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*Serving veterans, their families
and their communities*

Do you want to help support YOUR ORGANIZATION ? Why not become a member of The American Legion Auxiliary's Club? Membership for Platinum (\$50.), Gold (\$25.), Silver (\$15.) or Bronze (\$10.) levels are available. Mail yours today!!

**Platinum / Gold / Silver / Bronze
Club Application**

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ **State** _____ **Zip** _____

Phone _____ **E-Mail** _____

Membership ID _____ **Unit Name & Number** _____



From the President:

Dear American Legion Auxiliary Members:

The three day visit with our National President Carlene Ashworth was a busy one. We joined the Legion on Monday as National Commander Jimmie Foster was also here and visited Fort Jackson, where we met with active duty soldiers, fired M-4 rifles and were briefed by Commander Major General Milano on changes taking place in the military. That evening we visited with the members of Unit 34 in Rock Hill and attended Commander Philips Homecoming. Tuesday morning we attended the joint State Assembly and heard Commander Foster's address. A luncheon was held in honor of the President and I want to thank all that attended. We then visited with patients at Dorm VA Medical Center. We finished the visit on Wednesday with a trip to McEntire Air Force Base where we met with Brig. Gen. Williams, toured the facility, the control tower and had a birds eye view inside a F-16!! Thanks to all who made the visit a success.

Membership voted at the Mid-Winter conference to have each Unit donate \$25 for the purchase of conference chairs. Many Units have sent in the donation and to those I say Thank you. For those who have not, there is still time to help, so please send in your checks.

On April 9th we are having a Leadership workshop to be held at the Department Office at 10am. ALL members are invited to attend. It will be an inter-active workshop and should be a fun day. Please call Louise with your reservation. Also remember the remaining two Zone meetings are scheduled for Zone 1 at North Augusta Unit 71 on March 26th and Zone 2 at Boiling Springs Unit 200 on April 30th.

All Units **MUST** return their end of the year report forms to the Chairman by May 1st so that they can be compiled for National.

A reminder to all Chairmen that we will be compiling the National reports at the **mandatory** Chairman's meeting on Saturday May 14th at 10am at the office.

Convention is approaching. Any proposed changes for Constitution and By-Laws must be submitted to Carolyn Grant by April 1st, in order to reach members 30 days before convention. See Carolyn's message and form in bulletin.

We are beginning to gather the necessary information for Convention. A separate Convention bulletin with forms, registration, and amendment proposals will be in your possession before May 1st. They will also be placed on the web site: aladsc.org.

Again, thank you all for all that you do for our Veterans and remember all those that are serving now to keep us free.

For God and Country.

Bette McMorrow
President

SECRETARY'S NOTES

Dear Auxiliary Members

Thank you for your continued support in The American Legion Auxiliary. Can you believe that it is almost time again for Convention? Where does the time go? I have enjoyed seeing many members at our District and Zone Meeting and we are hoping that many more will start to attend because we have such a great time.

Just a reminder, it will soon be time to elect new officers for **2011/2012**, please fill out your **Officer and Chairman forms** and send in the list of the new officers in order to assure that the correct person receives all information from the Department.

Please remember if you do not send in your new officers ---how can we send your Unit information?

Secretary's please send in the **completed** application with new members. I have sent several back because they are incomplete and several transmittals because of no application.

If you have any questions regarding Poppies, please contact Carol Burrell at (803) 932-0294 or ccburrell@bellsouth.net. See enclosed list from National Headquarters regarding the can's and can not's of Poppy Monies.

I would like to thank everyone that was able to attend the luncheon for Nat'l. Pres. Carlene – she enjoyed meeting each of you one on one. She stated “this was more enjoyable than sitting in meetings and not having the chance to meet and talk with individual members” so again I say “Thank You”.

Included is the form for dues increase and new membership chairman—please return these as soon as possibly.

If any Department Officer or Chairman has not sent a recent photo to the Office for the Convention Book, please do so now. We will begin compiling the information soon and we need your photo.

Please feel free to call me if I can be of any service to you. If I do not have the answer, I will find it for you. Remember, if you call the office and the phone continues to ring—I am on the phone. If it goes to voice mail, I am out.

Again, thank you for all that you do for our Veterans and Youth.

Louise Winesett
Dept. Secretary

NOTE: NEW National Website will be on line Monday for viewing - : www.ALAforVeterans.org

Leadership
Theme: This Little Light of Mine

We have had a busy beginning in 2011. We had a very successful Mid-Winter Conference then attended Zone Meetings in Goose Creek and Murrells Inlet. These meetings were well attended by the units that were represented, but we had many units that were not represented. We must find a more successful way to communicate and emphasize to all units the importance of attending meetings that are designed to help them remain in touch with what is happening in our Department. In order to have a better educated Auxiliary all units need to be involved—especially with their District and Zone meetings.

The visit of our National President, Carlene Ashworth, was very busy and most interesting.

The plans for our Leadership Workshop on April 9, 2011 have been finalized. I am excited about this Workshop. It is open to all members and I can assure you there are things that all of us will learn that each of us can use. It will not be boring. It is scheduled to run from 10:00AM to 1:00PM. Please plan to attend this important workshop so that all of our “lights” will shine more brightly to help our veterans and their families. Please RSVP to our secretary, Louise Winesett, as soon as possible.

For God and Country,
Pat Ward
Jr. VP and Leadership Chairman

From the Department Historian

Please remind your Unit Historian that the Unit History Book is due by May 15. The book needs to be mailed or delivered to the Department office in Columbia. The books will be judged in advance and award certificates will be printed and ready for presentation at the Convention. Submitting History books in advance of the Convention will allow ample time for them to be read thoroughly. PLEASE MAKE SURE YOUR UNIT HISTORIAN IS AWARE OF THE CHANGE IN PROCEDURE FOR SUBMITTING UNIT HISTORY BOOKS. Also, if your unit has a member or members who have completed or are in the process of completing a Veterans History Project this information needs to be included in the Historian's End-of-Year Report. The information will be submitted to the National Historian. The End-of-Year Report is due to the Department office by May 1. Thank you for all you do for the Auxiliary.
Julia Stone

Attention all Units:

A. Please send in your nominations for your Unit Member of the Year who provided outstanding service to our organization before March 15, 2011, to the Past Presidents Parley, 159 Corley Mill Road, Lexington, SC 29072. Please use the form in the Plan of Action for this year.

Rules for this award are as follows:

1. Only Senior members in good standing are eligible.
2. Current membership dues must be paid.
3. The member cannot have obtained an elected or appointed leadership role higher than Unit President.
4. Selection is based on accomplishments, activities, etc. for the current administrative year.
5. Years of membership are not a part of the criteria; the nominee may be a new member.
6. Each Unit may submit only one entry. The Unit must submit a narrative of 1,000 words or less describing the nominee's accomplishments and activities together with the nominee's name and address. The Unit President and Secretary must sign the entry form unless the nominee is one of them, in which case a Past Unit President must sign.
7. All entries must be postmarked by May 15, 2011.

B. Please send in your nominations honoring an Active Duty Servicewoman before March 15, 2011, to the address above. Please use the form in the Plan of Action for this year. Rules for this award are as follows:

1. Nominees should be in active duty.
2. A brief narrative of their military service should be included with the entry form.
3. A narrative by the nominee, not to exceed 750 words, regarding "Why I Support Women in the U.S. Military."
4. Entry must have the nominee's name and address, Unit name and number and the signature of the Unit President.
5. One applicant for each branch of service (Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines and Coast Guard) per Unit.
6. All entries must be postmarked by May 15, 2011.

by Dot Tunstall, Ph.D., Past Presidents Parley Chairman

To; All Units
From: Carolyn R. Grant

Subject: Constitution and Bylaws

Please keep in mind that each unit should have a revised copy of the constitution and Bylaws submitted by May 1, 2011. If you do not have a not have a constitution and By laws in place, please contact me if I can help in any way.

April 1st in the deadline for any amendments, deletions or additions to the Constitution and Bylaws and/or Standing rules of the Department.

Please use the 2010 Constitution and Bylaws in your yearbook for these changes, listing the page number, article, section, etc.

CONSTITUTION, BYLAWS AND STANDING RULES ADMENDMENT

UNIT NAME AND NUMBER _____

Recommends the following Amendments (Changes) deletions or additions to the Constitution and Bylaws and/or Standing Rules of the Department. Please use the 2010/2011 Constitution and Bylaws in your yearbook for these changes, listing the page number, Article, Section, etc.
 Page _____ Article _____ Section _____

CURRENT READING	PROPOSED READING	RATIONAL

Recommended by _____ Date Submitted _____

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2012 Unit Dues

The dues amount listed below will be printed on the 2012 renewal notices that will be mailed to each senior member of your unit. Please print the name and address that will be printed on each renewal notice showing where your members are to mail their dues for your Unit. CHANGES IN THE DUES AMOUNT ON YOUR RENEWAL NOTICES WILL NOT BE MADE UNLESS WE RECEIVE A SIGNED DUES FORM FROM YOUR UNIT.

Unit # _____

2012 Senior Dues of the Unit will be _____

2012 Junior Dues of the Unit will be _____

Name of the person that will receive the 2012 dues and membership cards

Address of the person that will receive the 2012 dues (Street or PO Box)

City State Zip

Area Code and Phone Number of person who will receive 2012 dues

E-mail address Member ID #

Signature of person filling out form

Please complete and return by May 1, 2010 to:
American Legion Auxiliary
Department of South Carolina
107 A Legion Plaza Road
Columbia, SC 29210

2012 Membership Cards cannot be mailed out to the units unless the information is provided to Headquarters!

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2011 20% Poppy Profit
(Return Immediately after Poppy Days)

Please make sure that this money is in the Department headquarters before closing of books on June 30th, 2011 so it will be credited to the 2011 fiscal year.

Total monies received from Poppies \$ _____

Expenses: Cost of Poppies: \$ _____

Miscellaneous: * (see below) \$ _____

Total Expenses: \$ _____ \$ _____

Balance: (total received from poppies less expenses) \$ _____

20% of Balance due to department Headquarters \$ _____
(Balance X .20)

Miscellaneous is expenses incurred for items such as poppy coin cans, etc. It is not deduction for what your unit has sent in to the Department for Gift Shop, or other Veterans donations. These donations come from the 80% the unit retains.

Special Rehabilitation Fee
40 cents per Senior Member

2011 Special Rehabilitation Fee is to be paid out of the Unit's Poppy Fund (or other fund) and is due to the Department by June 1, 2011. (See Standing Rule # 9)

Senior Members as of May 15, 2011 _____ X .40 = _____

Unit Name and Number: _____

Prepared by: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

**AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY
DEPARTMENT OF SOUTH CAROLINA
UNIT OFFICERS 2011-2012**

This form must be returned to South Carolina Department Headquarters by the close of the membership year June 30, 2011. This information is needed in order for your Unit President to receive information from Department Headquarters. Unit Officers information is also sent to National Headquarters.

UNIT NAME AND NUMBER

OFFICERS	NAME	ADDRESS	TELEPHONE/E-MAIL
President			
Senior Vice-President			
Junior Vice-President			
Treasurer			
Secretary			
Chaplain			
Parliamentarian			
Historian			
1 st Sergeant-At-Arms			
2 nd Sergeant-At-Arms			

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DEPARTMENT OF SOUTH CAROLINA
UNIT COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN 2011-2012

UNIT NAME AND NUMBER

COMMITTEE	NAME	ADDRESS	TELEPHONE/E-MAIL
Americanism			
Children & Youth Community Service			
Const. & Bylaws			
Education			
Girls State			
Gold Star Mothers			
Jr. Activities			
Legislation			
Membership			
Memorial			
National Security			
Poppy			
Public Relations			
V.A. & Rehab			

Zone 1 Meeting

To: Department Officers, Committee Chairmen, President and Unit Members

From: Shelia Garren, Zone 1 Vice-President

Date: March 26, 2011

Time: Registration and Coffee 9:30 to 10:00a.m.

Place: Jesse C. Lynch Memorial Post 71

451 East Spring Grove

North Augusta, SC 29841

(Please see map quest for directions)

Meeting: 10:00 a.m. to 12:00p.m.

Lunch: No Charge

We are asking each unit to bring at least 1 or 2 gifts to use on the gift table. Proceeds will go to the President's Project. If you did not take socks or tee shirts to Mid-Winter, please bring them as well.

We will be hearing reports from the Department Chairmen as well as District Presidents.

Please RSVP by March 20, 2011 to Unit 71 President, Linda Smiley at 803-279-5074 or email at lindansmiley@comcast.net.

**American Legion Auxiliary
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Bulletin Subscription Form**

NOTE: The following people will automatically receive a bulletin by regular mail: Unit President, Unit Secretary/Treasurer, Department Officers, Department Chairmen and Past Department Presidents.

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UNIT NAME & NUMBER: _____

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