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President's Comments

Happy Valentines
to Our Auxilliary Sweethearts!

Thank you ladies for all the hard work you are doing for our auxiliary and our veterans. I was thrilled when I received the mid year reports. It is amazing all the work you do for veterans and the community. I sent the info on to national and they were very pleased that our small state was doing so much.

I hope your will all be attending the Legion Birthday Party in Fillmore at their Post Home on Main St. on March 20th. They are going all out in the community to make out stay memorable. The Legion has rooms set aside at the Best Western Paradise Inn. Call the office first at 801-539-1013 to be put on the hotel list, then make reservations by calling the motel at 435-743-6895. Let them know that you are with the Legion. The rooms will be \$59.00. Dinner will be \$15.00 and Arlene Bartholomew would appreciate if you would RSVP to her at 435-743-5417 or mail to her at 445 S 200 W Fillmore Ut. 84631.

We will be holding a Department Executive Committee meeting at 2pm at the State Territorial House. You are invited to attend if you wish, however all Officers, Com-

mittee members and District Presidents are required to attend. We have several matters to be voted on.

District Conventions are coming up and we at Department need to have the dates that have been scheduled. The officers need to make arrangements for them.

The National President, Rita Navarrete', will be making her visit on April 23 - 25. We will be taking her to Ogden to visit the new nursing home and then to the Train depot and the Box Car exhibit. She will be at District 2 spring convention in Clearfield on Saturday the 24th. More information will be in next month's newsletter.

I spoke to Peggy Brown about a pattern for the clothing protectors for the Nursing Home and she is sending me a pattern as soon as it can be located. I have had 2 units show interest in helping to make some. If you are also interested, please let me know.

I hope to see you all in Fillmore.

90 Years of Service not Self, for God, Country and our veterans.

Nina Mason

Phone 801-662-9886

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New District 7 Info.

Ellen Nathan is the new District 7 Auxiliary President and Arnie Nathan is the acting District 7 Commander: "While getting involved with the American Legion in the Sun River Post we volunteered to work on the "Poppies at Harmons" and found the experience very rewarding and enjoyable. When the request came up to help with the "Heroes at Home" and Sears we decided it would also be fun and rewarding. We made some calls and worked up a schedule. We were very happy to see so many people willing to give up a few hours to help. We collected over \$4,200. All money collected goes to purchase Sears gift certificates for Military Families and Veterans."

District 8 Spring Convention

Where: Wendover, NV at the Red Garter
When: April 9th and 10th
Hotel Details: Fri. Night only—2 people \$85.00, 1 person \$65.00
 Fri. & Sat for 2 people \$200.00 for 1 person Fri. Sat. \$140.00
 Sat. Night only 2 people \$115. Sat. night 1 person \$80.00

For room reservation call Shirley Meier at 801-266-8542 or mail to:
 Shirley Meier, 4915 Pine Hill Dr., Murray, UT 84107

*American Legion Auxiliary**Presents...***ALA Group Travel**

**Enjoy the friendship and camaraderie of
*traveling with your fellow Auxiliary members.***

2010 All-Inclusive Tour Schedule

Islands of New England
Shades of Ireland
Rockies Highlights by Train
Reflections of Italy
Beijing City Stay
New York City
California New Year's Getaway

For dates, itineraries and reservation information go to www.ALAtravels.com and click on the Group Travel link. Tour brochures can be obtained by calling (888) 875-1672.

Emergency Fund

As Emergency Fund Chairman, I would have liked to hear from the units about how much they had contributed to National. Unfortunately, no units responded. I wasn't able to relay any information to the Western Division Chairman. Please report to me when the next reports (for Convention and National) are due. Thank you so much!



Kayleen Beebe Phone #801-969-2958.

Chaplain Note

If you have any prayers, poems or thoughts to go in Nina's Prayer Book, please send them to me. (Address below) Thank you!

Marva Davis, Chaplain

Deceased Member Form

All Unit Presidents...Please fill this out and send to: Marva Davis, 333 E. 400 N., Springville, UT 84663

UNIT NAME:	UNIT #:	Name of deceased:	Approx. date of death:
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COUPON CLIPPING PROGRAM

Hi Ladies,

Right now 80% of us are clipping coupons for our own use. If we are struggling, what do you think our troops are doing? With our economy what it is, we need to step up and do what we can for our military and their families. The last time this percentage of coupon clipping went on was in 1992.

This program is a great fit for any Auxiliary Unit out there. Your members can collect them and then you can clip them as part of your monthly meeting. Throw a potluck and include your Legion members. Make them work for their supper. You have members that can no longer attend meetings but they still want to contribute time.

Which coupons should we send?

Send coupons for national brand products, only. A manufacturer coupon that can be used in the United States can also be used overseas, including coupons that advertise "buy 1 get 1 free." Coupons for local stores or local store items, however, like Target or Kohls coupons, cannot be used overseas.

How can we get coupons to the right commissary?

A list of commissaries that would like to receive coupons follows, and please note that the commissaries on this list are not necessarily the same ones that were on the 2008-2009 list. All commissaries on this list have verified their willingness to accept coupons, have updated their addresses, and are eager to receive your packages. If you wish to send coupons to a commissary NOT on this list, please make contact with the commissary prior to sending any coupons, and obtain the store manager's permission to send coupons. A list of commissaries can be found at www.commissaries.com under the "locations" tab.

What about coupon expiration dates?

The DeCA asks that you do not send coupons older than THREE months beyond the coupon expiration date. The commissaries are required to redeem coupons within six months of the expiration date if they are to be reimbursed by the manufacturer.

Who needs this information?

Please share the commissary addresses with units and members who are busily clipping coupons to help military families stretch their dollars.

Please help with your time. This is one program that can truly help our troops with their monthly budget with little or no cost to you. Thank you!

Georgia Engelbrecht
Department National Security Chairman

GERMANY

Ramstein Commissary,
DeCA/EU/RAM,
Unit-3062,
APO-AE-09094-3062

Wiesbaden Commissary
Unit 29623 Box 0058
APO AE 09096

KOREA

Yongsan Commissary
Unit # 15315
PSC 303 Box 13
APO AP 96205-0088

Osan AB Commissary
Building 230
Unit 2033
APO AP 96278-2033

OKINAWA

Camp Kinser MCB Commissary
Unit 5156 Bldg 1227
APO AP 96368-5156

Defense Commissary Agency**
DeCA WEST, Japan Zone
Camp Foster Commissary
Unit 5156
APO AP 96368-5000

** (The Camp Foster Commissary divides coupons into categories such as baby foods, paper products, canned vegetables, and so on. It is not necessary that you divide coupons into categories before shipping, but you are welcomed to do so. This is the only facility that mentioned sorting the coupons.)





We want to thank all who help with the Girls' State program. We have sent out packets to the Girls' State chairman. Let us know if your unit has not received them. Remember:

GIRLS' STATE WILL BE HELD MONDAY, JUNE 7 – SATURDAY, JUNE 12, 2010

AT SOUTHERN UTAH UNIVERSITY

IN CEDAR CITY, UTAH

- UNITS - APPLICATIONS AND MONEY DUE TO DEPARTMENT OFFICE BY MARCH 31ST 2010
- HAVE EACH GIRL WRITE ONE CHECK TO YOUR UNIT BUT REMEMBER YOUR UNIT WRITES TWO CHECKS MADE OUT TO "UTAH GIRLS' STATE" - ONE FOR REGISTRATION \$320/girl AND THE SECOND FOR BUS FARE \$75/girl.

CONTACTS: DIRECTOR: VALERIE B. WHITE

801-489-7625
valeriebwhite@gmail.com

UT. ALA DEPARTMENT OFFICE

(Send applications and money to this address)
 %Girls' State Program
 PO Box 148000
 SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH 84114-8000
 801-539-1015

Girls' State Board Meeting is April 17th, 2010, 9:00 a.m. in Springville Utah, Senior Citizen Building at 200 South 65 East. This is open to all Girls' State Board Members, District Girls' State Chairman (or representative) and all auxiliary members that want to attend. Following this meeting at 10:30 a.m. will be the Girls' State Training to be attended by all Girls' State Staff, Counselors and Support Staff. Both of these meetings are very important to the program. Please attend the meeting that applies to you.

We will send out orientation information in the coming newsletters. District Chairman please be setting up a date for your tea.

Thank you again for all your help.

Valerie B. White

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Historian

I'd like to request each unit to please send me a small history or pictures of what your unit has done for the past year to go in Nina's history book. It would be nice to have each unit or district recognized in this book. Please include your unit or district information and phone number on what you send.

Any **stories or special events with your unit or district and pictures** would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you.

Send them to: Linda M Schwartz

621 S 1150 E
 Payson, Utah 84651

Americanism Valley Forge Youth Conference Winners
(Patriots in Training)

Congratulations to the following are the Valley Forge essay winners:

1st Place	Kate Ostler, Ephraim
2nd Place	Sara Anderson, Manti
3rd Place	Elizabeth Scott, Ephraim
4th Place	Margaret Jenkins, Manti



Thanks to a wonderful partnership between the American Legion Auxiliary and Freedoms Foundation, 55 students from across the nation will be attending the storied Americanism Youth Conference (AYC) hosted by The Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge, Pennsylvania, from March 4-7.

The AYC focuses on discussion of current issues facing the United States from a historical and global perspective on constitutional law and government. Student participants from around the country will be challenged to articulate their views and perceptions about their constitutional rights and responsibilities as citizens while interacting and working collaboratively with their peers on various projects.

National Committee on Education

The National Committee on Education would like your assistance in identifying those American Legion Auxiliary members within your Department to receive a Certificate of Appreciation from The American Legion's National Committee on Education. This certificate is to reward their efforts in promoting the EDUCATION PROGRAM of the American Legion Auxiliary.

Each Department is eligible to nominate their **Department Education Chairman** and **not more than two** other Auxiliary members for their contributions to Unit of District Education Programs.

To nominate members please submit their name, address and a brief statement of their involvement in the EDUCATION PROGRAM to the attention

of the staff liaison, **Michael Novak**, at:

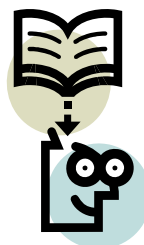
The American Legion National
Headquarters

P.O. Box 1055

Indianapolis, IN 46206-1055

Each nominee will receive a Certificate of Appreciation signed by the National Commander, Chairman of the Americanism Commission, Chairman of the National Committee on Education and the Director of the Americanism and Children & Youth Division.

In order for your nominations to be processed for the National Committee on Education's review, they must be **received by April 15, 2010.**





Americanism

Each year, the American Legion Auxiliary (ALA) sponsors an Americanism Essay Contest for students in grades 3-12. Grade levels are divided into five Classes. Five Division winners (one from each class will be chosen) and one National winner (one from each class will be chosen.) Division winners receive \$100 and a citation; National winners receive \$500 and a citation plaque.

Essay Theme: "What is my Patriotic Role as a U.S. Citizen?"

Essay Classes:

Class	Grade Level	Word Requirement
<i>I</i>	<i>3 and 4</i>	<i>150-250</i>
<i>II</i>	<i>5 and 6</i>	<i>250-300</i>
<i>III</i>	<i>7 and 8</i>	<i>350-400</i>
<i>IV</i>	<i>9 and 10</i>	<i>450-500</i>
<i>V</i>	<i>11 and 12</i>	<i>450-500</i>

Essay Check List:

Student Grade_____ Class Competing In_____

Sponsoring ALA Unit_____

Typed or neatly written essay conforming to the word limit for Class

Completed Essay Cover Sheet as first page of essay

Complete this Information:

Student Name:_____

Address (Street, City, State, Zip):_____

School Name:_____

School City/State: _____

Teacher Name and Signature:_____

Sponsoring Unit:_____

The deadline for the Americanism Essay Contest, for grades 3 to 12 is April 15, 2010.

This is the Department deadline. Please send essays and applications/cover sheets to: Patti Murphy,

89 East Center Street, Moab, Utah 84532

Utahns Needed for 2010 Census Count

Attention retirees, college students and individuals seeking part-time work to earn extra cash: The U.S. Census Bureau is hiring Census Takers to help count Utah's growing population for the 2010 Census. Applications are being accepted now for jobs that will start at the end of April. As a Census Taker, you will provide assistance to individuals who do not complete and return their 10-question form by mail. Census Takers will earn \$14 an hour, work flexible schedules, and receive payment for authorized mileage. You must be at least 18 years old, furnish ID documents requested during test registration, and pass a background check. Individuals who speak, read and write another language in addition to English are necessary to assist residents who have questions about the Census form and its importance. Every 10 years, the Census Bureau is required by the U.S. Constitution to count each person residing in the United States. For Utah, which has had one of the fastest-growing population during four of the last five years, an accurate count is critical. Not only is the Beehive State likely to gain an additional Representative to Congress, Utah could also increase its portion of federal funds for necessities such as education, health programs, transportation and water systems. Be a part of the nationwide population survey while earning extra money and helping to ensure your community is accurately counted in the 2010 Census. For more details, visit <http://2010.census.gov/2010censusjobs> or call the local census office in Salt Lake City at 801 736-5060.

Constitution & By-Laws

Please remember to work on updating you Unit's Constitution and By-Laws. Send a copy of the updated documents to the office. Thank you!

President & Commander's Project
(In Support of Our Troops & Operation Give)

Start Getting your Ideas together for baskets and other donated Items to be raffled at the 2010 State Convention. Tickets will be sold at District Conferences and at Convention.

Top Ten Things for Troops

We received top info. from a former marine who spent his fair share of holidays overseas. He gave us the 411 on some of the most-requested items that would make for perfect packages for Troops

Everybody loves getting gifts, but there's nothing quite like ripping open a package sent by someone you love from the place you miss the most. Especially if it's something that you really need and something that is nowhere to be found in Afghanistan, Iraq or wherever you may be stationed. <http://www.operationgive.org/news/top-ten-items-the-troops-want/>.

If you want to send any of these Top Ten Items to the Troops, go to www.operationgive.org/
Ship to Operation Give/Mesa Systems 2275 S 900 W Salt Lake City, UT 84119

American Legion Auxiliary introduces *Gateway to Services*

Finally: a comprehensive list of resources
for military families...all in one place.



Do you know a military family in need of free lawn care and landscaping? How about a deployed service member who could use temporary foster care for their pet? Wondering where to find scholarships for military spouses or pro bono legal aid for veterans? Looking for ways to help military children cope with a parent's deployment?

These are just a few of the more than 100 resources you'll find on the brand new *Gateway to Services* on the American Legion Auxiliary's [Web site](#). The Clearinghouse Committee, part of the ALA Strategic Planning team, has worked diligently with National Headquarters staff and an AmeriCorps VISTA volunteer to introduce this exciting, new online place for service members, military families and fellow Auxiliary members to find the services and support they need--all in a one-stop shop.

We hope you are as thrilled as we are that the ALA's investment in strategic planning has visibly paid off with this "beta version" of *Gateway to Services*, the first launch of an ALA initiative that will certainly grow and change with new technology. We invite you to check it out!

At the ALA web site you will find resources for:

[Family, Community, and Social Support](#)
[Health and Wellness](#)
[Career, Training, and Education](#)

February 2010

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	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12 Lincoln's Birthday	13 Oratorical Contest 1 m V.A. Hosp. Bldg. 8
14 <i>Happy Valentine's Day!</i>	15 President's Day	16	17	18	19	20
21	22 Washington's Birthday	23	24	25	26	27
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March 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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14 Daylight Saving Time Begins	15	16	17	18	19	20 Aux. Exec. Board Mtg. 2pm Fillmore Statehouse/Legion B-Day Party 5pm
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			