



Dewey Lowman Unit #109, Inc
American Legion Auxiliary, Department of MD
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Now that the holiday festivities are behind us lets look forward to a successful upcoming New Year. Our first fundraiser of the year is now underway. To everyone who purchased tickets for the cash calendar – thank you.

We have also planned a Valentines Dance which will be held by both the Legion and Auxiliary on February 13, 2010. Our goal is to fill the hall and make this endeavor a huge success. Another event is possibly a Auxiliary Casino Bus Trip. When the final details and date are worked out we will give you more information. I want also to give a big thank you to all of the volunteers on the various committees for the Auxiliary. Without your dedication we would not be able to continue to support our many programs.

It is with heavy heart that I regret to inform those of you that do not know of the sudden loss of Mickey Knecht, Commander of Dewey Lowman Post 109. I'm sure you join me in sending our sincere condolences to his family.

Our meetings are held on the second Tuesday of the month at 7:30 pm. Please consider attending.
 Jean McElroy, President

MEMBERSHIP

As it is now January, 2010, I just want to let all of our members know that a second reminder notice from Headquarters will be mailed indicating that dues have

not been paid. If you have paid your dues, *please disregard this – or –* if not sure, please call me. The “early bird” status was only good until December 31, 2009. Please try to catch up on your dues. It is still only \$18.00 per year (less expensive than most other memberships). You can mail your check to me at 17 Delrey Avenue, 21228, and your membership card will be mailed to you immediately. Most of our members have a number of years in the Auxiliary, and it would be a great loss not to catch up on dues, and lose their service years. We have more than ½ of Auxiliary members paid. We would like to see at least 85-90% by the end of January. (In the recent Newsletter from the Department of Maryland, they have achieved the National’s second target of 65% by November 4, 2009. Maryland is in first place in the Eastern Division, and thirteenth place in the Nation. That is a pretty good score.) *I want to thank our paid-up members, as a percentage of this goal is due to you, our Auxiliary #109.*

REMEMBER! only paid memberships will allow you access to the Post Home/Lounge. In the March Cyclops a list of still delinquent members will be posted. I would encourage you to mail your check SOON. Please call me at 410-747-7018, or e-mail me at doris1712@Comcast.net if you have any questions. Thank you!
 Doris Scheihing, Chairman

CHAPLAIN

If there are any members or family members who are ill, please let me know so we can keep them in prayer. I can always be reached or leave a message at 410-796-7026. God bless you and keep you in good health.
 Candi Hinebaugh, Chaplain

**VETERANS AFFAIRS &
REHABILITATION**

I am proud to report that during the last week of October Unit 109 delivered over 700 donated travel size toiletries to the BWI USO! That is an amazing number considering we only began collecting them a few months earlier. Thanks so much to everyone who generously donated to our troops. We will continue this project since the USO is always in need of travel size tooth paste, tooth brushes, soap, mouth wash, shampoo, conditioner, shaving cream, disposable razors, combs, and hand lotion. These are items the service people have packed in their checked baggage and not readily available to use. The travel size toiletries can be purchased by you usually for less than a dollar each at local drug chains, for example Rite Aid and CVS. Please drop off your donations to me at the Post on meeting nights or they can be left with the bartenders in the Canteen. Donations to buy the items can be sent to the Post in care of the Auxiliary. If you have any questions please feel free to contact me at 410-747-7986 or email nonniek@verizon.net. With 34,000 more troops being deployed to Afghanistan the USO will be busier than ever. This is an ongoing project so please keep those items coming!

Thanks for your support,
Sharon Knecht, Chairman

Food for thought.....

MY AUXILIARY

*What kind of Auxiliary would my Auxiliary be,
if all of the members were just like me?*

*You can thoughtfully ask yourself that question
If not, it would be a swell suggestion*

*You can sit by the fireplace, night after night
You can find fault with your Officers, censure and
gripe*

*Or you can be one who is always on call
Both ready and willing to carry the ball*

*To your fellow members you soon will be known
As a true worker or else as a drone*

*You can pass on new members or you can refuse
To take part beyond paying your dues*

*You can stand on the sidelines or jump in and play
Attend every meeting or just stay away*

*Whatever your talents, some job you can do
So say to yourself as the past you review*

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Submitted by: Jean McElroy, President

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*of Service Not Self
for Veterans, God and Country*

