

Hello Ladies—

Greetings from the Panhandle of northern Idaho!

My name is Marjean (Jeanne) Johnson and I live in St. Maries, Idaho. I am your state historian for the 2025-2026 term. I have been a member of the American Legion Auxiliary for thirteen years.

I accepted the position because I am interested in history, genealogy, scrapbooking, learning more about the American Legion Auxiliary, and continuing my support of my own local history of St. Maries and Idaho.

I put photos and material together for scrapbooks for our local American Legion Auxiliary Chapter, American Legion Post, Lutheran Church, and Hughes House Historical Society. That makes it sound like I have nothing else to do other than work on scrapbooks.....not so!

What are my expectations for the Idaho State units?

I think it is very important to acknowledge all the great members in your unit and all the good things they do---not only for the American Legion Auxiliary, but for your community. If one of your members is active in the local library, Elks, school, and other organizations, cut the article out of your local paper and show how they are active participants, which is a good representation for the American Legion Auxiliary in general.

Highlight the activities within your unit—fundraisers, attending military functions, participating at the Vet Homes, etc. In today's technology you don't even have to "print off a picture"---take a picture on your cell phone and send it to the local paper....that is a fairly easy way to spread the information.

When the Unit President gives her report at your spring and fall district meetings, attach some of this information to her report and it can be put in the state scrapbook.

In the future, I hope to be in touch with your Unit's historian and help in any way that I can. I might have some suggestions that may make your job easier and more enjoyable!

Thank you for being a part of this great organization! It will succeed and be stronger when we all work together!

Thank you.

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