



Auxiliary Communique



Chaplain's Corner Janette Tribolet, Department Chaplain

President Harry Truman was famous for taking long walks. Those were simpler days when a president could take a walk like anyone else. One evening while walking on the Memorial Bridge on the Potomac, Truman grew curious about the mechanism that raised the middle span of the bridge. Making his way across the catwalks and through the bridge's inner workings, he suddenly came upon the bridge tender, eating his supper out of a tin bucket.

The man showed no surprise when he looked up and saw the most powerful man in the world. He just

swallowed his food, wiped his mouth, smiled and said, "You know, Mr. President, I was just thinking of you." It was a greeting Truman never forgot.

If the Lord showed up at our workplace today, could we say, "You know, Lord, I was just thinking about You?" Where are our minds today? Every temptation comes through our thoughts (James 1:13-15). Satan wants to clutter our minds with trash. Keep your mind focused on the Lord. "Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus." – Philippians 2:5

Public Relations Martha Travis, Department Chairman

ATTENTION ALL PUBLIC RELATIONS CHAIRMAN

I haven't had any information on what your Units are doing. I need some publicity on what you are doing in you Units. I plan to make a Public Relations book for President Norma and would like some newspaper clipping etc. for her book. I hope you are all getting the E-Newsletter from National. It is very informative. How do you like the new look to the American Legion Auxiliary's magazine? It has a new look and a new name **Home Front**. We have many things to promote this time of year. Membership, Poppy Days, Girls State and just around the corner our

year end reports. Please write narratives (stories) about their programs and submit them for the President's Award for Excellence.

Units, Counties, and Districts please remember you need to file a 990-N and it must be done online. The IRS is asking all non-profit organizations to file. If you have questions contact the Department office in the mornings and ask for Traci (515-282-7987).

Remember that your end of the year reports are due to Department office by **April 30, 2008**.

Questions? Contact me - Martha Travis Public Relations Chairman, Box 900 Shellsburg, Iowa 52332 or e-mail me: marthat@fmtcs.com.

Membership Standings

	Previous Year	€
District 0	92	
District 1	3,395	
District 2	3,831	
District 3	5,102	
District 4	4,519	
District 5	2,905	
District 6	3,467	
District 7	3,172	
District 8	3,934	
District 9	4,355	
Grand Totals:	34,772	3

Iowa American Legion Press Association Annual Best Newsletter Contest ~ Jan Berridge

The Iowa American Legion Press Association will again hold their annual best newsletter contest. All editors of Post, County and District newsletters are eligible to enter. Editing and publishing a newsletter is a big job and this is a way of showing appreciation for their work. It is also a way of learning how to improve a newsletter. IALPA will meet at 7a.m. on Sunday, July 13, at the Department Convention in Waterloo. All Legion, Auxiliary, SAL and Legion Riders members are welcome to attend and have coffee, juice and rolls. There will be the election of officers and discussion of how to improve a newsletter.

The Iowa American Legion Press Association is again holding their annual best newsletter contest. All editors of Post, County and District newsletters are eligible to enter. There is no cost for the entry. Please follow the entry requirements that follow.

If you send out your newsletter both by e-mail and postal mail please consider sending both ways. The e-mail version needs to be sent on a CD so we are able to view it as you send it.

Competition Categories:

1. Single sheet
- Multiple sheet
- E-mail.

Competition Year:

Newsletters must have been issued/published between May 1, 2007 and April 30, 2008.

Basics of Judging:

Newsletters will be judged on Content (Legion, ALA, SAL, Legion Riders local, County, District, State and National news, as appropriate), Clear, concise and balanced writing; Make-up, design and appearance.

Entry instructions:

1. Contest is open to any member of The American Legion, American Legion Auxiliary, Sons of The American Legion or Legion Riders in Iowa at all levels, Post, County, District or Department.

2. Entrant need not be a current member of the Iowa American Legion Press Association.

3. Submit three (3) newsletters, one each of three separate issues, published between May 1, 2007 and April 30, 2008.

4. The newsletter may be a publication of the Legion, ALA, SAL, or Legion Riders or a joint publication of two or more of the three organizations, at the Post/Unit, County, or District level.

5. For all entries, an identifying cover sheet must be submitted, to include the following information, typed or printed neatly:

- a. Name, Number, City of organization (Post/Unit, County or District) as applicable
- b. Name of publication
- c. Category of entry
- d. Frequency of publication
- e. Average circulation number
- f. Name, mailing address, phone number of editor
- g. Name, mailing address, phone number of entrant, if other than editor.

No entry fee is required.

For Category 3 the other rules apply and the issues should be sent on CD to the contest chairperson the same as the others.

Competition mailing deadline:

1. Entry must be received by May 9, 2008. (If you know that your entries won't be able to make it by the due date, please contact Janice Berridge, at 319-377-7187.)

2. Mail entry to: Janice Berridge, Contest Chairwoman, 2139 Randolph Rd., Marion, Iowa. 52302

3. First and second place winners will be chosen in each category.

4. Awards will be a walnut plaque, inscribed with the name of the publication and entrant.

5. Awards are provided by The American Legion, Department of Iowa.

6. Awards will be announced at the annual IALPA meeting at Department Convention in July and presented to the recipients during the business session of The American Legion and the American Legion Auxiliary.