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American Legion Auxiliary National President is Guest of Honor at State Convention Banquet

INDIANAPOLIS – Even though it will be short, Delphine Strine of Williamstown is looking forward to a visit with the American Legion Auxiliary National President. Strine, the Pennsylvania Auxiliary President, is anxious to share the successes of the organization's more than 66,000 Keystone State members.

Jan Pulvermacher-Ryan of Madison, Wisc., will be the guest of honor at a banquet at the William Boulton Dixon Post 10 in Fort Washington on July 9. Strine will use the opportunity to share with the national president the Pennsylvania Auxiliary efforts to support the "Wounded Warriors" program, the Scotland School for veterans' children, and the state's VA Medical Centers.

The banquet is a highlight of the Pennsylvania American Legion Auxiliary statewide convention. Planners expect more than 200 members of the nation's largest patriotic women's organization to hear Pulvermacher-Ryan address members of The American Legion, American Legion Auxiliary, Sons of the American Legion and guests.

A key point of Pulvermacher-Ryan's talk is her "Educating Children of Warriors" campaign that seeks to raise \$1.2 million to endow a scholarship program to educate the children of military families. The organization has relied upon a small endowment fund and general operating dollars to provide scholarships for many years.

"Our current operating budget makes the effort to continue funding these life-changing educational opportunities very challenging and uncertain," Pulvermacher-Ryan said. "Getting the endowment fund better grounded will ensure these scholarships will be available as long as there are military personnel with children. There's something powerful about knowing an organization's long-term needs will be met because we shared a passion for education," she said.

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, serving veterans, their children and their communities.

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