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**American Legion Auxiliary**

*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** \_\_\_\_\_



aking Our Gifts Everywhere To Help Everyone Remember –

## Our Veterans

I hope that everyone had a wonderful Christmas and a happy New Year.

We are beginning a new year—2012—wow—where did 2011 go? We have been so busy and involved in taking care of our Veterans and our Members that time has slipped right thru our fingers. We still have our Mid-Winter Conference, District Meetings, Washington Conference (formerly Awareness Assembly) to attend, our National President Kris Nelson visit is scheduled for March 5th—7th 2012 and then it will time for June Convention and election of new officers for 2012/2013.

We are working on more workshops and are looking forward to more and more participation from you the Members. Do you have a program that you would like more information on?, let us know—we are here to help all of us get more educated in our programs. We can never learn too much.

I know that South Carolina has the greatest Members in the entire membership of the American Legion Auxiliary. We know that all we do—we do for the good of our Veterans and for the good and growth of our Auxiliary.

Keep up the good work ladies.

For God and Country  
Louise Winesett

## SECRETARY'S NOTES

Dear Auxiliary Members

Thank you for your continued support in The American Legion Auxiliary.

Just a reminder, all Units have elected new officers for 2011/2012, please fill out your **Officer and Chairman forms** and send in the list of the new officers (even if your Officers do not change) in order to assure that the correct person receives all information from the Department. If I do not have the **correct Chairman information**, all necessary information for Chairman **will be mailed to the President**.

Regarding new membership – please use the correct forms when sending in your information. All applications must have the **Legionnaire's ID number** on it if he is still living, transfers are to be completed with Unit Numbers (the one transferring from and transferring to) if these are not complete, they will be returned to the Unit. Also all applicants must be verified and that verification attached to the application – this is from National Judge Advocate Onderdonk.

**BONDS** – There are still a number of Units that have not paid their bond for 2011/2012 – Presidents, please check with your Treasurer and make sure that this is paid.

**President's and Secretaries please share this bulletin with your members. They need this information also.**

Girls State Information should be ready for distribution at Mid- Winter Conference – if your Girls State Chairman name and address is not in the office the information will be given to the Unit President.

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

Louise Winesett  
Dept. Secretary

### **Mid Winter Conference—Jean Testruth**

Ladies don't forget to bring your Raffle Gift to Mid-Winter Conference in January. Cost no more than \$35.00 and make it something you would never buy for yourself. Something interesting. Proceeds will go to President Louise's project for 2011.

### **Photo's for Convention Book—2012**

Officers please get your photo to the Office by Jan. 15, 2012—the actual photo works much better than an emailed photo because when we print it out it is black & white and does not show very well.

**GOOD NEWS – BAD NEWS**

**Good News first:**

“Together” we can make the Department of South Carolina a Goal Department!! We are at 73.54% and are working to beat out North Carolina to that 75% mark. Let’s make our Department President, Louise proud and beat them out. Nationally, we are ranked #10. Wouldn’t it be great that by Mid Winter conference, we are in the **top 5!!** I know it’s possible, **WE** can do it.



Congratulations to the following Units that are **100%**: 30, 124, 66, 156, 185, 93, 47 and 82.

Congratulations to **Goal PLUS Units**: 103 at 103.03%, 25 at 108.7%, 200 at 114.29%, 90 at 121.74% and 191 at 106%.



You all have done a great job in getting your membership into Department on a timely basis and are helping us make that goal of 100%.

**Some are sooooo close to becoming a goal unit that only a sneeze will get them over the mark. Certainly there must a new wife, grandbaby etc. they can sign up. What a great gift, membership into the American Legion Auxiliary!**

Zone 1 is at 76.73%; Zone 2 - 61.64%; Zone 3 – 69.60%; Zone 4 - at 78.35%.

*Please don’t hold your membership until your next meeting. Once a member pays, please send it along with your transmittal sheet to the Department. The faster YOU get it in the FASTER we climb up the ladder. Bring your membership to the District meetings – and turn them in at that time. It gets straight to the Department and you don’t have to use postage!*



**Now, the Bad News:**

**Zone Vice Presidents and District Presidents PLEASE CONTACT THE UNITS!**

**In Zone 1 and 2 there are NO GOOSE EGG units J – In Zone 3; there are 6 goose egg units. L  
In Zone 4; 2 goose egg Units. L**



**Let’s crack open those goose eggs and get them in the race ! Contact me if you don’t have this information and I will be glad to help in any way I can.**

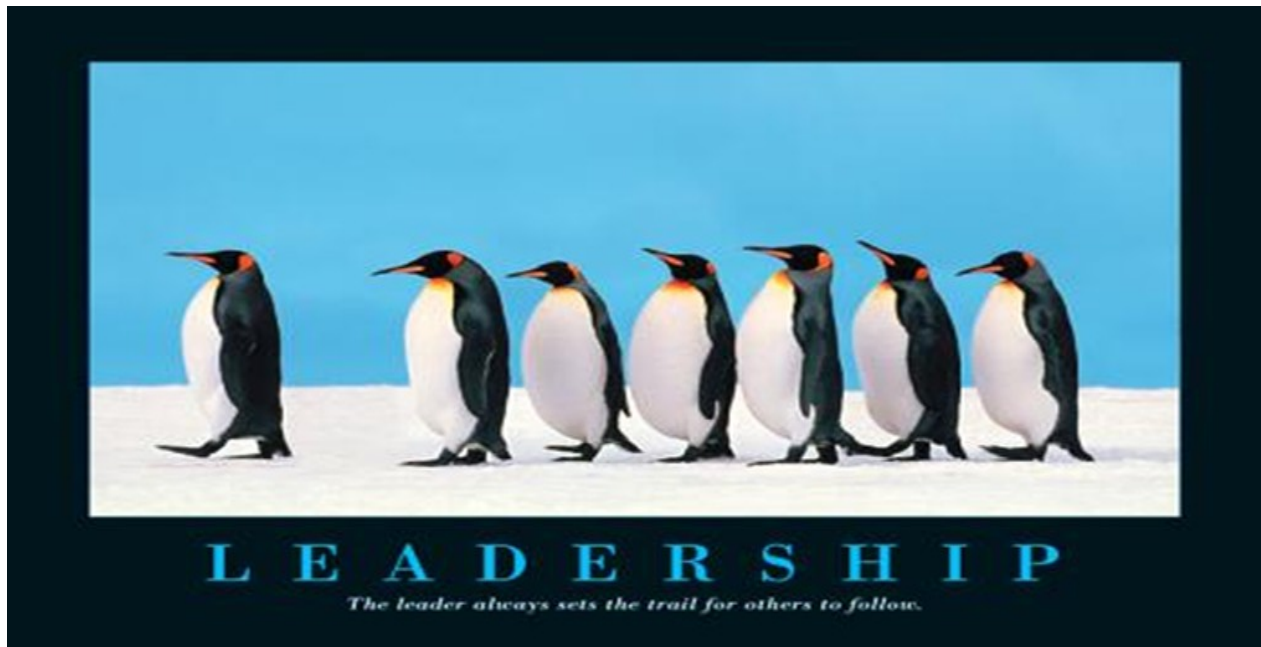
**If the Zone Vice Presidents and District Presidents work together to reach out to those units and get at least some of their membership in, it would certainly help us in reaching our goal.**

Our troops are home and will be looking for a place to relax and commiserate with their fellow veterans- the American Legion is **THAT** place. When a prospective veteran signs up as a new Legionnaire, ask your Post member to give him an Auxiliary membership application. And if YOU sign up a Legionnaire do the same thing. We should be growing in membership as the American Legion grows.

Thank you again for all your hard work in getting your membership in. And thank you to the ladies making the phone calls – it takes all of us to make this work.

**See you at Mid Winter Conference!**

Barbara Stoffer  
Department Sr. Vice President  
Membership Chairman



**A leader always sets the trail for others to follow**

What is a Leader?

Webster's Dictionary says a person or thing that leads; directing, commanding, or guiding head, as of a group or activity.

What is Leadership?

Webster's Dictionary says the position or guidance of a leader, the ability to lead, the leaders of a group.

A leader is a symbol and never stops learning, and displays a high level of consciousness. Leaders' actions signal the way for their teammates.

Leaders take responsibility for each of their choices and decisions without blaming others or looking for lame excuses. Leaders exhibit a passion for their work, and are faithful to their visions and beliefs. They engage in excellent behavior and make outstanding self-sacrifices in the interest of their group, if necessary.

A Leadership Program is important to each Unit, as the Unit is only as strong as its leadership. Thus, it is necessary to develop leaders who are knowledgeable in all phases of Auxiliary work and in the Constitution, Bylaws and Standing Rules of the Unit, Department and National organization, as well as the guidelines for specific programs.

Our Mid Winter Conference will be here soon. Please try to attend and learn from our leaders of the Department of South Carolina.

My email address is [lindansmiley@comcast.net](mailto:lindansmiley@comcast.net) My home phone is 803-279-5074 and my cell is 706-831-9624. Please feel free to call me at any time if you have questions.

For God and Country,

Linda N.Smiley

## **From the Department Finance Chairman:**

It's that time of year again; time to start filing the 990n epostcard with the IRS. Louise or I will be happy to help you file. Once you file, please forward a copy of the acceptance notice, from the IRS, to the department to be kept on file. We know of only forty nine units who have filed at this time. Some units need to file after December 31, 2011 and others need to file after June 30, 2012. All who have not filed should at least try to file now. The IRS will tell you if you do not need to file until a later date.

We have four units who still do not have EIN #'s. These units are in danger of losing their charter and if they are raising money, they will have to file a tax return with the IRS on all money raised. Please get in touch with me and we will work to get a number for you. Units 52, 136, 207, and 270 are the Units in question.

While filling in for our department secretary at the P&S Conference in Indianapolis, IN, we received an abundance of information to help keep the department running smoothly and information about the 990n epostcard and trademark laws. We were addressed by National Judge Advocate Philip Onderdonk, JD. He gave us the specifics.

- . Every Unit should have a budget, and a budget is just a guide.
- . There should be at least two signatures on your unit checking account. Your unit should have two signatures on every check written.
- . If your unit filed the 990N epostcard last year and received an acceptance letter, then filed this year and received a rejection letter, send both copies to the department office and we will send them on to the correct person at National. They are going to try and get it corrected.
- . Anytime you wish to use the American Legion Auxiliary logo on printed material other than business cards, letterhead or paper materials you must first get it approved by the national organization. If you are getting t-shirts, caps or other clothing imprinted you must send the number of pieces you intend to order, the suppliers name, address and the purpose for the printing (Unit shirts etc.). **This request must be sent to the department secretary and she will forward it to the correct person.**
- . Units should have an audit every year. Form a three member audit committee and have this committee audit your books after the close of business each year.
- . All Department Officers and Chairmen will be asked to sign a Confidentiality Agreement each year beginning this year.

## **Forms Requested**

Several treasurers have asked for the forms that can be used by the unit to help with your audit. These forms are the Request for Reimbursement, Payment Outgoing and Payment to Department. They can be found at <http://www.aladsc.org/News%20Forms.htm>.

- 1. Request for Reimbursement** would be used to reimburse a unit member for money spent for an approved purchase for the unit. Attach a receipt to the form.
- 2. Payments Outgoing** would be used for things the unit has to buy, when the check is made out to the business, i.e. USPS, Bi-Lo, Food Lion or Wal-Mart, etc.
- 3. Payment to Department** would be used to keep a record of what money was sent to the department, such as transmittals, donations or Poppy purchases, etc.

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## CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS

Our 2011-2012 year is more than half way and I know that we have all been busy serving our Veterans but we also need to make sure that all Units have their documents in order. In the last bulletin we listed the Units that do not have C&BL on file at the office and asked that you fill in the blanks on a suggested one and submit to the office. Seven out of 53 were submitted. National is insistent that we be in compliance. **So I am again asking those Units who have not done so, to please submit ASAP.** If you need help just ask.

Most C&BL do not have to be revised, but should be reviewed and submitted. Our goal this year was to review and if necessary revise our state Constitution and By Laws. In doing this please remember the following:

### ★ The CONSTITUTION

Is the document which establishes our basic principles, explaining our structure. It includes the preamble, states the name of our organization, its purpose, membership, eligibility, lists elected and appointed officers, executive committee and procedure to amend the document.

### ★ The BYLAWS

Constitute the code of rules adopted by the members for the regulation and management of its affairs. The Bylaws govern us. They deal with topics unique to the local Unit including election of officers, the duties and powers of those officers, executive committee operation, standing committees and their duties, amounts of dues, frequency of Unit/County meetings, discipline, quorum, parliamentary authority and procedure to amend the document.

### ★ STANDING RULES

Relate to administrative operation. They are informal, yet detailed guidelines that describe the procedure of our organization. They outline customs and courtesies, such as donations, memorials and sunshine gifts.

The following Units do not have a Constitution and By Laws on file in the office:  
6,19,20,26,32,33,35,39,47,49,52, 61,64,65,68,72,78,82,91,92,105,108,112,114,117,  
120,132,136,151,156,157,185,198,208, 213,217, 224,232,236,243,246,247,266,270

Bette McMorrow  
Constitution & By Laws Chairman  
American Legion Auxiliary  
Department of South Carolina  
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## NATIONAL SECURITY

### **1. Give shelter**

Homes for Our Troops constructs houses for severely injured veterans who served after 9/11, like Cpl. Larry Draughn (above). Donate equipment or help build a home. [homesforourtroops.org](http://homesforourtroops.org)

### **2. Offer a vet a ride**

The Disabled American Veterans (DAV) provides free transportation to men and women unable to travel to VA medical facilities on their own. You can volunteer to drive a DAV van for those in need. [dav.org/volunteers](http://dav.org/volunteers)

### **3. Provide foster care for a pet**

Take in the dog or cat of a deployed soldier or a wounded veteran while he or she is on duty or receiving VA medical treatment. [guardianangelsforsoldierspet.org](http://guardianangelsforsoldierspet.org)

### **4. Record a war story**

Do you know an old soldier with tales from the front lines? The Library of Congress wants to hear his voice. Go to the website below for tips on conducting an interview or to request a field kit, including biographical data and release forms. [loc.gov/vets](http://loc.gov/vets)

### **5. Put those old cell phones to good use**

Instead of stashing your used phones in the junk drawer, ship them to Cell Phones for Soldiers. For each one donated, the organization will pay for an hour of talk time for troops overseas. [cellphonesforsoldiers.com](http://cellphonesforsoldiers.com)

### **6. Donate used DVDs**

Drop off movies or television shows at your local VA facility, or mail them to DVDs4Vets, a national organization that distributes them where needed. [dvds4vets.org](http://dvds4vets.org)

### **7. Cut coupon**

Have some expired coupons lying around? Military families can use them for up to six months past their end date. [coupsfortroops.com](http://coupsfortroops.com)

### **8. Contribute to a holiday drive**

Operation Gratitude's annual campaign collects clothing, food, and more and packs it in gift boxes for service members. Pitch in by offering up items; local residents can sort them on-site. [operationgratitude.com/volunteer](http://operationgratitude.com/volunteer)

### **9. Post a care package**

Through the organization Kitchen Table Gang, hospitalized veterans and troops abroad can receive personalized parcels containing everything from candy to board games. Get a service member's address from KTG, bundle up items with a note of thanks, and send them off. [soldierpackages.org](http://soldierpackages.org)

### **10. Share your expertise**

MilServe connects volunteers with vets in many areas: financial counseling or legal services; job search guidance; even carpentry, for building wheelchair ramps. [milserve.org](http://milserve.org)

### **11. Support Big Brothers Big Sisters.**

The national organization has a special Military Mentoring program for children with parents in the armed forces. The group carefully pairs kids with adults serving in the military, as well as with veterans and civilians. [bbbs.org](http://bbbs.org)

Anne Parker  
Proud Blue Star Mother  
of CPT Leigh Swafford,  
CPT William Swafford and  
CPT Andrew Lechanski  
United States Army

## Public Relations

President Kris Nelson's theme this year is "Honor Their Service" and "In the Spirit of God and Country, we serve veterans, military and their families". This theme is carried out in every Unit by our daily work with veterans, our special planned activities and with the various fund raisers that we hold. Our public image depends on the quality of the relationship between the Units and the communities in which they reside.

I would also encourage you to sign up for *In the Know* e Bulletins which will be emailed on a bi-weekly schedule. Information encouraging members to register to receive this communication will be posted on the website. An interested public leads to increased membership, participation, and promotion of the organization and its programs.

**In the Know e Bulletins**- Are you registered? Let your Units know this is how National updates us with the latest information pertaining to Auxiliary functions and events.

**Facebook** – The ALA Southern Division now has a Facebook page. Over 200 members and growing. An excellent way of communicating our message about what we are doing for our veterans.

**Conveying the message** - The means by which a message is communicated can be as important as the message itself. There are various tools that can be used in the practice of public relations **Direct mail, advertising** and **public speaking** are commonly used depending upon the intended audience and the message that is conveyed. **Press releases** are also used, as well as **Social media (Twitter, Facebook, and LinkedIn)**

**Conveying the message** – Every Auxiliary member is involved in some way in public relations, whether on the Unit or Department level. What we say, what we do, and how we conduct ourselves reflects on our individual Unit, our Department and on the American Legion Auxiliary. Our actions say something about who we are and what we do. As Department Chairman of PR maintain communications with your Units and encourage them to publicize the many worthwhile projects to benefit the community and our Veterans.

**National President's Visit** – President Kris Nelson will be visiting South Carolina March 5th-7th, 2012. Inform all your Units of this event giving dates, times and the activities that are planned. Encourage members to participate. Utilize the PR template on the National website regarding her visit.

**Reporting** – Keep me informed monthly of the activities and the various PR tools that Units are utilizing to let their communities know who we are and what we do for veterans. Resources: Unit Handbook: The Christmas Program and Christmas Gift Shop (pgs. 169-170) Plan of Action 2011-2012  
[www.alaforveterans.org/members/resources/](http://www.alaforveterans.org/members/resources/) - under public relations – press release template; National President Visit template.

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### **Zone 1 Report**

The Zone 1 annual meeting was held November 11 at Aiken Unit 212. Information was given about the following program areas: Poppy (Carol Burrell), Education (Julia Stone), Finance (Brenda Collins), Membership (Pat Ward) and Leadership (Barbara Stoffer). Vynelle Coggins, District 6 president, was recognized for the highest percentage of units represented at the meeting. Minnie Mitchell, Unit 212 president, was recognized for the highest percentage of unit members in attendance. Brenda Holland of Aiken Unit 212 was elected Zone 1 VP for 2011-2012.

All members in Districts 4, 5, 6 and 7 are encouraged to attend their District meeting on February 11 at North Augusta Unit 71.

Julia Stone  
Zone 1 VP

### **Education**

Thank you to the Education Chairmen who submitted Mid-Year Narrative Reports either by mail or email. There are some great things going on across the state in Education! The ALA scholarship applications are due to Unit presidents on March 1. Please distribute scholarship information ASAP in order to give students the time to complete the applications.

Julia Stone  
Education Chair

**American Legion Auxiliary  
Mid-Winter Conference  
Pre – Registration  
January 20<sup>th</sup> -22<sup>nd</sup> 2012**

Mid- Winter Conference to be held: Myrtle Beach Hilton, 10000 Beach Club Drive, Myrtle Beach, SC  
Phone # 800-876-0010

**Senior registration: \$20.00 each**

**Junior registration: \$5.00 each**

***Please have form and money to the Department no later than January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2012.***

The following **senior members** of Unit Name & # \_\_\_\_\_

Would like to pre-register for the department Mid-Winter Conference (**\$ 20.00 each**)

A check in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ is enclosed. Additional names can be put on the back of this form or separate piece of paper.

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_____	,	_____
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The following **junior members** of Unit Name & # \_\_\_\_\_

Would like to pre-register for the Department Mid-Winter Conference (**\$ 5.00 each**)

**Amount enclosed in above check.**

Additional names can be put on the back of this form or separate piece of paper.

_____	,	_____
_____	,	_____
_____	,	_____
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**A reception will be held on Saturday, January 21, from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. for the National Guests  
Cost will be \$15.00 per person. Tickets for Auxiliary Members ONLY must be purchased thru the Auxiliary Department.**

Please return by **January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2012** to: **American Legion Auxiliary  
Department of South Carolina  
107 A Legion Plaza Road  
Columbia, SC 29210**

Ladies of the Department of South Carolina  
American Legion Auxiliary

Mid-Winter Conference approaches and I ask you to remember to bring from your Unit at least one gift for the President's Raffle for President Winesett's projects PTSD and TBI.

Keep the cost at \$35 (or below) and let's try this for a change, let's all bring **GIFTS CARDS**. Grocery store gift cards, retail store gift cards, restaurant gift cards, even gas gift cards, any type of gift card you feel so inclined to purchase. Place your Unit's gift card in a gift card sleeve or box or just a pretty envelope. If you would rather make a monetary contribution, bring a check from your Unit made payable to the American Legion Auxiliary, Department of South Carolina and I will accept it and report those Units when the drawing is conducted for the gift cards.

Ideas are always appreciated on the raffle and any of the members of our committee are available to discuss your suggestions with you.

Linda Griffith and Dot Tunstall

Looking forward to seeing a good crowd at the Mid-Winter Conference.

Take care, be well and do good!

Jean Testruth



**American Legion  
Auxiliary**

**Department of South Carolina  
Mid-Winter Conference Agenda  
January 20 – 22, 2012**

**Friday January 20, 2012**

**11:00 a.m. -- 3:00 p.m. Registration**

*(Everyone must pay to have a nametag to be admitted to the assembly.)*

**12: pm**

**Executive Board Meeting – Palisades Room**

**1:30pm.**

**American Legion Auxiliary Opening Session - Palisades H&I**

**Call to Order – Louise Winesett, Department President**

**Invocation – (To Be Determined)**

**Presentation of Colors**

**Pledge of Allegiance – Fran Palo**

**Preamble to the Constitution - Carolyn Grant**

**Introduction of Past Department Presidents – NEC Bette McMorrow**

**Introduction of Head Table – Louise Winesett**

**Introduction of National Officer & Appointees – Louise Winesett**

**NEC - Bette McMorrow, Nat'l Historian – Diane Harley, Southern Div. Children & Youth Chairman –  
Brenda Collins, & Southern Div. Public Relations Chairman – Bette McMorrow**

**Introduction of Zone Vice Presidents and District Presidents –  
Barbara Stoffer**

**Reports from Zone Vice Presidents**

**Zone 1 – Julia Stone**

**Zone 2 – Terrie Mason**

**Zone 3 – Carolyn Grant**

**Zone 4 – Nancy Jordan**

**Plans of Work – Questions and Answers – Department Chairman**

**-----Meeting Recessed-----**

*Meeting resumes at 8:30 a.m.*

*American Legion Auxiliary Agenda continued...*

## **Saturday January 21, 2012**

- 7:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Registration**  
*(Everyone must pay and have nametag to be admitted to the assembly.)*
- 8:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Juniors Meet in Room?**
- 8:00 a.m.**
- Meeting Reconvenes – Louise Winesett, Department President**
  - Invocation – Chaplain**
  - Auxiliary – Memorial Service – Chaplain**
  - Introduction of Head Table – Louise Winesett**
  - Greetings from State Commander – Mickey Taylor**
  - Greetings from Leading candidate for National Commander – James (Jim) Koutz**
- National Convention Report – NEC Bette McMorrow**
- Girls State – Florence Belser Chairman**
    - Governor Palmetto Girl's Start**
    - First Citizen Palmetto Girl's State**
- 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Lunch – on your own**
- 1:00 p.m.**
- American Legion Auxiliary Meeting Reconvenes**
- Guest Speaker – Susan Toth – P.T.S.D.**
  - President's Report – Louise Winesett**
  - Finance – Brenda Collins**
  - Membership - Barbara Stoffer**
  - Leadership – Linda Smiley**
  - Announcements – Louise Winesett**
  - Credentials Report – Louise Winesett**
  - Raffle – Jean Testruth**
  - Benediction – , Chaplain**
  - Retirement of Colors**
  - Adjournment of 2010 Mid-Winter Conference**
- 4:30 E-Board Meeting If Needed**
- 6:00pm – 7:00pm Reception for Leading Candidate for National Commander James (Jim) Koutz**

## **Sunday, January 22, 2012**

**9:00 a.m. Worship Service –**

**\*Note – All meeting times and room locations are subject to change**

\$5.00

LITTLE RIVER #186  
Please come join us

\$5.00

# "Suds & Spuds"

\$1 canned  
Beers!



- Chili
- Ham
- Cheese
- Butter
- Onion
- Chives
- Bacon
- Sour Cream

Here at the Post!  
Friday, January 20  
from 6:00 pm until 9:00 pm

## **Districts 4,5,6, and 7 Meeting**

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

From: Sandy Nalley, District President

Date: February 11, 2012

Time: Registration and Coffee 9:00 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 Until

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 well.

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

**Please RSVP by February 5th 2011 to District President, Sandy Nalley 706-951-5518 cell or email at [swnalley@comcast.net](mailto:swnalley@comcast.net)**

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY  
District 8, 9 & 10 Meeting  
Cayce, South Carolina

TO: DEPARTMENT OFFICERS, COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN, DISTRICT 8, 9 AND 10

FROM: Host—Unit 130 Cayce

Districts 8, 9 and 10 Meeting

Date: February 18, 2011

Time: Registration 9:00 until 10:00  
(Coffee, Juice, Coffee Cake and Fruit)

Door Prize to first 30 Ladies to sign in at the Door.

Place: Post 130 – Cayce, SC  
'N' Avenue

Meeting: 10:00 until 12: noon

Light Lunch will be served at the cost of \$5.00 per person.  
Meeting to resume at 1:00 if necessary.

Units in District 8,9 & 10 are requested to bring a small gift to be raffled off. Raffle tickets \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00.  
Also a 50-50 drawing will be held – tickets \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00.

Directions: Follow I-26 to I-126 – take the Huger St. exit off I-126 to Blossom Street, turn right on Blossom Street to State Street – turn left on State Street to N Ave. – turn left on N Ave.

(From: Florence or Augusta – take I-20 to I-26 and follow the above directions.)

Anyone would wishes may bring comfort items for the Central Midlands Transitional Retreat (Vets Homeless Shelter)

Please call Diane Egan for further directions or for questions. (803) 553-8533 or e-mail: [egans2005@yahoo.com](mailto:egans2005@yahoo.com) no later than February 13, 2012

RSVP greatly appreciated.

## 2011-2012 Department Officers

### PRESIDENT

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### SENIOR VICE-PRESIDENT

*Barbara Stoffer* – 1333 Mapleton Avenue, Charleston, SC 29412; (843) 364-0852; [KRYSTLGRN@aol.com](mailto:KRYSTLGRN@aol.com)

### JUNIOR VICE-PRESIDENT

#### ZONE 1 VICE-PRESIDENT DISTRICTS 4, 5, 6 & 7

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#### ZONE 2 VICE-PRESIDENT DISTRICTS 8, 9 & 12

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#### ZONE 3 VICE-PRESIDENT DISTRICTS 1, 2, 3 & 10

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**January 20-2, 2012 Mid-Winter Conference - Myrtle Beach, SC**  
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February 11, 2012 - District 4,5,6,7 Meeting -Unit 71 N. Augusta  
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February 18, 2012 - District 8,9,10 – Unit 130 Cayce -402 N Ave., Cayce, SC 29033  
**Dist. 9 Pres. Sarah Clinton**

February 26 – 29, 2012 – Awareness Assembly – Washington, DC

March 5,6, & 7, 2012—**National President’s Visit** – Luncheon will be scheduled so plan to attend  
More information to follow when plans are complete.

March 10, 2012 - District 11,12,13,14 Meeting - Unit 186 Little River -  
**Dist. 14 Pres. Sally Steele (843) 650-3587**

**\*\*\* April 21, 2012 - District 1, 2, 3 Meeting -Unit 166 – Goose Creek\*\*\***  
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May 4-6, 2012 National Membership Conference – Indianapolis

June 1-3, 2012 ALA Department of SC Convention - Greenville, SC  
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**District and Zone Meeting Subject to Change**

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2010/2011**

By Convention action, 1996, ALL UNITS are required to order a minimum of 100 poppies. Department Standing Rule # 16... "Every Unit is required to purchase a minimum of 100 poppies."

*Please remember that orders need to be in Department Headquarters no later than **November 30, 2011**. No deliveries to Units are guaranteed after this date.*

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