

## From the desk of the President...

**Louise Smerk**  
**Department President**

Hello, fellow Auxiliary members. WOW, if you were unable to attend Mid-Winter Conference, you missed a good time. All the chairmen gave great presentations on their respective programs. They provided information to take back to your units and share with your members. The raffle baskets were amazing. We raised quite a bit on the sale of those raffle tickets.

At the Mid-Winter Conference DEC meeting we ratified the following:

Lori Wickham – Department Secretary  
Jeni Kennedy – Columbus Outpatient VA Rep  
Kristen McLaughlin – Governing Documents Committee – HR Committee  
Diann Long – Governing Documents Committee – Finance Committee  
Carol T Robinson – Dayton VA Deputy  
Susan Fratino – Community Service Chairman

We accepted Susan Fratino letter of resignation as District 9 President. Susan has worked hard in this roll and has asked to be replaced by an auxiliary member from her district. We have not had anyone wanting to fill this roll. The position will stay vacant until we are able to fill it. Unfortunately, this leaves the district without representation at a department level on the DEC board. If you are a member of the 9th district and are interested in filling this position, please reach out to myself or the department office.

We had 2 amazing guest speakers on Saturday. First, we had Tony Cross, National Manager for the “Be the One” program. The message he delivered in the short 10-15 minutes was clear that we all need to “Be the One”. He addressed us with information on the training that is free to recognize when a person may need assistance or is struggling. Second, we heard from Rosemarie Hauck, Central Division Vice President. She spoke to us on our involvement with all our programs. We demonstrated to her our commitment to the organization.

Under Americanism, Cyndi Underwood asked that we all stand and sing the song “Old Glory” which will be submitted in a contest through National Americanism to be on the jumbotron and National Convention in Tampa, Florida.

With our hiring of Lori Wickham and the assistance of PNP Desi Stoy, I am confident that we are heading in the right direction to have the department office and finances back on track.

We are also in the process of reviewing the Governing Documents for the Department of Ohio American Legion Auxiliary. The first document we tackled was Standing rules. The next one we are working on is Policy. Please keep your eyes open for the Constitution and By-laws. We may have items to clean up that will require voting at Convention in July.

I will be reaching out to Leora Porter, the supervisor, at The Judge Sara J Harper Village to go over what room we have for their new shed. I will then reach out to Lowe’s and Home Depot on any services they can provide.

Storage Shed to house patio furniture and gardening tools  
Patio furniture  
Raised garden beds  
Gardening tools

Dog clean-up Stations – Currently 3 dogs live in the Village  
All weather American and POW flags

Vacuum sealed storage bags to help them maximize storage

Buckeye Girls State applications are available. PLEASE make sure that you look at the dates. We have had to move dates up to accommodate the orientations. Please keep in touch with your candidates. Check in on them to ensure they are signed up for the mandatory orientation and they have everything they need for their week at Bowling Green.

I just would like to share this photo taken at the close of our Mid-Winter DEC meeting in Columbus. As you can see, we are all sporting our RED, remember everyone deployed, attire. As you can see, several PDP join us for this meeting. They are there not only to support us, but they provide guidance and leadership to all.



Please remember to share all the information that is provided within the Bulk mailing with your units. The officers and chairman are working extremely hard to keep you informed. Remember, I am here representing you. I am a phone call away if needed and can be reached via my cell (216) 337-4037. You may text me at this number as well, but when you do, please put your name, district and unit number at the beginning of your message. I do not have all of you in my phone. You may also email me at LAigner109@yahoo.com.

## **Membership**

### **Renee Kohl, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President**

Wow! What a fantastic Mid-Winter Conference! It was wonderful seeing all of you and I hope that you enjoyed your time getting together with everyone.

Membership started off by climbing the Tree of Life and we got right to business announcing the winners of the Membership Incentives. The first incentive – all Units that reached 25% or more in membership by November 11, 2024 were entered into a \$50 drawing. And the winner is District 2 Lima Unit 96. Congratulations! The second incentive – all Units reaching 50% or more in membership by December 7, 2024 were entered into a \$50 drawing. The two winning Units are District 7 Bainbridge Unit 14 and District 1 Archbold Unit 311. Congratulations to both of these Units! Congratulations to all of you for your hard work and dedication.

Don't forget, the third incentive is a \$100 gift card. All Units reaching 90% by February 3, 2025 will be entered into the drawing that will be held at Summer Convention.

As of Mid-Winter, the Department of Ohio is in 2nd place in the Central Division. We are at 80.67% and 643 members ahead of last year at this time. We are only 6,710 members away from being a goal Department. We can do this!

Remember, if you have any questions regarding Membership, President Louise, 2nd Vice President Mindi, Angie at Department Headquarters and myself are available via email or text message.

A huge shout-out to Angie as she is doing a fantastic job of keeping our membership on point and being very informative with her email tips and tricks. Thank you Angie!!

## **The IMPACT of IMPACT Reports**

### **Mindi Rue, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President**

Hello Spring! I just wanted to bring to light the significant importance of our program reports, and especially, our Impact Reports. I know that the IRS change that removed great-granddaughter, not from our eligibility, but from our not-for-profit status according to the IRS, has made a tremendous impact on our membership and recruiting. Currently, The American Legion and American Legion Auxiliary are in talks at the National level with the IRS and the powers that be, to reinstate the 3<sup>rd</sup> degree of separation from our qualified veteran. With that being said, the way that we show Congress the importance of our organization and the work that we do is through our Impact Reports. It is important now more than ever to show the value of the time, talents, and treasures that we, as members, impact our veterans, active-duty military and their families, children and youth, and our communities. The government, specifically the IRS, needs to see how much money would be necessary to care for the people affected by our programs if our organization collapsed from lack of membership. We have been teaching the significance of reporting for years, but this is the most direct translation of that guidance. **OUR REPORTS MAY HAVE A DIRECT EFFECT ON THE IRS REGULATIONS TO REINSTATE 3<sup>rd</sup> DEGREE OF SEPARATION.** We beg you, as unit members and leadership, to do what you can to report all of the work you have done this year. Thank you!

## **Auxiliary Emergency Fund**

### **Christie Peeper**

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While every program that we have is important to the ALA and its mission, the AEF is a unique program whose sole purpose is to help our members! The AEF is needed now more than ever. In the last 6 months we have had more national disasters in this country than we usually see in 3 years. Windstorms, hurricanes, flooding, and wildfires just to name a few. We have members throughout the country who are hurting, and you can help! In the time from October to December 2024, AEF has distributed more money than all of last year combined. Last year 11/23 – 10/24 we distributed \$ 217,000, between Oct to Dec of 2024 we have distributed \$219,000 and the application continue to pour in. We have 28,037 registered members in the Department of Ohio. If each unit could raise just 1 \$ from each member we would be able to send \$ 28,037 to national to help our fellow Auxiliary members who desperately need our help.

When applying or if you help someone apply keep in mind that documentation is imperative! There are 2 different applications, One for Disaster (including house fires), and one for hardship. Both applications are available on the ALA website in the AEF section. Here are few questions and answers from the Facts section on the AEF page of the ALA website.

What types of expenses qualify for disaster assistance?

AEF disaster assistance funds may be used to provide emergency assistance to eligible Auxiliary members whose primary residence has been devastated by disaster, including flood, hurricane, tornado, earthquake, fire, or other severe weather. Funds may be awarded for interior/exterior structure damage to the vital livable portions of the primary structure, personal items, household contents, major appliances, furniture, and HVAC units with photos provided as documentation. Reimbursable expenses with itemized receipts as documentation related to essential emergency expenses for temporary shelter, temporary structure repairs, purchase of alternative power sources and/or purchase/replacement of groceries incurred due to or being displaced after the disaster

will be accepted. Only applicable receipts dated the day of the disaster and after the disaster up to a three-week time limit may be considered for funding. Assistance will not be granted for damages to a secondary or seasonal residence.

What types of expenses qualify for hardship assistance?

AEF hardship assistance will consider funding only for past/overdue expenses related to residing in your primary shelter, basic household utility expenses, and/or loss of income due to medical and/or employment reasons within the last six months. Is any additional documentation required for hardship assistance? Information such as copies of basic household utility bill(s)/invoice(s) pages (most current billing cycle), mortgage statement, landlord documentation (note or statement from landlord on status of rent payment and/or amount overdue), medical/employer documentation related to loss of income, and other related documentation is needed by the AEF Review Committee to fully review and consider your application. All basic

household utility bills, invoices, mortgage/rent statements and/or documentation should be in the name of the ALA member and/or their spouse. The committee is only able to evaluate the applicant's application based on the information provided.

Is my personal information listed on the application kept confidential?

Absolutely. That is the reason for changing the process for ALA applicants to apply directly to the National Organization for AEF assistance. The information provided remains confidential among only ALA National Headquarters staff required to process your application and the AEF Review Committee. In the event another individual needs to be involved in any manner related to your case/situation, you are informed in advance and must provide authorization for us to contact or share information regarding your application or situation.

REMEMBER THE AMOUNT OF THE AEF GRANT WAS RAISED TO \$3000 PER

GRANT. If you need any assistance or have any questions, please feel free to reach out to me at; 636-675-1104 or [christiepeeper@yahoo.com](mailto:christiepeeper@yahoo.com)

### Children & Youth

Krista Carpenter

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Welcome to 2025 – a new year that will allow us to support and promote Children and Youth! We can start by recognizing youth with special awards. It is always a great time to nominate Children and Youth for the Good Deed and Hero awards. National put in place a challenge to try and have every state give at least one Good Deed Award and One Youth Hero Award. Ohio has done that! As of January, I am aware of only two awards given. Way to go Unit 707 for your Good Deed Award and Unit 495 for your Youth Hero Award! I apologize if I have not acknowledged a Unit that has given an award. Please let me know if there are more awards that have been given. There is still time to find and award Children & Youth for their heroism and good deeds! Want to know more about the process? Visit the My Auxiliary portal and enroll in the ALA Academy Live Recordings for the Youth Hero and Good Deed Awards webinar.

Another challenge from National is to surpass the American Legion in contributions to The American Legion Child Well-Being Foundation (formerly known as the Child Welfare Foundation). On October 6, 2024, they announced the 2025 recipients and awarded 13 grants totaling \$852,593. You can read about all 13 of the projects on the American Legion website - [CWF gets a new name | The American Legion](#). National would love for the Auxiliary to beat the American Legion in contributions this year. I would like to challenge every unit in the state of Ohio to donate a minimum of \$1.00 per member to the Child Well Being Fund. If your unit does this, you are eligible for a 100% per capita banner. You can find an application and more information here - [Earn the 2024-2025 CWF per capita banner | The American Legion](#). If you donate at least \$100, you can request of box of 64 CWF piggy banks - [Request CWF piggy banks | The American Legion](#). I want to thank American Legion 707, Auxiliary Unit 707, SAL Squadron 707, and Legion Riders Chapter 707 for donating four \$50 Amazon gift cards that were raffled off at mid-winter conference January 18, 2025. A total of \$310 was collected through tickets and donations and will be donated to the American Legion Child-Well Being Foundation. Also, a big thank you to all of you that purchased the purple T-shirts. A total of 89 T-shirts were sold. Thank you to the American Legion Post 707 Color Guard for a generous donation to this project. A total of \$584 (\$6.56 per T-shirt) will be donated to the CWF. President Louise's special project – The Judge Sara J. Harper Village will also receive a donation of \$560 (\$6.29 per shirt).

Purple shirts are perfect to wear through the month of April, especially on April 15. April is the month of the military child and April 15 is "purple up" day. Consider hosting an event for military children in your area – have a pizza party, breakfast, lunch, crafts... Start planning now for this event! Contact your local government office to see if the mayor will make a proclamation claiming that April is the month of the military child. This takes some time so start on this early. This article may offer you some steps to follow to make this happen - [How to Request a Proclamation | GUIDE, Inc.](#) You could also honor military children by having a Military Child's Table Setting Ceremony at your April meeting - [https://member.legion-aux.org/cmsdesk/ALA/media/PDF/Programs/Military\\_Children\\_table\\_setting\\_ceremony.pdf](https://member.legion-aux.org/cmsdesk/ALA/media/PDF/Programs/Military_Children_table_setting_ceremony.pdf).

I want to thank every member for their support of children and youth throughout the year. Encourage your units to complete the Children and Youth year-end report that is due April 15. If you have questions about filling it out, reach out to your District Children and Youth Chairman, Colleen, or me. Remember, even the smallest activities can make the biggest impact! Thank you!

### Junior Activities

Connie Morton

Mid-winter the committee; Michelle, Brandi and I with 10 junior members, one SAL and Maggie Willey learned about leadership, cut out leaves for our Honorary Department Junior President Adryenne's special project, visited with the Central Division National Vice President Rosemarie Hauck and learned about the auxiliary's programs as well as some history. Leadership was discussed with a power point presentation.

Adryenne's special project is suicide awareness and eliminating the stigma that goes with getting help. We cut leaves out to be given for a donation so we can honor veterans, family and friends. The donations will be given to OSPF Ohio Suicide Prevention Foundation. If you would like to donate, send your donation to Department Headquarters earmarked Adryenne's special project.

Rosemarie Hauck was chair of Junior Activities during her Auxiliary years. She stayed and visited with us for quite a while however we only took two pictures; one was with our Honorary Department Junior President Adryenne Rush the second with Kayleigh, Maggie Wiley's granddaughter.

The juniors and our Sal member made up questions about poppies, Auxiliary and Legion history as well as our programs. The seniors looked up a few answers but our juniors did most of the work.

Snacks – I forgot to mention we had plenty and we all shared.

Inviting all Auxiliary and SAL members to the Department Junior Conference. We will be meeting in Newark Ohio at Post 764, 1989 West High Street North East. Registration at 10:00 am. Lunch is \$5.00 and will be served about 12:30 pm.

JUNIORS get your entries finished so they can be turned in on time for judging. Please ask senior members for help with criteria and when and where to send your finished entries.

If there are only one or two entries the judges will have an easy time of judging. Why don't you give them a challenge by turning yours in on time and to the correct chair. The Plan Of Action has all the information and it is online at Ohio Auxiliary website [alaohio.org](http://alaohio.org).

Junior Activities Committee: Connie Morton  
Michelle Bolin  
Brandy Little



American Legion Auxiliary  
**JUNIORS**



### **Nurses Scholarship**

**Cindy Masowick**

The Nurses Scholarship is a program to assist students pursuing a degree in the nursing field. The applicant must have Veterans affiliation. The Nurses Scholarship applications are available under the Education Plan of Action. The completed application must be sent to the sponsoring Unit by April 15, 2025 and then sent to me by May 1, 2025. Make sure the applicants fill out the application completely with all of the criteria. The winners of the scholarships will be announced on the Department Convention floor in July. Don't forget to send in your donations on the purple form. You can also make a donation in a member's name. I would love to give every applicant a scholarship.

### **VA&R**

**Marsha Giehls**

The holidays are over, and I know you all did a lot for our Veterans during the Holidays. I did receive some pictures to pass on to National to show what Ohio is doing for our Veterans, and I have seen some pictures on Facebook so I know Units are working hard. Now that the holidays are over let's not forget to still support our Veterans. By the time you receive this you should already be working on your annual reports which are due to your District chairmen on April 15th and I need the District Chairman to send me reports by May 1st . Follow your plan of action directions regarding your reports. Also don't forget to send your hours for your Service to Veterans bars to Deb Sutterlin before April 15th . I know the hospital reps and deputies have been working hard for our Veterans so keep up the good work.

Spring will be arriving and the L.E.A.V.E.S. will be coming out so Let's Remember to Embrace All Veterans Every Season.

### **Service To Veterans**

**Deb Sutterlin, Vice-Chairman**

It is getting time to get your information together to complete the Service For Veterans form. It is due April 15 th and should be sent to me. Once this form is complete, please share a copy with whoever is completing the VA&R report.

I want to share some important information with you. 1.) If you are a caregiver for a veterans who lives with you (this can be a family member or nonfamily member), you can claim 10 hours a week on the Service to Veterans form. The veteran needs to be elderly, disabled or have medical issues. This would be 520 hours total. 2.) If you are a caregiver to a veteran who is not living with you such as a parent, sibling, other family member or friend, you can claim 5 hours per week. 3.) Also, if you do something for a caregiver for a veteran, you can claim hours and money spent to support the caregiver on the Service for Veterans form. And 4.) You also get credit what you do for a widow/widower of a veteran, if that veteran has died within the last couple of years, not 5 or 10 years ago. The hours and money spent count on the Service to Veterans form.

Please note: all hours and money spent on veterans, their caregivers, and their families count on the VA&R green report and the impact report.

Also, we are in the cold winter months. Many veterans are not getting A fun way to give treats to Veterans is to celebrate nontraditional holidays (fun holidays). An example of some fun holidays are Randon Acts of Kindness Feb. 17th, Laugh and Get Rich Day Feb. 8th (it is get rich in happiness), Let's Laugh Day March 19th, and Jelly Bean Day April 22th. So, how can you celebrate Laugh and Get Rich Day can be celebrated by typing a funny story on paper and include it with a small treat bag for veterans in assisted living, VA hospital, Nursing home, and Veterans in Hospice. You can also do this for veteran shut-ins or veterans you know. This is a fun way to BE THE ONE and check in on a veteran that might not be around and should be checked on. Also, with any joke or laugh holidays, you can get some corny jokes, type them on a label, and stick the label

on a packaged cookie, a label on a juice box, a label on an applesauce container, etc. Each label can have a different joke. Also, there is chocolate chip cookie day so you can buy small packages of chocolate chip cookies to hand out with a label that says “National Chocolate Chip Cookie Day”, or, you can make chocolate chip cookies.

Thank you for all you are doing for Veterans. Please take the time to complete the SERVICE FOR VETERANS form.

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### **Wade Park Hospital**

**Pat Miazga**

**Wade Park Rep.**

**216-526-6250**

It seems like we are finally starting to see more patients coming into the hospital for visits. On Mondays we serve 100 plus patients, coffee and cookies. Various groups have also given me items to place on the table for the veterans to pick up on their way out. I have received many items like socks, hand lotions, combs, body soap and bar soap, ink pens, tablets and lots of candy. Right now, I have been giving candy bars which were donated to me after Halloween. I have purchased hats and gloves since the weather is cold and give those out also.

I did a Christmas pass out at the beginning of December. I found leather bound books with Louise’s Trees on them, add a nice pen and other items including Patriot books so patients could purchase some items in the store or cafeteria. Fifty of them were given to the addiction floor for them to use as diaries while they were going through the program.

Valentines Day is fast approaching so I’m making gift bags with blankets, reversible hanging door signs for Valentines Day and St. Patrick’s Day, veteran key chains. I will be doing this pass out on February 1st. I have gotten real partial to visiting the cancer floor. Those men and women just touch your heart. When we went at Christmas many said they have no visitors. Some are from out of town or out of state and came there to get their treatments, It is nice to just take some time and sit and talk with them.

I work with our Voluntary Service dept to keep our patients in the items they need while in the hospital. Many come in with just the clothes on their backs so I shop for sweat shirts and pants. I am currently shopping for pajama bottoms, chap stick and some hygiene products. I want to thank all the units who have made donations to me so I can do the things I do at the hospital. Without your generous donations I would not be able to do the things I do for our Veterans

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### **District 1**

#### **Roseanne Paquette, President**

Are we enjoying these frigid temperatures? Are we “Being the One” who is checking on our homebound veterans? Are we out there promoting the programs of the American Legion Auxiliary? Are we pushing membership? Remember members are important to all units, but we need to let that member know what the auxiliary is all about. We are not just about a “canteen” or “queen of hearts”, we are an organization that has many programs that we work hard for because of our veterans, and they need to know this. There are members who want to volunteer and we should never push someone away.

The First District is getting ready for their Spring Conference and will be discussing with all of its members the Green reports and giving them ideas as to the things that are completely missed and can be put in the reports. We will be holding our Spring Conference on March 1st in Hamler at Unit 262. I hope to see everyone and some new faces at the conference. Buckeye Girl State orientations will be held on April 27, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. in Sylvania at Unit 468 and on April 30, 2025 at 1:30 p.m. in Hamler at Unit 262. It is mandatory that all Buckeye Girl State delegates and alternates attend orientation. If they are unable to attend in our district, they are able to attend in another district as long as they attend. Poppy Day and Memorial Day are around the corner and I hope each unit is making plans for both. The Summer Convention will be held on May 31, 2025, at Unit 479 in Sylvania, Ohio. Department Summer Convention will be held in Independence, Ohio on July 11 - July 13, 2024. Please make sure you get your reservations in on time.

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*Unit 63 Ottawa, OH Miss Poppy, A&G Test, Kids Christmas Party*



Ralph D. Cole, American Legion Post 3 Auxiliary, held its 2nd Annual Cookies with Santa on Saturday, December 21st. Children could color pictures, indulge in sweet treats and hot chocolate, and meet Santa, who gave each child a goody bag provided by our Auxiliary.

**District 2**

**Deb Meyer, President**

District Two has been working hard on membership. At this time the District is in second place just short a little over 2% out first place. Congratulations to William Paul Gallagher Unit 96, Lima for being drawn for the first incentive at Mid-Winter Conference. The District had 17 of the 20 units in both of the first two incentive drawings. We now have four goal units and eight that have hit the 90% for the February incentive drawing. There are several units needing only six or less to be goal.

There are several units in the District which have new leadership. Those units are working hard to get membership and reviewing their Constitution and Bylaws. They are well on their way to reinforcing their units.

The Lima Outreach Clinic has given the District an okay to bring in cookies for around the hundred patients they see each day. The District will be bringing in cookies the Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday before Valentine’s Day.

The District also is now permitted to host their annual Birthday Party at the Dayton VA Center. They will be having the party the first week of June 2025. Units are being asked for donations to help buy items for the veterans in the domiciliary of the Dayton VA Center.

The District President has encouraged units to start working on reports early by taking pictures and recording their activities as they are happening. The units have been challenged to send at least one unit article to the Buckeye Messenger this year.

Units are getting ready to go into their schools to introduce Buckeye girls State to the junior class girls. District Two has been down in delegates since covid so they are hoping to get more girls involved. The District President is also encouraging units to contact the high schools, if they have not already done so, with information for the available scholarships.

The next District meeting is the Spring Roundtable on March 2, 2025 at Sidney Unit 217 with registration at 9 AM and the meeting beginning at 10 o’clock. This is an important meeting as much discussion will be involving the year end reporting.



The Juniors from New Knoxville Unit 444 pinned flowers on the Legionnaires at the Veterans Day dinner in November 2024. Pictured is Legionnaire Scott McCabe and Juniors Ariyah Pfenning and Makena Pfenning.



## District 3

**Lisa Drahman Wicks, President**

General Daniel "Chappie" James Unit 776, Riverside, Ohio, participated in the National Security Program by recognizing our Riverside Police and Fire Departments just before New Years Eve. The Police and Fire were each recognized for their dedication to serving in Riverside and each organization was presented with a certificate of recognition and our heartfelt thanks. We gifted them with cases of bottled water and Gatorade as well as crackers with peanut butter, trail mix, peanuts, cashews and a couple kinds of cookies. All grab and go snack items to help them through the New Year's Holiday. Unit 776 members pictured are: Carol T Robinson, Kim Nelson, Police Representative, Deborah Smith, Fire Representative, Sheryl Wakefield (Unit President), and Susan Masten. We also received an invitation to participate in their community event in August that we will gladly take them up on. We can't wait!!



## District 4

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Greetings from the Fabulous 4 th District!

Welcome to 2025!!! The 4 th District had an amazing 4 th quarter in 2024. From a great Fall conference, to the Mid-Winter convention, auxiliary members worked hard within their posts and out in the community. In the beginning of January, our membership was over 5% ahead of last year. We have 3 units at goal, plus 9 that are over 80%.

Our units have been busy in their communities, collecting canned goods, clothing, personal items and more, shopping for needy families, providing food baskets, holding dances for those with developmental disabilities, supporting "Shop with a Hero" and "Feed our Flock" programs and so much more. One unit had their juniors decorate a Christmas tree in front of the post.

For our local veterans, units supported local VA facilities, and honored All Veterans on Veterans Day. Many sent items to our troops, hosted card parties to sent cards to veterans that needed a little extra cheer. They celebrated birthdays and attended memorial services. Several units participated for the first time in Wreaths Across America.

Many units have been in fundraising mode as well, and have hosted dinners, held reverse raffles, conducted bake sales, held craft shows, raffled baskets and so much more.

Our units are now getting ready to prepare reporting everything they have accomplished this year. We will be hosting a round-table meeting in March to assist units in completing these reports.

As we go forward, I look forward to visiting units and attending events throughout our district. We truly have a FABULOUS 4 TH DISTRICT!!!!

**Intent to run for District President – Marsha Giehls**

The members of Joe Barr Unit 194 American Legion Auxiliary are proud to present and endorse Marsha Giehls our candidate for the office of Fourth District President for 2025-2027.

Marsha gained her eligibility through her father Russell Giehls who served in the US Army during WW II. Marsha has been a member for since 1958,



originally joining Unit 194 as a Junior Member when she was 7 years old, where her father was a member of the Post and her mother Georgeanna was a member of the Auxiliary, but whom was also a Nurse in the Army during WWII.

Marsha has served on the Executive Committee and has been President of Unit 194 for several years. In addition, she has helped with the selection of the Units delegates for Ohio Buckeye Girls State. She has also served as the 4th District Children and Youth chairman, the Districts VA&R chairman and is a former District President. She was also the 2nd Chairman for the Department VA&R and also is the Department Chairman for the VA &R.

She has attended many of the School of Instructions, Leadership sessions and Department Convention's. As a Unit and as an Auxiliary Member of the 4th District she has been to the Cincinnati VA Hospital for many events, has attended the Poppy Shop and been to the Ohio Veteran's home in Chillicothe. This is why we are Auxiliary members, to help the Veteran's and is why she has grown up in the organization which she considers part of her family, along with her Brother Russell who served in the Navy, Sister-in law, Nieces, Great Nieces and Nephews and now a Great-Great Nephews.

We know that Marsha's dedication and willingness to help in any way possible would make her a great asset and leader. We ask for your support by electing Marsh Giehls as your next 4th District President.

The Officers and Members of Unit 194



Joe Barr Unit 194 Had a 2024 Girls State delegate at their meeting



4th District Members visit CLC at Cincinnati VA



Auxiliary members visit Georgetown Veterans Home along with AL, SAL and Riders



Unit 256 Loveland members Welcome Home veterans from the Honor Flight



Aux President Jenny Walker presents dual member Joe Morganroth with a Quilt of Valor



Unit 288 Auxiliary presents Quilts of Valor to their veterans



Unit 256 holds a "Toy Bingo" event every year and members dress festively when Santa visits



## District 5

### Nancy Longbrake, President



American Legion Auxiliary Unit 181 took personal pan pizzas and cookies to the veterans in the nursing homes in Bucyrus this week. Pictures are of a veteran at Carlisle Place, Auxiliary members Sue Adams and Vicky Topper with Activities Director Tanna Violo, and Sue and Vicky with Activities Director at Legacy of Bucyrus.

American Legion Auxiliary Unit 181 held its 26<sup>th</sup> annual Make and Bake Auction on Saturday, January 25<sup>th</sup>. All proceeds from the auction went to two ladies in our community battling uterine cancer. Auxiliary member Darlene Boudinot serving as president of Unit 181 for 8 years. Brooke Lane is a member of the community and involved in her boys' school activities. The auction raised \$9,300.00 for these very deserving ladies and their families.

Pictured left to right: Holding the check are Blake and Colton Lane. First row: Unit Treasurer Sonja Biglin, recipient Brooke Lane. Accepting for Darlene is Unit member Vicky Topper, Brandy Robertson and Unit President Tami Tima-Burk Second row: Brandon Lane, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Penny Tarbert, Sergeant-At-Arms Sue Adams, Mandy Paez, Beth Bloomfield and auctioneer Missi Striker.



## District 6

### Rebecca Long, President

We just finished up a great weekend at the Marriott in Dublin for the Mid-Winter Conference. It was wonderful to get together with old friends as well as seeing some new faces there.

Buckeye Girls State is right around the corner. Remember that once the girls have been selected, they need to attend one of the orientations. Our 6th district orientations will be held at Newark Unit 85 on March 30 with registration at 1pm and Marysville Unit 79 on April 16 registration starting at 6 pm. If they can't make it to one of these there are several others around the state.

Our upcoming District meeting is in Marion at Unit 162 on March 2 and I am hoping to see many units represented then. Registration is at 9 am and the meeting starts at 10 am. I am encouraging any unit chairmen to come and take this time to reach out with any questions they may have before the green reports are due in April.

I am happy to say that as of this writing 4 Units have made goal. Congratulations to Units 107 Pataskala and 417 Mt Sterling which are both at 100%, 518 Ashley is at 123.53% and 784 Hanover with 148.48%. Two units are close behind with 92%, Newark and Johnstown.

Eight members of the Auxiliary and Legion were at the Chillicothe VA for the monthly birthday party Nov 21, 2024, taking treat bags that were put together on Tuesday Nov 19. Approx 50 Veterans were in attendance and played BINGO and enjoyed their treat bags, The next birthday party hosted by the 6th district will be Mar 27, 2025.

The Delaware County Veterans Parade was held Nov 3, 2024. Representing the 6th District were honorary grand marshals Gary Cox, past 6th District Commander and Joe Pennington, Ashley Post 518 Commander both from Operation Enduring Freedom and 99-year-old Carl Strout, Johnstown Post 254 from WWII. Janet Piper Unit 254 and Katherine Piper Unit 92 assisted with lining up over 200 entries. This parade is the largest Veterans Parade in central Ohio. Ashley Legion Family 518 were on a float with Boy Scouts and included 6 Legionnaires. 2 SAL, 3 Senior ALA and 1 Jr ALA. We are already planning for the 2025 parade to make it even bigger and better.

I attended the early bird dinner at Newark, Veterans Day dinners at Mt Sterling and Ashley, and Santa breakfast at Ashley and am looking forward to attending more events in 2025. Several units have been holding breakfasts and dinners throughout the district as well as participating in Wreaths Across America. Wreath cleanup at the Radnor Cemetery is scheduled for Feb 1. The greenery will be turned into mulch and wire frames, wires and ribbons are all being repurposed in partnership with the Keep Delaware County Beautiful Program.



**District 11**  
**Jane Klug, President**

**A Celebratory Recap of the 11th District Events**

The 11th District has been bustling with activity, honoring Veterans, and spreading holiday cheer through a series of heartfelt events. From parades to community service, each unit has highlighted their dedication and commitment to the veterans they serve.

**Neffs Unit 77: Reviving Tradition**

Neffs Unit 77 has worked diligently to bring back their Veterans Day parade float. Their efforts reflect a deep commitment to honoring veterans, ensuring that this important tradition continues.

**Zanesville Unit 29: A Celebration of Service**

Zanesville Unit made their mark by designing a float specifically for their Veterans Day Parade. Three veterans and a Sons of the American Legion (SAL) member collaborated to build this float, displaying their dedication to honoring veterans during the holiday season. Unit 29 Zanesville enjoyed an ugly Christmas sweater contest, a gift exchange, and a potluck.

**Barnesville Unit 168: A Blue Star Ceremony: Honoring Military Families**

In a heartfelt tribute, Auxiliary Unit 168 of Barnesville held a Blue Star Ceremony in honor of Aubrey Johnson. This special event is designed to recognize and celebrate military families, symbolizing the sacrifices they make while their loved ones serve in the armed forces. The Blue Star represents the service member, and during the ceremony, Unit 168 presented the Johnson family with a Blue Star Banner, honoring Aubrey's dedication. This ceremony is a powerful reminder of the strength of Unit 168 and the support they provide to those who serve. All of District 11 stands together with Barnesville Unit 168 and the Johnson family, celebrating her service and the love that binds the organization.

**Martins Ferry Unit 38: A Labor of Love**

Unit 38 in Martins Ferry showed their dedication by crafting 300 Christmas cards, each having handwritten messages from 23 National Honor Society students. These cards were tucked into stockings filled with hats, gloves, toiletries, candies, and other comforting gifts. The beautifully embroidered throws with the message "Thank You for Your Service" cradled the stockings, which were distributed to over four long-term care facilities in Belmont County. Additionally, Unit 38 supported families of veterans through the West Virginia-based Helping Heroes program, which aids homeless veterans and their families. Members shopped for gifts to be privately given to selected veteran families, enforcing their commitment to community support.

**Beallsville Unit 768 Wreaths Across America: Honoring the Fallen**

Beallsville Unit 768 took part in Wreaths Across America on December 14 at Post 768 in Beallsville. Volunteers were called to help lay wreaths at approximately eight cemeteries, a touching tribute to honor the sacrifices made by veterans.

**Beverly Unit 389: Spreading Holiday Cheer**

Unit 389 of Beverly made a significant impact by organizing a family Christmas giveaway, providing for 77 children and 26 families. Shopping took place on December 6, with distribution occurring on December 9. This initiative was made possible through the hard work and dedication of the unit's members, proving their commitment to uplifting families during the holiday season. The Boy Scouts joined forces with the community, collecting food through donations facilitated by the Muskingum Valley Beverly Waterford Chamber of Commerce. Local businesses and nonprofit organizations contributed generously, reinforcing the spirit of community support and collaboration.

**2025 Mid-Winter Conference: Celebrating Achievements**

The Mid-Winter Conference was a highlight of the season, culminating in a glamorous Black-Tie event. Participants shared an evening filled with joy, laughter, and connection, all while celebrating their dedication to community service. Special recognition was given to 11th District Past President Leeann Stan for her leadership and support. The conference also featured a successful basket giveaway, with gratitude extended to all participating units for their contributions. Big Thank you to all District 11 Units who took part in creating our beautiful basket!

**Conclusion**

The 11th District has shown remarkable commitment and unity through their various events, celebrating Veterans, and enhancing community ties during the holiday season. Each unit's dedication to service and support stands as a testament to the strength and compassion of its members. We look forward to continuing this spirit of service and camaraderie in the coming year.







## District 13

**Cindy Boehnlein, President**

District 13 wishes you Happy Holidays and a Happy New Year! We have been very busy starting with President Louise's Homecoming on Saturday, November 2, 2024. Everyone had a great time at the Cleveland Metroparks Zoo. During the set up for the party in the Primate, Cat and Aquatic's house, Momma Frederica, the gorilla, made an appearance with her adopted baby Jameela!

Our membership is doing well, as of 1/8/25, we were in 2nd place in Ohio at 85.54%. 6 units of 14 have passed the 90% mark. We were only 0.45% behind District 2!

November 20th was the "Last Call" at the Cleveland Louis Stokes VAMC (Wade Park). Hospital Director Linda Close, Wade Park Rep. Pat Miazga, Distr. Pres. Cindy and Distr. Chaplain Christine McEwan set up the welcome table and served 100 people coffee, water and prepackaged snacks and desserts. It was a wonderful remembrance of those that passed. The Cleveland Catholic Veterans advanced the colors and draped the chapel altar with the American flag to symbolize those that passed. As the names were called, the bell was rung, and a family member was presented with a carnation. The prayer service also included music, and singing was encouraged. We will continue to help at these events since the Covid issues have lessened.

Our Junior Willows, Unit 627, Newburgh Heights, are filling out their travelogues starting with Holmes County, and a stop at Sugar Creek. They thought the "chocolate shop" was the best. We hope more juniors in our district will follow suit.

Saturday December 7th was the Veteran Baby Shower held at the Parma CBOC. District 13 assisted District 14 with getting money and baby items donated from our Units. Although the Red Cross was running the event, our money and item donations played a huge part in making it a success, at least 50% or more of the gifts were Auxiliary donated.

December 14th was the Christmas handout at Wade Park. Rep. Pat Miazga and 2 volunteers delivered 150 gift packs, including \$5 canteen books, to the cancer unit, pulmonary floor and one floor in Cares Tower. On this date several Unit members laid wreaths at the Western Reserve National Cemetery and at local cemeteries to honor our veterans that have passed.

The Department of Ohio Legionnaires held their "Gift for the Yanks" distribution at Wade Park on December 23rd. Auxiliary members, Distr. Pres. Cindy Boehnlein of Unit 2 and new Auxiliary member Sarah Stewart of Unit 469 assisted Legion Dept. of Ohio Treasurer Holly Lewis (Dual member), and the Distr. Legionnaires, give out \$35 gift cards to all the hospitalized veterans.

Christmas day was made exceptional for the 12 veterans at W.94th Transitional House. 421 Post, Unit, and SAL, along with the Greater Cleveland Young Marines and Blue Star Mothers, made this happen. Not only did they receive Christmas dinners and desserts on Christmas day, but the veterans received extra hats, personal items and pantry items too! Thank you 421 for a job well done.

Our next adventure is the American Legion 106th Birthday Dinner, to be held on Saturday March 1st at Post 421. Please come and join us for a wonderful dinner and the speaker Nancy Andrade giving a presentation on "The Origin of the Military Theme Songs and Troop Morale". You can contact me at 440-212-5150 or cboehnlein55@gmail.com. Reservations are due by February 24th, \$30 a person.



Last Call at Wade Park



*District 13 Juniors*



*Baby Shower Shopping Table*



*Districts 13, 14, and 5 Baby Shower Crew*



*Santa's Elves at Wade Park*



*Santa's Elves at Post 421 spreading Christmas cheer on Christmas Day*



*Gifts and dinners for 94th St. Transitional Housing*

#### District 14

#### Kathy Burkhammer, President

Happy Winter from the 14th District. I hope everyone is staying safe & healthy. I have now visited 14 of my 15 units & will get to the last one in the next few months. Our Legion Family is working together to make our district one of the best. Wreathes Across America had most units donating to this wonderful program. In fact, when some found out about the BOGO match, they donated for next year. Many units collect the Acme Community Cash Back receipts, pull tabs for Ronald McDonald House & coupons for service members overseas. They are also collecting Chapstick, lotion, adult coloring books, colored pencil & markers for Wade Park. Many units donated, monies, gift cards, and baby clothes for the 2nd Women Veterans Baby Shower at Parma CBOC. Here is what a few our units are doing.

#### Unit 19

This unit has been very busy the last few months, this is only a fraction of what they do. They helped their Legion post to send \$1200 to Marshall, NC Legion Post 317. The unit collected another \$1100 in cash and \$1000 in essential items to be dropped by pilots to people stranded in the mountain areas of NC. Three families were helped at Thanksgiving with essential items. But at the last minute, they found out there was another family in need and provided them with items they needed. Then at Christmas they helped these 3 families with food & gifts for everyone for a total of about \$2000. Our local VSC has a guitar group that meets on a regular basis to play. They were able to provide 12 music stands for them. Over the past few years

#### Unit 209

This unit has provided new guitars for them. When they found out about the Baby Shower for Women Vets at Parma in December, they donated 35 handmade Layettes & 12 baby afghans made by a member of their unit. They are always sending cookies & other goodies to one of our PDP husband who has been deployed Kuwait for a long time. Last but not least, they bought 100 one-day bus passes for the vets at Valor Home totaling \$250.

#### Unit 449

Every year this unit works with the local Kiwanis to deliver roses to the community. At the holiday, the unit delivered cookies & baskets to shut-ins or ill members of their American Legion Family. They are doing BE THE ONE.

**Unit 473**

For Halloween in the park, this unit sets up a table & gave out hundreds of pieces of candy and this year they handed out ALA Halloween Coloring Books. At a meeting of Summit County Council at their post, members donated \$70 to help them buy fabric to make new pillowcases for the Akron Ronald McDonald House. They made 103 pillowcases. All year they also collect food items and kitchen & bathroom products for the Copley Outreach.

**Unit 685**

In October 2024, Unit 685 participated in the City of Streetsboro Trunk or Treat. They passed out chips, fruit snacks, candy and more to over 3000 kids. What was supposed to be 6-8 turned into 6-9. It was a fun night watching the kids and adults all dressed up. There were over 50 local vendors from Streetsboro who participated. In December 2024, they donated and attended the Wade Park VA Baby Shower at the Parma CBOC. Kathryn Quinn, VA RN, made over 40 gift bags with donations of gift cards with other units in the 14th District. It was a fabulous day watching the mothers be along with some dads to be. In December 2024, The City of Streetsboro comes together to donate, shop, and help at St. Joan of Arc for the Community Christmas. Unit 685 donated \$500.00 which was used to buy gift cards for the older teens. This community Christmas helps with Christmas presents to families who wouldn't have Christmas otherwise. They must fill out an application. Most of these applicants are grandparents raising their grandchildren. This year they helped 400 children from 140 families. Each year it grows.

At Mid-Winter Conference, we were well represented with 13 seniors and 3 juniors. That was 10 of our 15 units learning from our Department Officers & Chairmen. This is only a drop in the bucket of the activities that the 14th District units do. I'm very proud & honored to represent these wonderful ladies and gentlemen.



MaryAnn Podboy, JoAnne Gross and Jayne Hazlett were among several Unit 803 members attending the Post 803 Dining Out dinner on February 22, 2025. The Kent State Air Force ROTC presented the colors and performed the Fallen Comrade Table ceremony.



Unit 566 in District 14 has certainly been busy! In October we had a Trunk or Treat Event for the Community, in November 2 donations of meals were taken to Valor House, in December Santa arrived and passed out gifts to over 30 kids, we also participated in Wreath Laying Day at Western Reserve National Cemetery.

Items collected by the 14<sup>th</sup> District for Wade Park VA facility

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## Deceased Members

Dist	Unit										
00	888	ROSE	ABDON	01	545	DIANE	REICHOW	03	746	JOYCE	TYREE
00	888	LOLA	ABSHEAR	01	587	DOROTHY	KRAFT	03	762	DORIS	COMER
00	888	ANGELA	ALEX	01	642	MARY	MYERS	03	762	OPAL	LEWIS
00	888	DONELLA	ALEXANDER	01	642	PAULA	WALLACE	03	763	RHONDA	BENNETT
00	888	EVELYN	ALLISON	01	646	SUSAN	RINK	03	763	JANICE	SMITH
00	888	GEORGANA	ANDERSON	01	669	EDITH	WAGNER	04	049	LEONARA	HASZ
00	888	JOYCE	ANTILL	02	173	CONSTANCE	FENTON	04	049	RUBY	MINTON
00	888	NANCY	ARMSTRONG	02	173	LAURETTE	LOUGHRIDGE	04	049	JACQUELINE	SEWELL
00	888	BARBARA	BAGLEY	02	173	LINDA	MYERS	04	072	JULIE	KASTEN
00	888	DEBRA	BALDWIN	02	178	NANCY L	GRIBLER	04	072	JANET	NEDEAU
00	888	AGNES	BARNARD	02	178	BARBARA	REICHERT	04	072	ANNA M	POPP
00	888	THELMA	BATY	02	178	PAM	WALTMIRE	04	179	JO	HIBBS
00	888	MYRTLE	BEAVERS	02	191	MARGARET	KROGMAN	04	194	BETTY	CABLE
00	888	DONNA	BECKWITH	02	191	KERRY	OAKES	04	194	SIGNA	CHASKEL
00	888	NILA	BEITZEL	02	210	DORTHA	BENNETT	04	194	VIVIAN	ENGMAN
00	888	MARCIA	BENEDICT	02	210	PHYLLIS	DAVIS	04	194	MARGIE	FRENCH
00	888	VIRGINIA	BENNETT	02	210	BETH	HAUENSTEIN	04	194	WINIFRED	GRISHAM
00	888	EDNA	BERNATH	02	217	BETTY	BAKER	04	194	BETTY	WESSEL
00	888	JUDITH	BILLITER	02	217	JOSEPHINE	FOGT	04	199	MARY	RUPE
00	888	KATHLEEN A	BIRR	02	217	JOYCE	JONES	04	218	JOAN M	MAY
00	888	JANICE	BISHIP	02	217	LINDA	MEININGER	04	218	JOYCE	SKALLEY
00	888	EVELYN	BOLLINGER	02	217	EVELYN	MOELLER	04	256	ADA	SNEED
00	888	MARY ANN	BRADLEY	02	217	AUNALEE	MOORE	04	450	GLORIA	LAWRENCE
00	888	HELEN	DAVIS	02	241	GAIL	BERNING	04	450	VIVIAN	WERNER
00	888	ESTHER M	FROST	02	241	LOIS	DICKE	04	484	PATRICIA	BENKIN
00	888	BEVERLY	GIRARD	02	241	VICKIE	MAY	05	008	SUSAN	COLLEY
00	888	WANDA	HESS	02	345	MARCEIL	ALIG	05	008	JANE	SHELTON
00	888	LENORE G	HUNTER	02	345	MARY	EVERS	05	017	CAROL	NEBERGALL
00	888	BETTY	JAMES	02	345	IRENE	TIMMERMAN	05	030	JOYCE	RHODES
00	888	HELEN	JONES	02	355	MARY ANN	SCHMITMEYER	05	041	PHYLLIS	HEMMINGER
00	888	MARG	KACHUT	02	387	JOAN M	BAUMER	05	041	DARLENE	PHEIFER
00	888	M LOU	KNOWLDEN	02	387	WILMA	BAUMER	05	073	FERN	KINN
00	888	JOSEPHINE K	LOPEZ	02	387	RITA	OLBERDING	05	073	M	MALAGON
00	888	DOROTHY J	MARTINEAU	02	444	ONEDA	HORSTMAN	05	083	MARY	LENGYEL
00	888	RITA	TABELLION	02	444	DENISE	WILSON	05	083	LULA	ROLLISON
00	888	ROBERT	WHIDDEN	02	648	DORIS	BIRT	05	083	CARRIE	SOWARDS
01	003	DONNA	KRAUSS	02	648	MILDRED	FRILLING	05	118	DOLORES J	HORVATH
01	045	JEAN	LANNING	03	120	PEGGY	MERICA	05	118	JANE	HUNTER
01	060	JULIA	GRIESER	03	120	JANET	WRAY	05	181	LORA	COX
01	063	DEBRA	BRYANT	03	140	RUTH	EVERY	05	181	JUDITH	WOTRING
01	063	JOAN	FOREMAN	03	140	SUSAN KAY	CARRICO	05	243	JUANITA	WALKER
01	063	ANNE	MCCRACKEN	03	140	SANDRA	GRILLOT	05	257	DONNA	GARNES
01	110	RANEE	WOOD	03	140	MARY P	ROYER	05	257	SHERRY	MADISON
01	183	WILMA	ROLF	03	140	PHYLLIS	SHERRY	05	257	LOIS	PACE
01	223	JOAN	BAUER	03	184	LINDA	TROWBRIDGE	05	257	SHIRLEY	SHAFFER
01	232	ROBIN	HARSHMAN	03	200	PHYLISS	PULLINS	05	260	MYRTLE	GRAY
01	232	PHYLLIS	SUNDERMAN	03	200	SANDE	STAFFORD	05	260	FANNIE	HEIMLICH
01	262	PATRICIA L	SPANGLER	03	215	NADINE	GIBSON	05	260	MAXINE	HEYMAN
01	265	CAROLYN	SMITH	03	286	JANET	ADDEO	05	260	MARY	TANNER
01	300	JUANITA	CLAUSEN	03	353	BARBARA	HECK	05	295	VICTORIA	RICE
01	300	ELAINE	KIRKENDALL	03	360	MICHELLE	ARTHUR	05	344	VICKI	OBERHAUSER
01	300	BETTY	MOHLER	03	360	LORENA	DELK	05	404	MARILYN	BALDOSSER
01	320	LOIS	PLEISS	03	360	TERRILYN	HOLLAR	05	405	MARILYN	HARRER
01	320	TEENA	SHIREY	03	360	LINDA	JOHNSON	05	405	MARY ANN	PHILBRICK
01	338	DONNA	AURAND	03	435	ANNABELLE	SCHMITZ	05	447	SUNDAY	WINANS
01	338	JEAN	FIELDS	03	435	CAROL	SIMMONS	05	503	DEBRA	BLAIR
01	338	ELIZABETH	GILLESPIE	03	586	CYNTHIA	MARCH	05	535	GLENDA	CROOK
01	384	MARY	KUSZ	03	586	JANE	PALOTAS	05	535	PAT	SHAVERS
01	468	JOANNE	OKULEY	03	598	MARY	KINNINGER	05	535	ANNABELLE	SWIFT
01	516	DOLORES	MEYER	03	598	SHELLY	PENEWIT	05	733	STARR	LANNING
01	516	CHARLENE	OTTO	03	598	CHARLOTTE	SEBASTIAN	06	085	RITA	CARTER
01	516	ELOISE	WINDAU	03	598	ANNIE	SHROPSHIRE	06	584	SHARON	UTLEY
01	516	ELOISE	WINDAU	03	598	DOTTIE M	STULL	06	605	JULIA	MINSISTER
01	537	JANET	RICHARDSON	03	707	GLENNA L	HARRISON	07	014	LINDY	LILLY
01	541	AMY	KOCHENOUR	03	707	BONNIE	MARTIN	07	025	SHARON	WAMSLEY
01	541	CHRISTINE	SLATTMAN	03	746	LISA	CLARK	07	062	PATRICIA L	BARNHART



03	746	JOYCE	TYREE	05	535	ANNABELLE	SWIFT	10	548	ANTOINETTE	VONKANEL
03	762	DORIS	COMER	05	733	STARR	LANNING	10	573	SHIRLEY	LINN
03	762	OPAL	LEWIS	06	085	RITA	CARTER	10	651	CONNIE	LEAMAN
03	763	RHONDA	BENNETT	06	584	SHARON	UTLEY	10	667	MARJORIE	AMSTUTZ
03	763	JANICE	SMITH	06	605	JULIA	MINSISTER	11	029	JEANNETTE	ABER
04	049	LEONARA	HASZ	07	014	LINDY	LILLY	11	029	ALICE	SINES
04	049	RUBY	MINTON	07	025	SHARON	WAMSLEY	11	052	JOYCE	WEEKLEY
04	049	JACQUELINE	SEWELL	07	062	PATRICIA L	BARNHART	11	064	LOIS	BERG
04	072	JULIE	KASTEN	07	062	BRENDA	BUTLER	11	064	JEAN	WULFERT
04	072	JANET	NEDEAU	07	062	JUDITH	HOOPS	11	071	SHERYL	DUNN
04	072	ANNA M	POPP	07	062	VICKIE	MCDONALD	11	077	ALICE	LANE
04	179	JO	HIBBS	07	142	SHIRLEY	DAYS	11	077	CINDI	MCGUIRE
04	194	BETTY	CABLE	07	325	PEGGY S	YOUNG	11	168	KARLA S	MUELLER
04	194	SIGNA	CHASKEL	07	471	HELEN	LOGAN	11	168	PHYLLIS	RINEHART
04	194	VIVIAN	ENGMAN	07	471	SUSAN	MONTGOMERY	11	389	JEAN	CHAPMAN
04	194	MARGIE	FRENCH	07	062	BRENDA	BUTLER	11	389	RUTH	CROY
04	194	WINIFRED	GRISHAM	07	062	JUDITH	HOOPS	11	389	MARGARET	LANNING
04	194	BETTY	WESSEL	07	062	VICKIE	MCDONALD	11	389	DEBRA	PENNOCK
04	199	MARY	RUPE	07	142	SHIRLEY	DAYS	11	641	SANDRA	ARCHER
04	218	JOAN M	MAY	07	325	PEGGY S	YOUNG	11	641	HAZEL	FOGLE
04	218	JOYCE	SKALLEY	07	471	HELEN	LOGAN	12	144	DONNA	PINKERTON
04	256	ADA	SNEED	07	471	SUSAN	MONTGOMERY	12	144	LINDA	STEWART
04	450	GLORIA	LAWRENCE	08	011	LOUISE J	KRAFT	12	532	DANA	PETERSON
04	450	VIVIAN	WERNER	08	011	BARBARA	MASON	12	614	LADONNA	ERBE
04	484	PATRICIA	BENKIN	08	021	TUTTY	ICE	13	091	MARIE	KRUPICNSKI
05	008	SUSAN	COLLEY	08	283	BESSIE	MILLER	13	091	SUSAN	MILTER
05	008	JANE	SHELTON	08	283	DONNA	MOORE	13	091	LINDA	VAN DUYN
05	017	CAROL	NEBERGALL	08	283	RUTH	VACCA	13	421	CAROLYN	BOMBALICKI
05	030	JOYCE	RHODES	09	007	LAURA	RETAR	13	572	DORIS	KACZMAREK
05	041	PHYLLIS	HEMMINGER	09	151	ELAINE	HEMSTREET	13	572	MARILYN	LALLO
05	041	DARLENE	PHEIFER	09	151	SHARON K	MATCHIK	13	703	CAROLINE	JAMES
05	073	FERN	KINN	09	214	SUSAN KAY	ZAGORC	13	703	ELLEN GWENDOLYN	KUNTZ
05	073	M	MALAGON	09	336	JUDITH	MAY-BAYLES	13	703	S	THORNE
05	083	MARY	LENGYEL	09	601	LOUISE	LEONARD	13	738	LORETTA	SEIDEL
05	083	LULA	ROLLISON	09	601	KRISTIN S	LLEWELLYN	14	175	ALICE	FERRELL
05	083	CARRIE	SOWARDS	09	601	FLORENCE	SPRAGG	14	331	DONNA	ENGLAND
05	118	DOLORES J	HORVATH	09	678	MARY	WALUKAS	14	331	LINDA	GARRETT
05	118	JANE	HUNTER	09	700	LUCILLE	STARKEY	14	331	EDITH	ROCK
05	181	LORA	COX	09	737	MARY ELLEN	CONROY	14	685	LORA	GRAY
05	181	JUDITH	WOTRING	09	737	DONNA	FRECKLETON	14	685	MARIE	MCDONALD
05	243	JUANITA	WALKER	09	737	JOYCE	PATRICK				
05	257	DONNA	GARNES	10	065	DEBORAH	GOOD				
05	257	SHERRY	MADISON	10	068	CECILLA	JOHNSON				
05	257	LOIS	PACE	10	068	PAM	ROBINSON				
05	257	SHIRLEY	SHAFFER	10	068	PHYLLIS	WOODWARD				
05	260	MYRTLE	GRAY	10	166	JACKIE	EDWARDS				
05	260	FANNIE	HEIMLICH	10	166	MARY	IRIMIE				
05	260	MAXINE	HEYMAN	10	192	EUGENIA MARTHA	DORETICH				
05	260	MARY	TANNER	10	221	LEE	THATCHER				
05	295	VICTORIA	RICE	10	221	MARY	WOOD				
05	344	VICKI	OBERHAUSER	10	282	DEBRA L	PITTMAN				
05	404	MARILYN	BALDOSSER	10	290	CLARA	BURT				
05	405	MARILYN	HARRER	10	290	CARREN	CHAMBERLIN				
05	405	MARY ANN	PHILBRICK	10	290	CINDY	DEPILLO				
05	447	SUNDAY	WINANS	10	290	DOROTHY	HAWK				
05	503	DEBRA	BLAIR	10	525	JOYCE	ANDERSON				
05	535	GLENDA	CROOK	10	525	RUTH	SOMMERVILLE				
05	535	PAT	SHAVERS	10	548	SUSAN	PUMNEO				

# “Would you like to be a Department Chairman for the 2025-2026 year?”

Come and join the team to assist our veterans and make our organization all it can be!

I am beginning to make some decisions about who will be leading our programming for the coming year. If you are currently holding a position and would like to remain in that position or if you are a 2<sup>nd</sup> member, according to our Policy 2<sup>nd</sup> members move up to Chairman. Please confirm your commitment as soon possible. I would love to keep each of you or move you up in your position, or if you prefer, a new one!

If you have never been a Department Chairman and would like to be, we would love to have some new ideas that new people bring to the table. We invite you to apply. Training will be provided along with resources you will be able to use.

Send me an email, or mail me this form indicating your choice(s). Better yet, call me! See my contact information below. I will be finalizing the list very soon and want you to be a part of the team!

**Please complete the information below and send it to me by as soon as possible, so we can create our 2025-2026 team together!**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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