



## **WHO WE ARE, WHAT WE DO, WHY WE MATTER**

### **DEPARTMENT OF UTAH NEWSLETTER APRIL 2019**

**SAVE THE DATE:** National President Kathy Dungan will be making her official Utah visit April 28-30, 2019. We will be sending out more information later this month; tentatively we will be having a dinner on Sunday, April 28th at the Spaghetti Factory in Taylorsville. She will be doing some activities in Salt Lake and also Ogden.

**SAVE THE DATE:** American Legion and American Legion Auxiliary Department Convention will be held June 21-23, 2019 in St George. Information is below.

#### **REPORTS REPORTS REPORTS**

I will be sending out the forms for year-end reports. Please send to the chairman what you have done in your Unit this year, including hours, numbers of volunteers, and dollars. There will be specific questions that National is wanting answered plus include anything else. PICTURES are great. Look for these next week – start collecting information from your Unit members now.

#### **NANCY'S NEWS:**

As we are preparing for our 2019 Department Convention in St George this year, the Auxiliary will be rewarding those Units or Districts that provide a display of your history. It can be just photos or even just something written or typed about your Unit or District, whichever you choose. Also, we will be recognizing those Units that have met 100% of their membership goals. We will also be giving incentives to those who have increased their membership by only one additional membership. I hope to see most of you at our Convention this year. We want to hear from all of you & hear you "brag" about your Unit. There is going to be a table available for these displays. COME ONE COME ALL!

Nancy Aerts,  
2018/2019 Department President  
[tigerlillynan@msn.com](mailto:tigerlillynan@msn.com)

**FIRST VICE PRESIDENT - MEMBERSHIP:**

Hello ladies – Keep asking for renewals and trying to encourage new members. Thank you for making this organization amazing. We couldn't do it without the unit members.

Stacey Campbell

[Stacey.campbell92@gmail.com](mailto:Stacey.campbell92@gmail.com)

**CHAPLAIN:**

Please continue to notify Sherry and the office about your deceased members. If possible, give us information about the next of kin so we can send cards. Also, let Sherry know about your members who are ill, so she can send a card.

Sherry Wagner

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**HISTORIAN:**

Remember to report it when you do it – it's easier to send in a report of an activity while it is fresh on your mind. Then your year-end report will be a breeze! I am extremely grateful for each one of you and all the hard work and hours you put in to help the folks in the community, veterans, military personal and their families.

Carolyn Stromness

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**SECRETARY-TREASURER NOTES:**

**IMPORTANT:** Have you changed your Unit dues? In order for the renewal form to show the correct dues amount, I need to let National know of changes by May 15<sup>th</sup>. PLEASE send me the information if you have changed your Unit Senior or Junior dues OR the person/address where you want the dues notices to be mailed. To have an amount changed on the renewal forms after May 15<sup>th</sup> will cost your Unit \$30.00.

Units need to transmit their membership at least MONTHLY to Department. I've had several calls from members who have paid the Unit but the Unit hasn't sent their portion to the office. These ladies received a second renewal notice and they had already paid. It makes them wonder where their money is going. Please remember, even though they've paid the Unit, until I put them as paid at Department, they are not current. This could be a big deal if they needed the Emergency Fund assistance or applied for a scholarship.

Check us out at the website or on Facebook.

<https://www.facebook.com/deptutah/>

[American Legion Auxiliary Department of Utah](http://www.aladeptutah.org/2701.html)

[www.aladeptutah.org/2701.html](http://www.aladeptutah.org/2701.html)

Normally I am in the office on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Feel free to e-mail at [alautah@yahoo.com](mailto:alautah@yahoo.com) or call and please leave a message if I don't answer – 801-539-1015. There are many pamphlets and resources available to you as Units and members to use for the Auxiliary programs. Let me know what you need and it may be something we already have.

**Committee members needed:** We **still** need committees set up for the 100 Year Celebration, Strategic Planning Committee and for the Department Constitution and By Laws Committee. Please contact me or President Nancy if you have any interest.

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Department Executive Director  
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### **AUXILIARY EMERGENCY FUND:**

Just want to remind all you ladies to please remember all those that have suffered in the wildfires, bad weather and etc. Please have a fund raiser in your Units for much needed donations. If you do have a fund raiser let me know what and how you did so that I can pass it on to our Western Division chairman as she has asked for all your ideas.

Donna Sibert  
AEF Chairman  
[Dsibert2011@hotmail.com](mailto:Dsibert2011@hotmail.com)

### **AMERICANISM:**



4/2/2019

On behalf of the American Legion Utah Auxiliary, we would like to congratulate the Units and their students below who placed first in their level for this year's Utah Americanism Essay Contest, "How can we address and prevent veteran homelessness in our communities." Essays were enjoyable to read and hard to judge. Our judges are retired school teachers who do not know the student's name or the unit/district they are from. It was a difficult decision to choose a first place, so we decided to add Honorable Mentions to congratulate more students. It's refreshing to know that our students realize the value of being an American citizen, living in America, appreciating our freedoms and the responsibilities that go along with those freedoms. We appreciate all the unit leaders, students, along with their teachers who took the time and effort to participate. What a great opportunity for students to think and write their thoughts about America. We wish more Units would encourage schools/students in their area to participate. Utah had 349 essays written this year, with 23 volunteers and 186 volunteer hours spent assisting. Sixteen essays were turned in for state competition from six units. Be sure and read Utah's first place essays attached to this ALA newsletter. Congratulations to the following:

Level	<u>1<sup>st</sup> Place -</u>		
I	Brielle Tuttle	Unit 39	Cottonwood Elementary (Lorraine Frandsen)
II	Leanne Sofia Montijo	Unit 139	Hillfield Elementary (Cary Fisher)
III	Janessa Bridges	Unit 31	Ephraim Middle School (Leah Black)
IV	*Bethany Malone	Unit 31	Manti High School (Leah Black)
V	*Kaden Anderson	Unit 31	Manti High School (Leah Black)
VI	Yael Terrazas	Unit 90	Dixie Montessori Academy (Martie Bigbie)
Honorable Mention			
I	Alex Bacallo	Unit 139	Hillfield Elementary (Cary Fisher)
II	Elijah Warren	Unit 90	Dixie Montessori Academy (Marti Bigbie)
III	Mason Scott	Unit 90	Dixie Montessori Academy (Marti Bigbie)
IV	*only received one essay		
V	*only received one essay		
VI	only received two essays		

The Utah Auxiliary is pleased to present a check of \$25 to each first place winner and a certificate to honorable mentions. Certificates and checks will be mailed to the Unit Americanism Chair or President within the next couple weeks. Please congratulate your successful students for us! First place winning essays are being sent to the Western Division to compete for the Western Division title.

I appreciate the opportunity to serve Utah as the Americanism chair for our great state. I'd like to share a couple ways that could help your Unit be more successful in the future:

- Cover sheets must be attached to essays and completely fill out with all the signatures.
- Make sure essays have the **appropriate word count** for their level. Word counts must be filled out on the cover sheet by the student and checked by you certifying it is correct. (One excellent 1<sup>st</sup> place winner was disqualified due to being over the word count by 140 words (How did it end up in state competition?))
- Spelling & Grammar check is a must. Our judges were surprised to see several typos and poor grammar in some really good essays. Items that could easily be fixed by the student before sending in.

I hope we can promote this program next year for Levels IV, V, and VI. If you have any questions, please give me a call @ 435-851-4304. Kind Regards, *Donna Birk*, Utah Americanism Chair

The Auxiliary's Americanism program promotes patriotism and responsible citizenship and strives to uphold and promote American ideals and the principles of democracy.

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**CHILDREN AND YOUTH:**

Baker Merrill Unit 9 presented a teenage boy from North Ogden a Youth Hero award certificate and medal. He assisted his friend from his burning home and, according to the Fire Chief, probably saved his life. The form is attached for your use. The National address is incorrect, but you have to send to the office anyway and not directly to National. Watch for these in the news. The Good Deed Award is also available for those students who do great things at their school, etc. Remember April is the Month of the Military Child.

Cary Fisher  
Children and Youth Chairman  
[Fisher98@yahoo.com](mailto:Fisher98@yahoo.com)

**COMMUNITY SERVICE:**

Asking all Units to get their information to me of all community service hours, donations and etc. It helps our Department to know how all communities are giving service to others. We can check with our city hall, Girl and Boy Scouts and what we have done in our Auxiliary. Also, town councils and schools. Even by giving a dollar amount towards fundraisers and other projects in your community helps veterans and the Christmas Gift shops. The hours of helping food banks, senior citizens center, nursing homes and our veterans home is of great service.

I hope to see a report from you soon. Thank you.

Linda M. Schwartz  
Department Community Service Chairperson  
e-mail: [linda9j@hotmail.com](mailto:linda9j@hotmail.com)  
cell # 385-200-4633.

**CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS:**

All Units need to review their Constitution and By-Laws yearly. With the dues increase next year, you need to change the appropriate portion of your document to reflect any dues increase for the Unit. Please let the office know if you need assistance. We need a Chairman and another member for this Department Committee.

**EDUCATION CHAIRMAN:**

We received 4 Children of Warriors scholarship applications and 2 Spirit of Youth applications. Winners chosen were forwarded to the Western Division chairman; scholarship awards are by Division now. Winners will receive information regarding their money awards – the scholarship is paid directly to the school. Congratulations to all those who applied.

Education Chairman  
Jeannie Twitchell  
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## **GIRLS STATE:**

We are always looking for volunteers to help for the week of ALA Utah Girls State. You must be a member of the ALA. Girls State will pay for your housing, parking, and meals. If you yourself, or if you know anyone who would be interested please contact me. We are looking forward to another great year!

I'm so very grateful to be a member of this very worthy Auxiliary!  
God Bless America and our Veterans and servicemen/women.

Angie Jensen  
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Girls State Director  
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## **POPPY:**

### **Greetings from your Utah Poppy Chairwoman**

Poppies have been mailed/delivered to all the Units who ordered them. If you didn't receive yours, please let the office know so we can figure out what happened.

This is also the time of year to prepare to visit your schools and get them involved in the Poppy Poster Contests. We had several winners last year for the Department of Utah. Your Unit winning posters in each class are due to me May 1, 2019 as they are due at National on June 1, 2019. Poppy poster rules are attached.

The financial benefit realized by our nation's veterans as a result of poppy distribution is huge; nearly 3.5 million American Legion Auxiliary poppies were distributed by units last year, raising \$2.1 million. Children are involved in spreading the poppy message, too. Poppy Poster Contests are held in local schools for students in grades 2 to 12. The Miss Poppy Contest is a fun event for Junior Auxiliary members who develop local programs to promote the Auxiliary memorial poppy.

Best Regards Ellen Nathan  
American Legion Auxiliary  
Poppy Chairman – Department of Utah  
435-652-8333

## **PUBLIC RELATONS:**

Please send me information about how your Unit is working on the Public Relations program. Have you had articles in the news? Have you been on TV? Do you use social media? Let your community know what you are doing! Explore all the media for publicity purposes. People don't know what you are doing or when an event is if you don't tell them. There is a media and publicity guidebook. If you have any questions, please let me know!

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## **VETERANS AFFAIRS & REHABILITATION:**

It is now time for the end of year reporting. Unit Presidents or someone in the Unit will be receiving soon a specific form to fill out regarding service your Unit has done for **veterans and their families**. Please complete the form ASAP after receiving it and return it to me via email or mailing me a copy by April 30<sup>th</sup>. Each Unit needs to account for total volunteer hours by members, donations (items or money) for programs or projects (i.e. gift shop, etc) and miles driven for the past year. Also, please be sure and add a narrative telling me about how your unit has served veterans and their families. My email is [Daybell\\_family@netzero.net](mailto:Daybell_family@netzero.net). My address is 771 E. Savannah Dr. – Sandy - 84094

Also, Unit Presidents recently received an email from me about recognizing individual members and their volunteer hours. Please remember to send me that information with your year end reports if you have not already done that.

**The reporting year goes from April 1, 2018 to March 31, 2019.** If it is not reported, no one on the Department level or National level will know what impact we have had on the Veterans. **Your service does make a difference.**

Serving Veterans should in your Unit plans year round. Memorial Day will soon be coming. When making plans for activities to remember the Veterans who are no longer with us work as part of the Legion Family and don't forget to involve the Junior ALA members.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Judy Daybell  
VA&R Dept. Chairman





Report of Deceased Member

UNIT CHAPLAIN: Please make copies of this form for your use. Upon the death of a member, complete this report. Send one copy to the Department Chaplain listed below and keep a copy for your files. The Unit Membership Chairman or Unit Secretary must complete a member data form and send to the Department. Please add the address of Next of Kin so our condolences can be sent. Thank you

Unit Name/Number: \_\_\_\_\_ District: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Deceased Member: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Death: \_\_\_\_\_ (Please attach copy of obituary)

Next of Kin/Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Was she a Charter Member: \_\_\_\_\_ Sr. Member: \_\_\_\_\_ Jr. Member: \_\_\_\_\_  
Past President: \_\_\_\_\_ Gold Star Mother: \_\_\_\_\_

Significant Information:

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### Information for Department Historian

I am the 2018-2019 Department Historian. I would like to have information and pictures of the activities your Unit does through the year so I can prepare the Department President's scrapbook and Department History.

Please send event information such as flyers, copies of any newspaper clippings, Unit newsletters, pictures, etc. You are welcome to send them at any time, you don't have to wait until the end of the year.

Carolyn Stromness

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## Poppy Poster Contest Rules

Units shall sponsor contests in local schools. When schools do not conduct activities, other youth groups, including Junior members, may participate under direct supervision of the unit.

### Contest Classes

- Class I: Grades 2 and 3
- Class II: Grades 4 and 5
- Class III: Grades 6 and 7
- Class IV: Grades 8 and 9
- Class V: Grades 10 and 11
- Class VI: Grade 12
- Class VII: Students with special needs defined as:
  - a. Those in special education classes
  - b. A student recommended for special education classes but who has not been admitted due to a waiting list or various other factors.
  - c. A child identified as having a disability, but not in a special education class due to lack of facilities; identification contingent upon discretion of school officials.

### Poppy Poster Requirements

1. Each poster shall have a fitting slogan not to exceed 10 words. Articles “a”, “and,” “an”, “the” are not to be counted as words. The words “buddy” and “buy” cannot be used.
2. The words “American Legion Auxiliary” must be used in the design of the poster and will not be counted in the 10-word count.
3. Each poster must include a picture of the red Flanders Field poppy.
4. The department shall determine the closing date of the unit contest. **UNIT WINNING POSTERS FOR EACH CLASS ARE DUE TO ELLEN NATHAN BY MAY 1, 2019.** The poster shall be on 11x14” poster board. (Drawing paper will not be accepted).
5. The United States flag may be used as long as there are no infractions of the flag code.
6. Posters will be judged using the following criteria:
  - 50% - poster appeal (layout, message, originality)
  - 40% - artistic ability (design and color)
  - 10% - neatness
7. Media used shall be watercolors, crayons, powder or oil paint, handmade paper cutouts, ink or textures, acrylics, pencils and markers.

8. Written in ink on the back of the poster (not attached) shall be the class in which the entry is submitted, the name, address, age and grade of the contestant and the name of the department.

9. Submissions become property of the American Legion Auxiliary. Through submission of artwork, contestants and their legal guardians' grant non-exclusive reproduction and publication rights to the works submitted and agree to have their names and artwork published for commercial use without additional compensation or permission.

10. The poster shall be the work of only one individual.

11. The label "In Memoriam" from the veteran-made poppy may not be used.

### **Poppy Poster Contest Judging and Awards**

1. Each department shall establish its own procedure for judging.

2. A citation will be given for the most outstanding poster in each classification within the five divisions.

3. Unit members should follow deadlines and process for the department.

4. While ALA representatives will do their best to return all posters, it is not guaranteed. We recommend participants take a picture or scan their poster for their records.

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**2019 DEPARTMENT OF UTAH CONVENTION  
LEGION & AUXILIARY  
ADVERTISING PRICES**

Full Page Ad	\$125.00
Half Page Ad	\$75.00
Quarter Page Ad	\$50.00
Business Card Ad	\$30.00
Tribute to 100 Years of Service to our Veterans (Business Card Size)	\$25.00

Please circle the ad that you desire, make check payable to The American Legion, remit with artwork or design and contact information, including phone and e-mail address to The American Legion District 7, Attn: Dennis Wagner, 210 N. Mall Dr. #99, St. George, UT. 84790.. Ph. 435-359-7378. Or E-mail ([dlw5559@gmail.com](mailto:dlw5559@gmail.com))

**Items need to be received prior to May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2019 to be put in the book**



SERVING FAMILIES & LEAVING THE LEGACY

100<sup>TH</sup> Dept. of Utah Convention, June 21.22.23, 2019

FOOD RESERVATION FORM

Must be received by June 17<sup>th</sup>, 2019

Mail Legion/Auxiliary/SAL food reservation form to:

Dennis L. Wagner, 210 N. Mall Dr. #99, St. George, UT. 84790

Please make checks payable to: The American Legion District 7

Legion/Auxiliary/SAL Luncheon – Saturday June 22<sup>nd</sup> -- 11:30 am to 12:30 pm \$20.00

**MENU:** Assorted Sandwiches, Caesar Salad, Berry Salad, Cookies and Water

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Post/Unit # \_\_\_\_\_

Contact information: Phone(S) \_\_\_\_\_ Number of Tickets \_\_\_\_\_

Auxiliary Banquet – Sat., June 22<sup>nd</sup> – 6:30 pm Member and quests \$33.00

**MENU:** Flat Iron Steak, Fresh Charbroiled Salmon, Chicken Marsala (all three in 2 oz. portions) **or** (one 6 oz portion)

Seasonal Vegetables, Mashed Potatoes, Salad (house), Bread Sticks, Choc. Cake and Pink Lemonade

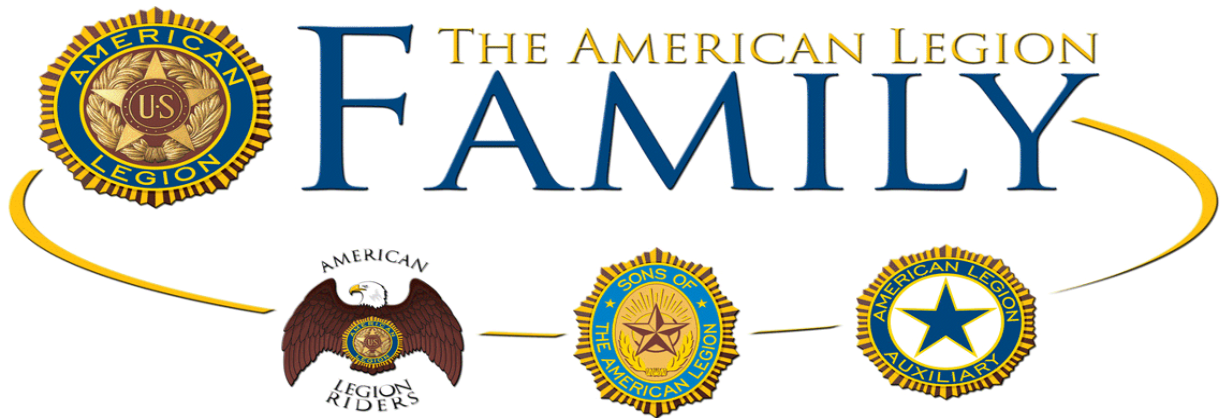
Name \_\_\_\_\_ Post/Unit # \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Information: Phone(S) \_\_\_\_\_ Number of Tickets \_\_\_\_\_

Flat Iron Steak \_\_\_ Charbroiled Salmon \_\_\_ Chicken Marsala \_\_\_ **or all Three** \_\_\_

Total Amount Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Check # \_\_\_\_\_



## 2019 Department of Utah Convention

### Hotel registration information

**Dates of Convention:** 21-22-23 June 2019

Location: Desert Garden Inn

1450 So. Hilton Drive, St. George, UT. 84770

Telephone: 435-688-7477

Room Rates: \$119.00 per night plus tax. Any available room.

Concessions: Complimentary wireless internet

Complimentary Mini Refrigerator in all rooms

Complimentary 24 hr. fitness center

Free Parking

Hot Breakfast Buffet from 6 am to 10 am daily

To guarantee room PLEASE make your reservations before May 21<sup>st</sup>, 2019

Check in by 3:00 pm