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July 2009 Newsletter

Greetings to all and congratulations to all the newly elected officers. Let me introduce myself, I am Barbara LeJeune, I will be your 6th District President for the 2009 – 2010 year. I am from Unit 248 in New Roads. I have been a member of this great organization for 9 years. I am eligible under my father, who served in World War II. I have just completed my year as Department Membership Chairman, so I am going to be pushing membership this year. I would like to take this time to say thank you for electing me as your District President. One of my goals is to try and visit all Units and to meet as many of the members of this great district.

Now down to business: July is the month we hold installations. This is the month we start fresh, let's concentrate on making this a year a fun year, and do what we do best, working with our Veterans and within our community. Be positive, be energetic and most of all be proud of this great organization we belong to. Be prepared to spread the good word of our organization, be prepared to sign up new members, always have an application in your purse. Together we can make this a great year.

This month is also Girls State month, by now all of your applications for the girls should be turned in. I will be attending the full week at Girls State this year; I am so looking forward to it.

Again congratulations to all of the newly elected officers and also to all of the award winners at the State Convention. Our newly elected Department President is Kathy Thistrup, she is very energetic and her love for this organization is unmeasurable. Lets try and help her achieve her goals this year, by giving her a quota district.

From the 6th District, I would like to take this opportunity to thank Past Department President Mary Henry for a great year. WOW what a year she had, and what a success her project was. She raised and donated a very large amount of money, for

her project “The Louisiana Military Family Assistance Fund,” “Louisiana Citizens taking care of Louisiana Soldiers.” Thank you Madam Past Department President for such a wonderful project.

Congratulations to Angela Kraft from Unit 258, for winning the Department Auxiliary Woman of the Year. I read her entry and she so willing deserves this award. Good luck on the National Level.

If you did not pick up your membership packet at the Convention you should be receiving it in the mail. Once you receive your packet, lets get to work on that membership. I know everyone gets tired of hearing about membership, but this is the lifeline of our organization. Without membership we could not continue to help our Veterans and our community.

If you attended the convention, I hope you took the time out to attend the session with the men when our Governor, the Honorable Bobby Jindel awarded all of our Veterans a service medal and also signed the bill where all peace time Veterans would have the opportunity to reside in a Veterans’ Home in Louisiana is they so chose.



All of the medal to be given out



Byron and Cindy Newton receiving their medals



Charlie & Barbara Thibodaux
Receiving their medals



6th District Commander, Terry Sharp
receiving their medals



The Governor signing the bill to allow peace
Time Veterans into the Veterans’ Home

Up coming events:

Girl State – June 27 – July 3, 2009 at Northwestern University in Natchitoches
6th District DEC – Saturday, July 18, 2009 at Post 38 in Baton Rouge at 9:00 am
State DEC – August 7 – August 9, 2009 at the Holiday Inn in Lafayette
6th District Fall Conference – October 17, 2009 at Post 16 at 9:00 am
National Convention – August 21 – August 27, 2009 in Louisville, Kentucky

I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to the members that have accepted a Chairmanship for this year. I can't tell you how much I appreciate you for taking to these jobs; together as a team we will be a bigger and a better 6th District because of your dedication. Chairman, I invite you to send me any information that you would like to have published in this newsletter. We have 12 months so I would appreciate anything you have to share with other members.

To all of our computer owners, please take advantage of the Department Website. Marie Duracher from the 6th District puts a lot of work into this web site; she has lots of good information, pictures from Conventions, Conferences, Girl State, etc. You can access the site by going to "lalegion-aux.org."

Our 6th District DEC will be held on Saturday, July 18, 2009 at Post 38 in Baton Rouge. If any District officers, Area Presidents have a challenge for any of the Units, please have them written on a piece of paper to hand in to me. Ms. Hattie B. will have cards for you at the meeting for you to write them again for her records.

I am looking forward to joining as many Units as possible for your installations. If I am not available to make your installation, please know that I wish you the best for this coming year.

Any questions or problems you can reach me with the following information:

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The above information is not only for questions or problems, if you have a success story about your organization I would love to hear it.



A toast to all the members of the 6th District. My toast to you is good health; a great year working our programs especially our Veterans' program, and a quota year in membership for our District. Working together as a team, nothing is impossible.

For God and Country

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Date: June 20, 2009

To: **All 6th District Officers, Chairman,
Unit President, Area Presidents**

Subject: 6th District Executive Meeting

From: Barbara LeJeune, District President

I would like to thank the 6th District members for voting me in as your District President for the 2009-2010 year. My goals are to boost up membership and encourage Units to work their programs to the fullest. I only hope that I can meet all of your expectations this year.

The 6th District Fall Executive Meeting will be held on Saturday, July 18, 2009 at Nicholson Post 38, 151 South Wooddale Blvd, Baton Rouge, starting promptly at 9:00 am.

This is a very important meeting as we will try to map out our year. Officers and Area Presidents if you wish to make a challenge to the Units, please write them down to be ready to hand in to me, see attached sheet. Ms. Hattie will have cards for you at the meeting to fill out the challenges for her records also. We will also have to approve my appointed officers, chairmen and budget. Ruth Nutfall, DEC please be prepared to give a report on the Department Convention.

Lets make this a fun year. This year the Department Membership Team's theme is "Stay on Track in the Amazing Race for Membership".

The 6th District colors are red and blue. We will need a catchy slogan for the 6th District. Bring in your slogan and the person that came up with the winning slogan will win a prize.

Unit members will be sponsors

District Presidents and DEC will be racers

Area Presidents will be the pit crew

So get those creative minds working

The main focus of the fall conference is the “School of Instruction”.

Officers please be prepared to have handouts (30) and a small presentation for the school of instruction. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to call me.

MEMBERSHIP CHALLENGES FOR 2009 – 2010

Name: _____

Office: _____

Challenge who: _____

Challenge is:

Sign: _____



American Legion Auxiliary
6th District Fall Executive Meeting
Nicholson Post 38
Baton Rouge, Louisiana
July 18, 2009

Call to OrderBarbara LeJeune, President

PrayerSheila Brunett, Chaplain

Pledge of Allegiance.....Kathy Mott, 1st Vice President

Preamble.....Mary Higginbotham, 2nd Vice President

Roll Call of
Officers/Area President/Past District Presidents....Hattie B. Johnson, Secretary

Reading of Minutes/Spring Conference.....Hattie B. Johnson, Secretary

Confirmation of Appointed Officers.....Barbara LeJeune, President

Confirmation of District Chairman.....Barbara LeJeune, President

Confirmation of District Budget.....Barbara LeJeune, President

Finance Reports
District Operating Fund.....Hattie B. Johnson, Treasurer
District Emergency Fund.....Sylvia Anthony, Chairman

Department Convention Report.....Ruth Nutfall, DEC

Old Business

New Business:
Membership Theme – “Stay on Track in the Amazing Race for
Membership”

Membership Challenges: