

WOW! The Auxiliary Is Celebrating Their 105th Birthday Nov. 10, 2024

Upcoming Events

11th Veterans Day: Helping Hands for Veterans starts @ 9 a.m. & the Annual American Legion Ceremony starts @ 10:30 a.m. With a dedication of the Bricks in the Memorial Park.

21st –Bingo starting at 5:00 p.m. Doors open at 4:00 p.m.

24th –Kids movie (UP) @ 2 p.m.

Junior Auxiliary Members

If you are interested in becoming a Jr. member, please contact Erin Finrock @ alapost178@gmail.com or leave a message @ 419-399-0783 .

Volunteers

Volunteers are always needed. If you would like to volunteer for events whether for set-up/clean-up, cooking/baking, serving, or just to be an extra person to show support please let the American Legion know. Any and all support is appreciated.

Changes Coming

We will be discussing many changes at our November meeting! The main one we will be discussing is our Standing Rules and By-laws! November 5th is our next meeting at 7p.m. Remember our meeting starts right after our dinner!

Dinner will be Spaghetti w/breadsticks and a salad!

Ever Wonder How The Auxiliary Started?

On Nov. 8, 1920, newspapers began publicizing that The American Legion hired a woman as executive secretary in charge of affairs of the women's auxiliary. Her job would be to organize existing units into state departments so that an auxiliary national organization could be created. Her name? Pauline Cranston Curnick.



Born in Springfield, Ohio, in July 1896, Curnick was the oldest of Paul and Harriet's three surviving children.

Her father's position as a Methodist Episcopal minister led to several moves for the family throughout the Midwest.

Like most teenagers, Curnick followed her heart, and shortly before her 18th birthday, she eloped with her high school sweetheart. However, in less than two years, Curnick alleged cruel and inhumane treatment in a divorce suit. She returned home to her parents with her family name restored.

While brother Dwight was fighting in France, Curnick kept busy with welfare work for the sick and disabled servicemen. After the war, she joined the National Child Labor committee in Evansville, Ind., to fight for the rights of children. And when the Legion hired her, she was the personnel and employment director for a large industrial company in Louisville, Ky.

When Curnick walked into the Meridian Life building — the first home of the Legion — she was provided an office, a desk, a chair, a worn-out filing cabinet, and a stenographer. At the time, American Legion National Judge Advocate Robert Adams declared, "...that is where the Auxiliary started."

Curnick continued her extensive travel by train across the country, from one department convention to another, laying out the plan for the new auxiliary. And then the day arrived. On July 1, 1921, the announcement was made that a National Convention for the women would be held that November. At the

time of the announcement, 24 departments had been organized. By convention, another 18 emerged. Curnick surpassed the goal.

So, on Nov. 1, she presided over the opening convention session. The following day, she would become the organization's first national secretary.

Convention of Legion Auxiliary is Proposed

National Headquarters to Wait Until More States Are Organized Before Calling Gathering.

Plans for calling the first national convention of the Woman's Auxiliary of the American Legion have been changed, according to word recently received in Minnesota from Miss

Pauline Curnick of Indianapolis, woman's director. It is expected that the convention will not be called until summer, when many more state auxiliaries shall be organized, so that the convention will represent most of the states in the Union. When the national officers were in Minneapolis last fall to aid in organizing the Minnesota auxiliary the first in the United States, it was planned to call a national convention as soon as ten states were organized. Ten state auxiliaries are now formed, but the plans have been changed.

I hope you enjoyed the history as much as I did!

If you want more visit

<https://www.legion-aux.org/Blog/The-humble-beginnings-of-the-American-Legion-Auxil>



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