



Unit, District, and Department Officers,

March 18, 2020

The American Legion Auxiliary Department of Oklahoma is monitoring the latest updates provided to us regarding the COVID-19 coronavirus pandemic.

COVID-19 – OK ALA DEC VOTE

We received confirmation from The American Legion Dept of OK Headquarters that their DEC members have voted to CANCEL all upcoming Spring District Conventions/Meetings.

In alignment with our American Legion, Jody Chisolm Department President, recommended to the OK ALA DEC for the cancellation of all upcoming ALA Spring District Conventions/Meetings to include Guthrie's '89er Festivities & Parade in April.

The American Legion Auxiliary Dept of OK DEC voted to CANCEL as listed above.

FYI- We have closed ALA Department Headquarters until further notice. Department President Jody Chisolm and I are working from home. I may be reached by phone (between 9 am - 4 pm), text or email (auxdeptok@sbcglobal.net). My phone numbers are (405) 877-3187 or (619) 807-8431. If I cannot be reached you may call or text Dept Pres Jody Chisolm (918) 808-7033.

Units have asked about Girls and Boys State. At this time, Girls State Director Jennifer Shaw and Boys State Director Clay Ballenger say, everything is going as planned. You may also go to both Girls and Boys State websites for updated information:

www.okgirlsstate.com and www.okboysstate.com

The National Southern Division Vice President and the National Vice Commander cancelled their visit in April/Guthrie '89ers parade.

The OK ALA Headquarters PO Box will be checked periodically.

Units please remember to mail the updated 2021 Unit Dues form you received recently by **April, 1, 2020**. Narrative reports to Dept Chairmen and Year-end Impact Forms to Dept are due **May 1, 2020**. Units, please be looking for those forms in the mail next week.

Sincerely,

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Message from Jody Chisolm ALA Dept of OK President 2019-2020

As statements and directives are released to us on how we can protect ourselves, social distancing and staying home, as Auxiliary members we can continue to serve and reach out to one another by calling, texting, FaceTime, emailing or as the National President says:

*“or even sing from a balcony or rooftop – whatever it takes. The point is, we need to make sure those we serve are OK, and that our fellow members are too. During the ALA’s Week of Caring and Sharing **April 1-7**, which is similar to The American Legion’s Buddy Checks, add that personal touch regarding renewing and reconnecting memberships. You can check out the Membership Committee action plan at www.ALAforVeterans.org for sample scripts and other resources.*

We live in stressful times. Let us be the bright points during these dark moments.”

-- American Legion Auxiliary National President Nicole Clapp

I suggest as Oklahoma Auxiliary members we say, “We Can Do It!” and “Together We Can!”.

Although we won’t be seeing each other at Spring District Conventions/Meetings/Events, know that I am thinking of all you. I hope that this will be over soon, everyone is safe & healthy, and I will see your smiling faces again!

Please post pictures, on your facebook or the ALA Dept facebook, of you being the “bright points” during these dark moments by serving others at home (you can include a picture “Rosie the Riveter”). Facebook: *American Legion Auxiliary Department of Oklahoma*

‘Til we meet again.

“Century Done, Only Begun, Always Faithful!” Keep the Mission going!



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