AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY



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Hello to all. I'm sorry this is so long in coming. It's been a hectic couple of months.

As you may already know, our National President, Dr. Coral Mae Grout was with us for a few days in October. She absolutely loved visiting our state, seeing old friends, reconnecting with some and making lots of new friends along the way. Thank you to the Legion Family who attended all…Legion/Auxiliary/SAL/Riders. Our show of togetherness impressed her very much.

Just some quick updates…

As most of you already know, we welcomed our Treasurer, Ruth Foster as our newly hired Secretary/Treasurer. She is in control of the office now, doing both jobs and very well at that. At this point 2 of our members have been down volunteering to help clean/sort/organize the office and have been doing a great job of it. I thank you for all your help.

You will see a new format for the weekly membership report. This is straight off the National website and is current to the day. This format also allows Ruth time to focus on other items of importance to the office.

A reminder note, all Units are required to have a yearly Audit of your books. This is the Unit responsibility. The Department does not do these for you. The form should be available to you on our website. Please get these done as soon as you can.

At the same time, it's a good opportunity to have your Unit Bylaws team meet and go over the documents. At National Convention the delegates voted to change the membership requirements. This should be updated in every Units Bylaws this year. If you need the wording let us know. It's a good time to check your documents for accuracy and send a copy in. They can be emailed to the department and our Department C&B chair will verify for accuracy. All 74 Units in our Department should have a signed/dated Audit form AND a new Bylaws submitted to Department this year.

Department Mid Winter will be a 2 day event this year! 1st Weekend of February, Saturday and Sunday. We are working with the Legion office to schedule joint events for Saturday and a 4 Chaplains Service on Sunday morning with our Business meetings following. Plans are in the works for an information fair on the Auxiliary side with various forms and information available for those who attend. More to follow as the plans come into place.

Conferences/Areas Workshops (for those who held joint sessions) are finishing up. It's been good to attend those that I was able to attend. Not all Districts put the information on their dates/time out for all to see. But I made it to as many as possible. Please remember the Auxiliary has conferences, the Legion does the

area workshops. While they can be held at the same time, it is helpful to have the District leadership notify Department of the Auxiliary date and times.

Membership is slowly coming in. 50% membership was due by Veterans Day. However, since the ALAMIS system had so many issues, National pushed the 50% date out by a month until December. Ruth sent out the current numbers today. (Saturday 11/7/26)

As a Department we are at 34.03%. Aways to go still. But with that being said, a huge congratulations to

District 8 Unit 146 Kettle Falls who are at 118.18%! Way to go Kettle Falls!

From there we have 10 Units above the 50% mark…

1st District;	Seattle #1 -	72.73%
4th District:	Olympia #3 -	63.64%
	Dupont # 53 -	70.37%
	Anderson Island #246 –	65.71%
5th District:	Longview #155 –	60.08%
9th District:	Ephrata #28 -	59.90%
	Cashmere# -	52%
	Tonasket #82 -	66.96%
	Moses Lake #209 –	50%
11th District:	Auburn #78 –	62.16%
	Redmond #161 -	68%

Great job to all. If you are having questions or concerns regarding the new regulations, reach out to our Membership Chair Barb Rutherford. She is here to help all of you reach your goals.

I have some zoom calls scheduling up with the Department Officers and Chairs and District Presidents. If you have concerns, please contact them, or me, with your questions so we can get you the answers/help you need.

Don't forget to be keeping track of your numbers and donations for reports. They will be here before you know it. ALL Department Chairs are required this year by National to have a report to their National committee person monthly. This is an effort to ensure that reports are ongoing. Let's show how strong Washington is with full, strong reports this year. Remember there are lots of awards to go for.

Upcoming events are Gift Shops starting up currently…See if you can help in any way…donations are always helpful.

Evergreen Girls State will be coming up quick. Go to our Evergreen Girls State Website and pull up some early information. You can start the information process anytime. Let's see how many incredible young women we can get this year for this amazing program.

Until next time,

For God and Country

Rose Ring, Department President 2026-2027