American Legion Auxiliary Unit Mailing



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DECEMBER, 2017

POPPY SEASON IS COMING!

Place your poppy orders now to be able to pick them up at Winter Conference. Orders received by January 31st will be ready for pickup on February 16 and 17.

American Legion Auxiliary Academy Education for New AND Seasoned Members

How to get to the ALA Academy https://www.alaforveterans.org/alaacademy/

- 1. For now, you need to use a desktop computer or laptop or tablet to take the online courses. Please do not utilize a smartphone to take the course.
- 2. Once you are logged into the ALA Website, you will be redirected to the ALA Academy page. Click the blue button, "Click here to launch the ALA Academy." This will open the Academy in a separate window.

Once in the ALA Academy:

- 3. Select "Visit your LMS Catalog" on the right of the screen
- 4. Select: "Enroll in ALA 101" do this course first. Then next time select: "Enroll ALA Communications 201"
- 5. Hit the "Launch button".

AUCTION ITEMS NEEDED 2nd NOTICE!

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.

VISIT OUR DEPARTMENT WEBSITE

Updated Scholarships, Poppy order form, and Girls State information are on the website. Let's get the word out to our youth!

Dates to Remember

Department office Closed:

Dec 25 - Christmas Day

Dec 26 - Christmas Eve observed

Dec 29 - New Years Eve observed

Jan 1 - New Years Day

February 16-17, 2018 Winter Conference April 7, 2018—Testimonial, Sanford Post

Happy Holidays to all of you from your Department Staff!

AMERICANISM REPORT FORM

1. Promoting Flag Etiquette and History

- # of Flag programs conducted in schools: # # members participating # Total # Hours # Money spent \$ value Value in-kind donations \$value
- # of Flags distributed (not counting Naturalization Ceremonies) #
- # flag etiquette tips published on social media: # In newspaper: text.
- # Naturalization Ceremonies participated in: <u>text.</u> # members participating: <u>enter text.</u> # flags distributed: <u>text.</u> # etiquette pamphlets distributed: <u>enter text.</u> Total # hrs: <u>text.</u> Money spent \$ <u>text.</u> # citizens welcomed: text.
- # Flag disposal ceremonies participated in/attend: <u>text.</u> Total members <u>enter text.</u>

 Total Hours enter text.
- Did you participate in folding pocket flags for troops Choose an item. Total # folded text. Total # hours enter text.
- Other activities (include total hrs, total members and description): Click or tap here to enter text.

2. Patriotic Events/holidays

- Did you promote Patriotic Holidays? Choose an item. Describe how: Click or tap here to enter text.
- Did you participate in patriotic events? <u>Choose an item.</u> Total # participating: <u>enter text.</u> Total # hours: <u>enter text.</u> Describe events: <u>Click or tap here to enter text.</u>

3. Promoting Americanism in Community

- Total hrs flag flown: enter text. Total # members flying flag: enter text.
- Total # other patriotic displays: enter text. Total hrs displayed: enter text. Total # members w/ displays: enter text.
- Total # members wearing patriotic/Auxiliary apparel (clothing, jewelry, pins, etc.): enter text number of times worn: enter text. Total Hours worn: enter text.
- Did you encourage businesses to fly flags: Choose an item. How? Click or tap here to enter text.
- Other activities (include total hrs, total members and description): Click or tap here to enter text.

4. Get out and Vote

- Did you participate in Get out and Vote events: Choose an item. Kids Voting USA: Choose an item.
- # Get out and vote messages published on social media: enter text. In newspaper: text.
- # Members voting: enter text.
- Other Activities (include total hrs, total members and description): Click or tap here to enter text.
- 5. Flag Protection Amendment The amendment currently reads, "The Congress shall have power to prohibit the physical desecration of the flag of the United States."
 - Number of letters written to State/Federal Representatives asking for their support of the Flag Protection Amendment: enter text.
 - # Flag protection messages published on social media: enter text. Newspaper: enter text.
 - Other Activities (include total hrs, total members and description): <u>Click or tap here to enter text.</u>
- 6. Americanism Essay Contest "What can I personally do to promote Americanism in my school or community?"
 - Is your unit promoting/participating: <u>Choose an item.</u> # of schools contacted: <u>text</u> # of teachers contacted: <u>enter text</u>. List schools contacted: <u>Click or tap here to enter text</u>. Other organizations/groups contacted: <u>Click or tap here to enter text</u>. # essays received: <u>text</u>.

- 7. Legion Americanism Activity Support
 - Support Legion Baseball: Choose an item. # hours: enter text. # members: enter text. Total \$ spent: enter text. text. Total \$ spent: enter text.
 - Support Legion Oratorical Contest: Choose an item. # hours: text. # members: enter text. Total \$ Spent: enter text. Total value in kind donations: enter text.
- 8. Other Activities Not Listed Above (Description, # members, # hours, Money spent, etc.): Click or tap here to enter text.

Submitted by: Click or tap here to enter text. Unit Name/Number: Click or tap here to enter text.

Date: Click or tap to enter a date.

Americanism Committee:

Chair Peggy Nolff, please note a change in email, pegnolff1956@gmail.com

As our School year has gotten underway and Veterans Day Celebration have been done all over the State. Let us not to forget to continue to support the Americanism Programs. If anyone has any new ideas or information to pass along to me I would love to receive them. At present I am seeking pictures for a display that shows different ways that we show others how we promote Americanism.

Let us keep in mind the Americanism Essay and the midyear reporting due in January. I have included an Americanism report form that was shared by our Central Division Americanism Vice President, Joan Chwala. Since there is not a report form to follow I find this very helpful. Please be sure to get these emailed to me so I can forward them in a timely manner.

Let us not forget: AMERICANISM ESSAY "What can I personally do to promote Americanism in my School or Community"

Hopefully by now you Americanism chairman of your Unit has the new Essay contest cover sheet. Please pay particular attention to the Essay deadline is to be to the Department Chairman by March 15, 2018. Please check with your District to fund out their deadline.

Challenge for Senior Members

Our National Chairman, Martha Corriher, has issued a challenge to all Senior Auxiliary members to enter the essay contest!

Sr members should follow the guidelines for Class V (450-500 words)

All entries from any Senior Member should send their essay to Martha via email (preferred): ncusa1993@hotmail.com. In the subject line please put

Senior Member Essay Contest. These will be due to Martha by January 5, 2018. If members need to mail them, have them send them to , Martha Corriher, 950 Daugherty Rd., China Grove, NC 20823.

We also now have a challenge from the Eastern Division to Central to see who can submit the most Essays. Please let me know if you have submitted an essay to National so I can report to Central Division. I would expect each Unit to have at least one entry since Americanism and this Essay is a large part of our Program.

Always remember I am only an email or a phone call away



ASSESS YOUR UNIT

Does your Unit struggle to get members to attend the monthly meeting? Have members complete this assessment without signing their name. You may get ideas of what can be changed or added in order to get them to attend meetings!!

1.	Do you have a Post home or established meeting place?YesNo Is it in a safe environment?YesNo
2.	Do you work with the Post in trying to meet the needs of veterans and their family and others in your community?YesNo
3.	Do you have frequent family functions?
4.	Do you have a Junior Auxiliary?YesNo
5.	Do you have a SAL?YesNo
6.	Describe the Unit level of activity? Very activeSomewhat activeLittle activityNot active
7.	Unit Leadership Several members are in leadership positions or just a "select few" do everything and then complain because no one will help?
	Do you provide training for future/current leaders?YesNo
8.	Is your Unit a presence in your community? Do schools ask you to conduct flag education programs and/or to purchase classroom flags? Do schools welcome your scholarships, Girls State, support of band and athletics? Do officials seek you out to help organize patriotic events (Memorial Day, Veterans Day)? Does your unit distribute poppies? Does your unit recognize public officials and teachers for their contributions to your community? Does your unit sponsor a Girls Scout troop, softball, soccer or other youth activities?
9.	Imagine sitting at your Unit meeting – look around the room Unit is warm and friendly? Cold and uncaring? Members are cooperative <u>or</u> constantly arguing? Long time members serve as mentors <u>or</u> they know it all and don't want to share their knowledge? New ideas are welcomed and openly discussed? Programs/activities within the unit are changed:OftenSometimesSeldom
10.	Imagine you are attending your first Unit meeting What would be your impression? Would you want to come back? What changes do you think should be made? What positive things are taking place? Are you willing to participate in activities and become an active member?
11.	. Will you ask an eligible family member and/or friend to go with you to the next meeting?
12.	Ask yourself:

Am I willing to help make this unit a stronger presence in my community?



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Recruit & Rejoin

Members who recruit or rejoin five (5) or more Junior or Senior Auxiliary members. Rejoined members must not have paid dues since 2015. One entry per recruiter. Certification forms must be received in National Headquarters no later than May 1, 2018.					
	ATION FORM or print legibly				
Recruiter's Name:Recruiter's Member ID#:					
Recruiter's Dept:	Unit #:				
Recruiter's Address:					
Name of New and/or Rejoined members 1.		Member ID (<i>if known</i>)			
2					
3.	-				
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5.					
Certified by:		Departments – please send certified forms to:			
Dept. Secretary printed name: Dept Secretary Signature (required):		American Legion Auxiliary National Headquarters Attn: Membership Division 8945 North Meridian Street Indianapolis, IN 46260			

Form must be received in National Headquarters by May 1, 2018 to be eligible

Each recruiter will receive a special gift selected by the 2018 National Membership Chairman and be entered in a cash drawing for \$250.

One award per recruiter.

This form may be duplicated.



SILVER BRIGADE

An Auxiliary member who recruits <u>25 or more</u> new **2018 Senior Auxiliary Members** will qualify for enrollment in the **Silver Brigade** of the American Legion Auxiliary. TAL and SAL members are also eligible to receive this award. Certification forms must be received by National Headquarters no later than **May 1, 2018**.

	RTIFICATION FORM ease type or print legibly			
Recruiter's Name:Recruiter's Member ID#:				
Recruiter's Dept:	Unit #:			
Recruiter's Address:				
Names of TWENTY-	FIVE New Senior Members recruited: d with less than 25 certified names will be disqualified.			
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Certified by: Unit Secretary printed name:				
Unit Secretary Signature (required):	American Legion Auxiliary			
Unit President printed name:	National Headquarters			
Unit President Signature (required):	1 1			
Dept. Secretary printed name:	Indianapolis, IN 46260			
Dept Secretary Signature (required):				

Forms must be received in National Headquarters by May 1, 2018.

Note: Silver Brigade winners will receive a special gift from the National President. Only one gift per Silver Brigade winner.

What is National security and how can we help? It's time to get involved... By Linda Webster, NS Committee

There are many ways we can support our National Security programs. Please commit to get involved individually by encouraging your American Legion Auxiliary Unit to participate in supporting our Veterans.

There are many ways we can help maintain and promote a strong national defense by supporting our service members and their families.

Our Veterans put everything on the line to protect our freedom. We can never repay them for their sacrifice, but we can show them how much we appreciate them for all they have done. EVERYONE can do something and by working together just think of how much we could do to support our Veterans.

Volunteering at your VA Hospitals is one way, participating in activities whether playing Bingo, spending time having conversations, just listening to show you care. Visit Veterans in local nursing homes is a wonderful way to show we have not forgotten them. Your Unit could have a Veterans appreciation Day where they can gather with other Veterans and share life stories, enjoy some activities together and perhaps a meal together. WHAT CAN YOU DO?

What about your local Veteran families?
Transitioning and deployed troops need our support with connecting with their families, along with relaxation and entertainment and after returning from their service to transition back to civilian life. Keeping families strong and connected is so important.

USO is a great source in fulfilling these needs as well as Operation Comfort Warriors. You can find out more about these two programs by going to www.uso.org and

www.legion.org/troops/operationcomfort.

Remember local Veteran families who may be struggling financially with utilities, medical bills, transportation, food and clothing. Not only are they dealing with the stress of their spouse being away but they have all the household responsibilities to handle. Let's make sure we give them the support they need.

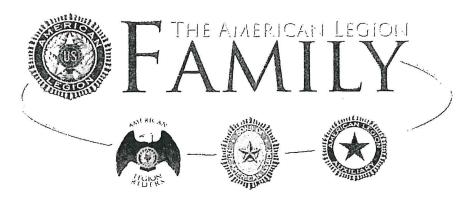
No veteran should be without a place called home. Veterans and their families can call 1-877-424-3838 for information or Homelessness website HTTPs//www.vagov/homeless/. Veterans exiting homelessness and who have received assistance in finding a home can use household furnishings. Consider having "furnishings drive" to help them obtain the necessary furnishings and supplies to set up a household.

So, put on your thinking caps and come up with some ways you can support this program. Weather having fund raisers like dinners or as simple as a lemonade stand or by taking the time to visit with our Veterans, it all matters.

With the holidays fast approaching and all the festivities please make the commitment to support our Veterans and to give Thanks for all the freedoms that we are so fortunate to have because of our Veterans.

HOW WILL YOU HELP?

Midyear Reports due to Department Chairman Georgia Downs By December 15, 2017



Winter Meeting Workshops

Don't miss your opportunity to get information which will help advance your local Post. Check the website at michiganlegion.org and registration table for schedule of events. Registration to attend the workshops and the weekend is \$15 per person.

1:00pm - 2:00pm Legion Post Member Online Renewal Processing

Find out about the new features and added ability for Posts to renew members online without the hassle of sending in 2 part cards and checks to process new, transferring and renewal Post memberships.

2:00pm - 3:00pm Michigan Charitable Gaming

Check out the new and current regulations which all Posts must abide by when conducting 00004 00004compliant with Michigan gaming laws.

3:00pm - 4:00pm Michigan Liquor Control

Does your Post have a club room or bar which sells alcohol? If so, come hear from the State of Michigan about the rules & regulations that must be followed to remain compliant. Ask questions to the experts on what can & cannot be done within your Posts.

6:00pm - 9:00pm Winter Banquet

In attendance will be National Auxiliary President Diane Duschek and National Vice Commander William Flanagan. This is a ticketed event at \$30 per person. Great selection of dinner items and an opportunity to socialize with other members from around the state. Information and pre-registration can be found on the website.

AUXILIARY CENTENNIAL ITEMS

(available from Emblem Sales)



CENTENNIAL COIN ITEM # 317.9100 \$4.95



CENTENNIAL PIN ITEM # 315.9100 \$4.95



CENTENNIAL PATCH ITEM # 320.9100 \$2.95



CENTENNIAL POLO
ITEM # 307.9100X
\$39.95 (+\$8.00 FOR
PERSONALIZATION)



CENTENNIAL T-SHIRT (front/back)
ITEM # 307.9101X
\$16.95

HOSPITAL SERVICE HOURS

Send to Hospital Director:

Bonnie Holt, 598 Pilgrim Dr., E., Saginaw, MI 48638

SERVICE TO VETERANS HOURS

Send to Service Director:

Robin Puckett, 2032 White Avenue, Milford, MI 48381

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HISTORIAN

This year, as your Department Historian, I am taking the opportunity to explore the history of the American Legion Auxiliary, not only our Department of Michigan history, but also our ALA National history. The ALA history volumes (8 of them) are filled with interesting facts and stories starting in 1921 and running to the year 2000. Plans are under way now at the national level to continue our written history and make this information available not only to members of our Legion Family but also to anyone interested in learning more about the American Legion Auxiliary – about Who We Are – What We Do – and Why We Matter.

Here are some of the interesting pieces of our National History pertinent to the Department of Michigan:

- ❖ The first National Convention was called to order on November 1, 1921 in the Grand Avenue Temple in Kansas City, Missouri. American Legion Commander John G. Emery opened the convention and after he made a few brief remarks, the convention body elected Dr. Helen Hughes Hielscher from the Department of Minnesota as the Temporary Chairman of the Convention. Dr. Hielscher, although from the Department of Minnesota, had received her medical degree years earlier from the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor.
- ❖ The Department of Michigan, having already completed all the necessary requirements to acquire the status as a department, was allowed 12 delegates with voice and vote at the first National Convention.
- ❖ There were 42 departments organized by the time of the first convention, including the Canal Zone, which is no longer a department. These 42 departments had anywhere from 5 to 18 delegates with voice and vote − the number of delegates being based on membership totals.
- ❖ The following departments were not fully organized enough to have full delegate status with voice and vote they were allowed 5 representatives with voice, but no vote: Alaska, Alabama, Arkansas, Maryland, Utah, West Virginia and Wyoming.
- The following Michigan members were appointed to the national committees:
 - Finance Anna M. Cross the first Department Secretary
 - Resolutions Ada C. Stangster Department President 1921-1922
 - O Credentials Mrs. Franc C. Adams
 - O Permanent Organization Katherine S. Laughton Department President 1928-1929
 - O Unit Organization and Activities Margaret Taft
 - Constittution Bertha Taft
 - o Rules Nora Conlin
 - o Legislation Julia A. Monroe
 - Welfare and Hospital Relief Mrs. George Olsen

The following is taken directly from the National American Legion Auxiliary, Volume 1:

The Department of Michigan was organized during a caucus held in Grand Rapids, January 25th, 1921. Immediately following the caucus an executive meeting was held and tentative plans for organization and work were made and officers elected.

President.......Mrs. Ada G. Sangster, Cheboygan
Vice President....Miss Florence N. Smith, Lansing
Secretary.....Miss Anna M. Cross, Jackson
Treasurer.....Mrs. Julia Monroe, Grand Rapids

Miss Anna M. Cross donated her services as Secretary and the many necessary expenses connected with that office in memory of her brother, Ralph E. Cross, who was killed in France.

Look for more Michigan history to be told in Unit Mailings throughout this year. Also, as Historian, I am undertaking a project called "Michigan Faces". After seeing what the Department of New York did to find missing pictures of the many Fallen Heroes whose names appear on the Vietnam Wall in Washington, D.C., I asked permission from President Deanna to do this in Michigan also. There are 173 Michigan Fallen Heroes who are missing pictures on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund website. Next month, I will present in the Unit Mailing how units across Michigan can help with this project.

Until then, I hope you are learning more of the history from your Post and Unit as we prepare for the Centennial Celebration, which begins for the Department of Michigan Auxiliary at the Department Convention in 2019. To get you in the mood, there is a sheet in this Unit Mailing with the Centennial merchandise available from Emblem Sales.

And please remember – what you do today, is the history of the future, so please remember to keep a written record of the events of your Unit along with those of your entire Legion Family.

Marcy Jorae

Historian

Department of Michigan 2017-2018



MEMORY GARDENS

2017-2018

MARY DUBAY, CHAPLAIN

Mae R. Landon	District 2	Unit 322	08/01/2017
Stella Joan Swope	District 2	Unit 282	10/15/2017
Clemence Bassett	District 2	Unit 325	09/19/2017
Amy Steward	District 2	Unit 557	10/13/2017
Leslie Driver	District 2	Unit 557	07 or 08/2017
Dorothy Fugate	District 2	Unit 557	09/2017
Irene Rodriquez	District 2	Unit 557	09/2017
Martha Miller	District 2	Unit 557	07/2017
Carol MacKey	District 3	Unit 48	10/24/2017
Donna Davidson	District 4	Unit 454	10/14/2017
Catherine Cassidy	District 4	Unit 345	10/05/2017
Joan Menosky	District 6	Unit 158	10/03/2017
Kay Mathews	District 7	Unit 8	07/25/2017
Sallie Sargent	District 7	Unit 8	07/22/2017
Jeanne Grantz	District 7	Unit 8	05/31/2017
Linda Tomaszewski	District 7	Unit 525	01/08/2016
Ann Marie Bell	District 7	Unit 525	08/01/2017
Helen Westrick	District 7	Unit 525	02/25/2017
Tena Halliwill	District 8	Unit 380	09/16/2017

Elaine Vasold	District 8	Unit 439	01/21/2017
Ann Gronski	District 8	Unit 439	06/04/2016
Gertrude Kwater	District 8	Unit 439	05/28/2017
Judy Gail McLain	District 9	Unit 76	10/25/2017
Carol Low	District 10	Unit 422	09/03/2017
Theresa Wilder	UPAA	Unit 349	09/18/2017
Vina Meyers	UPAA	Unit 17	04/02/2017
Maragart Scalcucci	UPAA	Unit 17	04/17/2017
Corrine Teal	UPAA	Unit 438	09/23/2017
Adeline Bush	District 16	Unit 232	08/17/2017
Bea Richman	District 18	Unit 377	07/30/2017
Bonnie Howard	District 18	Unit 377	07/02/2017