



AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY DEPARTMENT OF IOWA

SERVING VETERANS, THEIR FAMILIES AND THEIR COMMUNITIES

Auxiliary Communique - Summer 2017

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Auxiliary President Sharon Anderson



Greetings from your President. I have been busy traveling to District meetings, County Meetings and Unit Meetings. Thanks to all who invited me to attend and your great hospitality. Renewed old friendships and made many new ones.

I was just looking through our blue book and I never before read what our Emblem is made up of and what it stands for. So maybe this is a lesson for some of us. Our Emblem of the American Legion Auxiliary is a badge of distinction and honor. It stands for God and Country and the highest rights of men. It consists of several parts and each part has a meaning. The rays of sun that form the background stand for the principles of the American Legion Auxiliary, for Loyalty, Justice, Freedom and Democracy, dispelling the darkness of violence, strife and evil. Unity and Loyalty are represented by the unbroken circle of blue. The field of white exemplifies the hope of Freedom. The Star of blue is the emblem of service in war, it is no less the emblem of service in time of peace. The Emblem of the American Legion Auxiliary is the emblem of Americanism. Americanism is unity of love, singleness of allegiance, practically of purpose, care of the distressed, education of children, all directed to the promotion of a common good. It is the spirit of Americanism which shall ever preserve our land from stagnation, which is the death of peoples. As members of the American Legion Auxiliary, we must preach and teach the religion of Americanism. We must not forget our obligations. In the emblem of the American Legion Auxiliary, there is a great prophesy. It is the promise of the Defenders of the Republic bespeaking the fullest good for each in the betterment of all. Each member takes pride that the emblem she wears and the membership card she carries gives her privileges in the Unit, County, District, Department and the National organization. I hope we all learned from this.

Now back to my travels: I attended the Washington Conference in DC on February 25th.



151, but could not find it. Drove around for about an hour (left my phone at home) was to be there at 12:30 pm was not able to get there on time, so I turned around and got home around 4:30 pm. So sorry I was not able to attend. On May 15th I will attend Davenport for lunch. May 18th will attend Foundation Grant Meeting at Headquarters. May 22nd had a conference call with Strategic Planning Committee. May 28th I will attend Keokuk for Memorial Speech at Cemetery then back to post for lunch. Mary 29th I will attend Dallas Center at the park for Memorial Speech. That ends up May. Then June is Junior Camp and Girls State. Will report on those later.

I want to thank everyone who have donated to my Presidents Project I appreciate it so very much.

We still need volunteers at the V.A. Hospitals and Knoxville Veterans Home. You just don't know how much our volunteers are appreciated. Maybe you could become one of these special people. If you haven't purchased one of my pins for a mere \$3.00 ask one of the District Presidents or one of my Department Officers. I really do need to get them sold. Then that money can be used for a special project.

Remember Department Convention will be held in Des Moines at the Airport Holiday Inn on July 21st thru July 23rd. Hope to see you all there. I want to thank my officers, District Presidents, committee people and a great big thanks to the office staff. Marlene, Jeannie and Traci. I guess I am on my way out, but it has been a wonderful experience that I will never forget. I guess I have to turn in my crown, maybe something extra special is in store for me.

For God and Country, God Bless America and God Bless our Troops until they are safely home.

Your Proud President... Sharon Anderson



AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY

Department of Iowa

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CALL TO THE 97th ANNUAL DEPARTMENT CONVENTION

The 97th Annual Department Convention of the American Legion Auxiliary, Department of Iowa will be held Friday, Saturday and Sunday, July 21, 22, and 23, 2017 at the Airport Holiday Inn, Des Moines, Iowa 52241. All Auxiliary Pre-Convention Meetings, General Sessions and Joint Meetings with The American Legion Family will be held at the Hotel Convention Center.

PURPOSE:

The convention is called for the purpose of electing officers for the ensuing year, amending the Department Constitution, Bylaws, and Standing Rules, receiving reports from Department Officers and Committees, electing delegates and alternates to attend National Convention, reports from National Committee people, and the transaction of such other business as may be brought before it.

REGISTRATION:

Registration will be Friday, July 21, from Noon to 7:00 p.m. and Saturday, July 22, from 8:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. Registration fee is \$10.00 for Delegates, Alternates and Guests. There is no registration fee for Junior Auxiliary members, but they MUST register. **Everyone is required to register at the Convention.** Registration fees ARE **NOI** accepted at the Department Office. **You must register at the Auxiliary Registration Table at the Ballroom Foyer.**

REPRESENTATION:

Refer to page 5 of the 2016-2017 Department Blue Book, Article VIII of the Department Constitution, Sections 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6:

Section 2. Each Unit shall be entitled to elect one (1) delegate and one (1) alternate, and one (1) additional delegate and one (1) additional alternate for each fifty (50) members or major fraction thereof, provided their current dues have been received by the Department Executive Director by **MAY 15th** of the current year. No alternate shall be entitled to a vote unless seated as a delegate.

Section 3. Members of the Department Executive Committee, all Past Department Presidents, District Presidents-elect, and incoming County Presidents, and all of whom are in good standing in their local Units, shall be delegates to the Department Convention.

Section 4. Election of officers shall be held according to the Department Standing Rules. No member shall have more than one vote.

Section 5: The Legislative Body of this Department shall be the delegates to the Department Convention to be held each year not less than two (2) weeks prior to the National Convention.

Section 6. A quorum of the Department Convention shall consist of fifty percent (50%) of the duly registered delegates of the Units of the Department.

DELEGATE AND ALTERNATE CREDENTIALS:

A form to list Delegates and Alternates is included in the packet (sent to the Unit President of each Unit by May 31, 2017). This form, listing the Delegates and Alternates, **must be in** the Department Office by **July 1, 2017**. If you are not sending any Delegates or Alternates, please send the form in and indicate there will not be any Delegates or Alternates from your Unit.

Delegate/Alternate ribbons will be issued at the Department Convention Registration table.

A member's name must be on the list provided by her Unit to be a Unit Delegate or Alternate.

If a member of your Unit fits into one of the following categories, please list name and title on the Delegate/Alternate form. They will receive their Delegate ribbon at Department Convention. We need this information for delegate strength.

Past Department Presidents; 2016-2017 Department Executive Committee Member (2016-2017) Department Officers; 2016-2017 District Presidents, 2016-2017 Parliamentarian; District President-Elect (for 2017-2018); County President-Elect (for 2017-2018)

NOMINATIONS, CAUCUSES AND ELECTIONS:

Nominations for Department Officers will be on Friday afternoon, July 21, 2017. If there is only one nominee for an office, voting shall be by acclamation at the Friday afternoon session. If there is more than one nominee for an office, the voting shall be by ballot at the District Caucuses. Caucuses are scheduled for Saturday, July 22, 2017.

NATIONAL GUEST: National President Mary Davis.

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE:

Changes in the convention schedule will be updated in the convention program or announced from the podium. A tentative schedule will be on our web site - www.ialegion.org/ala - no later than July 1, 2017.

QUESTIONS:

Call the Department Office at 515-282-7987, fax the Department Office at 515-282-7583 or e-mail Marlene at alasectreas@ialegion.org. See you at Convention.