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Serving veterans, their families and their communities

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GREETINGS FROM THE DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT



TOUCAN MAKE A  
DIFFERENCE

I just want to say what a wonderful time I had at Mid-Winter Conference. Thanks to all of you who had a part in making this such a great success! Mary Jo Abraham, your beautiful singing voice graced us as you lead us in our

conference songs! Many thanks for your talent and for using it to serve this great ALA organization.

There were some very nice silent auction items which were donated by you, our membership ladies, and several went home with some very nice prizes from the auction.

Merita Guinn, Special Project Chairman, pulled off another fantastic presentation. This year's theme was "Jimmy Buffets' Margaritaville" for my project "The USO." Thanks to all that participated with their talents. The event was lots of fun and raised quite a bit of money for the USO. Tom and Madeline

Vuncannon did a great job in keeping the music in order for the production. In case you didn't know, the song that Tom sang was one that he personally wrote and recorded in Nashville.

Our hat parade was a lot of fun, and I'd like to thank all who participated by making such lovely and creative hats. Also, I would like to thank the men for inviting us to parade our hats in their meeting, and for generously donating \$152.00 in voting for the hats of your choice. Nancy Sanders' Banana Boat Hat took first place both at the ladies and at the men's parade of hats.

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CALENDAR OF  
EVENTS

2012 SPRING NORTHERN  
AREA CONFERENCE  
APRIL 15

CALHOUN CITY POST 50

2012 SPRING SOUTHERN  
AREA CONFERENCE  
APRIL 28

PASCAGOULA POST 160

CENTRAL AREA TO BE  
ANNOUNCED



1ST VICE PRESIDENT-PROGRAMS COORDINATOR



Thank you goes I want to thank all of you who attended the Mid-Winter Conference. I also want to thank all the committee chairmen for their reports and the units who sent in reports. Please continue to keep up with what you do and report all that you have done in the year end reports. Please send them to the chairman by the date due so they can prepare their reports. This

year is quickly coming to a close and we want the chairmen to be able to send very good reports to national. We know we do a lot during the year, so let's show the rest of the departments that Mississippi has been working for the veterans this year.

The area conferences will be coming up soon. Please make sure that each unit sends a representative to their respective conference. District Presidents, please contact your units and remind them of the date of their

conference. It is important that we have representatives from the units, because that is when the district officers are elected.

They are the reason for us doing what we do. When you come in contact with a veteran or active service man or woman, please thank them for their service. If not for them just imagine what this country would be like and the freedoms we would not have.

For God and Country,  
*Sarah Edwards*

2011-2012  
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## 2ND VICE PRESIDENT-VA&R CHAIRMAN



I'm happy to report that January has been a busy and informative month for our Auxiliary.

For those that were unable to attend Mid Winter Conference, you were missed. The reports proved just how busy you have been in serving our veterans and communities---thank you and keep up the good work! The Margaritaville Show was a treat and the proceeds will go to President Mary's Special Project, the USO.

Mississippi will participate in the Gulf State Challenge Ride 2 Recovery that will begin in New Orleans, on March 4<sup>th</sup> and end in Tallahassee, FL, on March 10<sup>th</sup>. The goal of this Ride is to raise money for our wounded warriors. The participants have physical and/or mental disorders they received defending our country and it is up to us, to do everything possible to support them.

June Laws is our chairman for this and she is asking that all of the Legion family have a fundraiser(s) for the R2R, and

send this and any other donations to the Department Secretary. There will be a dinner for the riders on Sunday, March 4, at The Courtyard Hotel, in Gulfport, where a check for the money we collect, will be presented. Let's show everyone that Mississippi has a big heart, that we honor our veterans and their sacrifices, and make this a BIG check...we'll take all donations, small and large. The committee is looking into possibly purchasing t-shirts to sell; details will follow when things are finalized. For more information on R2R, contact June at 662-931-2094 or [june-buglaws@yahoo.com](mailto:june-buglaws@yahoo.com).

Also, this month, members attended a Mission Training program in Mobile, AL. National officers and committee chairmen hosted the program and for many attending, answered questions they had, but were afraid to ask. There is no doubt that there were ladies there that knew a lot more than I, but I did learn a lot and am looking forward to the next time.

The second notices have been mailed to those members that have not paid their

dues. This would be a good time to follow-up with a phone call, while it is still fresh in their minds. Personal contact shows that they are important and that they are needed.

Did you know:

February 12 is Abraham Lincoln's birthday.

February 20 is President's Day.

February 22 is George Washington's birthday.

February 23 the American flag was raised on Mt. Suribachi after the Battle of Iwo Jima in 1945.

Remember all our service men and women serving our country and those that have given their all for each of us. A short prayer: Lord, hold our troops in your loving hands. Protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform for us in our time of need. Amen.

For God and Country,

*Rose Blanchard, 2nd Vice*

## FOR THE RECORD - DEPT. HISTORIAN



*To many of the modern generations, history, like God, is dead. ~Derek Heather*

**History: Pass it on...**

*In 1937, the Legion and the Auxiliary held their annual conventions in New York City, the largest and most spectacular convention in the history of the organization. Two and one-half million spectators lined the streets of New York City when the 150,000 Legionnaires marched up Fifth Avenue. The gigantic parade lasted 18 hours.*

President Mary held a successful conference in Vicksburg. If you missed it, you missed an opportunity to fellowship with fellow Auxiliary members, learn about the activities of other Units and a very good time.

I hope all Unit historians are actively working on and promoting the Veterans History Project. It is important that we collect this information and preserve it for the future.

All members need to be encouraging our Past Department Presidents and officers to write down memories of service, associations and events pertaining to their experiences within our Department. These writings can be typed or handwritten and given to our Department secretary for all to reflect on for years to come.

I had only 14 reports on which to base my report at Mid-Winter Conference. I know many more of you made a lot of history but didn't write it down and didn't let us know about it. You need to be recognized for your efforts.

Your year-end narratives need to be sent

to me or to Nancy no later than **June 1**. I hope you are working on these. I look forward to reading about your events.

Don't forget about your Senior and Junior History Contests. Both Junior and Senior History Awards will be given for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place for the best Unit History. Follow the format detailed on the Score Sheet for Senior Unit History. Certificates of Appreciation will be presented to each Unit submitting a Unit History. You may send only the pages within your binder to me via mail. However, before final judging is complete, you will need to bring your binder to State Convention and insert your history into the binder to be considered for an award. I will have the histories available for pickup at the beginning of State Convention.

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## NEWS FROM PROGRAM CHAIRMEN AND MORE...

### MEMBERSHIP



After much begging at Mid-Winter Conference and a little cajoling afterwards, I'm proud to say the Department met the 80% goal on schedule.

**Thank you to each and every unit that gave us membership** to reach this milestone. Unit 112 in Jackson gave us almost 100 members alone—that helped greatly, and I'm most appreciative of Lorene and Unit 112.

National has issued the 2nd dues renewal notice. Hopefully, this may bring in some of our hard-to-reach members.

Please DO NOT hold any membership...send them to the Department. You never know if your renewals and/or new members could help us reach that next level of success.

What are we doing next—85%! And we need about 200. Let's get this done this month, okay?

Thank you again for all you do for our membership program. If I can be of service, please let me know.

*Angela Kilcrease, Chairman*

### GIRLS STATE



Today, January 24, 2012, we received our first Girls State application. Can you believe it! We have received many emails and telephone calls regarding applications from our website. That's great! It's working better than we imagined.

Last year's delegates and Junior Counselors have done a wonderful job in their schools promoting Girls State this year and it's catching fire!

We were privileged to have Meredith Moody, who attended Girls Nation last year as a Senator, speak to the Midwinter Conference. She is such a breath of fresh air!

Girls State will be at the University of Southern Mississippi again this year from June 2 – 8, 2012. As you talk with your school counselors, please make sure to tell them that each delegate who attends Girls State will automatically receive one (1) college hour credit without attending a session initiated by USM. We also have two additional scholarships added by Hovious-Grayson Unit 112 this year. There will be some new faces on the staff which will do nothing but add to our al-

ready outstanding group. If you did not attend the Midwinter Conference, you missed out on picking up the 2012 Girls State brochures. This year the applications are on a full sheet of paper rather than the cards. We will be glad to send you both brochures and applications; however, if you are computer literate, PLEASE download them from our website, [www.missala.com](http://www.missala.com). Just click on the Girls State page and download what you need. The Samsung Scholarship application is now available.

If you have any questions regarding Girls State, please contact me here at Dept. Headquarters at (601) 353-3681 or email me at [alamshq@aol.com](mailto:alamshq@aol.com).

Also, please consider purchasing an ad in our program this year. Lou Wilkerson has graciously agreed to again handle the ad program. As in years past, a full page is \$100; a half page is \$50 and a quarter page is \$25.00.

Thank you so much for your support and consideration.

*Nancy Sanders  
Girls State Director*

## CHAPLAIN'S CORNER - DEPT. CHAPLAIN



Hello! I'm Merita Guinn, and I will be serving as your Chaplain for the remainder of the year. I would very much appreciate your support, and I will work very hard to carry out the responsibilities of Chaplain. The Department has reported several deceased members, two National, but there are many of you who are not reporting the deceased members to Nancy. Please try to keep the Department updated with your deceased members. We would like to mention them all at the Memorial Service at State Convention. Also please remember that we need prayers for the President's Prayer Book. I know that Madam President Mary would love a prayer book full of wonderful prayers to look back on. Also, please submit your Unit's prayer book at State Convention for competition.

Wow what a great Mid-Winter! Congratulations Commander James Edwards and Madam President Mary Reid. Great job!

I will be sending out prayer requests on a daily basis if needed on Facebook or by email. If you know of anyone needing prayers, you may contact me directly through my email at [mjlady502006@yahoo.com](mailto:mjlady502006@yahoo.com), or call me at home (228)-832-4307, or my cell (228)-223-9961. You may also send your prayer requests through Nancy at the Department office, and she will forward all of your messages to me.

Thank you so much for your vote of confidence. I am sending prayers and God's blessing to all.

*Merita Guinn, Department Chaplain*

# NEWS FROM PROGRAM CHAIRMEN AND MORE...

## JUNIOR ACTIVITIES



Hello Juniors and Junior Leaders,

I hope everyone had a good time at the Mid-Winter Conference in Vicksburg. The Junior meeting was a great success, and we are looking for a large turnout in Tupelo for the State Convention in July. We will be having a pool party meeting, with food from Subway, and stained-glass crafts. The Juniors will be electing Honorary State Officers. So if you are willing to serve as an Honorary State Officer for the Juniors for the coming year, 2012-2013, come to the State Junior Convention in July held in Tupelo for a terrific weekend.

February is the time that we have the National Salute to Veteran Patients. The dates are February 12-18. Last year, more than 328,000 valentines were received at VA medical centers across the country, and 21,330 people visited nearly 70,000 veteran patients.

What better way to say "Thank you" to the

Veterans who have served our country than to send letters and valentines to the VA medical centers and VA nursing homes. This is an extremely easy project to do, sending valentines to Veterans. Juniors love valentines, and they are an inexpensive project to work on. Many of our Auxiliaries in Mississippi are near enough to a VA facility or nursing home that their Juniors can hand-deliver the valentines themselves. And what an impact the Junior girls will make upon the Veterans!

A party can be build around the delivery of the Valentines. Cupcakes, pizza, music, games, bingo, picture taking, etc, will make a lasting memory for everyone.

The Valentines for Vets program is a program the public knows about as well, through an article published in the newspaper as "Dear Annie." I believe it is through the American Legion Auxiliary that we should be leaders in this endeavor. Juniors, let's get our Valentines out and send bunches to our Veterans!

For God and Country,

*Velma Harrington, Chairman*

## CHILDREN AND YOUTH



We have just returned from another Mid-Winter Conference held in Vicksburg. It was a very informative week-end. We heard some very good reports from the chairmen of our different programs.

Some of the activities for C & Y you could discuss at your meetings are Halloween Safety, Health and Child Safety, Family Support Network, and remember, April is Children & Youth Month. All of this information can be found in your Plans of Action. Please keep a record of what you do and make your report to turn in at State Convention. Please let me know if I can be of any help to you.

For God and Country,

*Rosemary Merriman  
Chairman*

**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE CONTINUED FROM COVER:**

A special thanks to Joan Coleman and to Susan Seikman for stepping up to the plate and selling raffle tickets in the absence of Tracie Burnett, Presidents' Support Fund Chairman. Tracie has just lost both her mother-in-law and her father-in-law. The couple died within a week of each other, so the family of Larry Burnett, Tracie's' husband, has been through some trying times. Please keep them in your thoughts and in your prayers.

Patricia Trest, our Department Chaplain, turned in her resignation due to ongoing health problems. Please remember her in your prayers. I have appointed Merita Guinn to serve for the remainder of this year. Thank you, Merita, I trust that you will serve us well.

So many were in poor health and couldn't attend the conference. I pray that you will all be feeling better by now, and I just want you to know that you were greatly missed by all.

I just returned from a great training session in Mobile, Alabama. Fourteen ladies from Mississippi attended this very informative session, which touched on all of our programs. (Eight of the fourteen, in attendance were from the D'Iberville unit.) National President, Kris Nelson was there and sat at our table on Sunday.

This year is passing so fast and there is still so much to be accomplished. Please help to get your membership dues in and to help with units in your nearby towns that are struggling to survive. Sometimes just a visit from a neighbor can be all the encouragement that they need to get them motivated. Please remember to turn in pictures and articles for my scrapbook this year and keep your Department Chaplain and Historian informed of events in your area.

Best wishes as you work your programs for our veterans and service men and women. Keep our nation in your prayers as we approach elections and remember your Department Commander and me in your prayers as we travel to Washington D.C. for this year's Washington Conference.

For God and Country,

*Mary Smith-Ried*

# NEWS FROM PROGRAM CHAIRMEN AND MORE...

## COMMUNITY SERVICE



### **Random Acts of Kindness Week**

Our nation's servicemembers work every day to protect our country and the ideals of freedom, justice and liberty for all.

February 13-19 is Random Acts of Kindness Week, an unofficial holiday celebrated around the world in order to encourage acts of kindness. We are asking you to do at least one thing to help, cheer up or thank current or past service-members.

Perhaps you can send an anonymous gift to a veteran you know or pick up the tab for a soldier at a restaurant. Every act of gratitude counts. Whether you are in a position to give a veteran a job or you simply say "Thank You" to a veteran or military serviceman or woman, every action is priceless.

Doing yard work can be a very tiring task, especially for someone who is elderly or has a physical disability. It can also be time-consuming, which might make it hard for someone to maintain their yard, especially if they work several jobs or have small children. Why not help a veteran or military family with a chore like raking leaves, mowing the lawn, or some other task?

Raise a soldier's spirits and make a friend by adopting a soldier as a pen pal. Showing your encouragement and gratitude for the

hard work they do will be greatly appreciated.

Join thousands of volunteer well-wishers to welcome home America's military heroes, where ear-to-ear smiles and tears of happiness are plentiful. What a wonderful experience!

There are many military families today, some who are very young, who are being relocated or face being left alone with their children in a brand new city that is not familiar to them while their spouse is deployed. These families will need help in becoming familiar with their new surroundings and support in raising a family alone. We can provide them with our time, help and assistance in being a point of contact for them whenever they need our help and need someone to talk to.

They say that beggars can't be choosers. They're wrong! The next time you can't decide between your two favorite sandwiches, enlist the help of the homeless man outside on the street. Buy them both, and ask him which one he would like to have. He could be a veteran!

There are many veterans in nursing homes. Most people would be surprised to learn how many residents have no family or relatives come visit them. Often, the only interactions some residents have are with the staff. A hug or a smile from a visitor can make a big difference! Such kindness even inspires some residents to want to continue living just because they know somebody cares.

Have you taken time to extend kindness to a stranger or a neighbor, received a helping hand, or witnessed the touch of kindness in the world? You may not be able to physically help people, but try to take 20 seconds every day to smile at a few people . . . truly smile. You will be surprised at what a smile and 20 seconds out of your day can do.

Saying hello to someone is a common courtesy, even if you don't know them. It means that you are acknowledging their presence. You are saying that they are a person, too, and that they are important enough for you to say hello to.

Compliments make the world go round. If you see something you like that someone else has or does, let them know. It might just make their day!

Last, but not least, be kind to your friends and family. It is common for people to take the ones closest to them for granted. We do many acts of kindness for strangers, but sometimes we forget when it comes to our loved ones. Every now and then, pick a couple of friends or relatives and send them kind messages . . . a text message, an email, or a short letter in the mail. Try to send your message at a completely random time (not near holidays or birthdays). Write about something they did to help you grow as a person, why you like being around them, or that you're grateful to have them in your life. Even though friends and family know you love them, getting little reminders can make them feel like the best thing ever!

*Diane Cantrell, Chairman*

## **CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OF MISSISSIPPI'S**

### **100 PERCENT (PLUS!) UNITS!**

Baldwyn 130 (119%)	Fulton 51 (143%)	New Albany 72 (114%)	Tishomingo 144 (108%)
Hickory Flat 128 (100%)	Horn Lake 134 (138%)	Greenwood 29 (100%)	Indianola 2 (100%)
Ackerman 82 (129%)	Grenada 35 (103%)	Kosciusko 44 (104%)	Carthage 219 (100%)
Newton 236 (118%)	Philadelphia 138 (107%)	Vicksburg 3 (230%)	Brandon 68 (327%)
Liberty 76 (112%)	McComb 14 (100%)	Natchez 4 (100%)	Tylertown 56 (100%)
D'Iberville 2002 (156%)	Hattiesburg 225 (140%)	Moss Point 243 (114%)	Ocean Springs 42 (111%)

*As of 1/24/2012 report*

***WHO'S NEXT ON THE LIST? WE HOPE IT'S YOUR UNIT!***

## NEWS FROM PROGRAM CHAIRMEN AND MORE...

### PUBLIC RELATIONS



As always, the Mid-Winter Conference is a great way to jump start and plan for the new year. Thanks to everyone who contributed and participated in its success. Thank you for the end of the year reports, 20 received, and articles for the Department PR book from your neighborhoods across the state, only two received. Hopefully everyone brought home something to add to the 2012 game plans in you Unit.

For many, the favorite part of the daily newspaper is the Annie's Mailbox column. The following letter sparked attention and provides some food for thought. It is entitled "National Salute to Veteran Patients."

Dear Annie: Among my joys as President Barack Obama's Secretary of Veterans Affairs is the chance to see the expressions of gratitude from Americans of all walks of life for the service and sacrifices made by our military Veterans. This happens every day — from small gestures of thanks to hours of volunteer service at our many Veterans facilities.

As Americans, we owe a debt of gratitude to the men and women who have worn the uniform on our behalf. Veterans always appreciate heartfelt recognition of their service.

Each February, many of your readers join us in the National Salute to Veteran Patients. This program encourages Americans to visit and volunteer at the Department of Veterans Affairs medical centers and to send letters of thanks or valentines to those who have protected our nation. This year's national salute is Feb. 12-18. Last year, more than 328,000 valentines were received at VA medical centers, and 21,330 people visited nearly 70,000 Veteran patients. That was an overwhelming increase from 2009, and I thank you and your readers for your work in bringing attention to this worthy cause.

The purpose of the national salute is threefold: to pay tribute and express appreciation to Veterans, to increase community awareness of the role of VA medical centers, and to encourage citizens to visit hospitalized Veterans and become involved as volunteers. Since 1978, the salute has presented Americans another opportunity to say "thank you" to our Veterans and to those who give them care. I encourage your thoughtful readers to take some time this February to honor our Veterans. And once again, Annie, thank you for your support of this outstanding program.

For more information regarding the National Salute to Veteran Patients and volunteer opportunities at a local VA medical center, please visit the VA Voluntary Service Web page at [www.volunteer.va.gov](http://www.volunteer.va.gov).

— Sincerely, Eric K. Shinseki

This letter has presented some valuable points in our need to express our recognition and thanks to Veterans. Think about responding with these or your own ideas. Whether living in a VA Home, nursing or retirement home or hospital and home confined, let's join together in showing our love and thanks for the men and women who gave so much for our country. This is a wonderful Public Relations opportunity. Bring your camera for those special photos. Write a Letter to the Editor or an article to your local newspaper to encourage community awareness. Go to the Dollar Tree and get some valentines. Be creative and make a card on your computer. The possibilities are endless. Since Valentines Day is a time to show love and admiration for the ones that are special to us, the most important thing is not what you do, but that you do something, from the heart, sealing it with love from you to the Veterans. Believe me, you will feel honored and more blessed than the Veterans in your efforts.

*Mary Jo Abraham, Chairman*

### **HISTORIAN CONTINUED FROM PAGE 2**

Your scrapbooks must be turned in by noon on Friday of State Convention. Judging will take place after the meeting is adjourned for the day. This is for both Senior and Junior competition. Awards will be presented for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place. All entries will receive Certificates of Appreciation.

President Mary's scrapbook will be presented to her at State Convention. Your contributions of pictures, newspaper clippings and other mementos can be sent to Nancy Sanders or to me anytime during the year. Let's all work together on this. **Toucan Make A Difference** getting this project done. Mary's very busy and rewarding year will be chronicled in this book. I know she will enjoy leafing through it for years to come. So, be sure to submit any and all materials you may have. She will certainly appreciate it.

For God and Country,

*Carolyn Tardy, Dept. Historian*



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## FROM THE DEPT. SECRETARY



### Greetings from the Department!

Greetings everyone! Hope all who attended enjoyed our Mid-Winter Conference in Vicksburg. It's always great seeing our friends from all over the State!

Last call for poppy orders! We will be ordering in February, so REMEMBER to get your order in as soon as possible. As Secretary-Treasurer, I have accepted two invitations to give workshops in District I and District III. Both will be in March. If you would like to attend these workshops, please get in touch with Mary Barrett, District I President, or Mary Jo Abraham, District III President. You may also contact the Department for information.

This secretary also attended the Mission Training in Mobile this past weekend. We were given a thumb drive of the full conference which contained valuable information regarding the mission of the Auxiliary and its programs. If your unit or district is interested in learning more about the Auxiliary's mission and programs, please let us know and we will be happy to accommodate you.

Since Midwinter we have only received a few renewals. Looks like you are going to force me to work on my filing. Please take pity on me and send membership. I hate filing!

*Nancy Sanders*

## LEADERSHIP



Thanks to all the Units who sent in their mid-year reports! There were not as many as I hoped for, but all who did report had been involved in some way. I was able to put together an adequate report and get it to our Southern Division Leadership Chairman, Martha Arnold from Alabama, on time, for which she and I were most grateful.

I do want to encourage all members to learn all you can about our Auxiliary, and I want to emphasize the importance of mentoring new members. The more they learn about what our organization stands for, the more interested they will become. We cannot hope to have them be dedicated, working members unless we train them. That's what "leadership training" is all about. We have a list of resources you can use for references. Ideally our auxiliary handbook is available and every member should have one to study. One of our Units referred to theirs as their "bible." It does have lots of information as to the duties of officers, our programs, our history and our goals.

It would be a good idea to have a "mini" workshop at each regular meeting. Have someone touch on Parliamentary Procedures, for instance. You may have a member who is a registered Parliamentarian, or know of someone in town who would come to your meeting and give a program on Parliamentary Procedures. Anything concerning our programs in the American Legion Auxiliary would make good subject material to study, an hour or so at each meeting. We have Certified Instructors who are available in most areas of the state. Should you want to have a 2,4, or 8 hour workshop, contact our Department Secretary, Nancy Sanders or contact me at home, 662-846-1891 or email me at [nezmc Cain@live.com](mailto:nezmc Cain@live.com). We will be glad to work with you in scheduling one.

For God and Country,

*Inez McCain, Chairman*





American Legion Auxiliary  
Cook Book  
Southern Delight  
**Order Form**

Our Southern Delight Cook Book will be shipped to us on February 14<sup>th</sup> 2012. We are taking advance sales orders now and the books will be delivered as soon as they arrive. If you would like to order your copy or copies now, please fill out all of the information below and return to Lou Wilkerson or Rose Blanchard.

Please reserve \_\_\_\_\_ cook books for me, I have chosen the following method for delivery:

**CHECK ONE:**

\_\_\_\_\_ I will pick my book(s) up at one of the Area Conferences or Dept. Convention.

\_\_\_\_\_ I will pick my book up at the Dept. Office.

\_\_\_\_\_ I would like my cookbook(s) mailed to me and will pay \$5 shipping per book.

**Attached please find my check, cash or money order for:**

\_\_\_\_\_ Southern Delight Cook Books at \$20.00 each = \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Shipping charges of \$5.00 per cookbook = \_\_\_\_\_

Total Amount = \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

City, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE PUT NAME AND PHONE & E-MAIL ON ALL ORDERS.**

**INCLUDE ADDRESS IF COOK BOOK IS TO BE MAILED TO YOU.**



Dear Department of Mississippi Members:

Ride to Recovery provides support to injured veterans and introduces them to the therapeutic and health benefits of cycling to help them to recover from physical and mental injuries. R2R supports Spinning Recovery Labs and outdoor cycling programs at Military and VA locations. The program helps injured veterans overcome obstacles they face every day. Cycling is an important part of their recovery and rehabilitation. It is a program that has traveled many miles across our great country and a program that our National organization highly supports and sponsors.

**Here's our big news:** Mississippi has the opportunity to welcome 180 Riders, plus 20 support and USO personnel in March. They will be leaving New Orleans on March 4th and are to arrive at Post 139 in Bay St Louis around 12:30 p.m. for lunch; then they will ride to Gulfport for the night. They need us to have dinner for them and transportation to the dinner and back from their motel. They will leave Gulfport at 9 a.m. the next morning and arrive in Pascagoula for lunch around noon. **The USO takes care of the lunch, but they will need our help in making the sandwiches.**

All funds raised and donated to Ride2 Recovery help support the expenses of our healing heros. Wouldn't it be great for our Department of Mississippi to chip in and present a donation to their efforts while they are passing through our great state? All funds donated by our units will be greatly appreciated by Ride 2 Recovery and will be presented to them at the dinner in Gulfport on March 4. Will you please talk to your unit members and support a contribution to this most worthy program for our wounded warriors. You decide on how much you can donate.

In addition to your donations, we would like as many people as possible to come cheer them on as they ride thru Mississippi. Help us get the word out as we want to show these warriors that Mississippians really care about them. We are working with local media to get the story to the public.

If you have any questions, please contact me at 662-931-2094 or Lou Wilkerson at 228.493.2582.

Thank you,

*June Laws*

Unit 139, Bay St. Louis

Project Chairman

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