

American Legion Auxiliary News Release

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Alabama's American Legion Auxiliary Leader Reflects on Accomplishments; Eager to Share Successes and Stories with National President

FOLEY, Ala. – Leading Alabama's American Legion Auxiliary this year has been a hard but rewarding experience for Kaye Font of Autaugaville. She's traveled the state meeting with members, urging them to help raise money for the Auxiliary Emergency Fund (AEF) to help in times of disasters.

Font remembers how much disaster relief members received from the AEF following hurricanes in the past five years. It was her goal to raise at least \$5,000 to donate to the fund. "It's very gratifying being able to give back to those who need the Auxiliary's help," she said. When I saw and felt the outpouring of love and concern during Ivan and Katrina and the many hours our volunteers spent helping others, I was deeply touched."

Now Font is looking forward to the visit of the organization's national president May 17-19 to take part in a District Meeting. Jan Pulvermacher-Ryan of Madison, Wisc., will gladly thank the members for supporting the AEF.

She'll also learn how much they have money they raised for the "Educating the Children of Warriors" campaign. This scholarship endowment campaign assists students of military families with funding to pursue their college dreams. The endowment will more than double an existing scholarship program and allow the value of scholarships to increase as the cost of higher education climbs. Font says that Alabama members are doing all they can to see that scholarship fund grow.

As national president of the nation's largest patriotic women's organization, Pulvermacher-Ryan spends one year visiting communities and motivating members to continue their volunteer efforts.

Asked to reflect on the past year, Font recalled the National Veterans Day Parade in Birmingham as being memorable. At this parade she stood shoulder-to-shoulder with her husband, Richard, the Alabama American Legion Commander, and marveled at the great turnout of veterans, their families and children.

Affiliated with The American Legion, the Auxiliary is a veterans' support organization with members in nearly 10,000 communities. The organization sponsors volunteer programs on the national and local levels, focusing on three major areas: veterans, young people and the community.

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<http://www.legion-aux.org/NationalLeaders/NationalPresident/index.aspx>