

DEPARTMENT OF GEORGIA AUXILIARY NEWS

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A Word from the President

By Valerie Brown-Debro, Department President



Don't forget to change your clock back 1 hour and Please don't forget to VOTE!

This is a season of giving thanks for all that you do...I would like to send a special Thank you to all our Angel members and staff for your dedication in serving our veterans, military, families and communities. Every Unit, District and Department, plays an important role in connecting to our National organization. Every committee that you volunteer your time, talents and donations and spreading the word about who we are and what we do that matters, your voices are not left unseen. Thank you for all that you do!

ALA Department headquarters received donations for comfort items, mask and pouches to distribute to our veterans, received from Unit 332 members. Thank you, ladies, for all that you do...I would love to hear what your unit or members are doing to work the programs of the American Legion Auxiliary.

We are raffling the Samsung 65' Smart TV starting November 1st, Tickets are \$5.00 and can be sent into our Department Headquarters. Drawing held in March, if things slow down spreading wise, COVID-19 prayerfully we'll have a Spring Conference.

If you would consider going to conference, the Legion is getting a head count of who and how many will attend for space allotment if we were to hold a conference. **NO MONEY UPFRONT!** Contact Patty Hawkins to include your name for head count by November 30th Only if you would consider attending the conference if things started to open at 678-289-8446.

Stay alert for updates that will be sent out regarding conference.

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Christmas time is approaching and items for the Joy shops are being collected. I was on a Webinar with VA Board members and inquired about items collected for our veterans. VA Commissioner Mike Roby's Secretary, Mary Ackerman is an auxiliary member, after hearing my concern, she made a few calls and had the administrator of Executive Director Milledgeville, Dennis Mise to contact me.

Dennis shared, what can and cannot be donated: **Everything NEW!** Comfort items, deodorant, toothpaste, soap, body wash. Packages that are sealed and can be wiped down! New toys, New clothing, nothing used or slightly worn, they will not be accepted. **Only New items or clothing and socks!**

Currently, no outside visits, they are only allowing family member to visit veterans. Once they collect the items for the gift shops, they are planning a virtual tour for the veterans to see the items and select for their family members. Dennis and Wanda will update me with any changes later.

Same procedure for all facilities and VA residents

National President Nicole Clapp had to cancel some of her state visits due to COVID-19. Please practice safety measure, wear a mask, sanitize and 6 ft distance. We have loss so many members and associated during this pandemic. Please Follow CDC guidelines.

Please keep our veterans, members and families in your prayers, Together, we make a difference.

God Bless
Valerie Brown-Debro

Secretary

By Patty Hawkins, Department Secretary

Time is fleeting fast! It's like the world is at a standstill but time is zooming by. We will be in 2021 before we know it. Let's all pray we have a better year in 2021 than what we have had to deal with in 2020. Knowing some of the challenges we have had to face only makes us see what is important to us and makes us stronger. God Bless us all.

Please note that Obligations are Mandatory Obligations. That means every unit no matter the size must pay each year. The Department's year begins in July and ends June. If you have not paid your 2019-2020 Obligations, they need to be paid immediately. The 2020-2021 Obligation forms are on the website, you can find the forms on www.aladeptga.com, our website under Member Resources. They can be paid now. If you have any questions just call us.

We have lots on important information on the website, so use it. If there is something that you would like to see on the website, send us an email and we will see if we can make it happen.

Some units are opening back up, communicating, working on our programs and membership. It is very important to reach out to our members during these trying times. Some are very lonely and may not have family. So, ladies PLEASE do a Buddy Check. What you send out is what you get back. We have lost some wonderful women this year, please remember their families in your prayers.

As the holidays approach, we need to remember our veterans. You will find information in this newsletter referencing what the VA&R Representatives are doing at the Hospitals. So, let's bring some cheer to those who have served for us and confined. Together we can do this.

My wish for us all is, we try to make this the best holidays we can. Some of us will be able to be with family and friends, some not. Hopefully this is pandemic will end soon.

Be sure to get you Flu shot and take care of yourself. Waiting on the time we can all join together to rejoice life.

Until we meet again my friend!! 😊

1st Vice President/ Leadership

By Susan Hall, Dept. 1st Vice President

Happy November!

I hope everyone is doing well. Remember even though we are not together we can still do our part in mentoring our members through email, conference calls and zoom meetings.

National has had several exceptionally good webinars in the last couple of months that is beneficial to members at all levels of the ALA. If you get a chance, please sign up for one of these webinar classes. If you have attended a National Mission Conference in the past you will get an invitation to a National Webinar through c-vent if not then the National organization also post all upcoming webinars on the National Facebook page. The next Webinar will be Mentoring our Juniors if you are interested please sign up as soon as possible as space is limited.

I am putting together a short leadership class that I will begin doing after the first of the year. Any unit that would like for me to come and do this short leadership class with them please contact me for dates and further information.

Happy Thanksgiving to All!
For God and Country
Susan Hall
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VA & R

AUXILIARY MEMBERS IT IS THAT TIME OF YEAR TO BE WORKING FOR OUR GIFT SHOPS. THIS YEAR THINGS WILL BE DIFFERENT BUT WE STILL HAVE TO TAKE CARE OF OUR VETERANS. THE AUGUSTA VA'S VETERANS WILL BE GETTING GIFTS FOR THEMSELVES INSTEAD FOR THEIR FAMILY. SO, IF YOU ARE WITH UPTOWN OR DOWNTOWN AUGUSTA VA THINGS WILL BE DIFFERENT. PLEASE TRY AND GET YOUR CHECKS INTO DEPT. ASAP SO THE REP CAN SHOP. IF YOU NEED TO KNOW WHAT SHE WILL COLLECTING PLEASE CALL YOUR REP. FOR THE HOSPITAL YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR. I AM COLLECTING COMFORT ITEMS, SNACKS, CAPS, SOCKS, SHIRTS ALL SIZES AND WARM UP PANTS ALL SIZES. THEN BAGS WILL BE MADE UP FOR THE VETERANS. THE STAFF WILL DELIVERY THEM TO THE VETERAN'S ROOM. PLEASE CALL YOUR REP. FOR INFORMATION.

FOR GOD AND COUNTRY,
MIRIAM STEIN VA&R CHAIRMAN

2nd Vice President/Membership

By Pat Morgan, Department 2nd VP

Where has this year gone? Here it is November. 2020 has thrown membership a challenging year. The Units have really stepped up to meet these challenges head on.

We still have units on Zero Membership. **“Be a Leader”** Unit officers should set the example for its members and pay their dues. This can be done so easily by going to www.ALAforVeterans.org. You can pay on line or by phone. You will need your membership number. “Buddy Checks” are a great way to keep in touch with your members. The phone is our most effective way to stay in touch with our members. This is a great time to remind them that their membership is due. If they are having financial issues maybe the unit can pay for them. Also contact those members who have not paid for more than 2 years. Ask what their reason for not continuing with the Auxiliary was.

The Department is excited to have a new Unit Chartered in District 1. This is Unit #116 located in Sylvania.

The membership award date for the 10X10 is Nov. 10th. If you have recruited 10 or more new Junior or Senior members get the form into the Department. The form can be found on the National Website.

Membership is everyone's responsibility.

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 or 2229 Johnson Short Rd., Quitman, GA 31643 or at 229) 561-4070
Pat Morgan

“Angels Working As One For Veterans”



VA&R Georgia War Veterans Home Milledgeville Wish List

To All Units assigned to provide service to our veterans at Georgia War Veterans Home, Milledgeville

We have new Christmas plans for our Veterans at Georgia War Veterans Home in Milledgeville. It is disappointing that we will not be able to do the Family Gift Shop this year because of the COVID situation. The facility is on lockdown and could still be closed during the month of December. This year we will concentrate on personal gifts for each of the 168 plus veterans at Ga War Milledgeville. This number includes seven Lady Veterans.

As the Department of Georgia VA&R Representative, I would like to thank you all for your contributions in the past, and hopefully next year we can get back to the traditional Family Gift Shop. Because of the lockdown, we have not been able to visit with the veterans for our monthly parties and activities. We have given them comfort items during this time, but were not able to spend time with them. Some of you have helped with that and we appreciate it. Since the veterans have been through some trying times, we feel like they deserve some extra special attention at Christmas this year!

The plan is for each veteran to have his/her individual and personal gift. Our Unit 6 Junior American Legion Auxiliary (GMC JALAS) are doing Christmas cards for each of the veterans. Some of the other units may wish to do cards as well. You just can't have too many Christmas Cards!

Below is listed some gift suggestions. Let me know if you have any ideas. Every gift does not need to be exactly alike, but we should keep the value of the gifts comparable. GA War staff has agreed to help us get sizes, suggestions and requests from the veterans. As a reminder, all gifts must be new items and must be clean. We are planning a day to accept the donations and assemble the gifts. I will let you know that date and location as soon as possible. Hope to see you at that time. If Units are unable to bring gift items to Milledgeville, you can send your check to Patty Hawkins and she will forward.

Some gift item suggestions: All items must be new items.
Personal care items - 3-in-1 Shampoo/Body Wash, Deodorant, Body Lotion, Toothpaste, Toothbrush, Hair Brush/comb, small blankets;
Clothing items - T-shirts, socks, underwear, pajamas, sweat pants/shirt, knit lounge suits, long-sleeved Polo shirt, long-sleeved t-shirts, flannel shirts; light-weight jacket, sweater, caps or hats.
Other - Puzzle books, devotional books, wall calendars, coloring books and colored pens, notepads & pen, watches, wallets; Large gift bags, tissue and gift tags are also needed.
Individually packaged snacks (please check expiration date) – Chips, cookies, crackers (They love Cheezits), individual puddings, Jell-O, need some sugar-free, candies without nuts.

Thanks for all you do!

Carrol Griffin 478-457-7718 cgskincare@aol.com
Dept of GA VA&R Representative for
Georgia War Veterans Home Milledgeville

Department Chaplain

VACANT

Be of Good Cheer

Since fear and dread and worry
Cannot help in any way,
It's much healthier and happier
To be cheerful everyday ---
And if we'll only try it
We will find, without doubt,
A cheerful attitude's something
No one should be without---
For when the heart is cheerful
It cannot be filled with fear,
And without fear the way ahead
Seems more distinct and clear---
And we realize there's nothing
We need ever face alone,
For our Heavenly Father loves us
And our problems are His own.

Hinesville, Unit 168

Copied from book of prayers from 1983-1984

DEPARTMENT CHAPLAIN POSITION OPEN

The Department of Georgia is looking for a Chaplain for the year 2020-2021. If you are interested or know of someone who would like to fill this position please contact Patty Hawkins @ secamlegaux@bellsouth.net or Dept. President Valerie Brown Debro @ Valerie.debro@yahoo.com.

Duties of Chaplain: The Department Chaplain shall offer prayer at all Department meetings and perform such other duties as needed.

ATTENTION UNITS

I am excited to see great press (November issue of the ALA Magazine, p. 32) for the ALA National Constitution and Bylaws team and our first ever "ALA National Read Your Constitution and Bylaws Day" November 14, 2020. Please join us and join in on the fun! Read the ALA National C&B somewhere interesting, wear your branded ALA clothing, gather up the team with their masks and send me your photo! Did I mention the blue ALA National C&B can be downloaded for free at the ALA National website www.ALAforveterans.org or can be purchased from Emblem Supply. Join us! Get the C&B, get your friends, get your mask and grab your camera!



IT'S ALL good
CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS CORNER

FINDING ANSWERS IN NEW PLACES (top, left to right): Texas ALA members read the ALA Constitution & Bylaws in front of the Alamo in San Antonio; ALA Department of Fantasy members read the C&B with their First Lady Historical Photographs (Dora Geyron and Mary Koger) looking on; (at bottom): Members read our Constitution & Bylaws at the Lincoln Memorial in Washington, D.C.

COVID-19 LEADS TO A NEW AUXILIARY HOLIDAY THIS NOVEMBER

The global pandemic, with its quarantines and social distancing, has changed the way American Legion Auxiliary units, departments, and National Headquarters conduct business. Restrictions have made it difficult, if not impossible, to meet in person. Members have had to find alternatives to traditional methods of meeting and voting, thus bringing up important questions: Are virtual meetings allowed? Can our members vote electronically? What are the guidelines in our Constitution & Bylaws? The answers to these questions vary in each unit and department.

To find answers, many members have had to review the Constitution & Bylaws for the first time in years, or maybe the first time ever. One thing missing from many of these documents — what to do

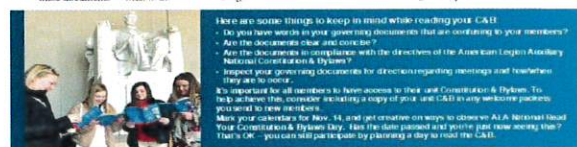
in emergency situations, such as COVID-19 quarantine periods. The COVID crisis has made reading, understanding, and amending our governing documents more critical now than ever as these documents define what can and cannot be done, an issue that has gotten the attention of every one of our departments," said Trish Ward, national Constitution & Bylaws Committee chairman.

The ALA National Constitution & Bylaws Committee has received numerous inquiries from members to get a greater understanding of their role as members and how to impact their governing documents. Many members have expressed interest in making changes to governing documents to address emergency situations. This has brought attention to the need for

Constitution & Bylaws to be reviewed on a regular basis. It's important for members to become familiar with their governing documents.

To remind members to read these governing documents while having a little fun, a special ALA holiday was created. The ALA National Executive Committee, in its virtual meeting in August, voted on a resolution to designate Nov. 14, 2020, as ALA National Read Your Constitution & Bylaws Day.

Leading up to this day, the Constitution & Bylaws Committee activity has been challenging members to read the national C&B in front of landmarks across the country. Where will you be caught reading your ALA Constitution & Bylaws? Members are encouraged to send photos to National C&B Committee Chairman Trish Ward at issuay@alavets.com.



Here are some things to keep in mind while reading your C&B:

- Do you have words in your governing documents that are confusing to your members?
- Are the documents clear and concise?
- Are the documents in compliance with the directives of the American Legion Auxiliary National Council and its Bylaws?
- Inspect your governing documents for directions regarding meetings and whether they are to occur.

It's important for all members to have access to their own Constitution & Bylaws. To help achieve this, consider creating a copy of your unit C&B in any web-based platform accessible to new members.

Mark your calendar for Nov. 14, and get creative on ways to observe ALA National Read Your Constitution & Bylaws Day. For the full pandemic and post-pandemic new meaning that's in our C&B, you can get the book during a day to read the C&B.

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.

Secret Santa PROGRAM

CLARK
HOWARD

NEWS 95.5
AM 750 WSB



SUPPORT CHILDREN
IN FOSTER CARE THIS
HOLIDAY SEASON!

Every year, DFCS hosts a series of Secret Santa charity events in partnership with Clark Howard of WSB radio. These events allow the public to fulfill the wishes of thousands of children in foster care statewide.

How can you help?

Donate

Donations are accepted through our PayPal account at: dfcs.ga.gov/secret-santa-program. Click the "Donate Now" button to make a donation* to support a child during the holidays.

*For larger donations, checks are preferable. Information on check donations can be found on our webpage listed above. The Division provides a tax exemption letter for check donations only.

Sponsor a child

If you have questions about sponsoring a child, please email secretsanta@dhs.ga.gov. Drop off unwrapped gifts at any of the following locations by **Friday, Dec. 4, 2020**.

Georgia State Capitol
206 Washington Street
Suite 203, State Capitol
Atlanta, GA 30334

Secret Santa Warehouse:
2250 Sylvan Road
Suite 100
East Point, GA 30344

Help us spread the word!

Follow our social media pages to stay up-to-date on the latest happenings and to help us spread the word about Secret Santa.



twitter.com/gadfcs



facebook.com/gadfcs

For more information, visit dfcs.ga.gov/secret-santa-program



Greetings American Legion Family, Friends & Community!

The American Legion Auxiliary Department of GA Headquarters is raffling a 65"Samsung UHD TV. Tickets are available for **\$5.00 each**. The **winning ticket** will be pulled **3/20/2021** at our ALA Department Headquarters. Since COVID-19 and meeting the CDC guidelines of social distancing, we have created a simple digital form that can be emailed to share with members, family and friends and community. The TV was won by Judy Lively, who donated back to the Department to raffle for the ALA Department Headquarters.

Attached are digital forms that you could complete online by typing in your **Name, Phone number and Post/Unit #** or you could print them on hard copy to distribute.

The form has (3) Tickets per page. (Save form for your records) They can easily be shared through email. **To complete form**, fill in Name/ Phone/ Post/Unit and send to ALA Department Headquarters with payment amount to match tickets.

Return a hard copy of the ticket form with payment method to our ALA Department Headquarters.

Make Checks or Money order payable to:

ALA Department of GA Headquarters
3035 Mt. Zion Rd.
Stockbridge, GA 30281

ATTN: ALA Department Secretary Patty Hawkins
secamlegaux@bellsouth.net (678 289-8446)

Thank you for all that you do in serving together, For God & Country.

9/11 Angels Serving Every Veteran.

Valerie Brown-Debro
ALA Department of GA
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ALA Department of GA FUNDRAISER

65" SAMSUNG SMART TV

CERTIFIED 4K Ultra HD Connection - 6 Series | NU6950

Raffle winner drawn on September 11, 2020

TICKETS \$5.00



- *2 HDMI PORTS – Audio & Video
- *360 DESIGN- Stylish from front to back
- *HDR- Stunning High Dynamic range content
- *MOTION RATE 120 – Smooth Action on fast moving content
- *UHD DIMMING – Optimizes Color, Contrast and Image
- *SMART TV- Access all of your streaming services in one place
- *NETFLIX – Membership required

Tickets can be purchased by contacting ALA Department Headquarters Secretary,
Patty Hawkins 678 289-8446 or email your request to: secamlegaux@bellsouth.net

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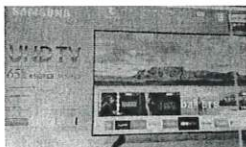
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AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY CHILDREN & YOUTH



"CELEBRATING A CENTURY OF SERVICE"

SOUTHERN DIVISION NEWSLETTER – NOVEMBER 2020
GABRIELE BARNETT, CHAIRPERSON
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Fall is here – my favorite time of the year. The leaves are changing and the pumpkin spice makes everything smell like holidays. The end of the year is approaching far too fast. It is definitely time to start thinking about the mid-year reports. Please mark your calendar to make sure you submit your report timely. I know from talking to everyone throughout the year that each Department has something to report. It is not the volume that makes a good report but the fact that you were working our Children & Youth Programs at all.

I would like to schedule a conference call on Thursday, 19 November at 7pm. Please let me know if this works for you. This month we will be celebrating Veterans Day. Veterans Day means freedom, sacrifice, and honor for those who served in the military. It also means to give thanks to people who served. We should be brave and strong-hearted when meet veterans. ... without Veterans Day, many Americans would forget them and the sacrifices they made. We should also remember the children of our veterans as they endure many sacrifices as well..... birthdays, games, school events and milestones celebrated without one or both parents because they were deployed – our “military children” are heroes as well. Another day to remember in November is Thanksgiving. It is usually a day of family gathering around a table filled with a turkey and all its fixings. Please remember that some families this year might not be able to provide a traditional meal due to limited income. Our local food bank (the Golden Harvest Bank) usually holds a food drive in October/November. Their theme is “It’s Spooky to Be Hungry”. The little ghost holding the food bag is actually their mascot. Maybe you can sponsor a food drive for your local food bank. Another way to distribute food is to contact your local schools’ social worker. Unit 192 in Evans, GA for example is sponsoring 20 families and provides a complete holiday meal for them. Let’s make sure our children do not go hungry.

I appreciate all you do for our Children & Youth program.

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

Stay safe.

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). 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 14th (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). 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

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 or by emailing 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.

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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.

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, 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 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

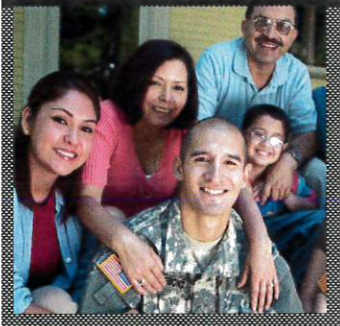
Each ALA unit has a set of officers. Your unit can tell you more about the members who hold these offices, along with their specific responsibilities. *The American Legion Auxiliary Unit Guidebook*, available at www.ALAforVeterans.org, also provides information about how a unit functions.



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 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?

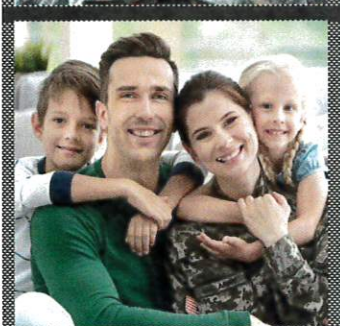
Members whose dues are current can create an account to log in to the Members Only area on the national website to update their name, mailing address, phone number, and email address at any time. If log-in assistance is needed, email ALAMIShelp@ALAforVeterans.org.

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 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

November 1, 2020 Daylight Saving Time Ends

November 3, 2020 Election Day

November 11, 2020 Veterans Day

November 26, 2020 Thanksgiving Day

“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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