I can't believe that in just a few short months we will be closing out another American Legion Auxiliary year. It has been a great one so far! I've traveled to a lot of different posts that I had not been to before. I've met some incredible new friends and the hospitality is AMAZING!

I recently returned from Springfield Illinois for their Lincoln Days. The Auxiliary President, Department Commander and SAL Detachment Commander are invited every year to place a wreath at Lincoln's tomb. Detachment Commander Stethen could not attend but Commander Costigan and I were honored to be there and were accompanied by Alica Buser. And of course, we rub Lincoln's nose for good luck! This was particularly exciting for me, because the National President speaks at a luncheon, as well as at the tomb. This meant some quality time with my sister who I don't get to see much of this year!

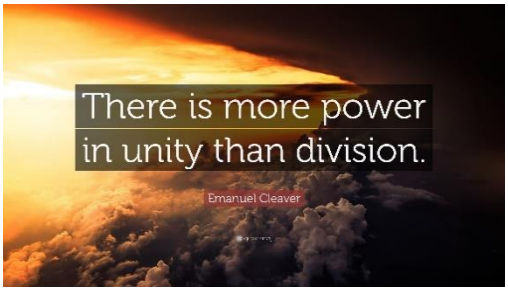
I have also attended the third district meeting in Bowling Green. We had a carload attending. Alica Buser for finance, Jeanette Key gave her education mini-workshop, and my mother Nancy went with us as head cheerleader for Dogs Helping Heroes and oversaw selling t-shirts, sweatshirts, and challenge coins. Sharon (MisHap) Spears led a great meeting, there was good discussions and questions. Thank you, third district!

Lastly, I would like to remind everyone that if you have an issue with another member in your unit, these matters are to be handled in your unit. I direct you to the American Legion Auxiliary in the Unit Guidebook, Chapter 8 "Resolving Conflict". Here you will find suggestions, steps, and tips on settling conflict.

Please remember our Mission, "to support the American Legion and to honor the sacrifice of those who serve by enhancing the lives of our veterans, military and their families". The time and effort that we put into arguments with each other, is time that we have taken away from our mission.

Karen Toll

American Legion Auxiliary, Dept of Kentucky President 2021-2022.



Everything YOU Need to Write a Great History…

The Historian's purpose is to accurately record in narrative form, the accomplishments and significant events that occur within the unit level during the course of the year. Make your history come alive!

Your unit history is the "heart" of your organization. Its achievements are a testimony to the work of its members, officers and its volunteers over the year. Think about it as a snapshot of the year and coupled with your past histories show the contribution of the American Legion Auxiliary to the community, state and nation. It is a picture of our collective dedication to the American Veteran. The task may seem daunting at times but one of which you may be proud! Make your mark!

Your history should be received by May 20th. Call me with any questions or concerns! We can it work out!

General Setup Information:

Cover/Notebook: Send your history in either the soft cover binder, preferably blue with 2.5 in. gold foil American Legion Auxiliary seal available at Emblem Sales or a three-ring binder that has the Auxiliary Seal on the cover (slide in cover)

Paper: Plain, white, 81/2 x 11 in.

Page Setup:

- Left and right margin should be 1.25 inches; with top and bottom at 1 inch
- Page numbers should begin on the first page of the history and continue throughout
- Double-spaced with the exception of the introductory pages which may include a photo of the President, Title Page, Page, Foreword or Dedication, Prayer, Pledge, Aux Preamble and list of officers.
- Materials should be typed with the exception of original items. Handwritten items should be in ink.
- Photos, newspaper articles, etc. should be included with each event much like a scrapbook.

Where and How Do I Start?

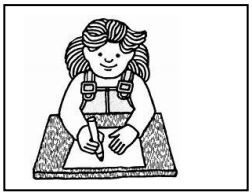
- Start with the installation of your new officers and end with the closing of the year activities.
- Write in a narrative form and be sure to include full names of those involved and their office.
- Use clear language and correct spelling and grammar.

Helpful suggestions:

- Don't get overwhelmed. You can do this!
- Don't overlook the wealth of places to get information (documents, newspaper articles publications, minutes, photos, newsletter and memorabilia.
- Develop a system to keep important communications, photos, items that you may use to compile your history.
- Take a look at past unit history books and scrapbooks and talk to past historians.
- Have someone proof your writing to catch errors and misspellings.
- Work a little throughout the year rather than just waiting to the end of the year.
- Encourage others to "help" by taking photos and sharing information on events and activities.
- Make sure you are aware of deadlines and leave enough time to complete your work.

Historian Awards: An award will be given to the unit who submits the “best” history. Awards will be decided based on meeting the criteria and judged by three independent judges. Books will be judged on complete unit Information, appearance (format and spelling), and description of events, accompanying photos, articles and documents.

Contact Information: Don’t quit! Call if you need information or encouragement!



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A LEADERSHIP WORKSHOP WILL BE HELD AT SPRING CONFERENCEON FRIDAY NIGHT, APRIL 15TH AT 7PM. AT THIS TIME YOU WILL HAVE THE OPPORTINITY TO TAKE THE LEADERSHIP TRAINING COURSE GIVEN BY NATIONAL AND RECIEVE YOUR CARD UPON COMPLETION OF THIS COURSE. HOPE TO SEE EVERYONE THERE. WHO KNOW'S, YOU MAY EVEN WIN A PRIZE!

ALSO, PLEASE BE WORKING ON YOUR UNIT MEMBER OF THE YEAR NARRATIVE. I WILL NEED THIS BY MAY 5TH.

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CHILD WELFARE

Hello Auxiliary Family!

Spring is just around the corner and soon all the beautiful flowers will be popping their heads up!! Every time you see a pretty flower this year think of all the children that we have helped! Child Welfare, Special Olympics and Children and Youth have worked hard to meet the needs of these special children.

At Spring Conference, we will have plenty for you to choose from at our table! Candy, cookies and lots of pretties!! Help us help our special children!! Thank you in advance for your generous support!

Dee Schutz
Child Welfare 😍

LEGISLATIVE BULLETIN MARCH 2022

ACTION CENTER ALERT:

Take Action: Demand the GI Bill for Reserve and National Guard

From protecting borders and Capitals to delivering pandemic aid and supporting local law enforcement, members of our National Guard and Reserve have been challenged over the past two years like never before. Yet despite serving along Active Components, they are denied...

Make sure you go to the legion.org Legislative Action Center (https://www.votervoice.net/AmericanLegion/home) and let your voice be heard for this important Action Alert. When you get a response, please email me the response so I can make sure you are in the June drawing for prizes.

One way to connect with your Legislators is to schedule a zoom call for your Unit or District. If you do have an in-person or zoom call, contact me so I can get the dates. Make sure to include in your end of year reporting. (HINT: there could be a special prize involved).

Everything you need to know is available in the Legislative Advocacy guide to assist you with communication. You can find the guide at: https://www.alaky.org/legislative

See you at Spring Conference. If you haven't signed up for the alerts, I can help you sign up by phone, email or at conference.

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Education Bulletin
March 2022

February has come and gone! I hope all the units have received entries for the four National scholarships that were due on March 1st. The unit deadline to send your winners to me is March 15th. The units can submit them via email or mail them directly to my home address that is listed at the end of this bulletin. I will then send the department winners to the Southern Division Education Chairman, Betsey Lee Hodges by April 1st.

I can't wait to see more Give 10 to Education Forms from the units! Please send pictures of what your unit has donated. Remember that a picture is worth a thousand words! I would love to take photos of the supplies with your members at the next conference if you haven't delivered them yet.

Thank you to Units 4, 113, 229, 313 for your forms. What a great job everyone has done to help our students!

The Laura Blackburn Memorial Scholarship deadline for applications to be received by the units is March 31st. The deadline for each unit's winning entry to be sent to me is April 15th.

The Mary Barrett Marshall Scholarship deadline is April 1st. I need each unit's winning entry by May 1st so the winner can be notified by May 15th. The Scholarship will be awarded at the Department Convention.

Please remember to notify students that the ACT/SAT requirement has been waived for 2022 and the students need to notate that they could not take the tests due to COVID-19 on the application forms.

All these deadlines are very important so please get the information to your members if they do not use Facebook or receive the bulletins at home. We don't want anyone to be left out. The bulletins are also posted online at www.alaky.org.

Spring is just around the corner!

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National Security

Bulletin # 3

March 2022

How does my unit know if we did activities that fit this program? Great question. Did your unit or anyone from your unit……

1. Submit an enlisted service person from any branch including National Guard/Reserve for Salute to Service Member Award?
2. Send care packages to deployed service members?
3. Volunteer at USO centers helping with childcare or other needs?
4. Participate in Welcome Home celebrations?
5. Participate in Deployment events?
6. Assist Active-Duty personnel and/or family members with services available in their area?
7. Assist with household activities (yardwork, repairs, etc.) of Active-Duty personnel or veterans?
8. Participate in Family Readiness programs?
9. Take training for FEMA's Community Emergency Response Teams?
10. Plan/participate in POW/MIA Remembrance Service?
11. Through Tragedy Assistance Program (TAPS), did you honor sacrifices with the distribution of Gold Star Banners? Did you volunteer with TAPS?
12. Did you/your unit mentor spouses of the Active-Duty personnel?
13. Did you volunteer at food banks?
14. Did you donate food to food banks?
15. Did you assist military families with clothing needs?
16. Did you involve your juniors in your activities?
17. Did you educate service personnel who qualify for Salute To Service Member awards they can apply for the award through both the American Legion and Auxiliary?
18. Did you push HR1182 (Veteran Deportation Prevention and Reform Act?(This is the bill that gives citizenship for honorable service for non-American US military personnel as many of them are facing deportation after being promised citizenship if they served our country honorably.)

There are countless activities that fall under National Security. The above list hopefully gets you thinking about the things you have done or will do by the end of this administrative year. Please report on them. Your report doesn't have to be fancy. You can list what your unit has done, or you can write it as a narrative. Whichever you prefer. I encourage you to put the number of volunteers, the hours, and any money spent to do the activities. Any pictures sent must be in jpeg/jpg format.

Thank you.

Bonita Robey
National Security Chairman
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National Executive Committee (NEC)

March 2022

Bulletin #2

Greetings to all American Legion Auxiliary members. The past couple of days have brought on spring type weather. I don't know about you, but for me, it is a welcome change. Snow is pretty but I love to see the trees and flowers come into bloom. As your NEC, I don't often have a lot of information to present. However, we have some very serious things to consider. The topic I bring to you today is around finances. No business or organization can fulfil its missions and purposes without the dollars flowing in.

Periodically on the Department level we have dues increases and of course that trickles down effecting our local units. When this occurs, each unit must reassess whether they have enough padding to leave their dues as is or do they need to increase them. If memory serves me well, we have also hit times when the Department of Kentucky has dues increase at the same time the National American Legion Auxiliary has one. We will fall into that again soon. Over the past several years, membership in our organization as a nation has continued to decline. In 2015 we had a push to try to get to one million members and instead went in the opposite direction. You may not be aware, but many of the discounts you receive on services and a lot of the things you can do such as take classes in the ALA Academy through the alaforveterans.org website cost you nothing but time. Trainings we attend in person such as Mission Training are basically subsidized by the National organization as the registration fees we pay do not cover all that cost. As a result of our declination in membership and costs rising on everything, we are at a point where a national dues increase is inevitable.

In March the NECs will have four proposals to vote on and then this will come up again for delegates to vote on at the upcoming National Convention to be held August 26 – September 1in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. It is very important for our members to understand a dues increase WILL happen. It's just a matter of how much and what the frequency of increases will be. The dues increase will take affect with the 2024 membership cards. As such, please feel free to ask me any questions you may have and if I don't know the answer, I will get it and communicate to all. In addition to giving you this information, I have included the chart that shows the proposed increases and the financial impact of each. Again, don't hesitate to ask me for clarification. The best way to reach me is via email but I can also be reached by cell phone after 5pm CST. If you get voice mail please leave a message. We all get plenty of spam calls so if I don't have your number programmed in I will be less likely to answer.

Thank you for your attention to this very important topic. It will touch every unit so I hope you will ensure you have your dues per member set to absorb the change by the time we start collecting 2024 membership dues (in the summer of 2023).

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2021-2023 National Executive Committee
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ALA
Dues Projections Worksheet
For Internal Use Only

SCENARIO 1

$6 SR DUES INCREASE FY24, then $1 in FY26, FY28 and FY30
Zero JR DUES INCREASE FY24, then $.50 in FY26, FY28 and FY30

Membership Dues Income	$6,144,536	$5,874,536	$8,366,804	$8,006,804	$8,083,182	$7,703,182	$7,719,560	$7,319,560	$7,275,938	$66,494,102
Other Income	2,886,909	2,972,683	3,083,904	3,170,578	3,257,710	3,345,306	3,433,373	3,471,915	3,510,939	$29,133,317
Investment Income	391,623	378,936	389,755	395,248	402,908	405,001	405,428	399,462	394,021	3,562,382
Total Income	$9,423,068	$9,226,155	$11,840,463	$11,572,630	$11,743,800	$11,453,489	$11,558,361	$11,190,937	$11,180,898	$99,189,801
Total Expenses	$9,869,178	10,115,907	10,368,805	10,628,025	10,574,885	10,839,257	11,110,239	11,387,995	11,331,055	96,225,346
Net Income (Loss)	($446,110)	($889,753)	$1,471,658	$944,605	$1,168,915	$614,231	$448,122	($197,057)	($150,157)	2,964,454
Beginning Equity	30,684,402	$30,238,292	$29,348,539	$30,820,197	$31,764,802	$32,933,717	$33,547,949	$33,996,071	$33,799,013	
Ending Equity	$30,238,292	$29,348,539	$30,820,197	$31,764,802	$32,933,717	$33,547,949	$33,996,071	$33,799,013	$33,648,856	$33,648,856

SCENARIO 2

$5 SR DUES INCREASE FY24, then $1 in FY26, FY28 and FY30
Zero JR DUES INCREASE FY24, then $.50 in FY26, FY28 and FY30

	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25	FY26	FY27	FY28	FY29	FY30	FY22 thru FY30
Membership Dues Income	$6,144,536	$5,874,536	$7,906,426	$7,566,426	$7,662,804	$7,302,804	$7,339,182	$6,959,182	$6,935,560	$63,691,456
Other Income	2,886,909	2,972,683	3,083,904	3,170,578	3,257,710	3,345,306	3,433,373	3,471,915	3,510,939	$29,133,317
Investment Income	391,623	378,936	385,151	386,241	389,697	387,786	384,409	374,840	365,994	3,444,676
Total Income	$9,423,068	$9,226,155	$11,375,481	$11,123,245	$11,310,211	$11,035,896	$11,156,964	$10,805,937	$10,812,493	$96,269,449
Total Expenses	$9,869,178	10,115,907	10,368,805	10,628,025	10,574,885	10,839,257	11,110,239	11,387,995	11,331,055	96,225,346
Net Income (Loss)	($446,110)	($889,753)	$1,006,676	$495,220	$735,326	$196,638	$46,725	($582,058)	($518,561)	44,103
Beginning Equity	30,684,402	$30,238,292	$29,348,539	$30,355,215	$30,850,435	$31,585,761	$31,782,399	$31,829,124	$31,247,066	
Ending Equity	$30,238,292	$29,348,539	$30,355,215	$30,850,435	$31,585,761	$31,782,399	$31,829,124	$31,247,066	$30,728,505	$30,728,505

SCENARIO 3

$5 SR DUES INCREASE with No Incremental Increases
Zero JR DUES INCREASE FY24 with No Incremental Increases

Membership Dues Income	$6,144,536	$5,874,536	$7,906,426	$7,566,426	$7,226,426	$6,886,426	$6,546,426	$6,206,426	$5,866,426	$60,224,054
Other Income	2,886,909	2,972,683	3,083,904	3,170,578	3,257,710	3,345,306	3,433,373	3,471,915	3,510,939	$29,133,317
Investment Income	391,623	378,936	385,151	386,241	385,333	379,258	367,954	350,857	331,320	3,356,673
Total Income	$9,423,068	$9,226,155	$11,375,481	$11,123,245	$10,869,469	$10,610,990	$10,347,753	$10,029,198	$9,708,685	$92,714,044
Total Expenses	$9,869,178	10,115,907	10,368,805	10,628,025	10,574,885	10,839,257	11,110,239	11,387,995	11,331,055	96,225,346
Net Income (Loss)	($446,110)	($889,753)	$1,006,676	$495,220	$294,584	($228,267)	($762,486)	($1,358,797)	($1,622,369)	(3,511,303)
Beginning Equity	30,684,402	$30,238,292	$29,348,539	$30,355,215	$30,850,434	$31,145,019	$30,916,751	$30,154,265	$28,795,469	
Ending Equity	$30,238,292	$29,348,539	$30,355,215	$30,850,434	$31,145,019	$30,916,751	$30,154,265	$28,795,469	$27,173,099	$27,173,099

SCENARIO 4

$6 SR DUES INCREASE with No Incremental Increases
Zero JR DUES INCREASE FY24 with No Incremental Increases

Membership Dues Income	$6,144,536	$5,874,536	$8,366,804	$8,006,804	$7,646,804	$7,286,804	$6,926,804	$6,566,804	$6,206,804	$63,026,700
Other Income	2,886,909	2,972,683	3,083,904	3,170,578	3,257,710	3,345,306	3,433,373	3,471,915	3,510,939	$29,133,317
Investment Income	391,623	378,936	389,755	395,248	398,545	396,473	388,973	375,480	359,347	3,474,379
Total Income	$9,423,068	$9,226,155	$11,840,463	$11,572,630	$11,303,059	$11,028,583	$10,749,150	$10,414,199	$10,077,090	$95,634,396
Total Expenses	$9,869,178	10,115,907	10,368,805	10,628,025	10,574,885	10,839,257	11,110,239	11,387,995	11,331,055	96,225,346
Net Income (Loss)	($446,110)	($889,753)	$1,471,658	$944,605	$728,174	$189,326	($361,089)	($973,796)	($1,253,965)	($590,951)
Beginning Equity	30,684,402	$30,238,292	$29,348,539	$30,820,197	$31,764,802	$32,492,975	$32,682,301	$32,321,212	$31,347,416	
Ending Equity	$30,238,292	$29,348,539	$30,820,197	$31,764,802	$32,492,975	$32,682,301	$32,321,212	$31,347,416	$30,093,451	$30,093,451

President Karen's special project is *Dogs Helping Heroes*. I would like to request members to bring to Spring Conference any items that might be used to help at animal shelters.

If you do not wish to bring anything with you, you can still help animals in the shelters in your area by donating items.

Hope to see lots at Spring Conference.

Charlotte McGuire

Special Projects Chairman.

American Legion Auxiliary
Kentucky Girls State Program

March 2022 Bulletin

Hello all,

I know that we are ready for Spring to come as soon as possible to enjoy the warm weather.

The Girls State committee has been still hard at work in getting information to the schools around the state regarding the ALA KY Girls State program. We have mailed out over 500 letters with brochures to the schools in February, so you start contacting the schools in your cities/or counties, we left no schools off the list you don't know excuse not to contact them. The schools can be right across the street from where you live at, contact them to check to see if there are students interested in participating in this wonderful program of knowing about how our local, state, and national government works.

I want to thank ALA Anderson Unit 34 for asking me to come speak about the ALA KY Girls State program and the unexpected donation of $3250 to help to support the program and with sending delegates to the ALA KY Girls State program. They had questions on learning what the program is about and what we do in making the program a successful that has been going on for the last 75 years. This is your program, we are there to work the program, we need you to go to the schools, in communities that you are involved in to get those students involved with ALA Kentucky Girls State Program.

In this bulletin you will receive ALA KY Girls State brochure you have in your hands now don't lay it down somewhere put it in purse and go or call the schools, if you need more brochures call Department Headquarter and Jennifer will make sure you get more if you need them. May15,2022, is the deadline for the application for the delegates. We are here to help you in any way we can. Again, the delegates fee is $325 for each delegate just a reminder. The website is http://www.alaky.org

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TOP 10 REASONS TO PARTICIPATE

10. It's a resume builder – only if you attend for the full week.

9. Be part of a more than a 100 year tradition – The American Legion Auxiliary.

8. Show off your talent during our annual revue!

7. Famous people have attended including former Secretary of Homeland Security Janet Napolitano, former Washington Governor Christine Gregoire, Jane Pawley, Kentucky Lt. Governor Crit Luallen and BG (Ret.) Anne Fields McDonald (USMA graduate from the first class including females).

6. Opportunity to be chosen as a Girls Nation Delegate to go to Washington, D.C. and represent Kentucky as a Senator – (and possibly meet the President!)

5. Develop valuable skills – public speaking, debating, journalism, confidence builder, etc.

4. Speakers are awesome – hear their motivating messages and put them to use.

3. Opportunity to run your own city.

2. Making new friends – for the week, for the summer and some for life-long.

1. Be empowered by other enthusiastic, intelligent young women.

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Registration materials and all required documents will be available via download from: www.kyala.org or from contacting the program Chairman or Director. The deadline for registration is May 15, 2022.

Quotes from Former Citizens

"Girls State not only allowed me to gain a greater appreciation of how government works, my rights as a citizen, and a desire to give back to my country, but it also introduced me to lifelong friends."

Kirsten Logan, 2012 Kentucky Girls State Citizen

USCG Graduate

"KY Girls State truly changed my life. Because of the program, I met lifelong friends and discovered what career I'd like to pursue. Girls State gave me the tools and connections to pursue a career in public service."

Danica Moon, 2017 ALA Kentucky Girls State Citizen and Girls Nation Vice President.

American Legion Auxiliary Kentucky Girls State

June 6 –10, 2022

Georgetown College

Georgetown, KY

Delegates from the 2019 ALA Kentucky Girls State gather on the capitol steps.

Learning by doing

Since 1947, the American Legion Auxiliary, Department of Kentucky has provided young women with the opportunity to learn about government via the first hand experience of establishing a mock government. Based upon Kentucky government, city and state government is studied with the participants developing political parties, conducting elections, and passing legislation.

Each attendee is assigned to a mythical city, a political party, and the Senate or House of Representatives.

American Legion Auxiliary (ALA) Kentucky Girls State offers 5 days of intellectual stimulation, as well as the opportunity of making new friends, and making memories that will last a lifetime.

PROGRAM

ALA Kentucky Girls State is designed to give its participants a comprehensive view of the duties, privileges, rights and responsibilities of American citizenship.

Opening program session begins on Monday, June 6 at 2:00PM EDT and will conclude on Friday, June 10 circa 10:00 AM.

All citizens of Kentucky Girls State are members of a mythical 51st state with the branches and levels of government patterned after Kentucky government. A two party political system using the names "Federalist" and "Nationalist" is used to replicate the workings of the political system, and have no connection to the current political parties within our state or nation.

Participants conduct their own elections to serve in city and state offices, familiarizing themselves with current issues as well as the duties and responsibilities of the individual office. They participate in county government through panels and guest presentations from past and present office holders. A bicameral legislature, with the House of Representatives and Senate , is formed where the participants can write, introduce, debate, and pass their own legislation.

Participants visit the State Capitol in Frankfort .

STAFF

ALA Kentucky Girls State is conducted as a program of the American Legion Auxiliary, Department of Kentucky. It is staffed by volunteers who are members of the American Legion Auxiliary, and by former participants of the Girls State program. All staff members are over 18 years old and subject to regular background checks.

ELIGIBILITY

Participants in the Girls State Program will have just completed her junior, or third year, of high school. **No sophomore or senior will be accepted.**

Participants must be legal residents of the United States.

Participants must be essentially a leader... leadership, character, honesty, cooperativeness, and participation in service in her school and community are important.

Participants must be interested in government, willing and available for full participation in the ALA Girls State program for the entire session.

Participants in the Governor's Scholar Program are encouraged to apply; however, due to the dates of GSP, they would not be eligible to attend Girls Nation.

Application deadline is May 15.

SELECTION

Potential ALA Girls State participants are recommended by their schools based upon the characteristics listed above. The final selection of ALA Girls State participants rests with the sponsoring American Legion Auxiliary Unit. Applicants sent directly from schools or individuals must provide a letter of recommendation from a school official.

SPONSORSHIP

Attendance at ALA Kentucky Girls State is sponsored by the American Legion Auxiliary through local Units. Other civic organizations, individuals, and businesses help support the program as contributing sponsors. The sponsorship fee for Kentucky residents is $325 . The fee includes the cost for the participants lodging and meals during the program. Transportation is not included in the registration fee.

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Fun Flag Facts

Flag Day, which celebrates the anniversary of the Flag Resolution of 1777, was established by the Proclamation of President Woodrow Wilson on May 30th, 1916, after years of local celebrations.

AMERICANISM

BULLETIN

HELLO AUXILIARY FAMILY,

Spring is coming! If you are the Americanism chair for your unit, don't forget to send me a report and pictures of what your unit is doing for Americanism. I encourage us all to get out and be more involved, let's support our Military, Veterans and show that Americanism spirit!

Here are some items to remember:

- Please send in your year-end Americanism report by May 1
- The Americanism Essay contest is open to grades 3-12. The theme this year is "How can we support families who provide care to their Veterans". This is due by April 1, 2022. The cover sheet is included in this bulletin.
- Dorothy Pearl Most Outstanding Unit Americanism Program is due by May 1, 2022. The report and award cover sheet are included in this bulletin.

I'm very excited to start reading all the essays and reports that will be coming my way! I hope to see everyone at Spring Conference.

April Ward
Americanism

American Legion Auxiliary
National Americanism 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: _____

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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: _____

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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.

AMERICANISM ESSAY CONTEST
2022 Cover Sheet

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

Essay Title: ***"How can we support families who provide care to their Veterans?"***

Essay Classes:

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

Essay Checklist:

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

To Be Completed by the Student/Parent:

Student Name: _____

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

_____

E-mail Address: _____

Phone:_____

School Name: _____

School City/State: _____

Teacher Name and Signature: _____

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

Sponsoring Unit Name/Number: _____

Signature of Unit Americanism Chairman: _____

Unit winner due to Department on:_____Department:_____

Signature of Department Chairman: _____

Department winner due to National Americanism Division Chairman by April 15, 2022

Finance Bulletin – March 2022

Hello Kentucky ALA members,

Exciting News on the Finance front. The All-star Award is back. Kentucky wants to revive and ramp up some volunteer programs. Over the past few years, we have a few that are falling out of sight. So, to peak some interest in those, we are bringing the All-star Award back. The 7 programs are: Spirit of Youth, Creative Arts, Child Welfare, Poppies, Girls State, Laura Blackburn Memorial Scholarship and AEF (Auxiliary Emergency Fund). They are a mix of National and Department. Below are some details on each of the programs:

Spirit of Youth – (National) The Spirit of Youth Scholarship Fund is an umbrella that supports three separate scholarship opportunities for participants in American Legion Auxiliary programs. One is for American Legion Auxiliary Junior members, another for the Honorary National Junior Division Vice Presidents, and one is for participants in the American Legion Auxiliary Girls Nation program. Go to ALAFORVETERANS.ORG and search for Spirit of Youth for more info.

Child Welfare - Established in 1954, The American Legion Child Welfare Foundation was developed as a repository of funds from individuals who wished to contribute to the betterment of children in this country. Our foremost philanthropic priority is to contribute to the physical, mental, emotional and spiritual welfare of children and youth by aiding progress in the field of child welfare through knowledge about research, studies, surveys, projects, or by supporting programs and activities benefiting the welfare of children and youth.

Not all American children grow up inside the comfortable definition of normal childhood development. For thousands, each day is a challenge marked by pain, prayer and perseverance. Many of these children require specialized care. To overcome their obstacles, they need help from you and The American Legion Child Welfare Foundation.

Creative Arts - Since 2000, the Auxiliary has co-presented NVCAF, alongside the Department of Veterans Affairs. Carrying out the Auxiliary's mission of Service Not Self, members, units, and departments make generous monetary donations to help carry out this event. Best of all, Auxiliary members have had the opportunity to meet and develop relationships with these heroes who participate, leading to a life-changing experience for many. "What surprises me is how giving the ALA is, how unselfish they are," said a performer. "I've had the time of my life here." Want to see photos of the Auxiliary making a difference at this event for our veterans? Visit NVCAF on Facebook.

About the National Veterans Creative Arts Festival

As a way to help veterans recover from and cope with physical and emotional disabilities, U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) medical facilities across the country are turning to a different form of rehabilitative treatment — creative arts. Each year, veterans enrolled at VA health care facilities showcase their talents in local creative arts competitions. For some, this provides an opportunity to open up and

express themselves. “It’s an honor to be chosen out of so many talented people,” said one performer. “Being in the festival builds up my confidence. It brings joy into my life.” The visual arts division includes 51 categories, ranging from oil paintings to leatherwork to paint-by-number kits. In the performing arts division, there are 100 categories related to all aspects of music, dance, drama, and creative writing. “It’s given back a different life for me,” another performer said. “I always say if you get that second chance, grab it, run, and don’t look back.” Through a national judging process, first, second and third place entries in each category are determined. Only selected first place winners are featured at NVCAF. *Learm more about NVCAF at https://www.blogs.va.gov*.

Poppy, Girls State, Laura Blackburn Memorial Scholarship and AEF – Visit ALAKY.ORG to find lots on information on these programs. To donate to these worthy programs, just earmark your check in the memo section to each individual program. We prefer that a separate check be written for each program you will donate to. We accept donations up thru our June Convention and awards will be given at next year’s Fall Conference. **Please consider donating today.**

As always **Increasing Membership** would ease the burden of covering all of our operating Expenses; such as Salary, postage, travel, supplies etc.

Please remember to pay the VA&R assessments and Operating Assessments. The amount due per unit can be found in previous bulletins. The VA&R assessments were due December 31st, 2021 and the Operating Assessments will be due March 31st. Both will need to be paid to receive awards at Spring Conference or Convention. Don’t miss out, get those paid asap if not already.

At winter conference, I had our department fundraiser raffle tickets for members and units to pick up to sell. I am in the process of mailing to units, but if you want some to sell, just text or call me. This will be given away at Convention in June and the prizes are: $250, $150 and 100. Not a bad take for a $1 donation.

Remind your unit members that they too can find the bulletins and information on the Kentucky Website and National Website. **ALAKY.org and alaforveterans.org**

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

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"The road to Membership is paved with Paw Prints."

We have 23 units greater than 90% membership. 11 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%

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DISTRICT 1						
Unit	Ren Pd	New		Tot Goal	Tot Pd	Tot %
3	13	0		14	13	92.9
26	21	0		26	21	80.8
31	20	2		29	22	75.9
68	38	4		45	42	93.3
72	10	0		11	10	90.9
74	15	2		18	17	108.3
85	0	0		14	0	0.0
217	54	1		66	55	57.9
236	33	1		36	34	94.4
Tot	204	10		286	214	74.8

DISTRICT 2						
Unit	Ren Pd	New		Tot Goal	Tot Pd	Tot %
2	14	0		15	14	93.3
6	88	26		104	114	109.6
9	46	6		66	52	78.8
40	56	2		63	57	90.5
233	65	0		120	65	54.2
243	15	0		23	15	65.2
289	4	0		10	4	0.4
Tot	287	34		401	321	80.0

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
61	11	0		25	11	44.0
62	81	0		91	81	89.0
119	22	2		24	24	100.0
202	24	0		31	24	77.4
Tot	196	12		260	208	80.0

DISTRICT 4						
Unit	Ren Pd	New		Tot Goal	Tot Pd	Tot %
42	11	14		15	25	166.7
49	5	0		10	5	50.0
81	118	67		233	185	79.4
82	18	1		47	19	40.4
87	18	3		25	21	84.0
101	3	0		10	3	30.0
113	363	17		444	380	85.6
121	26	0		42	26	61.9
124	46	28		55	74	134.5
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	732	136		1062	868	80.2

DISTRICT 5						
Unit	Ren Pd	New		Tot Goal	Tot Pd	Tot %
45	14	0		22	14	63.6
189	128	1		150	129	86.0
193	58	0		86	58	67.4
220	32	4		46	36	78.3
229	37	0		51	37	72.5
244	68	7		82	75	91.5
278	3	0		10	3	30.0
Tot	340	12		447	352	78.7

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	45	1		53	46	86.8
41	16	0		41	16	39.0
109	0	0		10	0	0.0
203	180	0		231	180	77.9
219	51	6		54	57	105.6
Tot	354	13		495	367	74.1

DISTRICT 7						
Unit	Ren Pd	New		Tot Goal	Tot Pd	Tot %
7	53	0		51	53	103.9
8	51	0		66	51	77.3
24	65	15		77	80	103.9
67	52	5		71	57	80.3
79	22	5		32	27	84.4
137	32	0		37	32	86.5
165	28	0		33	28	84.8
176	6	0		10	6	60.0
257	28	0		45	28	62.2
313	63	7		70	70	100.0
341	31	3		37	34	91.9
Tot	431	35		529	466	88.1

DISTRICT 8						
Unit	Ren Pd	New		Tot Goal	Tot Pd	Tot %
12	15	2		17	17	100.0
34	112	4		126	116	92.1
46	26	4		36	30	78.9
Tot	153	10		181	163	90.1

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	22	0		68	22	32.4
76	23	0		57	23	40.4
126	38	1		44	40	90.9
138	56	4		65	60	92.3
276	0	0		10	0	0.0
325	61	3		71	64	90.1
342	54	10		72	64	88.9
Tot	289	18		428	307	71.7

DISTRICT 10						
Unit	Ren Pd	New		Tot Goal	Tot Pd	Tot %
66	6	0		10	6	60.0
104	11	1		17	12	70.6
152	9	0		12	9	75.0
283	7	0		16	7	43.8
Tot	33	1		55	34	61.8

DISTRICT 11						
Unit	Ren Pd	New		Tot Goal	Tot Pd	Tot %
16	17	2		37	19	51.4
38	68	4		84	72	85.7
98	55	5		69	60	87.0
115	40	9		72	49	68.1
Tot	180	20		262	200	76.3

HEADQUARTERS						
Unit	Ren Pd	New		Tot Goal	Tot Pd	Tot %
200	64	1		73	64	87.7

DEPARTMENT OF KENTUCKY						
Unit	Ren Goal	Ren Pd		Tot Goal	Tot Pd	Tot %
	3263	302		4499	3564	0.79

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

March 2022
Headquarters

The Spring Conference will be April 16, 2022, Holiday Inn Cincinnati Airport. (859-746-5608)
You still have time to make your reservations.

The Operating Assessments are due March 31, 2022. Please do your part and make sure the Unit pays their amount.

VA & R assessments were due December 31, 2021. I know everyone is busy and it slips your mind but VA & R assessments are very important. Please send a check for your unit's amount. If you do not know how much is owed, please send me an email and I will be glad to let you know the amount. These Unit's need to send the assessment: 2, 8, 9, 20, 23, 26, 41, 43, 45, 49, 61, 66, 67, 76, 79, 85, 101, 104, 115, 152, 157, 176, 220, 278, 283, 288

Membership is still trickling in, please do not hold membership.

As always, if you need help with something please let me know.

Hope to see you in April at the Spring Conference!

Jennifer

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