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Ship Thrifty – Making Military Packages easy! – submitted by Sue Britton Eastern Division Chair

We all know how heart-warming a package from home can be for a service member. It means the world to them that they are remembered. I have received many notes of thanks and appreciation from members who cry upon receipt of items sent.

Ship Thrifty is an online platform for use in sending military care packages. It can be used to compare shipping options, create labels, save addresses and track packages. They can assist with the extra steps in sending to APO, FPO, and DPO addresses. They provide various tools for shipping including care package request forms, address book, customs list, custom templates, etc. Their platform is for US shipping inside the 50 states and APO, FPO and DPO addresses. As an ALA partner, when you create your shipping labels with Ship Thrifty, a percentage of the dollars you spend is donated back to the ALA to support the mission.

Ways to benefit:

- Save up to 60% on shipping with major carriers
- Cut shipping time by 90% (no waiting in line or handwritten customs forms)
- Protect service members and collect addresses safely
- Earn funds to offset future shipping costs
- Reduce nonrefundable returned packages

You can create your free Ship Thrifty account today---Go To: shipthrifty.com/rf/ALA or type code “ALA” in the affiliate code at sign up. You can also reach out to them by calling 800-544-4992 or email them at : contactus@shipthrifty.com

Most people use USPS Priority Mail Flat Rate Boxes to ship, but they can be more expensive. Use a plain box or reuse one to save money. For overseas shipping, keep the box under 12” x 12” x 12” and 20 lbs. Only USPS can deliver to a military base overseas and they favor smaller lighter boxes.

Make a service member’s day memorable and get those packages out for the holidays.

Giving thanks over the Holidays

As we gather this Thanksgiving with family and friends, let us remember and reflect on our military families who are not together this Thanksgiving.

To our military families we want you to know that you are not unnoticed, we thank you for your bravery and your sacrifices this Thanksgiving.

As members of the American Legion Auxiliary there are several ways we can recognize the military family: take a meal, host a meal, send a card, etc. Let them know that we stand behind them, and we are grateful for you!



Salute To Service Members

Salute to Service is an award that honors one enlisted service member, paygrade E1-E9 from each branch of service. (Army, Navy, Airforce, Marines, Coast Guard and Space Force) as well as the National Guard/Reserve. This year we want to recognize ALL 7! We need your help, reach out to everyone you know, let's light it up in Kansas City at our 2027 National Convention! Learn More here: Salute to Servicemembers Award Form



Upcoming Events:

- 11/10 Happy Birthday ALA 107 Years
- 11/10 Marine Corps. Birthday
- 11/11 Veterans Day
- 11/26 Thanksgiving
- 10/28 Department Kudos and monthly reports due to your division chair.

Quarterly Zoom Calls:

ALL ZOOM CALLS ARE 7:00PM EST TIME

- QTR. 2: 1/5/2027
- QTR. 3: 4/20/2027
- QTR. 4: PRE-CON TO BE ANNOUNCED

Hero Spotlight

Hero spotlight is an initiative to recognize and give thanks to the heroes around us who do not always wear the same uniform. Help us recognize those in your communities who put themselves on the line each day!

Submit your hero here:
https://legion-aux.formstack.com/forms/hero_spotlight

Submit one, or more!

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Resources:

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National Security Program Awards
National Security Annual Reporting Guidelines
Defense POW MIA Accounting Agency Missing Man Table
Plan Ahead for Disasters | Ready.gov
Yellow Ribbon Reintegration Program