



Kentucky American Legion Auxiliary
February 2023
Auxiliary President



Winter Conference was on January 21st, 2023 and was wonderful. We had over 80 Senior members and 8 Junior members registered. The Juniors visited our meeting and auctioned off their creative artwork to raise \$615, of which \$307 went to support Girls State, and \$308 went to the Juniors to fund their conferences and outings. Way to go Juniors!!

The Juniors are exhibiting real growth. If you plan to bring a Junior, please contact me or the Juniors Chairman, Bette Gies to let us know their ages so we can prepare for the Spring meeting. The Juniors do things like work on the Juniors Patch program, flag etiquette, Americanism projects, etc.

Jerilyn Kabel, our Public Relations Chairman, presented the "Branding Game" at our conference and great fun was had by all. Everyone learned about the importance of a cohesive brand for your organization and what it evokes and means. She did a fantastic job and our audience was great with lots of interaction.

Jeanette Key, our Education Chairman, gave us more knowledge of the various scholarships that our Education program provides.

Elaine Jocelyn, our Poppy Chairman, affectionately known as the Poppy Lady, gave a Question and Answer session on everything Poppy.

Our chairman our doing an outstanding job this year and they keep shining brighter each and every conference. I can't wait to see what the Spring Conference holds.

Speaking of Spring Conference, it will be held on Saturday, April 15th at the Holiday Inn in Bowling Green, Kentucky. To have a little fun and show unity, our members can wear a floral print to celebrate Spring and to be a beautiful field of flowers for the head table to view.

As our Department service project, we will be stuffing about **100 survival backpacks** for the homeless veteran population, so we asking for donations of items to put in the backpacks. Items needed are: Hand sanitizer, snacks, socks, knit hats, and foot and hand warmers. There will also be other items that have already been obtained. If your Unit can donate, please let me know what and quantity so we can ensure we spend our monies to the best of our ability.

There will also be other exciting events happenings and great information to be shared that will be included in future bulletins.

For God and Country

Nancy Moses
American Legion Auxiliary
Department President 2022--23

Legislative Bulletin

February 2023

Hello ALA Family,

If you are not currently receiving the American Legion Legislative Alerts, please sign up for them. After signing up you will receive notifications of important legislative items that are up for vote. This initiative allows our voices to be heard and petition Congress to pass the American Legion's Legislative agenda. Please send me the confirmation email you receive, as I will be doing a giveaway for those that actively participate, please encourage all in your unit to do so.

To Do:

❖ Sign up for Legislative Alerts:
<https://www.votervoice.net/AmericanLegion/home>

❖ Send An Email To Your Representative:

Go to <https://www.votervoice.net/AmericanLegion/home> and enter your zip code under "Find Officials".

❖ End of Year Report: Due May 1st

Current Alerts:

- H.R. 8685 – Afghan Adjustment Act- This bipartisan legislation would streamline the pathway for eligible Afghan wartime allies - interpreters and their families, most importantly - to permanent U.S. residence, rather than having them undergo traumatizing and complex asylum processes.
 - Major Richard Star Act - Right now, VA deducts the retirement pay of veterans with a disability rating of less than 50%. These veterans who have been forced into medical retirement are being penalized for their injuries, and there is no excuse for it. Disability compensation and retirement pay are two different payments and should be treated as such. DoD awards retirement pay for honorable service, while the VA is responsible for disability compensation. Conflating the two and forcing deductions in retirement pay is an outrage. In the last session of Congress, the Major Richard Star Act was introduced to repeal this grave offset.
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For God and Country,
April Ward
Dept. of KY Legislative Chairman



Treasurer Bulletin No. 2 February 2023

Attached to this bulletin is the listing of units and the amount due for their Operating Assessments. The Operating Assessment is established to assist in supporting the operation of the Department Headquarters.

The amount of Operating Assessments is based on a total of \$25 for the Unit plus 25 cents for each senior member as of the calendar year end for that year. In this instance, the base is the number of senior members as of December 31, 2022 for the 2022 calendar year.

Also, in May 2022 the Department received the statement for the Treasurer's Bond for all Units in this Department. This bond coverage is for a 3 year period and is very reasonably priced. The 3-year fee is only \$18 per unit. If you have not remitted the fee for the Treasurer's Bond, please remit it as soon as possible.

All Assessments and the Treasurer's Bond should be paid to Department Headquarters at 134 Walnut St, Frankfort, KY 40601

Virginia Hobbs
 Department Treasurer
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2023 Operating Assessments

Unit	Unit Name	Senior	Assessment	Unit	Unit Name	Senior	Assessment
UNIT 0002	Joseph-Vernon-Lloyd	14	\$ 28.50	UNIT 0088	Fonzie Wilder	71	\$ 42.75
UNIT 0003	LaCenter	13	\$ 28.25	UNIT 0104	McClellan Anderson	17	\$ 29.25
UNIT 0004	Boone	58	\$ 39.50	UNIT 0113	Hardin	392	\$ 123.00
UNIT 0006	Maurice K. Gordon	119	\$ 54.75	UNIT 0115	Kinne-Slaven	75	\$ 43.75
UNIT 0007	Frankfort	54	\$ 38.50	UNIT 0119	Burksville	23	\$ 30.75
UNIT 0008	Man O War	72	\$ 43.00	UNIT 0121	Old Kentucky Home	35	\$ 33.75
UNIT 0009	James L. Yates	60	\$ 40.00	UNIT 0124	Rod Lowe	90	\$ 47.50
UNIT 0011	James Wallace Costigan	20	\$ 30.00	UNIT 0126	Corbie Ellington	42	\$ 35.50
UNIT 0012	Jesse M Dykes	18	\$ 29.50	UNIT 0132	Nathan Caulder	38	\$ 34.50
UNIT 0016	Mart Gentry	24	\$ 31.00	UNIT 0138	Moore-Armstrong	66	\$ 41.50

UNIT 0017	Nicholas	11	\$ 27.75	UNIT 0148	Ritchie-Trent	50	\$ 37.50
UNIT 0020	Simon Kenton	49	\$ 37.25	UNIT 0152	Douglas Day	15	\$ 28.75
UNIT 0022	Montgomery	25	\$ 31.25	UNIT 0157	Bullitt County	65	\$ 41.25
UNIT 0023	Warren	50	\$ 37.50	UNIT 0165	Charles Young	29	\$ 32.25
UNIT 0024	Scott County	89	\$ 47.25	UNIT 0167	Abraham Lincoln	26	\$ 31.50
UNIT 0026	Mayfield	22	\$ 30.50	UNIT 0176	Beckley-Hawkins	6	\$ 26.50
UNIT 0029	Logan	24	\$ 31.00	UNIT 0180	Zachary Taylor	131	\$ 57.75
UNIT 0031	Chief Paduke	23	\$ 30.75	UNIT 0193	Shawnee	72	\$ 43.00
UNIT 0034	Anderson	127	\$ 56.75	UNIT 0202	Harristown	21	\$ 30.25
UNIT 0038	Pulaski County	80	\$ 45.00	UNIT 0203	Latonia	191	\$ 72.75
UNIT 0040	Worsham	65	\$ 41.25	UNIT 0217	Logan Clark	60	\$ 40.00
UNIT 0041	Carroll	41	\$ 35.25	UNIT 0219	Simon-Gosney	57	\$ 39.25
UNIT 0042	Nelson County	26	\$ 31.50	UNIT 0220	Dixie	43	\$ 35.75
UNIT 0043	Howard Thomas	51	\$ 37.75	UNIT 0229	Iroquois	41	\$ 35.25
UNIT 0045	Peter Salem	11	\$ 27.75	UNIT 0233	Fort Campbell	79	\$ 44.75
UNIT 0046	Boyle	28	\$ 32.00	UNIT 0236	William A Doyle	35	\$ 33.75
UNIT 0049	Marion	5	\$ 26.25	UNIT 0243	Austin Collins	20	\$ 30.00
UNIT 0061	Andy Anderson	37	\$ 34.25	UNIT 0244	G I Joe	89	\$ 47.25
UNIT 0062	Simpson	82	\$ 45.50	UNIT 0247	Springfield	4	\$ 26.00
UNIT 0066	Bradley Burkhart	6	\$ 26.50	UNIT 0257	David Rankin	39	\$ 34.75
UNIT 0067	Woodford	63	\$ 40.75	UNIT 0278	Portland	3	\$ 25.75
UNIT 0068	Lyon County	43	\$ 35.75	UNIT 0283	John B. Reynolds	10	\$ 27.50
UNIT 0072	Marshall Alexander	10	\$ 27.50	UNIT 0288	Nelson County	19	\$ 29.75
UNIT 0074	Trigg County	18	\$ 29.50	UNIT 0289	Clay	4	\$ 26.00
UNIT 0076	Clarence Fields	31	\$ 32.75	UNIT 0313	Federal	82	\$ 45.50
UNIT 0079	Estill County	33	\$ 33.25	UNIT 0325	Elwood Stringer	75	\$ 43.75
UNIT 0081	Leitchfield	149	\$ 62.25	UNIT 0341	Thoroughbred	35	\$ 33.75
UNIT 0082	Edwards-O'Banion	43	\$ 35.75	UNIT 0342	Willard	61	\$ 40.25
UNIT 0087	Lincoln Memorial	28	\$ 32.00				



Membership
February 2023

Hey Everyone,

Thank you for all of your hard work so far this year. I hope everyone had a fun and successful conference this past weekend. I'm sorry I had to miss out, but thank you to Jennifer Mullins and Lori Acuff for helping me out! As a department we are at 67.7%, let's continue working together to get to 100% as a department.

We had 19 units hit the 75% membership goal by December 31, 2022. Congratulations to each of you and keep up your hard work to meet the next goal. We already have a handful of units that have hit the 100% goal. At Spring Conference, we will be having a drawing with prizes for units who have reached the 100% membership or more goal!

The next goal is 90% by April 1st! You can do it! Work together as a unit and make it happen!

"Friendship is not built on promises but action."-unknown

Thank you,

Sarah Henderson
Dept. Membership 2022-2023



MEMBERSHIP MEMORY REPORT 01-23-2023



DISTRICT 1					
Unit	RenPd	New	Tot Goal	Tot Pd	Tot %
3	15	4	15	19	126.7
26	19	0	26	19	73.1
31	1	0	29	1	3.4
68	29	1	45	30	66.7
72	9	0	11	9	81.8
74	16	0	18	16	88.9
217	54	1	95	54	56.8
236	31	0	36	31	86.1
Tot	173	6	275	179	65.1

DISTRICT 2					
Unit	RenPd	New	Tot Goal	Tot Pd	Tot %
2	4	0	15	4	26.7
6	83	8	134	91	67.9
9	5	3	60	8	13.3
40	49	4	64	53	82.8
233	52	4	120	52	43.3
243	2	0	23	2	8.7
289	4	0	10	4	40.0
Tot	199	19	426	218	51.2

DISTRICT 3					
Unit	RenPd	New	Tot Goal	Tot Pd	Tot %
23	29	2	60	31	51.7
29	12	5	29	17	58.6
61	8	0	37	8	21.6
62	74	3	91	77	84.6
119	14	0	24	14	58.3
202	10	0	31	10	32.3
Tot	147	10	272	157	57.7

DISTRICT 4					
Unit	RenPd	New	Tot Goal	Tot Pd	Tot %
42	36	0	29	36	124.1
49	4	0	10	4	40.0
81	140	4	225	144	64.0
82	35	1	47	36	76.6
87	16	4	29	20	69.0
113	326	25	420	351	83.6
121	21	0	42	21	50.0
124	77	25	98	102	104.1
148	33	0	58	33	56.9
157	40	1	81	41	50.6
167	17	0	32	17	53.1
247	4	0	10	4	40.0
288	20		20	20	100.0
Tot	769	60	1101	829	75.3

DISTRICT 5					
Unit	RenPd	New	Tot Goal	Tot Pd	Tot %
45	3	0	22	3	13.6
180	124	1	150	125	83.3
193	58	1	86	59	68.6
220	36	0	46	36	78.3
229	37	1	51	38	74.5
244	57	3	88	60	68.2
278	1	0	10	1	10.0
Tot	316	6	453	322	71.1

DISTRICT 6					
Unit	RenPd	New	Tot Goal	Tot Pd	Tot %
4	49	8	67	60	89.6
11	32	0	30	32	106.7
20	35	4	53	39	73.6
41	16	0	41	16	39.0
203	157	0	231	157	68.0
219	58	1	58	59	101.7
Tot	347	13	480	363	75.6

DISTRICT 7					
Unit	RenPd	New	Tot Goal	Tot Pd	Tot %
7	33	3	73	36	49.3
8	56	4	72	60	83.3
24	72	5	89	77	86.5
67	52	7	71	59	83.1
79	17	4	33	21	63.6
132	29	0	37	29	78.4
165	26	0	33	26	78.8
176	6	0	10	6	60.0
257	22	0	45	22	48.9
313	64	6	87	70	80.5
341	20	3	37	23	62.2
Tot	397	32	587	429	73.1

DISTRICT 8					
Unit	RenPd	New	Tot Goal	Tot Pd	Tot %
12	9	6	18	15	83.3
34	99	5	127	104	81.9
46	25	1	38	26	68.4
Tot	133	12	183	145	79.2

DISTRICT 9					
Unit	RenPd	New	Tot Goal	Tot Pd	Tot %
17	0	0	11	0	0.0
22	22	0	30	22	73.3
43	31	4	54	35	64.8
76	19	0	45	19	42.2
126	35	2	47	37	78.7
138	52	4	71	56	78.9
325	57	4	76	61	80.3
342	67	6	75	73	97.3
Tot	283	20	409	303	74.1

DISTRICT 10					
Unit	RenPd	New	Tot Goal	Tot Pd	Tot %
66	7	0	10	7	70.0
104	11	0	10	11	110.0
152	2	0	15	2	13.3
283	0	0	16	0	0.0
Tot	20	0	51	20	39.2

DISTRICT 11					
Unit	RenPd	New	Tot Goal	Tot Pd	Tot %
16	3	0	26	3	11.5
38	59	3	84	62	73.8
88	56	5	71	61	85.9
115	29	0	75	29	38.7
Tot	147	8	256	155	60.5

HEADQUARTERS					
Unit	RenPd	New	Tot Goal	Tot Pd	Tot %
200	63	10	73	73	100.0

DEPARTMENT OF KENTUCKY					
RenPd	New	Tot Goal	Tot Pd	Tot %	
2994	104	4566	3193	69.9	

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We didn't realize we were making memories, we just knew we were having fun

will be removed at National convention



February 2023
Girls State

Hello Unit Presidents and Unit Girls State Chairmen,

The ALA KY Girls State committee has been working diligent on ALA Kentucky Girls State program on revisiting again at the task of moving the KY ALA Girls State program because of our Director Virginia Hobbs has made several attempts with calling the liaison at Georgetown College with no emails or call back to her on the program being at Georgetown College. So, we must look for a site to hold the Girls State program this year. Our director and I were asked to look at Western KY University by our Past State Commander Legionnaire Bill Moore, he connected us up with Rachel Goodman the liaison at Western University and we scheduled a site visit on January 10th, Director Virginia, Bonita Robey, and myself visited and we were pleased of our visit there and what they can offered us at the campus. On January 18th ALA Girls State committee met via zoom to discuss our budget for the ALA KY Girls State program with the of having 50 delegates as you see these numbers could change if get the numbers of delegates to attend the program this year to go to Western Kentucky University and cost to host the program these could change up or down we voted that we except going to Western Kentucky University and to be brought to the Executive Board Committee at Winter Conference. The dates will be June 5th -June 9th for the delegates at Western Kentucky University, the staff would be coming on that Sunday June 4th. The cost for each delegate to attend will be \$325 this will would include out of state delegates also of the \$325. The committee discussed and voted on this decision bring these changes to the Department Executive Board and it was discussed and voted to except the changes on where to host the 2023 American Legion Auxiliary Kentucky Girls State session for the 2023 year. Director Virginia Hobbs at this writing of this bulletin is preparing the brochure and application to be online for the members and delegates to start their processing of getting the information and applications to attend KY Girls State Program.

At this meeting the staff and junior counselors for the 2023 ALA KY Girls program was approved they are:
Senior Staff

Virginia Hobbs
Diane Spencer
Nancy Moses
April Ward
Bonita Robey
Pam Dimmerman
Donna Thurman (even she will not be coming this year)
Stephanie Baird
Danica Moon
Emalee Haynes
Judy Van Matre

Junior Staff
Reagan Trzop
Maggie Phelps

The American Legion Auxiliary Kentucky Girls State Committee wants to thank each district, units, and individual members of the American Legion Family in participating in our American Legion Auxiliary KY Girls State raffles this past 5 months the winners of the three drawings for the \$300 was Kathy Bottom, \$200 was Daniel Klein, \$100 was Donna Born. An Afghan shawl was donated by Bobbie Pointer of Unit 88 to the KY Girls State program and the winner was our Auxiliary Department 1st. Vice President April Ward, I donated a 16 piece set of Poppy dishes that was won by our Auxiliary Department Secretary Jennifer Mullins again congratulation to all and thank you again the American Legion Family.

The American Legion Auxiliary Junior members did awesome job with their auction with pictures, bird house and wall hangings for their program they even supported the Department Auxiliary Department Girls State program with half of their proceed of their auction to the Department Girl State program.

N.E.C Bonita Robey put out the challenge to the Past Department Presidents to make a \$100 donation to the KY Girls State Program by April's Spring Conference in Bowling Green, KY so I am looking forward to see how many of our Past Department Presidents step-up to the challenge.

Please contact Virginia or I if you have any questions or need any help by email or phone.

Diane Spencer

Virginia Hobbs

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Change in Dues Remitted to American Legion Auxiliary Department of Kentucky

Each Auxiliary Unit determines its own membership amount and forwards a per capita (per capita means an annual amount for one person) amount to the Department to cover the per capital amounts for the Department and National Organization. For the current year of 2022-2023, the per capita is \$23.00 for senior members and \$5.00 for junior members. These current amounts for senior members are \$12.00 for National and \$11.00 for Department, and for junior members \$2.50 for National and also Department which totals the \$5.00.

The National per capita for dues is determined by the actions of the National Convention delegates. At the National Convention held in Milwaukee, Wisconsin from August 29 thru August 31, the convention delegates approved an increase in the National dues for senior members of \$6.00 per person. No increase was approved for junior members.

In 2011, our Department Convention approved an automatic increase of \$1.00 for senior members each 3 years. An increase of the dollar in senior dues is again due in 2025-2026.

These increases in senior dues will result in a total per capita of \$29.00 being forwarded to the Department for the State and National dues. Junior dues will remain unchanged.

Each Unit must review their membership dues and adopt a dues amount which is sufficient to support the Unit's operations and the State and National per capita amounts. By May 1, the Department Secretary must submit each Unit's membership dues for 2023-2024 for inclusion in the membership renewal notices. If current membership dues are inadequate to cover the new per capita of \$29.00, the increase of \$7.00 will be added to the 2023 dues amount currently charged senior members.



Leadership Bulletin February 2023

Leadership in Kentucky is really Shining!! If you were at the Winter Conference in Louisville you would have seen the ALA in action! Officers, chairman and ladies were awesome. Great reports and information was shared by all.

By now everyone should be working on who they would like to nominate for Unit Member of The Year and also their Mentor Nomination. The Unit Member of The Year is limited to a Auxiliary Member who has not served beyond a Unit President. Department Officers or Chairman are excluded for nomination. Also Mentorship awards are any member regardless of any office or chairmanship they have served on. The deadline for your essays is no later than May 5th. The forms are included in this bulletin. I'm looking forward to receiving many nominations!

Spring Conference is right around the corner so use your imagination and get your Crazy Hat ready! Think out of the Box, you never know what he prize will be! We will parade in the Auxiliary meeting only so let's have some fun!

We will also have a membership workshop at Spring Conference and I'm looking forward to seeing everyone attending, officers included so please try to attend.

See everyone at Spring Conference.

Pat Bryant, Leadership Chairman
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Leadership Committee Award Entry Form Unit Member of the Year Award

Requirements:

1. Open to senior members who are not currently, nor have ever been, in an elected or appointed leadership role higher than unit president.
2. Units **must submit a narrative of 1,000 words or less** describing the nominee's accomplishments and activities together with the nominee's name and address. Please include this narrative with this form. Completed form and narrative must be sent to Pat Bryant by May 5th.
3. Units may submit only one entry. Entry is due May 5th and must be signed by the Leadership or PPP chairman. Please send Unit entry to Pat Bryant at patnlemuel@aol.com or mail to 206 Cardinal Drive, Columbia, Ky. 42728.

Nominating Unit
Name and
Number

Unit Member of
the Year Name

Address

City/State/Zip

Phone

Cell Phone

Email

Leadership
Chairman/PPP

Leadership Committee Award Entry Form

Mentor Nomination

Requirements:

1. Open to all Auxiliary members.
2. Nominators **must submit a narrative of 1,000 words or less** describing why the nominee is a good mentor together with the nominee's AND nominator's full name and Unit Name and number. Please include this narrative with this form. Completed form and narrative must be sent to Pat Bryant throughout the 2022-23 Auxiliary year, deadline May 15th.
3. Please send Mentor nominee entry to Pat Bryant at patnlemuel@aol.com or mail to 206 Cardinal Drive, Columbia, Ky. 42728.

Nominator Name

Nominator Unit
Name and #

Mentor Name

Mentor Unit Name
and #



Department of Kentucky Americanism
Edna Shupe-Bland, Chair
January 2023

Hello Members,

While you are working the Americanism program, please remember to send me original pictures as well as a paragraph or two of your events.

I am attaching extra information about the essay contest, sample judging sheets as well as the cover sheet to help with this process. Remember, Homeschool and Non-Member children may participate as long as your unit sponsors them. If your unit does not want to sponsor them send them to me please.

If you have any questions feel free to contact me.

Tools and Resources

Flag Knowledge, go to <https://www.legion.org/flag>
<http://www.citizensflagalliance.org/>

Get Text Alerts: For when to display your Flag at half-staff by texting "Flag" to 534466

National and Department Awards

Unit Award- Dorothy Pearl Most Outstanding Unit Americanism Program

- **Deadline- May 1, 2023(Must be postmarked or Emailed by 5 p.m. on May 1,2023)**
- Winning submissions will have two things in common-fantastic narrative and great photos!
 - Entry must be typewritten in narrative format, not to exceed 1,000 words.
- Entry may include no more than 5 photos and 5 news articles (photos should be original photos, jpeg format with highest resolution, not copied from social media.
 - Entry must have the National Report Cover Sheet attached and filled out.
 - First and Second Place Trophies for Best Department Americanism Program

Americanism Essay Contest

Deadline-April 1, 2023

2022-2023 Theme "What does Patriotism mean to you?"

(Required cover sheet attached)

(Must be Postmarked or Emailed and sent by April 1, 2023)

Send to:

Edna Shupe-Bland

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AMERICANISM ESSAY CONTEST – 2022/2023

The American Legion Auxiliary, _____ Unit # _____, wishes to encourage students, grades 3 through 12, to participate in an Americanism Essay Contest. Each year the National American Legion Auxiliary chooses an Americanism subject for this contest. Essays are judged on the local level, sent on to state for judging, then to Division, and finally to National. The local level includes students throughout our school district, private schools, and students home schooled. The Americanism Essay contest is divided into 6 classes covering 10 grade levels. The following information pertains to this years' contest.

TITLE: "What does patriotism mean to you?"

CLASS I	Grades 3 and 4	150-250 Words
CLASS II	Grades 5 and 6	250-300 Words
CLASS III	Grades 7 and 8	350-400 Words
CLASS IV	Grades 9 and 10	450-500 Words
CLASS V	Grades 11 and 12	450-500 Words
CLASS VI	Students with special needs	Word count should correspond with student's grade level.

SPONSOR: _____ (Insert Unit Name) _____, Unit # _____, Department of _____, American Legion Auxiliary.

Americanism Chairman: (insert Chairman's contact info)

REQUIREMENTS

FORM: Essays may be handwritten or typed; however, typed is preferred.

Essays should have a 1" margin on all sides.

Even though cover sheet is used, students should print or sign name on last sheet.

Enclosed cover sheet must be used as first page of each essay; be sure to complete the cover sheet with proper information and teacher's signature.

Please note: the Student's mailing address is necessary as National sends awards directly to the student.

JUDGING: Essays will be judged on grammar, spelling, content, and following directions (please note requirements). We ask each school to set their own deadline to allow time for them to judge essays and submit the **top 5 from each class** for final judging. This method of having the essays pre-judged should allow for the students to make any necessary corrections to grammar and spelling prior to the final judging by the Auxiliary. **Selected essays must be sent to reach the Unit Chairman by _____(Unit Chairman can pick-up Essays from the School, or District Office, if contacted in advance).** Teachers: Please remember to provide the total number of participants.

AWARDS: A certificate will be provided for each participant; the teachers will need to insert student's names

The Unit winner in each of the 6 Classes will receive \$10 and a citation.

Divisional level winner in each of the 6 classes will receive \$50 and a \$50 honorarium in the student's name to the National Presidents' Children of Warriors Scholarship Fund.



**AMERICANISM ESSAY CONTEST
2023 Cover Sheet**

Each year, the American Legion Auxiliary (ALA) sponsors an Americanism Essay Contest for students in grades 3-12, including students with special needs. Grade levels are divided into six classes. One award in each of the six classes will be presented in each division. Winners will receive \$50 and a \$50 donation in the student's name will be made to the Children of Warriors National Presidents' Scholarship fund. National winners will be posted at www.ALAforVeterans.org after convention.

Essay Title: *"What does patriotism mean to you?"*

Essay Classes:

Class	Grade Level	Word Requirement
I	3 and 4	150-250
II	5 and 6	250-300
III	7 and 8	350-400
IV	9 and 10	450-500
V	11 and 12	450-500
VI	Students with special needs	Word count should correspond with student's grade level.

Essay Checklist:

- Class competing in _____
- Sponsoring ALA unit _____
- Typed or neatly written essay conforming to the word requirement for class
- Completed essay coversheet as first page of essay
- Word count of essay _____
- Due date for student to return to ALA unit _____

To Be Completed by the Student/Parent:

Student Name: _____

Address (Street, City, State, Zip): _____

E-mail Address: _____

Phone: _____

School Name: _____

School City/State: _____

Teacher Name and Signature: _____

Auxiliary Use Only (Must be completed for entry to be considered.):

Sponsoring Unit Name/Number: _____

Signature of Unit Americanism Chairman: _____

Unit winner due to Department on: _____ Department: _____

Signature of Department Chairman: _____

Department winner due to National Americanism Division Chairman by April 15, 2023



2023 Trophies & Awards

This form must be received no later than MAY 15!

The trophies must be ordered by May 20 to get them

back in time for convention.

Form **MUST BE EMAILED** to

Sherry Norman

sherrynorman511@gmail.com

Please keep in mind that each program is allotted **ONE** senior and **ONE** junior trophy

SENIOR TROPHY - 2023

Line 1:

Line 2:

JUNIOR TROPHY - 2023

Line 1:

Line 2:

Please Print Legibly or Type!!

If you have any questions, contact Sherry Norman



NEC
Bulletin #3
February 2022

Can you believe February is here already. My how time has flown over the past few months. This is the month of LOVE and one of the ways I want to show you all some love is to kindly remind each unit to have the conversation about your annual American Legion Auxiliary dues amounts. When we returned from National Convention, I sent a bulletin letting each of you know the dues were increasing with the 2024 administrative year for seniors. That increase is in the amount of \$6.00. Our secretary will be sending information out and one piece of that will be asking each unit to put the new amount of your unit dues. Please pay attention as there will be a deadline, not imposed by her but by National for us to get those in. If your unit does not meet that deadline, it doesn't mean your dues will not increase. They will and it will be the additional \$6.00. Therefore, I am encouraging each unit, if you have not already, to please have this as an agenda item so you will be ready when it comes to time to get the information back to our Department Secretary, Jennifer Mullins.

In addition to reminding you of the dues increase, I would also like to encourage you to visit the American Legion Auxiliary National website, <https://www.legion-aux.org>, as there is a great deal of information on all our programs you may find very useful. It is easy to create an account (make sure you have your membership number handy) then you'll have all sorts of information right at your fingertips.

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What is the Ready Campaign?

[Ready](#) is a government-sponsored website with a wealth of information on what to do to prepare you and your family in the event of an emergency. It can best be stated by utilizing the phrasing straight from their website.

Launched in February 2003, Ready is a National public service campaign designed to educate and empower the American people to prepare for, respond to and mitigate emergencies, including natural and man-made disasters. The goal of the campaign is to promote preparedness through public involvement.

Ready and its Spanish language version Listo ask individuals to do four key things:

- [Stay informed](#) about the different types of emergencies that could occur and their appropriate responses
- Make a family emergency [plan](#).
- Build an [emergency supply kit](#).
- [Get involved](#) in your community by taking action to prepare for emergencies.

When you visit <https://www.ready.gov>, you will find various disaster types and information to help you successfully navigate and prepare yourself. Under the first category will be all types of disasters and emergencies. As you navigate those based on what is common to your location or that of your family members, the section will walk you through the most important aspects to be mindful of. For example, if you live in an area prone to earthquakes, it first tells you to practice Drop, Cover, and Hold On. You can click each of those words and get a description of what it means. As you continue reading, it will give you tips on what to do next. Keep in mind, some things you click on will take you to a different website.

The next category is Make a Plan. Under this category, you will see all types of plans from how to make your pets ready, how-to information for those with disabilities, escape plans, technology readiness, and many other categories. Even though in your mind you may feel you are ready to take on the challenge, in the event of a disaster, we are not always mentally prepared. What if you are not at home? The Plan for Locations is an excellent tool to enable you to plan for the “what if I’m not home what do I do scenario?”.

The link for building an emergency supply kit presents you with many different types of kits to build for different situations. You may find that there are many items suggested that you had not considered before. Be prepared and start building a kit now. This is a great family activity.

The Get Involved link contains information that is common practice for members of our organization. What does it start out discussing? VOLUNTEERING!!! This governmental site encourages donations to National Voluntary Organizations Active in Disasters (NVOAD). Needs become great during disasters, be they man-made or natural. In addition to volunteering and/or donating, guess what else falls in this category? CERT (Community Emergency Response Team). With the proper training, members from your unit can assist in helping others.

The section entitled Ready Business outlines tools to be used within your business to enable you to be prepared should a disaster occur. We have dealt with Covid for several years now but this year we have the added influx of the influenza virus and RSV. Unfortunately, there is also the need to be aware of acts of violence. Never forget the dangers of power outages, natural disasters, and equipment failures. You can find tips in this area to help you and your employees safely navigate these challenges.

How about having some fun teaching the children how to prepare for disasters in a way they will enjoy? Ready Kids has many games that can be played that are both fun and educational ways to teach the youth about what to do and how to prepare should a situation arise. There are methods to give teenagers a role to play that gives them some responsibility, allowing them to be helpful to both their family and the community. Many may have never experienced a disaster or been sheltered and did not understand the seriousness of the situation. There are items within this category that can help them mentally prepare and cope with a dangerous situation.

Finally, what website would be complete without having a Resources section? Did you know National Preparedness Month is September? Within this section, there is much information to help spread the word on what to do. There are toolkits and, mobile apps, videos, etc. that will help make your campaign successful. And best of all, Ready also offers some content in additional languages such as Arabic, French, Haitian Creole, Hindi, Japanese, Korean, Portuguese, Russian, Tagalog, Vietnamese, and Simplified Chinese.

Please take the time to go to <https://www.ready.gov> and prepare yourself and those within your community to be safe.

Remember, there is nothing more important than your safety.

Submitted by Bonita Robey, Southern Division National Security Chairman

2022-2023 National Security Awards

Salute to Servicemembers Award

Now is the time to start thinking about who YOU are going to nominate for the Salute to Servicemembers Award. With a revised name this year, the Salute to Servicemembers Award is open to all active duty enlisted in all seven (7) branches of service regardless of gender. Wouldn't it be wonderful to see all seven branches of service represented on the stage during the 2023 National Convention? If you have questions or are unsure on how to get started, there are three FAQs located on the ALA National Security Facebook page which can help you find Service members, what forms need to be submitted and other valuable information. If you can't find them, contact your Divisional Chairman and she can send them to you. The deadline for this award is June 1st so let's get started now and let's have tons of nominations this year for this prestigious award.

The link for the Salute to Servicemembers award is:

<https://www.legion-aux.org/Salute-to-Servicemembers-Award-Form>

Unit Award: Most Outstanding Unit National Security Program – must be to me by May 1.

Department Award: Dorothy Pearl National Security Award – In order for me to write this, I need participation from the units. I will take the information provided in our reports and create a department one to submit.

When I do my year-end reporting, what falls under the National Security Program? Here are a few ideas and you can also look on the National American Legion's website (www.legion.org/security) as well as the National American Legion Auxiliary's website (www.legion-aux.org) and the National Security Facebook site for even more ideas.

1. Blood drives performed during a natural disaster.
2. POW/MIA ceremonies
3. Assist families with contacting the DPAA (Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency) to help locate their loved ones.
4. Salute to Service Members nominations
5. Operation Homefront activities
6. Support of troops and their families on Military Installations.
7. Welcome Home and support as the troops leave for tours.
8. Working with Military Family Readiness Groups to support our military families.
9. Support of Operation Comfort Warriors
10. Nominations for Law Enforcement Officers and Firefighters
11. Disaster Preparedness Training



ALA COMMUNITY SERVICE
February 2023

Greetings One and All! What a great Winter Conference we had! It was exciting to see everyone and share the awesome things some Units have reported to me. Whether you realize it or not, your Unit performs SOME type of community service at least monthly, if not weekly or even DAILY! Unfortunately, it's hard to remember everything unless you jot it down somewhere – either on a notepad, on your phone, or on a calendar, whatever works best for you. NEVER discount anything you do!! Whether you are a BIG Unit or a SMALL Unit, everything you do is important and worthy of praise. Keep track, take some pictures along the way and most importantly, REPORT, REPORT, REPORT!! Be sure to send me LOTS of pictures, which you can do throughout the year if you'd like. That way you don't have to get everything together at the end of the year. Pictures may be sent to me via E-mail (Mayberrynuts3@aol.com), text (859-509-3094), or via Facebook Messenger (Bill N Barb Dalzell). I will mark which Unit they are from and upload them to a flash drive for safe keeping. At the end of the year when you send your Unit's report to me, I will match the pictures to your report and forward everything to our Southern Division Chairperson, Teresa Simmons-Copeland (TX). She has requested the Department report be in electronic format, so easy-peasy. I am including some forms she sent to help make documentation and reporting for all your year-end reports easier and more accurate. At our last Community Service meeting an issue was reported that some Units bypass Department and send their reports directly to National. This is not encouraged and in fact makes the Department Impact Report inaccurate and grossly deficient as they do not combine those individual Unit reports with the Department's. We also discussed awards. This year, the Best Unit Report will receive a Plaque and a \$25 gift certificate for Emblem Sales. The Best Report for Department will receive a Citation and a \$50 gift certificate to Emblem Sales. All awards will be submitted electronically by Southern Division. Don't forget there are 14 Departments in the Southern Division, so please be as detailed as possible. I KNOW we can do this! I just want to say, one of the sweetest things I have heard so far as Chairman is from Whitney Dallaire from Unit 342 when she said, "Community Service is our Unit's favorite program" and it shows in the number of things she reports for her Unit and in all the beautiful pictures she provides. Don't forget that many of your activities can be reported in more than one program. **Reports are due to me by May 5th** and remember – GREAT WORKS + GREAT REPORTS + GREAT PICTURES = A Happy Community Service Chairman AND a chance to win!! Thank you for all you do. God Bless!

Barb Dalzell
Community Service Chairman

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY TRACKING WORKSHEET – MEMBER

Use this worksheet to track your monthly service for veterans, military and their families.
Transfer your "Year-End Total" to the Member Year-End Impact Numbers Report for submission to your unit.

	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	YEAR-END TOTAL	Transfer to Member Year-End Impact Numbers Report
NOTE: Use this worksheet to keep track of your service.														
MY ALA SERVICE FOR VETERANS/ACTIVE-DUTY/RESERVE MILITARY														
Hours I volunteered														Line 1
Dollars I personally spent	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	Line 2
Number of veterans/military I assisted														Line 3
Number of "Veterans in Community School" presentations I facilitated														Line 4
MY ALA SERVICE FOR MILITARY FAMILIES														
Hours I volunteered														Line 5
Dollars I spent	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	Line 6
Number of military families I served														Line 7
MY ALA SERVICE FOR YOUTH														
Hours I volunteered for ALA Girls State														Line 8
Hours I volunteered for all other Legion Family youth activities														Line 9
Dollars I personally spent on goods for youth activities (i.e. parties, backpacks)	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	Line 10
My direct cash aid to help a needy child	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	Line 11
Number of children/youth I served														Line 12
Dollars I donated to all other child service charities	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	Line 13
MY SERVICE REPRESENTING THE ALA IN MY COMMUNITY														
Number of my hours for any service not included in Sections 1-3 above														Line 14
Dollars I spent for any service not included in Sections 1-3 above	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	Line 15

Find tracking forms for members, units, districts/counties and departments online at www.ALAVeterans.org under Members Only.

MEMBER Year-End Impact Numbers Report

I am a member of Unit # _____ Unit Name _____

Department _____

My name _____

Here is what I did in the past 12 months since May 1.

1. **My ALA Service for Veterans/Active-Duty/Reserve Military** (Examples: hours shopping for and preparing care packages for deployed troops, helping wounded warriors and elderly veterans at home, providing transportation, military send-off and welcome-home events, parades, projects for homeless veterans, activities related to distributing poppies, recording veteran histories, raising money for the Veterans Creative Arts Festival, fundraising events that benefit veterans (such as Walk, Run & Roll), assisting with veterans hiring fairs, advocating for The American Legion legislative agenda that supports veterans and the military.)

Line 1 Hours I volunteered: _____

Line 2 Dollars I personally spent/donated: \$ _____

Line 3 Number of veterans/military I assisted: _____

Line 4 Number of "Veterans in Community Schools" presentations I facilitated: _____

2. **My ALA Service for Military Families:** (Examples: programs for military and veterans' children, helping Family Support Groups, supporting adopt-a-military-family projects, military spouse hiring fairs, organizing and delivering hero packs, providing childcare for military activities, distributing Blue Star Banners, providing G.I. Josh dogs)

Line 5 Hours I volunteered: _____

Line 6 Dollars I personally spent/donated: \$ _____

Line 7 Number of military families I served: _____

3. **My ALA Service for Youth** (Examples: Jr. Activities, classroom and patriotic activities for children, camps open to all children, raising funds for or promoting Legion Family activities like Girls State)

Line 8 Hours I volunteered for ALA Girls State: _____

Line 9 Hours I volunteered for all other Legion Family youth activities: _____

Line 10 Dollars I personally spent on goods for youth activities (parties, backpacks): \$ _____

Line 11 Direct cash aid to help a needy child: \$ _____

Line 12 Number of children/youth served: _____

Line 13 Dollars donated to all other child service charities (ex: Make a Wish, St. Jude's): \$ _____

4. **My Service Representing the ALA in My Community** (Examples: blood drives, walks/runs, food pantries)

Line 14 Total number of hours for any service not included in Sections 1 through 3: _____

Line 15 Total dollars spent for any service not included in Sections 1 through 3: \$ _____

When completed, send to: _____ by _____ / _____ / _____
(Get name and date from unit)

**CONGRATULATIONS--YOU DID IT! THANK YOU FOR ALL YOU DO
AND FOR REPORTING YOUR SERVICE!**

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY TRACKING WORKSHEET – UNIT

Use this worksheet to track your UNIT'S monthly service for veterans, military and their families.
Transfer your "Year-End Total" to the UNIT Year-End Impact Numbers Report for submission to your DISTRICT/COUNTY/DEPARTMENT.

	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	YEAR-END TOTAL	Transfer to Unit Year-End Impact Numbers Report
NOTE: Use this worksheet to automatically calculate your totals in Excel.														
OUR ALA SERVICE FOR VETERANS/ACTIVE-DUTY/RESERVE MILITARY														
Hours volunteered	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	Line 1
Dollars spent	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	Line 2
Number of veterans/military assisted	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	Line 3
Number of "Veterans in Community School" presentations facilitated	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	Line 4
Value of in-kind donations received	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	Line 5
Number of poppies/poppy items distributed	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	Line 6
Dollars raised from poppy items	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	Line 7
OUR ALA SERVICE FOR MILITARY FAMILIES														
Hours volunteered	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	Line 8
Dollars spent	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	Line 9
Number of military families served	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	Line 10
OUR ALA SERVICE FOR YOUTH														
Hours for ALA Girls State	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	Line 11
Dollars spent for ALA Girls State	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	Line 12
Hours for all other Legion Family youth activities	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	Line 13
Dollars spent on goods for youth activities (i.e. parties, backpacks)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	Line 14
Direct cash aid to help a needy child	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	Line 15
Other UNIT youth expenses	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	Line 16

Number of children/youth served	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	Line 17
Dollars donated to all other child service charities	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	Line 18
OUR SERVICE REPRESENTING THE ALA IN OUR COMMUNITY																						
Number of hours for any service not included in Sections 1-3 above	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	Line 19
Dollars spent for any service not included in Sections 1-3 above	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	Line 20
SCHOLARSHIPS PRESENTED/AWARDED BY OUR UNIT																						
Number of unit scholarships presented/awarded	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	Line 21
Dollar amount of UNIT scholarships	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	Line 22
Dollar amount donated to DEPT scholarships	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	Line 23

UNIT Year-End Impact Numbers Report

Unit # _____ Unit Name _____

Department _____ Unit President _____

Your Name (if other than president) _____

Your Email _____

Number of Member Impact Reports _____

Here is what our unit did in the last 12 months.

1. Our ALA Service for Veterans/Active-Duty/Reserve Military

	Service for Veterans/Military	Obtain Total From	Member +	Unit =	Total
Line 1	Total hours members volunteered	Member Form Line 1		N/A	
Line 2	Total dollars spent	Member Form Line 2	\$	\$	\$
Line 3	Total number of veterans/military assisted	Member Form Line 3			
Line 4	Total number of "Veterans in Community Schools" presentations facilitated	Member Form Line 4			
Line 5	Value of in-kind donations received*	Unit Records	N/A	\$	\$
Line 6	Number of poppies or poppy items distributed	Unit Records	N/A		
Line 7	Dollars raised from poppies	Unit Records	N/A	\$	\$

*Estimated cash value of non-cash donations from NON-MEMBERS of goods (like paper goods, clothing) or services (like pro-bono CPA services from a local firm)

2. Our ALA Service for Military Families

	Service for Military Families	Obtain Total From	Member +	Unit =	Total
Line 8	Total hours members volunteered	Member Form Line 5		N/A	
Line 9	Total dollars spent	Member Form Line 6	\$	\$	\$
Line 10	Number of military families served	Member Form Line 7			

3. Our ALA Service for Youth

	Service for Children & Youth	Obtain Total From	Member +	Unit =	Total
Line 11	Total hours for ALA Girls State	Member Form Line 8		N/A	
Line 12	Dollars spent for ALA Girls State	Unit Records	N/A	\$	\$
Line 13	Total hours for other Legion Family youth activities	Member Form Line 9		N/A	
Line 14	Dollars spent on goods for youth activities	Member Form Line 10	\$	\$	\$
Line 15	Dollar amount of direct cash aid to help a needy child	Member Form Line 11	\$	\$	\$
Line 16	All other UNIT expenses (parties, dinners, paper goods, trophies)	Unit Records	N/A	\$	\$
Line 17	Total number of children/youth served	Member Form Line 12			
Line 18	Donations to all other child service charities	Member Form Line 13	\$	\$	\$

4. Our Service Representing the ALA in Our Community

	For any service not included in Sections 1-3	Obtain Total From	Member	Unit	Total
Line 19	Total number of hours	Member Form Line 14			
Line 20	Total dollars spent	Member Form Line 15	\$	\$	\$

5. Scholarships Presented/Awarded by Our Unit

	Scholarships	Obtain from	Total
Line 21	Number of unit scholarships presented/awarded	Unit Records	
Line 22	Total dollar amount of unit scholarships	Unit Records	\$
Line 23	Total dollar amount donated to department scholarships	Unit Records	\$

When completed, send to: _____ by ____ / ____ / ____
 (Get name and date from district or county, if applicable, or department)

**CONGRATULATIONS---YOU DID IT! THANK YOU FOR ALL YOU DO
 AND FOR REPORTING YOUR UNIT'S IMPACT!**



Children & Youth
February 2023 Bulletin

Greetings members:

I want to thank all the units that sent me reports. They were very helpful for my report to the Department. I would ask that if your unit is doing things for the Children and Youth programs, to please add pictures of your events and activities and show us all what you've been doing.

We just finished our Winter Conference and it was a good time had by all, as usual. Heard a lot of good reports of all the activities that our auxiliaries work on. Got lots of good information and new ideas to take back to our units. If you have not been to any of the conferences then you are really missing out.

Just a quick reminder that I am always collecting school supplies for our Stuff the Backpacks. You can bring these to be at Spring Conference.

Working on some new ideas and will share when I have nailed down some things. Thank you for all you do for our Children and Youth. God Bless you and God Bless our Troops and Veterans.

Joyce Justice
Children & Youth Chairman



Public Relations
February 2023

What a great Winter conference! It was so good to see all of you and hear all the wonderful things you are doing. Post those wonderful things on our ALA Face Book page "ALA Let's Shine Let's Be Heard"!

There is going to be a trophy for the best "Press Book" at State Convention. It can be on the scrapbook lines. I will have just these few rules.

Guidelines for Your Books

- Book must be no larger than 12' x 15'.
- First page must include name and address of Unit Chairman and Unit Name.
- A narrative not to exceed 1,000 words describing how the PR program was promoted in the unit.
- Photostat copies of newspaper articles may be used.
- The name of the newspaper and date of article must be at the top of the article.
- Newspaper articles and photographs concerning ALA functions or programs should be in chronological order.
- No more than three (3) different copies of the Unit or Post newsletter should be included.
- Send entry to me (address below)
- **DEADLINE FOR BOOK IS MAY 15, 2023** . (If your book is finished by Spring Conference, you may bring it to me then.)

Remember that all National awards must be submitted electronically this year. Awards were in packet I handed out or you can go on the National website and get them.

Don't forget to wear your branding whenever you are out in you community doing good things. We definitely want to let them know:

Who We Are!

What We Do!

Why We Matter!



Have a great Valentine's Day!

UNIT PUBLIC RELATIONS REPORT FORM 2022-2023

Reporting Dates: May 1, 2022, April 30, 2023

Unit Name and Number _____

Name of PR Chairman or Person Reporting _____

Address _____

E-Mail _____ Home# _____ Cell# _____

Total Minutes of Radio Time _____ Total Minutes of Television Time _____ Total

Minutes of Social Network (Twitter, Instagram, Internet, etc.) _____

Total _____

Please describe activities/projects carried out in your unit. _____ # Interviews _____ # Print

Advertising _____ # Pictures _____ # Letters _____ # Articles _____ #
Editorial Letters _____ #

Dept. President Project Articles

Does your Unit have a website _____

Facebook Page _____ Does your Unit publish a Newsletter _____ Post Family Newsletter _____

E-Bulletin _____ E-Newsletter _____ Reminder: attach 2 copies of print media.

As part of your Narrative Report, please include the answers to the following questions:

How did your unit spread the word about the American Legion Auxiliary community of volunteers serving Veterans, military and their families?

How did Auxiliary volunteers make themselves visible while volunteering in the community?

Send by May 15, 2023 to:

Jerilynn Kabel

Public Relations Chairman

367 Lillian Ave

Elizabethtown, KY 42701

502-779-0501

kabelgal2@outlook.com (It is kabel gal 2, not 12)

Department Chaplain
February 2023

Hello everyone,

HAPPY VALENTINES DAY!!

I am always here if you need a word of prayer, someone to talk to, encourage you, inspire you for confidence, when you are feeling sad, or to lift your spirits.

Please let me know if you or someone needs a card or a phone call.

Lets all remember to keep our Veterans , American Legion Family and each other in our prayers.

Remember Unit Chaplains your prayer books have to be turned in at the spring conference for judging.

Remember to send me an Angel for February, and keep the daily words coming. If someone is feeling down at your unit or district or even department meetings give them encouragement.

I also need prayers for my Prayer book for Department President Nancy. If anyone has pictures, comments, postcards, prayers please send for my prayer book to be presented to Madam President Nancy.

**“ This is my wish for you;
Comfort on difficult days,
Smiles when sadness intrudes,
Rainbows to follow the clouds,
Laughter to kiss your lips,
Sunsets to warm your heart,
Hugs when spirits sag,
Beauty for your eyes to see,
Friendships to brighten your being,
Faith so that you can believe,
Confidence for when you doubt,
Courage to know yourself,
Patience to accept the truth,
Love to complete your life.”**

**Thank you,
Brenda (Lay Cornelius)
Department of Kentucky Chaplain**

**AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY
DEPARTMENT OF KENTUCKY**

DECEASED MEMBER FORM

Unit/District # _____ / _____

Name of Deceased Member _____
(Print or Type name)

Date of Death _____ Membership ID# _____

Senior Member _____ Junior Member _____ Gold Star Mother _____

1. Send one copy of this form to the Department Chaplain (See Unit Guide for address)
2. Send one copy to the District Chaplain. Ask District President for name and address.
3. Have membership chairman mail Member Data Form to Headquarters marked deceased.

DO NOT MAIL THIS FORM TO DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS

Please provide an address for next of kin:

Name of Family Member _____

Address for the family _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

No Information is available _____

**UNIT
CHAPLAIN'S REPORT FORM
2022-2023**

To be sent to your Department Chaplain (by May 1,2023)

Name of
CHAPLAIN _____ UNIT _____

No. of Prayers _____

No. of cards distributed: _____ Charters Draped: _____

Memorial Services held: _____ Were Juniors included _____

No. of members visiting shut-ins or hospitalized members _____
Hours: _____

No. of funerals attended: _____ No. Of members attended: _____

Graver markers placed _____ Total cost _____

Did your Unit participate with the Legion Family in observing?

Veterans Day? _____ Memorial Day? _____ Independence Day? _____

Did your Unit prepare a Prayer Book for the Unit President? _____

Were Prayers sent in for the Department Presidents Prayer Book? _____

Were Prayers sent to the National Presidents Prayer Book? _____

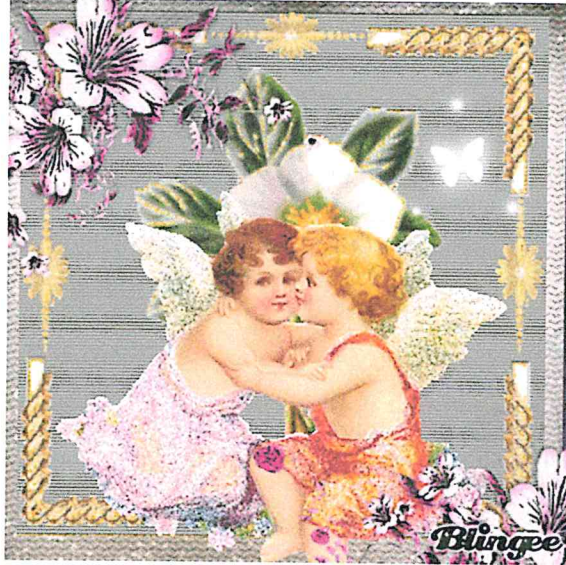
Did your Unit use the "Department of Ky Chaplain" webpage or Facebook page as a resource for their Chaplains activities? _____

Send to: Brenda (Lay) Cornelius
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Angel of the Month Nomination Form

Angel Hugs For You



Date: _____

Name of Person Nominated: _____

Unit Name and Number: _____

Reason for Nomination:

Nominator Name: _____

Unit Name and Number: _____

Email or mail to: Brenda Cornelius bklay1956@gmail.com
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February 2023 Bulletin
Beverly Shuffett, Historian

The month of March is dedicated to the celebration of women's history. It corresponds with International Women's Day on March 8th. What could be better for a women's organization to do than celebrate their own history? Our Auxiliary members have accomplished a great deal. Now it's time to celebrate what makes them so special!

What can we do?

- Learn more about Auxiliary members who made history within your department or unit. This could include girls sponsored to ALA Girls State who have gone on to do great things or those members who have improved their communities, state or country.
- Celebrate the women in your life – mom, grandma, even your sister.
- Donate money to the ALA Cavalcade of Memories budget at the unit, department, or national level in honor of a special woman.
- Set up a display in honor of those members who have gone above and beyond the ALA's mission.
- Write an article for your unit/department newsletter about Women's History Month or about the woman you are honoring.
- Check out how women's fashion has changed over time in the Auxiliary, as well as women's hair fashion. There has been a great deal of change from 1919 to today!
- Research and write about how the former and present members make a difference in the community and share with others.
- Put up a display at your local library, historical society, or storefront, celebrating the work that the women of the ALA have done and still do every day.

Remember – these activities can be shared with the Junior members. Honoring our members provides them with a role model. Sharing our history with our Junior members allows them to know that they, too, are valuable members of this great organization. Hopefully, they will begin to own this history and remain members throughout their lifetimes.

We just had a FANTASTIC Winter Conference! Thanks to President Nancy, District 4 and everyone who made it such a success. Looking forward to Spring Conference already!

I'm working on our Dept. of Kentucky History which will be sent to National Dept. Historian. Would you like for your Unit/District to be included? Many of you have given me copies of your District and Chairman reports and thank you! But there are a lot more exciting things we have done and are doing across Kentucky that I'd like to know about.

You can help me! Would you send me an email telling me three things your Unit or District has done since last summer that I can include in our History? Doesn't have to be the Unit Historian; anyone can send me an email. Or if you prefer you can mail a paper copy.

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Headquarters
February 2023

It was great seeing so many at the Winter Conference. It has been a little while since we have had that many registered. I hope we can get the same amount if not more to attend the Spring Conference.

The Operating Assessment is due on or before March 31, 2023. Please see chart for amount owed. When sending your check please make sure you put in the memo "operating assessment".

There are several Units that have not paid their VA & R assessments. Please do your part and send your check to Department. Invoices have been mailed to those Units that have not paid yet.

For those Units that have an ALA MIS log in, the invoices will be mailed around the 2nd week of February. Please be on the lookout for those.

The Spring Conference will be held in Bowling Green, KY, at the Holiday Inn, April 15, 2023. When making your reservations please let them know that it is for "The American Legion Conference". (270-745-0088)

Jennifer

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UNIT DUES FOR 2024

It is understood that the dues amount listed below will be printed on the Membership Renewal Notices that will be mailed, by National, to each member of this Unit. Also listed is the address to be printed on the Renewal Notices showing where the members are to mail their dues for this Unit.

It is understood that no change in the amount of dues or the address to which the dues are to be sent can be made after a deadline which Department Headquarters will establish based on the requirements of National Headquarters. It is also understood that if this form is not received by the deadline the dues for the Unit will be set at the total minimum required by Department and National. **PLEASE NOTE THAT THERE IS A \$30 FEE TO CHANGE THE DUES AFTER THE DEADLINE.**

Department of KY UNIT _____ Location _____

Senior dues of the **Unit** are \$ _____

Junior Dues of the **Unit** are \$ _____

Name of Person to receive dues _____

Address to mail dues _____

Phone Number _____

E-mail address _____

Date _____ Signature _____ Title _____

Name and E-mail address to send Online renewal notification if different than what is listed above:

E-Mail _____

Name: _____ title _____

COMPLETE AND RETURN THIS FORM TO DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS :

American Legion Auxiliary
134 Walnut Street
Frankfort, KY 40601

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY