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March 2010 Newsletter

It's amazing how we are always saying things and time are just moving along. Before we know it, it will be Christmas again. At this time I wish time would move along, I am so tired of this cold weather, that I am getting cabin fever. I am ready for the spring, so I can work in my yard. Don't know about anybody else, I am going to have to start from scratch; everything in my yard is dead. My amaryllis and irises I think will be the only thing that survived. Talking about surviving, it time to do some major work on getting renewals in, if anyone in your Unit has not paid their dues yet they are delinquent. How about getting a couple of members together and form a telephone committee and divide the names of the members that have not paid and start calling to ask them for their dues. Try and find out why they have not paid. If it's financial, maybe the Unit or someone in the Unit can adopt them for this year and pay their dues. If its because they are no longer interested in the organization, remind them of all the good things their dues provides for our Veterans. There is nothing wrong with a little sweet-talking. Sweet-talking can sometimes go a long way.

Membership – as of February 19, 2010 we are at 82.98%. We've dropped down to 5th place again. However, with a little effort we can move higher. At this time we have the following Units that are quota or quota plus.

Unit 47 – Ponchatoula – 100.00%
Unit 185 – Slidell – 102.56%
Unit 212 – White Castle – 125.00%
Unit 248 – New Roads – 100.00%
Unit 254 – Maurepas – 100.00%
Unit 502 – Baton Rouge – 104.21%

Then we have the Units with 90% - oooohhh so close

Unit 156 – Hammond – 96.55% needs only 1 to make quota
Unit 374 – Slidell – 97.75% needs only 2
Unit 560 – New Roads – 95.16% needs only 3
Unit 580 – Maringouin – 98.00% needs only 1

Ladies, sign up the juniors, they are cheaper and they count towards membership.

No matter what your percentage is, I am very proud of all the hard work you all put towards membership. If I can be of assistant to anyone, please do not hesitate to call me.

The 6th District held it's annual party at the Alexandria VA Medical Center in Pineville. The residents enjoyed playing bingo and was treated to chicken salad sandwiches, chips, angel food cake, king cake, fruit cocktail and coffee. All of the residents had a wonderful time. I would like to thank Bonnette-Harrison Unit 505 from Baton Rouge – they donated \$50.00 and Hunter Fabre Unit 248 from New Roads – they donated \$25.00, with this money we purchased all of the food that the residents enjoyed. Thanks Unit 505 and 248.



Residents enjoying the bingo and the refreshments



Barbara LeJeune with one of the residents



Attending the party at the Alexandria VA Medical Center: Left to right
Camille LeJeune, Jr. – Squadron 248
Barbara LeJeune – Unit 248
Mary Higginbotham – Unit 248
Troy Higginbotham – Squadron 248

Poppy Drive – a lot of Unit hold their poppy drives in May. Units make sure your poppies have been ordered. Remember the monies you collected on your poppy drives, you send ½ to Department and your Unit keeps ½. The money your Unit keeps can only be used for Veterans and their families.

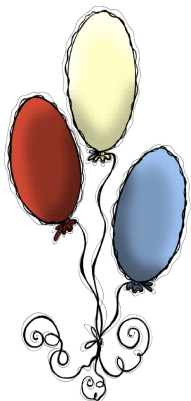
KEYS TO A SUCCESSFUL POPPY DRIVE

1. Have a plan of action
 - a. Have some objectives (Increase poppy distribution, set a goal of 25% increase)
 - b. Order Poppies early

- c. Contact the media – get a proclamation signed by your City Officials and put them into your local newspaper with any article and/or pictures to advertise your Poppy Day and be sure to include in your article where the funds are used.
- d. Select your Poppy Distribution Sites. Send letters to all Legion Family Members asking them to help in Poppy distribution day. Be sure to use as many Juniors, SAL and Legionnaires as possible
- e. Send thank you cards to all that helped, this will be a sure thing that they will want to do this again next year.

March is Community Services month. Community Services can be just about anything. If I question myself, “Is this considered community services”, my answer is, “I did this for the community, and I did not get paid”. So this qualifies as a project I can put under Community Services. The Auxiliary's Community Service program is based on the premise that no organization has a right to exist within the community without giving something to that community in return. Community service helps to make our communities better places in which to live. Auxiliary members study community needs, recommend projects, raise funds and donate their time to accomplish their specific objectives. Special attention is given to the selection of each project to ensure that the work of other organizations is not duplicated. Auxiliary Units also provide assistance on Community Service projects sponsored by American Legion Posts and work with other organizations to implement practical, worthwhile projects for the benefit of the community. Some examples include, blood drives, first aid and CPR training, child safety programs, support for women in shelters, donations to shelters for the homeless, tree plantings, recycling programs, and disaster and emergency preparedness programs.

March is also the American Legion's Birthday. The American Legion will be celebrating their 91st birthday in March. The American Legion was chartered by Congress in 1919 as a patriotic, mutual-help, war-time veterans organization. A community-service organization which now numbers nearly 3 million members -- men and women -- in nearly 15,000 American Legion Posts worldwide. These Posts are organized into 55 Departments -- one each for the 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, France, Mexico and the Philippines.



Freedom is not free
It has been paid for by American Veterans

Made sure your Unit does something special this month for your Post. Let them know we appreciate all they have sacrificed for this country.

In this newsletter you will receive your official call out for the DEC and the Spring Conference.

For DEC the following members please have your reports to give:

District Operating Fund – Hattie B. Johnson
District Emergency Fund – Sylvia Anthony
Reports of your Units – All Area Presidents

Unit Chairman – made sure your reports for District competition is to the appropriate District Chairmen before March 6, 2010.

Unit Junior Activities Chairmen. Please note the change for sending in your Junior reports. If you are sending in one of the following reports, please send to:

- Unit Junior Group award report – This award goes to the Junior Unit and not to an individual junior. This report should be sent to Shelby Bland.
- Junior Member of the Year – this report goes to an individual. This report should be sent to Cindy Newton

If you have already sent your reports for Junior Member of the Year to Shelby Bland, we will get them to Cindy Newton before or on the deadline. Sorry for the confusion.

District Chairman – when you have chosen your winner, please email me or call me as soon as possible and let me know, so we can have the certificates made.

Our 6th District raffle for our 2011 – 2012 Department President, Monique Batiste is still going strong, however, we need all tickets and monies by our Spring Conference on March 20, 2010. Our drawing will be done at the 6th District spring conference. Please mail the tickets/money to me before the spring conference, or if you are planning on attending the conference you may bring them that day. As of today, January 22, 2010, listed below are the Units that turned in their tickets/money.

Unit	Money Received	Tickets Returned	# of Tickets still out
16	\$10.00	0	40
38	\$27.00	23	0
47	\$20.00	30	0
81	\$30.00	0	0
109	\$10.00	0	0
156	\$10.00	0	0
160	\$10.00	0	0
185	\$10.00	10	0 – Donated
212	\$10.00	0	0
248	\$30.00	0	0

416	\$10.00	0	0
560	\$10.00	0	0

All other Units still have all of the tickets allotted to their Unit.

As stated in February's newsletter, this is the picture we all hoped for.

New Orleans Saints Super Bowl Champions



For God and Country

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Date: January 25, 2010

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

Subject: 6th District Executive Meeting

From: Barbara LeJeune, District President

The 6th District Executive Meeting will be held on Saturday, March 6, 2010 at 9:00 am at the American Legion Nicholson Post 38 in Baton Rouge.

Unit Presidents if you plan on attending this meeting, and your program chairmen have not mailed in their reports, please bring them to the meeting with you, as they will not be accepted after March 6th. However, please make every attempt to mail you reports to the District Chairman in case they do not attend this meeting. District Officers please be prepared to judge the Auxiliare Member of the Year and Unit President of the Year. A new slate of District Officers for the 2010 – 2011 year will be discussed.

I hope to see a good turnout.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.



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Date: January 25, 2010

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

Subject: 2009 6th District Spring Conference
Official Call Out

From: Barbara LeJeune, District President

The 6th District Spring Conference will be held on Saturday, March 20 at 9:00 am at the American Legion Post 16 in Covington, LA.

This is a very important meeting; I would like to see a good turn out from our Units. On the agenda will be to announce the Auxiliare Member of the Year, and Unit President of the Year, as well as electing a new slate of officers for the coming year.

Unit Presidents please bring the end of the year report of your Unit's activities, you will have 3 minutes to present your report. District Officers and Area Presidents be prepared to award your Units with the challengers that you made. District Chairman be prepared to present your awards.

The American Legion Post 16 is located at 2031 Highway 190 Bypass, Covington.

Hope to see a great turnout at the Spring Conference.