



## American Legion Auxiliary Unit Mailing

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NOVEMBER, 2017

### ARE YOU HOLDING DUES?

Just a reminder to everyone, there should never be Units with zero membership after the fiscal year starts. Why? Because your Unit officers should have their dues paid immediately.

Also, you should never “hold” dues waiting for more to come in. If your member’s dues are not transmitted to Department to send to National, they may become a member who is not in good standing. If you accept her dues and don’t send them in, there could be legal issues for which you are liable.

### CONTENTS OF THIS MAILING

Again, this mailing is to be shared with ALL members of your Units.

You will find in this mailing more Gift Shop Information, a Girls State Guide with a Delegate Application and Reservation form. There are also miscellaneous pieces of information that will prove to be useful in your programs.

#### Dates to Remember

November 10	Veterans Day observed Department Closed
November 23-24	Thanksgiving Department Closed
December 1	Newspaper articles due for the Jan/Feb issue.

### AUCTION ITEMS NEEDED!

We are planning a fun fundraiser at Winter Conference. We will be having an auction on Saturday. We will need donations to auction off.

If you have some crafts, white elephant items, items you don’t use or want to create something before February, please do.

Just bring them with you when you come and if you are not coming, you can send them to Department anytime before then.

If you have any questions, call Denise at Department.

### DEPARTMENT WEBSITE

We are in the process of updating the website with current information.

If anyone has any suggestions or complaints about it, please call Denise at Extension 21 to voice them. Let’s get this to be a great tool for all members.



## CHRISTMAS GIFT SHOP - PACKING LIST

DATE \_\_\_\_\_ UNIT NAME \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ UNIT NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_ DISTRICT NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

NAME OF UNIT VA&R CHAIRMAN \_\_\_\_\_

UNIT CHAIRMAN'S ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

NUMBER OF GIFTS \_\_\_\_\_ TOTAL VALUE OF GIFTS \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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### INSTRUCTIONS:

- 1) Please list the full **retail** cost of the gifts.
- 2) Multiply the quantity times the unit retail value to get Total Retail Value.
- 3) Fill in the number of items you are shipping and enclose **ONE COPY IN CARTON.**
- 4) Send **ONE COPY TO YOUR DISTRICT** Rehabilitation Chairman.
- 5) Keep **ONE COPY** for your Unit files.

NOTE: One self-addressed stamped envelope or postcard **must** be included to receive acknowledgment.

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## GIVING OPPORTUNITIES

**NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS:**  
8945 N. Meridian Street  
Indianapolis, IN 46260  
P: (317) 569-4500  
F: (317) 569-4502

**WASHINGTON, D.C. OFFICE:**  
1608 K Street NW  
Washington, D.C. 20006  
P: (202) 861-1351  
F: (317) 569-4502

**EMAIL:**  
development  
@alaforeveterans.org

**ONLINE:**  
[www.ALAforVeterans.org](http://www.ALAforVeterans.org)  
[www.ALAFoundation.org](http://www.ALAFoundation.org)

### MISSION STATEMENT:

In the spirit of service, not self, the mission of the American Legion Auxiliary is 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, both at home and abroad.

For God and Country, we advocate for veterans, educate our citizens, mentor youth, and promote patriotism, good citizenship, peace and security.

### American Legion Auxiliary

**Auxiliary Emergency Fund:** No matter how thoroughly we prepare, we all encounter hard times. In some cases, the challenge is too difficult to overcome alone. The AEF could be a helping hand for a struggling Auxiliary member in need of food, shelter or utilities for her family after a natural disaster or during time of financial crisis. Established in 1969, the AEF is a safety net for those in desperate need. When you give to the Auxiliary Emergency Fund, you're giving a fellow Auxiliary member not just help, but hope.

**Spirit of Youth:** The future of our country depends on our young people. The Spirit of Youth program recognizes this basic truth by rewarding our exceptional young members who have a keen sense of patriotism and respect for the American Legion Auxiliary's guiding principle. Each year, the program supports the educational advancement of Junior Auxiliary members through college scholarships. Think of your investment in the Spirit of Youth as an investment in the future because the education received by these young members will help them serve the Auxiliary and their country for years to come.

**Children of Warriors National Presidents' Scholarship:** It is important to acknowledge the sacrifices of servicemembers who preserve our freedom, but that is not enough. The sacrifices of the children of those who serve should also be honored. The Children of Warriors National Presidents' Scholarship provides them with recognition in the form of financial support for higher education. When you give to the National Presidents' Scholarship, it is our way of showing how much we, as a nation, care.

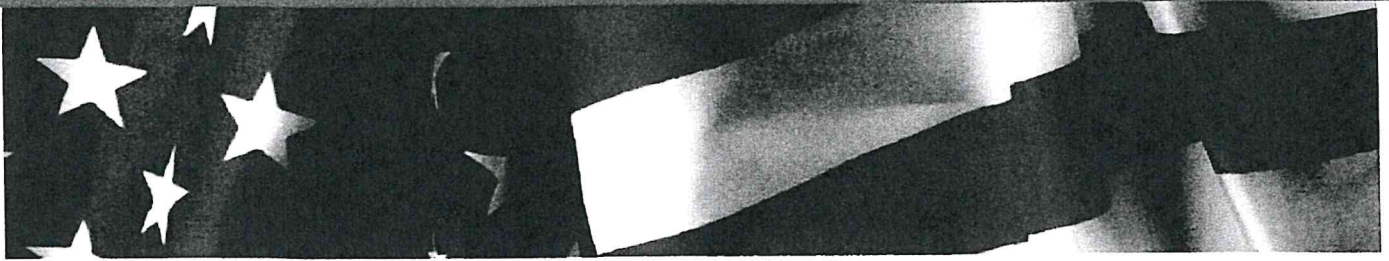
### American Legion Auxiliary Foundation

**Mission Endowment Fund:** The American Legion Auxiliary Foundation provides a way to secure our legacy and heritage of Service Not Self, ultimately enhancing the quality of life for future generations of veterans, military and their families. As an endowed fund, the monies are permanently restricted so that future generations may benefit from Auxiliary programs that support all of our veterans and promote education, good citizenship and outreach to veterans facing tough challenges. Your donation today will help ensure we're here to help veterans tomorrow.

**Veteran Projects Fund:** Make a direct impact on veterans, military and their families in your community through the Veteran Projects Fund. Each unit and department is eligible to apply for a grant to support new, one-time needs of their local veterans. Donations collected for this fund directly benefit our nation's heroes in need.

**Veterans Creative Arts Festivals (Local and National):** The arts can be powerful medicine, and the Auxiliary recognizes that. Both locally and nationally, the Auxiliary sponsors amazing events that assist veterans in healing from both their physical and psychological wounds through visual and performing arts. Each year, the artistic achievements of veterans being treated at U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs facilities across the country are displayed for all to see. With your gift, the show can go on.





## American Legion Auxiliary

# Honor Our Female Veterans

For Female Veterans who join as new members for the 2018 Membership Year, the national portion of dues (\$9.00) will be waived for their first year of membership.

### Units

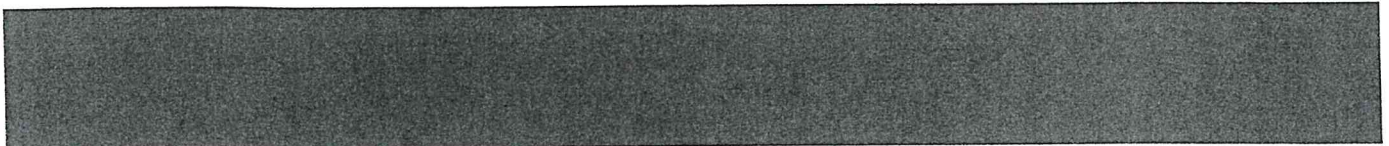
- Verify the new member's eligibility
- Submit her application and department dues to your department. Indicate on her application that this member is part of the "Honor Our Female Veterans" program.

### Departments

- Enter the new member into ALAMIS as a pending member. Be sure to mark her eligibility as "Self" if the new member is eligible in her own right or the appropriate eligibility category.
- Email [membership@ALAforVeterans.org](mailto:membership@ALAforVeterans.org) with "Honor Female Veterans" in the subject line
  - In the body of the email, list the member's Name, Unit Number, and Department
- National Headquarters' Membership Division will process the new member's application to show her as an active member.

### *Questions?*

Email National Membership Division at [membership@ALAforVeterans.org](mailto:membership@ALAforVeterans.org)







# GRANTS TO HELP OUR MISSION OUTREACH GROW!

The American Legion Auxiliary Foundation positively impacts the lives of our veterans, military, and their families by funding programs of the American Legion Auxiliary today and for future generations. Your unit, department, or district/county may be eligible to receive funds through an ALA Foundation grant that will help meet the needs of those we serve.

- **VETERAN PROJECTS FUND GRANTS**  
Specific, emergent needs that support the ALA mission may qualify for this type of grant.
- **SUB GRANTS**  
If your ALA entity has funding that requires the recipient to be a 501(c)3, this grant can help.
- **VETERANS CREATIVE ARTS FESTIVAL GRANTS**  
Veterans Creative Arts Festival mini grants can aid in the therapeutic well-being of veterans by introducing them to art therapy.



See grant application details at  
**[www.ALAFoundation.org](http://www.ALAFoundation.org)**.  
 Questions? Contact us at  
**[ALAFoundation@ALAforVeterans.org](mailto:ALAFoundation@ALAforVeterans.org)**.

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY  
**FOUNDATION**

**ENSURING OUR MISSION  
 OF SERVICE ENDURES**



## AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY SUPPORT TOOLS

A collection of resources from National Headquarters to assist and guide members and volunteers in serving veterans, servicemembers and their families.

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# DID YOU KNOW...? DEVELOPMENT TOOLS AVAILABLE TO HELP YOU

- **Fundraising ask letter and donor acknowledgement templates** are available for you on the website! All you have to do is fill in the blanks and you have your fundraising campaign and thank you letters done! [www.alaforveterans.org/Members/ALA-Department-and-Unit-Resources](http://www.alaforveterans.org/Members/ALA-Department-and-Unit-Resources)
- The Programs Action Plan contains six pages of **Unit and Department fundraising ideas!** Check out page 27 in the printed book or visit <https://www.alaforveterans.org/members/programs-action-plan/> online.
- Districts, departments, units, and individual members and supporters can **donate online** to the national organization. It is a simple process that allows you to pick the fund your donation goes to and you can even sign up for our recurring gifts program, allowing you to budget for a yearly, quarterly, or monthly gift. [www.alaforveterans.org/secure-online-donation-form](http://www.alaforveterans.org/secure-online-donation-form)
- The American Legion Auxiliary Foundation has **grants** available to help ensure our mission of service endures. Because your department is helping our veterans and military in need, you may be eligible to apply at [www.alafoundation.org/grants](http://www.alafoundation.org/grants).
- The **American Legion Auxiliary Foundation** has its own website filled with lots of helpful information about ways to give and ways to receive. They even have an entire grants section describing each grant you may be eligible for. Check it out at [www.alafoundation.org](http://www.alafoundation.org)
- We have a printed and online **planned giving guide** for any members or supporters to use when thinking about organizing their estate plans. It can be found at [www.alaforveterans.org/Planned-Giving](http://www.alaforveterans.org/Planned-Giving)
- Your **Amazon purchases** will now generate a 0.5 percent donation to American Legion Auxiliary Foundation Inc. whenever you shop on Amazon through AmazonSmile. No added cost. No added fee. Learn more at [www.alaforveterans.org/Donate](http://www.alaforveterans.org/Donate)
- Development and fundraising tips, helpful hints regarding ALA Foundation grants, planned giving opportunities and more can be found in **Auxiliary magazine**. [www.alaforveterans.org/Magazine](http://www.alaforveterans.org/Magazine)





## ALA Rock Stars Contact Form

Department: \_\_\_\_\_

Name & contact information of person completing form:

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Do you know a member or unit that is doing extraordinary work for the American Legion Auxiliary? Include their contact information below and submit to the National Membership Committee. They may be interviewed to be included in national publications such as the monthly membership newsletter, the eNews or eBulletin.

**Individual Member Being Nominated:**

Name & Unit: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Unit Being Nominated:**

Unit Number & City/State: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Why are they an ALA Rock Star? (Use back or separate sheet if needed)

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## **PR Service Selfie or Picture Contest**

1. Take a “selfie” or “picture” of your Units effort(s) serving veterans, children or community. (You may enter several times). Some examples could be at a Halloween or Thanksgiving event, Giving Tuesday, Veterans Day, Gift Shop, School function, Christmas or Hanukah, etc.
2. Describe in 1 or 2 sentences, what the event is about. Include your Unit name, number, location and date.
3. (On FB add the hashtag - #ServiceSelfie.
4. Post it to the American Legion Auxiliary Department of Michigan Facebook page or email it to [clmoore459@gmail.com](mailto:clmoore459@gmail.com)
5. Submit entries between Oct. 1, 2017 thru Dec. 31, 2017.
6. There will be 3 winners. 1<sup>st</sup> Place selected by PR Committee. 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Place will be chosen randomly. You have nothing to lose and a PR Prize to gain!





## American Legion Auxiliary Management Information System (ALAMIS)

### What Unit Access Includes:

- Ability to receive national announcements including updates on system improvements, dates and times for planned system maintenance, deadline reminders, etc.
- Ability to add new members to your unit
- Ability to edit member information such as: First/Middle/Last Name/Informal First Name, Home Phone/Cell Phone/Email, Permanent Address/Alternate Address/Seasonal Address, Volunteer Interests, Marital Status and Date of Birth
- Ability to view individual member activities such as: dues payments, changes to leadership positions and committees, continuous year adjustments, and event attendance.
- Ability to view individual member record change history
- Ability to view unit information such as # Jr Members, # Sr Members, # VIM members, # Paid Dues Members, # Unpaid Dues Members, Unit EIN Number, Unit Legal Name, Charter Date, Unit Number and Department
- Ability to add or change the unit leadership positions of individual members
- Ability to view, print & export your unit membership roster
- Ability to filter membership roster by member type (i.e. Jr, Sr, Deceased)
- Ability to view, print & export your unit leadership roster
- Ability to view, print & export unit paid dues roster
- Ability to view, print & export unit unpaid dues roster
- Ability to view, print & export unit dues activity for a certain time period
- Ability to view, print & export list of unit members who paid dues online

### Benefits of Unit Access:

- Membership information is at the unit's fingertips allowing Membership Chairmen to actively manage their membership
- Important information is available in a timely manner
- Up-to-date information -- address, phone number & email changes made via the [alaforveterans.org](http://alaforveterans.org) member portal are automatically updated in ALAMIS
- Less mistakes in member information when a unit enters vs. department
- Membership roster exports can be used for mailing labels or email distribution lists to communicate with your members
- Leadership roster exports can be used for mailing labels or email distribution lists to communicate with your leadership
- Units can check for members' birthdays to honor them on their special day. *(Please note that not all members' birth dates are in the system. However, you can ask members to update their own profile or collect members' dates of birth and add to their profile for them.)*
- Reduces the need to keep extensive paper records that sometimes get lost or damaged

### Unit access to ALAMIS:

- To gain access to ALAMIS, contact your Dept Secretary who will work with National Headquarters to get you set up. Units are limited to 2 users. There is a \$10 fee for each user. User access is good for a calendar year.
- Once set up, Units are sent a user guide and can access online tutorials.



**American Legion Auxiliary Department of Michigan**

212 N. Verlinden, Suite B - Lansing, MI 48915

(517) 267-8809

October, 2017

TO: District Rehabilitation Chairmen

RE: GIFT SHOP - SAGINAW V.A. MEDICAL CENTER

DISTRICT CHAIRMEN: It is your responsibility to sign up workers.

**2017 GIFT SHOP SCHEDULE:**

**Thursday, December 21, 2017**

NOTE: The V. A. Hospital Representative will advise the District Rehabilitation Chairmen of any changes in the number of workers required from each District for the respective days.

Bonnie Holt, Saginaw V.A Rep.  
598 Pilgrim Dr E  
Saginaw, MI 48638  
(989) 280-1189



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TO: Unit Rehabilitation Chairman

DATE: October, 2017

### IMPORTANT -- PLEASE READ ENTIRE BULLETIN

**DATE :** Thursday, December 21, 2017

**WORKERS:** From the 8th and 10th Districts

**NUMBER OF WORKERS:** 10-12

Contact your District Rehabilitation Chairman or your VA Rep early for assignment. Workers must be at the hospital at 9:00 am on the date promised. Work day will end at 4:00 pm. DO wear comfortable shoes and clothes.

**Any scheduled worker who cannot attend should send a substitute.**

**GIFTS:** To be supplied by the Units. Please try to select gifts that can be used for men, women and kids. Purchase of these gifts is the Unit's responsibility. Each Unit is to supply the following gifts. Gifts should be valued at between \$7 - \$10 each. **PLEASE FOLLOW THIS SHOPPING LIST.**

MEMBERSHIP	SUGGESTED GIFT NUMBER
10-25	10 gifts 6 men, 2 ladies, 2 kids
26-50	12 gifts 8 men, 2 ladies, 2 kids
51-75	14 gifts 10 men, 2 ladies, 2 kids
76-100	16 gifts 12 men, 2 ladies, 2 kids
101-125	18 gifts 14 men, 2 ladies, 2 kids
126-150	20 gifts 16 men, 2 ladies, 2 kids
151-175	22 gifts 18 men, 2 ladies, 2 kids
176-225	24 gifts 20 men, 2 ladies, 2 kids
226-275	28 gifts 24 men, 2 ladies, 2 kids
276-325	32 gifts 28 men, 2 ladies, 2 kids
326-375	36 gifts 32 men, 2 ladies, 2 kids
376 & up	38 gifts 34 men, 2 ladies, 2 kids

**MENS ITEMS:** Underwear, boxers, undershirts, lounge pants sweat pants, sweat suits, slippers Size 9-12, belts size 46-48 with all holes, T-shirts, jackets, tennis shoes SIZE 9-12, Patriotic items, flashlights, blankets, watches. Sizes for clothes: M, L XL and 2XL.

**LADIES ITEMS:** Clothes: Sizes M, L, XL and 2XL, pajamas, nightgowns, blankets, jewelry, jewelry boxes, and watches.

**KID ITEMS:** Video games, hand held games, sport balls, stuffed animals, paper and pens.

## DO'S

1. Do send big bags & big boxes.
2. Do be on time in sending your gifts.
3. Do be on time in reporting for work at the gift shop.
4. Do be sure you list valuation of each item if gifts donated. Please put total on sheet.
5. Do send a self addressed envelope.
6. Do send a blank card for an acknowledgement.

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY: Two sets of listing sheets are enclosed. If additional sets are needed, they are available on the home page of the website: [michalaux.org](http://michalaux.org) One is required for each carton. Please number cartons "1 of 1", "1 of 2", etc.

Put one copy:	In the shipping carton.
One copy:	Send to District Rehabilitation Chairman.
One copy:	Unit Files

Contact your District President if you do not have the name and address of your District Rehabilitation Chairman.

If your Unit is unable to shop for gift shop items and wishes to contribute cash, the money MUST BE MAILED TO THE DEPARTMENT OFFICE NO LATER THAN NOVEMBER 10th TO ALLOW TIME TO PROCESS YOUR CHECK AND GET IT TO THE V.A. REPRESENTATIVE SO SHE CAN PURCHASE THE NEEDED GIFTS. BE SURE TO INDICATE WHICH MEDICAL CENTER YOUR GIFT SHOP MONEY IS TO BE FORWARDED TO:

PLEASE SEND ALL BOXES TO: Saginaw VA Hospital, ATTN: ALA GIFT SHOP, 1500 Weiss Street, Saginaw, MI 48603

Contact: Bonnie Holt, 598 Pilgrim Drive East, Saginaw, MI 48638 [bjhfeline@att.net](mailto:bjhfeline@att.net)





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212 N. Verlinden Avenue, Suite B  
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(517) 267-8809**

October 2017

TO: District VA & R Chairman

RE: GIFT SHOP – IRON MOUNTAIN V.A. MEDICAL CENTER

**DISTRICT CHAIRMAN:** It is your responsibility to sign up workers.

### **2017 GIFT SHOP SCHEDULE: Tuesday, December 5, 2017**

NOTE: The V.A. Hospital Representative will advise the District Rehabilitation Chairman of any changes in the number of workers required from each District for the respective days.

Barbara Larson, Hospital Representative  
Iron Mountain V.A.M.C.  
609 Kennedy Rd.  
Iron Mountain, MI 49801



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### IRON MOUNTAIN V.A. MEDICAL CENTER- GIFT SHOP

TO: Unit VA & R Chairmen

DATE: October, 2017

TO: Rehabilitation Chairmen in the following Units:

Ironwood #5	Iron Mountain #50	Bark River #438
Wakefield #11	Rockland #92	Carney #487
Iron River #17	Gladstone #115	Trout Creek #494
Stambaugh #21	Menominee #146	
Bessemer #27	Powers #244	
Ewen #41	Hermansville #340	
Stephenson #43		

#### **DATE : Tuesday, December 5, 2017**

WORKERS: Upper Peninsula Association of Auxiliaries on **December 5<sup>th</sup>**. Contact your District Rehabilitation Chairman early for assignment. Workers must be at the hospital at 9:00 a.m. on the day. Work day will end at 2:00 p.m. DO wear comfortable shoes, bring a pair of scissors and a pen. We will be needing people to help bring the patients to and from the area.

**Any scheduled worker who cannot attend should send a substitute.**

GIFTS: To be supplied by the designated Units in the Upper Peninsula Association of Auxiliaries (UPAA). Must be delivered to the hospital no later than **November 15, 2017**. NO WEEKEND DELIVERIES. When delivering personally, please SEAL BOX as if you were mailing. Gifts will be opened and stored for Gift Shop as they come in to V.A.M.C.

ADDRESS BOXES TO: Iron Mountain V.A. Medical Center  
Attn: American Legion Auxiliary  
C/O Barbara Larson, Representative  
609 Kennedy Rd.  
Iron Mountain, MI 49801

Purchase of these gifts is the UNIT'S responsibility.

Each Unit is to supply the following gifts at a value of between \$7 - \$10 each.

#### PLEASE FOLLOW THIS SHOPPING LIST:

Units of	Gifts	Type:
10-25	10	3 Women; 5 Men; 1 boy ages 6-10, 1 girl ages 4-10
26-50	12	3 Women; 1 Girl ages 4-10; 5 Men & 1 Teen Boy; 1 Boys ages 6-10
51-75	14	6 Women, 1 Teen Girls; 5 Men & 2 Teen Boys;
76-100	16	6 Women & 2 Teen Girls; 5 Men & 3 Teen Boys
101-125	18	7 Women; 2 Teen Girls; 7 Men; & 2 Teen Boys
126-150	20	9 Women; 1 Teen Girls; 9 Men & 1 Teen Boys;
151-175	22	10 Women; 1 Teen Girls; 10 Men & 1 Teen Boys
176-225	24	9 Women and 3 Teen Girls; 9 Men and 3 Teen Boys;
226-275	28	12 Women; 2 Teen Girls; 12 Men; 2 Teen Boys;



LADIES & TEENAGE GIRLS: Sweaters, slippers stretch gloves, billfolds (leather), towel sets, bathroom sets, jewelry, pajamas, robes (m-l-xl-xxl), nightgowns, (m-l-xl-xxl) and blankets.

MEN & TEENAGE BOYS: Stretch gloves, billfolds (leather), sweaters, pocket t-shirts, shirts (mainly flannel shirts) (l-xl-xxl), pajamas (l-xl-4X)

CHILDREN: Small stuffed toys, small dressed dolls, shirts, sweaters (m-l), sport shirts, sweatshirts, games, pajamas, stretch gloves, Matchbox cars. PLEASE NO LARGE SIZED GAMES OR HEAVY TOYS. NO BABY THINGS.

## DO'S

1. DO choose as many UNSIZED gifts as possible.
2. DO send small gift enclosure cards.
3. DO be on time, both in sending your gifts and in reporting to work at the Gift Shop.
4. DO BE SURE YOU LIST VALUATION OF GIFTS DONATED.
5. Units may send gift bags and name tags.

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## DON'TS

1. DO NOT send glassware or breakables, such as colognes, perfumes or aftershave lotions.
2. DO NOT count articles costing less than \$5.00 as one gift
3. DO NOT send soiled or broken articles.
4. DO NOT send women's personal underwear, except nighties or robes.
5. DO NOT send candy.
6. DO NOT put gifts, such as clothing, in boxes
7. Don't send gift wrap or gift boxes.

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**ENCLOSE ONE SELF-ADDRESSED POST CARD WITH YOUR GIFTS FOR ACKNOWLEDGEMENT from the Hospital Representative.**

It is preferred your Unit send gifts, but if you are unable to shop for gift shop items and wish to contribute cash, the money MUST BE MAILED TO THE DEPARTMENT OFFICE NO LATER THAN **NOVEMBER 10<sup>th</sup>** TO ALLOW TIME TO PROCESS YOUR CHECK AND GET IT TO THE V.A. REPRESENTATIVE SO SHE CAN PURCHASE NEEDED GIFTS. BE SURE TO INDICATE WHICH MEDICAL CENTER YOUR GIFT SHOP MONEY IS TO BE FORWARDED TO.

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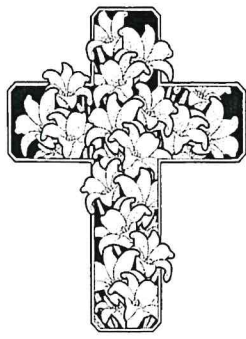
## CHAPLAIN

Mary Dubay

I want to thank all of you who are sending me the notifications on our deceased members. Remember to make sure that the information is legible so that I may report it correctly. Be sure to let me know if I have made a mistake so that I might correct it in the following month's Memory Garden. Like many of you, this is the only way that I know if someone I might have known has passed away, and I want to make sure that it is done correctly.

I also want to remind you that I will be looking for your mid-year reports by December 5<sup>th</sup> so that I might let the National Chaplain know what the Chaplains here in Michigan are doing. Just a short note telling me if you have done anything special, perhaps something for Veterans Day or Thanksgiving, so that I might share this information.

At this point, I still have not received anything from National as to whether they have made any changes to the Chaplain Guide for this year. So, we will continue on with what we have. If there are any changes forthcoming I will make them available to you, both on the Department web-site and through the Unit Mailing.



## MEMORY GARDENS

2017-2018

MARY DUBAY, CHAPLAIN

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	District 8	Unit 153	09/16/2017
Dorothy A. Roberts	District 2	Unit 180	09/12/2017
Joanna Siberry	District 4	Unit 138	09/07/2017
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Clara Hartman	District 4	Unit 51	09/02/2017
Sandra Shaffer	District 4	Unit 49	09/09/2017
Lee Kamniakar	District 4	Unit 49	07/25/2017
Kathryn Kirchner	District 4	Unit 49	09/11/2017
Carol A. Sutfin	District 8	Unit 153	07/2017
Marion VanLue	District 9	Unit 397	08/13/2017
Vendela Simmons	District 10	Unit 416	07/2017
Denise Richards	District 10	Unit 416	07/26/2017
Betty Barker	District 10	Unit 416	06/15/2017
Sally Kavanaugh	District 10	Unit 404	09/23/2017
Marylee "Lee" Fairbairn	District 10	Unit 404	08/11/2017
Myrtle Johnson	UPAA	Unit 340	07/24/2017
Irene "Rena" Marquette	UPAA	Unit 21	08/23/2017
Vernette L. Timpani	UPAA	Unit 21	03/23/2017
Patricia Schafer	District 18	Unit 143	08/06/2017
Bonnie Lee Stockard	District 18	Unit 143	09/28/2017
Thelma Parkman	District 19	Unit 122	05/10/2017
Lee Bologna	District 19	Unit 122	06/26/2017
Kennie Lyle	District 19	Unit 281	03/24/2016
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Number of Girls Sponsored: \_\_\_\_\_ x \$350 per girl \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Number of Shirt Orders: \_\_\_\_\_ x \$10 per shirt \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Donation to ALA Girls State: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Make check payable to: **ALA, Department of Michigan** (Memo line: Girls State)

Enclosed is check no. \_\_\_\_\_ for the total amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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Sponsoring Organization \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person \_\_\_\_\_

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Gender\* (circle one): F / M

\* The ALA Girls State leadership development program is a weeklong 24/7 program for high school junior girls. Participation is limited to females, as evidenced by her birth certificate or a sworn statement signed by a licensed medical doctor.

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

School: \_\_\_\_\_ Legal inhabitant of U.S.? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Name(s) of Parent/Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian address: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Daytime/Evening phone number(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Please list or describe (attach additional pages if needed):

1. Applicant, please provide a brief bio of yourself, including
  - a. school activities
  - b. outside school interests/hobbies
  - c. awards received in school/community
  - d. work and/or volunteer experience
2. Is any family member currently serving in the military?
  - a. If so, who? \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. Relationship to applicant \_\_\_\_\_
3. Are you a direct descendant of a veteran: Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_
  - a. Relationship \_\_\_\_\_
4. Are you considering a military career? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_
5. Have you, or do you plan to apply to any of the U.S. Military Academies? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_
6. What are your future goals:
7. Why do you think you would be a good candidate to represent your community at ALA Girls State?
8. Do you know anyone who has attended ALA Girls State or TAL Boys State; if so, who?
9. Does anyone in your family belong to The American Legion or the American Legion Auxiliary; if so, what Post or Unit?



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AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY



**Girls**★  
STATE



## *ARE YOU UP FOR A CHALLENGE?*

Developing leadership skills, confidence and action-based understanding of the governmental process gives young women a lasting foundation for personal and professional success.

The American Legion Auxiliary Girls State is a unique and exciting government-in-action learning program in which Auxiliary members guide high school juniors to become patriotic, knowledgeable stewards of freedom and democracy.

### PROGRAM OBJECTIVES:

- ★ Develops leadership and pride and an understanding of American traditions.
- ★ Educates citizens about our system of government.
- ★ Stimulates a desire to maintain democratic governmental processes within our republic.

For information on ALA Girls State, visit us at [www.ALAforVeterans.org/ALA-Girls-State](http://www.ALAforVeterans.org/ALA-Girls-State), or contact your local American Legion Auxiliary unit.



# *Michigan American Legion Auxiliary Girls State Program*

## *Celebrating 78 years of Developing Leaders*

The American Legion Auxiliary (ALA) Girls State program changes lives by bringing together dynamic young women for an intense week of leadership, patriotism and community. A fictional self-governing state of young ladies elect their own leaders, write bills for debate and run a legislative session.

Michigan's ALA Girls State program is currently recruiting female students who will complete their junior year of high school in May or June of 2018. We are seeking young women who have an above average scholastic standing, an interest in our governmental process, and a desire to get involved in their communities.

### ***ALA Girls State Objective:***

American Legion Auxiliary Girls State provides an opportunity for superior high school women to experience the “nitty gritty” of state governmental processes - the chance to live outside the text book. This program not only instills in its attendees a sense of pride and loyalty in America, but also prepares these women for a career in politics, public service, and excellence along their career path. It is the chance to plunge head-first into democracy, develop sharp leadership skills, and create the foundation for informed and responsible world citizenship.

### ***We provide you with all the tools you need!***

Don't let your students down by not getting the word out about this fantastic opportunity. Included in this brochure is a list of names and contact information for the Michigan ALA Girls State Committee; an ALA Girls State Poster to help boost awareness of our program, a reservation application for sponsoring organizations, a delegate application for students interested in attending to complete, and a number of helpful websites. All of this material can be duplicated and are available online at: [www.michalaux.org](http://www.michalaux.org), click on Girls State.

### ***The Selection Process:***

Selection of a delegate should be based on her interest in government, along with the important qualities of leadership, character, honesty, moral values, cooperation, and scholarship. Once you have collected names of perspective delegates, contact your local sponsoring organization so arrangements can be made to interview applicants. ALA Girls State is a premier program sponsored by the American Legion Auxiliary, the world's largest women's patriotic organization. However, there are many organizations in your neighborhood that are willing to sponsor students such as The American Legion, Sons of the American Legion, Legion Riders, Kiwanis, Lions Clubs, Women's groups, Rotary Clubs, law firms, and individuals including family members.

The cost to send one delegate to ALA Girls State is \$350 paid for by a sponsoring organization. The sponsor will also select one alternate for every paid delegate. **Every girl who wants to attend will be given that opportunity!** In past years, the ALA Girls State Committee has found sponsors for every available alternate. It is important to impress upon your candidates that all delegates are expected to participate in the **entire program** in order to receive their certificate of completion and ALA Girls State pin. Attendance at ALA Girls State is of value when applying for college, employment and military academies.

***IT'S A LIFE CHANGING EXPERIENCE, SELECT YOUR CANDIDATES NOW!***

### ***Where and When:***

**Michigan State University - - Shaw Hall**

**June 17 through June 23, 2018**

## A LITTLE AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY GIRLS STATE HISTORY

The idea for “ALA Girls State” was first considered in 1937. Since 1948 it has been a regular part of our ALA’s better citizenship activity in all 50 of our United States.

Michigan’s program began in 1941, under the guidance of Mrs. Dorothy Pearl and Mrs. Edna Alber, at the University of Michigan, with 200 girls participating. Both of these “Grande Dames” are now deceased, but they live on in our program as Alber-Pearl County. Michigan is one of the few states which continued our program throughout the war years. We will hold our 78th session in 2018, on the campus of Michigan State University located in East Lansing, MI.

When the program began, the emphasis was on teaching young women to be better, more responsible homemakers, with classes in sewing, cooking, organizing, and just a little government and parliamentary procedure thrown in!

After W.W.II, priorities shifted, and our leaders felt it was necessary for our young women to become more aware of what was going on in our government. Therefore, our program shifted to a hands-on practice in running city, county, and state governments. The political arena of today’s Michigan American Legion Auxiliary Girls State includes 12 cities and 4 counties; the citizen’s very own **American Legion Auxiliary GIRLS STATE!**

## WHAT WE ARE TODAY

Michigan’s ALA Girls State has come a long way since those early days. We continue to offer a premier, hands on, government simulation program, with continuous advancements in technology. Last year we had 325 paid reservations, 315 Delegates arrived at ALA Girls State on opening day, 312 registered to vote on Wednesday, and we ended the program with 312. We are striving to raise our number of Delegates to at least 350 for our 2018 session; you can help by sharing our information with potential sponsors!

In 2015 we retired our daily, hard copy newspaper *Politically Speaking*, and went digital! Our City Reporters can now blog, tweet, post horoscopes and their stories on the daily happenings at ALA Girls State. The Delegates utilize Twitter, Instagram, Facebook, and Google to report the news in real time, all under the guidance of Amber La Croix, a 1993 Michigan ALA Girls State alumni. Check us out at: <https://michigangirlsstate.wordpress.com/>.

Our registration process was also recently updated. Once ALA Girls State Delegates are selected by a sponsor they receive an instructional letter, and checklist. The Checklist gives a brief description of what they need to know, and directs them to our Department website where they can download the mandatory forms, and other important information. The delegates now register on-line directly with MSU at a cost to them of \$25. Alternates to the program receive a letter that encourages them to stay available and ready to attend as openings become available. Their sponsor will complete a registration form for them that is routed to Beryl Robbins along with their delegate application. The first 20 alternate forms Beryl receives are guaranteed a spot at ALA Girls State, so don’t delay! Last year we called in every available alternate! If they want to attend, we will get them there...don’t give up!

## THE METHOD OF TEACHING USED IN THE PROGRAM

The basic method of teaching used at American Legion Auxiliary Girls State, by which we hope to achieve our goal, is actual participation in the political and governmental process, and build leadership skills.

The program is designed to allow every one of the citizens the right to participate in the electoral process, to run for and hold a public office and share in the formulation of public policy.

Participants have the opportunity to campaign and vote for their State Officers using real voting equipment. Two delegates from ALA Girls State are chosen to attend **ALA GIRLS NATION** as Senators from Michigan. This is a program very similar to ALA Girls State except it is based on the Federal level of government.

It is our hope that the “citizens” will leave ALA Girls State with a better understanding and appreciation for the American system of government, and that they will attempt to make government better by being more effective and responsible citizens of our United States of America.



# SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

## AMERICAN LEGION SAMSUNG SCHOLARSHIP

Samsung, a worldwide leader in electronics, endowed a scholarship fund of \$5,000,000 to be administered by the American Legion to show appreciation for our U.S. Veterans who aided in the efforts during the Korean War. Participants in ALA Girls State and AL Boys State, who are direct descendants of a wartime veteran, have the opportunity to win a scholarship. The award structure is: \$1,250 for Department finalists; \$5,000 for ten National runners-up, and \$10,000 for ten National scholars.

**Applications will only be accepted on-line this year.**

**The application link is: <https://www.legion.org/samsung-scholarship-application>**

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**Applicants must provide a Veterans Verification Document**, such as a DD-214 (proof of honorable discharge) for the relative you qualify under. If you do not have this document available you can apply for a copy at <http://www.archives.gov/veterans/military-service-records/index.html>, **please note it takes approximately six weeks to receive your documents!**

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Persian Gulf War - Aug. 2, 1990 - Until cessation of hostilities Includes  
Operations Enduring Freedom, Iraqi Freedom, and War on Terrorism

World War I - Apr. 6, 1917 - Nov. 11, 1918

World War II - Dec. 7, 1941 - Dec. 31, 1946

Korean War - June 25, 1950 - Jan. 31, 1955

Lebanon/Grenada - Aug. 24, 1982 - Jul. 31, 1984

Panama - Dec. 20, 1989 - Jan. 31, 1990

Vietnam War - Feb. 28, 1961 - May 7, 1975

**The Michigan American Legion Auxiliary supports high-education through our scholarship programs**

### **2018 National Spirit of Youth Scholarship**

Five scholarships in the amount of \$5,000 each will be awarded in 2018

Must be a senior in High School and a Junior member of the ALA since 2015, and continued during the four-year scholarship period.

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### **2018 National Children of Warriors Scholarship**

Fifteen scholarships in the amount of \$5,000 each will be awarded in 2018

Must be in their Senior year of high school, and a descendent of a veteran during eligibility dates for membership in the AL

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Scholarships in the amount of \$500 to apply toward the expense of tuition for training men & women for medical careers for 1 year only.

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Gender\* (circle one): F / M

\* The ALA Girls State leadership development program is a weeklong 24/7 program for high school junior girls. Participation is limited to females, as evidenced by her birth certificate or a sworn statement signed by a licensed medical doctor.

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

School: \_\_\_\_\_ Legal inhabitant of U.S.? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Name(s) of Parent/Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian address: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Daytime/Evening phone number(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Please list or describe (attach additional pages if needed):

1. Applicant, please provide a brief bio of yourself, including
  - a. school activities
  - b. outside school interests/hobbies
  - c. awards received in school/community
  - d. work and/or volunteer experience
2. Is any family member currently serving in the military?
  - a. If so, who? \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. Relationship to applicant \_\_\_\_\_
3. Are you a direct descendant of a veteran: Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_
  - a. Relationship \_\_\_\_\_
4. Are you considering a military career? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_
5. Have you, or do you plan to apply to any of the U.S. Military Academies? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_
6. What are your future goals:
7. Why do you think you would be a good candidate to represent your community at ALA Girls State?
8. Do you know anyone who has attended ALA Girls State or TAL Boys State; if so, who?
9. Does anyone in your family belong to The American Legion or the American Legion Auxiliary; if so, what Post or Unit?



## Section 2 – Applicant Eligibility Verification

### ☐ **Eligibility to participate in ALA Girls State**

*High school girls eligible to participate in the ALA Girls State/Girls Nation programs must have completed their Junior year of high school and have at least one semester of high school remaining, be a United States citizen or legal inhabitant of the United States as evidenced by a current and/or valid birth certificate, visa, passport, Green Card or other United States government-issued documentation verifying a legal presence in the United States for at least the duration of the ALA Girls State/Girls Nation program.*

### ☐ **Applicant Health Information**

*I certify that a completed medical form (available at [www.michalaux.org](http://www.michalaux.org), click on Girls State) will be completed and turned in on registration day, and if one is not provided, she will not be allowed to take part in ALA Girls State.*

### ☐ **Eligibility to participate in ALA Girls Nation**

*For any girl to be eligible to take part in the **ALA Girls Nation** program, she must be able to clear a background check by the United States government, the White House and the U.S. Secret Service.*

### ☐ **Eligibility to Serve in an Elected Office**

*The purpose of the ALA Girls State program is to provide a nonpartisan participatory program that teaches eligible high school females responsible citizenship grounded in ethics, the principles of our nation's founders and respect for God and Country. For consistency among the 50 states presenting ALA Girls State programs, each program should conform to the structure of its corresponding state government as specified by its state constitution. ALA Girls Nation is modeled after the provisions in the United States Constitution.*

### ☐ **Documentation Requirements**

*I attest that my daughter (ward) has a U.S. government-issued birth certificate or legal documentation of her legal presence in the United States provided by the U.S. government (e.g. visa, Green Card, passport).*

***We both certify that the answer to each question above is correct, and verify that we have read and understand the applicant eligibility requirements.***

\_\_\_\_\_  
Applicant's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian's Signature

Dated:

**RETURN THIS APPLICATION TO YOUR SCHOOL COUNSELOR OR SPONSOR AS SOON AS POSSIBLE**

**NOTE TO APPLICANTS:** If you are chosen to attend ALA Girls State you will be responsible for paying a \$25 fee to register online with MSU. Your sponsor, who pays the reservation cost of \$350 for you to attend, will make sure you receive your delegate letter (needed in order to register with MSU), and a checklist that contains important information needed before registering and attending. Please retain a record of who your sponsor is, and their contact information so you stay in touch with them! **Students/Counselors/Parents:** If you have questions or need assistance in locating a sponsor, please contact Beryl Robbins at [berylrobbins@comcast.net](mailto:berylrobbins@comcast.net) or Rysta Brown at [rystab@hotmail.com](mailto:rystab@hotmail.com).