



American Legion Auxiliary

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HISTORY

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History is defined as a chronological record with an explanation or commentary of events. In Minnesota we have a rich history, dating back to the very beginning of our organization. Fast forward ninety plus years and you will find we are still very active in our Units, but we have become relaxed in our history recordings. We find it easy to write “did not participate.” Even if your Unit held only one function, be proud and write about it.

If you have not made your 2018 New Year’s resolutions, maybe this should be the year we all commit to doing our very best in writing our American Legion Auxiliary reports.

For our history reports, I am looking for the following information:

- Activities that your Unit, Counties, District are involved in
- Awards or recognition members might have received
- Photos/ newspaper articles
- Participation in the MN Department, History project
- Recording or video of a senior American Legion Auxiliary Member who has been a member for a long time
- March is women’s history month: how did you celebrate

Every Unit has a story to tell. Please don’t let another year slip by you. Report your history.

I would like to thank these Units that have donated to our Department of Minnesota History Project. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

Unit 588 Mazepa
Unit 498 Hokah
Unit 019 Madelia
Unit 286 Sanborn
Unit 580 Chanhassen
Unit 225 Forest Lake

Unit 125 Stewart
Unit 629 Chokio
Unit 229 Sacred Heart
Unit 80 Wheaton
Unit 15 Detroit Lakes
Unit 002 Shakopee

They have contributed \$360.00. This money will be used for: photo restoration, picture frames, photo storage boxes and a display case made by Veterans at Hastings Veterans Home. Please see the historical brochure included in this unit mailing for more information.

If you would like to contribute to the Department of Minnesota Historical Project, please send a check to: American Legion Auxiliary, Department of Minnesota, State Veterans Service Building, 20 W 12th St. #314, St Paul, MN 55155

Karla Otterness
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Karla Otterness MN Department Historian Plus 4 out of 10, 2017/2018 District Historians.
Renee Berscheid (6th District), Zandra Kessler (8th District), Rosie Wendland(2nd
District), Kim Carlander (3rd District

Nothing is impossible, the word itself says “I’m possible”! —Audrey Hepburn.