

MICHIGAN CONNECTION

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UNWAVERING SUPPORT



FOR UNCOMMON HEROES

Department Theme: Strength and Unity for Our Veterans

Special Announcements

Welcome to the 2017-18 administrative year. First, I would like to welcome our new Guard, Judy Bolton and National Council Member District #23, Marilyn Malick. Congratulations to both of them on their new journey. In addition, we are pleased to announce that Cindy Peto has been reappointed as Department Secretary.

We are excited to announce that our new website is up and running. The only section that is not complete is the reporting. We have to develop logins and passwords and that will take some time. Please be patient while we develop this process. Once the reporting portion is complete, you will be able to back date your reports.

If you have not yet done so, please "like" our Department Facebook page. We will be using our Facebook page on a regular basis to keep our members informed.

It is anticipated that the new M.A.L.T.A website for National will be operational by mid-July. The first time you access, please be sure to have your mailing label from your National magazine as that has the information you will need to gain access.

Department Dues Per Capita Increase

Important Notice: At our Department Convention held June 2 and 3, the delegation approved a \$.50 increase in the Department Per Capita. **Effective July 1, 2017, Department Per Capita will be \$7.00.** National Per Capita remains the same. Total to be remitted will be \$12.00 for 2018 annual dues.

Bylaws and Orders

Special Order #308, dated June 1, 2017 – It is hereby ordered by the National President Colette Bishop that Marjorie Roehl, Life Membership #12217, be permanently removed from the rolls of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States Auxiliary.

Upcoming Events

June 24 – Secretary/Treasurer/Trustee and Recruiter Training Workshop at the Cronks Restaurant, Newaygo. Please call Department Secretary Cindy Peto at 517-487-3715 to register. There is an \$8 fee to cover the expense of the lunch. Registration Form is on the Department website.

July 15 – Secretary/Treasurer/Trustee and Recruiter Training Workshop at Fenton #3243. Registration form is on the Department Website or call the Department Office.

July 29 - Secretary/Treasurer/Trustee and Recruiter Training Workshop at Mt. Pleasant Auxiliary #3033. Registration Form is on the Department Website or call the Department Office.

National Convention will be in New Orleans, Louisiana. July 22-26.

Michigan Day at the National Home is Sunday, August 6. Watch our website for the agenda for the day's events.

National Presidents Office Visit will be August 11-13. Be sure to mark your calendars! Additional information will be coming soon!

Fall Conference is September 20-24 at Boyne Highlands Resort. Refer to our website for the Hotel Registration Information. The tentative Auxiliary Agenda will be available in a few weeks.

Treasurers Tips

Bond fees cannot be paid until after July 1, 2017.

After July 1, remember that 990's are due by November 15. The Department Treasurer does not automatically file for your Auxiliary. It is the responsibility of the Auxiliary to contact the office and let the Treasurer know and she will be happy to do it. If you have any questions or need assistance, please call the Department Office.

Connection Corner

Questions? If you have any questions or comments, please email the Department Office at misec@asiserve.net and we will answer your question and also incorporate it into our next Michigan Connection

By Order of:

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