

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY

A Community of Volunteers Serving Veterans, Military, and their Families

To All American Legion Auxiliary Members

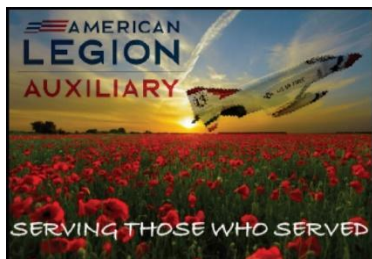
December 13, 2024

This is the Official Call for the American Legion Auxiliary Department of Oklahoma Mid-Winter Conference to be held Friday and Saturday, January 17 & 18, 2025, at the Armed Forces Reserve Center, 4000 Thunderbird Street, Norman, OK, 73069. Registration starts at 9:00 am – meeting begins at 10:00 am.

We will be staying at the Embassy Suites Norman located at 2501 Conference Drive, Norman, OK, 76069. For hotel reservations please call 1-800-362-2779 and use Group Code C11. The rate is \$139.00 (plus tax) per night for either a King or 2-Queen Suite. Your room comes with free breakfast, and evening manager's reception.

The advance registration fee for the Conference is \$20.00 before January 7, 2025, or plan to pay \$30.00 at the door. Please use the attached Registration Form and mail your payment or email (if using a debit card). This will let us know how many members will be attending.

The Friday Night Banquet on January 17, 2025 is a Cajun Style menu and will be held at the Armed Forces Reserve Center. The theme is "Let the Good Times Roll". Banquet reservations are \$50.00 per person and payment must be sent to The American Legion, not the Auxiliary. Please use the enclosed Banquet Reservation Form to make your payment. Banquet reservations MUST be received at the Legion by December 31, 2024. Tickets will not be sold at the Conference.



As you know, my theme for this year is **“Serving Those Who Served”**. By standing together and presenting a united front as an organization we can devote ourselves to our Mission of supporting The American Legion and honoring the sacrifice of those who serve and have served. We can make a difference by enhancing the lives of our veterans, the military, and their families, both at home and abroad. For God and Country, we advocate for Veterans, educate our citizens, and promote patriotism, peace and security.

Conference is a time when we can come together as an organization and learn from each other, discover new ways to help in our communities, and to just bond together as

members of the American Legion Auxiliary. Mid-Winter Conference is a training session. I have lined up some new and exciting speakers for the agenda this year.



My Fundraising Project is a **“Made In The USA” T-Shirt**. Any donations received will be used to support our veterans and the Department of Oklahoma. The costs per shirt are \$18 (Sm & Med), \$20 (Lg & XL), and \$25 (XXL & XXXL). Shirts and order forms will be available at the Conference.

Report! Report! Report! Reporting volunteer time and donations is vital to our organization. The numbers you provide to our Chairmen are sent to Department, Southern Division, and National. National reports those numbers to The American Legion and the Legion, in turn, uses those numbers to legislate for increased veterans benefits. Reporting is all about helping the nation understand how much time and money it takes to support our veterans.

Our goal is to have 100% reporting to National by our Department Chairmen. In order to do that, we need to have 100% reporting from our units this year! At the Conference we will be learning how to submit the UNIT YEAR-END IMPACT NUMBERS REPORT. Realizing that this report can be difficult to prepare, our Department Secretary Sherree Cagle has created some guidelines on how to complete the form using the programs that already exist in the ALA such as Americanism, VA&R, Poppy, etc. She has developed a line-by-line instruction guide on where to report your hours for the programs worked by your unit. The report and guidelines will be sent under separate cover and will be discussed at Conference.

Enclosed is the 2026 Unit Data Form (Remit To Form) which is due to Department no later than April 1, 2025. This form must be completed by all units – it will allow us to notify National of any changes to your unit dues for 2026. Hopefully by sending this form early it will give your unit time to discuss and vote on any membership dues changes. It is **MANDATORY** that your unit complete and return this form to Department **NO LATER THAN APRIL 1, 2025**.

We have yet to receive all of the mandatory pledges from our units. As you know, these funds are used to support our veterans in the State VA Centers and Hospitals as well as cover the cost of your unit bond, among other things. The form can be downloaded from our website. If you are not sure you have paid these pledges, please call Department HQ.

The forms discussed in this call are attached to the e-mail; they and other forms are available to download from the Department Website at www.OKAmLegionAux.org. If you have any questions, please contact Department Headquarters at (405) 252-4143 or the Department Website Chairman Grace McInnis at ALAUXOKPR@gmail.com.

I look forward to seeing all of you at Mid-Winter Conference! Remember our mission of

Serving Those Who Served
Department President Susan Engstrom



AUXILIARY
MID-WINTER CONFERENCE
REGISTRATION

January 17 & 18, 2025

Come join us for the Mid-Winter Conference at the
Armed Forces Reserve Center, 4000 Thunderbird Street,
Norman, OK, 73069

Pre-Registration is \$20.00 per person prior to January 7,
2025

After that date Registration is \$30.00 at the Door

Unit: _____
Attendees: _____

Number of

Name of Attendees:

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Please make checks payable to the American Legion Auxiliary, Department of
Oklahoma
Credit/Debit Card Payment Will Be Accepted (\$1.00 convenience fee per person)

Check #: _____ Amount Paid: _____

Card #: _____, Exp. Date: _____, CVV #: _____,
_____, Zip Code: _____

Name on Card:

Please complete and return with your payment to:

**American Legion Auxiliary - PO Box 14562 - Oklahoma City,
OK 73113**

Or email: auxdeptok@sbcglobal.net

