



American Legion Auxiliary

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WELCOME TO THE 2018/2019 AUXILIARY YEAR!!!!

I would like to welcome you to the new Auxiliary year and thank you for all the services you have provided our Veterans. Department President Jean Walker is planning a very busy, rewarding year with “Veterans Are Our Stars” as her theme.

You will be receiving this every other month again this year. **Unit Presidents: PLEASE DO NOT KEEP THIS INFORMATION TO YOURSELVES. EVERYTHING IN THIS PACKET IS TO BE SHARED WITH YOUR UNIT.**

I am not going to be so long and detailed this year as everything I would put in my letter could be found in the attachments. Here are some events and dates to remember:

Fall Conference – Ramada Inn, Marshall, MN – October 26-27 with the Department Executive Meeting being held on October 25. The host hotel is the Ramada Inn. Please use this number when making reservations: 507-532-3221 and ask for a room in The American Legion block which is attached to the Conference Center. Please encourage your members to attend Fall Conference – this is our School of Learning and there are lots of fun things planned as well. There will be a Silent Auction so bring all your goodies to sell. Membership Chairman Robin Dorf is bringing back the membership payoffs and The Legionnaires will be involved as well. It will be a whole lot of fun.
There will be a Poppy Contest at Fall Conference as well. Chairman Shaaron Barnes has an article with the categories and rules enclosed. Please keep those wonderful entries coming!

Unit Guide – The 2018/2019 Unit Guide will be mailed to each Unit President in Mid-September. Please use this throughout your Auxiliary year and share the information with all your Unit members. If you would like to purchase additional copies, they are \$5.00 each and can be ordered through the Department Office or they will be available at Fall Conference.

Harvest Membership Rally – Legionville, September 8. The first membership rally will be held at Legionville in conjunction with Camp-O-Ree. Think about attending this rally and see how much fun you can have. Meeting new people and hearing how other Units do things can be very rewarding. This is always a fun rally and plenty of Time to enjoy visiting with many of our Legion Family.

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Auxiliary Emblem Magnets and Bracelets – These are two very “hot” items available to everyone. Support has been really great but we still have some left. . Please call the Department Office and order these items today. We also have the Member Handbook available. Every member, new or existing should have one of these. Many Units have purchased these for all their members – think about doing that today. As of today there are still some cookbooks available – these are great Christmas gifts – order yours today.

Minnesota Legionnaire - I am really interested in putting Unit and/or District events in the Legionnaire each month. This is your paper and you should show off your efforts! I ask that you email me your article as a word document and send any pictures in jpeg format.

We are here to help you any way we can. Never hesitate to call or email at the following; 651-224-7634 or deptoffice@mnala.org.

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