



## PRESIDENT BULLETIN

### JANUARY 2024

Happy 2024 ALA Family,

I hope everyone had a safe, fun and blessed Christmas and New Years! I can't believe it's already 2024, I pray this is everyone's best year yet.

Our membership committee has been working diligently sending emails, texts and phone calls encouraging our members to renew and recruit. With the new year upon us, please reach out to members in your unit that have not paid their dues yet and inspire them to do so. Make sure you're recruiting at all your events and make certain all members feel included.

Just a reminder, we are collecting toiletry items for Winter Conference. We will be putting together hygiene bags for our Veterans after the meeting. I'm also thrilled to have a special visitor at Winter Conference, our Southern Division National Vice President, Christine Trahan! I hope everyone is there to help welcome her to Kentucky.

Reach out and let us know if you would like me or any of our chairman to attend a meeting or event, we're happy to see everyone and help in any way we can. I'm excited to see everyone at Winter Conference on January 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> and hear all about the great work you're doing! Just a reminder that we have an executive meeting Friday night along with a couple of other meetings. If you cannot attend, please let Jennifer or I know. Prayers to all for a blessed January!

For God and Country,  
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Dear American Legion Auxiliary Family

This is Karen Goodlett your children and youth chairman here and this is the month of the helping hand basket challenge! I will be at the conference in Bowling Green, KY with the awards for best basket. Please remember the baskets will be judged for creativity and originality. These baskets can have anything you feel a child in need could use, such as school supplies, sensory items, clothing, shoes, art supplies or anything else that would be helpful. I will display your basket and every auxiliary member will have the opportunity to place their vote on which basket they feel is the best. There will be small jugs in front of each basket that will allow you to drop a quarter or more in the jug and that is how you place your vote. The winner is decided by which jug had the most donations, so bring your pennies, quarters and dollars to cast your votes. The awesome thing is all of the money collected in the jugs will then be donated to the children and youth program, and each basket will go to a child in need in the state of Kentucky. This is an amazing challenge that truly gives back. You will be taking part in a great unit team building event, donating to a wonderful program and inspiring as well as giving items to children in need in Kentucky.

I will also have some other items for sale as well as a 50/50 at the back table. I look forward to seeing your creativity and originality put into action. Let's really put Kentucky in the spotlight giving back to children in need in Kentucky.

\*\*Please don't forget Child Welfare still has the purple shirts for sale and we are down to about 80 shirts left with limited sizes. The shirts are only \$20.00 now in hopes that we can sell out before the Bowling green, KY conference. Then Ms. Dee Schutz will be presented with a check for the child welfare program.\*\* thank you for all of your support.

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Greetings from District 9

As a reminder, the next District 9 meeting will be held Sunday, January 28 at 3 pm. Located at Post 138 Olive Hill, KY. The address is 245 E. Tom T. Hall Blvd., Olive Hill, KY 41164 for anyone who may want to attend. The meeting is Auxiliary only and business meeting only, no food will be provided.

Sincerely,

Whittney Dallaire  
District 9 President



***Edna Shupe-Bland, Presiding***

<i>Legislative</i>	Edna Shupe-Bland	<i>Children and Youth</i>	Karen Goodlett
<i>AEF</i>	Cherrye Lynch	<i>Child Welfare</i>	Dee Schutz
<i>VA&amp;R</i>	Patty Martinez	<i>Special Olympics</i>	Patsy Klein

***Helena Carpenter, Presiding***

<i>Americanism</i>	Helena Carpenter	<i>Finance</i>	Alica Buser
<i>Constitution and Bylaws</i>	Lisa Reed	<i>Girl's State</i>	Diane Spencer
<i>Education</i>	Jeanette Key	<i>Community Service</i>	Marjorie Moore

***Brenda Cornelius, Presiding***

<i>Chaplain</i>	Brenda Cornelius	<i>Poppy</i>	Elaine Joselyn
<i>Leadership</i>	Jerilynn Kabel	<i>Pres. Special Project</i>	Tina Geckler
<i>Trophies and Awards</i>	Sherry Norman		

***Rhonda Churchill, Presiding***

<i>Historian</i>	Rhonda Churchill	<i>Junior Activities</i>	Kim Hallau
<i>Public Relations</i>	Bette Gies	<i>Membership</i>	Michelle Marshall
<i>Scrapbook</i>	Brandi Owens		

Unfinished Business	April Ward, Dept. President
New Business	April Ward, Dept. President
Announcements/Raffles	Jennifer Mullins, Dept. Secretary
Benediction	Brenda Cornelius, Chaplain
Retirement of Colors	Marie Shouse, Sgt. At Arms
	Ruth Conway, Asst. Sgt. At Arms
Adjournment	April Ward, Dept. President

**\*\*Agenda is Subject to Change\*\***



## “Revving up Membership”

### Cruising to Unite Our Legion Family

Happy New Year, Auxiliary Family! I hope that 2024 is off to a great start for your unit. A new year brings new opportunities, and new opportunities bring new ideas. I would like for units to brainstorm of new inventive ways to advertise membership this year. We need to make sure people are aware of who we are and what we do. I can't begin to count how many times I get a puzzled expression from someone when mentioning I am a member of the Auxiliary. That puzzling expression was an entryway for me to educate them on what we do and why, and of course, how we are part of a bigger organization, the American Legion. I can't stop there because I can't leave out the other pillars of the family the Legionnaires, the Sons of the American Legion, and the American Legion Riders. Usually by the time I am finished explaining, that puzzled expression has turned into an eye-opening look followed by a lot of follow-up questions. So many people have never heard of the American Legion, let alone the Auxiliary. Let's make it a New Year's resolution to help bring awareness and educate our communities on the American Legion Family. Remember, we are stronger together than we are alone! I know that every unit faces the same challenges every year with not only obtaining new members but with retaining the members they already have. Everyone needs to know someone cares, and a buddy check is a great way to do that.

The southern division, for membership, has been in the lead for several months now, but the other divisions are creeping up on us. Please remind your units to get their dues in as soon as possible. Every unit's goal for the winter conference is 75% paid membership by December 31st. If you have questions about membership, please feel free to reach out to anyone on our membership team.

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**REVVING UP MEMBERSHIP**  
**CRUISING TO UNITE OUR LEGION FAMILY**

DISTRICT 1					
Unit	RenPd	New	Tot Goal	Tot Pd	Tot %
3	20	3	21	23	109.5
26	19	3	27	22	81.5
68	28	3	46	31	67.4
72	1	0	12	1	8.3
74	16	0	20	16	80.0
217	40	0	70	40	57.1
236	22	0	38	22	57.9
<b>Tot</b>	<b>146</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>234</b>	<b>150</b>	<b>64.1</b>

DISTRICT 2					
Unit	RenPd	New	Tot Goal	Tot Pd	Tot %
2	7	0	17	7	41.2
6	74	9	140	83	59.3
9	33	2	65	35	53.8
40	39	0	76	39	51.3
233	61	4	104	65	62.5
243	12	2	10	14	140.0
289	1	0	10	1	10.0
<b>Tot</b>	<b>227</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>422</b>	<b>244</b>	<b>57.8</b>

DISTRICT 3					
Unit	RenPd	New	Tot Goal	Tot Pd	Tot %
23	31	4	60	35	58.3
29	18	0	40	18	45.0
61	4	3	37	7	18.9
62	63	0	80	63	78.8
119	14	1	24	15	62.5
202	10	0	19	10	52.6
<b>Tot</b>	<b>140</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>260</b>	<b>148</b>	<b>56.9</b>

DISTRICT 4					
Unit	RenPd	New	Tot Goal	Tot Pd	Tot %
42	1	0	40	1	2.5
49	1	0	15	1	6.7
81	116	6	187	122	65.2
82	27	0	47	27	57.4
87	18	0	30	18	60.0
113	261	18	405	279	68.9
121	21	0	35	21	60.0
124	71	2	106	73	68.9
148	40	2	60	42	70.0
157	48	0	85	48	56.5
167	12	0	35	12	34.3
247	4	0	10	4	40.0
288	14	0	25	14	56.0
<b>Tot</b>	<b>634</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>1080</b>	<b>662</b>	<b>61.3</b>

DISTRICT 5					
Unit	RenPd	New	Tot Goal	Tot Pd	Tot %
45	1	0	23	1	4.3
180	80	2	152	82	53.9
193	41	3	88	44	50.0
220	32	4	50	36	72.0
229	31	0	52	31	59.6
244	81	4	95	85	89.5
278	0	0	10	0	0.0
<b>Tot</b>	<b>266</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>470</b>	<b>279</b>	<b>59.4</b>

DISTRICT 6					
Unit	RenPd	New	Tot Goal	Tot Pd	Tot %
4	43	1	73	44	60.3
11	22	0	38	22	57.9
20	32	4	57	36	63.2
41	7	0	55	7	12.7
203	150	0	235	150	63.8
219	56	1	62	57	91.9
<b>Tot</b>	<b>310</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>520</b>	<b>316</b>	<b>60.8</b>

DISTRICT 7					
Unit	RenPd	New	Tot Goal	Tot Pd	Tot %
7	30	0	66	30	45.5
8	46	3	80	49	61.3
24	56	9	100	65	65.0
67	33	13	83	46	55.4
79	25	1	33	26	78.8
132	32	4	42	36	85.7
165	28	0	34	28	82.4
176	1	0	12	1	8.3
257	24	1	40	25	62.5
313	44	1	90	45	50.0
341	19	3	40	22	55.0
<b>Tot</b>	<b>338</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>620</b>	<b>373</b>	<b>60.2</b>

Charter Cancelled  
Assessments Paid VAR  
Assessments Paid OP  
Assessments Paid BOTH

Removed at National convention upon approval

DISTRICT 8					
Unit	RenPd	New	Tot Goal	Tot Pd	Tot %
12	8	0	35	8	22.9
34	94	1	135	95	70.4
46	18	2	39	20	51.3
<b>Tot</b>	<b>120</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>209</b>	<b>123</b>	<b>58.9</b>

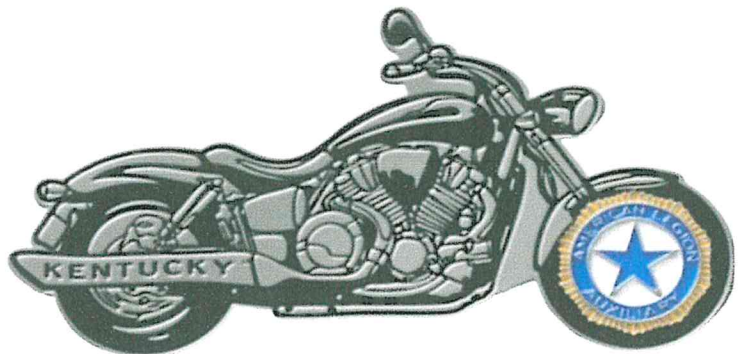
DISTRICT 9					
Unit	RenPd	New	Tot Goal	Tot Pd	Tot %
22	14	0	31	14	45.2
43	2	0	60	2	3.3
76	13	0	45	13	28.9
126	25	0	50	25	50.0
138	35	4	75	39	52.0
325	47	0	80	47	58.8
342	25	2	85	27	31.8
<b>Tot</b>	<b>153</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>426</b>	<b>159</b>	<b>37.3</b>

DISTRICT 10					
Unit	RenPd	New	Tot Goal	Tot Pd	Tot %
66	5	2	10	7	70.0
104	10	1	15	11	73.3
152	2	0	20	2	10.0
283	0	0	10	0	0.0
<b>Tot</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>36.4</b>

DISTRICT 11					
Unit	RenPd	New	Tot Goal	Tot Pd	Tot %
16	0	0	30	0	0.0
38	56	0	86	56	65.1
88	54	6	75	60	80.0
115	31	3	76	34	44.7
<b>Tot</b>	<b>141</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>267</b>	<b>150</b>	<b>56.2</b>

HEADQUARTERS					
Unit	RenPd	New	Tot Goal	Tot Pd	Tot %
200	76	0	90	76	84.4

DEPARTMENT OF KENTUCKY					
	RenPd	New	Tot Goal	Tot Pd	Tot %
	2584	137	4653	2721	58.5





Access the Quilts of Valor website @ <https://www.qovf.org/>

According to the QOV website: Quilts of Valor Foundation (QOV) is a 501 (C)(3) not for profit foundation. Founded in 2003 by Catherine Roberts, QOV originated quite literally from a dream.

"According to Catherine: The dream was as vivid as real life. I saw a young man sitting on the side of his bed in the middle of the night, hunched over. The permeating feeling was one of utter despair. I could see his war demons clustered around, dragging him down into an emotional gutter. Then, as if viewing a movie, I saw him in the next scene wrapped in a quilt. His whole demeanor changed from one of despair to one of hope and well-being. The quilt had made this dramatic change."

#### **Eligibility: Who is eligible for a QOV, Frequently Asked Questions & How do you nominate?**

1. Must be a living service member or a living Veteran of the United States Army, Marines, Navy, Air Force and Coast Guard. This includes activated National Guard and members of the U.S. Reserves. Space Force will also be included as eligible.
2. Veterans must have been discharged under Honorable Condition or a General Discharge.
3. Must not have previously been awarded a Quilt of Valor.
4. May not be awarded as a "surprise". The recipient must accept the award.
5. QOV focus is "on those most in need of comfort and healing first; those who need to know their sacrifice is acknowledged, those who need the affirmation of a hug, and those who never heard the words "Welcome Home.""
6. Go to [https://www.qovf.org/nominate\\_qov\\_tbw\\_certify/](https://www.qovf.org/nominate_qov_tbw_certify/) for the online

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#### **Resources**

Be the One: How Auxiliary members can help: If you missed the ALA Academy Live course on October 25th don't worry, it is now available as a recording in the ALA Academy. Check it out!

**Relationship help:** Holiday stress can take its toll on a relationship under the most normal of circumstances, add in the unique challenges of military life and the stress is often compounded. Military OneSource offers some valuable resources to aid military families in relationship management and family support.

<https://www.militaryonesource.mil/relationships/married-domestic-partner/>

#### **Reminders**

##### **Winter Conference**

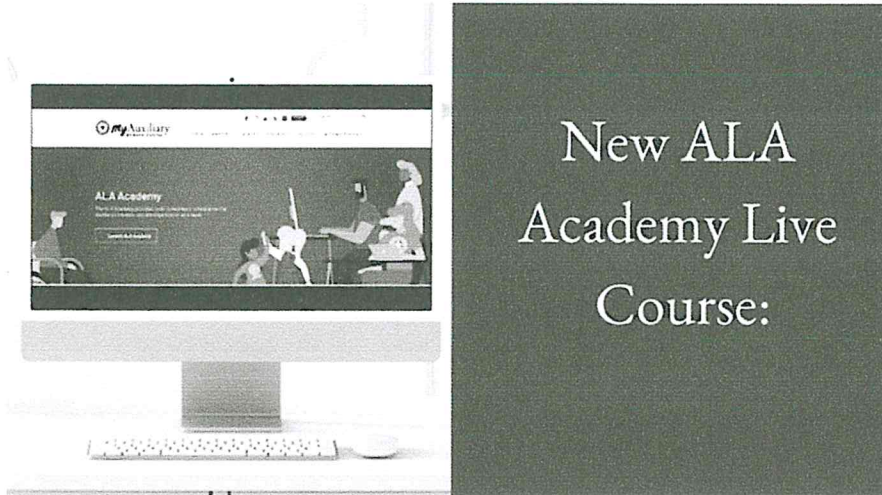
January 19-20, 2024

Holiday Inn, Bowling Green, KY

**Year-End Reports are due to me by May 1, 2024.**

**Unit Award (to be considered for the national award) and Salute to Service Members Submissions due June 1(online). See me for help if needed**

**Register Now!**  
**Understanding the difference between ALA  
National Security and VA&R**



Do you find yourself wondering if an activity falls under ALA National Security or Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation? Are you looking for guidance on how to properly report these activities?

Join us Thursday, Dec. 7, at noon EST for a 30-minute informative webinar on the differences and similarities between our National Security and VA&R programs. Led by Pam Ray and Ann Rehbein, the ALA national committee chairs for VA&R and National Security, this webinar will explore similarities and differences between the two programs.

Whether you volunteer at a local VA, military installation, or in your community supporting military, veterans, and their families, this is a must- attend event. Attendance to this webinar is FREE, but pre-registration is required.

<https://cvent.me/dNdPmb>

We look forward to having you join us Dec. 7!

**In case you missed it...**

New this Year! Program Engagement Plan: Do you ever miss the old Program Action Plan? Well do I have a surprise for you! New this year available through your ALA Membership Portal are Program Engagement Plans. These plans mimic the information you used to find on the Program Action Plan and are accessible to ALL members. Go to [Member Details \(legion-aux.org\)](https://member.legion-aux.org) and under Committees select the National Security Program then select the blue button that says Get Involved.

## SALUTE TO SERVICEMEMBERS AWARD

Established in 2003, this award has evolved from honoring women veterans to honoring active-duty women to honoring all enlisted personnel who are currently serving our country in the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force, Coast Guard, Space Force, and the National Guard. Since 2022 this award has fallen under the National Security Program.

Salute to Service Award Form & Requirements are now available on the American Legion Auxiliary National Website. Deadline for submissions is June 1, 2024. For more information on the requirements and access to the form visit: <https://member.legion-aux.org/salute-to-servicewomen-award>



# American Legion Auxiliary

## Americanism Newsletter

November 2023

### The American Legion Auxiliary Americanism Program Outreach Committee

“One flag, one land, one heart, one hand, one nation  
evermore!” —*Oliver Wendell Holmes*

#### Division Highlights

**Southern Division:** In the Dept of North Carolina, a Unit held presentations in two schools educating the students on the U.S. Constitution and how it came to be our governing document. The students were given a chance to participate in the program with Auxiliary member, Wanda Moore. Wanda enjoys dressing in period attire entertaining the students on how the constitution was written and having the students play the part of the original states that signed the document. And the students enjoy it as well. The Star Spangled Kids Program was a big hit in the schools educating our youth about United States history, Americanism, and the U.S. Constitution. Again, Wanda got into character and got the students involved. The students ranged from first grade to eighth grade. One Unit participated in a deployment of 400 Army National Guard Soldiers. Unit members met the soldiers, their families and presented them with flags, and helped served lunch after the ceremony. Members helped with activities for the kids. As the afternoon ended, Auxiliary members presented each soldier with a pocket flag to carry with them while deployed. It was a sad but heartwarming day. The soldiers and their families were so appreciative for our participation. The Southern Division is supporting the Americanism programs in the schools and communities.

**Northwestern Division:** Units are working on how to distribute the Star Spangled Kits in their Departments. Wyoming has been successful in getting the items passed out at their Fall Conference in Casper. Vicki divided the items into gallon zip lock bags and gave some to all the units, of which they have 41 units. She included a list of what the supplies were and where they could get more. During her report she showed all the contents of the bags and read about how we can promote the program in our communities and school. A lot of the Units cannot get into the schools, so it was suggested to look towards boys & girls clubs, boy and girl scouts and after school programs. Tina from Nebraska let me know that their units are just getting started promoting the essay contest to the schools. Sarah from Colorado informed me that District 7 worked with Post 2008 at Peyton Junction Oktoberfest to have kids play games to win prize (flag, Stickers, Comic book) and dressed a goat. She also contacted all the DECS in the state. Only one of them reach out for supplies, District 4, and that was in Fort Collins. One District wants all the items, but they need to wait to see what other Districts take first.

**Western Division:** Department of Washington started a contest due by Nov 1st so that 4 Units can share the wealth. In addition, our President is doing her own Star Spangled Kids distribution in her district for 3 of the units who needed a little extra boost. Department Chairman ordered extra books, flags, flag pins to share for the contest. In addition, she set up a Dept of WA Americanism page on Facebook with the information from their Division Chairman and other ideas that posts and units are doing. Notices have been sent out to all the units on the essay contest and the Star Spangled Kids Contest and the response has been pretty good so far. Oregon sent a challenge to all units for the first 10 units who email the Department Chairman a story of what they want to do for Americanism will be given a smaller version of the Star Spangled Kids kits. A unit with its Post performed a 9/11 tribute and a flag retirement ceremony for a Boy Scout troop. The Department Chairman is working on getting into schools to talk about the Americanism essay, flag etiquette, the Constitution, and the programs we have to offer

### ALA Americanism

#### Share Your Story

**Be sure to “LIKE” us on Facebook.** Help spread the word about your service @ ALA Americanism Program. This is a closed group, so you must request permission to join. You then must answer 4 questions to be approved:

**Year-End Reports-** Narrative report to Division Education Chairman by May 15, 2024, plus copy to National Americanism Chairman

**Did you know that National has a blog? The blog features excellent info and photos that can be easily shared. No log-in required!**  
<https://alafortveterans.wordpress.com/>

Please send information on your Department's Americanism Program events. Throughout the year, please send photos and short blurbs about your members in Americanism action to your Division Chairmen and post on the National Americanism Facebook page.

#### Websites with Americanism Planning Information:

<https://member.legion-aux.org/member/committees/americanism>

1. Promote Star Spangled Kids:  
<https://member.legion-aux.org/Member/Committees/Americanism/How-to-Promote-Star-Spangled-Kids>.

2. Americanism Essay Contest:  
<http://www.legion-aux.org/americanism-essay-contest>

3. To receive notifications on when to display the flag at half-staff:  
<https://www.legion.org/flag/246720/sign-american-legend-flag-alerts>

4. The American Legion Action Programs of Americanism:  
<https://www.legion.org/publications/160892/action-programs-americanism>

5. Facebook group, search ALA Americanism

# American Legion Auxiliary Americanism Newsletter

November 2023

## The purpose of the Americanism program is to promote patriotism and responsible citizenship by:

1. Be knowledgeable on flag history, etiquette, and proper disposal methods, and promote the observation of patriotic holidays so your community will look to the ALA for information.
2. Increase participation in the Americanism Essay Contest
3. Participate in the promotion of The American Legion Americanism programs.

ALAforVeterans.org-  
Americanism Program

## Red Skelton's Pledge of Allegiance

Red Skelton, one of America's best-loved comedians, has recited his version of the Pledge of Allegiance on numerous occasions. You can also find it on YouTube.

I---meaning me, an individual, a committee of one.  
Pledge---dedicate all of my worldly goods to give without self pity.  
Allegiance---my love and my devotion.  
To the Flag---our standard, Old Glory, a symbol of freedom.  
Wherever she waves, there is respect because your loyalty has given her a dignity that shouts freedom is everybody's job.  
Of the United---that means that we have all come together.  
States---individual communities that have united into 48 great states. 48 individual communities with pride and dignity and purpose, all divided with imaginary boundaries, yet united to a common cause, and that's love of country.  
Of America.  
And to the Republic---a republic, a state in which sovereign power is invested in representatives chosen by the people to govern. And government is the people and it's from the people to the leaders, not from the leaders to the people. For which it stands!  
One nation---meaning, so blessed by God.  
Indivisible---incapable of being divided.  
With Liberty---which is freedom and the right of power to live one's life without threats or fear or any sort of retaliation.  
And justice---The principle and quality of dealing fairly with others.  
For all.---which means, boys and girls, it's as much your country as it is mine."

<https://americanflagfoundation.org/wp-content/uploads/2011/02/Red-Skeltons-Pledge-of-Allegiance.pdf>

The Auxiliary has many tools that aid members in learning about our programs.

\*ALA Academy  
[www.alaforveterans.org/ALA-Academy/](http://www.alaforveterans.org/ALA-Academy/)

## MISSION TRAINING

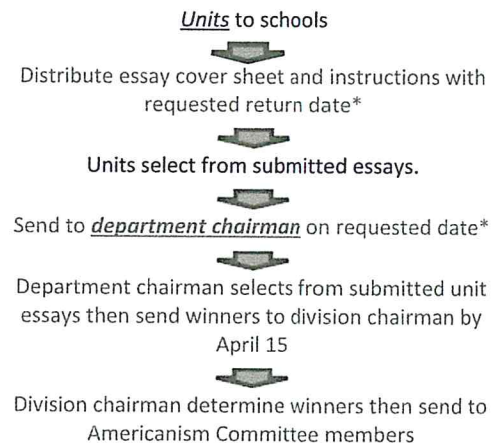
Northwestern: 2/3/24  
Lincoln, NE  
Marriott Lincoln Cornhusker

Southern: 2/3/2024  
Nashville, TN  
Hilton Nashville Airport

Western: 1/27/2024  
Las Vegas, NV  
Tuscany Suites & Casino

For further information and to register go to  
<https://member.legion-aux.org/meetings>

## Americanism Essay Contest Flow Chart



\*Deadlines determined by unit and department chairmen.

<https://member.legion-aux.org/Member/Committees/Americanism/Americanism-Essay-Flow-Chart>

## Flag Etiquette

Whether it be nylon, polyester, or plain cotton, the American flag is more than fabric and thread. It represents each of us, our past, present, and future. Great sacrifices and national pride are stitched into its stars and stripes, and it stands as a symbol of hope, opportunity, and freedom. The flag is not an inanimate object. It flies freely with a life force powerful enough to unite an entire nation.

Since every person has the right to own and display the American flag, it's important to treat it with respect. Representatives of 68 national organizations including the Army and Navy came together to create the United States Flag Code, which became public law about a year after the attack on Pearl Harbor. This code formalizes and unifies a set of instructions on handling, displaying, and caring for the American Flag. It also indicates inappropriate use and disrespectful behavior. By following these rules, you are showing the flag and our nation your reverence and pride.

### **What are the rules or codes for displaying an American Flag?**

There are many display guidelines for how to respectfully showcase the United States flag. All sections of the flag code are important and should be properly read before you hang your United States flag. Some important display codes to remember would be:

1. The American flag should never be flown with the union down, unless signaling as a sign of distress or emergency.
2. The American flag should never touch the ground, floor, water, or anything else beneath it.
3. The flag should never be carried flat or horizontally but always aloft and free.
4. The flag should not be dipped to any person, figure, or object.

These listed display codes are not the only codes on how to properly display the American flag. There are more that should be read to ensure you are respecting the flag. You can find them [here on usa.gov](https://www.usa.gov).

### **What are 3 things one should never do out of respect to the flag?**

1. One should never use an American flag as apparel, bedding, or drapery. For decoration purposes one should use Bunting, which should be arranged with the blue above, the white in the middle, and the red below.
2. One should never use the American flag for advertising purposes. One should also never use American flag printed articles such as cushions or handkerchiefs, as well as printed paper napkins, boxes or anything that is temporarily used and meant to be discarded.
3. One should never throw an American flag in the trash but should always properly dispose of an old flag. The U.S. Flag Code states, that when an American flag is worn beyond repair it should be retired in a respectful manner, like burning, burial, or a flag recycling program.

Again, it is important to note that these listed codes are not the only ones that should be followed when respecting and hanging an American flag.

### **How to hang an American Flag vertically?**

When hanging an American Flag against a wall, vertically or horizontally, the Flag's union side should be at the top, to the Flag's own right and the observer's left.

### **How to display the American flag at home?**

There are a couple of ways a homeowner can display an American flag with pride and respect on their property. Some methods of at home display include in ground flag poles, telescoping flag poles, and wall mounted flag poles. It is also important to remember when displaying an American flag at home that at night your flag should be properly lit otherwise it should be taken down and brought in at night. You can find an excellent flagpole light to go with your flagpole.

### **When to fly a United States flag at half mast?**

In times of mourning the American flag is flown at half-staff. The term "half-staff" refers to a flag positioned one half the distance between the top and bottom of the staff.

**American Legion Auxiliary  
Member Profile Update & Transfer Form  
UNIT Number #**

Units: Please use this form, instead of the now obsolete Member Data and Class Change Forms, to submit member changes to your Department.

You may enter changes for more than one member on this form by indicating each Member's Name and Member ID in the spaces provided. In the "Ch #" column, please indicate the Change # type from the list below.

*Example: insert "5" if you are changing a member's marital status. In the "New Info/Notes" column, please be specific as to the change being made.*

<u>Ch #</u>	<u>Change Type</u>	<u>Ch #</u>	<u>Change Type</u>
1	Name	7	Class Change
2	Contact info (address, phone, email)	8	War Era of eligibility
3	Mark Deceased (include date of death in notes)	9	Branch of Service eligibility
4	Continuous Years	10	Make honorary life
5	Marital status	11	Transfer (complete "Unit Transfers" section below)
6	Communication preference	12	Other

Effective Date	Ch #	Member ID Member Name	New Info / Notes

<b>UNIT TRANSFERS</b>
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**PREVIOUS** Unit #: \_\_\_\_\_

**NEW** Unit # \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Member Signature (**required**)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Officer of New Unit Signature (**required**)



Hello Everyone,

Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah, and Happy New Year to you and your families.

Over the last couple of days I have noticed how many Units, have stepped up to help with the Wreaths Across America. Just like the Grinch in the movie my heart has grown. To see everyone working together and representing The America Legion Auxiliary. By placing wreath on the Graves of our Veterans. Without their sacrifice and courage we would not have the freedom we have today.

If you were not able to help place the Wreaths, they still need your help with removing them. Please check with your area contact and help if you can.

Hope to see everyone at the Winter Conference January 19th and the 20th.

For God and Country

Bette Gies

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Public Relations Chairman

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Happy New Year to you all,

Now that we Have celebrated these last several month in 2023 now it is time for us to start in with our schools in our counties. Don't let any schools in our neighborhood not knowing about about American Legion Auxiliary Girls State Program. It is sad that we are skipping our High Schools that is right in our neighborhood that don't have anyone contacting them about our Program so please let's step up to the plate let them schools know about this great program. Again, our Girls State program will be June 10th-14th,2024 at Western Kentucky in Bowling Green, KY. Also a reminder we still have raffle tickets and the prizes will be giving away at Winter Conference. Those of you that took raffle tickets please make sure bring money and ticket stubs to the Winter Conference. We still have raffle ticket left if you want more just let me know before Winter Conference. If you have question or concerns please contact Virginia Hobbs and/or myself we will be happy to answer any question you have for us.

Virginia Hobbs, American Legion Auxiliary Girls State Chairman

Phone 270-300-6060

Diane Spencer, American Legion Auxiliary Girls State Director

Phone: (859) 285-8616



Hello Department of Kentucky!

Sending Holiday Greetings and hope we are ready for 2024. I have been communicating with our National Historian and other Department Historians through Emails. Please remember to mail,email and text what your Unit and Districts are doing.

Hope to see you all soon.

For God and Country

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Poppy bulletin

Happy New Year 2024.

First I would like to thank everyone who called, text, and sent cards while I was so sick. I missed seeing everyone at the Fall Conference But I will be there in January for the Winter Conference. I will have a 50/50 pot, along with raffles. Please bring a lot of money cause I am behind on raising money this year.

Also bring your corsages to Winter Conference. I will have cups so the auxiliary can put money in them for the best over all.

May God Bless America.

Elaine Josleyn, Poppy Chairman 2023-2024



## Leadership

December 2023

A Community of Volunteers Serving Veterans, Military, and their Families.

Merry Christmas Dept. of KY. I hope you all have a very blessed, happy, fun and safe holiday. Before the new year comes and sweeps your life away with a million waves of happiness and joy, I want to thank you for all the work you do. Happy New Year!

Deadlines/Important Dates:

- **April 15: chairmen reports due**
- **May 1: Awards submissions and Unit Members of the Year due**
- **My reports are due May 15<sup>th</sup> & June 1<sup>st</sup>, so I need yours by the above dates.**

Promote and submit nominations for the Unit Member of the Year Award. This award recognizes the contributions made by a valued unit member. From your nominations, select one member to compete for department recognition. Also honor the member in her unit for significant contributions made to the unit. All Unit Members of the Year are recognized at National Convention.

Ideas:

Unit

- Select one member to compete for the department Unit Member of the Year award by researching the criteria within your department and personally making a nomination.
- Honor her within the unit.
- Promote the Unit Member of the Year Award to all members. This is an incredibly special award that recognizes the contributions made by a valued unit member who never held an office higher than unit president. It celebrates and recognizes those members who quietly work the mission of the American Legion Auxiliary.
- Plan to recognize the winner at your department convention.
- If possible and the department winner is from your unit, raise funds to provide the winner a means to attend the ALA Woman of the Year Luncheon held annually at the national convention. Special recognition at the luncheon is bestowed on all winners in attendance.

Please refresh your memories and re-read your Program Actions Plan for Leadership, pages 135-150. Don't forget to drop me a line or two and let me know what your unit is doing. We want to show what the Dept. of KY is doing at National Convention next year. Make sure to send me names, dates, pictures, etc. and any info about the event.

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# Unit Member of the Year Application

Due by May 1, 2024

Nominators Name &  
Unit \_\_\_\_\_

Nominators Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Nominators Email \_\_\_\_\_

First Name \_\_\_\_\_

Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City & ZIP Code \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Unit Name and Number \_\_\_\_\_

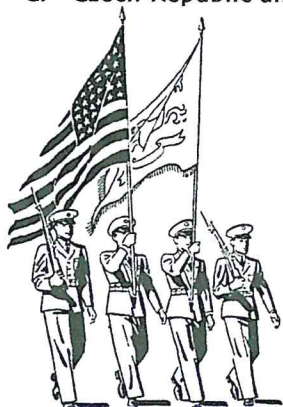
**Attach Unit Nomination narrative 1000 words or less.**

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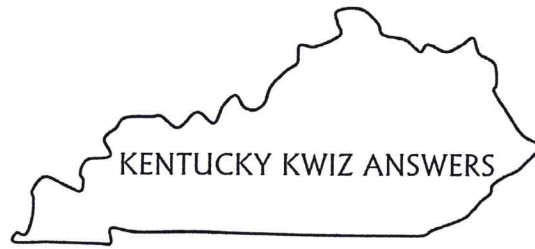


Here is a Christmas Surprise! Test your knowledge of Kentucky's military history!

1. Which United States president, who served as a general in the Mexican American War, grew up in Louisville?
  - A. Abraham Lincoln
  - B. Zachary Taylor
  - C. Ulysses S. Grant
2. What is/was the primary mission of the Blue Grass Army Depot in Richmond?
  - A. Training new recruits
  - B. Maintain military vehicles
  - C. Storing and disposing of chemical weapons and other munitions
3. What elite military unit is stationed at Fort Campbell?
  - A. 101<sup>st</sup> Airborne Division
  - B. 10<sup>th</sup> Mountain Division
  - C. 1<sup>st</sup> Cavalry Division
4. Which notable military figure, who was born in Kentucky, served as a general in three different armies: the Texas Army, the U.S. Army and the Confederate Army?
  - A. Robert E. Lee
  - B. Albert Sidney Johnson
  - C. Braxton Bragg
5. Which civilian occupation in Kentucky played a crucial role in supporting the war effort during World War II by providing a significant portion of the country's strategic raw materials?
  - A. Coal miners
  - B. Iron workers
  - C. Tobacco farmers
6. Which countries are linked to Kentucky under the National Guard's "State Partnership Program"?
  - A. Sweden and Brazil
  - B. Ecuador and Djibouti
  - C. Czech Republic and Japan
7. Who was Kentucky's only "ace" pilot during World War I, downing seven enemy aircraft?
  - A. Edward "Eddie" V. Rickenbacker
  - B. Edward "Eddie" Ward
  - C. Jessie Orin Creech
8. Which native Kentuckian was the first Black person to successfully complete the U.S. Navy Diver Program?
  - A. Carl M. Brashear
  - B. William J. Crowe
  - C. Richard Caswell Saufley
9. During the World War II Battle of Iwo Jima in the Pacific, which Marine from Kentucky helped raise the American flag on Mount Suribachi?
  - A. Joseph Rosenthal
  - B. Leonard F. Mason
  - C. Franklin Runyon Sousley
10. Who was the Kentuckian who became the face of "Rosie the Riveter" during World War II?
  - A. Ruth Reynolds
  - B. Rose Will Monroe
  - C. Nancy Moses
11. What Kentuckian born into slavery became the first African American Colonel in the U.S. Army and subsequently the highest-ranking Black officer in the regular Army until his death in 1922?
  - A. Charles Young
  - B. Frederick Douglass
  - C. Garrett Augustus Morgan
12. What general from Kentucky led a Confederate force into northeastern Ohio?
  - A. John C. Breckenridge
  - B. William F. Perry
  - C. John Hunt Morgan



Written by Donald G. Hukle, Lt. Col., USAF (Ret) in Kentucky Monthly November 2023.



1. **B** – Zachary Taylor, the 12<sup>th</sup> president of the United States, grew up in Louisville. During the Mexican American War, he successfully defeated Mexican forces in Texas, driving out all Mexican military opposition from north of the Rio Grande.
2. **C** – The last chemical weapon stored there was destroyed in July 2023. The facility is still a site for the storage of conventional munitions in the U.S. arsenal.
3. **A** – The 101<sup>st</sup> Airborne Division, known as the “Screaming Eagles”, is the only air assault division in the U.S. Army. This division has played a significant role in numerous conflicts, from World War II to Afghanistan.
4. **B** – Albert Sidney Johnston, born in 1803 in Washington (near Maysville), served as a general in the Texas Army, U.S. Army and Confederate Army. He died at the Battle of Shiloh in Tennessee on April 6, 1862, becoming the highest-ranking officer killed on either side during the Civil War.
5. **A** – Coal miners in Kentucky played a crucial role in supporting the U.S. war effort during World War II, providing 72.4 million tons of coal to power the country’s industries and military operations.
6. **B** – State Partnership Programs (SPPs) promote military-to-military engagements in support of defense security goals.
7. **C** – Born in Harlan in 1895, Creech promoted aviation development in Kentucky and served in the Kentucky House of Representatives after the war. He died in 1948.
8. **A** – Brashear, from Tonieville (near Elizabethtown), was the subject of the 2000 movie Men of Honor.
9. **C** – Franklin Runyon Sousley, from Hilltop in Fleming County, was one of six Marines photographed raising the American flag over Mount Suribachi on Iwo Jima on February 23, 1945.
10. **B** – While several names have surfaced as the inspiration for Rosie the Riveter, most credit Rose Will Monroe from Science Hill in Pulaski County as the iconic model for millions of women employed in defense industries during World War II.
11. **A** – Charles Young was born into slavery in Mays Lick (near Maysville) in 1864. In 1917, he became the first African American to achieve the rank of colonel in the U.S. Army. At the request of Kentucky Governor Andy Beshear, the Department of Defense posthumously promoted Young to brigadier general in February 2022.
12. **C** – John Hunt Morgan of Lexington led a 1,000 mile raid into Indiana and Ohio in July 1863. He was forced to surrender in Salineville, Ohio.



Headquarters

January 2024

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

The Winter Conference will be held at the Holiday Inn , Bowling Green, Kentucky on January 19 (DEC board meeting) and 20<sup>th</sup>. The agenda for this conference is in this mailing. Please make plans to attend.

The yearly ALA MIS fees will be due. Invoices will be going out around the end of January .

VA & R Assessments – If you have not paid your assessment yet, it is passed due but you can still pay it. Invoices have been mailed. This assessment is essential in the funding of the VA & R program. Please do your part. Thank you to the Units that have paid.

Membership – National will be sending out the second renewal notice this month. If you are holding dues then those members will receive a renewal notice and will probably be wondering why. In this mailing is an updated member data form. This form is used for transfer of a member, deceased member, name and address changes. Please feel free to make copies as needed.

Hope to see you at the Winter Conference!

Jennifer

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