

The American Legion Auxiliary

Department of Alabama

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Hello All!

I hope you have had a good summer! Most think that there is nothing to do as far as our programs go in the summer because we are between Presidents, roster books, conventions, but that is far from the truth there is always a lot to be done!

The Department of Alabama is moving forward. We are finishing up the 2017-2018 membership year with higher numbers than in 2016-17. You can tell that President Judy really worked membership! We have a new Department Secretary, Carol Tyson. Carol is doing a great job! Let's keep the wheels moving in the forward direction.

Committee Chairmen, your Program Action Plan is due into the Department by September 1st. You will need to find out who the Unit chairman is for your program and stay in touch with them encouraging them and asking if they need help. Plan to visit some of their planned activities. If you need help please do not hesitate to ask for help. District Presidents, by now you all should have had your first District meeting. Please stay in contact with the Unit Presidents in your District and plan to visit each Unit in your District. Communication is the key to having a successful year.

Our National Convention is coming up August 24 – 30th. Please keep the whole American Legion Family in your thoughts and prayers as we travel to and from. We are excited about going and about learning new things to bring back to you!

Fall Leadership is just around the corner! I am excited about seeing you all and learning with you. We have some exciting things to look forward to this year. We will be going over to the Capital building on Saturday for the State POW/MIA ceremony. We will have a guest speaker to tell us all about how creative arts help our veterans cope and recover from PTSD. Our Leadership conference is going to be full of leadership training! The dates are September 20 – 22nd. We will be back at the Embassy suites in Montgomery. Please go ahead and start booking your rooms now. There is a football game in Auburn between Auburn and Arkansas that weekend, so the rooms will be booking up fast around Montgomery. The code is American Legion.

I would like to apologize for being late getting the newsletter out, as most of you know my mother has been sick this summer and passed away the end of July. Thank you all for the cards, flowers, thoughts and prayers. At a time like this, it is the prayers that people are sending up for you that helps to get you through! Believe me, I felt your prayers!

Your Sister in Service!

Sharon Atkins, President