



2nd District Newsletter - August 2018
Ruth Schutz, District President

DEPARTMENT SUMMER CONVENTION

President Shirley Maurer had a great convention and a great project! She with the entire state's help raised about \$45,000.00. Shirley's theme was Making Veteran's Wishes Come True, and it was ably demonstrated at the 99th Department Convention that you did just that last year!

The Patricia Logan Americanism award was won by Diana Hausfeld, Minster Unit 387. The Junior Spirit of Youth Scholarship of \$5,000.00 was won by Rebecca Lehmkuhl, Minster Unit 387. 2nd Place winner of the Department President's Scholarship of \$1,000 was Alyssa Kicker, St. Marys Unit 323. Best History award was won by Minster Unit 387. Best Press Book for Units less than 200 members was won by Maria Stein Unit 571. Sylvia Lehmkuhl, Minster Unit 387 won the award for Best Legislative program.

Several young ladies in the 2nd District were awarded Past President's Parley Nurses Scholarships. They were Heather Gold, Sidney Unit 217; Renee Lefeld, St. Henry Unit 648; Kendra Thein, Minster Unit 387; Robyn Lefeld, St. Henry Unit 648; and Rebecca Lehmkuhl, Minster Unit 387. Congratulations everyone!

DONATIONS

- Please consider donating to District activities. The District Constitution & Bylaws does have a suggested per capita donation to help the District President, but if you can do nothing else, please support our activities at the Dayton VA. Also our flower fund provides flowers when past District presidents pass away and for Department Conventions.

Please send **District Easter Party Donations** payable to Maggie Wiley to:

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Please send **District Birthday Party Donations** payable to Ruth Schutz to:

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Please send **District Flower Fund Donations** payable to Deb Meyer to:

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WELCOME TO WAYNSEFIELD UNIT 395

Finally, I would like to welcome Waynesfield Unit 395 back to the 2nd District Family! I am excited to see this Unit organized again and to see how they grow.

DISTRICT FALL CONFERENCE

Our Fall Conference will be held September 30, 2018 at Bellefontaine. Registration will be at 9 am with the meeting beginning at 10 am. Please contact PRESIDENT ROXANN FISCHER, 232 GREEN TREE LN, BELLEFONTAINE, OH 43311 (937) 407-5365 fischera95@yahoo.com with your RSVP no later than September 19, 2018. District Chairmen will review the plans of action.

DISTRICT FALL ROUNDTABLE

We are going to try something new at our Fall Roundtable on November 18, 2018 at Lima Unit 96. Many of you are unable to make it to Department meetings to experience the Leadership course. We are going to bring it to you! At our Fall Roundtable, we will briefly brainstorm activities with each of our Chairmen. We will then move on to our District Leadership Coordinator leading us through the Leadership workshop. I am excited to see how this goes. Please plan to attend and bring your questions.

LEADERSHIP

American Legion Auxiliary Academy - ALA Academy offers training for all members. Go to <https://www.alaforveterans.org> and sign into the Members Only section. It is 1st on the list within the section.

The ALA Training Academy curriculum includes:

ALA 101: is the introductory course to the ALA Academy, focusing on who we are, what we do and why we matter. ALA 101 provides a general overview of the ALA and our mission, with information helpful for most new (and not-so-new) members to learn. The entire online course will take about 35-40 minutes to complete. That includes watching the videos and playing the fun learning games.

ALA Communications 201 is the first class in the Effective Communications Module: an introduction to how the ALA uses E-Communication. It also provides basic how-to information about using social media. Other courses planned for this module include a webinar under development, plus an Effective Listening class. This class is part of the Effective Communications Module and only about 15 minutes.

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Membership

National asks all officers to have their memberships paid by September 1, 2018. I expect the 2nd District to reach this goal! Not only will it accomplish National's expectations, but it will also ensure that we do not have any goose egg units. The 1st membership report of 2018 – 2019 membership year has been published with 2nd District with ZERO membership turned in. I know you have out there, so let's show them what we have!

We finished the 2017 – 2018 year in a disappointing 9th place. We had several Junior and Senior Units who were quota last year! Congratulations!

Membership Benefits - These and many more are found at <http://ala.memberdiscounts.co/>.