



January News – By Pam Bates, Unit Public Relations Chairman



DID YOU KNOW?

January is Legislative and National Security Month!

LEGISLATIVE

- **HAVE YOU MADE CONTACT WITH YOUR REPS AND SENATORS ON ANY ISSUES? If so, send copies to the Auxiliary. We need them for our Legislative Report for the end of the year.**
- The mission of the Legislative Committee is to advocate open communication with local, state and nationally elected officials, to ensure our members are aware of and informed on issues central to the support and well-being of our Veterans and their families and to promote grass-roots levels of advocacy and action.

American legion And American legion Auxiliary members are interested in legislative measures, which come before the United State Congress and the state legislatives. Through lobbying efforts The American Legion and American Legion Auxiliary are able to influence legislation of benefit to veterans, the community and our nation.

CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE (Links) THAT WILL TAKE YOU DIRECTLY TO THE US REPRESENTATIVE AND SENATOR WEB PAGES. www.Unit526.com

NATIONAL SECURITY

HAVE YOU MADE PREPARATIONS FOR A WINTER EMERGENCY OR CRIME PREVENTION IN YOUR HOME? If you have, tell us what you've done. We need it for our end of year report.

- The Auxiliary believes in maintaining a strong national defense and endeavors to educate its members on all vital national security issues. In cooperation with The American Legion, Auxiliary members are briefed on a wide range of topics at local and national meetings and through publications and bulletins.
- Topics include national and civil defense; crime prevention; emergency and disaster preparedness; and environmental protection. The member's clear understanding of the issues helps to lay the groundwork for community-wide mobilization and support of various national security activities.
- National activities include the annual Awareness Assembly, a legislative forum in Washington, D.C.; POW/MIA Awareness; crime prevention; and local and worldwide support of USO activities, the military and the ROTC/JROTC programs.

CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE UNDER PROGRAMS. IT WILL GIVE YOU SOME IDEAS. www.Unit526.com

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY A SUCCESS

During this past year, The American Legion Family of Fairborn, which includes the Legion, Auxiliary and the Sons of the Legion, spent their time and money on the 20+ programs we support.

These programs serve our veterans, their families and this community.

On 20 December, we served our own...our children, grand-children and even great-grand children. Mr. & Mrs. Santa Claus arrived at 2pm. Individual pictures were taken with Mr. and Mrs. Claus. Each child received a large stuffed bear from Shirley Kaiser, President, and John Andres, Commander, as a special gift from the Legion Family. Food, preparation and serving were provided by the Legion Family. Mark Brown, D.J., provided seasonal music. A special thank you goes out to McDonalds for donating the drinks and all the volunteers.

If you would like to learn more about our programs, please visit our website: www.Unit526.com. We would love to hear from you and we can always use volunteers. Have a safe and happy holiday.



KNOWLEDGE IN A NUTSHELL

Congress established the American Legion Auxiliary as an Auxiliary of the Legion. The ALA was established as a separate legal entity with its own tax identification number. Since the American Legion Auxiliary is a legal entity separate from the American Legion, the Auxiliary's membership is not a factor in membership percentage calculations for the American Legion.

100% of American Legion Auxiliary members must be descendants or spouses of veterans. The American Legion Auxiliary is recognized by Congress and the Internal Revenue Service as a separate 501c (19). Contributions made to the American Legion Auxiliary that are above and beyond one's membership dues are **tax deductible** according to prevailing IRS regulations.

Feb. 20, 2010 – 50's Sock Hop. 7:00 PM to 11:00 PM. Join us for a rockin' good time. We have a live band: "Corky's Old Time

Rock & Roll Band". Tickets for the dance will be \$10.00 in advance and \$12.00 at the door. Kitchen will be open with a 50's menu. Many surprises and activities are planned during the evening. *Come in 50's dress, if possible!* Tickets may be purchased at Shwartz Jewelry, Eric's Barbershop, Chamber of Commerce, Flatter Insurance, Skyway Cleaners and during Tacos on Fridays at the Post.

Profit from the ticket sales will be going on the principal of the Post Mortgage.

IMPORTANT PUBLIC RELATIONS INFORMATION
THE AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY IS PROUD TO ANNOUNCE OUR VERY OWN WEBSITE:

www.Unit526.com

VETERANS AFFAIRS & REHABILITATION PROGRAM

Monthly visits are made to the VA. We are still in need of shaving cream and deoderant for men and women. If you can purchase 1 or 2 on sale or would like to give the money instead please contact Joann @ 864-5228. Your help is really appreciated by the patients at the VA. If we don't help, they do without.

Newspaper Articles

- Please give me (Pam Bates) the newspapers with our articles

JANUARY

- 15 Jan – deadline for Feb/Mar website info
- 15-16 Jan - Mid-Winter Conference in Columbus 7pm
- 15 Jan – Bake Sale for Dayton Children's Hospital & Fisher House @ WPAFB
- 16 Jan – General Membership Meeting 6:30 – first reading of Constitution & Bylaws changes
- 22 Jan - ALA Meatloaf Dinner 5:30-7:30
- 30 Jan - ALA 3rd District Roundtable – Greenville

FEBRUARY

- 5 Feb - - Bake Sale for Canines in Combat
- 15 Feb – General Membership 6:30 – voting on changes in C&B read in Jan.
- 19 Feb - Bake Sale for Dayton Children's Hospital & Fisher House @ WPAFB
- 20 Feb – Old Fashion Sock Hop (details above)
- 26 Feb – Auxiliary Dinner TBD

