



## *American Legion Auxiliary*

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Dear Unit President:

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**HAPPY 100th BIRTHDAY TO THE AMERICAN LEGION!** On March 15, 1919 in Paris, France the beginning of The American Legion was formed. Be sure and plan a celebration in honor of your Legionnaires!!

Please note that we will be having a **National Presidents Tour** May 13 – 16, 2019. All of the information is listed on a sheet in this mailing.

Please remember that all **SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS** are due by March 15<sup>th</sup>. **They do require a signature from the Unit.** Please become familiar with the rules so no scholarship application is disqualified due to an oversight on the Unit's part. Go over the form after your students return them to the Units and make sure everything is filled out properly. We had disqualifications last year due to incomplete forms. Let's do our part to make sure our student's get every chance they can for these scholarships.

Your reservation and your \$300.00 registration fee for **AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY MINNESOTA GIRLS STATE** must be into the Department Office by March 31<sup>st</sup>. If you have not sent in your registration fee by that date, we cannot guarantee a place for your candidate. By action of the Department Convention there is no limit to the number of girls a Unit may send from the same high school. Your candidate must attend a school in Minnesota or be a resident of Minnesota. We are looking for reservations - please get them in on a timely basis. This is such a rewarding experience and learning time for the girls.

**MEMBERSHIP:** Please have each member help your Membership Chairmen get our renewals paid for 2019. We are behind by over 2,200 members where we were last year at this time. Make those personal calls and just reach last year's goal with maybe one additional member. Without our membership there is no organization and what will this do to our Veterans? Please - let's get our numbers to the top and show the rest of the Departments how good Minnesota is!!!

**DEPARTMENT CONVENTION** will be held July 11 - 13 at the Willmar Conference Center sponsored by the American Legion Family #167 Willmar, Minnesota. Plan now to attend. Information will be forthcoming in future Unit mailings and the Minnesota Legionnaire. Please plan on attending. They are fun and informational – President Jean has done such a tremendous job for our organization this year, we need to attend and help her end her year.

**REMINDERS - APRIL 15<sup>th</sup>** is the due date for annual reports. Due date for trophies and award entries, unless the rules specify another date is also April 15<sup>th</sup>. Department Citations will be awarded to all Units that have filed a complete set of annual reports and have attained their membership goal by April 15<sup>th</sup>. Department Chairmen will be awarding Certificates of Merit to Units based on their Unit annual reports and the programs carried on by the Units.

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Department Secretary

