

# DEPARTMENT OF GEORGIA AUXILIARY NEWS

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## A Word from the President

By Valerie Brown-Debro, Department President



**HAPPY HOLIDAYS ALA ANGELS**



As this year is coming to an end and a New Year is around the corner, many are celebrating the holidays, Remember the reason for the season! As we volunteer in our community, serving our veterans, military families and neighborhoods. Making gift baskets, preparing food for the homeless, making donations to the shelters such as clothing, toys and food. We are truly Blessed to be a Blessing!

December month is full of celebrations, it's time to hear the good news in our Mid- Year reports. Please include your report form and a narrative with pictures to the Chairpersons. Please don't send in **BLANK REPORTS!** We would love to see what your doing in your units to work the programs. Even though we have restrictions, COVID-19 may have limited how we do things, but it doesn't stop us from getting things done!

We had a Department ZOOM meeting in November, it was wonderful to see so many beautiful faces. Some have grown or cut their hair and changed the color. However, your still God's lovely Angel! It seems like it has been ages since we have gathered together, but we're blessed to be in the land of the living.

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If you haven't done so, download the ZOOM app on your computer or cell phone, have your kids or grandchildren to assist. I would love to meet with the Districts and Units via ZOOM and share the love through technology.

Don't forget about the ALA Department Samsung 65 inch TV Raffle Tickets are available for \$5.00 .

I pray that you had a lovely Thanksgivings Day with family and loved ones. In our household, we shared Thanksgiving over ZOOM with our family across the states. What a blessing it was to laugh and smile with family! My heart goes out too many of the VA and Senior Communities, they only allow immediate family members to visit and some have gone back to restrictions due to the increase in COVID-19.

Please continue to pray for our members, follow the guidelines of the CDC and practice safety measures. From my House to yours, in my own faith, wishing you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

Valerie Brown-Debro



## Secretary

By Patty Hawkins, Department Secretary

Well the last month of the year has arrived, where did the year go? I know some of us think not fast enough. We have all been busy trying to get our jobs done, making our Auxiliary stronger and trying to stay safe and healthy. The VA Hospital Gift Shops are not the same this year, but we have done the best that could be done.. Oh what Joy our Auxiliary members bring to the deserving veterans.

Now the Holidays are upon us. It's time to relax and spend time with our family and friends, if possible. Without them where would we be? As your families gather together, remember the ones that have made it possible for us to enjoy our freedom. May God watch over and protect our Military family, who cannot be with their families. May the families who have lost someone find peace in the memories they have shared. To all of our Veterans, THANK YOU and God Bless.

Each member should be proud of all you have accomplished in helping with our programs. Without each and every one of your support, we would not be able to do all that we do. What a blessing it is to hear all the great stories of all that is being done. Ladies your love shines through in all that you do. I couldn't think of a better way for you to honor our heroes. My wish for all of our Auxiliary members is for you have a very Merry Christmas, Happy New Year and may you be blessed with all that you need. Please stay safe.

Please remember that to be a member in good standing your 2021. Dues must be paid by December 31, 2020.

Renewal notices will be sent out again in January, so we are hoping to see an increase in membership renewals. Are you working your membership and trying to attract new members? How about an old member that hasn't renewed? Some people just need a phone call to remind them of the importance of what we do for our veterans and families to renew. We all are in this together and membership is our survival. We have lost a lot of members but we can work to get them back as well as new ones. We can do this.  
Great Gift Idea!! Pay someone's 2021 membership.

*May your Christmas sparkle with moments of love, laughter and goodwill, and may the year ahead be full of contentment and joy. Have a Merry Christmas. Pray for ALL OUR Members, their family and above all Peace in all of our lives and this world. Stay safe until we meet again.*

**BE KIND!!!!**

## 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President/ Leadership

By Susan Hall, Dept. 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President

Happy Fall!

The weather is colling down now and I hope everyone is doing well. It has been almost a year since our last conference that we were able to gather. I miss everyone in our American Legion Family and hope that we will be able to get together again soon. My thoughts and prayers go out to all our members and their families that have lost a loved one in the last year.

The National Organization has had 3 ALA Mission trainings on Webinar so far this year with more to come in the future. I hope some of you were able to participate in one. The first ALA Academy Live Mission Training covered Mission Delivery. The Presenters were Lisa Williamson, Beth McGinn and coordinated by Amanda Washburn. Some of the highlights of the Mission Training were: Mission drives Membership! - what is your why? Why are you a member of the American Legion Auxiliary? What are the needs in your Community? The needs in every community differ by location and demographics. You need to research your community; you need to be involved in your community. There are several ways to research the need in your community as well as the Veteran, Military demographics of your community. You can find this information at the National Center for Veteran Analysis and Statics website at [www.va.gov/vetdata/VeteranPopulation.asp](http://www.va.gov/vetdata/VeteranPopulation.asp) or through your states Director of Veterans Affairs. Some of the challenges that you may face going forward in our organization are: the shift from membership number focus to volunteer engagement focus. Year-to-Year long range plan agreement. We need to recruit other organizations within our community to work together for our Veterans, Military, and their families. Overcoming Roadblocks and Respecting long traditions (we need to change with the times).

There will be 3 more Mission Delivery sessions in October. These sessions will cover Veterans Service. I hope some of you were able to register for this important Mission Delivery Training. You can go to our National website [www.alaforveterans.org](http://www.alaforveterans.org) to access all of the American Legion Auxiliary training.

If I can be of any assistance please don't hesitate to contact me either by email or phone.

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## 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President/Membership

By Pat Morgan, Department 2<sup>nd</sup> VP

I hope all had a blessed and safe Thanksgiving. Congratulations to Unit #6 in Milledgeville for making goal. We now have 6 units at goal. Department membership is over 60%. Our next goal date is Pearl Harbor Day. The Department will receive \$250 if we reach 75% by December 7<sup>th</sup>. We can do this! With several units still on “zero”, this goal can be reached if these units will send in at least the unit officers. I understand some units have not held 2020-21 elections, but the Department followed National in keeping officers in their current positions and the units were encouraged to follow suit. Our dues help keep our organization going. We shouldn't back down because of COVID-19. We should become more focused and innovated. Also, now is good time to be contacting your members who have not renewed to check on them and make sure everything is good with them and their families.

**Your Membership does make a  
Difference**

**May everyone have a very Merry  
Christmas and a safe and  
Happy New Year!**

Thank you for all your continued efforts and if I can assist you in any way, please feel free to contact me by email at [pimorga@aol.com](mailto:pimorga@aol.com) or 2229 Johnson Short Rd., Quitman, GA 31643 or at 229) 561-4070  
Pat Morgan

**“Angels Working As One For  
Veterans”**



## HISTORIAN CORNER

By Cheryl Jackson Sinkler,



Hello All,

**I hope everyone is doing well and I pray for those who are going through tough times now. Many of our day to day practices have changed drastically. As with most, troubled times do not last forever. May we be lifted in prayer during these times.**

**Veteran's Day has come and gone. Many of us are not able to get out as we normally do to honor our Veterans. In instances such as now, it would be great to contact a Veteran via phone, letter, card or skype if available. We did have a few Units who went to gravesites and placed wreaths for our deceased Veterans. Many also celebrated their love ones as well. Veterans visited restaurants who offered complimentary meals to them.**

**I stated in my last newsletter I would feature a Unit with history about their Unit. Today I am featuring Unit 296 my home Post and I will begin to contact Units each month thereafter.**

**As told briefly by Cheryl Long original charter member, also a Junior member of Unit 537.**

### **Beginning History of Marietta's American Legion/Auxiliary Post 537**

The American Legion and Auxiliary were both organized in the year 1919. It was formed as a patriotic Veterans organization devoted to mutual helpfulness focusing on service to veterans, family and communities. During the segregated years of the military, especially after the World Wars, black veterans could form and were granted their charters with all the formal state/local privileges allowed. Everything was to remain separate but equal during those times. The city of Marietta had two American Legion Post homes, the Horace Orr Post #29 which was considered the post for white people, and the Avery-Cuthbert Post #537 being considered the Post for black people.

During the earlier segregated years, the state of Georgia divided the black posts, identified by the “500” series numbers, into three districts A, B and C. Post 537 was in district C and was very prosperous financially. Today many American Legion Posts around the country proudly carry the same 500 series numbers as originally sanctioned.

For years the district meetings, spring and fall conferences were all held separately. Black delegates attending those meetings boarded in private homes. High schools, college auditoriums and special event halls were the only exception was the State Conventions which were held inclusive for all.

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Black delegates in the larger cities such as Atlanta, Macon, Savannah and Columbus could lodge in hotels within the same area of the conference locations.

Today these separations no longer exist due to integration and the passing of civil & equal rights laws. American Legion programs and activities strengthen the nation one community at a time and its success depends entirely on active membership, participation and volunteerism. The organization belongs to the people it serves and the communities in which it thrives.

### **History of Paul E. Kelly, Jr. Ladies Auxiliary Unit 296**

The American Legion Auxiliary Paul E. Kelly Jr. Unit 296 of Marietta began after the demise of the Avery-Cuthbert American Legion Post 537. This Unit was granted special permission from the State of Georgia Auxiliary to continue operating without an active Legion Post, as long as membership quotas and all obligations were met, this was known as a "widow" unit. During this time Cheryl Long was the Auxiliary President and meetings were rotated at the homes of different members every 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday.

A group of veterans in Marietta started meeting and decided to reapply for their charter in 1983. Several names of veterans that died on foreign soil were submitted as names for the Post, the honor was given to Post 296 by the family of Paul E. Kelly Jr. Shortly after American Legion Paul E. Kelly Jr. Post 296 gained their charter, our widow unit was asked to become a part of the Ladies Auxiliary, it was voted on and the majority accepted the invitation, but this caused a division within the unit and resulted in several ladies deciding to join the Charles R. Milton American Legion Post 574 in Atlanta.

An application for our charter was submitted to the Department Headquarters on January 15, 1985, credited and entered on February 25, 1985. We were granted our permanent charter on March 7, 1985, Edwin Dyer was the commander and Richard Ragland was the Post Adjutant for Post 296 at that time. The start of our Auxiliary Unit brought new life as we were excited and rallied behind our Legionnaires of Post 296.

The following women became our charter members: Anna Johnson-President, Jeriene Bonner-Secretary, Cheryl Long-Treasurer and members Rosa Scott, Geneva Carter, Bessie Wright, Frances Storey, Gloria Eppinger, Odene Williams, Edna Lockhart, Ruth Eppinger, Harriett Moody, Sharon Thomas, Gayle Ragland, Mary Dyer, Deane Bonner, Rosa Branch, Mary Lou Tillard, Harriett Peavy and Mildred McMickens.

Several programs were started at our Post/Unit, VA hospital visits, local hospital visits to veterans, Junior Auxiliary, Poppy program. Our membership continued to grow and the work we did in honor of our veterans, families and in the community were recognized with several certificates of achievements, plaques and other awards.

Along with the Legionnaires, Unit 296 developed annual programs we still continue today such as our Free Community Appreciation Cook Outs for every Patriotic holiday, Easter Egg hunt, Youth Halloween program, Thanksgiving Basket Give-a-ways, Back to School drives, Toys for Tots, and Sickle Cell Anemia Health Fair & Walk-a-thon.

Each new Auxiliary President and officers bring positive changes that motivate us to continue to go forward for "The Good of the Legion". We continue to attend all the scheduled trainings, district meetings, fall and spring conferences and state conventions. Charter member Rosa Scott was the first Unit 296 Auxiliary member to reach state level as Department of Georgia American Legion Auxiliary President in 2005.

Unit 296 proudly presents the following Past Presidents: Anna Johnson, Kathy Branscomb, Mildred McMickens, Frances "Missie" Cook, Ann Flanagan, Rosa Scott, Cassandra Heath, Frances Muldrew, Nancy Longshore, Betty Rosser, Cherryland Oby, Alice Weaver, Cheryl Jackson, Muriel Medlock, and currently for the past three years Carla Thomas.

Members continue with pride to move up the ladder in the District, and State levels of the Auxiliary and continue to carry out our mission: *In the spirit of service not self, the mission of the American Legion Auxiliary is to support the American Legion and honor the sacrifice of those who serve by enhancing the lives of veterans, military, and their families, both at home and abroad. For God and Country, we advocate for veterans, educate our citizens, mentor youth, and promote patriotism, good citizenship, peace and*

**It is always a good conversation when someone is telling you history. Not only did I get the history of my Unit, but I also received much more. I hope you enjoyed reading my Units history.**

**Everyone, please stay blessed and safe out there. Until we meet again!!**

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# Department Chaplain

By Denise Smith

As we reach the end of a strange 2020, and embark upon new beginnings, may the words of St. Francis of Assisi be our prayer for 2021.

"Lord, make me an instrument of your peace.  
Where there is hatred, let me sow love;  
Where there is injury, pardon;  
Where there is doubt, faith;  
Where there is despair, hope;  
Where there is darkness, light;  
And where there is sadness, joy.  
O Divine Master, grant that I may not so  
much seek to be consoled as to console; To  
be understood as to understand; To be loved  
as to love; For it is in giving that we receive---  
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned; And  
it is in dying that we are born to eternal life."

I welcome news from all members, units, and districts of members who are sick or bereaved, that I may pray and send words of comfort to them. Please contact me at [drscpa2@msn.com](mailto:drscpa2@msn.com) or call 678-769-7845.  
Denise Smith, Acting Chaplain

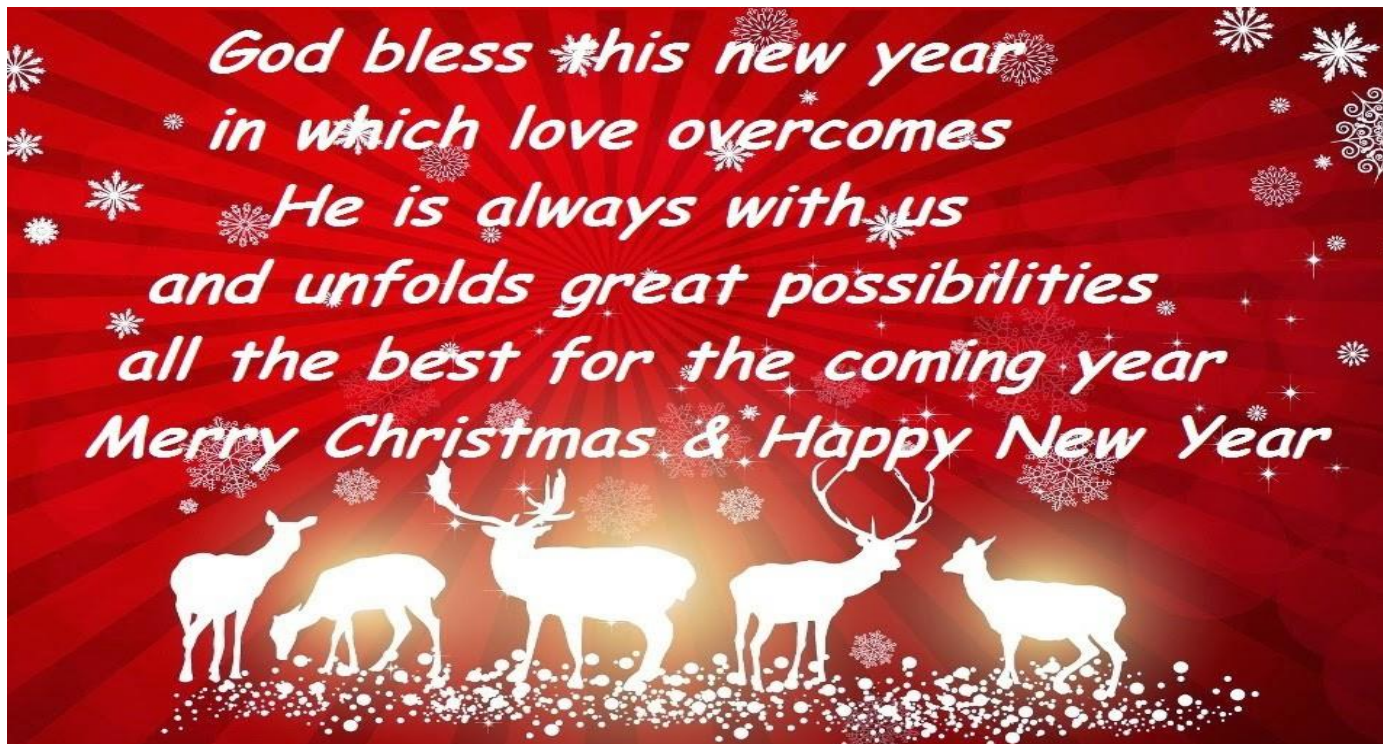
## ALA MIS PROGRAM ACCESS for Units/District Membership *Monies are DUE into Dept when Access is Requested.*

The fee is \$10 per year per person (2 per Unit). This is the fee National charges. Forms are on the website or call the Department for copies. Due to the enforced rules all forms must be completed and signed by 5 current Unit Officer. At no time is an authorized person using ALA MIS is to share their password with anyone. If a person needs to be changed please send in a new form right away. Please let us know ASAP.

If Unit wants to continue having access to the ALA MIS the department must receive new forms and \$10 for each person per calendar year.

**New:** District Presidents can now have access to all the Units in their districts. This will be a read only and cannot make any changes. The fee is \$10 and will be good until December.

**Monies must be received by  
December 15, 2020 in order to  
continue access to the ALA MIS.**





## AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY CHILDREN & YOUTH



*“CELEBRATING A CENTURY OF SERVICE”*

### SOUTHERN DIVISION NEWSLETTER – DECEMBER 2020



Hello ladies of the Southern Division,

Christmas may look a little different this year, but I am sure we can all be thankful knowing that so many of our nation's heroes and their children were positively impacted because you ladies overcame all the challenges this year and continued to find a way to support our Children & Youth program. Virtual Christmas parties have taken the place of traditional gatherings – UNLESS you come up with a plan like our very own Anselma Obremski, Children & Youth Committee Vice Chairman. She has helped organizing a Polar Express themed Holiday Party for special needs children of active duty military members. The party will be a drive through with a parking lot turned into a train line with 3 stations. This particular parking is shaped like a sideways C with an entrance at one end and exit at the other. Families will enter get checked in and proceed to station 2 where each child will receive a bag. The bag will contain a coloring book crayons a picture of Rudolph, hot cocoa graham crackers and fruit snacks and cookies. All are pre-wrapped. It also contains a card from the ALA Department of MD. At station 3 the children will receive a gift from Toys for Tots and the siblings will receive a gift card from the American Legion and SAL. Also, every family will get an envelope of membership info. What a great way to support the families and also get out information on our great organization.

Many families need help this Christmas. Have you thought about holding a food drive? I saw the Reversed Advent Calendar suggestion on Facebook the other day and thought it would be a great idea to get a box of food together for families who face challenges this upcoming holiday season. I noticed that the Department of Florida is also encouraging their members to utilize this calendar.

# REVERSE ADVENT CALENDAR

EACH DAY ADD AN ITEM TO A BOX.  
ON CHRISTMAS EVE DONATE THE CONTENTS TO A  
FOOD BANK.

- December 1 - box of cereal
- December 2 - peanut butter
- December 3 - stuffing mix
- December 4 - boxed potatoes
- December 5 - macaroni and cheese
- December 6 - canned fruit
- December 7 - canned tomatoes
- December 8 - canned tuna
- December 9 - dessert mix
- December 10 - jar of applesauce
- December 11 - canned sweet potatoes
- December 12 - cranberry sauce
- December 13 - canned beans
- December 14 - box of crackers
- December 15 - package of rice
- December 16 - package of oatmeal
- December 17 - package pasta
- December 18 - spaghetti sauce
- December 19 - chicken noodle soup
- December 20 - tomato soup
- December 21 - can corn
- December 22 - can mixed vegetables
- December 23 - can carrots
- December 24 - can green beans

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Christmas is not all about fancy wrapped gift under the tree. It is not the presents that make Christmas so special, it is the presence of those you love, whether they are with you in person or spirit. Let's keep the families in our prayers who have an empty chair at their dinner table this year.

No matter how you are celebrating the holiday season, remember, the best gifts are not material things but gifts of listening, showing kindness, remembering, visiting, and giving of time.

Thank you for all you do to work our programs and take care of our children and youth.

May you have a peaceful holiday season surrounded by your love ones.

Stay safe.

If you have any questions or if I can be of any assistance please contact me at (706)951-3906 or [barnettgabriele@hotmail.com](mailto:barnettgabriele@hotmail.com)

For God and Country,

Gabriele Barnett



## 2021 MEMBERSHIP AWARDS

### **Member Award: 10 X 10**

- **Award:** Gift selected by the National Membership Chairman
- **Presented to:** Members that recruit 10 (ten) NEW SENIOR members for the 2021 membership year by November 10, 2020.
- **Deadline:** Members must be entered and paid in ALAMIS system by 11/10/20.
  - **FORMS** must be received at National HQ by November 15, 2020.
- **Materials and guidelines:**
  - Form can be printed from the ALA National Membership Committee page of the national website ([www.ALAforVeterans.org](http://www.ALAforVeterans.org)). You must be logged into the “Members only” area to access the page.
  - One entry per recruiter

### **Member Award: R/R5 – Recruit/Rejoin 5**

- **Award:** Special gift from the National Membership chairman (gift will be different for each deadline)
- **Presented to:** Members who recruit or rejoin five or more Auxiliary junior or senior members into the 2021 membership year.  
*Note: Rejoins must not have paid dues after the 2018 membership year*
- **First Deadline:** December 14, 2020
- **Second Deadline:** Flag Day, June 14, 2021  
**Note: 10x10 Award winners will automatically receive the December R/R5 award. No additional action or form required.**  
**To be eligible for the second deadline, members will need to recruit/rejoin 5 additional members by June 14<sup>th</sup> (cannot be the same members used to receive the 10x10 or December R/R5 awards).**
- **Materials and guidelines:**
  - Form can be printed from the ALA National Membership Committee page of the national website ([www.ALAforVeterans.org](http://www.ALAforVeterans.org)). You must be logged into the “members only” area to access the page
  - One entry per recruiter.

*For award forms or more information email your dept or [membership@alaforveterans.org](mailto:membership@alaforveterans.org)*

### **Unit Award: 100% Unit Award**

- **Award:** 100 awards of \$100 to be used to advance the ALA mission
- **Presented to:** Units that reach 100% of their 2021 membership goal by November 10, 2020 will be placed into a random drawing from which 100 units will be selected to receive \$100.
- **Deadline:** November 10, 2020
- **Materials and guidelines:**
  - This award will be based on units that reach 100% of their reported goals by November 10, 2020 as verified by ALAMIS

**Note:** Departments must submit Unit goals to National Headquarters by September 1, 2020 for units to be eligible for the 100% Unit award.



### **Unit Award: Caring & Sharing Award**

- **Award:** \$25.00 gift card to Emblem Sales
- **Presented to:** Units obtain at least one rejoined member (has not paid dues since 2018) and submits completed form
- **Deadline:** April 30, 2021
- **Materials and guidelines:**
  - See Caring & Sharing Award form for specific rules and regulations. Form is available at [www.ALAforVeterans.org](http://www.ALAforVeterans.org) or by emailing [membership@ALAforVeterans.org](mailto:membership@ALAforVeterans.org)

### **Department Award: Pearl Harbor Day Award**

- **Award:** \$250 to be used to advance the ALA mission
- **Presented to:** Departments reaching 75% of their 2021 Department membership goal
- **Deadline:** December 7, 2020
- **Materials and guidelines:**
  - Award will be based on membership entered in the ALAMIS system by December 7, 2020

### **Department Award: Armed Forces Day Award**

- **Award:** \$250 to be used to advance the ALA mission
- **Presented to:** Departments reaching 95% of their 2021 Department membership goal
- **Deadline:** May 18, 2021
- **Materials and guidelines:**
  - Award will be based on membership entered in the ALAMIS system by May 18, 2021

### **Department Award: The Celebration Award**

- **Award:** \$500 to be used to advance the ALA mission
- **Presented to:** Any Department that has reached the Department Goal
- **Deadline:** 30 days prior to the 2021 National Convention – July 31, 2021
- **Materials and guidelines:**
  - Award will be based on membership entered in the ALAMIS system by Aug. 1, 2021
  - Winners to be announced at National Convention 2021.



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#### OUR MISSION:

In the spirit of Service Not Self, the mission of the American Legion Auxiliary is to support The American Legion and honor the sacrifice of those who serve by enhancing the lives of our veterans, military, and their families, both at home and abroad.

For God and Country, we advocate for veterans, educate our citizens, mentor youth, and promote patriotism, good citizenship, peace and security.

*In the Spirit  
of Service Not Self*

# Welcome to the American Legion Auxiliary!

Thank you for becoming part of the American Legion Auxiliary (ALA)! Here is an overview of who we are and what we do, but there is so much more about why we matter. We encourage you to take our free online orientation, "ALA 101," the first course in our ALA Academy. These online courses provide our members with information to help us better serve our mission. Log in today at [www.ALAforVeterans.org/ALA-Academy](http://www.ALAforVeterans.org/ALA-Academy).

We have so much useful information available for members on the national ALA website. Accessing free information for members only is as easy as creating a username and password. Simply click on "Log In" at the top-right corner of our homepage at [www.ALAforVeterans.org](http://www.ALAforVeterans.org), and thousands of helpful resources are at your fingertips.



## OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH THE AMERICAN LEGION

The ALA was founded in 1919 to support The American Legion, the largest organization of U.S. wartime veterans. Our mutual purpose is to make life better for our veterans, military, and their families. We work steadfastly, side by side, promoting patriotism and national security while supporting youth and advocating for those who have served our country.

## ALA UNITS

The American Legion Auxiliary unit is where grassroots work of the Auxiliary takes place. There are more than 8,000 ALA units nationwide. At the local level,



The American Legion is called a post, and the Auxiliary is called a unit. All ALA units are attached to a Legion post, taking its name, location, and number (e.g., John P. Hand American Legion Auxiliary Unit 250), but units are not obligated to meet at the Legion post. If the post is no longer active, a unit may continue to function as what's called a widow unit. Sons of The American Legion groups within Legion posts at the community level are referred to as squadrons.

## A note about ALA membership dues

An American Legion Auxiliary member's dues are made up of three portions, representing the three levels of our organization — national, department (state), and unit. The dues amount listed on your renewal notice is a total of these three portions. Membership dues are paid annually and can be paid directly to your unit or by calling ALA National Headquarters at (317) 569-4570, or by logging in to your profile on the national website at [www.ALAforVeterans.org](http://www.ALAforVeterans.org) and paying your dues online.

The Auxiliary membership year is January 1 to December 31. Members pay dues prior to the start of the upcoming membership year, and many units start collecting dues six months in advance.



## UNIT OFFICERS

Each ALA unit has a set of officers. Your unit can tell you more about the members who hold these offices, along with their specific responsibilities. *The American Legion Auxiliary Unit Guidebook*, available at [www.ALAforVeterans.org](http://www.ALAforVeterans.org), also provides information about how a unit functions.



## ALA NATIONAL PROGRAMS/ COMMITTEES

The following is a list of all national-level programs/committees in the ALA. Departments and units may have all of these programs, some, or additional committees included in their activities. Please visit [www.ALAforVeterans.org](http://www.ALAforVeterans.org) for more information on ALA programs.

- H** Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation
- H** Legislative
- H** Poppy
- H** Children & Youth
- H** Community Service
- H** Junior Activities
- H** Education
- H** Americanism
- H** ALA Girls Nation
- H** National Security
- H** Membership
- H** Auxiliary Emergency Fund
- H** Leadership
- H** Public Relations
- H** Constitution & Bylaws
- H** Finance
- H** Audit Committee



## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### What is The American Legion Family?

The American Legion Family is comprised of The American Legion, the American Legion Auxiliary, and Sons of The American Legion. The Legion Family also includes American Legion Riders, a program of American Legion Family members for motorcycle enthusiasts. While members of The American Legion Family are individually unique, collectively we are a multimillion-member powerhouse of caring advocates dedicated to service.

### What are the advantages of American Legion Auxiliary membership?

The ALA is a remarkable organization with nearly 100 years of service to veterans and the nation's communities. In addition to the personal gratification

and rewards gained in voluntary service, there are many tangible benefits for members of the ALA. Members receive a complimentary subscription to the Auxiliary's national quarterly magazine and have exclusive access to a wide variety of discount services and supplemental insurance products. Members can also receive discounts on vehicles, prescriptions, rental cars, restaurants, department stores, and popular entertainment venue tickets. The Auxiliary Emergency Fund is a national grant assistance program that provides temporary emergency help to eligible members of the American Legion Auxiliary who have suffered a significant financial setback as the result of an act of nature or other personal crisis.

### What if I need to update my name and/or address? Can I do this online?

Members whose dues are current can create an account to log in to the Members Only area on the national website to update their name, mailing address, phone number, and email address at any time. If log-in assistance is needed, email [ALAMIShelp@ALAforVeterans.org](mailto:ALAMIShelp@ALAforVeterans.org).

### I paid my ALA dues. Why haven't I received my membership card?

Units are to provide members their card upon payment of dues. Members who have paid their dues but have not received their membership cards need to contact their unit or department headquarters. The National Organization ships pre-printed membership cards for the upcoming membership year to each department prior to their annual department convention dates (usually between May and July) so that departments can distribute the cards to their units at that time.

### How do I find my member ID number?

New senior members receive a 'Thank you for joining' postcard after they join. Their member ID number is located on the address label of this postcard. A member's ID number is also listed on the address label of their quarterly *Auxiliary* magazine. Members can email [membership@ALAforVeterans.org](mailto:membership@ALAforVeterans.org) to request their ID number. Members will need their ID number in order to create their online profile on the national website.





## Calendar of Upcoming Events 2020

December 7, 2020 Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day

December 11, 2020 Chanukah/Hanukkan 1<sup>st</sup> Day

December 13, 2020 National Guard Birthday

December 24, 2020 Christmas Eve

December 25, 2020 Thanksgiving Day

December 31, 2020 New Year's Eve

“You can't depend on your eyes when your imagination is out of focus.” – **Mark Twain**

**President's Theme:**

“9-11 Angels Serving Every Veteran”

**Membership Theme:**

“Angels Working As One For Veterans”

**National President's Theme:**

“A Century worth Celebrating”



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