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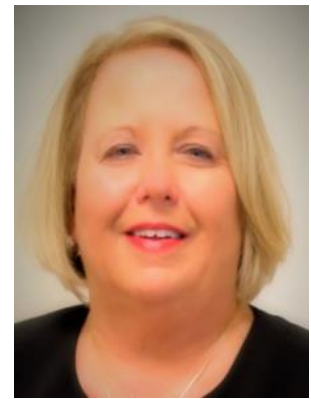
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Danville resident named department president of American Legion Auxiliary

RICHMOND—Sallie B. Rossman of Danville, Va., was elected department president of the American Legion Auxiliary during the organization's 95th Department Convention in Midlothian, Va., held July 7-10. Rossman will serve the world's largest women's patriotic service organization as Virginia's department president for a one-year term.



Rossman, a thirteen-year member, is eligible for membership in the American Legion Auxiliary through the service of her father, Frank Y. Blackwell, Jr., an Army veteran who served in the Korean War. She also is eligible through her grandfathers, Frank Y. Blackwell, Sr. and Andrew J. Horsley, WWI veterans. Her husband, Robert L. Rossman, Jr, is a member of the Sons of The American Legion.

Wrapping Our Treasures in Service is the theme Rossman has chosen for her term as president. "Wrapping our treasures can mean many things," she explained during her installation speech. "Hugging a veteran, providing a warm quilt, or decorating the streets with red, white and blue ribbons to celebrate patriotism these are ways our members truly represent our organization's passion for caring for our treasures: veterans, children, communities and our members."

Rossman has held numerous leadership positions in the organization at the unit, district and department levels. At the departmental level, she has chaired many committees and has served special appointments since 2009. She is a member of the American Legion Auxiliary Dan River Unit 1097 in Danville, Va.

Rossman retired from the Bank of America, N.A. where she served as a Commercial Loan Operations Officer and is currently a Secretary/Bookkeeper for the Danville Public Schools. She has two sons, one daughter-in-law and two grandchildren all proud members of The American Legion Family.

American Legion Auxiliary members have dedicated themselves for nearly a century to meeting the needs of our nation's veterans, military and their families both here and abroad. They volunteer millions of hours yearly, with a value of nearly \$3 billion. As part of the world's largest women's patriotic service organization, Auxiliary volunteers across the country also step up to honor veterans and military through annual scholarships and with ALA Girls State programs, teaching high school juniors to be leaders grounded in patriotism and Americanism. To learn more about the Auxiliary's mission or to volunteer, donate or join, visit www.ALAforVeterans.org.

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