

Bulletin #1
Historian

Welcome to our first Catch the Wave workshop.

With the National Convention just around the corner, and there will be more exciting information given out there, I can't wait to share upon my return. But just a few things to get you started on for 2021-2022:

To start with, there are a couple of projects that the National Historian has asked for the participation in: "Member Remember" History Project, and the "Veterans History Project". This will require a Senior/Junior TEAM because this is a TWO-person project.

For the "Member Remember", seek out a long-time member, so you can highlight their years in the Auxiliary. Ask them to share their stories of being an Auxiliary member, find out what was the if there are one of the original charter members of that Unit. If they are, ask about their experience in starting up their unit. Ask about their "eligibility" person, find out how many generations of their family have been members of the American Legion Family. Make a Video of the interview and also take plenty of pictures while interviewing.

The second project is the Veterans History Project. I have attached one of the flyers for this project for your convenience. For the complete Kit that is required to complete this project is on their website – <http://www.loc.gov/vets/kit.html> to download and save. All forms are "fillable" so all you will need to do is type in your report, save a copy, and then print it out. It's a great time for a Junior to interview a Veteran and have them share their stories about their service. All of this information will be collected and mailed to Veterans History Project in the Library of Congress, Washington DC.

If your Unit does elect to do either of these projects, please send me copies of what you submit. That way it can be included in our Department History too.

One thing I know for sure, this year is going to be much more fun and open than the past two years. There is one request that I would like to make – get a small notebook and pen, so you can write down all of the exciting events/projects that your Units or District does so when it comes time for either Mid-Year or End of Year Reports you won't have to go far to find your "notes" to report. I know, "reports", they just aren't everyone's favorite things to do. But you all know the importance of them, because with all of your information passed from Unit to District, then District to Department is VERY IMPORTANT!! Because then the Department Historian can combine ALL of the information from ALL levels to complete their reports to National. I'm looking forward to hearing, seeing, and reporting all of your events/projects to National.

The Historian should work closely with all of the chairman's, especially the Public Relations Chairman. For it is the Public Relations Chairman that "gets the word out" on

all of the events/projects. They can make sure that the Historian is included on all postings either on Facebook, Website, Instagram, or Newspapers too. But please be sure that when using Facebook or Instagram to "tag" me so I will be sure to receive what has been posted. That is one way that I can be sure to get pictures of your events/projects.

One thing all Auxiliary Units should be doing is working with the "Legion Family", include your Legion, Sons and Raiders too. That way they will have something to submit on their reports too.

Again, wishing you all a very successful upcoming year. Please stay safe, wear your mask when asked and don't forget to get Vaccinated too.

Please email me the name, address, phone number and email of your Unit & District Historian. Remember to include your District Number and Unit Number.

Thank you,

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