



# American Legion Auxiliary

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**“Century Done, Only Begun, Always Faithful!” 100 YEARS AND STILL SERVING! “We Can Do It!”**

### **2020 OKLAHOMA GIRLS STATE – CANCELLED**

The 2020 Department of Oklahoma American Legion Auxiliary Girls State Program has been cancelled. Units will receive a letter regarding the impact of this cancellation.

[The 2019-2020 ALA administrative year has been extended to the 2020-2021 year due to COVID-19 closures.](#)

### **2020 NATIONAL CONVENTION – CANCELLED**

Details on how this cancellation impacts National Leadership and reporting for 2019-2020 are in Department President’s message.

### **2020 DEPARTMENT CONVENTION – CANCELLED**

The American Legion Department of Oklahoma cancelled the 2020 Department Convention. The Department President’s message states how this impacts the American Legion Auxiliary Department.

### **DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE**



Hello Auxiliary members,

I pray that you, and your family, are doing well amidst the present situation that plagues our country. In history, our country has dealt with hardships in one way or another and we came through it. We are in this together and WE CAN make a difference! Keep the Mission going!

How are we to proceed with things being cancelled in our State and the Nation?

**GIRLS STATE:** With this cancellation the Department will not be receiving the yearly budgeted Girls State payment for the 2020-2021 fiscal year. Each Unit will receive a letter with specific information regarding Girls State.

**NATIONAL:** 2020 National Convention cancelled - National American Legion Auxiliary stated, *“After careful review of our National Constitution & Bylaws, the 2019-2020 National Officers, Chairmen, and Committee members will continue in their roles until the 2021 National Convention or upon resignation.”*

**DEPARTMENT:** Following National’s announcement and after careful review of our Department Constitution, Bylaws & Standing Rules, consulting with Department Parliamentarian, Glynadee Edwards, and meeting with National & other Departments, we must follow National. The 2019-2020 Department Officers, Chairmen, and Committee Members will continue to serve in their roles until the 2021 Department Convention or upon resignation. If a Department Officer, Chairman, or Committee Members do not want to continue for 2020-2021 year, please inform Department Headquarters by June 1, 2020. The following information are the relevant sections of our Constitution, Bylaws & Standing Rules supporting this action.

## RELEVANT SECTIONS SUPPORTING THIS ACTION:

**ARTICLE VII:** Section 1: *The American Legion Auxiliary Department Convention shall be held annually at the same time and place as the convention of The American Legion for the purpose of electing officers, receiving reports and transacting such other business as shall properly come before it.*

**ARTICLE IV:** Section 2. *The Department Convention shall elect Department President, Department First Vice President, Department Second Vice President, Department Chaplain, and Department Historian. Such officers shall serve for one (1) term or until their successors are elected; a term shall start upon adjournment of the Department Convention at which they are elected and end at the adjournment of the following Department Convention.*

**ARTICLE IV:** Section 3. *In the event of a vacancy in the office of the President, the First Vice President shall become President and shall assume the duties and authority of the office. Vacancies occurring between Department Conventions in these offices other than the Department President shall be filled by election by the Department Executive Committee, and any member of the American Legion Auxiliary, in good standing, shall be eligible for election to such vacancy, provided, however, that no Past Department President or Past Department Vice President shall be elected to fill any vacancy in these respective offices.*

**IMPACT REPORTS:** Unit impact reports were due to Department May 1, 2020. WE WILL STILL ACCEPT THEM!  
Get them in to Department A.S.A.P.! The deadline to report numbers to National is fast approaching.

**NARRATIVE REPORTS:** Narrative reports to Department Chairmen will be due next year in May 2021, with the combined years 2019-2020 & 2020-2021. Mid-year 2020-2021 narrative reports will still be due to Department Chairmen in January 2021. Definite deadline dates will be announced later.

**100<sup>th</sup> Celebration:** We will celebrate our 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary at the 2021 Department Convention and the 2021 National Convention. We have an extended opportunity to make our 100<sup>th</sup> Special! You have time to research and dig into your Unit's history, find important facts and pictures. If your Unit had a Past Department President, tell us her history. Provide a picture of her during her Department Presidency to put on a commemorative wall at the Department Headquarters! It can be done!

**DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT'S PROJECT:** Opportunity to help your Unit and the Department to raise funds!  
There have been several drawings with several winning #'s that have not been bought yet! More drawings to come! Only \$25 per ticket! For more information, please contact Department Headquarters. Over \$750 have been raised by Units, Squadrons and Posts combined!

**MEMBERSHIP:** Kim Vincent, Department Secretary/Office Director, and Valerie Padgett, Department 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President / Membership Chairman, have been working together to get you information needed to meet your membership goals. Please be on the lookout to receive this information. We still have time to meet our Department goal of 3,589 members!

**2020-2021 FORMS:** Forms will be on the website soon! Please return Unit or District 2020/2021 Officer form by email or mail by July 1, 2020. If you need a hard copy of forms, please contact Department Headquarters.

Let us take this time to reflect and process our emotions. We can improvise, adapt, and overcome. You are doing a **GREAT JOB** in being innovative in your approach in reaching out to members, veterans, and your community. Units are making masks, making grocery deliveries, mowing lawns, and other things. **"Together We Can!"**

**Warm Regards, Always Faithful!** - Jody Chisolm, Department of Oklahoma President