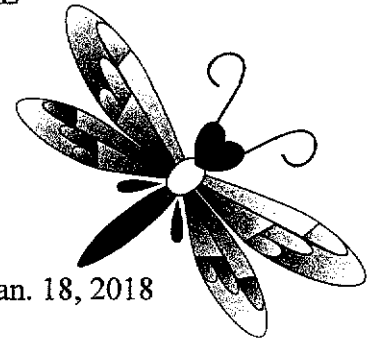




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Jan. 18, 2018

Happy New Year Members!

To all the Units I've visited, thank you for the hospitality and warm welcome. Donations from everyone for the 'It's Never 2 Late' make the possibility of obtaining this project a step closer for our veterans. I can't thank everyone enough for their generosity!

By the time you receive this bulletin, the Department Mid-Winter Conference will be in process or just completed. Having so much planned, I hope everyone attends and enjoys (enjoyed) this special annual event.

Many issues still need our attendance this year, thus I hope you'll place the 'Dates To Remember' on your calendars and encourage members to participate and get involved with the upcoming District Leadership classes, District Girls State Orientations, and District/Legion Oratorical. It's a great way to meet and obtain new members, learn, and have fun too!

Believe it or not, Spring is only 8 weeks away!

May all the positive Spirits that ride on the back of dragonflies, be yours for ALL each of you say and do! Thank you for your service!

"Believe in the Spirits that strengthen our promise"

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Paula-Carol Alger
Department President 2017 – 2018

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

A SOLDIER'S PRAYER

Dear Lord, I'm just a soldier
A protector of our land.
A servant called to battle
When my country takes a stand.
I pray for strength and courage
And a heart that will forgive,

For peace and understanding
In a world for all to live.
My family's prayers are with me,
No matter where I roam.
Please listen when I'm lonely
And return me safely home.

Anonymous

SYMPATHY:

Janet Bye & family, PO Box 34, Wolfeboro Falls, NH 03894 (loss of mother, Anna Lord, Past Pres., Unit 18 and father)
Susan Chick, 3095 Province Lake Rd., E. Wakefield, NH 03830 (loss of mother, Anna Lord P.U.P Unit 18 and father)
Gloria Bean & family, 224 Varney Rd., Wolfeboro, NH 03894 (loss of mother, Anna Lord and father)
Shirley Hanson, 70 Keyes Hill Rd., Pelham, NH 03076 (loss of son)
Nancy Bennis & family, 288 Tuttle Rd., Pownal, Me. 04069-6341 (loss of mother, PDP Vivian Snow)
Michael O'Toole and family, 11 Teaberry Ln., Bedford, NH 03110 (loss of mother Doris, unit 54)
Mr. & Mrs. Earl Beale, 52 Anthony Dr., Laconia, NH 03246 (loss of Linda Beale's uncle)
Roy Davis and family, 5 Sally Sweet Way, Salem, NH 03079 (loss of wife, Jean, unit 63, Chaplain)
Bridget Ivey, 13 Danville Rd., Unit 2, Fremont, NH 03044 (loss of aunt)
John McCarthy & family, 2 Maple3wood Dr., Londonderry, NH 03053 (loss of wife, Donna, Unit 27)
Dee and Paul Curtis, 13 Elgin Blvd., Londonderry, NH 03053 (loss of sister, Donna McCarthy, Unit 27)

GET WELL:

Sue Boddie, 15 Kelley Ct., Goffstown, NH 03045 (illness)

THINKING OF YOU:

Lisa Neylon, 57 North St., Laconia, NH 03246 (minor surgery)
Sandy Tansey, 918 Page St., Manchester, NH 03109 (undergoing cancer treatments)
Kenny and Carol Maynard, 6 Epping Woods Rd., Epping, NH 03042 (health issues)
Julia Rabbia, 426 Maple St., Contoocook, NH 03229 (surgery)
Kay LaDuke, 18 Centerwood Dr., Concord, NH 03301-5215 (health issues)

It has been a sad end of 2017. Here's hoping for a brighter 2018 for everybody!

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS –JANUARY

PDP Kris West

Thank you to the Units that sent me a mid-year report. I appreciate the time you took to let me know what the Units are doing and was able to include those activities in my mid-year report of the National Chaplain.

I still need more prayers for President P.C.'s prayer book. Please send them along to me or bring them with you if you are attending the mid-winter conference in Rochester on January 27th.

BE FAITHFUL IN SMALL THINGS BECAUSE IT IS IN THEM THAT YOUR STRENGTH LIES

Mother Teresa

Terri Ouellette,
Department Chaplain

SECRETARY NOTES:

It was voted at the last National Convention that dues would be raised for the 2019 membership year. Senior dues will be raised \$3 and Junior dues will be raised \$1.75. Which means that the Department will be sending the National Organization \$12 for Senior dues and \$3 for Junior dues. We have to reflect that raise in the amount sent into Department. For the 2019 dues year, it will \$18 for Senior dues and \$4.75 for Junior dues that needs to be sent to Department. Department keeps \$6 for Senior dues and \$1.75 for Junior dues. Department has not, at this time, had to raise the Department portion of the dues so the only increase is for the National portion of the dues. When sending in the Unit Data form (which will come out in the February bulletin) tell us how much each Unit is requesting the members to pay. Please keep this raise in mind when the vote is taken at your Unit meeting.

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We have scheduled the Department Auxiliary Spring Conference for March 31, 2018 to be held at Department Headquarters (121 South Fruit Street, Concord, NH). Coffee will be available at 9:30, with the meeting starting at 10 AM. A light lunch will be served for a donation. Please make every attempt to attend this meeting.

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Membership Chairmen: PLEASE – Do NOT send any DD214 discharge papers in with the transmittal of new members. They should be kept in the files of the Unit. When the Post Officer signs the application form, it tell us that he has seen the papers (or knows about the veteran) and that the member is eligible to belong. I do not want or need to see those papers.

EDUCATION:

I would like to thank all the Units who have sent me Mid-year reports. You are doing a wonderful job.

SCHOLARSHIPS:

Units are scrambling to raise funds for book scholarships on the unit level.

DID YOU KNOW: There are 3 National Scholarships – issued to children of veterans or active duty personnel that you can offer to your local schools.

DID YOU KNOW: There are 5 Department Awards– 2 of which offer 2 scholarships a year – 4 are offered to graduating boys and girls –1 has the requirement of a child/grandchild of a deceased veteran – Students of non-veterans can apply to four of them.

Now you can go to your schools with 10 Scholarships/Awards.

This year we have reviewed and upgraded the Department scholarships/awards.

Past Presidents Parley Nursing Award was increased to \$ 800.00 for an RN and to \$ 500.00 for an LPN.

This scholarship can be changed to two RN scholarships if there is no applicant for LPN.

This scholarship can be offered to someone already in school for nursing.

This award is not limited to an American Legion Auxiliary member.

This award is available for boys and girls interested in RN/LPN.

The Elsie Brown Award has been increased to \$ 300.00 with fewer requirements needed.

Most important The E-board has changed the word *Scholarship* to *Award* on all the *Department Scholarships/Awards*. This will enable more students to apply for these *Awards* without impacting their *Financial Aid or Pell Grants*.

In January, we will be joining the ALA Granite Girls State Program Chairman in sending a mailer to the schools making them aware of these changes, it is important for the **Unit Education Chairmen** to contact the guidance department in the area high schools to review these changes and remind them that the American Legion Auxiliary *Scholarships Awards* have a deadline of **MARCH 15, 2018**.

I wish to thank you for all your hard work in getting the word out to the schools.



Linda Dupont, Education Chairman

Glenda Joyce, 2nd Member

Melissa Greenwood, 3rd Member

THANK YOU:

I would like to thank everyone that sent cards and prayers my way during the trying time of my son's illness and death. All were greatly appreciated.

Shirley Hanson, Unit 100

THANK YOU THANK YOU

I was delighted to hear from so many of you as I recover from surgery. The surgeons know I'm impatient and keep telling me my recovery is a process and will take time. My thanks to the units, districts and many individuals that called, sent cards or stopped by to say hello. I won't be seeing you at mid-winter this year so, enjoy and hopefully the weather will co-operate.

My love and gratitude to you all.

Sandy Neylon, PDP, PEDNVP

2nd VICE PRESIDENT:

I would like to commend all of our American Legion Auxiliary members for doing such a great job for our veterans. Being a volunteer organization, sometimes we are not recognized or given consideration for all the things we do. It is easy to fall into the category that no one appreciates the efforts of the American Legion Auxiliary. But you are appreciated, it just takes one smile or a special thank you from a veteran that you have touch or a thank you note from a school, library or head start program. **Your doing a GREAT JOB** and keep up all the good works of the American Legion Auxiliary, it is noticed, but rarely said.

I want to send out a special thank you for considering those who need to travel in harsh weather to get to meetings in the winter time. We cannot control the weather and sometimes it arrives at inopportune times. Canceling meetings is not an easy task that comes lightly, and our crazy weather this year has not come lightly either.

Thank you,

Linda Dupont, 2nd Vice President

NH VETERANS HOME REPRESENTATIVE:

Hope everyone is surviving the cold weather and the large amounts of snow we have received already this winter. Last month there was a list of items used on the Sunshine cart. Remember to complete a donation sheet and give the value of the items you have purchased. If you have any questions regarding any items you want to purchase you can give me a call and I will check on it for you. I attended the After Christmas Party with my sunglasses on and we had a good time even though it was freezing out. Hope to see you all at mid-winter.

Irene Lewis, New Hampshire Veterans Home Representative

HISTORIAN:

Hello everyone, I hope everyone had a great Holiday season!

I hope you have been working on your histories. I am looking forward to receiving lots of them!

Remember, if you didn't write it down, it didn't happen!

Hope to see you at Mid-Winter!

Donna Bryant, Department Historian

CHILD WELFARE FOUNDATION"

Hi, Ladies, my title is C.A.T. the abbreviation for CHILDREN'S ACTION TEAM.

This a foundation funded by the Legion, Auxiliary, & SAL members. To provide financial assistance to the American Legion in their efforts to award grants to nonprofit organizations whose primary function is to educate the public about the needs of children across the nation.

The vast majority of donations come from the American Legion family and the Eight & Forty. Your support allows the foundation to continue funding projects that improve the quality of life for our nation's children. All money donated is entered into the trust fund to be used for grants. The American Legion takes care of all overhead costs.

If each unit would commit to sending a check for just \$25:00 yearly, to the CWF, this would result in over \$700,000 being generated each year.

So, that's why we send the can around at every meeting.

Remember, it's not just another contribution to a needy cause, it is YOUR CAUSE. The Children of the nation are entrusting you with their future.

Eleanor Leach, 3rd. Member Children & Youth

POPPIES:

It is already January and mid-year reporting was due on January 5, 2018.

I received only one report from a Unit that is trying the Poppy Program for the first time this year. Thank you to that Unit. I know Units have worked hard assembling and distributing poppies, using poppy donations to support veterans, active duty military and their families in their community and made centerpieces, etc., but I cannot pass along to National your accomplishments without a report from you.

It is time to start thinking about the Poppy Poster Contest which the posters will be due to me in May.

Notify your schools, youth groups and juniors about this contest. I will have the Poppy Poster Requirements in the next bulletin. If you have any questions before that, please call me.

Harriet Lemery, Poppy Chairman
(603) 888-2279

FUNDRAISING:

Happy New Years!!

∞ The Department Calendar Program Tickets are still available! A big thank you to those that sell and those that buy!! ∞

Fundraiser Idea: "*Snowman Building Contest*"

Have your event at the local park, have area children come out to build their best snowman, have various prizes from local businesses.

Host a hot chocolate and cookie bar with a donation bucket.

Make some money for your desired program(s) and gain potential new members!

Melissa Greenwood, Fundraising Chairman
mdgreenwood@hotmail.com / 603-210-5626

VETERAN AFFAIRS & REHABILITATION:

Hello Ladies,

I would like to start by saying I have the best team ever. My 3rd & 2nd Members are great. They have been right on the ball. We got thru the Gift shop, & the After Christmas Party with no problems. They know what they are supposed to do, and they do it. Thank You.

Now, I've been here before, you have all heard all the speeches, so all I have to say is, do what you can for our Veterans. This time of year, all I can think of is all the homeless people and Veterans

who are living on the streets. Go to the nursing homes, see how you can entertain them, by playing cards, listening to their stories. Check out your posts - see if there's any Veteran who needs some help, with either food, clothes, cleaning their home, taking them to their appointments. Maybe you can help them with securing their federal and state veterans benefits or entitlements under the law, by helping them to fill out their claims. If you go to the post to socialize and see a veteran just sitting there, talk to him. You will be surprise how these guys will just perk up and start talking. He will smile every time he sees you after that. If they are able, ask them to help you in the kitchen or whatever you need, that is easy to do. It makes them feel useful. And of course, if you knit, crochet, Quilt, whatever, a homemade gift is always appreciated and treasured. Cookies - they all love sweets.

Eleanor Leach, VA&R Chairmen

AMERICANISM:

It is hard to believe that we are halfway through the year with Mid-winter Conference on the horizon. **Thank you to the Units that sent me their mid-year reports.** Without this information I would not have been unable to send my report to the National Chairman. Also, based on information I received from the Eastern Division Chairman, New Hampshire sent in 3 entries for the senior Americanism essay. Thanks ladies! I hope if this contest comes up again we can boost our number. Oh yes, the Eastern Division had the most entries of the 5 divisions.

There is still a lot of work to be done and the next big activity for Americanism program is the Oratorical Contest. This is one of several collaborative programs the Auxiliary works on with the Legion. Contact your post and district commanders to find out how your members can be of assistance during the local competitions. **The state final will be held at 9AM on March 10, 2018 at St. Anselms College in Manchester.** I encourage you to attend. These youngsters are amazing. Until next month, enjoy Mid-winter Conference.

Sandra Neylon, Americanism Chairman

FOREIGN RELATIONS:

Hello ladies,

I apologize for not putting an article in the bulletin last month. Our mid-winter conference is January 27 and I am looking forward to your French dolls. I will have more recipes and we will have little history lesson on the birth of the American Legion Auxiliary which just happened to take place in Paris. Again, I am sorry for the tardiness of this article.

Carol Maynard, Foreign Relations Chairman

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Thank you again to the Units that sent in their mid-year reports. I'm happy to say that there was 100% reporting from the Eastern Division Chairmen. Great job ladies!

With this terribly cold and snowy winter, it is a great opportunity to make donations of warm clothing, blankets, hand warmers, gloves and scarves to our local food shelters, homeless shelters and veteran's organizations such as Liberty House, Harbor Homes and such. All of the shelters have reported that they have been filled to capacity during this cold snap.

Thank you for all you do for your community.

Terri Ouellette, Community Service Chairman

DATES TO REMEMBER

2018

- Jan. 24-26 Secretary Training, Indianapolis, IN - **OFFICE CLOSED**
- Jan. 27 Mid-Winter Conference – Post 7, (94 Eastern Ave. Rochester) Registration @ 8 am
- Feb. 24-29 Washington DC Conference –
- March 3 District 8 Leadership Class – Post 20, Woodsville (4 Ammonoosuc St). – Coffee @ 9:30
- March 10 High School Oratorical Contest – St. Anselm College @ 9 AM
- March 17 8/40 Spring Pouvoir – Sweeney, Post 2 (261 Maple St. Manchester) – Coffee @ 9:30
- March 24 District 5 Leadership Class – Post 31, Penacook (11 Charles St.) Coffee @ 9:30AM
- March 31 Dept. Auxiliary Spring Conference – Dept. Headquarters (121 So. Fruit St. Concord) @ 9:30 AM
- Apr. 7 Junior Oratorical Contest – St. Anselm College @ 9 AM
- Apr. 28 Department Executive Committee Meeting – Post 20, Woodsville (4 Ammonoosuc St), Coffee @ 9:30
- May 5-8 Dept. Leadership National Conference (2018-2019 Leaders) **OFFICE CLOSED**
- May 12 Junior Convention – TBA
- May 19 Dept. Commander’s & Dept. President’s Combined Testimonial – Post 37, Hooksett – Time - TBA
- June 3 District 4 ALA Girls State Orientation – Post 2, Manchester (261 Maple St) @ 9:30AM
- June 9 Departmental Du 8/40 Salon 34 LaMarche - TBA
- June 21-24 Department Convention – Radisson Hotel, Manchester
- Aug. 23-30 National Convention – Minneapolis, MN

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2017-2018 Membership Report

No.		Locations	Goal	Sr	Jr	Total	% of Goal	Deleg.	At Lg.	Levy	Bond
District 1 - Sharon Cook - 532-7021 - Unit 11											
57		Alstead	60	41	1	42	70.00%	2			
38		Fitzwilliam	30	18	3	21	70.00%	2			
85		Gilsum	11	1		1	9.09%	2		\$7.50	\$5.20
11		Jaffrey	275	190	28	218	79.27%	4	2		
4		Keene	240	136	2	138	57.50%	3	1		
24		Marlborough	23	20		20	86.96%	2			
77		Walpole	11	5		5	45.45%	2		\$5.25	\$5.20
			650	411	34	445	68.46%	17	3		
District 2 - Wendy Boissoneau-DeCato - 494-7475 - Unit 98											
13		Greenville	191	124	18	142	74.35%	3	1		
48		Hudson	200	119	6	125	62.50%	3	5		
98		Merrimack	105	70	8	78	74.29%	3	1		
23		Milford	113	85	7	92	81.42%	3	2		
3		Nashua	70	41	4	45	64.29%	2	1		
5		Peterborough	51	41		41	80.39%	2			
65		Weare	47	27	1	28	59.57%	2		\$33.00	\$5.20
10		Wilton	86	71	4	75	87.21%	3	1		
			863	578	48	626	72.54%	21	11		
District 3 - Sheila Brooks - 207-252-7533 - Unit 69											
114		Barrington	18	13		13	72.22%	2		\$11.25	\$5.20
8		Dover	163	118		118	72.39%	3		\$112.50	\$5.20
51		Epping	165	108	5	113	68.48%	3	5		
32	5	Exeter	35	39		39	111.43%	2			
60		Farmington	45	34	2	36	80.00%	2			
105	2	Kensington	19	20	1	21	110.53%	2			
67		Newmarket	255	143	6	149	58.43%	3	2		
73		Northwood	24	18	4	22	91.67%	2			
6		Portsmouth	315	192		192	60.95%	4	3		
7		Rochester	490	330	8	338	68.98%	5		\$327.00	\$5.20
47		Rollinsford	195	138	3	141	72.31%	3			
70		Seabrook	240	167	5	172	71.67%	4			
69		Somersworth	220	134	16	150	68.18%	3	2		
			2184	1454	50	1504	68.86%	38	12		
District 4 - Eleanor Forrest - 932-2874 - Unit 37											
54		Bedford	27	8		8	29.63%	2		\$12.75	\$5.20
91		Candia	19	4	2	6	31.58%	2			
108		Chester	32	14		14	43.75%	2			
9		Derry	36	30		30	83.33%	2	2		
16		Goffstown	22	13	5	18	81.82%	2			
37		Hooksett	190	93	10	103	54.21%	3	2	\$103.50	\$5.20
27		Londonderry	109	64	4	68	62.39%	3			
2		Manchester	275	209	7	216	78.55%	4			
43		Manchester	178	121	1	122	68.54%	3			
79		Manchester	110	24	1	25	22.73%	2	1	\$63.75	\$5.20
100		Pelham	85	40		40	47.06%	2			
34		Plaistow	75	52		52	69.33%	2			
90		Raymond	96	59		59	61.46%	2			
63	4	Salem	57	56	4	60	105.26%	2	1		
			1311	787	34	821	62.62%	33	6		

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District 5 - Brenda Audet - 491-8016 - Unit 21											
42		Barnstead	65	37	7	44	67.69%	2	1		
21		Concord	180	127	3	130	72.22%	3	1		
81		Contoocook	60	36		36	60.00%	2		\$34.50	\$5.20
103	3	Deerfield	26	28		28	107.69%	2			
112		Epsom	22	14		14	63.64%	2			
59		Hillsboro	230	175	3	178	77.39%	4			
88		Loudon	16	9	1	10	62.50%	2			
31		Penacook	149	111	9	120	80.54%	3			
28		Suncook	72	29		29	40.28%	2		\$37.50	\$5.20
			820	566	23	589	71.83%	22	2		
District 6 - Veronica Valley - 477-4743 - Unit 25											
29		Claremont	180	93		93	51.67%	3			
97		Grafton	14	8		8	57.14%	2		\$8.25	\$5.20
22		Lebanon	309	214	8	222	71.84%	4	1		
40		New London	95	67	12	79	83.16%	3	2		
25		Newport	100	40	2	42	42.00%	2	1		
			698	422	22	444	63.61%	14	4		
District 7 - Gloria Morin - 781-307-5186 - Unit 83											
72		Alton	145	101		101	69.66%	3	1		
15		Ashland	33	9		9	27.27%	2			
46		Conway	97	47		47	48.45%	2			
102		Gilmanton	32	20	1	21	65.63%	2			
1		Laconia	116	61	1	62	53.45%	3			
83		Lincoln	85	46	4	50	58.82%	2	1		
33		Meredith	85	61		61	71.76%	2			
66		Plymouth	20	7		7	35.00%	2		\$6.75	\$5.20
49		Tilton	233	182	16	198	84.98%	4	1		
18		Wolfboro	45	28	1	29	64.44%	2			
			891	562	23	585	65.66%	24	3		
District 8 - Susan Berry - 802-695-3349 - Unit 68											
36		Berlin	70	49	2	51	72.86%	2			
62	1	Colebrook	14	16	3	19	135.71%	2			
82		Gorham	140	78	4	82	58.57%	3	1		
17		Groveton	230	126	8	134	58.26%	3	1		
68		Littleton	115	91	5	96	83.48%	3	2		
41		Whitefield	35	17		17	48.57%	2	2	\$21.75	\$5.20
20		Woodsville	180	116	10	126	70.00%	3	2		
			784	493	32	525	66.96%	18	8		
200		Dept. HQ	67	24		24	35.82%				
								187	49		
Department Goal			8268	5297	266	5563	67.28%				
National Goal			10268				54.18%				
Needed to reach 100% by Department Convention							-2705				
Needed to reach 100% by National Convention							-4705				

NEW HAMPSHIRE VETERANS HOME

DONATION FORM

THANK YOU FOR YOUR THOUGHTFUL DONATION. PLEASE PROVIDE US WITH THE INFORMATION LISTED SO WE CAN PROPERLY ACKNOWLEDGE YOUR DONATION. THIS FORM MUST BE COMPLETED IN ORDER FOR THE VETERANS HOME TO ACCEPT YOUR DONATION.

NAME OF DONOR: _____

NAME OF ORGANIZATION, GROUP, BUSINESS, ETC.:

COMPLETE MAILING ADDRESS:

ITEM(S) DONATED:

ESTIMATED VALUE: _____

SIGNATURE OF DONOR: _____

TODAY'S DATE: _____

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LOCATION OF DONATION: _____

SIGNATURE OF EMPLOYEE
ACCEPTING DONATION: _____