



Kentucky American Legion Auxiliary
May 2023
Auxiliary President

Our Spring Conference in Bowling Green was AMAZING! What a wonderful American Legion Auxiliary world we have in Kentucky. When I think we have hit all of our goals, we go and improve upon them. My heart is full of love for our members and awe for the energy and enthusiasm that our members emit. Take a look at the Poppy Dress picture where everything is coming up Poppies, unplanned but still fun. Thank you to all who participated in wearing floral and the crazy hat contest. So much fun and so much excitement.

June Convention is June 22-24, 2023 and it is going to be a great one. You will not want to miss it. One misconception I have heard over and over this year, is members think that once you are a Department Officer you automatically move up each year. That may seem like that is the case, but any member in good standing can run for any elected office from the floor at Convention or they can let their intentions be known to all before elections. The elected officers are leading the membership, but are elected by the membership for the membership. It is the membership and their grass root works that runs our American Legion Auxiliary. The Department Officers are there to lead the membership, be the conduit to National, and conduct the Department meetings.

The offices at Department are described briefly below, as elected or appointed. Appointed means the President appoints them to fill the position and it is then ratified by the Department Executive Board.

Elected by Membership

President – The President serves as the chairman of the Department's governing board, (Department Executive Committee) and as the Department's spokesperson to the public. The President leads and conducts three conferences and one convention during their term.

As per the Constitution of the American Legion Auxiliary Department of Kentucky, the Department President presides at all meetings of the Department Convention assembled and the Department Executive Committee, to appoint members of constituted standing committees and create such other committees and appoint members thereon as she deems advisable, and to appoint all officers not otherwise provided for, with the approval of the Department Executive Committee. The President shall be ex-officio member of all committees and shall perform such other duties as are usually incident to the office.

1st Vice President – As per the Constitution of the American Legion Auxiliary Department of Kentucky, the Department First Vice President: In the absence of the President at a meeting of the organization, it shall be the duty of the Department First Vice President to assume the duties of the President. She shall act as Chairman of the Department Legislative Committee and shall serve as an ex-officio member of the Department Finance Committee and the Girls State committee. She shall assume such other duties as may be assigned to her by the Department President.

2nd Vice President – As per the Constitution of the American Legion Auxiliary Department of Kentucky, the Department Second Vice Presidents: It shall be the duty of the Department Second

Vice Presidents to serve as Chairman of the Department Americanism Committee. She shall assume such other duties as may be assigned to her by the Department President.

National Executive Committeewoman (NEC) – As per the Constitution of the American Legion Auxiliary Department of Kentucky, it shall be the duty of the National Executive Committeewoman to serve as the Chairman of the National Security Committee. She shall be an ex-officio member of the Girls State Committee.

Appointed Offices

Chaplain - As per the Constitution of the American Legion Auxiliary Department of Kentucky, It shall be the duty of the Department Chaplain to offer prayer at the opening and closing of each day's business of the Department Conferences and Convention. She shall notify Department president and officers of the illness or death of an auxiliary member, upon being notified. She shall perform such other duties as the Department President may direct; i.e., sending cards, etc.

Historian - As per the Constitution of the American Legion Auxiliary Department of Kentucky, It shall be the duty of the Department Historian to compile a written account of the year's activities for reference in the compilation of the historical records of the Department Organization, to send a copy to be judged at National and to make a report to the Department Convention.

If you are interested in being Chaplain or Historian, please reach out to the incoming President for consideration. Other appointed positions are Secretary, Treasurer, and Parliamentarian.

For God and Country

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**AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY
DEPARTMENT OF KENTUCKY
102nd ANNUAL DEPARTMENT CONVENTION 2023**

CALL:

The 102nd annual Convention of the American Legion Auxiliary, Department of Kentucky, is hereby called in conformity with the action of the American Legion, will be held in Louisville, Kentucky, June 22, 23, and 24, 2023.

PURPOSE: The Convention is called for the purpose of electing officers for the ensuing year, for amending the Constitution and Bylaws if properly proposed; Standing Rules; electing **DELEGATES and ALTERNATES** to the National Convention, receiving reports of Department Officers, Chairmen and the Committees, and for transaction of such other business as may be properly brought before it.

REPRESENTATION: Representation to the Convention will be by **UNITS**. Each Unit shall be entitled to two (2) Delegates and two (2) Alternates plus one (1) additional delegate and alternate for each twenty-five (25) members of a major fraction thereof, whose dues for 2023 have been received by the Department Secretary prior to June 8, 2023.

All Past Department Presidents, by right of office, shall be delegates-at-large to the Convention with vote, said vote to be cast with her respective Unit.

Alternates will have the power to vote **only** in the absence of delegates. Alternates shall have all privileges of delegates except voting. The delegates and alternates shall be elected by their respective **UNITS** at least two (2) weeks before the Department Convention and written notice of their election forwarded immediately to the Department Secretary on the form provided.

NO UNITS WITHOUT REPRESENTATION SHALL BE VOTED BY PROXY

CREDENTIALS: The chairman of the Unit delegation shall bring a copy of the list of the elected delegates and alternates and shall deliver the same to the Chairman of the Credentials Committee when registering.

RESOLUTIONS: All Resolutions for consideration by the Convention shall be submitted to the Resolutions Committee. Any change in the Department Constitution and Bylaws shall be submitted to the Chairman of the Constitution and Bylaws Committee, **No Later Than Wednesday, June 21, 2023**, in order to be presented to the Executive Committee at its' meeting **Thursday, June 22, 2023, at 7:30 p.m.**

**Nancy Moses
President**

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY
DEPARTMENT OF KENTUCKY

102nd ANNUAL DEPARTMENT CONVENTION

TO: DEPARTMENT OFFICERS, DEPARTMENT CHAIRMEN, DISTRICT PRESIDENTS AND PAST
DEPARTMENT PRESIDENTS

In accordance with the provisions of Article IV, Section 3, of our Constitution and
Bylaws, the Executive Committee shall convene on Thursday, June 22, 2023, at 7:30 PM local
time at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, Louisville, Kentucky. All meetings will be on local time.

Nancy Moses
President

102nd ANNUAL CONVENTION

CROWNE PLAZA HOTEL

LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY

THURSDAY, JUNE 22, 2023

3:00 PM – 8:00 PM	Registration
7:30 PM	Executive Committee Meeting (Department Officers, Past Department Presidents, District Presidents and Department Chairmen)

FRIDAY, JUNE 23, 2023

8:00 AM – 4:00 PM	Registration
8:30 AM	Joint Session with the American Legion
10:00 AM – Noon	Opening Session
	Processional:
	Past National Officers
	Past Department Presidents
	District Presidents
	Department Officers
	Presentation of the Department President
	Call to Order
	Advance of Colors
	Invocation
	Moment of Silence
	Pledge of Allegiance
	National Anthem
	Preamble
	Convention Call
	Introduction of Convention Chairman & Committees
	Presentation of Distinguished Guest Committee

Report of Rules Committee
Report of National Executive Committeewoman
Reading of Proposed Amendments to the Constitution

12:00 Noon **RECESS**
1:30 PM Reconvene
Memorial Service
Greetings from other Organizations
Greetings from Department Commander
Greetings from Other Legion Representatives
2:00 PM Reports of District Presidents
Membership
Report of Department Chairmen

RECESS

SATURDAY, JUNE 24, 2023

7:30 AM – 9:30 AM Registration
9:00 AM Junior Convention Meeting
8:30 AM Convention Reconvenes
Call to Order
Invocation
Reading of Election Rules
Credentials Report
Voting Strength
Election of Department Officers 2023-2024
Election of Delegates and Alternates to
National Convention in Charlotte, North Carolina
Unfinished Business
Report of Department President 2022-2023
Presentation of Department Junior Officers 2023-2024
11:00 AM **RECESS**
12:30 PM Reconvene
Installation of Officers for 2023-2024
Retirement of Colors
Benediction
Adjournment
TBA Post Convention Executive Committee Meeting
(Department Officers 2023-2024, Past Department Presidents &
District Presidents, Department Chairman)
6:30 PM Reception for Department President 2023-2024



Kentucky Girls State Program

May Bulletin 2023

Hello members in less than two months American Legion Auxiliary 76th session of Kentucky Girls State Program will be in session at Western KY University in Bowling Green, KY. Spring break is over for the school now is time that you can email, call or do a in person visit to those schools in your area to encourage the students to participate in American Legion Auxiliary Girls State program this year. We the committee want to thank each unit, and individuals' member, and the challenge to each of the Past Department Presidents from you of the \$100 to the have made donation to sponsor delegates to the program. Now it is time to make it happen by getting those delegates' application into our Director Virginia Hobbs.

At this time, your unit or district should be scheduling time to meet with your delegates and family members about the program and what would be going on while they are at KY Girls State that week. Do not forget we have the Samsung Scholarship that may encourage the students to attend the program as well. We are here to answer any questions or concerns. I also need a report from your unit and if you have taken pictures of the delegates you are sponsoring to attend the program. I would like to have a copy sent to me in j-peg along with your report, so I can attach it with my report to my National Southern Division Chairman.

Diane Spencer, American Legion Auxiliary KY Girls State Chairman

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Virginia Hobbs, American Legion Auxiliary KY Girls State Director

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2023 Trophies & Awards

This form must be received no later than MAY 15!

The trophies must be ordered by May 20 to get them
back in time for convention.

Form **MUST BE EMAILED** to

Sherry Norman

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

SENIOR TROPHY - 2023

Line 1:

Line 2:

JUNIOR TROPHY - 2023

Line 1:

Line 2:

Please Print Legibly or Type!!

If you have any questions, contact Sherry Norman



Hello Auxiliary Family,

I look forward to seeing everyone at Convention in June! I would like to send out some information for if I'm elected as your Dept. of KY President for 2023-2024.

For all Officers, District Presidents, and Chairman, I'm asking that you please wear red, white, or blue, whichever one of your choosing. A photographer will be coming in to take head shots and group photos before installation.

A reception for the Dept. President and Commander will be held later that evening. Thank you all for the continued support that I have received. See you at Convention!

April Ward

Candidate for Dept. of KY President 2023-2024





Education Bulletin May 2023

Hello Everyone!

As this year is winding down, I need to remind everyone to send me their "Give 10 to Education" Forms by May 1st or by May 3rd at the latest. I have to send in my report to Donna Thurman, the Southern Division Chair, by May 15th. The Department of Kentucky has a lot to be proud of when it comes to supporting our local educators and students! I would like to send her some impressive totals.

Speaking of our educators, let's not forget to support the national Teacher Appreciation Week of May 8th to May 12th. Teachers really do deserve some kindness sent their way not only during this important week, but every day. They give a lot of their time and money to students outside the classroom to ensure students stay on the path to success. Just a simple card of thanks, a gift card, or snack basket is all that is needed to put a smile on everyone's faces! If your unit participates please send me the photos by email so I can post them!

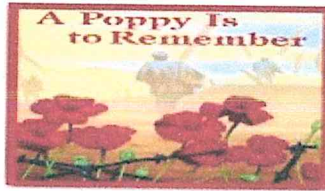


It was great to see everyone at the Spring Conference. I hope to see even more units attend the June Convention this year. Make it a great day for yourself and others!

Thank you for all you do!

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Public Relations May 2023

Did you know there's an easy way to learn about the ALA and serving our mission from the comfort of your home? All members at all levels are invited to take ALA Academy Courses. These courses can be found in the *MyAuxiliary* portal of www.ALAforVeterans.org. These self-paced courses can be taken from any device and on your schedule. Most are about 30-40 minutes. New courses are added periodically so check back frequently to learn the latest!

Take one today:

Self-Paced Courses:

ALA 101: is the introductory course to the ALA Academy, focusing on who we are, what we do and why we matter. ALA 101 provides a general overview of the ALA and our mission, with information helpful for most new (and not-so-new) members to learn.

ALA Branding and Why It Matters to Me: ALA members will learn that branding is more than just a logo – it's also how the public perceives our organization and our values.

ALA Communication Methods: is an introduction to how the ALA uses E-Communication. It also provides basic how-to information about using social media.

Establishing an ALA Culture of Goodwill is a thought-provoking course designed to help ALA members better understand how our attitudes, beliefs and behaviors impact ALA membership and the ALA's ability to serve our mission.

The ALA Fundraising course teaches members about the four different ALA Foundation grants and how to apply for them, how to plan a fundraiser, how to market a fundraiser, and much more.

How to Deal with Conflict: How you handle conflict determines whether it turns into a major battle or leads to a deeper understanding of others and a more positive relationship.

ALA Leadership: Living Our Motto of Service Not Self: reviews what it means to be a leader and that leadership is not only a title - it is helping others to stay mission-focused and leading by our guiding principles.

The Academy also has a course specifically designed for Junior Members:

ALA Juniors E-Learning Course is designed with younger members in mind. Juniors will learn about the purpose of the program, how to excel as leaders, tips for speaking to groups, and much more.

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Legislative Bulletin

May 2023

Hello ALA Family,

It was great to see everyone at Spring Conference, we had so much fun!! Please remember to send me the confirmation emails you receive from your Legislative alerts, as I will be having a drawing for a Montana West American Flag purse at Convention for those that actively participated. Your end-of-year report is due to me by May 1st, the best Legislative report will receive a trophy at Convention.

To Do:

- ❖ Sign up for Legislative Alerts:
<https://www.votervoice.net/AmericanLegion/home>
- ❖ Send An Email To Your Representative:
<https://www.votervoice.net/AmericanLegion/home>
- ❖ End of Year Report: Due May 1st

Current Alerts:

- Repeal of Iraq War AUMFs: Support legislation to repeal the 1991 and 2002 Authorizations for Use of Military Force (AUMFs), formally end the Gulf and Iraq wars, and reassert Congress' Constitutional role in deciding whether and when to send our servicemembers into harm's way. On April 29th, the Senate voted 66-30 to pass S.316, which accomplishes this. Now it must be brought to the House of Representatives for a vote. The vast majority of military actions overseas rely on the 2001 AUMF. Too often, the Executive Branch interprets congressional authorizations in a way that maximizes executive power while minimizing congressional responsibility. This is contrary to Congress' constitutional role of deciding when the country goes to war. To ensure that Congress, not the president, decides when and if the U.S. goes to war, I urge you to support this effort to repeal the Iraq AUMFs.

For God and Country,
April Ward
Dept. of KY Legislative Chairman



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Leadership Bulletin, May 2023

Thank you so very much to everyone that participated in the Crazy Hat Parade and Contest. So much creativity in one room. Wow!! Shining Stars for Kentucky! Congratulations to all the winners.

Now is the time to get your narratives ready to send to me for Unit Member of The Year, Mentorship, and Leadership. I need these by May 5th. My address and e-mail are Pat Bryant, 206 Cardinal Drive, Columbia Kentucky 42728, patnlemuel@aol.com. Looking forward to receiving many.

For God and Country
Pat Bryant
Dept.of Kentucky Leadership Chairman

Leadership Committee Award Entry Form Mentor Nomination

Requirements:

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

Nominator
Name

Nominator
Unit Name and
#

Mentor Name

Mentor Unit
Name and #

Leadership Committee Award Entry Form Unit Member of the Year Award

Requirements:

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

Nominating
Unit Name
and Number

**Unit Member
of the Year**
Name

Address

City/State/Zip

Phone

Cell Phone

Email

Leadership
Chairman/PPP





May 2023

Hey Everyone,

As a department we are at 84% membership, let's continue working together to achieve 100% as a department.

Congratulations to the 27 units who reached the 90% goal and were recognized at conference. There are also 13 units that have reached the 100% or over goal! At conference Units 11-Newport and 124-Greensburg were awarded with the over 100% prizes, congratulations to both of them!

We still have a few more weeks to meet the 100% goal for Department on May 27th. Keep reaching for that goal! We will be giving out 2 more prizes at conference for those units at or over 100%.

"There are friends, there is family and then there are friends that become family."-
Unknown

Thank you,

Sarah Henderson

MEMBERSHIP MEMORY REPORT 04/21/2023



DISTRICT 1					
Unit	RenPd	New	Tot Goal	Tot Pd	Tot %
3	15	5	15	20	133.3
26	21	0	26	21	80.8
31	10	0	29	10	34.5
68	35	1	45	36	80.0
72	9	0	11	9	81.8
74	16	0	18	16	88.9
217	59	1	95	60	63.2
236	31	0	36	31	86.1
Tot	196	7	275	203	73.8

DISTRICT 2					
Unit	RenPd	New	Tot Goal	Tot Pd	Tot %
2	10	1	15	11	73.3
6	114	15	134	129	96.3
9	55	7	60	62	103.3
40	63	8	64	71	110.9
233	67	4	120	68	56.7
243	2	0	23	2	8.7
289	4	0	10	4	40.0
Tot	316	35	426	351	82.4

DISTRICT 3					
Unit	RenPd	New	Tot Goal	Tot Pd	Tot %
23	48	2	60	50	83.3
29	26	7	29	33	113.8
61	8	0	37	8	21.6
62	74	3	91	77	84.6
119	15	0	24	15	62.5
202	13	0	31	13	41.9
Tot	184	12	272	196	72.1

DISTRICT 4					
Unit	RenPd	New	Tot Goal	Tot Pd	Tot %
42	36	1	29	37	127.6
49	4	0	10	4	40.0
81	161	12	225	173	76.9
82	36	4	47	40	85.1
87	19	4	29	23	79.3
113	359	29	420	388	92.4
121	24		42	24	57.1
124	77	25	98	102	104.1
148	53	1	58	54	93.1
157	49	24	81	73	90.1
167	17	0	32	17	53.1
247	4	0	10	4	40.0
288	21	1	20	22	110.0
Tot	860	101	1101	961	87.3

DISTRICT 5					
Unit	RenPd	New	Tot Goal	Tot Pd	Tot %
45	1	0	22	1	4.5
180	137	3	150	140	93.3
193	68	6	86	74	86.0
220	40	1	46	41	89.1
229	42	1	51	43	84.3
244	82	6	88	88	100.0
278	2	0	10	2	20.0
Tot	372	17	453	389	85.9

DISTRICT 6					
Unit	RenPd	New	Tot Goal	Tot Pd	Tot %
4	58	6	67	63	94.0
11	35	1	30	36	120.0
20	41	4	53	45	84.9
41	42	9	41	51	124.4
203	203	0	231	203	87.9
219	58	1	58	59	101.7
Tot	437	21	480	457	95.2

DISTRICT 7					
Unit	RenPd	New	Tot Goal	Tot Pd	Tot %
7	49	5	73	54	74.0
8	61	8	72	69	95.8
24	79	13	89	92	103.4
67	61	9	71	70	98.6
79	20	8	33	28	84.8
132	35	2	37	37	100.0
165	26	1	33	27	81.8
176	6	0	10	6	60.0
257	24	1	45	25	55.6
313	76	6	87	82	94.3
341	23	3	37	26	70.3
Tot	460	56	587	516	87.9

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Assessments Paid VAR

Assessments Paid OP

Assessments Paid BOTH



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

DISTRICT 8					
Unit	RenPd	New	Tot Goal	Tot Pd	Tot %
12	14	11	18	25	138.9
34	112	10	127	122	96.1
46	31	1	38	32	84.2
Tot	157	22	183	179	97.8

DISTRICT 9					
Unit	RenPd	New	Tot Goal	Tot Pd	Tot %
17	0	0	11	0	0.0
22	22	0	30	22	73.3
43	39	8	54	47	87.0
76	22	0	45	22	48.9
126	42	3	47	45	95.7
138	63	4	71	67	94.4
325	68	5	76	73	96.1
342	72	8	75	80	106.7
Tot	328	28	409	356	87.0

DISTRICT 10					
Unit	RenPd	New	Tot Goal	Tot Pd	Tot %
66	7	0	10	7	70.0
104	11	0	10	11	110.0
152	8	0	15	8	53.3
283	2	0	16	2	12.5
Tot	28	0	51	28	54.9

DISTRICT 11					
Unit	RenPd	New	Tot Goal	Tot Pd	Tot %
16	14	2	26	16	61.5
38	38	3	84	71	84.5
88	61	6	71	67	94.4
115	46	2	75	48	64.0
Tot	159	13	256	202	78.9

HEADQUARTERS					
Unit	RenPd	New	Tot Goal	Tot Pd	Tot %
200	66	14	73	80	109.6

DEPARTMENT OF KENTUCKY					
Unit	RenPd	New	Tot Goal	Tot Pd	Tot %
	3563	169	4566	3918	85.8

 will be removed at National convention

American Legion Auxiliary Military Spouse Appreciation Day – May 2023

What is Military Spouse Appreciation Day?

Military Spouse Appreciation Day is a day set aside for us to pause to recognize the military spouses around us who have the greatest impact on our lives and our military communities.

When is Military Spouse Appreciation Day?

The Friday in May before Mother's Day, this special day was first recognized by President Ronald Reagan in 1984. The sitting president typically issues a proclamation in recognition of the holiday, while celebrations are held on and near U.S. military bases around the world.

After reading this article By Charlotte Graham Porter Posted on May 4, 2021, I decided the best way to tell you about Military Appreciation Day was to share her article. Carol Kottom, Northwestern Division Chairman

When I entered the military culture, I was inspired to learn the diverse stories of military spouses. I met entrepreneurs, students, professionals, mothers, fathers and spouses from dual-service couples. I heard about struggles, extreme loss and triumph against all odds. Soon, I realized that the military spouse lifestyle is hallmarked by two distinct factors: diversity and adversity.

If you're a military spouse, you get it. If you aren't, it can be tough to figure out how to show your support. Military Spouse Appreciation Day is a great time to advocate for the military spouses around you.

Why does Military Spouse Appreciation Day matter?

Many of the struggles that military spouses face are largely invisible to, or misunderstood by, our civilian communities. Loneliness, loss, worry and constant change are realistically a part of the military spouse's everyday life. Military Spouse Appreciation Day is a time to recognize the positive impacts that military spouses make against tough odds.

When my spouse was overseas for 15 months, I realized that my time supporting him in his military career had actually changed me. Behind my own back, I had developed a special set of skills that my civilian peers couldn't understand. My autonomy, emotional strengths and weaknesses perplexed those around me.

During that time, I was living in a civilian culture again for the first time in a long time. I quickly realized that my civilian peers did not understand the nuances of the military lifestyle. Fortunately, I had been steeped in the resilience that originally inspired me when I entered the military culture. Today, I continually learn from the diversity of military spouses and their resilience in adversity.

A message to military spouses

It's tough to appreciate your strengths when you're just trying to make it through everyday life. Plus, you might not like giving yourself a big pat on the back. If you're like many spouses, you don't like recognition for your role as a military spouse. Still, reflecting on your contributions doesn't detract from your service member's contributions – your role matters.

Also, remember to be kind to your fellow military spouses today and every day. No one else quite understands the grit that runs through the veins of military families like we do.

A message to military spouse supporters

Many spouses don't show their vulnerabilities – especially during deployments. Why? Safety and independence. When my spouse was overseas, I barely told anyone. For safety reasons, I didn't want people to know that I lived alone. Plus, I didn't want people's pity.

Showing your support for this group can be as simple as reaching out to say "hello." Connect, even if you don't fully "get it." You can make a world of difference with a shared meal, a phone call or a card.

A final word to all

On Military Spouse Appreciation Day, take a minute to recognize military spouse diversity and resilience in adversity. Military spouses make a huge difference in the lives and readiness of troops. Plus, they impact professional and local communities across the nation and the world. Finally, and perhaps most importantly, military spouses live out unconditional love and support within their homes and communities. That makes a difference no matter how you slice it.

This year on Military Spouse Appreciation Day, I will choose to recognize the contributions of the spouses around me. I hope you do too.

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May 2023

Below are dates we would like each member to keep in mind for the month of May. I am also including a reminder of the Salute to Service Members Award. I hope we have some to put forward from our

	<i>May</i>
<u>Month of the Military Caregiver</u>	Month of May
<u>National Military Appreciation Month</u>	Month of May
<u>https://hr.nih.gov/about/events/psrw</u>	First full week in May
<u>National Loyalty Correctional Officers Week</u>	First full week in May
<u>Silver Star Service Banner Day</u>	May 1
<u>Loyalty Day</u>	May 1
<u>National Day of Prayer</u>	First Thursday of May
<u>VE Day</u>	May 8
<u>Military Spouse Appreciation Day</u>	Friday before Mother's Day
<u>Mother's Day</u>	Second Sunday in May
<u>Armed Forces Week</u>	Second Sat. Thru 3rd Sun. in May (not official)
<u>Children of Fallen Patriots Day</u>	May 13
<u>Peace Officers Memorial Day</u>	May 15
<u>Armed Forces Day</u>	Third Saturday in May
<u>Memorial Day</u>	Last Monday in May

Salute to Servicemembers Award

NOW is the time to get your nominations ready for the Salute to Service Members Award. To date, we have very few nominations and I don't want National President Vickie to be disappointed with a low turn-out for this wonderful award which recognizes our deserving Service Members. Remember the deadline is June 1st and the submission form can be found on either the ALA National Security Facebook page (pinned to the top) or on the ALA national website under National Security. Let's show our support for this award by submitting dozens of nominations. If you have any questions about the award or the submission process, please feel free to contact anyone on the ALA National Security Committee.

Unit Reports

I would like to have your reports no later than the 5th of May. I must report by the 15th so this will give me plenty of time to get a write-up done for the department. If you would like your unit report judged as a Unit of the Year, please ensure that you either utilize the form from the link below, or, if you are not comfortable using it, send me all your information, including actual photos, not copies, and I will put it in that format for you. <https://member.legion-aux.org/National-Awards-form>



Children & Youth

May 2023 Bulletin

Greetings members:

The Spring Conference was a great success. From the Survival Backpacks for Veterans, to the Crazy Hats, to all the Poppy dresses! We had such a good time working for our Veterans, Children and Communities, as well as fellowship with our sisters and brothers.

Just a quick reminder to let you know that I need your Children & Youth year end reports by May 1st please, so I can get my report done and sent to National! Please include lots of pictures if you have them. My email is sleepwalkin1@yahoo.com.

Hopefully we will see a lot of you in June at our Convention. Thank you for all you do for our Children and Youth. God Bless you and God Bless our Troops and Veterans.

Joyce Justice

Children & Youth Chairman



Child Welfare
May 2023

Hello Everyone, Henrietta and I want to Thank everyone for your very generous donations!!! Whenever I think about Spring Conference, I remember how pretty everyone looked!! The silly hats and the beautiful dresses were so awesome. The backpacks made me think about how great we are with our Veterans!! The very best part was all of the smiles on your faces!! Thank you, Thank you, Thank you!! You guys are Great!!!

Dee



Reviewing Your Unit Constitution & Bylaws – What to Change

I recently had the opportunity to read a blog on the ALA's National website regarding what NOT to do in your unit's Constitution & Bylaws. I thought it contained some very good advice on what to look for when a review takes place. Please note, this is my suggestion only. It is not an absolute step-by-step, "must be done this way" guide. Some steps may be modified or eliminated based on your Unit's needs.

1. Review the document for instances of any words that pertain to the female gender and find a suitable replacement. Look for "wife" and replace it with "spouse." Look for "woman/women" and try "member" instead. In some cases, you can eliminate the gender reference completely. Also, if your C&B is in a word processing format (such as Microsoft Word), you can do a search and replace for some of the instances. However, eventually, you will need to get down to the level of reading the text line by line to look for references such as "she," "her," "madam," or "hostess." Believe me! National knows this is a lot of work – they just went through it themselves. If you are struggling to come up with a good non-gender word, check out the National Constitution & Bylaws.
2. That takes me to my next step – Eligibility. So much wording in the Eligibility section has changed. Not only women to spouses, but eligibility periods. For membership eligibility, National will ALWAYS take precedence. Why re-invent the wheel? Copy and paste the eligibility section from National and be done with it.
3. Check your Officer Duties section. Make sure the duties are spelled out clearly. Don't just empower an officer with "executive powers." That's not really a thing and it could lead to future officers overstepping boundaries.
4. Check for rules that point to other resources, such as the Unit Guide. The Unit Guide gets modified too and if you're pointing to a particular section that is later modified or removed completely, your Constitution & Bylaws section may no longer be represented as you intended. It is much better to state the rules in your document instead of referring to an outside source.
5. Avoid rules stating who can run for a national office. The National Convention body determines who can run for national office.
6. Avoid rules that require lapsed members to pay "back dues" before reinstatement. If a member wants to keep their continuous years of membership, they may opt to pay back dues owed, but it is not a requirement for reinstatement.
7. In general, avoid rules regarding withdrawing membership. If a member doesn't pay their dues, that's their way of saying they no longer wish to be a member. However, if they wish to transfer to a different unit, their dues must be paid to current status.
8. Do not use the word "recommend." A recommendation is not a rule.

Department

1. Avoid rules requiring units to file their C&B with the department. Per National Standing Rule XI, units are independent affiliates. Departments can ask to review the units' C&Bs but unless they are willing to assume the risk for the unit, they cannot demand a review through their bylaws.
2. Avoid department rules which tell a unit how to discipline members. That is the unit's job.

Don't Forget to Proofread!!!

1. Don't rely on a spell checker program. There are plenty of words that a program will see as being spelled correctly. However, someone sits and proofreads the entire document, there's always a chance that an incorrect word will slip in which gives your bylaw or standing rule an entirely different meaning. Common unintended words include: "Chaplin" for "Chaplain"; "Police" for "Policy", and "County" for "Country."
2. Punctuate appropriately. Misplaced punctuation can change the meaning of a sentence or paragraph. If you're struggling with punctuating a sentence, stand up and read the sentence out loud. It will help you identify the natural pauses where punctuation should go. It will also help you identify run-on sentences which can lead to confusion.

I hope these tips help you the next time your unit reviews your Constitution & Bylaws. If not, please feel free to reach out to the Department Constitution & Bylaws Committee or start a discussion with another unit to see how they addressed their C&B tricky spots.



COMMUNITY SERVICE MAY 2023

Here we are at the end of April already! How can that be? We just finished with a wonderful Spring Conference and now we are nearing the stretch, finishing another year in the books for our ALA. I hope you all have documented your Community Service Events and logged your hours and money contributed to them. Now, I just need you to send those reports to me so I can forward them to our Southern Division chairman. A couple of Units have already submitted their reports to me, but we need to show National that we are serious about serving our communities here in Kentucky. You can forward your reports by email (Mayberrynuts3@aol.com), via Facebook messenger (Bill N Barb Dalzell), or by snail mail. Because Southern Division wants Department reports submitted electronically, it would be much easier for me if you are able to do that. If not, that's OK.....just get the report to me and I will do the rest. Reports are due to me no later than May 15th. I will be giving a Unit Community Service Award at Convention in June and all Units who submit a report will receive a certificate. **BE SURE TO SEND LOTS OF PICTURES!**

Thank you, President Nancy, for giving me the opportunity to serve as Community Service Committee Chairman for 2022-23. It has been a true honor and I wish you the very best as you complete this term and in all your future endeavors.

Barb Dalzell
Community Service Chairman



Finance May 2023

Thanks for all the members/units who took raffle tickets to sell. We have a great bunch of members working together making us better. Reminder that the date listed is the 17th and should have been the 24th. You can write over the date or just announce to everyone the correct date. You can bring the stubs and money to June Convention, give to Jennifer or me if you see us around, or mail to Jennifer.

The All-Star Award qualifier is donations to these 7 programs: Spirit of Youth, Creative Arts, Child Welfare, Poppies, Girls State, Laura Blackburn Memorial Scholarship and AEF (Auxiliary Emergency Fund). There is no minimum amount to qualify, just a donation to all 7 programs. Jennifer prefers a check to each individual program as they get deposited to multiple bank accounts. The cutoff is close of convention and awards will be awarded at Fall Conference.

God Bless and thank you for your support of the ALA and Veterans.

Alica Buser

Finance Chair

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Kentucky American Legion Auxiliary
May , 2023
Poppy Program

Guess who is back with reminders. That is right your fun loving Poppy Lady.

So first reminder is that **NATIONAL POPPY DAY is May, 26th 2023.**

Hope every unit has gotten their poppies, people to work that day, and their places to stand.

Another reminder is 30% is go to the department Ms. Jennifer Mullins.

Please send your reports soon as possible.

Hopefully I will have gotten some at Spring conference.

Thanks to all unit that helped out at the poppy table at Spring conference with items for raffles. They help out greatly. And if units could help again in June for our Department Convention. Thank you also.

Talking about June the poppy contest will

be Poppy attire. Dress head to toe with poppies. You can make something to wear or something we have not seen you wear before. I will like to see a field of poppies at Department convention. Make it fun let us go out with bang this year.

I would like to thank each and everyone that has participated in the poppy contest and the question and answering. Thank you for attending the workshop at Spring Conference. You all have made my year fun and enjoyable to be your Department Poppy Lady chairman.

For God and Country

Elaine Josleyn, Poppy Chairman 2022-2023
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Chaplain
May 2023

Hello everyone,
Spring is here. So put that smile on and let's make Kentucky shine.

The time is coming to an end please all Unit Chaplains, I need a chaplain report from you so I can get submitted it will be the year end report.
Don't forget you jar with you inspirational quotes,

Please send me some prayers for Madam President Nancy so I can put them into my prayer book.

I have made phone calls, sent cards and have said many prayers with and for veterans and Auxiliary members.

I am always here to talk, word of prayer, lift me up to be there for you.

Remember we are one big Happy Family.

Keep our veterans in your prayers , Lets pray for our Auxiliary to keep us strong and to be there for each other.

Thank you,
Department Chaplain
Brenda Cornelius



May 2023
Headquarters

Happy Mother's Day!

There is so many pages this month that I had to split and make two mailings.

The Units should by this time have had their elections. Please make sure you complete the office form and send it back to me. You should also have elected delegates to the State Convention. This form must also be completed and sent back to me.

District Presidents - Please send me a list of District Officers for 2023-2024.

Unit Dues Form – Please remember that the amount that you will send to Department for the 2024 senior renewals will be going up to \$29.00 per senior renewal. Please send this form back to me.

Department Chairman - I must have your report for the Book of Reports no later than June 1, 2023. If you need a trophy for your program, please get your order to Sherry Norman.

The Department Convention is coming up fast. If you have not made your room reservations, time is running out.

The 2024 membership cards will be passed out in June at the Convention. If you do not plan on attending the Convention, Please let me know so that we can make arrangements to get your cards to you.

ALA MIS – There are still a few Units that have not paid their \$10 yearly fee. Please send your check to me.

Assessments: There are still a few units that have not paid their assessments. These are very important to the running of the Department. Please send your check to me.

Hope to see you all at the Convention!

Jennifer

