



Secretary's Note

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

October 25, 2018

Mid-Winter Conference:

Mid-Winter will be held at the Grand Hotel from January 24-27, 2019 in Point Clear. More information will be forthcoming, as well as registration information. I will be making Registration forms available on our Department website at: www.alabamaamericanlegionauxiliary.com, when it gets a little closer to the date, as well as the agenda and other pertinent information. Please make plans to attend.

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 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. These will be sent on a first come/first serve basis. Payment must be received before any will be mailed out.

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.

Member Data Forms:

Please complete member data forms and mail to me for any changes to name, address, phone #, email or if a member has passed away. Please make sure to include the EXACT date of death, not just a month and year, as I must have this information to input into the system. We want to ensure that Department and National has the most current and up-to-date information possible. PLEASE, DO NOT mail me a Member Data form if you have already made the changes in ALA MIS. This is a waste of your time completing the form and a waste of mine going to input it only to find that it has already been done – and it's also a waste of your money, because it costs you money to mail me a form that is not needed. Once you enter the information, I do not need to do it again.

New Member Applications:

Please make sure that these applications are complete – AND LEGIBLE. If you can't read them, I won't be able to either. I need Date of Birth information for Juniors, this is a must – or they will be charged at the Senior rate. If the Veteran is Alive, I must have their Post information. Regardless of whether he/she is alive, I must have their War Era information and relationship to the person applying for membership. All applications MUST BE SIGNED BY THE APPLICANT or guardian. The Post Adjutant should also verify Veteran's eligibility, if applicable to Veteran belonging to Post applicant is applying to.

Transmittals and Payments:

PLEASE, do not combine membership years on the same transmittal forms. Also, payments should be made per transmittal. Do not combine multiple transmittals on the same check; nor include donations, bonding and rehab, or other payments with your membership payments. This causes an accounting tracking issue. Thank you for your assistance with this.