

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY

Eighth District

September 4, 2026

Dear Eighth District Unit Presidents,
Department Officers, and
Eighth District Auxiliary Members:

Welcome to a new year of serving our veterans! As members of the Eighth District begin our year, we will serve our veterans together because **“We Are Family”** and should be **“Serving Those Who Served.”** This is the theme of our Department President, Donna Snodgrass. She believes “family is built on unity, trust and shared purpose. When we stand together ... working toward a common mission, we strengthen our service to veterans, military members and their families. Our collective efforts make a lasting impact in our communities and across our Department.”

We can begin this year with Donna Snodgrass and her theme of **“We Are Family”** by attending the first Eighth District Convention on Saturday, October 3, 2026. Our American Legion Auxiliary Convention will be held at the Chamber of Commerce Building - 327 North 7th Street. However, we will first meet at the Ellis-Jirous Post 53 located around the corner at 716 Delaware Street, Perry Oklahoma. Registration begins at 9:00 am, the District Executive Committee Meeting will be at 9:30 am, and the Joint Meeting begins at 10:00 am. Following a short break, we will convene our American Legion Auxiliary Convention. Registration is \$2.00 per person. Lunch will be provided – donations appreciated!



Unit Presidents in the Eighth District – please share this Convention Call with all of your Unit members and invite them to join you in Perry!

The new Eighth District Officers are:

President: Billie Reid	Chaplain: Carolyn Christensen
1st Vice President: Sharon Courtright	Historian: Sue Heil
2nd Vice President: Carol Blosch	Sergeant-at-Arms: Pat Lutz
Treasurer: Sue Heil	Parliamentarian: Carol Blosch

Your 2026-2027 Membership Dues became payable on August 1st - don't wait to pay – do it now! So Units – now it is time to all work hard on our Unit membership. Your **District** dues are \$1.00 for Junior and Senior members– don't forget to pay them, too!



Save Postage! Bring your dues with you to Perry! Let's have a HUGE Membership Dues Turn-in for our District and for Department!

National Convention Report: What a great time it was for Oklahoma at the National Convention in Louisville! For the first time in over 40 years, Oklahoma reached their membership goal! Thank you for all you did to help with this outstanding accomplishment. The Department also earned the Merit Medallion Award, with the distinction of having a special navy delegation sign with their state name on it, and the Department Presidents received a Merit Medallion medal to wear during all of National Convention week.



Requirements for the Department Merit Medallion Award include membership, department impact reporting, governance excellence, financial fiduciary responsibilities, mission investment donations, and must have received a Veteran Projects Fund grant from the American Legion Auxiliary Foundation. Great job, Oklahoma!

The Oklahoma Delegate to Girls Nation was elected Girls Nation President! She gave a very impressive speech to the Assembly. Another great accomplishment for our Department! There were also several Oklahoma Units recognized on the Big Screen. What a week for Oklahoma!



Units, please be sure to bring a **Unit Report** describing the many interesting and valuable things you have done for Veterans since the last District Convention on April 11th in Woodward. Reports allow our District Historian to prepare an accurate record of activities in the 8th District. They are very important! The reports also allow Units to share their unique ideas – come and tell us what you are doing – and get some new ideas to use in your Unit!

In order to earn some funds for our treasury, we will have a Silent Auction Bake Sale – be sure to bring your favorite baked goods!

Each Unit is asked to bring two items for this Bake Sale – bring something delicious that YOU would bid on!



See you in Perry on Saturday, October 3rd!

**MARK YOUR
CALENDAR!**



**Fall Conference
will be at Tecumseh Unit 260
(2404 Libra St, Shawnee OK 74804-9308)
On October 17, 2026**

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