



January, 2022

ALA Auxiliary Members,

I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season. The new year is here and it's time to get back to work and focus on membership. We need to get all of the 2021 members to renew their membership for the 2022 year. Contact our members, inquire about their well-being, and remind them of why it is so important to maintain their membership. Everyone who pays their dues helps support programs for our veterans, military and their families.

The American Legion Family will be having a Membership Caravan January 27<sup>th</sup> to January 31<sup>st</sup>, and we will be visiting Posts in Districts 6 through 11. The first Membership Caravan to Districts 1 through 5 last fall was extremely successful and we expect the same this time. The schedule is included so all of you will know when we will be in your District. We look forward to visiting with you and picking up lots of membership!

The ALA Department of Indiana is also collecting monetary donations to help our ALA Department of Kentucky neighbors. They are still trying to recover from the terrible tornadoes they experienced and we know the Indiana ALA is always ready to help. Any donations, big or small, would be greatly appreciated. Please notate Kentucky Disaster Relief on the memo line and we will make sure the donations get to our friends in Kentucky.

Remember as you work the ALA programs to keep track of all your hours, money, and accomplishments. Year end reports are fast approaching and your reporting helps show how we "Remember Our Service to Veterans Everyday".

If you haven't paid your mandatory fees or poppy fees, please do so as soon as possible. They are presently overdue.

I look forward to seeing many smiling faces during the Membership Caravan and wish everyone a very Happy, Healthy and Prosperous New Year! Thank you for all you do!

President Rose Ann



### Aim High For Change Membership Caravan January 27, 2022 to January 31, 2022

Date	Day	Arrive	Depart	District	Post	Meal	Distance	Hotel
1/27/2022	Thursday	9am	10am		Department Hq			5440 Herbert Lord Drive, Indpls
1/27/2022	Thursday	12:00 PM	2:00 PM	9th	235/Milan	Lunch	83.6mi	
1/27/2022	Thursday	2:30 PM	4:00 PM	9th	292/Dillsboro		9.7 mi	
1/27/2022	Thursday	4:30 PM	After Meeting	9th	173/Versailles	Dinner	11 mi	
1/27/2022	Thursday		Travel To Hotel		Belterra Hotel		30 mi	777 Belterra Drive Florence IN 47020
1/28/2021	Friday		7:00 AM	Deapar	Belterra Hotel			
1/28/2022	Friday	7:30 AM	9:00 AM	9th	59/Rising Sun	Breakfast		
1/28/2022	Friday	1:00 PM	2:30 PM	8th	44/Newburgh	Lunch	196 mi	
1/28/2022	Friday	3:00 PM	4:00 PM	8th	200/Boonville		14.3 mi	
1/28/2022	Friday	6:00 AM	8:00 PM	8th	204/Sellersburg	Dinner	103.3 mi	
1/28/2022	Friday	8:30 PM	Travel To Hotel		Ramada Sellersburg		1.0 mi	36 Triangle Drive, Sellersburg, IN
1/29/2022	Saturday		7:00 AM		Ramada Sellersburg			B-fast included
1/29/2022	Saturday		Hunt & Son Funeral		Rodney Strong Service			107 N Grant Ave, Crawfordsville, IN
1/29/2022	Saturday							
1/29/2022	Saturday	4:45 PM	7:00 PM	7th	2/Brazil	Dinner	92.8 mi	
1/29/2022	Saturday	7:30 PM	Travel To Hotel		Best Western Brazil		5.8 mi	3882 N. State Road 59, Brazil, IN
1/30/2022	Sunday		8:00 AM	Depart 7th District	Best Western Brazil			
1/30/2022	Sunday	9:00 AM	11:00 AM	6th	58/Greencastle		18.3 mi	
1/30/2022	Sunday	11:30 AM	2:00 PM	6th	72/Crawfordsville	Lunch	29.5 mi	
1/30/2022	Sunday	3:30 PM	After Dinner	6th	155/Carmel	Dinner	49.5 mi	
1/30/2022	Sunday	8:00pm	Travel To Hotel		Spring Hill Suites Carmel		1.6 mi	11855 N Meridian Street, Carmel, IN
1/31/2022	Monday	TBD	6:30 AM	Depart 6th District/	Spring Hill Suites Carmel			
1/31/2022	Monday	7:30 AM	8:00 AM	10th	321/ Yorktown	Breakfast	49/47.7 mi	
1/31/2022	Monday	8:30 AM	9:30 AM	10th	437/Selma		21/12.4 mi	
1/31/2022	Monday	10:00 AM	11:00 AM	10th	446/Daleville		23/19.5 mi	
1/31/2022	Monday	11:45 AM	1:00 PM	11th	3/Broad Ripple	Lunch	38.8 mi	
1/31/2022	Monday	1:30 PM	3:00 PM	11th	276/Beech Grove		19.6 mi	
1/31/2022	Monday	3:30 PM		11th	Department Hq		14.8 mi	5440 Herbert Lord Drive, Indpls
1/31/2022	Monday		4:00 PM	Complete				

All Times and Mileage is Estimated



AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY  
HOOISER GIRLS STATE  
February/March Mailing  
2022



To: District President  
District ALA HGS Chairmen  
Unit President  
Unit ALA HGS Chairmen

Happy New Year 2022,

Winter weather is here and with it brings us hope that spring is near and the 80<sup>th</sup> session of ALA Hoosier Girls State will soon be here. We are continuing to look forward to being in person for the 2022 session. The 2022 ALA HGS delegates will arrive on the campus of Trine University in Angola, Indiana on Sunday, June 19, 2022 for a week of learning about Indiana government. It will be a week that will change and shape their young lives as they become informed and educated citizens who will help to lead our state and our country. They will be our future leaders.

In November and December, the ALA Girls State applications and Director's letter should have been sent electronically to the contact individuals at the high schools as well as to the units. If your unit has not received them, please contact your ALA HGS Board Member and ask them to send them to you. They may not have had your contact information. You need to make sure your local high school knows how many delegates your unit can financially send including money from other sponsors.

By now interested girls in their junior year should be completing their applications and sending them to their sponsoring unit. Units should be ready to send them to each perspective Board Member along with the \$300 delegate fee and \$35 non-refundable application fee. Alternate applications should also be sent in with the hope to take the place of a delegate who is unable to attend. **Remember**, Alternates do not send in the \$35 non-refundable application fee unless they are moved up to Delegate status by the Board Member. **The applications should be sent directly to you from the high school, not your Board Member.**

As a unit chairman, it is very important to keep in contact with your sponsored delegates right up to the time they leave for Trine University. If a delegate contacts you to say she is unable to attend please call your individual Board Member immediately so that she can be replaced with an alternate. The Board Member is the only one who can replace a delegate. It is not the responsibility of the unit to replace her.

When your delegates have been selected be sure to record their names in your unit minutes. You may also want to consider giving each delegate some spending money to help with items they will need while at ALA HGS. They may need to use it for gas for transportation to and from Angola. Don't forget to invite your sponsored delegates to attend your unit meeting to tell you about their experiences at ALA HGS. It is also an opportunity to invite them to join the American Legion Auxiliary.

Each delegate and alternate will receive a letter containing a welcome letter from me as Director instructing them to take the on-line mandatory workshop, and directions for completing the on-line American Legion Samsung Scholarship.

At this point with COVID still spreading Delegates will be instructed to receive a negative COVID test 72 hours prior to arriving at Trine University on Sunday, June 19<sup>th</sup> and to bring their test results with them for registration. All staff and Delegates will be instructed to bring disposable surgical masks with them to wear during the week.

**\*\*\*Any Units or individuals who would like to donate disposable surgical masks (not cloth), hand sanitizers (both large and individual) or Clorox wipes/anti-bacterial wipes for use during the ALA HGS session may bring them to the Joint Spring Conference April 8-9 or get them to your Board Member and they can bring for you. Thank you in advance.**

I am including a list of the ALA Hoosier Girls State Board Members and their information so if a delegate or alternate contacts you, you can give them the information they need.

**\*\*Please remember the delegates are required to remain until the close of the session, approximately noon on Saturday, June 25, 2022.**

**WE CAN'T DO THIS WITHOUT YOU!!!**

Looking forward to a successful ALA HGS 80<sup>th</sup> Session.

Denise Delaney-Wrolen, Director  
American Legion Auxiliary  
Hoosier Girls State



On behalf of the ALA HGS Board of Directors we want to thank everyone for buying raffle tickets for the 2022 *52 Week Calendar Raffle*. Your support is appreciated. Good Luck everyone!

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“Father, let the peace of God flow into the hearts of every member. Make us believe in peace, its supreme necessity, its possibility, and its value for the hearts of the Auxiliary and the lives of the nations. Father, grant us the knowledge, wisdom, and patience to learn to live in peace with one another and with Thee in our everyday life, these things we ask in Your Holy Name. Amen”



To: District Chaplain  
Unit Chaplain  
Honorary Junior Chaplain

We've had a very good year so far and looking forward to 2022, especially the Spring Conference. However, the pandemic is very serious again, be sure to keep all our members in your prayers and stay as healthy as possible.

Be sure to look over the Program Action Plan, especially the Annual Report and the Rules for the Book of Prayers and Devotional Thoughts. The Unit Annual Report is due to your District Chaplain by April 15<sup>th</sup> and District Chaplains, thank you in advance for sending me your reports by April 27<sup>th</sup>.

Prayers have been given by our Auxiliary Chaplains for various occasions, Unit and District meetings, funerals, benefits, luncheons, POW/MIA Remembrance Services, Veterans Day programs, 9/11 Services, Pearl Harbor Day, just to name a few.

I'm sorry to report as of this week I have received notices of 156 deceased members. Many auxiliary units have been draping their charters, serving lunches for these funerals and saying prayers. I am continuing the Department Prayer Chain with the names of deceased members, as well as prayers for members with illness, surgeries and other unspoken challenges. Please send them to me by mail or email, [stoner647@comcast.net](mailto:stoner647@comcast.net). I am continuing the monthly Chaplain's Corner on the Department website, as well.

I need more prayers and devotional thoughts for President Rose Ann's book. I heard one District Chairman requested each Unit Chaplain to send her at least one and she would sent them to me.. What a great book that would be!

God Bless,

Roxanna Stoner  
Department Chaplain  
20212-2022



(January Report for February and March)





## **Children and Youth Bulletin**

To: District and Unit Presidents  
District and Unit Children and Youth  
Chairmen

Greetings everyone! I hope you are staying warm and safe this winter. Please check your papers for any young person who had done something to earn the Good Deed or Youth Hero Awards. I'd love to hear about them. Remember, the Good Deed is for anything a child does for another person or group. Holding a fundraiser or collecting donations is a good deed. The Youth Hero Award is for act of heroism. Performing CPR or saving someone from drowning are examples of acts of heroism. Make it a big deal. Get everyone in your post and the child's school involved. Make this a celebration!

April may seem like it is a long way off but not really. April is the Month of the Military Child. Did you know that Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger was responsible for establishing April as the month of the Military child in 1986? Did you know the average military child moves 6 times during school? Did you also know that purple was chosen as the color of the military child because it is the combination of Army green, Marine Red, and Coast Guard, Air Force, and Navy blue? The things you can learn by typing "month of the military child 2022" into the search bar on your handy computer! There are tons of websites, along with our own [www.alaforveterans.org](http://www.alaforveterans.org) that have great ideas for military children. They need our support to feel welcome in our communities. Start planning your activities now and let me know what you did!

There are also Purple Up Cups available. Remember, the district and the unit with the best fundraiser for the Child Welfare Foundation using the Purple Up Cups will get a special prize! Make it tough for me to decide! Contact me at 219-241-0010 or [jennygump67@yahoo.com](mailto:jennygump67@yahoo.com) if you need some.

Thank you for all you do! Stay safe and warm!

Jenny Gump  
Children and Youth Chairman 2021-2022

## Community Service

To: District Presidents  
Unit Presidents  
District Community Service Chairman  
Unit Community Service Chairman

Spring is right around the corner, but I know all of you American Legion Auxiliary Members aren't letting this winter weather get in your way of volunteering out in your communities. Let the Community know all about Who We Are, What We Do, and Why We Matter. Don't forget to take pictures of any activities and volunteering that you do so you can submit those pictures with your end of year reports.

Get a few members together and deliver meals to those in need. Volunteer at local food pantries and shelters. Distribute items to your local homeless veterans to ensure their well-being with these cooler temperatures such as sleeping mats or food items.

With the colder weather people stay home more. If you have a Little Free Library on the corner or down the street refresh it with some new books, for those at home staying inside reading books.

Valentine's Day is coming up get with your senior and Junior members and make valentines and take them to senior citizens homes or nursing homes for the residents to enjoy. Build sunshine boxes for them or sing songs to them.

Get out there in your community there are so many things that you can do to spread the word and have fun in the community and with your neighbors and friends and members.

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## Creative Arts 2021-2022

Creative Arts is a way to help veterans recover and cope with physical and emotional disabilities. We still need the units and districts to raise money to help with the Creative Arts Festival and help the VA hospitals with tools that they need. The Indianapolis Art Association has been donating items for the veterans at Marion VA. They still have to stay in their units and not come out into the common area, so they need supplies to help with that situation.

Don't forget the Creative Arts Festival is April 20-25 with the program ending on Sunday with a spectacular show. It is in St. Petersburg, Fl. We need to help President Rose Ann get her gold sponsorship and represent the State of Indiana.

Sue Comerford  
Dept. Chairman Creative Arts





## Education

### February Mailing

Shirley Brinson Chairman

Scholarship deadlines are fast approaching. Education Chairman, I am hoping that you took time and made sure that all schools have the tools they need to assist students to work on the American Legion Family Scholarships.

Please be aware of the following date

March 1,2022 is the Deadline for National Scholarship Applications to reach Units.

March 15,2022 is the Deadline for National Scholarship Applications to reach the Department Secretary.

Unit Education chairman let's do our part as units to make sure that all applications are completed correctly and returned on time to the correct locations, so no scholarships are disqualified. Copies of the Scholarships can be found on the Department Website. ([www.aladepin.org](http://www.aladepin.org)).

I would also like to remind you that it is not to late to do "Give Ten to Education". I am sure that those pencils are getting small and a lot of crayons have been eaten by now. I know that teachers and staff could use and would appreciate a new supply. Don't forget to add student masks to your lists this time.



**His To:** Unit Presidents  
Districts Presidents  
Unit Historians  
District Historians  
Unit Junior Chairman  
District Junior Chairman

## **Historian FEBRUARY/MARCH 2022**

I hope everyone had a joyous holiday season! I'm sure all the Units and Districts have had many activities to include in your History. Remember to take good notes and pictures. I hope you are disciplined enough to write your History as it happens and keeping it up to date.

Don't forget to send me the Department President's Visit form when she visits your Unit or District. Please fill out the form with as much information as you can and please include some pictures of President Rose Ann's visit.

Have you been sharing your ALA History at Unit or District meetings, functions at your Post home, or community events? I hope you have, if not you still have time. Play a little ALA trivia at a meeting, make a history display for your next function. Remember there is a personal award at year end for a Unit and a District that shares their History this year. Be sure to tell me about how you shared you History this year with a narrative due to the department Historian by May 27<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

The Month of March is dedicated to the celebration of women's history. It corresponds with International Women's Day on March 8<sup>th</sup>.

### **What can we do:**

- Learn more about Auxiliary members who made history within your Department, District, or Unit.
- Set up a display in honor of those members who have gone above and beyond the ALA's mission.
- Write an article for your Unit/District newsletter about Women's History Month or about the woman you are honoring.
- Research and write about how the former and present members make a difference in the community and share with others.
- Put up a display at your local library, historical society, or storefront, celebrating the work that the women of the ALA have done and still do every day.

Let's have a great year of "Remember Our Service to Veterans Every Day" and make **History!**

Tanna Shepherd Department Historian 2021 – 2022

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Leadership  
January 2022 Mailing

TO: Unit President for Unit Leadership Chair  
District President for District Leadership Chair

National Leadership Chairman, Brenda Collins, has made the Departments aware of a change to the Leadership Program. Until this year, the Unit Member of the Year was part of the Past Presidents Parley. It is now under the Leadership Program. Please share this information with your district and units. The form for Unit Member of the Year (UMOY) is capable of completion online (which is preferable). Please share the rules with the Leadership Chairman; this way you can make sure the rules are followed before an applicant is submitted who may not qualify.

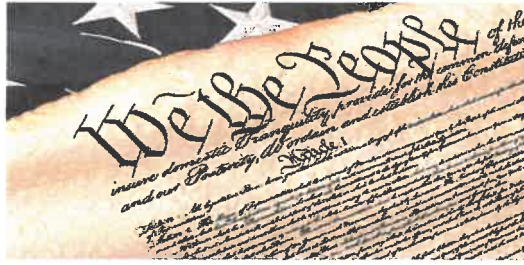
Have you participated in the ALA Academy courses? There are several courses that are available. You have the option to pick and choose which courses you would like to take. The ALA Academy is part of the National Leadership Program and can be accessed by logging on to *My Auxiliary Member Portal* under [www.ALAforVeterans.org](http://www.ALAforVeterans.org).

If you are on Facebook you can follow useful information by participating on the ALA Leadership Group page. When you are accepted into the group, you can share information or ask questions about your chairmanship.

Did you know that when you take the Senior Leadership Basic Course and pass, you may order a pin from Emblem Sales? The cost is \$14.95 and must be paid for by the member with the approval of the Department Secretary.

Thank you for all you do to promote the American Legion Auxiliary. Because of your dedication to our organization, we can continue to serve our veterans, their families and our communities.

Barb Parkhurst, Dept. Leadership Chair  
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To District Presidents for District Legislative Chairmen  
Unit Presidents for Unit Legislative Chairmen

Greetings Legislative Chairmen:

Thank you for advocating for our veterans through supporting the American Legion's positions on bills that will best serve our veterans and military families. Your efforts are making a difference. In October, the Troops for Teachers Program was terminated, however you answered the call to Congress to reauthorize the program through advocating with The American Legion and utilizing the Legion Action website at [legion.org](http://legion.org) via email, letters and in person. It was announced in December that the Troops for Teachers was revived in the compromised version of the National Defense Authorization Act and approved by the Senate.

We ask you to take action and contact the Senate in reference to The Guard and Reserve GI Bill Parity Act of 2021. On January 12, 2022, the House of Representatives passed legislation that grants National Guard and Reserve Troops the same GI Bill benefits as active-duty military. The Guard and Reserve GI Bill Parity Act of 2021 now goes to the Senate. Please contact your Senators and ask them to support this Act. Our National Guard are increasingly serving on the front lines of our nation's challenges responding to climate disasters, pandemic, protecting borders, Capitals and supporting local law enforcement. Visit the Legislative Action Center at [legion.org](http://legion.org) to contact your Senator via email. You may also write them letter and assist our members who are not on email by helping compose a letter that they can sign and mail.

Please continue to keep track of what you are doing for the Annual Report due to Department by April 27th. If you have any information such as legislator responses, photos, or information you would like to share please email or mail to me so that I may share in a report to National. Let's show our contributions of advocacy in the Department of Indiana and how we Remember Our Service to Veterans Every Day. Thanks for all you do!

Cherril Threte

Legislative Chairman 2021-2022



# MEMBERSHIP



Greetings from your membership team! It is hard to believe that we are halfway through the ALA year. It also means that our membership dues were due by the end of December. I would like to encourage all district/unit presidents and membership chairmen to contact those members that have not paid their 2022 dues. Utilize the online ALAMIS system to develop a plan to increase your membership numbers. Our department is currently hovering around the 75% mark. We have our work cut out for us to achieve 100%. Goals are listed below.

If you need assistance or have questions, please feel free to contact your district or department area membership chairmen. Remember - Membership is everyone's responsibility!

Connie Banks  
Department Membership Chairman  
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Date	Goal
September 10 <sup>th</sup>	25%
September 30 <sup>th</sup>	50%
October 28 <sup>th</sup>	60%
December 2 <sup>nd</sup>	75%
February 10 <sup>th</sup>	80%
March 17 <sup>th</sup>	90%
April 21 <sup>st</sup>	95%
June 5 <sup>th</sup>	100%
June 30 <sup>th</sup>	101%

- ❖ Two units selected at each goal level will receive a monetary award of \$25 (via drawing if more than two)
- ❖ First two districts to achieve 100% will automatically receive a monetary award (\$50) \*If additional districts achieve 100% after the first and second automatic winners, a drawing will be conducted for the remaining districts to round out third and fourth place. That monetary award will also be \$50.

*Remember - to receive awards, Units/Districts must have Mandatory fees paid and your Poppy fees paid by their due dates. If fees haven't been paid, you will not be eligible for the drawing(s).*



# Poppy

Let's all continue in the Poppy Challenge! Have your School students been drawing pictures, have you made Cards for your Veterans? This is a wonderful way to recognize and thank your veterans and have fun while at it!

Valentine's Day is just around the corner, and I am sure the veterans in your community and local nursing homes would love to have a Thank you Valentine with a Poppy on it! Let's get started!

Thank you,  
Mary Edwards  
Department Poppy Chairman

Mary Edwards

To: District Presidents  
Unit Presidents  
District VA&R Chairman  
Unit VA&R Chairman  
Junior Chairman  
Hospital Reps & Deputies



## VA&R

HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL OF YOU AND YOUR FAMILIES!!!!!!

"Remember Our Service to Veterans Every Day" and "Caring For Those That Care For Others" that is our focus for this year!

2022 a new year, a new dedication, a new and fervent promise to our veterans, military, and their families. Take a moment and reflect on all the freedoms that we have in this beloved country of ours. Say a prayer for those that have gone before and those that are still putting their lives on the line for us. We owe these many, many men and women our very lives. Everyone plays a part whether they were on the battlefield or not; we need everyone's gifts and talents to get things accomplished. This is a time to renew and restrengthen our commitment to our veterans, military, and their families. We need to build on ongoing projects and renew ourselves to help in new and different ways.

In the coming months here are a few ideas of ways you can support the VA&R program:

- Send some cards & treats to our veterans and caregivers of veterans
  - February is the month of love so what better time to show our veterans and caregivers how much they mean to us.
- Check with local homeless veterans shelters to find out what their needs are, especially during these cold months.
  - Assessable & distribute Buddy Baskets - these are to help those homeless veterans that are moving to transitional or permanent housing. Buddy Baskets are containers filled with common household good that help meet those needs for veterans and military families in these situations. You can locate a veteran or family in need by visiting the National Coalition for Homeless Veterans. You can also contact your local VA Medical Center's homeless coordinator.
- Recognize the caregivers of our Veterans

- Send notes and provide supplies to support those who volunteer at VA facilities
- Assemble and distribute
  - Snack packs (could include candy, popcorn, cookies, etc.)
  - Caregiver survival kits (could include gift cards for gas, food, or coffee; phone charger, crossword puzzles, adult coloring books, colored pencils, pens, Chapstick, lotion, cup, tissues etc.)
- Complete the ALA Academy Mission Delivery through Caregiver Support recorded seminar.
- Reach out to the Hospital Reps and find out what their needs are and how you can help
  - Our hospitals and clinics need volunteers and donations all year.
- Involve your Junior members in helping with tray favors to take to Veterans at local nursing homes or VA facilities.

### Upcoming News & Deadlines

#### *Annual Reports*

Each **Unit Chairman** shall submit a narrative report along with your annual report form to your district chairman by **April 15, 2022**.

Each **District Chairman** shall submit a narrative report along with your annual report form to me no later than **April 27, 2022**.

Taking the time to share a favorite story about the positive impact you or someone you know has had on our mission is worth doing! It helps us tell the world **Who We Are, What We Do, and Why We Matter**. Just three simple steps to add your part to our Department success story.

#### *Caregiver of the Year Nomination*

Recognizing outstanding character and dedication goes a long way to ensuring and promoting a lifelong desire to serve others. In support of American Legion Auxiliary National President Kathy Daudistel's caregiver initiative, I am excited to announce a new recognition award for the year 2021-2022 in Indiana. Nomination Form is included separately and due **May 1, 2022**

I hope everyone has been tracking their hours, dollars spent, in kind donations, number of volunteers, and mileage. If you have pictures, please be sure to include them with your reports Please keep in contact with the Department Service to Veterans Chairman Janice Mort, the Department Creative Arts Chairman Sue Comerford, and myself to let us know what you have been doing.

Stay up to date with information and get new ideas for helping our Veterans by joining the ALA National Facebook page (American Legion Auxiliary Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation (VA&R) and visiting the National ALA website at <https://www.legion-aux.org>

Your willingness to serve, give of your time and of yourself to help our veterans, and help the American Legion Auxiliary meet its mission is greatly appreciated.

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