

And now there abides faith, hope, love but the greatest of these is **Love**.

I Corinthians 13:13

Loyalty to Our Veterans Everyday

While showing Loyalty we will

Boast Units Gaining Strength

We are the LOVE BUGS



Dear American Legion Auxiliary Ladies,

Thank you for all you are doing for the veterans of this great state. I have been hearing wonderful things from some of the District Presidents who have been visiting the Units in their District. The veterans of our state are the ones benefiting from these projects. Keep up the good work! We will be addressing some of the projects at a later date.

Our Christmas Drop-In at the Department office will be December 11th from 1 to 3 PM. Drop by and look over the new office and have some refreshment. Bring an ornament for our Christmas tree.

Mid-Winter Conference will be held at Myrtle Beach January 22, 23 & 24, 2010. Send in your registration. The cost is twenty dollars. Send it to the department and make your reservations at the Hilton **1-843-449-5000**. Take a couple days off in January for a mini vacation. We will have a national guest joining us. There will be an Executive Board meeting on Saturday January 23, 2010 at the Conference. We have important business to discuss.

Our second district meeting for District 8, 9 and 10, was held in Spartanburg on October 24th. It was a great meeting. Unit 28 and President Geneva Padgett welcomed everyone to the Post. District President Terri Mason did a splendid job chairing the meeting. Attendance was very good.

Our third District meeting was held in Bishopville with June Snead and the ladies of Unit 29. District 11 President Bobbie Sinner chaired the meeting assisted by District 12 President Eursell Bowers, District 13 President Connie Hart and District 14 President Terry Hayes. Great job ladies.

I encourage each of the District Presidents to please send your District Meeting Report to the office as soon as possible after your meeting. Some of you have already done so.

Please help our Membership Chairman Bette McMorrow, by sending in you membership each week. Don't wait to accumulate members send them as they come in to your unit. Ask someone today to join our Auxiliary.

Again, thank you for all you do for our Veterans, without them we would not enjoy the freedoms we enjoy today.

For God and Country,
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Still Time to Participate

**Our first Fund Raiser for the Dept. of South Carolina is a “Bakeless Bake Sale.”
If you have not sent your contribution in please do so. Also please ask everyone in
your Units to participate. When everyone works together, great things can be
accomplished.**

At of 11/19/09 we have received \$1505.00.

Brenda

CALENDAR FOR 2009-2010

District and Zone meetings will begin at 10:00 AM.

November 30, December 1 & 2 – Dorn Gift Shop – Columbia, SC

December 5, 2009 – **District 1-2-3 Meeting – Charleston Unit 241, Dist 1 – Barbara Evans**
Unit 241, 3151 Rivers Avenue, N. Charleston, SC

December 7 & 8, 2009 – Campbell Gift Shop – Anderson, SC

December 7 & 8, 2009 – Victory House Gift Shop – Walterboro, SC

December 11, 2009 – Open House at the Department office 107A American Legion Plaza Road
Telephone 1-803-772-6366 Columbia, SC 29210

January 16, 2010 – **Zone 1 Meeting – Pelzer Unit 121, VP Shelia Garren**
Unit 121, 1610 Anderson Road, Williamston, SC 29697

January 22, 23 & 24, 2010 – Mid-winter Conference, Myrtle Beach Hilton
1-843-449-5000

February 20, 2010 – **Zone 4 Meeting – Little River Unit 186, VP Shirley Ashmore**
Unit 186, 4285 Pine Drive, Little River, SC 29566

February 28-March 3, 2010 – Awareness Assembly – Washington DC

March 13, 2010 – **Zone 2 Meeting – Spartanburg Unit 28, VP Sadie Morrow**
Unit 28, 94 West Park Drive, Spartanburg, SC 29306

March 27, 2010 – **Zone 3 Meeting – Charleston Unit 241, VP Carolyn Grant**
Unit 241, 3151 Rivers Avenue, N. Charleston, SC

April 30 – May 2 – National Membership Workshop – Indianapolis, Indiana

June 4, 5 & 6, 2010 ALA Dept of SC Convention – Greenville, SC – Hyatt Regency Hotel
1-800-233-1234



American Legion Auxiliary

Serving veterans, their families and our communities

REQUIRED UNIT CONTRIBUTIONS

Poppy Order and Poppy Profit: Department Constitution and Bylaws standing rule #8 states “20% of the poppy profits shall be reported by the units and remitted immediately to the department after Department Poppy Day. Every Unit is required to purchase a minimum of 100 Poppies”

Special Rehabilitation Fund: Department Constitution and Bylaws standing rule #9 states “units be assessed .40 cents per senior member for special rehabilitation fund. May be paid from poppy or other funds and is due by June 1 of each year”. This can be taken from your poppy fund and is computed on your current senior membership.

VA Gift Shops: Each unit is required to send a cash donation for the VA hospitals so that the patients may choose a gift for each family member living in their home at no cost to them. Please earmark funds VA gift shop and send with the unit contribution form. Gifts newly purchased or hand made items can also be donated by the units.

Unit Bond: Each unit of the Department is bonded and this is paid to National Headquarters based on the number of units we have @ \$6.00 per unit. This is due in Department Headquarters by November 30th

Comfort Items: Unit donations are needed to fund this program and should be sent to Department Headquarters. Funds are given to the VA to purchase items not furnished by the VA such as toothbrushes, razors and shampoo.

Auxiliary Emergency Fund: Unit donations are sent to National Headquarters to assist members of the American legion Auxiliary who are in need of temporary assistance during a crisis.

Cavalcade of Memories Fund: also sent to National Headquarters and used to preserve American Legion Auxiliary treasured keepsakes. The Cavalcade of Memories is open to all members and friends of the organization during regular business hours.

Veterans Creative Arts Festival: The American legion Auxiliary is a host sponsor and has pledged \$75,000 annually to support this festival. Veterans who are receiving treatment at VA facilities can choose to participate in creative arts such as art, dance, drama and music. Winners from local competitions are sent to the National level. Poppy funds can be used for this contribution.

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY
DEPARTMENT OF SOUTH CAROLINA

2011 UNIT DUES

The dues amount listed below will be printed on the 2011 membership 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 UNITS.

UNIT # _____

2011 SENIOR DUES OF THE UNIT WILL BE: _____

2011 JUNIOR DUES OF THE UNIT WILL BE: _____

Name of the person that will receive the 2011 dues and membership cards

Address of the person that will receive the 2011 dues (street or PO Box)

City

State

Zip Code

Area Code and Phone Number of person who will receive 2011 dues

Membership Number of person who will receive 2011 dues

Signature of person filling out form

PLEASE COMPLETE AND RETURN BY DECEMBER 30, 2009

TO:

American Legion Auxiliary
Department of South Carolina
107A Legion Plaza Road
Columbia, SC 29210

*Please remember that \$19 for senior members will be sent to the Department for the 2011 membership year.

Please adjust your dues accordingly

2011 MEMBERSHIP CARDS CANNOT BE MAILED OUT TO THE UNITS UNLESS THIS INFORMATION IS PROVIDED TO HEADQUARTERS. Please send in all information by the due date so that it can be forwarded to National.

**American Legion Auxiliary
Mid-Winter Conference
Pre – Registration
January 22-24th 2010**

Fall Conference to be held: Myrtle Beach Hilton, 10000 Beach Club Drive, Myrtle Beach, SC

Senior registration: \$20.00 each

Junior registration: \$5.00 each

Please have form and money to the Department no later than January 13th, 2010.

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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The following **junior members** of Unit Name & # _____

Would like to pre-register for the Department Mid-Winter Conference (**\$ 5.00 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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Please return by **January 13th, 2010** to: **American Legion Auxiliary
Department of South Carolina
107A Legion Plaza Road
Columbia, SC 29210**

Hotel Information for Mid-Winter Conference

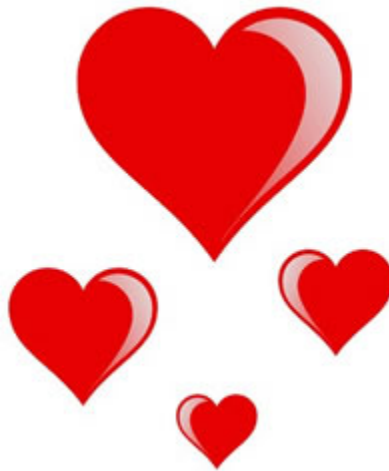
The American Legion Auxiliary will participate in the 2010 Mid-Winter Conference to be held at the Myrtle Beach Hilton, 10000 Beach Club Drive, Myrtle Beach, South Carolina 29572

The dates for the conference are January 22 thru January 24, 2010

Call for reservations at 1-800-876-0010, by December 18,2009
Reference group code ALD or go to www.hiltonmyrtlebeach.com

Mid-Winter Conference Raffle

Our National President, Rita Navarette suggested Valentine's Day as the theme for our Mid-Winter Conference President's raffle



Each unit should bring items that are red or pink that you would give you spouse or significant other— hearts, candy, boxer shorts, a coffee mug, a teddy bear, a cupid, a red gift card, anything red and pertaining to Valentine's Day. Limit \$30 and monetary donations are always accepted. Raffle will be as usual: tickets \$1 each or 6 for \$5

Merry Christmas from the American
Legion Auxiliary Department of
South Carolina!



Wishing each of you a happy and safe Holiday Season.

For God and Country,

Brenda W. Collins
Department President

Catherine Gail Gibbs
N. E. C

Bette McMorrow
Sr. Vice President

Louise Winesett
Jr. Vice President

Erin Parker
Department Secretary
Alice Richardson
Department Treasurer