



Auxiliary Update

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Summer 2007

President's Message...

A new year is underway, and our Auxiliary Unit is hard at work...

It's hard to believe that it was two years ago that I was installed as President and giving my first speech. On that note, I want to thank my Unit for once again electing me as their President and for supporting my ideas and projects this past year, especially the new ones.



I am looking forward to another exciting year. But first, I want to congratulate both Post Commander Bill Holmes, and SAL Commander Tim Stillman. I wish them both the best in the coming year. I know that the three of us will work hard to support our Legion Family, one that I am sure you will be proud of.

I look forward to working this year with my staff, and have a lot of ideas and activities to present to my E-board and membership. I am striving to make our next year even better. I have two main goals this coming year: first to continue to work with my National Security Chairman, Alice Pye, in supporting our troops overseas; my second goal is working with my new VA&R chairman, Marlene O'Neill, and focusing pri-

marily on both our Post veterans and on Veterans Haven. So watch for our next newsletter or check the Auxiliary bulletin board for details.

Since installation, the new year as Unit President has been very busy. We have just finished our busiest and most rewarding time of year for our 281 family. From

the Memorial Day ceremonies — paying tribute to the men and women who fought for this country and made the sacrifices that enable each of us to enjoy the freedoms this country offers today — to the Department Convention in Wildwood. I think you will agree when I say our Legion Family was proudly represented. I would like to thank everyone who supported our family during this time.

Now that all Memorial Day, Department Convention and Flag Day activities have come to a close, and the lazy, hazy days of summer approach, the Auxiliary Unit is preparing for a fun-filled and event-filled year. On May 8, we had our first

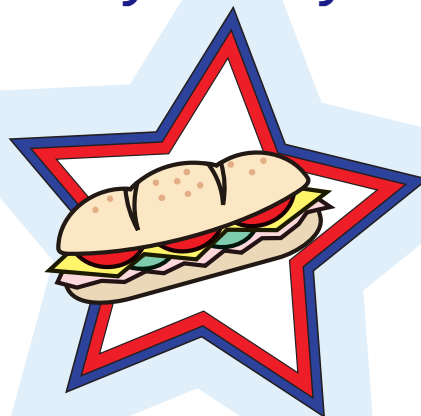
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Meetings & Events for July – September 2007

July 1	1:00 pm	July 4th Cooler Drawing
July 11	7:30 pm	Auxiliary Meeting
Aug. 8	7:30 pm	Auxiliary Meeting
Aug. 15		Hoagie Sale Orders Due
Aug. 18	11:00 am	Hoagie Sale Pickup
Aug. 21	7:30 pm	E-Board Meeting
Aug. 29	7:30 pm	Past Presidents Meeting
Sept. 12	7:30 pm	Auxiliary Meeting
Sept. 15		Fall Newsletter Articles Due

Don't forget to check our website for the latest information:
<http://www.njlegionpost281.org/auxiliary>

Coming soon – our August Hoagie Sale!



Check the Auxiliary Bulletin Board for details — or ask any Unit officer

2007-2008 Unit 281 Officers

I would like to welcome the following
Unit 281 officers for 2007-2008:

Susan Gunderson1st Vice President
Marlene O'Neill2nd Vice President
Carol RoachSecretary
Chris MaylandTreasurer
Shirley KallaChaplain
Mary WisterSergeant-At-Arms
Donna BarrettExecutive Committee
Tina DiRosaExecutive Committee

Congratulations ladies!

I know that, together, we will continue working
hard to make Unit 281 one of the best units in
the County and State.

Leslie O'Neill
Unit President



Don't forget!

**Our new 2008
membership
year begins in
July — be an early bird!**

Post 281 Family photos are available through Kodak

Kodak photo albums for recent Legion
Family events are now online to share
with friends and family members.

Standard 4"x6" prints are available for
15 cents each; additional sizes through
20"x30" can be ordered as well.

Logging on to the Post 281 Kodak Gallery is easy:

- 1) Direct your browser to the Kodak
EasyShare Gallery:
www.kodakgallery.com/Welcome.jsp
- 2) Enter the following email address:
photos@njlegionpost281.org
- 3) Enter the following password:
post281

2007 Jersey Girls State

Unit 281 proudly selected and sponsored twelve delegates from our three
Gloucester Township High Schools, Timber Creek, Triton and Highland,
to attend the 60th session of Jersey Girls State, American Legion
Auxiliary, Department of Jersey. The program was held at Georgian Court
University, Lakewood, New Jersey, June 17–22, 2007.

The following outstanding young women attended from Unit 281:

Highland H.S.

Katie Hunt
Neina Langford
Kelsey Romond
Kristin Kisielius
Nargish Sultana
Lynette Jones

Timber Creek H.S.

Jamie Colon
Jennifer Estrada
Alexandra Carella

Triton H.S.

Brittney Rehrig
Angela Martinelli
Lindsay Griendling

Alternates:

Brittany Magnin (Triton HS)
Christina Irizarry (Highland HS)

During this one-week intensive course in citizenship, the Girls Staters
learn by doing. Beginning at the city level, to county and then to state
levels, they register to vote, file nomination papers, conduct political cam-
paigns, give speeches and prepare campaign posters. The week culminates
in the election of State Constitutional Officers and the Governor of Jersey
Girls State. During the week, speakers on government at various levels
share their expertise with the delegates. Jersey Girls State is staffed each
year by American Legion Auxiliary member volunteers, who serve as
counselors, house mothers and office aides under the direction of
Director and Assistant Director, also Auxiliary member volunteers.

The total cost of the program for meals, dormitories and use of the facili-
ties at Georgian Court University is \$200 per girl. Our dedicated finan-
cial co-sponsors, who share in our enthusiasm for this program, have
made it possible for us to sponsor the Unit 281 delegates. We would like
to express our appreciation for their financial support to:

American Legion Post 281

Glendora VFW 8714

Kiwanis Club of Gloucester Twp./Blackwood

Susan Griffiths

If you or your company are interested in being a financial co-sponsor to
the Girls State Program — or if you have a daughter or granddaughter
interested in the Girls State program — please contact me by phone
(856-939-1531), or email (JerseyGirlsState@njlegionpost281.org).

Susan Griffiths
Girls State Chairman

President's Message

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Executive Board Meeting for the year, during which time we discussed the upcoming year's projects and fundraisers. In addition to working with my National Security Chairman, I look forward to working with my Education Chairman, Chris Mayland, Children & Youth Chairman, Susan Gunderson and Community Service Chairman, Michelle Nadonley, and with all my chairmen. I know they have many ideas and plans for the upcoming year.

As our first fund raiser, we will be raffling off a summer cooler for the 4th of July holiday. Chances will be \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00; contents will include various barbeque items (ie paper plates, cups, condiments, beer, packages of hamburgers/hot dogs). Proceeds will benefit several of the Auxiliary committees. The drawing will be Sunday, July 1, at 1:00 p.m.

So the next time you're in the canteen, check out our bulletin board for future information or watch for our next newsletter. Have a healthy and happy summer.

For God and Country,
Leslie O'Neill, Unit President

Unit 281 receives special awards

On May 10, 2007, our Unit President attended the final Camden County Meeting for the 2006-2007 year. President O'Neill is happy to report that Unit 281 had a very successful and productive year and received several Committee Awards for 2006-2007:

Children & Youth**Susan Gunderson, Chairman**
Education**Chris Mayland, Chairman**
VA&R**Leslie O'Neill, Chairman**
**Marlene O'Neill, Co-Chairman**
**(Veterans Haven, Post 281)**

President O'Neill is also happy and honored to report that Carol Roach received an honorable mention for membership, having 50% of membership turned in by the Department deadline. As of this writing, Unit 281 has 180 paid members and is still growing. Congratulations Carol and THANK YOU for all your hard work.

Congratulations on a job well done to all the officers and committee chairmen for the 2006-2007 year. Best of luck in the upcoming year.

Rest In Peace

May 2006 – May 2007

Death has entered our ranks and we pause to pay tribute to those of our members who have passed to the Great Beyond during this past year.

"We shall keep in hallowed memory the lives of these members whom we have loved and 'lost awhile.' We shall strive to pattern our lives after their zeal for patriotism and their devotion to duty, as we rededicate ourselves to the unfinished work which their hands began."



Linda McAllister
Elizabeth Elenbark
Julia Tenoschok
Helen Lyendecker

Memorial Day

Left: Unit Chaplain, Shirley Kalla, and Unit President, Leslie O'Neill, with the Rev. Margaret Sterchi at St. John's Episcopal Church in Chews Landing



Below: Mary, Joy, Sharon and Donna at the Gloucester Twp. Memorial Day Ceremony



Education Report

Another successful year...

The Education Committee is pleased to announce that we have just finished a very successful year.

Thanks to your support of Auxiliary programs and events, we have been able to award the following scholarships to graduating seniors:



2007 Scholarship Awards

\$500	Christine Martin	Highland High School
\$500	Scott Storms	Timber Creek High School
\$500	Sara Sedin	Triton High School

Past Presidents Parley Scholarship

\$250	Melanie DeBrielle	Highland High School
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Teacher of the Year

During the annual Legion Family Awards Ceremony in April, Unit 281 presented our Teacher of the Year award to Valdón Daniel, II, from C.W, Lewis Middle School.



Gloucester Township School Superintendent, Mr. Thomas Seddon, spoke about Mr Daniel's outstanding work in the classroom and about his mentoring programs. Our children are very fortunate to have him as a teacher in this township.

Congratulations to Valdón Daniel; we are so very proud that you are our Teacher of the Year for 2007.

For God and Country,

Chris Mayland, Education Chairman



Installation Ceremony:

From left, SAL Commander Tim Stillman; Unit President Leslie O'Neill; Post 281 Commander Bill Holmes

Auxiliary Emergency Fund Continues to Expand

Last year the Auxiliary expanded its committees, starting with the Auxiliary Emergency Fund. As mentioned in previous issues of the Auxiliary newsletter, the Auxiliary Emergency Fund is for our fellow Legion Families and/or community members who (God-forbid) may need our help.

In the coming year, I plan to expand this fund a little further by continuing the monthly coin tosses, calendars and, also, by adding a bus trip. These are just a few of the many ideas I am planning in order to raise money for such a good cause.

If you would like to make a donation to this fund, I ask that you bring it to our next meeting — or you can mail your donations to:

ALA Unit 281

Attn: JoAnn Monteleone, AEF Chairman

P.O. Box 12

Glendora, NJ 08029

I would like this to be something we continue to work on together and, hopefully, none of us will need.

Look for future newsletters to find out our progress and what new "fun" raisers we have planned.

THANK YOU to all who have made a donation and those of you who may soon make a donation. Every little bit helps.

For God and Country,

JoAnn Monteleone,

Auxiliary Emergency Fund Chairman

During June's annual Department Convention in Wildwood, four generations of Joanne Boyd's family were on hand to watch the parade:

Front row: Matheu and Carly Moan

Middle row: Danielle Hoban and Joanne Boyd

Back row: Mary Jane Shields and RJ Hoban

