



American Legion Auxiliary
Edward G. Bond Unit 40, Inc.

January 2006 Newsletter

I hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas holiday and I wish everyone a happy and healthy New Year. We are starting a brand new calendar year, but please remember that we are only half way through with our auxiliary year. So please continue to work the programs of the American Legion Auxiliary.

In December we voted to donate \$200.00 to the Food Pantry for Christmas, purchase Christmas gifts for the Open Door Ministries Children's' Home children to have a gift to open Christmas morning (3 children), donate \$50.00 to the Edenton Steamers Foundation that helps area children with baseball camps, host a Girls State Orientation in the spring, sponsor the Americanism Essay Contests and the Poppy Coloring Contests in the schools with the same awards as last year, make up 40 fruit bags for the children of the troops at the Christmas Party for the families of the deployed National Guardsmen, and purchase one Pocket Flag Project Kit (300 pocket flags to be made for the front line troops).

Our next regular meeting will be Tuesday, January 3, 2006. The Executive Committee will meet at 6:00pm. Dinner at 7:15pm (Cost is \$5.00). The regular meeting will be at 8:00pm in the back building. We need you there! We need your input and ideas. We still have a lot of committees that we need help with. We need your help to keep this unit active.

We have again had a lot of sickness & death within our Legion Family. Let us keep each of them in our thoughts and prayers.

Membership! Membership! Membership! Membership! Membership! Membership!

It is now past the time to pay dues for the 2005-2006 year. Please remember that dues are now \$15.00 for seniors & \$5.25 for juniors. So please pay your dues as soon as you can.

You do count and we need you! If you wish to pay your dues make checks payable to ALA Unit 40 & please send it to Minnie Hughes, 101 Emperor Landing Rd, Edenton, NC 27932, American Legion Auxiliary Unit 40, Inc., P O Box 162, Edenton, NC 27932, or one of our go-getters. As of December 29th we have 271 paid members out of 315. We need 44 more to reach 100% in membership. So let's "all" try to work on membership.

It's a "team" effort! Please remember that 2005-2006 dues are now past due. If you haven't paid your dues by January 31, 2006, you will lose all auxiliary membership privileges and benefits. So please pay them as soon as possible.

I would like to give a big "Thank You" to all auxiliary members who helped in any way with the Christmas Float, the Christmas Party for the families of the National Guardsmen deployed, the Christmas Parties for the mentally/physically challenged children and adults, the Legion Christmas Party, visiting our Adopted Veterans in the nursing homes, and Christmas cards (total was 321) for the troops. I would also like to thank our "Santa" for all the parties, Sid Stickles and our "Santa" for our Adopted Veterans, Commander

Green for all of their hard work and compassion. Everyone had a great time with all of these projects and all recipients were very grateful and thankful that we cared enough to be there for them.

Our American Legion Post 40 Family websites are now almost complete. You can check them out at www.nclegion.org/post40.htm , www.nclegion.org/post40aux.htm , and www.nclegion.org/post40sal.htm . Let me know what you think and if there is anything you think should be added, changed, or deleted.

We have ordered the Pocket Flag Project Kit (300 flags), but the flags are out of stock until around the middle of January. Once we receive them, we will need help working on them. So please keep it in mind. We want to get them out to the front line troops as soon as possible.

If you are interested in receiving applications for auxiliary (national, department, local) scholarships, please contact me at 482-2386 as soon as possible. Deadlines are approaching fast. There are several scholarships available on the national and department level as well as our own Annie Lee Chestnutt Scholarship.

Our NC Department Mid Winter Conference will be February 24-26, 2006 at the North Raleigh Hilton. Be sure to make your room reservations early in order to get the American Legion discount. Be sure to tell them you are with the American Legion. Also, please let me know if you plan to attend.

We are also planning to go to an area church for a Legion Family group worship in the near future. At the last meeting everyone wrote down a church they would like to attend and the chaplain will draw one out at the next meeting.