MY HOBBIES OR OTHER ACTIVITES INCLUDE:	
I have _____ hours per <b><u>week or month</u></b> available to work on the committee activities.	
circle one above	
Signature: X _____	date: _____



# APRIL 16-21, 2012

**Monday, April 16**

DEPART SAN ANTONIO

Monday, April 16,

ARRIVE in SAN MARCOS

**Tuesday, April 17,**

ARRIVE in AUSTIN

**Wednesday, April 18,**

ARRIVE in KILLEEN

**Thursday, April 19,**

ARRIVE in WACO

**Friday, April 20,**

ARRIVE in CLEBURNE

Finale' Banquet & Donations

**Saturday, April 21,**

ARRIVE in ARLINGTON

**Sunday, April 22 morning**

**'HONOR RIDE'**

Clay Hunt

## How can you help and be involved?

**VOLUNTEER** – go to one of the host cities & offer to help

**DONATE** – send funds to **ALA Dept of Texas**  
Earmarked **Texas R2R** (this is a VA&R program)

Funds will be used to assist with some of the costs of the overnight stops – transportation or meals that the unit is unable to pay in full\*

Excess funds will be donated to R2R at the Friday night Finale' banquet in Cleburne with details as to which units donated to the entire event.

\*Chairman will oversee and approve all reimbursements to units.



***Get involved***  
***Make a difference***  
***in the life of an R2R injured veteran!***