



Department President's Bulletin #6

April 2021

Greetings to all Auxiliary members. Time is rolling along now. Soon it will be time to get your year-end reports to the chairman. Be mindful of the dates they give you for deadlines as some must be at National sooner than others. I am requesting you send the following year-end reports to ME including any pictures you may have of your events by May 15th:

Children and Youth

Community Service

Centennial Celebrations

Thank you for continuing to work on membership. We are doing a hard push to get us caught back up. Chairman if you have dues not yet sent in please do so as we are calling members and sending written correspondence encouraging our members to pay their dues. WAY TO GO to the units who have reached or exceeded your goals. For those of us who have not, please do not stop. We are a member-driven organization, and it takes all of us and then some to accomplish what we set out to accomplish. Please toot your horns with reporting. It is not bragging. It's giving others ideas on things to do next year.

District Presidents and Department Chairman, please have your reports for the book of reports into our Secretary in the timeframe she designates. We want to be able to go home after the convention and read about the great things our members have done for the 2019-2021 year. A lot of great things happened even during the pandemic. Also be on the lookout for the bulletin from our Trophies and Awards Chairman Auburn Curry. It will be very important to hit her deadline, so she has what everyone needs at Department Convention.

Hopefully, you will receive these bulletins before Spring Conference. Just as with Fall Conference, the room will be setup to accommodate social distancing. Masks will be required to come in the room. We will have extras should you need one. If the ability to watch the conference via zoom is available, we will communicate this ahead of time via and email to Officers, District Presidents and Department Chairman to share. There will also be an Executive Board Meeting that Friday evening to go over more details about Girl's State. We need as many officers as possible to be present to ensure a quorum should voting be needed.

As we are nearing our Unit and District elections, many are working to ensure the unit or district Constitution and Bylaws are being followed with respect to early nominations, etc. If your Unit or District does this, please remember to communicate with all members so everyone is in the loop. For example, just because I have not paid my dues yet does not mean the communication does not come to me. It just means whoever is making the phone calls, sending

the letters, etc. should gently remind me I have not yet taken care of my dues while communicating the process the Unit will following this year.

This is also a final reminder to all units to ensure you have paid you VA&R Assessments and your Department Operating Assessments. Over these next couple of meetings, we will be catching up on awards we were unable to give out over the past two years. VA&R assessments must be paid to receive the awards your unit has earned. We want you to have them so pay attention to the membership worksheet. It is color coded so it will show you if you have not paid one of both sets of assessments.

Lastly, this year has been a hard one with losses of family members. No part of the American Legion Family has gone untouched. Many who developed Covid were very sick, and others were unable to survive. We lost others to natural causes. We have members who are still healing from major illnesses. Take time to check on each other. "Hi, I'm thinking of you" goes a long way. I sent cards to some when I knew they were sick or had death in their family and made phone calls to others but none of us are perfect and cannot send to everyone. My thoughts are with us all as we hopefully make it to then end of this crazy time and get back to whatever the new normal is going to be.

Until we are together again, remember we are:

One Family, One Mission, One Voice

Bonita Robey
Department President
2019-2020
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DEPT. OF KENTUCKY CHAPLAIN



Isaiah 61:11: “For as the earth bringeth forth her bud, and as the garden causeth the things that are sown in it to spring forth; so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to spring forth before all the nations.”

Hello Everyone,

Please send at least one Prayer or Devotional thought to me asap for Department President Bonita Robey’s Prayer Book. I have only received a few and need everyone to send one in, you can email, call, mail or take a picture and text me Also, just a reminder to send in your Unit Prayer Books, these can be mailed or in electronic form!



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A Prayer in Spring

Oh, give us pleasure in the flowers to-day;
And give us not to think so far away
As the uncertain harvest; keep us here
All simply in the springing of the year.

Oh, give us pleasure in the orchard white,
Like nothing else by day, like ghosts by night;
And make us happy in the happy bees,
The swarm dilating round the perfect trees.

And make us happy in the darting bird
That suddenly above the bees is heard,
The meteor that thrusts in with needle bill,
And off a blossom in mid air stands still.

For this is love and nothing else is love,
The which it is reserved for God above
To sanctify to what far ends He will,
But which it only needs that we fulfil.

- **End of year reports are due May 1st, 2021**

Duties of the Chaplain:

1. Open /close all meetings with prayer and/or inspirational thoughts. Send appropriate cards are requested.
2. Drape the Charter in the event of the death of a Unit member. Also, hold a memorial service for deceased members at the end of the year.
3. Promote and participate in the Four Chaplains Service, Flag disposal and other patriotic ceremonies.
4. Visit sick members and Veterans in hospitals, nursing homes or at their homes.
5. Send deceased member form to Department Chaplain. Please do not wait till the end of the year to send names, send daily, weekly or monthly.
6. Send at least one Prayer or Devotional thought to Department Chaplain for Department President Bonita Robey’s Prayer Book.

Thanks for all you do!

April Ward

Dept. of KY Chaplain

Prayer Request Form

Name of Person Prayer Requested for: _____

Unit Name and Number: _____

Address / Person to send card to: _____

Reason for Card:

Death _____ Get Well _____ Encouragement _____ Miss You _____

Prayer Request: _____

Requestor of Prayer: _____

Email or Mail to: April Ward alynn4869@gmail.com
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Deceased Member Notification

Unit Chaplains:

I would like to include an "In Memory" notification of deceased members in our monthly bulletins. If you would like your deceased members listed, complete this form as soon as possible. Send the completed form to me at the address or email address below. Please **Print**, in order to eliminate spelling errors.

Name of Deceased Member (Print): _____

Date of Death: _____ District: _____

Unit Name and Number: _____

Name of person sending notification: _____

Email or Mail to: April Ward alynn4869@gmail.com
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**Unit
Chaplain's Report Form
2020 - 2021**

To be sent to your Department Chaplain (Dec. 1, 2020 and May 1, 2021)

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 Spent: _____

No. of Funerals Attended: _____ No. of Members Attended: _____

Grave Makers Placed: _____ Total Cost: _____

Did your Unit participate with The Legion Family in observing?

Veteran's Day _____ Memorial Day _____ Independence Day _____

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

Were Prayers sent in for the Department President's Prayer Book? _____

Were Prayers sent in for the National President's Prayer Book? _____

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KENTUCKY ALA AMERICANISM APRIL BULLETIN

Don't forget to send me pictures and a paragraph or two about your Americanism activities.

The end year report is due on May 1st, 2021. A form is attached for your ease of reporting.

Don't forget the celebrate 100 activities, do something 100 times and be submitted to win a \$100 cash prize at convention.

We will be doing a fun activity at Spring Conference. Don't miss it.

NATIONAL and DEPARTMENT:

Unit Award: **Dorothy Pearl Most Outstanding Unit Americanism Program**

Deadline: May 1, 2021

Send to **Nancy Moses** postmarked or emailed by 5 p.m. EST on May 1, 2021.

- Entry must be typewritten in narrative format, not to exceed 1,000 words.
- Entry may include no more than 5 pictures and 5 news articles.
- Entry must have the National Report and Awards Cover Sheet attached and filled out
- First and Second Place Trophies for Best Department Americanism Program

Americanism Essay Contest

2020 – 2021 Theme: “How can we address the health and well-being of our veterans, military, and their families?”

Previous year's winners on same topic can compete BUT must provide a significantly different essay than what they previously submitted. Cover letter attached.

- Must be emailed or postmarked and sent to Nancy Moses by April 1, 2021. (if you have entries and have missed this deadline, contact me)

Nancy Moses

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UNIT AMERICANISM REPORT FORM 2020-2021 December 1, 2020 May 1, 2021

Unit Name & Number: _____ District #: _____

Name of Person Reporting: _____

Email Address: _____ Daytime Phone # _____

Please indicate the number of events held by your unit for each category and provide information on the back of this report or an additional sheet.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Flag etiquette program | <input type="checkbox"/> Pocket Flag Program |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Get out and Vote | <input type="checkbox"/> Flag Disposal Ceremony |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Americanism Essay Contest | <input type="checkbox"/> Boy/Girl Scout |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Support of the American Legion Programs
(Oratorical, Baseball, Girls State, Junior Shooting) | <input type="checkbox"/> Flag donated to youth |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Flag Day Celebration | <input type="checkbox"/> Flags donated to the Community |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Thank You Certificate for displaying the Flag | <input type="checkbox"/> Star Spangled Kids |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other: (Please list below or add additional sheet) | |

Please answer the following questions (1-7)

1. How did the unit promote the Americanism essay contest?
2. How did the unit promote the Flag program?
3. How did the unit promote patriotic holidays?
4. How did the unit encourage support of the Flag Amendment?
5. Did the unit support American Legion Americanism programs? How?
6. How did the unit promote Americanism in the community?
7. How did your units promote "Star Spangled Kids," educating children and youth about the U.S. Constitution from the aspect of patriotism and Americanism?
8. _____ # of miles driven in providing ALA service?
9. _____ # of volunteers for all projects
10. _____ # volunteer hours for all projects.

Please describe activities/projects carried out in the unit.



**AMERICANISM ESSAY CONTEST
2021 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: *"How can we address the health and well-being of our veterans, military, and their families"*

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, 2021



Sisters,

Our year is happily coming to an end, and I'm looking forward to seeing all the History Books!!! My presentations will be a First Place trophy to the outstanding Senior and Junior History Book and outstanding Unit Charter History. Looking forward to seeing everyone at Spring Conference.

Sandy Omer

Historian



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Lexington VA Updates COVID-19 VACCINE Criteria

Vaccines open to enrolled Veterans of all ages, walk-ins welcome

What: Veterans of any age can receive a COVID-19 vaccine at the Lexington VA Health Care System by walking-in, [signing-up for an appointment](#) or sending a secure message to their primary care providers through MyHealthVet. Veterans must be enrolled to receive care with the Lexington VA.

When: Starting March 16, 2021;
Monday thru Friday, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Where: The Lexington VA Health Care System Bowling Campus
1101 Veterans Drive Lexington, Ky 40502 Family Room (Garage Level A –Red Color)

Background: The Lexington VAHCS was one of the initial vaccination sites of the Department of Veterans Affairs. Because the Veterans at the Lexington VA receive the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine. Appointments for the second dose are scheduled prior to the Veteran receiving the first dose. Walk-ins are welcome and highly encouraged. Some appointments are available Monday through Friday 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Veterans needing Saturday appointments – no walk-in on Saturday – are encouraged to send a secure-message to their primary care providers to schedule.

RSVP: For more information contact Catherine Trombley at catherinea.trombley@va.gov or 859-233-4511 ext. 4814.



American Legion Auxiliary

In the Spirit of Service Not Self for Veterans, God and Country

PAST PRESIDENTS PARLEY

Hello Department of Kentucky,

Your scholarship applications with narrative are due to me by May 1, 2021. Year-End Reports are due to me by May 1, 2021 these reports should include two years of reporting 2019-2020 and 2020- 2021.

Looking forward to reading your reports. Stay safe.

Chairman

Patty Martinez

2019-2021
Constitution & Bylaws
Committee



February 2021

Greetings Department Constitution and Bylaws Chairmen!

Disclaimer! We recognize that discussing voting while in electronic meetings is not really the responsibility of the Constitution & Bylaws Committee. But we've received a lot of questions about it so we're doing our best to educate our members with some best practices and do's and don'ts. Here's our best stab at it!



The history of voting rules dates back to the late 1800s when the first publication of parliamentary procedures became available. While various forms of parliamentary procedure exist, the most commonly used format is published under Roberts Rules of Order. As rules and laws have changed over the decades and new questions have needed clarification, Robert's Rules of Order has updated its original work to keep up with current issues.

In response to the COVID pandemic, members are becoming more familiar with meeting via videoconferencing or teleconferencing. Meeting electronically has many benefits such as financial savings, members attending who would not normally be able to attend and overall time savings by conveniently joining the meeting from the comfort of one's home. But meeting electronically can create some challenges when it comes to voting.

A nonprofit organization should consider two important issues regarding electronic meetings. They must consider whether the state law allows it and whether their bylaws allow it. The role of parliamentary procedure is to provide a fair and equal process that supports a voting process that's legal and binding. Assuming your state allows for meeting electronically, voting in an electronic setting can become problematic, especially when a vote must be secret. It's best to plan ahead about how your team can accomplish legal and fair voting when meeting on an electronic or telephonic platform.



Things to consider when voting in an electronic meeting

Ahead of the meeting:

- Set up a test meeting for everyone to join ahead of the actual meeting.
- Practice motions, discussion, and voting.
- Give everyone a chance to ask questions and test their microphones, audio speakers and meeting activities like electronically raising hands or responding to a poll.

The actual meeting:

- Do you have a quorum?
- Do you have a comprehensive list of credentials handy (who is entitled to vote)
- Can the members all hear each other and participate equally in discussion
- Are you able to confirm that only those who are legally able to vote, are the only ones voting?
- Must the vote be secret or not?

Refer to Roberts Rules of Order 12th Edition, Chapter XIII Voting to read more about the different methods of voting and how voting should occur to assure the rights of every member. RONR also has new language around electronic meetings. Be sure to check out this helpful information starting on page 89 "Types of Electronic Meetings." **Laws vary by state and situation, so we encourage departments to seek legal advice if conducting conventions by electronic means.**

An Overview of Voting Methods

Voting Method	Positive Attributes	Negative Attributes	Notes
Voice Vote	Easy to accomplish in an electronic meeting; Relatively easy to determine outcome	Cannot 100% confirm that only those legally able to vote are actually the only ones voting.	Not Secret
Roll Call Vote	Assures only those legally able to vote are voting; Absolute on determining outcome	Depending on how many members are involved, could be a time drag. Sometimes hard for people to vote their actual conscience when everyone can hear how a member votes	Not Secret
Email Voting	Assures only those legally able to vote are voting	Everyone must have access to email; Results not immediately available; A process must be developed and agreed upon before the vote is executed	Not Secret. Email is considered a "proxy" vote and proxy vote MUST be allowed by state law and prescribed in bylaws in order to be legally used
Poll Voting	Relatively easy to facilitate; Results may be immediate;	Electronic platform must offer polling; A cost may be involved; Technical Team must be able to receive report and interpret results; May require intervention to certify the results (legal voters only cast votes); Some members who are not on the virtual platform may struggle with executing the vote	A technically savvy team member is required to manage the poll. Requirements may include administering, launching, and determining poll results. May need to retrieve report to certify results leading to a delay in announcement of those results.
Mail Voting	Assures only those legally able to vote are voting; everyone understands how to use regular mail	Must be prescribed in bylaws, results not immediately known	Secret or Not Secret depending on how ballot is prepared, and process required
3 rd Party Electronic Voting Applications	Results are immediate and in most situations very accurate.	Cost may be involved; those who are not technically savvy may struggle executing their vote. Requires an administrator to manage the ballots; depending on app requirements, members may need to register ahead of time	Results are secret or not depending on set up. Many apps to choose from. Investigate several before deciding to go this route

More about 3rd Party Applications

There are several great third-party voting applications available. The advantage is the results of the vote are immediate, the voters are controlled so only those legally able to vote are voting, the vote itself may/may not be secret (controlled by administrator) and there is confidence that the vote is fair and equitable. There are some challenges, however. There may be a cost involved to use the application and someone who is computer savvy will need to set up the account and serve as the administrator. Members who are technologically challenged may have issues with executing their vote while actively participating on multiple platforms (example: meeting on computer, voting in application using a second browser or device [iPad or phone]). Regardless of which platform is used, members will likely need to register with that application ahead of the meeting, along with establishing a profile and password. For a good example of a third-party voting platform, check out www.simplyvoting.com or www.surveymonkey.com. These third-party applications may just do the trick for you and your team's voting requirements.



Ballot Voting in Telephone Meeting

Taken from NP – National Parliamentarian, Official publication of the National Association of Parliamentarians; Volume 81, No 4 | Summer 2020

Question: My chapter's bylaws allow for electronic or telephonic meetings during an emergency, such as a pandemic. We wish to elect officers at our annual meeting – the current officers are all outspoken in their intention not to remain in office any longer than the original term. Most of our members are not technologically advanced and cannot participate by means of the internet or smart phone. We wish to hold the meeting by a free conference call. The nominating committee is proposing only one candidate for each office. Our bylaws expressly allow for election by acclamation if there is only one candidate; otherwise, our bylaws require a ballot vote. The bylaws also mandate that nominations from the floor are allowed.

In the event a nomination is made from the floor, many of us believe that we can vote for a candidate by announcing our vote. Our parliamentarian, however, insists that a ballot vote, which we are required to have in a contested election, must be secret.

Is there any legitimate way to both conduct a telephonic election and to maintain secrecy of member choices? One solution we are considering, if there are two or more candidates, is to have all members call an agreed-upon person, who will be honor-bound to (1) tally the votes correctly and (2) to maintain the secrecy of how members voted.

Answer: Voting by ballot is used when secrecy of the members' votes is desired. RONR, p.412. Under typical circumstances, a ballot can consist simply of a piece of paper on which the voter indicates choice. RONR, P. 413. Ballot voting is often required in voting for officers and, as you say, is mandated in your case. When the bylaws require a vote be taken by ballot, this provision cannot be suspended, even by unanimous consent.

Clearly the report of the nominating committee must be received, and the chair must call for further nominations from the floor. If there are any additional nominations, a ballot vote must be held. The purpose of a ballot vote is to maintain secrecy, and a voice or roll call vote would not be in order. You are trying to accomplish the required secrecy by appointing a trusted individual to collect what in effect are verbal ballots.

When possible, the best answer to conduct the meeting by means of technology that will allow for secret polls or voting, which is possible on numerous computer platforms. There are also providers of vote-by-phone services such as <https://www.simplyvoting.com>. A negative consideration is that the service is not free, however, positive concerns are that such a service is a professionally-conducted, neutral voting method. If such a service is used, careful attention must be paid to the protocols used when voting, and how the chair will announce the results of the vote.

If you still wish to proceed by having a designated person tally the individual votes, and to consider these to be ballot votes, be sure the members agree to following this procedure and to the choice of designated individuals. Suggestions for the individual would include non-members, such as a respected member from another chapter, a minister, or a judge. The chapter's chaplain, if this office exists, is also a sensible option if no non-member will agree to these conditions.

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Get a Parliamentarian!

We highly encourage teams to investigate retaining individuals who are skilled and knowledgeable about parliamentary procedure. The National Association of Parliamentarians has a very helpful website and link to assist those who wish to retain professional parliamentary support. Check them out here: <https://www.parliamentarians.org/prp-search/> Assuring your team has skilled parliamentarians supporting your actions is the best way to know that you are functioning appropriately, acceptable, legal, and fair on behalf of your leaders and members.

I hope you will take a moment to read this month's edition of "Wise Words from Past Leaders." As we face challenges in our country, I found great solace in the comforting words of our past leaders. During the time of Mrs. Murphy's administration, our country was at war in Europe and there was great global unrest. Just as challenges were faced and overcome, so too will we face and overcome that which we experience today. Continuing our good work, supporting the mission of serving veterans and helping our members advocate on behalf of veterans' issues and The American Legion legislative priorities assures that we will survive and thrive in the spirit of Service not Self and for God and Country. Sincerely,



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Wise Words from Past Leaders



Mrs. James P. Murphy
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National Chairman
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1943-1944

"For one hundred fifty-two years, we in this country have lived, prospered, and found happiness under the broad protective wing of a matchless charter of individual liberties, known as the Constitution of the United States, and the Bill of Rights. Just as that charter has met every national need and every national peril down through the years, so will the constitution and bylaws of the American Legion Auxiliary meet the tests and strains put upon it during these troublous times. Our constitution has gone through a long period of study, construction, dissection, and reconstruction, and now it rests upon a firm foundation.

We are now entering upon another new year in the American Legion Auxiliary, confronted with problems, worries and great responsibilities, and now as never before has it become important that all our members should be intelligently informed on all policies and programs of the organization. It is the duty of the individual Units to carefully study and analyze our program, so that our membership of over one half million women may become thoroughly familiar with the responsibilities as well as privileges that Auxiliary membership carries.

Within the ranks of this greatest women's patriotic organization are to be found women of all classes and creeds. Because of their great love of country, they can be depended upon to "uphold and defend the Constitution of the United States of America," they may be counted upon to "maintain law and order."

Thank You for Supporting ALA National Read Your Constitution and Bylaws Day!



ALA National Vice President Kathy Daudistel, National VA&R Chairman Vickie Koutz and Past National President Sharon Conatser...getting in on the action of reading the C&B!

JOIN US!

Where are YOU reading the ALA National Constitution & Bylaws?

Be sure to send us your pictures to: National Chairman Trish Ward at tbw_ksaux@yahoo.com



I'm a proud member of
The American Legion
Auxiliary!



April 2021 Membership Bulletin

Hello Auxiliary Family,

We are so proud of your dedication and everything you do! The Membership Team hopes everyone is staying safe. **Congratulations to Units 87 Hodgenville and 243 Sebree for reaching 100% in membership.**

Department membership is currently at 80.08% and our units have added 186 new members! We would love for Team Kentucky to be at 100% for National Convention! **Thank you to all units who have been working on 2020 and 2021 dues!**

The Membership Team is offering a new incentive award. Every unit that reaches 100% in membership by 5-27-21 will be entered into a drawing for a chance to win \$100 for their unit. The drawing will be done at our June Convention. As restrictions are being loosened and posts are starting to do more activities, all units need to work a little harder on collecting unpaid dues.

Now would be a great time to set up a membership drive, in your post parking lot. Members could drive by and drop off their membership dues, while not being required to get out of their cars.

The "Week of Caring and Sharing is April 1-7. We are asking all units to set up a team to call and check in on every unit member.

Now is an essential time to ensure all your member's dues are current, so they have access to all their member benefits.

Check in on your members, Veterans and their families!

Please make sure your VA&R assessments are paid to qualify for awards!! Operating Assessments are now due.

The Membership Team will continue to reach out to units and check in. We would like to remind all units to make sure their Leadership contact information on ALAMIS is correct. We need a contact email and/or phone number for membership for each unit. When we contact you, please respond, it may be that we are simply checking in on your unit. Also when you have deceased members please notify the Department Secretary and Chaplain, so it can be documented in Department. **Please make sure all your members are informed that they can pay their dues online @ alaforveterans.org, by phone to National 1-317-569-4564 or by paying to their unit and the unit sending dues and transmittal to Department. Do not send any paperwork to National because it needs to go through Department.**

Tools are in place to help you at; alaforveterans.org and our Department Membership Facebook page @ ALA Dept. of KY Membership. If you need help or have questions please feel free to reach out to the Membership Team!

Be kind, find your joy and include all members!

Membership Team

Membership is our Heartbeat, Be part of our Rhythm

One Family, One Mission, One Voice

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2021 Membership is our Heartbeat, Be part of our Rythm

DISTRICT 1							DISTRICT 4							DISTRICT 7							DISTRICT 10						
Unit	Ren Goal	Ren Pd	Ren%	Tot Goal	Tot Pd	Tot %	Unit	Ren Goal	Ren Pd	Ren%	Tot Goal	Tot Pd	Tot %	Unit	Ren Goal	Ren Pd	Ren%	Tot Goal	Tot Pd	Tot %	Unit	Ren Goal	Ren Pd	Ren%	Tot Goal	Tot Pd	Tot %
26	29	25	86.2	30	25	76.6	42	20	12	60.0	20	12	60.0	7	92	38	41.3	93	38	40.9	66	12	8	66.7	12	8	66.7
31	38	24	0.0	43	24	55.8	49	2	9	450.0	20	9	45.0	8	83	50	60.2	83	51	61.4	104	10	0	0.0	11	0	0.0
68	42	38	90.5	42	40	95.2	81	252	217	86.1	254	218	85.8	24	72	60	83.3	74	70	94.6	152	20	7	35.0	22	11	50.0
72	12	10	83.3	12	10	83.3	82	50	40	80.0	50	42	84.0		0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0	283	11	12	109.1	13	14	107.7
74	16	15	93.8	16	15	93.8	87	20	12	60.0	20	20	100.0	67	81	65	80.2	82	66	80.5	Tot	53	27	50.9	58	33	56.9
85	16	13	81.3	16	13	81.3	101	5	4	0.0	5	4	80.0	79	25	21	84.0	40	24	60.0	DISTRICT 11						
				0			113	457	406	88.8	457	419	91.7	132	36	32	88.9	36	32	88.9	Unit	Ren Goal	Ren Pd	Ren%	Tot Goal	Tot Pd	Tot %
				0.0	0		121	43	41	95.3	43	41	95.3	165	32	32	100.0	32	32	100.0	16	25	21	84.0	30	27	90.0
217	114	92	80.7	114	92	80.7	124	54	47	87.0	54	47	87.0	176	12	6	50.0	12	6	50.0	38	82	63	76.8	82	65	79.3
236	41	33	80.4	41	33	80.5	148	76	54	71.1	76	54	71.1	257	40	33	82.5	40	41	102.5	88	66	48	72.7	66	53	80.3
Tot	308	250	81.1	314	252	80.2	157	89	67	75.3	92	67	72.8	313	79	57	72.2	79	61	77.2	115	58	44	75.9	60	53	88.3
DISTRICT 2							167	32	18	56.3	34	18	52.9	341	36	30	83.3	36	33	91.7	Tot	231	176	76.2	238	198	83.2
Unit	Ren Goal	Ren Pd	Ren%	Tot Goal	Tot Pd	Tot %	247	5	4	80.0	6	4	66.7	Tot	588	423	71.9	611	455	74.5							
2	13	14	107.7	13	14	107.7	288	35	19	54.3	35	19	54.3	DISTRICT 8							HEADQUARTERS						
6	121	79	65.3	122	82	67.2	Tot	1140	948	83.2	1166	973	83.4	Unit	Ren Goal	Ren Pd	Ren%	Tot Goal	Tot Pd	Tot %	Unit	Ren Goal	Ren Pd	Ren%	Tot Goal	Tot Pd	Tot %
9	76	60	78.9	77	63	81.8	DISTRICT 5							12	17	12	70.6	18	12	66.7	200	72	75	104.2	72	75	104.1
40	76	56	73.7	77	57	74.0	Unit	Ren Goal	Ren Pd	Ren%	Tot Goal	Tot Pd	Tot %	34	148	111	75.0	150	111	74.0	DEPARTMENT OF KENTUCKY						
233	117	85	72.6	117	96	82.1	45	18	1	5.6	19	1	5.3	46	28	26	92.9	28	32	114.3	Unit	Ren Goal	Ren Pd	Ren%	Tot Goal	Tot Pd	Tot %
243	20	19	95.0	20	22	110.0	180	118	101	85.6	119	102	85.7				0.0	0	0		4835	3872	80.1	4835	3872	80.08	
289	7	4	57.1	7	4	57.1	193	93	83	89.2	94	83	88.2	Tot	193	149	77.2	196	155	79.0							
Tot	430	316	73.5	433	337	77.8	201	72	56	77.8	73	56	76.7	DISTRICT 9													
DISTRICT 3							220	46	41	89.1	46	42	91.3	Unit	Ren Goal	Ren Pd	Ren%	Tot Goal	Tot Pd	Tot %							
Unit	Ren Goal	Ren Pd	Ren%	Tot Goal	Tot Pd	Tot %	229	53	37	69.8	55	37	67.3	17	11	10	90.9	11	10	90.9							
23	73	50	68.5	73	58	79.5	244	80	75	93.8	80	77	97.5	22	29	25	86.2	30	27	90.0							
29	28	26	92.9	30	27	90.0	278	14	2	14.3	14	2	14.3	43	66	19	28.8	67	24	35.8							
61	20	19	95.0	22	24	109.1	Tot	494	395	80.0	500	400	80.0	76	86	40	46.5	87	48	55.2							
62	90	80	88.9	90	82	91.1	DISTRICT 6							126	46	35	76.1	47	35	74.5							
119	24	17	70.8	26	22	84.6											0	0	0	0.0							
202	28	23	82.1	28	23	82.1	Unit	Ren Goal	Ren Pd	Ren%	Tot Goal	Tot Pd	Tot %	138	63	58	92.1	64	61	95.3							
Tot	263	215	81.7	269	236	87.7	4	61	59	96.7	63	62	98.4	276*	9	4	44.4	9	4	44.4							
							11	35	27	0.0	36	27	75.0	325	63	60	95.2	66	65	98.5							
							20	54	47	87.0	55	50	90.9	342	71	51	71.8	71	54	76.1							
							41	62	37	59.7	64	40	62.5	Tot	444	301	67.8	452	327	72.3							
							109	10	0	0.0	10	0	0.0														
							203	251	200	79.7	251	205	81.7														
							219	51	50	98.0	51	53	103.9														
							Tot	524	420	80.2	530	437	82.4														

■ VA&R Paid
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■ VA&R and OP Paid
 Be Nice, Be Kind!!
 Watch our Family Grow!!
 updated 3-21-21
 * charter issues



April 2021
Headquarters

Hope your all doing well. The Spring Conference will be held at the Holiday Inn Cincinnati Airport Hotel, Florence. You still have time to make your reservation. Hope to see you there.

As soon as your Unit has your elections, please send me the current list of unit officers. If the unit officers remain the same, I still need an updated list. The form was in March bulletins. If you do not have the form you can get it from the web page. This information is used to compile the mailing list for the monthly bulletins. Please send me your current list of officers.

Any changes made to the membership after April 2nd, 2021, will not be reflected on the 2022 membership roster. Any member that is paid after April 2, 2021 will not be reflected on the 2022 membership roster. New members that are added after April 2, 2021 will not be reflected on the 2022 membership roster.

I have received the following announcements for Department Officer:

President – Karen Toll
1st Vice President – Nancy Moses
2nd Vice President – April Ward
Chaplain – Sandy Omer
Historian – none
NEC – Jerilynn Kabel, Bonita Robey

Hope to see your in Florence!

Jennifer

April Ward
Endorsement for Department 2nd Vice President
2021-2022

Newport Unit 11 and the Sixth District of the Department of Kentucky proudly endorses April Ward for the 2021-2022 Department 2nd Vice President.

April is eligible for membership through her grandfather, Owen Smoot, a WWII era Navy Veteran and Pearl Harbor survivor.

April has been a member of Newport Unit 11 since 2012. She has served as Department Historian, Department Chaplain and Department Membership Committee for the last 2 years and her Unit's Treasurer and membership chair for the last 9 years. She served a two-year term as Sixth District Chaplain and served as Sixth District Secretary for 3 years.

April is also a member of the American Legion Riders of Chapter 11. She has served as the Secretary and Membership chair for the last 9 years and served as Secretary for the Department of KY Riders for 3 years.

She has volunteered for many activities in the community and for Veterans. Two of her favorite projects are the Teddy Bear Ride which benefits Shriners Hospital for Children and the Fisher House, and the other is their Legion's Kid's Christmas which helps needy children in the community. She is always willing to help out at any Legion function or event, making flyers, getting donations, making baskets, etc.

In her professional life, April is the Front Office Manager at the Cincinnati Marriott RiverCenter Hotel. She's married to her childhood sweetheart, Kevin Ward and is the proud fur mom of her 2 cats, Pepper and CoCo.

April gives 100% in all her endeavors and we are extremely proud to announce the endorsement of our Auxiliary sister, April Ward, for the 2021-2022 Department of Kentucky 2nd Vice President.



**American Legion Auxiliary
Newport Unit 11**

Presents

April Ward
For
2nd Vice President

**Department of Kentucky
2021 - 2022**

March 21, 2021

National Executive Committee Woman Endorsement

We the members of the Harristown American Legion Auxiliary Unit 202 proudly endorse Bonita Robey for the office of National Executive Committee Woman for the Department of Kentucky for the 2021-2023 administrative year.

Bettina Robey
President, Unit 202



2021

ONE WEEK OF CARING & SHARING

April 1-7th, 2021

Purpose: Unit members & leaders organize during this one designated week to contact and check in with EVERY possible unit member, past and present.

One entry per unit (no matter how many rejoins you end up with)

This certified form must be received at ALA National Headquarters **no later than April 30th**.

CERTIFICATION FORM

Please type or print legibly

Unit Name: _____ Unit # _____ Dept: _____

Unit representative's name (who is filling out form): _____ Title: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

To qualify for entry into the drawing for a \$25 Emblem Sales Gift Certificate the unit must have secured at least one REJOINED member from their unit during this week. That member must not have paid dues since 2018 & **must be entered as a rejoin into ALAMIS between April 1 - April 24th** using her former member ID.

Name of rejoined member: _____ Member ID: _____

<p><i>Certified by Department Secretary:</i> _____ DATE _____</p> <p>Dept. Secretary printed signature: _____ Dept: _____</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Check here that the unit included their Tax ID #</p> <p>*I certify that the rejoined member last paid in 2018 or prior & was entered in ALAMIS between 4/1-4/24/20. I've provided or verified her member ID & that the form is filled out legibly & completely.</p>	<p>Departments</p> <p>Please either scan & email to: membership@ALAforVeterans.org <small>(Subject line: Week of Caring & Sharing)</small></p> <p>Or</p> <p>Fax: 317-569-4502 (Attn: Membership)</p> <p><small>Due to the unpredictability of mail, use the above methods of transmittal instead.</small></p> <p>*Must be received by NHQ by midnight 4/30/21</p>
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Please complete the following information:

Number of unit members participating in making calls or visits during this week: _____

Number of unit members who were called or visited: _____

Number of members that renewed their membership due to unit contact: _____

Number of members that rejoined due to unit contact: _____

OPTIONAL: Share a specific story where you felt this week made an impact on a member:
