



Department of Kentucky

February 2022

Thanks to everyone that attended Winter Conference! With so much going on I think we were all anticipating a low attendance, but we had 67 Seniors and 8 Juniors. We had several first timers, and it was great to meet them. A few of them mentioned the meeting was informative. That's great news!

It was nice to have National President Kathy in attendance. She gave us further incite to Caregivers and shared with us a little of her travels. We presented her with a University of Kentucky hoodie and a Pandora Horseshoe charm to remind her of home! We celebrated with a pizza party at lunch.

I especially liked the joint session with the entire family to kick off the Conference! It was great to see so many smiling faces to start the day.

Burkesville presented us with a check for \$10,000 for Dogs Helping Heroes. Their little post in their small town makes us so proud! Magnificent work Burkesville!

We heard about upcoming scholarship deadlines., Legislative incentives with some beautiful prizes. There are member awards, unit awards, department awards, Poppy Poster Contests, mentor essay contests. There is something for everyone! Please take part in these, take pictures, and please report!

The Juniors had some first timers as well. It was great to see the girls from Madisonville. There were two young SAL member in attendance with the Juniors! They painted fingerprint poppies, and other paintings and sold them at the Auxiliary, Legion, and SAL meetings and made over \$500!

The downside of the weekend happened when the fire alarm sounded. It was a little too cold to be standing outside while the fire department checked it all out. But no one was hurt and there was no real fire, so all was good!

Please remember to get your membership in right away. Do not hold onto. We need an accurate count at all times. Also, make sure that your assessments are paid so you can claim those awards you are eligible for!

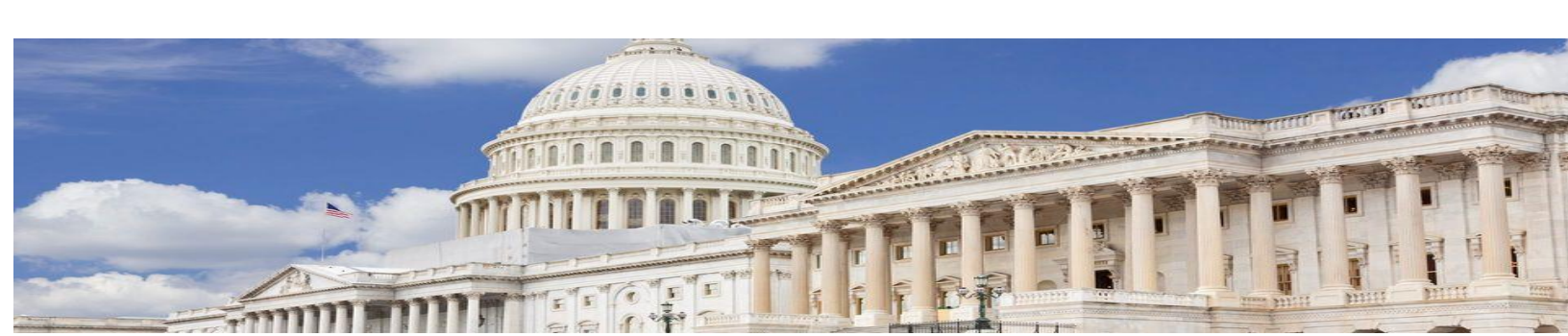
I'm looking forward to the next district meeting! As always, please let me know if you have an event coming up. I'd love to add your visit to my schedule!

See you at Spring Conference in Florence on April 15th and 16th!

Thank you!

Karen Toll American Legion Auxiliary Dept of KY President 2021 – 2022

["There is no exercise better for the heart than reaching down and lifting people up." ~John Holmes](#)



LEGISLATIVE BULLETIN FEBRUARY 2022

February is the month of Love and we are loving our Veterans and lifting our voices for them making ourselves heard. I guess I can't say it enough, contact your representatives.

You can contact your representative through the campaigns located on the American Legion's Legislative Action Center (<https://www.votervoice.net/AmericanLegion/home>). Be sure to share The American Legion's legislative priorities using the Legislative Agenda when you contact their office. While you are there be sure to sign up for legislative alerts so you can stay up to date on all of The American Legion's legislative campaigns.

You can also contact your representative in a variety of ways including virtual meetings, phone calls, emails and through social media. You can get a listing of legislative priorities and how to talk about them at <https://www.legion.org/legislative/point-papers> or at alaky.org under the legislative tab. They are in pdf format and are easily downloadable. I will have Legislative brochures available at all Conferences but you can download one from

Remember to let me know if you do a virtual meeting, in-person or send emails to your representatives. (these count for the drawing detailed below)

Not only do you get the satisfaction of having your voice count and be heard, by sending me the emails or proof of contact from your representatives, you will be entered in a drawing at June Convention. You will be included in all three drawings for as many times as you send me proof. The drawings are for: A poppy quilted travel bag and cross body purse to match; A poppy large tote/purse; and/or \$50 cash. One or all of those could be yours depending on how many entries you get and if I draw your entry. 1st drawn gets choice; 2nd drawn gets choice; 3rd drawn gets what is left.



\$50

Legislative program awards and reports sheet and due dates are listed below.

Department Award: Most Outstanding Unit Legislative Program

Materials and Guidelines:

- Entries must include the Legislative Service Report and award cover sheet located in this bulletin.
- For the most outstanding overall legislative program in the department
- Each entry must be typewritten in narrative form and must tell the story of **legislative activism** and how it made a difference in the lives of veterans and their families.
- Include pictures and news articles.
- Units must submit their entry to the Department Chairman, Nancy Moses at brotherton42us@yahoo.com by May 1, 2022
- Attach a cover sheet, including the name and Unit Legislative contact information for the Unit Award section.

For the **Department award**, two trophies will be presented for the 1st and 2nd place Legislative award. The 1st place winner will be sent to National for competition in the Southern Division Legislative Award.

End of Year narrative reports are due to me by: May 1, 2022. Use the cover sheet attached to submit. By submitting your narrative report for a report or a Department award, you will obtain ONE entry for all three drawing items at June Convention.

In your narrative, include pictures taken at any legislative activity with city, state or national representatives. As part of your narrative report, please include answers to the following questions:

- How did you educate members in the legislative issues promoted by The American Legion and how did your members employ those methods?
- What legislative activities (town hall meetings, legislative receptions) did members attend in their communities and departments? What suggestions did members have to improve those activities? Please describe.
- How did members develop relationships with their elected officials? Please describe. 4. Please describe how members were able to connect with their local and state officials and what were their successes.
- How did you promote your members to sign up to receive Action Alerts by using Capwiz?

Nancy Moses
2188 Treetop Lane
Hebron, KY 41048
859-630-7941

brotherton42us@yahoo.com



**American Legion Auxiliary
Legislative Service Report and Award Cover Sheet**

Please note, your report will also be viewed as an award entry if this cover sheet is attached.
Complete the following if you are applying for a member award.

Unit #: _____ Full official unit name: _____

Name of state where you are a member: _____

Member's Full Name: _____ ALA member ID#: _____

Nominating Member (if different from above): _____

Nominator's Phone number: (____) _____

Nominator's Email address: _____

National committee sponsoring award: _____

Name of the award you are applying for: _____

For a unit award or to submit a year-end unit narrative report, please complete this section.
Be sure to give the complete name of your unit. The award certificate will be prepared using the information you include below.

Unit #: _____ Full official unit name: _____

Name of department: _____

Unit president/chairman (**circle one**) name: _____

Above listed person's ALA member ID#: _____ Phone number: (____) _____

Email address: _____

For a department award or to submit a year-end department narrative report, please complete this section:

Name of department: _____

Name of department chairman: _____

Chairman's phone number: (____) _____ ALA member ID#: _____

Chairman's email address: _____

Please see instructions on previous page about where to send this form.



Hello to All!

Everyone should be getting the scholarship information ready to distribute to the schools. We have just learned that the SAT/ACT will be waived for the 2022 applications. Students should include on their applications a notation stating they were unable to take the test due to COVID-19. This is such a challenging time for our education system but together we will get through it.

Please make sure you have the most current applications by visiting the websites for National and Dept. of KY.

www.alaforveterans.org/scholarships

www.alaky.org

Please remember that the Children of Warriors National Presidents' Scholarship is an online application that must be submitted by March 1st. www.legion-aux.org/Scholarships/Children-of-Warriors

Please submit your Give 10 to Education worksheets and photos to me for all you have completed so far. Wow, what a great job we are doing to support our students! Thanks to the units that have sent them so far. You can send them via my email or to my home address. We still need more entries for our Southern Division Boxcar!

Stay safe and warm!

Jeanette Key
Dept. of KY, Education Chair 2021-2022
jmstewart7733@gmail.com
335 W. 17th St.
Covington, KY 41014

American Legion Auxiliary
Kentucky Girls State Program

February 2022 Bulletin

Hello Unit Presidents and Unit Chairmen,

It was good see you at Winter Conference the ones were there, it's going to be a different feeling for the American Legion Auxiliary Girls State Program 2022 and its time for us to get on the ball and get in our schools to reach out to the students and school administrators about ALA KY Girls State program and what can offer these students to participate with the ALA KY Girls State this year in June 2022. I know that many of you have contacted our director Virginia Hobbs and myself about getting brochures to you and see about getting application to start the process for the students to apply for ALA KY Girls State this will be on our website as soon as possible in the coming weeks. Director Virginia is trying to find other ways to make it convenient for you and the students to have the information of applying for the program. We are working on this year to do in person ALA Kentucky Girls State. The committee still working on ways that this could happen so be patience with us and we will keep you informed. I have been asked to attend 9th District meeting on February 26, 2022, to give information to the members on how to recruit the delegates and the information that is needed for you as the members and the delegates.

Let us not leave any schools not knowing about American Legion Auxiliary Kentucky Girls State program. We should have every student from every county in this state representing their schools at this program so please we ask you to contact your schools in your neighborhood and ask them to have a delegate represent your unit and their school in attending American Legion Auxiliary KY Girls State.

Addendum to this bulletin ALA Kentucky Girls State committee met on January 18, 2022, and found out more information about the cost to put on the 2022 ALA KY Girls State program this year will and it was taken to the Department Executive Board meeting on January 21st Winter Conference that cost for delegates to attend Kentucky Girls State would have to be raised to \$325 per delegate and this was approved by the Department Executive Board, as we all know everything has gone up in all area as far as food and lodging the same has happen with ALA KY Girls State program, we have made cuts in many areas so the Department of Kentucky have a very successful as we have in the past. This is more special than ever to be our 75th Anniversary of ALA KY Girls State Program. So, we are asking for you to help in making a special donation and sending delegates to the program this year.

If you need our assistance, we are here for you please let us know or have questions feel free to contact us

Diane Spencer, ALA KY Girls State Chairman
1849 B Chatsworth Dr.
Lexington, KY 40505
859-285-8616
Dianes758@yahoo.com

Virginia Hobbs, ALA KY Girls State Director
297 Terrace Dr.
Radcliff, KY 40160
270-300-6060
virginiahobbs@yahoo.com

**Past Presidents Parley Year-End Report
2021-2022
Unit Report**

Unit: _____ Unit Chairman: _____

Chairman's Phone: _____ Email: _____

1: Describe how you educated members about the Past Presidents Parley Program: _____

2: Describe any new Past Presidents Parley activities that were developed and started this year. _____

3: Did you escort a new member to a meeting? ___Yes___No

4: Did any members request help from a Mentor? ___Yes___No

5: How many Mentors shared their experience, knowledge and wisdom?

6: Did your unit honor your Past Presidents? ___Yes ___No

7: Did your Unit apply for any Awards? ___Yes ___No (if so, which ones?)

8: Did you miss doing the MID-YEAR REPORT??? lol

Please write a short narrative and include pictures of all the things you have done. (Attach pictures separately).

End of Year Report is due to the Department Chairman by April 16, 2022
(You may mail, email or turn it in at Spring Conference.)
There will be a trophy for the best PPP program.

PAST PRESIDENTS PARLEY

The purpose of the Past Presidents Parley committee is to use the experience and knowledge of past Auxiliary leaders for training and encouragement of future Auxiliary leaders. Through the Past Presidents Parley committee, women who have served as unit, department, and national presidents have an opportunity to continue in active service to the Auxiliary, helping to ensure strong future leadership for the organization. Promote mentoring opportunities of unit members. As former leaders, past presidents at all levels are encouraged to continue their support to the organization by accepting responsibility to contribute their experience, knowledge and wisdom. By sharing their experiences, they help to achieve a stronger, more sustainable, organization at each level through positive actions. Take the time to share in a letter a favorite story about someone you know who has had a positive impact on your experience with the American Legion Auxiliary and send it to me. I would like to read your letters of inspiration and share at Spring Conference in April. It's important that we tell these experiences so that more mentors will share their talents, experiences and time with other American Legion Auxiliary members who are looking to achieve great things with our organization, whether that be at the Unit, District, or the Department level.

Mentors are our leaders of today and you can be a leader for tomorrow.

This report must be sent to the District Chairman and received by April 1, 2022

Jerilynn Kabel
Past Presidents Parley Chairman
kabelgal2@outlook.com
367 Lillian Ave
Elizabethtown, KY 42701

National Security

Bulletin # 2

February 2022

I would like to share with you all what our Southern Division National Security shared a couple of months ago. Considering what our Commonwealth has experienced with natural disasters recently, I felt this was appropriate to not change but share with all of you as we continue to think of ways to help others.

Many people would be surprised to learn that some of those who struggle with food insecurity are the very ones who are serving our country. Long before the pandemic, and despite a military budget of more than \$700 billion, thousands of active-duty military families suffer from food insecurity.

According to Blue Star Families' 2020 Military Family Lifestyle Survey Comprehensive Report, as many as 14% of enlisted active-duty families report low or very low food security

Though many factors contribute to food insecurity, it is shocking to discover that many military and Veteran members and their families do not have enough resources needed to thrive.

In addition to modest pay for junior enlisted ranks, the frequent moves inherent to military life make it difficult for military spouses to find steady work.

For many people, money is tight, and times are hard. It's forced them to rely on food banks and donations just to put food on the table. According to Feeding America, as many as 160,000 active service members have trouble feeding their families. The National Military Family Association surveyed 11,000 military households and found 14% of them had been to a food pantry in the last year.

So how, as members of the greatest patriotic organizations, can we help?

One opportunity is to include all of your members, your juniors and your community in clipping coupons to send to military bases. The Overseas coupon program offers a few tips and a list of bases:

ocpnet.org

Another opportunity is a organizing a food pantry at your post home. Or possibly donate to a food pantry that focuses on active-duty military families.

Finally, you can adopt a military family. Military bases have a Family Advocacy program. This could be an excellent contact to support at-risk military families. You do not have to live near a military base to support this project. With delivery services such as Amazon, you can have the food delivered directly to that family.

The issue is more than just a humanitarian problem. It directly impacts national security, said Josh Protas, vice president of public policy for Mazon, an organization that has done extensive research on military hunger. Armed forces members enduring food insecurity are more likely to be distracted in the

field and less likely to re-enlist, he said. That talent loss may be generational because military service tends to run in families.

Let's work together to take care of those who serve us.

Included in this set of bulletins is your reporting information. The best way to write a narrative, should you choose to, is to write it as though you're telling a story. Hopefully that will encourage many of you to submit a report. There are awards available for this program. If you include pictures, please make sure they are not copies of pictures but rather jpg or jpeg and don't make them smaller. That helps should your report or photos make the National stage.

Bonita Robey
Dept National Security Chairman
bcrobey@gmail.com

2021-2022 National Security Program Awards

Here are the national awards for this committee:

Unit Award: Most Outstanding Unit National Security Program (per division)

- Deadline May 1
- **All unit entries must be sent by the department** on the deadline listed above. The best way would be to email them to me. bcrobey@gmail.com

Salute to Servicemembers Award

- Deadline May 1
- **All unit entries must be sent by the department chairman** to their national division chairman so please get them to me by the deadline listed above.



SALUTE TO SERVICEMEMBERS AWARD NOMINATION FORM

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/Reserve.

One enlisted servicemember from each branch of service as well as the National Guard/Reserve will be recognized at the American Legion Auxiliary National Convention. Recipients will attend the National Convention as guests of the Auxiliary.

Nomination Criteria:

- A servicemember currently serving in the U.S. Armed Forces with six months or more of federal service and National Guard/Reserve with less than six months of federal service.
- A written narrative or YouTube video that demonstrates exemplary service both in and out of uniform.
- Servicemember must be willing to be a guest of the Auxiliary and speak to the general assembly of the American Legion Auxiliary National Convention.
- If self nominated, endorsement from a member of their command group must be included.
- All nomination forms must be submitted by June 1, 2022.

Next Steps:

- The nominating person or the servicemember writes a narrative (750 words or less) or creates a YouTube video (3 minutes or less) that shows the nominated member demonstrating exemplary service both in and out of uniform.
- The following form must be completed and submitted by June 1, 2022, to National Salute to Servicemember Liaison Mary Davis. Written narratives should be attached. YouTube video links should be pasted in the box provided on the following form.
- Endorsement from a member of their command group must be included.

YouTube Video Checklist

If you choose to submit a video, please be sure to check that your video:

- does not contain any copyrighted music, video, images or text (not legally owned)
- is not set to "private;" your video must be public.
- is under 2GB in size
- is in .AVI, .MOV, .WMV, or .MPG file formats
- is 3 minutes or less in length

Servicemember's Name:	
Servicemember's Email:	
Servicemember's Phone Number:	
Servicemember's Branch of Service:	
Servicemember's Rank:	
Servicemember's Date of Enlistment:	
Servicemember's Awards and Decorations, <i>if any</i> :	
Name of Person Making this Nomination, <i>if not the nominee</i> :	
Email of Person Making this Nomination, <i>if not the nominee</i> :	
Phone Number of Person Making this Nomination, <i>if not the nominee</i> :	
Is the servicemember able to attend National Convention?	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
Is the servicemember comfortable with public speaking?	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
Written Narrative: Please attach separate document to this form.	
YouTube Video: copy and paste your video link in the box to the right.	
Endorsement from a member of their command group. Please attach separate document to this form.	

Return completed nomination form to National Salute to Servicemember Liaison Mary Davis, 2339 Glen Kerry Ct. SE, Lacey, WA 98513 or email to marydavis.ala@comcast.net.

“The road to Membership is paved with Paw Prints.”



We have 33 units greater than 75% membership. Seven units are 100% or higher. This is a spectacular achievement! With that being said, in order to receive any awards or recognition at conference, you will need to make certain all assessments are paid. The VA & R assessment was due by 12/31/21 and the Operating assessment is due by 03/31/22. Please, if you have any questions about your unit's amount, you can contact the Dog Pound or Jennifer.

Check your membership numbers on the attached chart. Be sure you note the cutoff date at the top of the page and remember it may take Jennifer a couple of days to process from the time you send to her.

Continue those phone calls to let your members know how important they are to the auxiliary. At this point they are no longer considered a member in good standing until their 2022 dues are paid. Please make sure all unit and district officers have paid their dues or they cannot be an officer.

Important Date to Remember –

April 1st = Ruff and Tuff Award Goal of 90%

THE DOG POUND, Cindy Costigan (cindy.costigan@gmail.com 502.395.1948), Sarah Jane Henderson (sarahjhenderson21@gmail.com 859.630.6687), and Alica “BC” Buser (a_buser@fuse.net 859.620.7625). Our preferred method of communication is email, due to our ever changing schedules. And please email all three.

Kentucky January 19, 2022

DISTRICT 1						
Unit	Ren Pd	New	Tot Goal	Tot Pd	Tot %	
3	13	0	14	13	92.9	
26	20	0	26	20	75.9	
31	20	0	20	20	69.0	
68	38	4	45	42	83.3	
72	10	0	11	10	80.9	
74	15	1	16	16	100.0	
85	0	0	14	0	0.0	
217	54	1	95	55	57.9	
236	30	1	36	31	86.1	
Tot	200	7	286	207	72.4	
DISTRICT 2						
Unit	Ren Pd	New	Tot Goal	Tot Pd	Tot %	
2	14	0	15	14	93.3	
6	82	20	104	102	98.1	
9	45	5	66	50	75.8	
40	46	0	63	48	76.2	
233	57	0	120	57	47.5	
243	15	0	23	15	65.2	
280	4	0	10	4	0.4	
Tot	265	25	401	290	72.3	
DISTRICT 3						
Unit	Ren Pd	New	Tot Goal	Tot Pd	Tot %	
23	42	4	60	46	76.7	
29	16	6	29	22	75.9	
81	0	0	25	0	0.0	
82	77	0	91	77	84.6	
119	22	2	24	24	100.0	
202	24	0	31	24	77.4	
Tot	181	12	280	193	74.2	
DISTRICT 4						
Unit	Ren Pd	New	Tot Goal	Tot Pd	Tot %	
42	6	14	15	20	133.3	
49	4	0	10	4	40.0	
81	108	84	233	172	73.8	
82	17	0	47	17	36.2	
87	18	1	25	19	76.0	
191	3	0	10	3	30.0	
113	355	15	444	370	83.3	
121	25	0	42	25	59.5	
124	46	24	55	70	127.3	
148	33	1	58	34	58.6	
157	55	3	81	58	71.6	
167	18	0	32	18	56.3	
247	4	0	10	4	40.0	
288	14	2	20	16	80.0	
Tot	706	124	1082	830	76.7	

DISTRICT 5						
Unit	Ren Pd	New	Tot Goal	Tot Pd	Tot %	
45	14	0	22	14	63.6	
180	108	0	150	108	72.0	
193	55	0	86	55	64.0	
220	30	4	46	34	73.9	
229	35	0	51	35	68.6	
244	51	6	62	57	69.5	
278	3	0	10	3	30.0	
Tot	296	10	447	306	68.5	
DISTRICT 6						
Unit	Ren Pd	New	Tot Goal	Tot Pd	Tot %	
4	39	6	65	45	69.2	
11	23	0	41	23	56.1	
20	43	0	53	43	81.1	
41	16	0	41	16	39.0	
109	0	0	10	0	0.0	
203	179	0	231	179	77.5	
219	43	4	54	47	87.0	
Tot	343	10	495	353	71.3	
DISTRICT 7						
Unit	Ren Pd	New	Tot Goal	Tot Pd	Tot %	
7	52	0	51	52	102.0	
8	21	0	66	21	31.8	
24	82	14	77	76	98.7	
67	45	3	71	48	67.6	
79	21	5	32	26	81.3	
132	32	0	37	32	86.5	
185	28	0	33	28	84.8	
176	4	0	10	4	40.0	
257	23	0	45	23	51.1	
313	61	7	70	68	97.1	
341	31	1	37	32	86.5	
Tot	380	30	529	410	77.5	
DISTRICT 8						
Unit	Ren Pd	New	Tot Goal	Tot Pd	Tot %	
12	15	2	17	17	100.0	
34	104	1	126	105	83.3	
46	25	4	38	29	76.3	
Tot	144	7	181	151	83.4	

DISTRICT 9						
Unit	Ren Pd	New	Tot Goal	Tot Pd	Tot %	
17	11	0	11	11	100.0	
22	23	0	30	23	76.7	
43	21	0	68	21	30.9	
76	21	0	57	21	36.8	
126	36	1	44	37	84.1	
138	55	4	65	59	90.8	
276	0	0	10	0	0.0	
325	55	3	71	58	81.7	
342	53	10	72	63	87.5	
Tot	275	18	428	293	68.5	
DISTRICT 10						
Unit	Ren Pd	New	Tot Goal	Tot Pd	Tot %	
66	6	0	10	6	60.0	
194	11	1	17	12	70.6	
152	9	0	12	9	75.0	
283	6	0	16	6	37.5	
Tot	32	1	55	33	69.0	
DISTRICT 11						
Unit	Ren Pd	New	Tot Goal	Tot Pd	Tot %	
16	14	2	37	16	43.2	
38	62	3	84	65	77.4	
88	54	4	89	58	64.1	
115	39	9	72	48	66.7	
Tot	189	18	262	187	71.4	
HEADQUARTERS						
Unit	Ren Pd	New	Tot Goal	Tot Pd	Tot %	
200	61	1	73	61	83.6	
DEPARTMENT OF KENTUCKY						
Unit	Ren Goal	Ren Pd	Tot Goal	Tot Pd	Tot %	
	3652	263	4699	3314	0.74	

VA Assessments Paid Due 12-31
 DP Assessments Pd Due 3-31
 New Unit 2021



Headquarters
February 2022

In this set of bulletins you will find a chart showing what your Unit owes for the Operating Assessment. This is due by March 31, 2021. 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.

The Spring Conference will be held in Florence, KY, at the Holiday Inn Cincinnati Airport, April 16, 2022. When making your reservations please let them know that it is for "The American Legion Conference". (859-746-5608)

For those that have an ALA MIS log in ID, the yearly fee is now due. The fee is \$10.00 per log in ID. I will be sending out an invoice soon to those individuals.

Jennifer

ALA Dept. of KY
134 Walnut Street
Frankfort, KY 40601
Phone – 502-352-2380
Fax – 502-352-2381
aladeptaux@yahoo.com