

## GIRLS STATE END OF YEAR REPORT 2015-2016

This year's Girls State had been very interesting. From changing the dates of Girls State after they had been published to changing dorms, food service, orientation dates, etc. With all the changes the program is coming together and will be ready for June 30 through July 8, 2016.

Our units around the state have unique ways of raising money for the Girls State Program. They have picnics, yard sales, dinners, breakfasts, and have the item in the budget. One unit member passed away and had left money for the Girls State Program.

Girls Staters are asked to come and speak to the units about their experiences. Units ask Girl Staters to help with unit programs such as poppies, children and youth and community service programs. The Girls Staters are also asked to join the American Legion Auxiliary.

Each unit has a unique way of interviewing the Girls State applicants. Some go to the High Schools and have interviews there. Some use a committee for selection and some have the membership interview and select by voting. Some require a written paper and then interview. All units have their own way of selecting the best students for the program.

We can definitely see how the Department President's motto applies from the service of one comes the support of many,

We had 135 units participate with Girls State. I would like to see more units participate so more areas of Florida could have delegates to Girls State.

I hope our units will continue to support the Girls State Program. I want to thank each and every unit for their support of this program. Our success of this program lies with each unit. Please continue to support this program and the other programs of the American Legion Auxiliary.

The Amelia M Reese Trophy is awarded to \_\_\_\_\_ with \_\_\_\_\_ as unit Girls State Chairman.

Irma Wehrli

Department Girls State Chairman