



AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY DEPARTMENT OF IOWA

SERVING VETERANS, THEIR FAMILIES AND THEIR COMMUNITIES

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Ann Crawford: Candidate for NEC



Ann Crawford is a member of the David McNeill Unit #129 of Onawa, IA. She is eligible for the American Legion Auxiliary through the service of father, Russell, who served in the Army Air Force during World War II and was recalled for the Korean Conflict. She has been a member of the American Legion Auxiliary all of her life. Her grandparents were active in the Post and Unit in Cushing, as were her parents, Russ and Lorraine Pruehs who were known throughout northwest Iowa for their work with the American Legion Family.

Ann has served as Unit President of both the Ames and Onawa American Legion Auxiliary Units. She also served as the Monona County American Legion Auxiliary President several times, was a member of the Iowa Girls State Board of Directors and a staff member of Iowa Girls State for over 30 years, and she served as the Ninth District President 2002-2003. Ann was elected Department President 2013-2014, and as our National Executive Committee Woman the past three years. Nationally, she has served as the Central Division Americanism Chairman, the Central Division National Security Chairman, and the Central Division Legislative Chairman.

Ann is active in her community serving as President of the Onawa Kiwanis Club, President of the United Methodist Women's Circles, retired manager of the Monona County Fair and the Executive Director of the Onawa Chamber of Commerce, works at the Onawa Public Library, and continues to operate her sewing business. She currently is active with the Quilts of Valor Foundation.

The David McNeill Unit #129 of Onawa, IA, Monona County American Legion Auxiliary, and the Ninth District of Iowa American Legion Auxiliary have endorsed Ann for another three year term as Iowa's National Executive Committeewoman.

Alice Greenwood: Candidate for Department Historian



My name is Alice Greenwood. I am running for the office of Department Historian. A 21 year member of the Auxiliary, I'm eligible through my great-grandfather, Victor Paar, and father, Mark Klinkhammer. My mother, Vickie Klinkhammer, my grandmother, Arlene Reisen, are Auxiliary members, and my brother, Matt Klinkhammer, is a charter member of the SAL Squadron #6 Dubuque. I served two terms as Dubuque County Vice-President and 2nd District Secretary. I was 2nd District Junior President for four years. I received the Junior Member of the Year and Junior Volunteer of the Year awards. I was a Girl Stater. I earned my Girl Scout Silver and Gold awards. I'm very active in my church where I sing in the adult choir. I'm also the director for the children's choir. I studied music, art, and writing at Clarke University. I own my own business, CRG Studios. I offer photography services, custom paintings and drawings, editorial assistance, piano and voice lessons, and service as wedding and event singer. I enjoy photographing people and making scrapbooks from my photos. I am passionate, creative, with a strong work ethic. My skills with a camera, written word, and crafting a book make me uniquely qualified for this position.



Vicki Klinkhammer: 2017 - 2018 Auxiliary President

I am honored to be considered as the next Department of Iowa President. I am a 21 year member, eligible through my grandfather, Victor Gerhard Paar. My father, William Reisen was a Merchant Mariner, my grandmother, Marie Paar was an auxiliary member,

Vice President. I earned my BA in Communications, December, 2011 from Clarke University. I am a photographer and clothing designer by trade, I enjoy reading, music, antiques, traveling, and being with my family. I look forward to working side by side with my Legion Family for the betterment of our veterans, active duty military, and their families. For all those who served our country in any capacity, I Thank You.

Mary Sebben: Candidate for Auxiliary Vice-President



Mary Sebben is a twelve-year member and PUF of the American Legion Auxiliary. She served as unit president for the Granger Unit for several years before transferring to the Woodward Unit in 2012. She served as Dallas County President for two two-year terms, from 2008-2010 and from 2014-2016. She served as Sixth District Secretary, Vice President and President from 2008-2011. In 2011-2012 she served as the Department Membership Chairman, followed by Department Poppy Chairman, Department Historian, Department VA&R Service to Veterans Chairman,

Executive Committeeman. Their son, Jay, is with the 132nd ANG in Des Moines and a member of The American Legion. Their son, Jonathan, is a SAL member along with his son, Geno. Mary's mother, two sisters, daughter-in-law, and two granddaughters are all members of the American Legion Auxiliary.

Mary is committed to the American Legion Auxiliary and to serving our veterans, our military and their families. That is why she is seeking your support for the office of Department Vice-President for 2017-2018. She will strive to assist our Department President and the members of the Iowa American Legion Auxiliary to the best of her ability with God's love and guidance.

Doris Jackson: Candidate for Department Chaplain



Doris Jackson is a 30 year member of Lorimor, Unit 96, Union County and Fifth District. She is eligible under her father, Boyd H. Nelson, who served in WWII and sons Robert Boyd Houseman (Navy) and Robert (B.J.) Jackson (186th MP, Iowa Army National Guard). She is married to Bobby Jackson, Sons of the American Legion Alternate NEC and 9 grandchildren. Granddaughters Mikayla, Josie and Faith are very active in the ALA.

Doris has served in many offices at Unit, County and District level. She has served as Department Junior Activities (two years), Membership, VA&R "Service to Veterans", VA&R, Strategic Planning Committee and 2020 Leadership Development Committee (Nicole Clapp for National President). She is a member of the Church of God. Doris is committed to serving our veterans, military and their families through the American Legion Auxiliary. Doris would like your support for the office of Department Chaplain for 2016 - 2017. God Bless the USA.

INSURANCE UPDATE FROM NATIONAL

The National American Legion Auxiliary is advising members about a new mailing from The Hartford: Rewards Accident Insurance. For more information, call the ALA Plan Administrator at 1-844-363-1726.

2016-2017 DEADLINE CHECK LIST FOR UNITS

June 1	Iowa Merit Award application packets due to the Department Education Chairman Sue Schlitter
June 5	Poppy Proceeds check and report due in the Department Office
June 4-9	Junior Camp, Christian Conference Center, Newton
June 9	Department Junior Convention, Christian Conference Center, Newton
June 18-23	Iowa Girls State at Drake University, Des Moines
June 23	Girls State Inauguration at Drake University, Des Moines
June 15	National Convention Delegates/Alternates/Guests/Hotel forms due in Department Office
June 15	Top three top narratives chosen by Department Chairmen due to Department President
June 15	Suggested Governing Document changes due to Sandy Deacon. Copies of suggestions are to be sent to the Department Office, ATTN: Marlene Valentine
June 15	Department Convention Delegates/Alternates forms due in Department Office
July 1	2017-2018 Unit Officers form due in the Department Office
July 1	Department Convention, Des Moines, IA - Installation of new officers
July 21-23	

Please note: Many forms were in the Unit/County/District Packets distributed at Department/District/County Leadership Workshops held in August 2016. Do not call the office if you don't have the proper forms as they were in the packets you should have picked up when attending the appropriate (Department, District, County) Leadership Workshop. Check out the ALA Communique in the center of your Iowa Legionnaire for more valuable Auxiliary information. *The Iowa Legionnaire* and the *ALA Communique* will cover three months. Also check our website: Programs and form information will be found on the website. All deadlines are firm!