

**AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY
DEPARTMENT OF TEXAS**

**BARBARA KUNDERT
Biography 2009-2010**

Barbara Kundert of Alvarado, Texas was elected President, Department of Texas of the American Legion Auxiliary June 28, 2009, at the Department Convention in McAllen, Texas. Barbara joined Chism-Landers Unit #361 in 1980 through the service of her former husband who served in the United States Army. Moving to the Alvarado area in 1998, she transferred her membership to Truitt-Bishop Unit 426. In 2001, she married Don Kundert who is a member of Post 426 in Alvarado, having served in the United States Air Force.

Barbara has been an active member and has served her Unit as President, Vice-President, Secretary/Treasurer, Historian and Chaplain. On the District level, she served as Chaplain, Secretary and Treasurer and Sixth District President 1992-1994. She also served the 6th District as Past President's Parley Chairman and Distinguished Guest Chairman.

In the II Division, she served as Chaplain and was President 1999-2000. At the Department level, she was a member of the Legislative committee for two years, Americanism and Membership committee and served as Chairman of Community Service, Poppy, Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation and Department Vice President. She is a ten-year member of La Boutique Des Huit Chapeaux ET Quarante Femmes (Eight & 40) Salon #283.

Barbara grew up in Sulphur Springs, Texas and moved to Wilmer where she graduated from Wilmer-Hutchins High School. She was employed with Dana Corporation, a manufacturing plant of hydraulic cylinders. Her career began in inventory control and moved to purchasing, accounting, and traffic manager. She attended management courses at Dana University, in Toledo, Ohio, and retired with almost 30 years of service.

Barbara is a member of Willow Springs Baptist Church where she serves as treasurer. She volunteers in the community with several organizations.

Barbara has culinary talents (baking delicious cakes); she and her husband, Don, raise horses – 6 at present (having already raised 3 daughters and 2 sons – enjoying five grandsons and 1 granddaughter. She is an avid NASCAR fan (Talladega track is her favorite) and she loves riding horses, having won awards & trophies in barrel racing & other western events. She collects lighthouses, wind chimes and the painted horse collection.

Barbara is devoted to veterans and to the American Legion Auxiliary.

Elected as Department of Texas President at McAllen on June 28, 2009, Barbara Kundert is a member of Alvarado Unit 426. She is active in her Unit, in the 6th District, and in the II Division where she has served as President at each level and held many offices and chairmanships. Her most personally rewarding position was chairman of the VA & R committee – where she was able to see the main reason and the purpose of the creation of the American Legion Auxiliary - in action.

A native Texas, Barbara grew up in Sulphur Springs, moved to Wilmer, then Ennis and now lives near Alvarado.

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Her working career ended when she retired after almost 30 years from Dana Corporation, but she works much harder now as a volunteer. Barbara is devoted to veterans and to the American Legion Auxiliary, working hard within her church and her community.

Please join me in welcoming our guest speaker today, President of the Department of Texas, Barbara Kundert.