



Secretary's Note

For God and Country,
Department of Alabama
Carol Tyson, Secretary

November 20, 2018

Mid-Winter Conference:

Mid-Winter will be held at the Grand Hotel from January 24-27, 2019 in Point Clear. Registration forms are available on our Department website at: www.alabamaamericanlegionauxiliary.com under Dept Links. Registration is \$15/person. Banquet Tickets are \$15/person for Saturday night, January 26, 2019. Please make checks for Banquet Tickets out to The American Legion – this is a Legion sponsored event. **Do not combine registration and banquet ticket payments together.** When it gets a little closer to the date, the agenda and other pertinent information will also be available. Please make plans to attend. Pre-registration will be accepted until Jan. 4, 2019.

Something Happening at Your Unit or in Your District:

We want to know about it. If you have something going on, share it. Send me an email at ALAux.Sec@legional.org, and I will get the information out. This is a great way to share ideas with one another, as well as gain support for your events. Information needs to be to me by no later than the 3rd of each month.

Cookbooks Available:

Here's a great way to support your Department. We have cookbooks available for purchase for \$25, **plus s/h. Please contact the Department to determine the amount of shipping, before sending check.** Please contact me at Department if you'd like to purchase one. These would make great Christmas gifts for family and friends – or to keep for yourself. Payment must be received before any will be mailed out.

Poppies:

Department now has pre-made poppies for sale. They are \$20/100, **plus s/h. Please contact the Department to determine the amount of shipping, before sending check.** These will be sent on a first come/first serve basis. Payment must be received before any will be mailed out.

Hard Copies of President's Newsletters:

If anyone is desiring a hard copy of the Newsletter be mailed to them or knows someone who would be interested, please send \$10 to Dept with a comment in the Memo section of the check stating "Newsletter" (to cover the cost of mailing for a year) along with a letter requesting to whom the Newsletter be mailed, along with the address where you would like it sent, and I would be more than happy to send a Newsletter out every month to you.

Membership Question - Did you know?

Eligibility for an Auxiliary Applicant is contingent upon a couple of very important things, which include but are not necessarily limited to the following:

- Should an applicant wish to join under a LIVING veteran, that veteran MUST be a member of the American Legion. If the applicant wishes to join and the veteran is deceased, this rule does not apply.
- A FEMALE Veteran may join under their own service and their first year is free within the Auxiliary. Should the Veteran decide to join the Auxiliary only, they may do so, however, they MAY NOT join any eligible dependents in the Auxiliary under them UNLESS they are members of the Legion.
- To rejoin after a lapse in membership, a "member" must fill out a new application so that verification can be performed, making sure that the "member" is still eligible to be a member. If an applicant has a life event, such as divorce from the Veteran, they may no longer be eligible. On the application, mark that the applicant is a previous member and put "REJOIN" at the top of the application per National C&B, pg. 59 and Unit Handbook, pg. 23.

**DON'T NOT SEND DD214 OR
EQUIVALENT with Membership to DEPT.**

This type of information is to be kept under lock and key at the Unit level, for your reference. I do not need this information at Department. *Please keep this information with any documentation you have for your records. I do not keep it here.*

War Memorial:

Don't forget to purchase a brick in honor/memory of your beloved servicemember. This is a great way to honor their service and help restore the Alabama War Memorial in the process. Applications for the bricks can be found on our Department website under Dept. Links.

Education Scholarships:

Do you know of anyone who is eligible for our scholarships? Let them know we have them. Applications and requirements can be found on our Department website at www.alabamaamericanlegionauxiliary.com, under the About Tab, as well as the Dept Links Tab. Applications are accepted in the Department between January and March, but now is a good time for them to print out and start looking at requirements and gathering all information, referral letters, etc. that they will need.

Department Website:

Our Department Website – www.alabamaamericanlegionauxiliary.com – is constantly updating and changing. Make sure you check it out regularly for new information, so that you stay up-to-date with the latest happenings in the Department.

*The Department Office
will be closed on
Thursday and Friday,
November 22 and 23,
2018.*

*Happy Thanksgiving
to Everyone! We have
a lot to be thankful for.*