

★ "Together We Shine for Membership" ★

March/April 2019



The American Legion Auxiliary hosted the Department Sweetheart Membership Rally in Royalton. It was a great turnout of members, membership turn in, and we had a lot of fun. The goal was to be at 70% by the rally and we had so many units over that goal. The winner of the drawing, for those units who reached the 70% goal, was Kingston Unit 483 of the 7th District. The drawing to one Auxiliary member in attendance at the rally, for reimbursement of their dinner ticket, was Kim Carlander of the 3rd District. As a Department we are currently at 74.84%.

The next Department rally is the Appreciation Rally in Montgomery on Saturday, March 9th. There will be a lottery drawing for \$50 for those units who have reached the 80% goal.

Reminder: Memberships turned in at the rallies do count toward the rally count. Of course, we want you to continue to mail them to department and not hold them, but we acknowledge that you are working hard the week of a rally and we want you to get credit for your work.



Please reach out to your members who have not renewed last year or this year. As of this article, we are short 1,936 members from last year at this time. I know we have had many deaths, but we have also gained many new members. We really need to look at those who have not renewed the last couple of years. And as always, please remember to "Just Ask" new members. And don't forget to look for new Junior members too.

A flyer with a blue and white color scheme. At the top left is the American Legion Auxiliary logo. The text reads: "WOMEN VETERANS AND SERVICEMEMBERS CAN JOIN THE AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY!". Below this is a photograph of a woman in a military uniform hugging a dog. To the right of the photo, it says: "A woman eligible for American Legion membership is also eligible to join the American Legion Auxiliary regardless of whether she is a member of The American Legion. As a special offer to women veterans, the national portion (\$12) of ALA dues is waived for the first year of membership! Mention this offer to the ALA unit when you join. For more information, contact the ALA National membership team at 317-569-4500." At the bottom left is the website "www.ALAforVeterans.org".

REMINDER: The national portion, \$12.00, of membership dues is waived for first year women veterans and service members when joining the American Legion Auxiliary.

This flyer is available on the national website and you can print and utilize at your posts or share on social media.

For more information you can contact the department office or myself.

I wanted to put this in the unit mailing again, as I have had questions from unit membership chairman regarding when a Junior member becomes a Senior member. If your Junior member is 18 years old by December 31st, 2018, she must pay Senior dues for 2019. The American Legion Auxiliary Management Information System (ALAMIS) will automatically change a Junior to a Senior on the members 18th birthday.



Every Monday is “Membership Monday” on the Department of MN Facebook Page. Do you have ideas to share with other members on how your unit is recruiting new members, getting your members to renew, or engaging members? Please contact me, contact information below, and I will share on Facebook and give a big shout out to your unit!



I have received many inquiries about the reinstatement of membership. I have taken the following from the 2019 Membership Guide that went to all Unit membership chairman. Not all the inquires have been from membership chairman so I wanted to share:

Reinstatement of Membership

- Our Auxiliary year runs from Department Convention to Department Convention.
- Dues for 2019 are due and payable for the 2019 membership year following the 2018 Department Convention.
- A member who does not pay her 2018 dues by January 31, 2019, is considered delinquent.
- Her 2018 membership card is no longer “current” as of January 31, 2019, and she shall be suspended from all membership privileges and benefits.
- If that same person does not pay her dues by December 31st of the year of delinquency (2018) she is automatically dropped from the rolls.

When a member has been dropped from the rolls and **no dues have been paid for a year or longer**, she may reinstate her membership by either of the following methods:

1. A person may REJOIN the Auxiliary by completing a NEW MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION and pay dues for the current year only. The veteran she is rejoining through must be a member of The American Legion or be deceased.
2. If a member’s original application is on file with the Unit or Department, she may be reinstated by paying “back dues” for the years of delinquency plus pay dues for the current year, if the Unit so approves (Unit Constitution). She must be reinstated in this manner if the veteran she joined through is not a current member of The American Legion at the time of her request for reinstatement or she has lost her eligibility through divorce from the veteran.

We, myself and the department office, are here to support you this year. Should you need any assistance or have any questions or comments about the membership program this year, please feel free to contact me via email or a phone call. You can also contact the Department office.

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