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October 2009 Newsletter

Happy Fall, today is the 22nd of September and the 1st day of fall. This means cooler days are somewhere in our near future. As I sit at my computer and look outside it is storming. This is also an indication that the rainy season is upon us. What a great time for all of the Area Presidents to get on the phone and call your Units to work with them on sending in membership. At this time of the year we should not have any zero Units, however, as of the membership report from Department on September 14 we still have 11 zero Units. Units, please do not hold your membership, try and make the effort to send membership in once a week if you have any to send in. The sixth district is now in 4th place in the state.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING UNIT FOR REACHING 100%

**UNIT 212 - WHITE CASTLE - 100.00%
GREAT JOB!!!**

Our fall conference will be held on Saturday, October 17, 2009 at Post 16 in Covington starting at 9:00 am. District Officers and District Chairmen; please remember you will have to conduct a school of instructions for your office or committee. Also remember please have 30 copies of the duties to place in the Unit's folders. All officers and chairman will have 3 minutes to present their material, while the membership team will be allowed more time.



Ladies, I would like to encourage you all if you have a computer to use the ladies auxiliary's website as a valuable tool. This is a good way to get the latest information about our organization,

conferences, conventions, newsletters, etc. Please feel free to visit the website anytime. The website address is www.lalegion.aux.org

Another aspect of getting information on our organization is the Department Newsletter, Louisiana Data Exchange. The cost of the 10 Newsletters, and a copy of the Awards Book is \$10.00. Share your Units' work with the rest of the Units and members, be proud of what you all are doing. Send letters or emails with information and/or pictures describing your programs. A new section will be added to the Department Newsletter called "Highlights of Our Unit's Work".

Please send your information to:

Cindy K. Newton
Newsletter Editor
15154 Hoffman Road
Hammond, LA 70403

There are still some Rosters for sale at a cost of \$10.00 each.

October is Education Month – Auxiliary members believe that a solid educational foundation is the cornerstone of American freedom. The Auxiliary's Education program promotes quality education for every child and supports students in their desire to continue their education beyond high school. Auxiliary members work actively with educators and local schools to develop and maintain an educational system that serves the needs of all children at every level. Auxiliary volunteers sponsor and support state and national education legislation; establish new scholarship opportunities for students; alert eligible students to existing scholarship resources; help students identify career opportunities and professional job requirements; and encourage students to plan early for college and apply for scholarship opportunities. Listed below are awards and scholarships offer by National.

1. National President's Scholarship "Educating Children of Warriors"
This scholarship is awarded to children of Veterans who served in the Armed Forces during the eligibility dates for The American Legion. One \$2,500 scholarship, one \$2,000 and one \$1,500 in scholarship money will be awarded in each division. Fifteen outstanding students will be awarded a total of \$30,000 to further their higher education
2. The Non-Traditional Student – Five scholarships of \$1,000 each is awarded in each administrative year.
3. Spirit of Youth – One junior member in each division will receive a Scholarship of \$1,000 per year for four years totaling \$4,000.

Unit Awards

1. Most Outstanding American Education Week Program – A plaque will be presented to the Unit Education Chairman for the most outstanding American Education Week program
2. Most Outstanding Literacy Program – A plaque will be presented to the Unit Education Chairman for the most outstanding literacy program

3. Most Outstanding Scholarship Program – A plaque will be presented to The Unit Education Chairman for the most outstanding scholarship Program.
4. Most Outstanding Veterans in the Classroom Program –A plaque will be presented to The Unit Education Chairman for the most outstanding Veteran in the Classroom Program
5. Give 10 to “Education” – A citation will be awarded to every Unit Participating in the Give 10 to Education program.

Department Awards

1. Most Outstanding Overall Department Education Program – A plaque Will be presented to the Department Education Chairman in each Division reporting the best over-all Department Education Program Award.

To receive more information on these awards and the criteria, please check the National website at www.legion-aux.org , go to current members, education, these awards are listed under the Plan of Works.

A. J. Palmer is the 6th District’s Education Chairman

October is also Poppy Poster month. National’s Poppy Poster Requirements are as follows:

1. Each poster shall have a fitting slogan not to exceed 10 words. Articles “a, and, an, the” are not counted as words. The words “buddy” and “buy” cannot be used.
2. The words “American Legion Auxiliary” must be used in the design of the poster and will not be counted in the 10 word count.
3. Each poster must carry a picture of the Flanders Poppy in the correct color (four red petals with a center of green and black)
4. The poppy shall have four petals and no leaves
5. The Department shall determine the closing date of the Unit Contest.
6. The poster shall be 11 X 14 poster board. Drawing paper will not be accepted
7. The Unites States Flag may be used as long as there are no infractions of the flag code.
8. Posters will be judged using the following criteria:
 - a. 50% - Poster appeal (layout, message, originality)
 - b. 40% - Artistic ability (design and color)
 - c. 10% - Neatness
9. Media used shall be watercolors, crayons, powder or oil paint, handmade paper cutouts, ink or textures, acrylics, pencils and markers
10. Writing in ink on the back of the poster (not attached) shall be the class in which the entry is submitted, the name, address, age and grade of the contestant and the name of the Department
11. The poster shall be the work of only one individual

12.No humorous drawings or slogans shall be used

13.The label “In Memoriam” from the Veteran-made poppy may not be used

14.When the Holy Cross is used, the Star of David shall also be used

Fall Conference	Unit 16 2031 Hwy 190 Bypass Covington, LA	10-17-2009	9:00 am
6 th District Thanksgiving Party	Louisiana Veterans Home 4739 Hwy 10 Jackson, LA	11-15-2009	1:30 pm
6 th District Christmas Party	Louisiana Veterans Home 4739 Hwy 10 Jackson, LA	12-13-2009	1:30 pm
Mid Winter Conference	Best Western Hotel 2720 N. Macarthur Dr. Alexandria, LA	1-15-10 to 1-17-10	9:00am
6 th District Party	Alexandria VA Medical Hosp 2495 Shreveport Hwy 71 N Pineville, LA	TBA	
6 th District Easter Party	Louisiana Veterans Home 4739 Hwy 10 Jackson, LA	3-21-2010	1:30 pm
Spring DEC	Unit 16 2031 Hwy 190 Bypass Covington, LA	3-6-2010 subject to change	9:00 am
Spring Conference	Unit 16 2031 Hwy 190 Bypass Covington, LA	3-20-2010	9:00 am
State Convention	Best Western Hotel 2720 N. Macarthur Dr. Alexandria, LA	June 10 – 13, 2010	9:00 am

Ladies, don't forget the fall conference is on Saturday, October 17, 2009, 9:00 am at Post 16 in Covington. Please make every attempt to attend as this is a school of instructions. Presidents, please encourage your members to attend. I am looking forward to seeing everyone at the conference.

For God and Country

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Date: August 31, 2009

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

Subject: 2009 6th District Fall Conference

From: Barbara LeJeune, District President

The 6th District Fall Conference will be held on Saturday, October 17, 2009 **at 9:00** am at the American Legion Post 16 in Covington, LA.

This is a very important meeting; this conference is our School of Instructions. Unit Presidents please encourage your members to attend, especially your new members. There is a lot of information to gain from this conference, and with that valuable information we can make the 6th District the best.

District officers and chairmen; please be prepared to give a presentation on your duties of your office and chairman on your committee. You will have 3 minutes to present your program. Membership team will be allowed more time. Also please have 30 copies for the Units folders.

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

Hope to see a great turnout at the Fall Conference.