

**Dept. Vice-President
Debbie Harris**

Hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas and a Happy New Year. We are now beginning with a fresh New Year and ready to get back to work on membership and continuing to support our Veterans Ladies, winter is here, please remember any homeless Veterans that may need your assistance.

It is so very important for all of us to continue with our cultural of goodwill and showing kindness to one another. When making phone calls to unit members, if we express a little kindness, we may be able to get more memberships turned in.

We must continue to have respect for each other and keep positive attitudes to build a stronger organization. I know we can do this Ladies.

Just a quote to leave with you, "A warm smile is the universal language of kindness".

Remember I'm only a phone call away if you need anything.

Cavalcade of Memories

The Cavalcade of Memories program is: A plan to share the history of our American Legion Auxiliary. We can preserve, and display honoring members who made a huge impact on our organization especially our units.

Every year holds some wonderful events your unit held. This is history, preserve it and take pictures, cut out the newspaper articles.

You may have pictures from conference, state and national conventions workshops, and etc. I challenge each unit to look in your drawers, old folder, or photo album for those memories. Come On! Let's Do It! You Can Do It! There will be a poster to display memories at Mid-Winter Conference, but you need to bring something to display. I know you're ready for the challenge. Please find those memories.

Resources and information www.ALAforVeterans.org or <http://cavalcade-alafoundations.dreamhosters.com/>

Mail information to: Helen M. Faison or e-mail to faisonhm@aol.com

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Clinton, NC 28328 Telephone # 910-592-6060

Children and Youth

With Christmas being over please do not let up on your Children and Youth projects.

Children will be needing clothing for Spring and Summer, shoes for sports and the ever endless supplies of paper and pencils. Back packs are going home with children every week-end to insure they eat on Saturday and Sunday. These are just a few things we can be doing to take care of our future.

Soon the Special Olympics will be looking for volunteers on the local as well as the National level. I hope you will look into this worthwhile event. If you ever worked with or for this group you know the boundless love you receive from these beautiful children.

Don't forget April is Children and Youth month and purple is our color on April 15th. Wear that purple and let everyone know what it is for.

Thank you for allowing us to be your Children and Youth team, thank you for all the Mid-Year Reports.

Mary Bartlett, Chairman

Committee Members: Sybil Leary and Phyllis Richardson

Historian Chairmen's Corner

I know Units across North Carolina are working hard and accomplishing great things for veterans and our communities; however they are not being reported. Facebook posts show outstanding events that have been accomplished but I can't report them unless they are sent to me.

Please write your histories and be sure to send them to froxford@charter.net or mail to 2601 Western Ct., Lenoir, NC, 28645 in your End of the Year reports.

Frances Oxford, Historian

Aubree Davenport Junior Presidents Message

Hi Everyone. I hope everybody had a great Christmas and a great start to 2017. Just a reminder I am collecting toiletry items such as shampoos, conditioners, soaps, etc. for my Presidents Project which is "Blessing Bags". Also, included in the Blessing Bags can be any small packaged snack. These items that are being collected and brought to the Homeless Stand Downs in Salisbury and Durham. Please continue to collect these items. I would like to also personally invite everyone to the Mid-Winter Conference in February. We will have projects, fun, and games on Saturday, February 18th. Hope to see you there. One last thing is to don't forget about the Junior Camp Meeting on April 21-23. Hope to see you guys either at Mid-Winter Conference or the Junior Camp Meeting.

Chairmen's Corner Leadership Committee, January, 2017

Happy New Year to you! Our committee hopes 2017 has begun positively and that your unit will have a successful Auxiliary year.

We are willing to lead a learning social highlighting any topic of interest to you or your members. Please contact us.

The Leadership Committee asks that by Mid-Winter Conference a member become an 'expert' in a program so she can become a unit mentor for that area.

Please attend a 10:30 am – 12:00 pm 'Hands on Program Activities for Unit Members' and/or a 1:30 – 3:00 PM 'Girls State Orientation Training and How to Complete a Unit Report' session Friday at Mid-Winter Conference.

Betsey Lee Hodges, Chairman

PAST PRESIDENTS PARLEY

It is getting time to start thinking about which member in your Unit has gone above and beyond the expectations this year as far as working for your Unit. Now is the time to recognize them for their hard work. Take the time to read the forms for the Unit Member of the Year and take a look at who you have in your Unit that has gone that extra mile. Also there are service women who are serving this great country of ours that have gone the extra mile that need to be recognized as well. Please read the forms and if you have any questions contact us and we will help you or get you the information.

Nomination Criteria for Service Member of the Year and Unit Member of the Year:

Service Woman of the Year -A woman currently serving in the US Armed Forces (active duty or Reserve). Demonstrate a track record of exemplary service both in and out of uniform.

Member of The Year - Only Senior Members are eligible. Current membership dues must be paid. The member cannot have obtained an elected or appointed leadership role higher than Unit president.

Ann Moore, Chairman

Committee Members: Hilda Pope, JoAnn Stephens

