



Mem-Bee-Ship

2021-2022

Bee part of the change. We have all had a difficult 2020, and the beginning of 2021 has been difficult as well. Even with these challenges, we stand strong and are proud of who we are as ALA members. We have all lived, loved, and lost in many ways over the past year and a half.

I Believe we are anxious to get back to work again and forge new beginnings. With all we have learned through our own personal experiences and the overwhelming struggles our nation has endured, it is more important than ever that we come together and help each other through this “New Normal” we find ourselves living in. Believing in God and Country is one of our founding principles and is more important than ever and in these unprecedented times.

Growing up my parents always said, “God doesn’t give you more than you can handle.” I still Believe that to be a true statement. As we begin this year remember to Believe in yourself! I Believe in each of you! You are all strong, talented, and beautiful in your own unique ways. I Believe that together we can accomplish great things this year by choosing to Believe in ourselves, our organization, and our country!

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YOUR AREA CHAIRPERSONS

Barb Larson – Northern Area Membership Chairman

We are **The Northern Amber Bumble Bees**. We live in the upper peninsula consisting of the 11th & 12th Districts We cover Michigan above the Mackinaw bridge. We BEE-Strong for our veterans and our country!

Robin Basarabska-Bruff - Eastern Area Membership Chairman

We are **The American Bumble Bees**. We live in the 6th, 7th, 8th, and 10th Districts. We BEE- Patriotic for our veterans and our country!

Kim Lipman-Southern Area Membership Chairman

We are **The Rusty Patched Bumble Bees**. We live in the 1st and 16th Districts. We may Bee-Small, but we BEE-Helpful to our veterans, and our country!

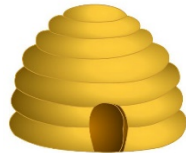
Missy Townes -Western Area Membership Chairman

We are **The Black and Gold Bumble Bees**. We live in the 2nd, 3rd, 4th, and 5th. Districts. We BEE-Caring for our veterans, and our country!

Dawn Gilbert- Lower Northern Membership Chairman

We are **The Yellow Banded Bumble Bees**. We live in the 9th, 10th, and 19th Districts. We BEE- Loyal to our veterans, and our country!

Michigan Mem-Bee-ship Hive



- Department Coordinator
- Department Chairman
- Areas Membership Chairman
- District Membership Chairman
- Units Membership Chairman
- Member's our worker Bees

Key Program Statements:

- The role of the Membership Committee is to encourage and support Michigan's effort to attract and retain a diverse, active membership and establish new units to ensure the future of the American Legion Auxiliary.
- By honoring our veterans and military through meaningful service, the American Legion Auxiliary will grow our membership.
 - We must let members know that they are the Auxiliary's most valuable asset.
- There are several ways members can do to promote membership for the American Legion Auxiliary.
 - 1.) enhancing the member experience,
 - 2.) reaching out to former and expired members
 - 3.) attracting new members and understanding and respecting member rights.

Consult our Key Resources for this year's membership awards.

Become A Member

Eligibility Requirements for American Legion Auxiliary Membership

Membership in The American Legion Auxiliary shall be limited to the:

- (1) Grandmothers, mothers, sisters, spouses, daughters, granddaughters, and adopted daughters of members of The American Legion; and
- (2) Grandmothers, mothers, sisters, spouses, daughters, granddaughters, and adopted daughters of all men and women who served in either of the following periods: April 6, 1917, to November 11, 1918 and any time after December 7, 1941 who, being a citizen of the United States at the time of their entry therein served on active duty in the Armed Forces of any of the governments associated with the United States during either eligibility periods and died in the line of duty or after honorable discharge;
- (3) grandmothers, mothers, sisters, spouses, daughters, granddaughters, and adopted daughters of all men and women who were in the Armed Forces of the United States during either of the following periods: April 6, 1917, to November 11, 1918; and any time after December 7, 1941 who served on active duty in the Armed Forces of the United States during either eligibility periods and died in the line of duty or after honorable discharge; and
- (4) to those women who of their own right are eligible for membership in The American Legion.*

* A woman who is eligible for American Legion membership is eligible to join the American Legion Auxiliary regardless of whether or not she is a member of The American Legion. However, eligibility of her female relatives (sister, mother, direct descendants) and/or spouse depends upon her membership in The American Legion.

Information on a veteran's service record can be obtained by contacting:

National Archives and Records Administration

Telephone: 1-866-272-6272

www.archives.gov

DD-214 Discharge Papers

Auxiliary members need to supply a copy of DD-214 discharge papers for the relative through whom their eligibility is established.

The DD-214, officially “Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active-Duty,” but generally referred to as a DD-214, is a document of the United States Department of Defense, issued upon a military service member’s retirement, separation, or discharge from active-duty military. Learn more about DD-214 requests.

How to Join the AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY

1. Print off and complete the American Legion Auxiliary Membership Application: Application for Membership
2. Obtain proof of your eligibility. Note: If the person who provides your eligibility is a member of The American Legion, eligibility documentation is likely not necessary; however you do need to provide his or her American Legion member ID number and Post information on your application. If the person who provides your eligibility is deceased, acceptable eligibility documents include:
 - a. DD-214 Discharge Papers (not issued until after the Korean War)
 - b. Official Military Orders
 - c. Official Military Service Citations/Awards
 - d. Letters related to the veteran’s military service. Must be on official government letterhead
 - e. Certificate from the VA records center in St. Louis
 - f. Data from the back of older discharges

*DD-214 Discharge Papers can be requested online by visiting www.archives.gov
3. Do you know of an American Legion Auxiliary Unit in your community that you would like to join?
 - a. If yes, contact a member of that Unit so you can submit your membership application & eligibility documentation, if required. Members of the Unit can inform you of their programs, mission activities, events, and annual dues.
 - b. If no, contact the American Legion Auxiliary Department of Michigan contact information
4. Once your membership application has been accepted, submit your annual dues payment to your local American Legion Auxiliary Unit.
5. Thank you for submitting your application for membership. We appreciate your desire to help veterans and their families.”

Membership Awards

Gladys Taylor Citation

- Award: To the Unit
- Presented to: The unit with the highest percentage of goal
- Deadline: January 31, 2022.

Doyle Cup

- Award: To the Unit
- Presented to: The unit having the highest percentage goal
- Deadline: April 1, 2022.

Patricia Donald Citation

- Award: To the Unit with 200+ memberships
- Presented to: Membership of 200+ having the greatest numerical increase in membership
- Deadline: 30 days prior to Department Convention.

Chloe O'Neil Cup

- Award: To the Unit
- Presented to: The unit having the greatest numerical increase in members
- Deadline: 30 days prior Department Convention.

Esther V. McCoy Cup

- Award: To the Unit
- Presented to: A unit having the highest percentage increase over the previous year's membership
- Deadline: 30 days prior to Department Convention.

Orlene Penning Citation

- Award: To the Junior Group
- Presented to: The Junior group having the newest members for the year.
- Deadline: 30 days prior to Department Convention

Ethel Stitt Cup

- Award: To the District
- Presented to: District having the greatest numerical increase in members
- Deadline: 30 days prior to the Department Convention.

Elizabeth Lyons Citation

- Award: To the District Membership Chairman
- Presented to: District Membership Chairman with the highest percentage increase
- Deadline: 30 days prior to Department Convention.

ALL UNITS THAT REACH THEIR GOAL BY MAY 23,2022 WILL BE AWARDED RIBBONS.

2022 NATIONAL MEMBERSHIP AWARDS

Member Award: 10 New in 2022

- Award: Special gift selected by the national Membership Committee chairman.
- Presented to: Members who recruit 10 NEW Junior and/or senior members for the 2022 membership year.
- Deadline: Members must be entered and paid in ALAMIS member database by June 1, 2022.
 - o FORMS must be received at National HQ by June 3, 2022.
- Materials and guidelines:
 - o Form can be printed from the ALA national Membership Committee page of the national website (www.ALAforVeterans.org). You must be logged in to the MyAuxiliary area to access the page.
 - o One entry per recruiter.

Unit Award: 100% Unit Award

- Award: 100% membership award citation.
 - Presented to: Units that reach 100% of their 2022 membership goal by November 11, 2021.
 - Deadline: November 11, 2021.
 - Materials and guidelines:
 - o This award will be based on units that reach 100% of their reported goals by November 11, 2021, as verified by ALAMIS.
- Note: Departments must submit unit goals to National Headquarters by September 1, 2021, to be eligible for the 100% Unit Award and all department awards. These must be sent in a specific format which will be provided by NHQ.

Unit Award: New Unit Award

- Award: \$25 gift certificate to American Legion Flag & Emblem Sales.
- Presented to: New units chartered between September 1, 2021, and July 31, 2022.
- Deadline: July 31, 2022.
- Materials and guidelines:
 - o This award is automatically presented upon receipt and processing of new unit charter applications at National Headquarters.

Department Membership Goals: Department Membership Goals will be based on each department's 2021 membership as of July 31, 2021 (30 days prior to National Convention), plus one additional member for every unit in the department. Units submitted for cancellation for the 2021 summer NEC meeting will not be included in the calculation.

Department Award: 75% Award

- Award: \$250 to be used to advance the ALA's mission.
- Presented to: Departments reaching 75% of their 2022 department membership goal.

- Deadline: Pearl Harbor Day, December 7, 2021.

- Materials and guidelines:

- o Award will be based on membership entered in the ALAMIS member database by December 7, 2021.

Department Award: 95% Award

- Award: \$250 to be used to advance the ALA's mission.

- Presented to: Departments reaching 95% of their 2022 department membership goal.

- Deadline: National Poppy Day®, May 27, 2022.

- Materials and guidelines:

- o Award will be based on membership entered in the ALAMIS member database by May 27, 2022.

Department Award: 100% Award

- Award: \$500 to be used to advance the ALA's mission.

- Presented to: Any department that has reached 100% of their department goal.

- Deadline: 30 days prior to the 2022 National Convention, July 30, 2022.

- Materials and guidelines:

- o Award will be based on membership entered in the ALAMIS member database by Aug. 1, 2021.

Seating at National Convention: Seating at National Convention will be based on departments' percentage of their 2022 membership goal, from highest percentage to lowest.

Department Award: Together We Serve Award

- Award: Citation plaque.

- Presented to: Department Membership Committee chairmen who demonstrates how their department worked as a Legion Family to enhance membership.

- Deadline: June 1, 2022 — due to your national Membership Committee division chairman. The national Membership Committee will select one outstanding membership chairman per division.

- Materials and guidelines:

- o Form can be printed from the ALA national Membership Committee page of the national website (www.ALAforVeterans.org). You must be logged in to the MyAuxiliary area to access the page