Commander’s Corner

Department Commander Update
Legionnaires of Arkansas, thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve as your Department Commander For 2022-2023 Legion Year. It is a privilege and an honor to serve in this capacity, and I do not take my duties and responsibilities for granted. It is my pleasure to serve this Department! Again, I thank you from the bottom of my heart. I am sure we, as a Department will have success.

As you all know, Training, Education, and mentorship are important to me, and I hope it is important to you as well. I am excited about this year, and hope that you are as exited as I am about the future of the Department of Arkansas, as it relates to membership. Our goal this year is 297 more members, bringing our total number to 9,145 members for Legion Year 2022-2023. This is attainable.

After compiling the numbers, our Membership Team has a plan for growth that requires small posts, 1 to 100 to add 1 member, medium posts, 101-450 members, and large posts 450 and above to add 1, 2, and 3 members to their goal, June 30 2022 goal. For example, if a small post had a goal of 50 members at the end of year, their goal this year would be 52 members. If a medium post had a goal of 110 members, their goal would be 112 members, and if a large post had 450 members, their new goal would be 453 members.

Our Membership team will be providing rosters to facilitate revitalization efforts throughout the year to help reach your goals. I encourage you to USE them.

William “Doc” Sheets
Commander, Department of Arkansas

From The Editor

The Legionnaire will be going digital after the December Edition. Limited Copies will be available to those that notify the Department of their desire to stay on the mailing list.
DEPARTMENT LEVEL CORRESPONDENCE

News From The National Executive Committeeewoman, Mary Erdman

I was so sorry to have missed the Department Convention. As it turns out, I missed our grandson’s graduation also since I came down with Covid and was home sick.

There is not much to report from National HQ at this time other than we are looking forward to the National Convention in Milwaukee, WI. Our membership numbers nationwide are doing good with a renewal rate of over 92%. We should be able to hit 100% by the end of the year, but if we don’t, it isn’t because we haven’t tried. I know our National Commander and Vice Commanders have been working very hard on membership the entire year. I believe, if we keep taking care of our veterans and work in our communities, it’ll happen.

Now that the pandemic restrictions have eased up, I am looking forward to visiting posts again and attending district meetings just let me know when you want me there. In the meantime, take care and I hope to see you soon. If you have any concerns or questions, please don’t hesitate to contact me.

Mary Erdman, NEC
(501)454-7357

News From The Membership Chairman

Greetings Legionnaires. It is a privilege to represent you this year as The Department Membership Chairman. I look forward to an exiting and eventful year for the Department of Arkansas. This year, our established Membership Goal is 9,172 members. That is a decrease in 483 from last years goal. However, it is the Department’s and my desire to exceed the established standard and see our great Department reach 105% this year, and I am confident that as a Team, will exceed the Standard. However, it is going to take a concerted effort by each of us. Hence the New and Renew Campaign with the idea of seeking to renew at least one member and one new member.

Start your membership Recruitment and Retention efforts with a simple, Buddy Check. Reach out individuals with expired membership just to see how they are doing, and invite them to your next meeting. Another way of engaging the Veteran population is to host a monthly meet and greet session at your Post, or one of the local establishments in the area. Meeting at an alternate location sometimes creates a bond with local businesses in the community that could be beneficial when seeking sponsorship for some of your activities and youth programs.

Recruit, Retain, Re-engage for a greater Legion Force. Let’s continue to be the largest Veterans Service Organization in the World!

Tony Gordon, Membership Chairman, American Legion Department of Arkansas

News From The Dean of Dept. Legion College, Patrick “Doc” Phillips

The American Legion Department of Arkansas held its inaugural Legion College, with 31 graduates, comprised of 24 Legionnaires, 6 from Oklahoma, and 3 from Missouri. There were also 5 Sons of The American Legion as well as five members from our Auxiliary.

The vision for a Legion College in the Department of Arkansas started in 2016 when the department saw the value in training after several members, including Westergren who was then first vice commander, attended Leadership Education and Development training in the Department of Texas which led to the department creating a training program that led to establishing the Department of Arkansas Legion College (DALC).

The next Department of Arkansas Legion College (DALC) will be held October 21 –23 2022 at Post 71 in Cabot Arkansas. Applications were distributed at Department Convention, and are available on The Department of Arkansas website at this web address: www.arlegion.org, The American Legion | Department of Arkansas | Homepage (arlegion.org)

Patrick “Doc” Phillips, Dean, Department of Arkansas American Legion College
I want to personally thank all the Legionnaires in our great Department of Arkansas for who supported and elected me as the Northeast Area Vice-Commander for 2022-2023. I promise you that we will work with diligence, honesty and in the true spirit of the American Legion to meet and exceed our goals. We have not let any time to waste so far. The Northeast District Commanders, Milt Wolf – District 3, Scott Allman – District 4, Buster Bush – District 5 and Becky Dillion – District 6 have committed to that promise. We meet regularly to ensure we are moving in the right direction. We have a great team!

I look forward to visiting as many Posts in the Area as possible, Posts in District 3, 4, 5, and 6, please reach out; I truly enjoy these visits and am willing to help in any way I can. Utilize your District Commanders as well. Our role is to support the Posts in our Area and we are ready, willing, and able, 24/7/365. It is our desire to see the entire Department flourish!

The first order of business was to ensure that a current Post Officer Certification is turned in for every Post in Area 3. Post Commanders, you have probably heard from your District Commander to help complete this form. Why is this important? First, it gives us the who, what and where for every Post. Not only listing the Officers you’ve chosen for 2022 – 2023, but the location and time/dates of your Post meetings. This is the first step in our Membership drive this year. Please complete this form as soon as possible and send to our Department Adjutant.

Lastly, let’s talk Membership! Our Department Membership Chair, Tony Gordon, is already putting the pieces in place to meet and exceed our goal for 2022-2023. But this can’t happen without YOU!! Critically important is to remember that our Membership year started on July 1, 2022! I’ve seen throughout the US; many Posts don’t put much effort into membership until after Jan 1. This is too late! Our first Target Date is in September where we need to meet 50% of goal by that time. Contact me about our Post 1000 (Department) Direct Marketing Service (DMS) list, which list paid up Legionnaires in your town or county that can easily be transferred to your Post and help you reach goal. Don’t forget to RECRUIT, RENEW and RETAIN!

Doc Phillips, Southwest Area Vice Commander

Greetings to my fellow Legionnaires. I cannot emphasize enough the importance of Education and Training for the growth and development in The American Legion, beginning with American Legion Basic training, a web based training that all Legionnaires should enroll in and complete, particularly, individuals with a desire to progress in leadership rolls within our organization.

As Department Level, we have developed a comprehensive training program to compliment the Basic Training Course and help facilitate growth on every level, Post, District, and Department, to include our newly formed Department of Arkansas Legion College (DALC).

To date, we have training sessions at our Mid-Winter Conference, and Department Conventions that offer a variety of training courses for all Legionnaires. If you wish to schedule Post or District Level Training, please contact me directly via email:

Michael Westergren, Staff Judge Advocate, Department of Arkansas
Email: michael.westergren@earthlink.net

Fellow legionnaires. I am excited about this Legion Year, and I look forward to serving as your Department Representative as Southwest Area Vice Commander and Membership Chairmen. My wife, Pearl, Southwest Area Vice President for the Department Auxiliary, and I have already begun visiting Posts and District within the Region. August 1, 2022, we had the pleasure of visiting Post/Unit 13 in Hot Springs, and on August 12-13, we had a marvelous time visiting District 11 in Junction City Arkansas hosted by Post/Unit 297 in Junction City Arkansas. We look forward to visiting with Posts and Units in each of our Districts. If I have not contacted you already to schedule a visit, I will and look forward to meeting you all.

Once again, thank you for electing me as Southwest Area Vice Commander, I look forward to serving our Legion Family.

Tony Gordon, Southwest Area Vice Commander / Membership Chairman
RACE TO BE GREAT

Department of Arkansas Membership Goals

Top Ten % National Ranking

105% Membership

100% Post Membership

2022-2023 Membership Target Dates

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Delegate Strength 30 Days Prior To National Convention

Target dates fall on the 2nd Wednesday of the month unless there is a holiday on that day or at the beginning of the week. The February to May target dates moved to the 3rd week to maximize end of year renewal notices. Since Columbus Day falls on a Monday, the October target date will be on a Thursday. To maximize the December renewal notice, the January target date will be on the 3rd Thursday of the month because of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.
Comrades, President Biden signed the Sergeant First Class Heath Robinson Honoring Our Promise to Address Comprehensive Toxics Act of 2022, also known as the PACT Act, into law. This is a huge win for Veterans and survivors, that have been previously denied claims. It is recommended that those who were previously denied a toxic-exposure related claim to file a supplemental claim on a VBA Form 20-0995, Decision Review Request: Supplemental Claim. Once a supplemental claim is received, the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) will review the claim under the new law. The PACT Act is a new law that expands VA health care and benefits for Veterans exposed to burn pits and other toxic substances. This law helps us provide generations of Veterans—and their survivors—with the care and benefits they’ve earned and deserve.

Additionally, the Act authorizes 31 new medical facilities across the country, providing greater access to VA Health care. VA healthcare staff and claims processors will receive toxic exposure-related education and training, building a stronger, more skilled workforce to meet the growing demand for benefits and services for all Veterans. This is a huge victory, and The American Legion played a vital roll in this process!

The PACT Act will bring these changes:

- Expands and extends eligibility for VA health care for Veterans with toxic exposures and Veterans of the Vietnam, Gulf War, and post-9/11 era
- Adds more than 20 new presumptive conditions for burn pits and other toxic exposures
- Adds more presumptive-exposure locations for Agent Orange and radiation
- Requires VA to provide a toxic exposure screening to every Veteran enrolled in VA health care
- Helps us improve research, staff education, and treatment related to toxic exposures

It is recommended that all Veterans and survivors who believe they may be entitled to benefits to apply today.

What new or expanded presumptions will the Act create and when will they be in effect?

Veterans and survivors can file claims for all conditions outlined in the pact act immediately.

For Gulf War and post 9-11 Veterans, that includes:

- Brain cancer, Glioblastoma, Respiratory (breathing-related) cancer of any type, Gastrointestinal cancer of any type, Head cancer of any type, Lymphoma of any type, Lymphatic cancer of any type, Neck cancer, Pancreatic cancer, Reproductive cancer of any type, Kidney cancer, Melanoma, Asthma (diagnosed after service), Chronic rhinitis, Chronic sinusitis, Constrictive bronchiolitis or obliterative bronchiolitis, Emphysema, Granulomatous disease, Interstitial lung disease (ILD), Pleuritis, Pulmonary fibrosis, Sarcoidosis, Chronic bronchitis, Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD).

For Vietnam Veterans and other Veterans exposed to tactical herbicides, that includes two Agent Orange presumptive conditions:

Monoclonal gammopathy of undetermined significance (MGUS), High blood pressure (hypertension).

NOTE: High Blood Pressure and Monoclonal Gammopathy of undetermined significance (MGUS) are now presumptive conditions due to Agent Orange Exposure. MGUS is a condition in which an abnormal protein know as monoclonal protein is found in your blood.

For further information, please email me at www.arlegionstatevso@gmail.com, and I will forward you a comprehensive Fact Sheet

Tony Gordon, Department Service Officer
Allen Miller, Assistant Department Service Officer
Established in Garden City, Michigan in 1993 by American Legion Post 396, with the purpose of establishing an environment where Legion Family Members could come together to share their passion for motorcycles, several enthusiasts, 19 to be exact drafted a resolution for a new program that came to be known as the “American Legion Riders.” Riders are an essential part of The Legion. To date, there are over 110,000 American Legion Riders that meet in over 2,000 chapters in every domestic department and in at least three foreign countries that further the endeavors of The American Legion Family serving the community, state, and nation.

Today, Legion Riders are well known for their charitable work, which has raised hundreds of thousands of dollars for local children’s hospitals, schools, Veterans homes, severely wounded servicemembers and scholarships. Since 2006, Riders nationwide have participated in The American Legion Legacy Scholarship Fund, established to provide scholarships to children of U.S. military personnel killed since September 11, 2001. This year, more than 250 Riders trekked across the country to Milwaukee, Wisconsin raising funds for the scholarship this past August.

Department of Arkansas Legion Riders

Mena, AR. Their Post Commander, Bill Lawson, is a Rider and will be starting their new Chapter on August 9th, 2022. We will be presenting their new Charter at that meeting. The second new Chapter is at Post 17 in Paragould, AR. Their Post Commander, Kenny Wright, is also a rider and will be standing up their Chapter on September 10th, 2022, during their 4th District Meeting held in Paragould. This growth and expansion of the Legion Riders is an extremely good sign for the Riders, but more importantly, it helps grow the Legion Family at the same time.

Next on the horizon is the National Legacy Scholarship Run held August 21st through 25th. This year the ride started in Mobile, AL and concluded in Milwaukee, WI. We will be traveled through Alabama, Tennessee, Kentucky, Missouri, Illinois, and Wisconsin. I posted daily video updates during the ride on our Department Facebook page. Our Department Commander, William “Doc” Sheets has issued a challenge to EVERY post in Arkansas to donate at least 50 dollars or more to the Legacy Run this year. Our goal is to present a check to the National Commander at the National Convention for at least $10,000. Help us reach that goal.

Lastly, we are in the planning stages of an Arkansas Legacy Run in 2023. We have been contacted by the ALR in the Department of Missouri to do a combined Arkansas/Missouri Legacy Run next year that will be a 3-day event in June 2023. Keep looking for more information as it becomes available. FOR GOD AND COUNTRY

Patrick “Doc” Phillips, State Director, American Legion Riders, Department of Arkansas
Department of Arkansas Legion College

October 21 – 23, 2022

Hosted by Criswell Robinson Post 71
600 North Grant St, Cabot, AR 72023

Find Application at:
http://www.arlegion.org/resources/training/ar_legion_college_application.pdf

Return Completed Application to:
Registrar, Arkansas American Legion College, Dept. of Arkansas
P.O. Box 3280, Little Rock, AR, 72203
Application Deadline: September 1, 2022
Under the presidency of Mrs. Ruth Curry Brown, on October 9, 1922, the charter for the American Legion Auxiliary, Department of Arkansas, was formally signed and made official. During our first years we had a few hundred members—mothers, sisters, wives, daughters—all direct female descendants of Legionnaires. This year marks the one-hundredth (100th) anniversary of the signing of that charter. We take this time to offer our gratitude for the women who came before us; and, turn our attentions to the members who make up our ranks today.

What began solely as a women’s auxiliary existing to support the mission work of the American Legion has grown into an independent and autonomous organization of thousands of members—both women and men—who work together with our American Legion Family in order to better the lives of our veterans, active military and their families.

The work we all do in our communities is essential mission work. When we work together, side by side, in harmony with kindness towards ourselves and those we serve, we create an atmosphere of teamwork that leads to our successes. And it is our successes that lead directly to the betterment of so many lives.

So, this year, the American Legion Auxiliary, Department of Arkansas’ 100th year, is a time for you to let us know what you need in order to continue to work successfully to serve our veterans, active military and their families. We must begin to grow again so that we may continue to serve.

We will help to provide support to you while you conduct the everyday business of your service. Help us to grow as leaders while we help you to grow as members. Let’s communicate. Let us have another 100 years of providing for the needs of those who have served our great nation.

I am honored to have been chosen as your president during our 100th year anniversary. This is a year of celebration. We are celebrating you for the services you provide; we are celebrating the ones who came before you for the services they provided; and, we are celebrating the ones who will come after you for the services they will continue to provide.

Please, remember that we are the spouses and direct descendants of veterans, too! And...

EVEN DAY IS VETERANS’ DAY!

President Dee

(Please send your emails to the attention of President Dee at arkaux@att.net. I look forward to hearing from you. Let me know if you’d like me to attend one of your events—near or far.)
Hello American Legion Auxiliary Department of Arkansas, and WELCOME to the 2023 Membership year!

This year we are racing to the top in membership... so as the saying goes Y’all start your engines.... Or something like that. Like racing, Membership, is a team event. It takes more than the driver to make a successful team in racing and it will take more than this membership committee to have a successful year in membership. We need a team, and that team is YOU! Yes, each of you are part of the 2023 Arkansas Membership team. This year can be the year, by working TOGETHER we can make our 2023 membership goal! You can start now by renewing your membership. There are multiple ways to renew membership:

- Pay Online: www.ALAforVeterans.org and click “Renew” in the top right corner of your screen.
- Pay by Phone: Call National Headquarters at (317) 569-4570 with your member ID. Hours for Pay by Phone are 7:00 A.M. – 3:30 P.M. CST.
- Pay at your Unit.

To encourage some friendly competition your 2023 Membership Committee has developed a few friendly races for both Units and Districts to Compete:

Race to be 1st
- 1st Unit to Reach 100% Membership
- 1st Unit to Recruit 5 NEW Jr. Members
- 1st Unit to Recruit 5 NEW Sr. Members
- 1st District to Reach 100%

This is but a sneak peek of some of the great activities we have planned for this membership year. Your Department of Arkansas Membership Committee is honored to have the opportunity to work the American Legion Auxiliary mission through the membership program. Remember the American Legion Auxiliary is a membership-driven organization; our membership is our voice, and it takes a loud voice to advocate for our Veterans! Show us your voice....

- Renew - not just your membership, but also those of your fellow auxiliary.
- Recruit - new members by living our mission and showing each person you meet what makes The American Legion Auxiliary special.
- Rejoin - reach out to expired members, remember they once had a passion for the organization. You can show them how to find that passion again.

Additional information on the complete 2023 Membership program will be distributed after The American Legion Auxiliary 2022 National Convention. We are going to have a great year! By working together to win this race we WILL make President Dee proud!

Sincerely,

YOUR American Legion Auxiliary Department of Arkansas Membership Committee
SAVE THE DATES

September 16, 2022          National POW/MIA Recognition Day, Service at Capitol Rotunda, Little Rock, AR
October 22, 2022            Fall Conference, the State Veterans Home, North Little Rock, AR.
November 1, 2022            Deadline to submit articles to Legionnaire, December edition
November 11, 2022           Veterans Day
November 27-30, 2022        National President’s visit
November 28-30              LR/NLR Central Arkansas VA Gift Shop
December 18, 2022           Wreaths Across America, Little Rock National Cemetery, Little Rock, AR
January 21 & 22, 2023       Department Mid-Winter Conference at Wyndham Riverfront Hotel, North Little Rock, AR
February 1, 2023            Deadline to submit articles to Legionnaire, March edition
March 1, 2023               National Scholarship On-line Applications due 1159 p.m. Eastern Time (No Exceptions)
March 1, 2023               Department Scholarship Applications Due
April 1, 2023               Deadline to submit articles to Legionnaire, May edition
April 22, 2023              Spring Conference--further information TBD
May-June                    Girls State—dates to be determined
May 29, 2023               T.A.P.S., 3:00 p.m. Central Time
June 16 & 17, 2023         Department Convention at Wyndham Riverfront Hotel North Little Rock, AR (Friday – Saturday)

American Legion Auxiliary Unit 100 Rogers
9th Annual Backpack Bingo

Ten years ago one of our juniors attended a bingo where the prizes were backpacks. She brought this idea to us; we jumped on it and expanded it a bit by offering not just backpacks, but filling them with school supplies. Children from the community come and play Bingo and win a backpack filled with school supplies. We feed them hot dogs, chips, donuts, juice boxes, lemonade and coffee & tea for the adults. Everyone goes home with a backpack. It has been a great success. It’s become a definite annual event at Unit 100.

Donated Backpacks: Ryan’s World, Jojo, Mario Brothers, LOL Dolls, and Sonic the Hedgehog as well as non-themed backpacks for the older students

We were filled to capacity – we gave out 123 backpacks to our local school children ages from 5 to 17. The pictures show some of the children having a good time playing Bingo.
Americanism

Many people especially in the Legion Family know what Americanism Program is, or at least we think they do. Most think it’s just an essay contest. Or getting out the word to schools and community about flag education and etiquette, flying the flag, when it should be flown, raised, and lowered. How you can fly a flag correctly if it’s not lowered every night. The proper way to retire a flag and when to retire it. It is about those but it is a program designed to promote patriotism and responsible citizenship.

There are a lot of other things that can be counted as Americanism. It isn’t just about just flag education and retirement. It’s flying the flag either on your car, bike, or motorcycle. Placing them in cemeteries, or replacing/donating them at schools or other organizations. Getting out the vote. Stating or participating in “Rock the Vote” or other voting registration programs. Attending Naturalization court.

Yes, we are most known for our essay contest which is open to students from 3rd to 12th grade including those with special needs broken out by different grade levels. We award one student from each of the 6 levels $50 and $50 in their name to Children of Warriors National Presidents’ Scholarship. This year we are looking into asking adults to write an essay as well. We are working on a different subject, other than the one the children are doing. We are not sure if or what the prize will be. Just a way to try to get the whole family more involved.

To sum it up we do have a great essay contest and love to educate everyone about the flag. We also do much more we support all citizenship. We love and respect the right to vote, what it cost to have that right, and to honor all those who gave the final sacrifice for all these rights.

Amanda Wade, Americanism Chair
Joe Don Carter, Member
Peggy Presley, Member

Community Service

Welcome to the world of Community Service. What is Community Service you ask? It is any time, event or function that you do for a non-profit or Veteran or someone in your community in need where you do not receive payment. For example, mowing a neighbor’s lawn, shopping for someone shut in, working a food bank, volunteering in a school, coking, cleaning, and helping a church are a number of ways to serve the community.

If you are looking to get involved, start by volunteering with Boys/Girl Schouts, 4-H Club, local libraries, head start programs, or cleaning up a hiking trail. You would be surprised at the opportunities you have to impact your communities. These are just a few of the things that are considered, Community Service for The American Legion Auxiliary. However, we are required to report said activities to National through the Department of Arkansas. For more information, please contact me, Jo Anne Cobb at 201-417-5552 or email: jahcobb42@yahoo.com. I will provide the worksheet to record the following data:

Required Reporting Information: Member’s Name, Unit Number, Unit City, Number of Hours, Cost, Non Profit Name, and Date of Service.

Jo Anne Cobb, Community Service, Chair
Marilyn Pepper, Member
Debbi Fields, Member
Carol Smith, Past Department President Mentor

Junior Auxiliary

Welcome to a new Auxiliary year! New ideas! New Goals! The Junior Auxiliary has A LOT to do this year and we want you to help us! Did you know Juniors Kindergarten through 12th grade and SAL members can participate in the Patch program!! They can even work on it from home! All the information can now be found on the Department website http://www.auxiliary.arlegion.org and the Junior Auxiliary Facebook page https://www.facebook.com/AmericanLegionAuxiliaryArkansasJuniors/

We are playing BINGO! A great way to get your Juniors and young SAL involved, Card and instructions are on the Junior Facebook page! We are looking forward to a great year! Our Honorary Junior President Tapanga Little has great ideas that she will be sharing throughout the year! I’m also proud to announce that on our committee we have a Junior member serving! A first for Arkansas! I’m here to help you grow your Junior Unit and help the Juniors grow into productive Senior members! So please feel free to reach out to me when I can help.

Michelle Henning
call/text 479-426-8315alaarkansasjuniors@gmail.

For God and Country We Serve
For Your Information

- Veterans Crisis Line: Dial 988 / Press 1
- PACT Act Signed Into Law
- National Commander Visit November 9 202
- VA Regional Office: 501-370-3829
- VHA Hospital: 501-257-1000
- Training: www.legion.org/training-Tuesday
- Department Website: www.arlegion.org

Notice: The March 2023 Edition Legionnaire will be primarily digital. Limited Print Edition will be available, notify the Department to remain on the mailing list.

VETERAN SPOTLIGHT

John Dugan is an American Legion Accredited Service Officer employed by the Department of Veterans Affairs (ADVA) and I had the pleasure of working with him for several years. I often refer claimants to John to represent them before the VA Board of Veterans Appeals (BVA). I recently refereed a family to him for assistance, and John was personally responsible for the family receiving a retroactive payment in the amount of $123,000 for a Veteran diagnosed with Acute Myeloid Lukemia (AML). This condition is not a presumptive of Agent Orange Exposure, John helped the Veteran obtain a medical opinion linking AML to Agent Orange Exposure on a direct basis versus presumptive, and a BVA Judge granted service connection. John Dugan is one of the best American Legion Trained Service Officers in the Nation. Thank you John for your service to our Veterans and Survivors!

For God and Country

National Commander’s Visit
November 9-12, 2022

The Leading Candidate for National Commander has confirmed his visit with the Department of Arkansas. As more information becomes available, it will be shared throughout the Department.

Contact Adjutant Bob Renner for More Information