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### American Legion Auxiliary Department of Oklahoma

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All Department Officers and Department Chairwomen  
All Past Department Presidents  
All District and Unit Presidents, Officers and Chairwomen  
All American Legion Auxiliary Members, Department of Oklahoma

This is the official Call to the 2017-2018 American Legion Auxiliary Department of Oklahoma Mid-Winter Conference.

January 11-13, 2018  
Embassy Suites Norman  
2501 Conference Drive  
Norman, OK 73069  
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**Unit and District Presidents, please share this call with all of your members.**

Registration will be held Thursday January 11<sup>th</sup> from 12:30 pm until 4:00 pm and again on Friday January 12<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 am until 4:00 pm. Registration is \$10.00 per person if pre-registered, otherwise registration is \$15.00 at the door. The Mardi Gras Banquet will be held Friday January 12<sup>th</sup> (social hour starts at 6:00 pm – banquet starts at 7:00 pm). Tickets for the banquet are \$45.00 each. A pre-registration form is enclosed for both the meeting and the banquet. Completed registration forms should be returned to The American Legion at the address listed on the form.

On Friday and again on Saturday morning we will be conducting training sessions for all members. Some of the topics include: Budgeting, Leadership, Membership, Review of Parliamentary Procedures, the Meaning of the Auxiliary Preamble, Website and Social Media, and VA&R Field Service Training, just to name a few. The training sessions are intended to be informative for all members and their Units/Districts. If anyone has a specific topic they would like to see covered at the Conference, please give me a call.

The American Legion will be holding their Department Executive Committee Meeting at 1:00 PM Saturday, January 13, 2018. **All District Presidents should plan to attend the first part of this meeting** as that is when the Legion will be selecting dates for upcoming Spring District Meetings.

I will have available at the Conference my fundraising project which are tote bags @ \$10.00 each, walker bags @ \$25.00 each, and adult bibs @ \$20.00 each. We still have a lot of cookbooks left over from last year and will be selling those at a discount of \$15.00 each. I am also raffling a patriotic quilt – tickets are \$1.00 each/\$6 for \$5.00. The drawing will be held at Department Convention In July 2018.

**DUES RATES** - Enclosed with this call is a **TAKE NOTICE** bulletin stating that **National has voted to increase membership dues for 2019** along with the 2017 Update to the National Constitution, By-Laws & Standing Rules approved at National Convention in August 2017. As explained in the notice, each Unit will have to decide how much to increase their dues to match National's increase.

A form is included for your Unit to complete and return to Department Headquarters listing your Unit Dues and the **REMIT TO** address for those dues. If you have any questions, please call Department. These forms are due back **NOT LATER THAN APRIL 2, 2018**. Any Unit wanting to change either their Unit Dues or their Remit To address after May 1, 2018 will be charged \$30.00 by National.

**REPORTING** – We are almost at mid-year and Department Chairwomen are looking to the members and units to provide information on what they have been doing so far this year. Their reports are due by January 5, 2018. Please take some time to either write or call your Chairwomen and let them know what they can report.

**END OF YEAR IMPACT REPORT FORMS.** Each Unit should complete and return a Unit Impact Form so that the numbers can be included in Oklahoma's totals sent to National. There is a form for Members, Units and Districts. The forms are not difficult to complete and could be filled out at one of your meetings. Impact Forms are due in to Department by May 1, 2018. Please contact Department with any questions.

**SCHOLARSHIP application forms** will be provided at Mid-Winter Conference (also available online at ALAforVeterans.org). Deadlines for submission of scholarships are:

**February 1, 2018 Due to Units – February 15, 2018 Due to Headquarters**  
Children of Warriors National President's Scholarship  
The Non-Traditional Student Scholarship  
Spirit of Youth Scholarship

These scholarship deadlines are firm, so please complete your application early so that it may be considered. For more information, contact Education Chairwoman Carol Bloch at 405.714-1310 or download the Education Program Action Plan from our website at ala-ok.org.

I am looking forward to a very productive Conference as we continue in our efforts to assist our veterans (both retired and active duty), their families and their communities. Remember, I want you to serve our veterans.

Yours for the good of the service.

*Brenda J. Harvey*

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