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Blessings To My American Legion Auxiliary Friends,

Time is truly moving fast. Thanks to all those able to attend my Homecoming and special thanks for all the beautiful gifts and Money. We were able to give Department \$2,060.00 for the Military Family Assistance Program from that event. Thank you for your generous donations!

Have you placed your order for our Avon Fundraiser? Just put in www.avon.com/fundraiser/alaohio21 or if you do not want to order PLEASE send a check in to Department for Military Family Assistance! Is your Unit planning a special Fundraiser for The Military Family Assistance Fund? Let me know and I will try to attend.

I hope you each had a great Veterans Day, honoring our Veterans, on this special day.

As you plan for the Holidays remember to bring along membership applications to each event. We need to keep growing our membership! Some folks just need to be asked again to join. We have such wonderful programs and do so much good!

The tongue is more powerful than many of us realize. A kind word can be remembered for years conversely a harsh word can hurt and upset another member so badly that they either do not come back or we lose their membership in the future. So many of our organization's problems stem from conflicts that could have been avoided if we would just use grace when dealing with others. And if it has already happened, apologize; you may be able to mend the situation.

Have you ordered your poppies? Has your unit sent money in to send Girls to Buckeye Girls State?

Have you contacted the school's guidance counselors giving them information about our Scholarships?

Hope each of you have wonderful holidays. And time to make plans for Midwinter.
Hope to see you there!

For God & Country,

Colleen K Phillips

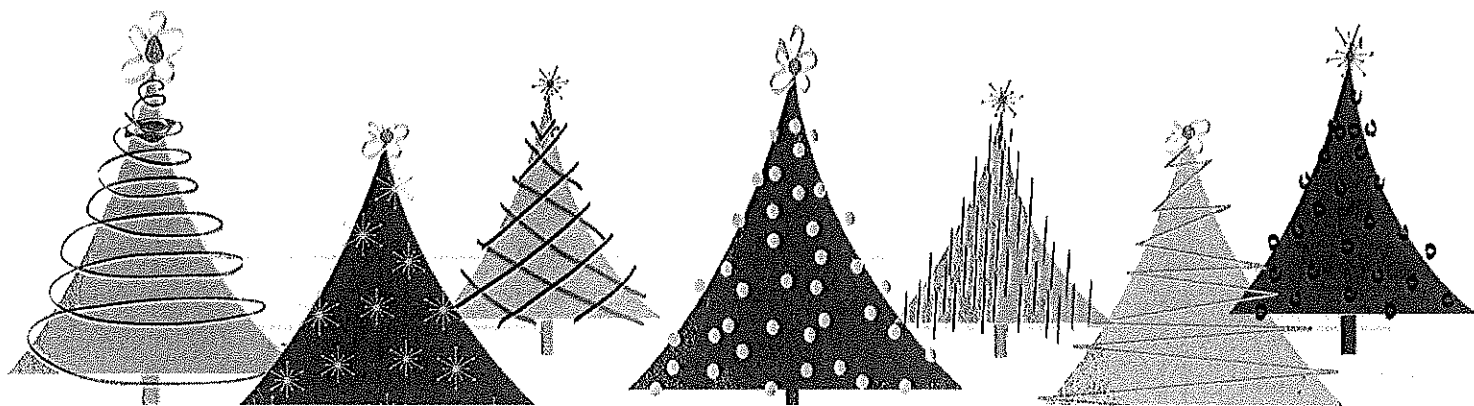
*Are you still looking for some great
Christmas gifts or Stocking Stuffers??
Well - look no more!*

*Avon Fundraiser for the
Military Assistance Fund*

*Shop until November 28th! Products
Shipped directly to your house!
Order online & pay online!
You don't have to leave your house!*

Angels Serving Others!

www.avon.com/fundraiser/alaohio21





2022 MID-WINTER CONFERENCE

January 21-22, 2022

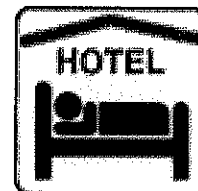
Crowne Plaza Columbus North

6500 Doubletree Ave

Columbus, Ohio 43229

By Phone (614) 885-1885

Select Option #2



Please call for reservations and refer to the American Legion Midwinter or reference the three-letter code AAL. Be sure to ask for a confirmation number and if you need to cancel, please secure a cancellation number.

Price: \$103.00 plus tax

Reservation Cut-Off Date – Thursday January 13, 2022

American Legion Leadership Awards Banquet

January 22, 2022, 6:00 PM

The Leadership Awards Banquet is a Formal Banquet Hosted by the Legion Department of Ohio to present Membership Awards to all mid-year winners.

Auxiliary Members are encouraged to attend.

Dress is Formal.

Silent Auction and social hour starts at 5 pm in the foyer with a cash bar. Dinner will be served at 6 pm.

Reservations Cut Off: January 12, 2022

Please visit <https://www.ohiolegion.com/events/department-mid-winter-conference/> and complete the banquet registration form.

Cost is \$40.00 per person

Dinner options are Beef Tenderloin, Chicken Picada, Salmon, or Vegetarian Lasagna.

**Due to the current pandemic, you must register online for this event.*



Americanism

Mary Ann Dull, Department Chairman
Charlotte Frazier, Department Vice Chairman



Meaning of the Folds of the American Flag

If you've ever attended a military funeral, perhaps you noticed that the honor guards pay meticulous attention to folding the U.S. flag that once draped the casket. Guards make crisp, precise folds a total of 13 times to complete the ceremony. Much like every other aspect of our nation's greatest symbol, each of the 13 folds holds a special significance. Flag etiquette dictates that every time an American flag is to be stored or presented during a ceremony, its handlers should fold it in half twice lengthwise; then starting with the end opposite the blue field, make a taut triangular fold. Handlers continue to fold the flag in triangles until the flag has formed a triangular "pillow" with the blue field showing on the outside. It's a dignified way to treat the flag and gives a powerful touch to patriotic ceremonies.

*The **first** fold of our flag is a symbol of life.*

*The **second** fold signifies our belief in eternal life.*

*The **third** fold is made in honor and tribute of the veteran departing our ranks, and who gave a portion of his or her life for the defense of our country to attain peace.*

*The **fourth** fold exemplifies our weaker nature as citizens trusting in God; it is to Him we turn for His divine guidance.*

*The **fifth** fold is an acknowledgment to our country, for in the words of Stephen Decatur, "Our country, in dealing with other countries, may she always be right, but it is still our country, right or wrong."*

*The **sixth** fold is for where our hearts lie. It is with our heart that we pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, and to the republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.*

*The **seventh** fold is a tribute to our armed forces, for it is through the armed forces that we protect our country and our flag against all enemies.*

*The **eighth** fold is a tribute to the one who entered into the valley of the shadow of death, that we might see the light of day, and to honor our mother, for whom it flies on Mother's Day.*

*The **ninth** fold is an honor to womanhood, for it has been through their faith, love, loyalty, and devotion that the character of the men and women who have made this country great have been molded.*

*The **tenth** fold is a tribute to father, for he, too, has given his sons and daughters for the defense of our country since he or she was first-born.*

*The **eleventh** fold, in the eyes of Hebrew citizens, represents the lower portion of the seal of King David and King Solomon and glorifies, in their eyes, the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.*

*The **twelfth** fold, in the eyes of a Christian citizen, represents an emblem of eternity and glorifies, in their eyes, God the Father, the Son, and Holy Ghost.*

*The **last** fold, when the flag is completely folded, the stars are uppermost, reminding us of our national motto, "In God We Trust."*



American Legion Auxiliary
Buckeye
Girls State

Gwen Schroeder-Zulch, Director

The ALA Buckeye Girls State Board of Directors have met and are working hard on the 2022 Session of Buckeye Girls State. A workshop will be held at Mid-Winter Conference on Friday January 21, 2022, from 2:00 – 4:00 pm and will cover a wide range of important topics. If you are the Unit/Post Chairman for Buckeye Girls State, please consider attending this workshop. Below is the registration form that needs to be completed and sent back to ALA Department Headquarters. There is no cost to attend this workshop, but **pre-registration is required**. You may email registration forms to: Vicky Buck at vicky@alaohio.org .

Topics that will be covered are:

- The interview process and selection of BGS delegates
- After you have selected them, what happens next?
- Delegate Orientation – what is mandatory and what is not?
- Public Relations – promoting BGS at the Unit level and in the community
- Delegate Registration – what paperwork gets sent from Unit to Department and Department to Delegate?
- Volunteering – what roles are needed and what are the expectations of our volunteers?
- Question & Answers

Workshop Registration Form

Mail to Department of Ohio
PO BOX 2760
Zanesville, Ohio 43702

Unit _____ District _____
Name _____
Name _____
Name _____
Name _____



Chaplain

Sharon McClain



Here we are coming into the holiday season in just a couple of weeks away. We all need to be grateful for all that God has given us. Let us remember to help those veterans that you might know, that can use your help. Share your holidays with them. Maybe you could invite them to your Thanksgiving meal. During Christmas please do remember those veterans that are in the hospital. Send out Christmas Cards. This does cheer them up. You could mail them to me, and I would be glad to take them to Wade Park and the VA Clinics. You can make them special. Remember that since the Covid 19 visitors are limited, you could visit them in a card that you send them a prayer, encourage them in how much they are important and how you thank them for their service to our County.

I wish to thank those that have sent me prayers for President Colleens prayer book.

Please have them continue to come to me.

Have a Happy Thanksgiving and May you all have a safe and joyous Christmas Season.

The first prayer I received from a unit Chaplain came from Unit 281 Bobbie Meyer

The Restless Angel
For He will command
His angel concerning you
to guard you in all your ways
In times of hardship
clutch your faith in God
Say a prayer and take comfort
in knowing your prayers be head
Amen
Psalm 91:11

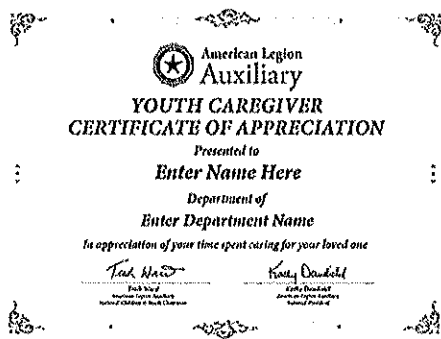
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Children and Youth

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We are coming to the end of the month of November which means Christmas is just around the corner. What can your unit do to make the season a little brighter for the children and youth in your community? I hope that many of you have contacted homeless shelters, schools, and churches to know whether or not there are needy children in your community. Those children will be in need of warm clothing, coats, hats, scarves, and gloves to keep them warm in the winter months ahead. Your unit could organize a warm clothing drive for these children. You could set out boxes or barrels at grocery stores, churches and maybe banks. It does not have to be a long drive, just maybe a couple weeks. If you do not know of children in your community, items could be donated to a local food bank or thrift store. Many churches will accept such items to give to those they know will need them as they might have better access to the homeless.

Are there military families in your community? What can you do to help bring cheer to those children who could be missing a deployed parent during the holidays? All children and most adults enjoy a good party. Plan something for the children in your Post. There are a lot of suggestions for Christmas party games and simple crafts on Pinterest if you are a Pinterest user. It does not take much to plan a party. If this is your first one, start small. Maybe do a craft with popsicle sticks, a game or two and cookies and punch. There are some great coloring pages on Pinterest so have a coloring contest. It will introduce children to the Auxiliary, and you never know what memories you will be creating for a child. See if you can get the Post to join in the effort and make it a Legion Family event.



A new award this year is the Caregiver Award. This award can go to any young person who selflessly gives of themselves to aid others who need extra assistance. A young person who serves meals to a neighbor who is recovering from a health crisis. A young person who offers to give comfort and support to a friend or family member with no expectation of payment. There are many young people who are dedicated to serving others. Although they do not expect recognition, we know how much it means to anyone to be recognized for their volunteer efforts. The

new ALA Youth Caregiver Award recognizes those who care for others without payment or expectation of reward. Once the young persons are identified, the Unit can award them with the Caregiver Certificate that can be found on the ALA national website.

We are still looking for Good Deed and Youth Hero Award winners. I have checked with a teacher at my local high school who is the advisor of a kindness awareness group. I have asked her to let me know when there is a student who does something extra special for others. Check with your school, scout, and 4-H groups whose members get involved with their communities. The Police

Department will possibly know if there are any youth that have carried out an act of heroism. Many of the Girl Scout Bronze, Silver and Gold awards and the Boy Scout Eagle Award recipients could be honored for the Good Deed Award. Many of their hours are given to make life better for others. If you are not already following the Children and Youth page on Facebook, sign up to follow. There you will see many of the children and youth who have received the Good Deed award to give you an idea of what children are doing to earn the award. As an example, one young man received the Good Deed Award for his root beer float stand collecting \$500 and gave it to the humane society and then donated his leftovers to the fire department. For their Bronze Award, two junior scouts collected 145 Halloween costumes for needy children and then was nominated to receive their Good Deed Award.

COMMUNITY SERVICE 2021-2022

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Hello to all from Becky and Rosie — “Down on the Farm with a City Slicker Healthcare Sidekick”

Thanksgiving starts the Holiday Season – It’s almost here! Where has the time gone? Thanksgiving and Christmas are times to be extra thankful for what we have, and to share our bounties with others if we can. These Holidays present tremendous opportunities for “ALA Angels to Serve Others” Reach out in your communities and help with some Community Service.

Food pantry needs increase dramatically during the holidays. Central Division Community Service Chairman Lynda Lancaster-Loyd shared an Advent Calendar all members can use to help food pantries during this time of need. What a great idea! It is included on the back of this sheet. It says to donate on Christmas Eve, but you may want to consider before or after as there may be closures on Christmas Eve.

Local churches, schools, & organizations need support for their drives for needy families. Angel Trees, Giving Trees, Christ’s Cribs, Adopt A Family, to name a few, need donations to help these needy families be able to enjoy the holidays. These groups may provide these families with the only gifts they will receive at all.

RING THE BELL! The Salvation Army is always in need of volunteers to ring the bell during their holiday campaign.

Community Toy Drives by Fire & Police Departments, Schools, Churches, Kiwanis, Rotary Groups, and many others need support. Toys for Tots, Make A Wish, Big Brothers-Big Sisters and many others have great needs this season.

Remember to support your local Legion, SAL, and Auxiliary events and fundraisers. The ALA was born 102 years ago to support the American Legion Posts, and now the SAL. It’s our mission: “In Service, Not Self.” Post and SAL euchre tournaments, bingo, feather parties, fish fries, etc. are examples. Another avenue of support--Wreaths Across America. What a great way to honor and support Veterans for the holidays. Have someone in your Unit be a member of the community committee to raise funds, reach out to volunteers to help receive shipment, distribute to cemeteries, place and remove the wreaths.

Winter projects for the homeless and needy in your community may include coats, hats, gloves, mittens, scarves, and blankets.

WEAR RED FRIDAYS - Remember Everyone Deployed – RED - Let our troops know we care.

Elderly, physically handicapped, or those with mental health issues in your community need assistance with yard clean ups, snow removal, grocery shopping or prescription pick-ups, medical appointments, a hot meal, or just a friendly face to stop by and chat. Buddy Checks. They work!

We would like to wish all of you a safe and blessed Thanksgiving. Please take care with your family gatherings and stay healthy.

Becky and Rosanne

ADVENT CALENDAR

**EACH DAY ADD AN ITEM TO A BOX.
ON CHRISTMAS EVE DONATE THE CONTENTS TO A
FOOD BANK.**

- December 1 - box of cereal
- December 2 - peanut butter
- December 3 - stuffing mix
- December 4 - boxed potatoes
- December 5 - macaroni and cheese
- December 6 - canned fruit
- December 7 - canned tomatoes
- December 8 - canned tuna
- December 9 - dessert mix
- December 10 - jar of applesauce
- December 11 - canned sweet potatoes
- December 12 - cranberry sauce
- December 13 - canned beans
- December 14 - box of crackers
- December 15 - package of rice
- December 16 - package of oatmeal
- December 17 - package pasta
- December 18 - spaghetti sauce
- December 19 - chicken noodle soup
- December 20 - tomato soup
- December 21 - can corn
- December 22 - can mixed vegetables
- December 23 - can carrots
- December 24 - can green beans

Constitution and Bylaws
Carol T. Robinson, Chairman
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Just a few reminders:

The Constitution and Bylaws Chairman does not approve your Constitution and Bylaws and your Standing Rules. Instead, the chairman reviews them for accuracy to ensure they align with Department and National's requirements.

Once they are reviewed, the chairman accepts them and forwards them to Department Headquarters. If they are not in compliance, the chairman will return them with a letter of recommendation.

When sending your constitution and bylaws for review, please send two (2) signed copies; if they are accepted, the chairman can sign off on both documents and send one to Department and return one to the Unit.

I have a fillable template if you would like to use it. Just email me at abernia@aol.com, and I will send it to you.

Unit's constitution and bylaws on file in Department are what the Unit should be using. If you are not and a member wants to send a complaint to the Department about something the Unit is doing that is not in compliance with the accepted Constitution and bylaws on file in the Department, they will when the case.

Every member should have a current copy of the Unit's constitution and bylaws, and standing rules.

I'm just a phone call or email away. I'm here to assist.



AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY
Department of Ohio, Inc.



CITATION OF MERIT



2021-2022 BONDING

REQUIREMENT

FROM: Department Finance Committee
TO: Every Unit
SUBJECT: Unit Bonding

Each year every unit has a financial obligation to the department to pay a mandatory bonding fee. The deadline date was May 1 of each administrated year. However, the DEC voted to change the deadline date to December 31.

The national organization bills the department this bonding fee for all units in the department. Therefore, it is only fair that all units pay their obligation. Each District President receives a bonding report from department on a regular basis. If you are sure that you have paid and are currently up to date, you can contact your district president or Melissa, the department bookkeeper. (740) 452-8245

The National Fidelity Bond covers all members and employees of the American Legion Auxiliary. Each Unit must pay \$6.00 for its share of the bond premium. The fidelity bond covers loss through larceny, embezzlement, theft, forgery, misappropriation, willful misapplication or any other act of fraud. This bond does not cover loss, mysterious disappearance, or burglary. As soon as a loss is discovered, an audit must be conducted to establish proof of loss. All claims are to be reported to the Department Secretary within three months of discovery.

Please detach and mail along with your Unit's check to:

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY
DEPARTMENT OF OHIO, INC.
PO BOX 2760
ZANESVILLE OH 43702-2760

Please enclose a separate check payable to: American Legion Auxiliary Dept. of Ohio
(Your canceled check will be your receipt.)

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Enclosed is \$6.00 payment of the mandatory premium due on the National Blanket Fidelity Bond for a
ONE-YEAR PERIOD—DUE DECEMBER 31, 2021

Year (s) 202 _____ **Check #** _____ **Unit #** _____ **District #** _____

Unit Name

Sender's Name

Address

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State

Zip

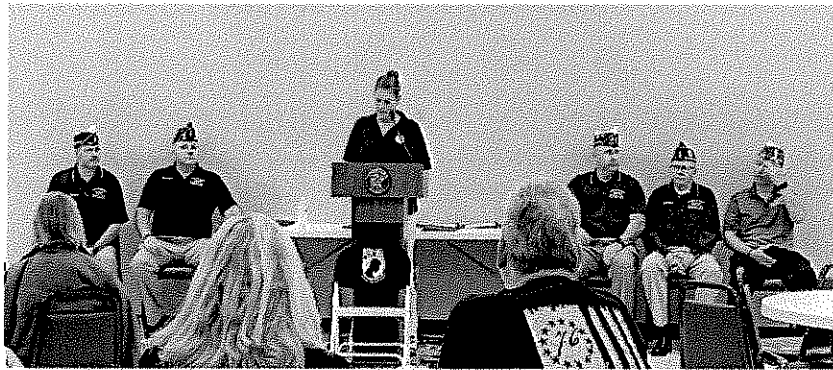


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Here is your bulk mailing for November 2021: Happy Thanksgiving Historians!

It's been my pleasure to visit your post/unit and district events & activities. This past Veterans Day my husband Al, Department Historian and I attended the program for 3rd District Post 707 in Englewood and 9th District Post 7 in Wickliffe.

I met Unit 707 1st Vice President, Tina Moore (See photo) who did a reading in their program with Commander Chris Emmons and fellow officers where members of Boy Scout Troop and Cub Scout Pack 248 presented the colors.



Wickliffe Unit 7 joined their legionnaires who had a combined dinner and program with VFW Post 2926 who share the building where most all are dual members. Auxiliary President Renee Silvaroli and 1st Vice Dianne Probst and auxiliary members (See photo below) were gracious and hospitable as well as Legion Commander, Jose Rivera, officers, and members.



Both of these Legion families are rich in history, and I can't wait to learn more having met their members.

If you have an upcoming event, let me know. I'll try my very best to attend!

DON'T FORGET TO EMAIL ME:

1. The name & location of your event or activity
2. Who & how many were involved including members, Legionnaires, Auxiliary, SAL, Juniors, and volunteers
3. And the specific program or objectivity
4. Include pictures or handouts

If Department President Colleen Phillips, 1st Vice Cindy Masowick, 2nd Vice Jane Ridenour or distinguished guest(s) visits, please share with me the historical experience.

Post on Facebook with photos to me at the following Facebook page:

- Sharing Historian American Legion Auxiliary Ohio Photos & Events
- Our Historians Inspire Ohio (OHIO) The American Legion Family of Ohio

Anything received through December 20, 2021, will be collected and categorized and entered in a drawing incentive to win the Emblem Sales coffee mug!



The incentive prize will be the Emblem Sales Coffee Mug with the American Legion Auxiliary logo and the winner's name, unit name & number. Item # 340.317AL. One winner's name will be drawn at Mid-Winter.

The easiest and simplest way to archive your history is to gather all the reporting from ALL your other programs. And do a summary of each one that would then be a narrative of what the unit did overall. Simple right? Get started!

Photos, program handouts, flyers, and newsletters can also be included in your history. Utilize social media to share what your members have done. Share at the District, Department and National level through Facebook.

Have an upcoming event, let me know & I'll see if I can be there! If you need any assistance, I am always available to help!

For God and Country - Dayna Beyer



Ohio Unit Plan of Action

NOVEMBER BULK MAILING 2021

District Junior Activities Chairman

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Greetings from your Department of Ohio Junior Activities team!

As we head into the holiday season, please include your Juniors and encourage them to bring their friends to plan, set up and tear down events. Inspire them to hand write cards and gift tags to distribute with your Unit/Post donations.

Maybe host a craft or baking day with your Juniors and then deliver to VA, nursing home or community center. Plan one for the Spring too!

It's time to work on your goals from your plan of action. Choose one event to promote and tell us how you did it for the 'Best Media Coverage' award.

Have a Junior show you how to visit Henry County virtually and begin writing a diary.

Craft, prayer, scrap and travel books...make it fun!

Don't forget about Poppy Poster!

Keep in mind National dates for Junior meetings and Mission training for 2022:

January 29 - Las Vegas

February 12 - Orlando

February 19 - Indianapolis

March 26 - Baltimore

April 2 - Omaha

Please reach out to any of us with questions.

Michelle Z.



CAREGIVER PATCH BLUE LEVEL 3 (Grade 9th-12th)

Educate yourself and learn how to be a caregiver.

Level 3: Ten (10) possibilities; Five (5) activities must be completed.

Number:	Activity:	Date:	Adult Signature:
1	Research what it means to be a caregiver, particularly issues specific to young caregivers. Discuss with a trusted adult.		
2	Prepare a first-aid kit for your home or the home of an elderly relative. Discuss and inspect its contents with an adult. Evaluate it for completeness.		
3	Describe the early signs and symptoms of each of the following and explain what actions should be taken: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Heart attack • Stroke 		
4	Research how to determine when CPR is needed. When would someone need CPR or an automated external defibrillator (AED). Identify the location of the AED at your school or Legion post home if one is present.		
5	Explain how you would obtain emergency medical assistance from: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Your home • An elderly relative's home • A public location, such as a restaurant or store 		
6	Learn about illnesses common to care receivers such as heart disease, diabetes, Alzheimer's, and autism.		
7	Research and put together a "Caregiver Survival Kit" for yourself or to give to a caregiver.		
8	Write a short essay on how you can support a caregiver or what support you need if you are a caregiver.		
9	Research choking and the Heimlich Maneuver. When should it be used? When shouldn't it be used?		
10	If your Legion post home does not have an AED, prepare a report on why they should have one. Ask you commander and president if you can present your findings at a meeting.		

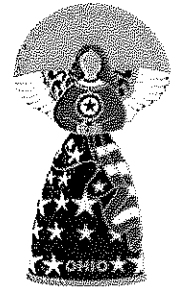
Name of Junior/SAL Member: _____

Grade: _____ Unit/Squadron # _____

Department _____



JUNIOR ACTIVITIES



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Happy Thanksgiving from the Junior Activities Team!

The holidays are upon us. I am sure that the all the Units have events and dinners planned. Ask your Juniors to help. It will give them experience and they are always willing to help. I guarantee that it will be fun!

I hope that you are all working on your patches. Remember that any adult can sign your sheet. Once you have fulfilled everything that is required for the patch, please send them to me. Do you have SAL youth members? Are you helping them to receive their patches? The patch program is for all youth! Need help? Feel free to contact the Junior Activities Committee or your District Junior Activities Chairman for ideas and suggestions. We are all here to assist.

Encourage your Juniors that are working on the Blue – Level 3 (9th grade through 12th grade) to earn the Caregivers Patch. This patch is geared more towards Level 3 participants. Again – if you need help, let us know.

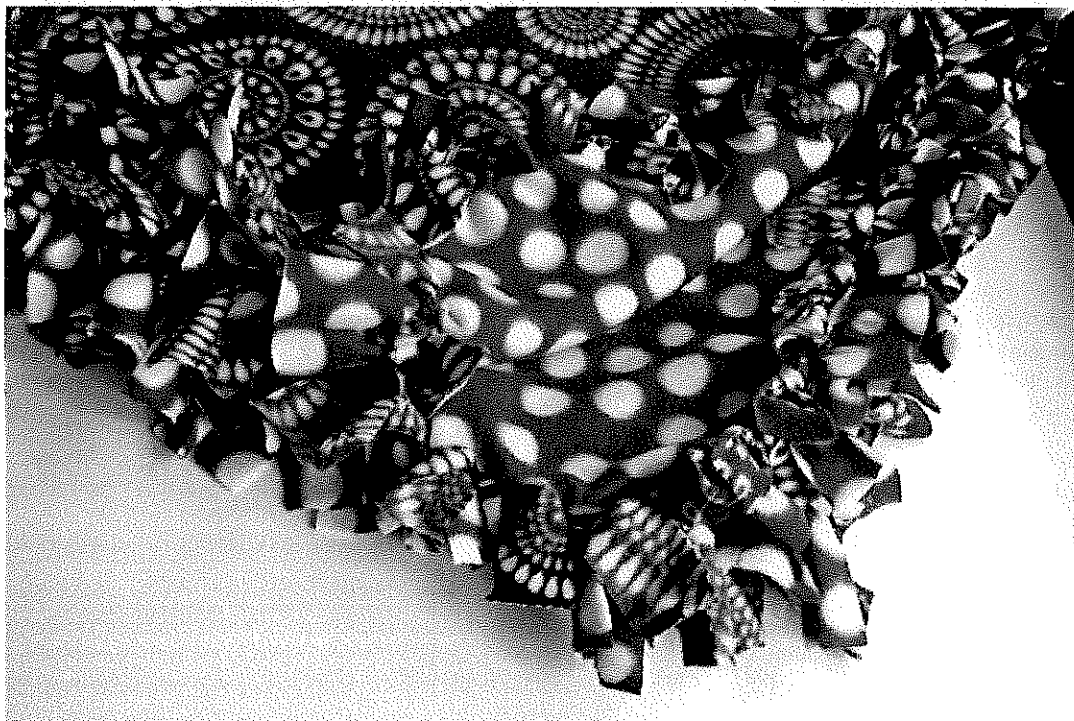
Don't forget to bring your items for Junior President Evelyn's Special Project. Her project will be divided into two parts.

In the fall and winter, we will collect blankets, socks, gloves, scarfs, and hats to keep the homeless veterans warm. During meetings, juniors can make no-sew blankets to donate. We will also include cards to the veterans thanking them for all they have done. During the winter season veterans in need struggle to find warmth

through the cold. My project will help these veterans stay warmer and healthier in the cold of winter. Everyone loves a nice warm blanket, especially if the blanket is handmade by juniors or other loving people. This is why during the Department Junior meeting the juniors will be making no-sew blankets. We will also encourage Districts and Units to make blankets and cards during their meetings.

Plan now to attend the Mid-Winter Conference in January. Bring your Juniors! It will be fun!

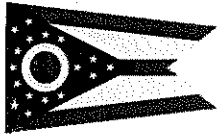
Have a safe and blessed Thanksgiving!





American Legion Auxiliary

In the Spirit of Service Not Self for Veterans, God and Country



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COMMUNICATE
BE THE SOLUTION



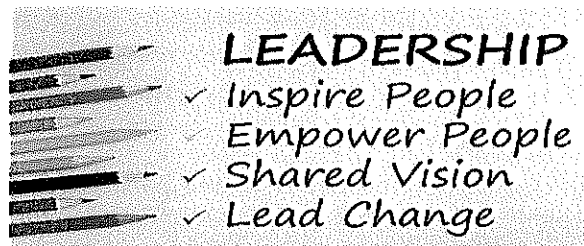
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UNIT MEMBER OF THE YEAR AWARD MOVED FROM PPP TO LEADERSHIP

Unit Member of the Year Award

- Deadline to **Leadership Chairman...April 15, 2022**
- The Unit Member of the Year award recognizes those serving at the unit level who exemplify the values and ideals of the Auxiliary and whose accomplishments significantly impact the program work in their units. Recognition of the winners occurs at the American Legion Auxiliary's national convention.
- Nominees must be a senior member who is not in an elected or appointed leadership role higher than unit president.
- Each department selects one Unit Member of the Year from its submitted candidates.
- Units must submit a narrative of 1,000 words or less describing the nominee's accomplishments and activities together with the nominee's name and address.
- The selection of the winner is at the discretion of the department Leadership chairman.
- The application form is with your Plan of Action for Leadership.



CHARACTERISTICS OF A SUCCESSFUL LEADERSHIP STYLE

- Choose to lead
- Be the person others choose to follow
- Provide a vision for the future
- Provide inspiration
- Make others feel important and appreciated
- Live your values
- Set the pace
- Continuously improve
- Provide opportunities for growth
- Care and act with compassion
- Develop yourself as a leader



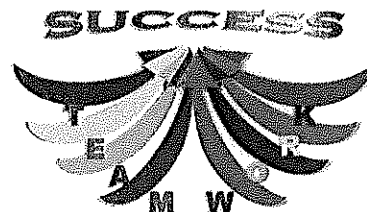
WHAT TRAITS DO YOU LOOK FOR IN A LEADER?

- Has had leadership successes
- Enjoys people
- Responsible and self-motivated
- Accountable and open to suggestions
- “Big picture” thinking
- Thinks “outside the box”
- Wants others to succeed
- Realistic opinion
- Good listener and observer
- Positive attitude
- Helps develop & mentor leaders... at all levels
- Sense change and embrace it
- Pass their experiences on to others
- Are invested in the future of this organization



THE DEMANDS OF LEADERSHIP

- Time
- Character qualities
- Values
- Foresight
- Make decisions
- Energy
- Competency



Being a leader is not an easy job...it takes dedication, time, and tenacity and above all LOVE for this organization to go on and succeed! You will cry a little, lament a little and laugh a lot. In the end, you will have succeeded as a leader and you will be glad you stepped up!

LEGISLATIVE

Hello Auxiliary members!

First off Congratulations are in order for the 2 new Congressional Representatives for Ohio. Shontel Brown (D) won the 11th District and Michael Carey (R) won the 15th District. Let's get our 117th Congress American Legion Legislative Agenda out to them!

I am looking for brave individuals to be contacts for their representatives to inform them of the American Legion Agenda. So far, we have 4 volunteers out of 16 State Districts.

Two Units, Parma Heights #703 and Levi Phillips #85 have invited me over to teach the ease of navigating the American Legion website for the Legislative Action Center. The 117th Congress flyer and "How To" papers were handed out. The offer still stands...I would love to come out and get you signed up for Legislative Alerts, show you how to send a letter and track a bill.

Remember it is as easy as going to www.votervoice.net/AmericanLegion/home !

Central Division Chairman, Sue Cunniff, reminds us that the organization's monthly newspaper, "The American Legion Dispatch", is going digital. It will no longer be printed and mailed after the Dec. 15th issue. Go to www.legion.org/subscribe to sign up to receive the e-newsletters. From there you can choose to receive an email link for the electronic Dispatch.

INCENTIVES

DON'T FORGET !

JOIN OUR "ALA LEGISLATIVE OHIO" FACEBOOK GROUP !

Every Tuesday is Tidbits on Ohio History! Answer the questions correctly and you are automatically put in a free drawing which is held **LIVE** on our **1st of the month, Monday Zoom meetings**. Please include your **Juniors**, just put their answers in for them. Info is in the FB Group. If your Unit is meeting on this day, then sign in and have them view what Bills we are discussing.

If you send me a picture of you and your legislator, you will be put in a drawing for the poppy earrings and poppy pin. If you send in your answered emails, you could win the poppy bracelet. Check your P.O.A for details.

Buddy Check Week update: It has been passed in the Senate on 10-7-21 and has been sent to the House on 10-8-21. Keep your messages going to your congressional representatives.

See you on Zoom!

Cindy Boehnlein, Chairman, C- 440-212-5150; cboehnlein55@gmail.com



MEMBERSHIP

Cindy Masowick, Membership Chairman

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MEMBERSHIP KEY POINTS

As we gather for the holidays, why not gift some of our older members their membership. Their income may be limited the next couple of months with the rising costs of groceries, heating, electric and gas.

INCENTIVE #2: 2-\$50 drawings at the Mid-Winter Conference for all goal Units by November 11, 2021. As of the membership report dated 11/11/2021, we have 8-goal units. They are:

District 1 Unit 553, Unit 680, Unit 143

District 4 Unit 755

District 8 Unit 602

District 10 Unit 147, Unit 651, Unit 679

District 11 Unit 595

Congratulations to these Units. Good luck in the drawing at Mid-Winter.

INCENTIVE #3: \$100.00 drawing at Mid-Winter Conference for all goal Units by December 31, 2021. The 8 Units listed above will be in this drawing. There are a lot of Units that need 10 or less to make goal. We just need to call these members and let them know they are a valuable asset to the organization. They might not be able to be a meetings, but they may be able to help with crafts, collect items for donations and other things. Just need to ask. Make them feel important.

Hopefully, all Unit Officers have paid their dues!! If not, lets get that membership in. I will be contacting Units whose Officers haven't been certified and no membership turned in. We can not be holding membership. It hurts your Unit, District, and Department. We get membership reports from National every week. Ohio needs to do better.

PERSONAL INCENTIVE: A gift given to the Unit Membership Chairman who signs up the Most Male Spouses by May, 31, 2021. I am happy to report that we have the following new Male Spouses in Ohio.

District 4 Unit 367, Unit 755

District 5 Unit 397

District 10 Unit 667

District 14 Unit 685

Congratulations to these Units.

LET'S GO RED, WHITE AND BLUE TEAMS.

FROM HEATHER WILSON – MEMBERSHIP CLERK – heather@alaohio.org

Heather has been getting more questions about the years of service that a member has. She has stated that National went to the year you joined, rather than the number of years you have been a member. With that, National has been updating everyone's file. The members that have a new "Member Since" date is due to several reasons. First, it shows in the computer that the member in question has not paid dues for that year. Heather needs the membership chairman to look through their records and mail or email to her the transmittal and the number it was paid on. With that, she will be able to go into the computer and make sure there were no notes on the receipt about the member in question. If there is nothing indicated and it shows that the member in question is listed on the transmittal, Heather will add the member for the year they are missing. If the member is not on the transmittal and/or the Unit cannot find the member on any transmittal, the Unit will need to send the dues amount of \$23.00 and a note to Heather to have the missing year paid updated. If you are paying the dues in question, please be sure to use the back dues form that was included in your membership guidelines packet.

NOVEMBER BULK MAILING POPPY PROGRAM

The American Legion Auxiliary Poppy Poster Contest is a wonderful way to share our mission with students and the community, as well the meaning of the poppy and promoting patriotism. This is a great time to reach out to schools to get them involved. Even if you are not able to physically meet with teachers in the school, send them an email with the requirements. Please refer to the information listed in the Plan of Action.

How many members and units have created a poppy to place in the window of a veteran, (also known as the Poppy Challenge)? This is another way to involve your local schools. Have students create a poppy and have them distribute the poppy to veterans in the community, nursing home, etc.

With Mid - Winter around the corner, do not forget about the Senior and Junior Poppy Usage and Corsage Contests. Do not forget to bring your dollar bills, as that will be the cost of each vote. Donations will benefit the National Veterans Creative Arts Festival.

Senior and Junior Poppy Usage Contest

There is no theme, so get your creative juices flowing because the entries are designs of your own choosing using official ALA poppies.

Senior and Junior Corsage Contest

Again, the design will be your choice. Please remember that corsages WILL NOT be returned unless noted at the time your entry is received. Any corsages not returned will be used at 2022 Buckeye Girls Session for the City Mayors.

Please see the Plan of Action for details.

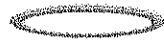
Do not forget to check out the ALA Academy Live Recordings for more information on Using Poppy Funds To Serve Our Mission. The course will educate members of how to use poppy funds in accordance with The American Legion criteria.

Please place on the ALA Poppy Facebook page and send to your National Division Chair your Department's Poppy Program events throughout the year. Include with photos (actual high-resolution jpg) and stories your Department & Unit Name to acknowledge members in their service to the Auxiliary Poppy Program. Feel free to send photos and events with me and I will make sure that I forward the information on to Central Division Chairman Karen Lowe.

Wishing you all a very Happy Thanksgiving.

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HALO HERALD
November 2021 Edition



How appropriate that President Colleen's theme is "ALA Angels Serving Others" with the holidays quickly approaching!! While we all celebrated Veteran's Day, it doesn't stop there. Holidays can be a lonely time for those in nursing/Veteran homes, the hospital, or even at home with no one close by to visit. And there are those who are deployed and not able to be with family and friends. Let's keep them in mind with care packages, cards, letters of thanks, and visits (if possible). How many units host Christmas gatherings for the children? The list of events is endless. Please keep me posted of your activities so I can share on our Facebook page: "Ohio Second Vice President Am Legion Auxiliary." I encourage you to visit this page and hit the "like" button. This way you will have access to ideas of what other units do as well as any updates from Department and National.

And while we're on the topic of social media, may I call your attention to National's website "alaforveterans.org" where you can sign into the ALA Academy online training page. There you will find a link to a webinar that they have available "Using Social Media to Your Unit's Advantage." Here you can learn how to set up a webpage that will let the public know what you are doing in your community. Remember, in Public Relations we're all about branding and letting people know what we do!! This, hopefully, will result in not only Unit recognition but potential volunteers to help you in your projects or even maybe some new members. We must spread the word as to what the American Legion Family is all about! **WE ARE ALA PROUD!!**

I wish you and yours a very Happy Thanksgiving, Merry Christmas, and a Happy New Year!! Keep up the amazing work that you do for our Veterans, Military, and their families!! God bless you and God Bless America!!

Jane Ridenour, Chair
Public Relations

VA&R

Shirley Maurer, Chairman

By the time you read this, it will be way into November, probably closer to December. This year is going so fast and I hope everyone is working their VA&R program. With shut downs still going on at the VA Centers, I know it is hard for you to plan your events. Please don't forget about the veterans. They are just as frustrated as we are with this. This doesn't mean that they don't have needs, because they do. Their lives, just like ours, go on through all of this. And don't forget our homeless veterans.

Thanksgiving and Christmas are coming up. Plan items to give them at the holidays. Ask your hospital reps what the veterans would like to have. They have an inside look at this and are able to get items to the veterans.

Remember also the caregivers of veterans, they are the forgotten warriors. They gently and quietly serve the veterans that are in their care. These people should also be honored for their sacrifices. Taking care of people that are recovering from traumas whether it be physical or emotional is very exhausting. It takes a special skill to lovingly and patiently care for those that are hurting. Many veterans and their care givers have been or still are living a solitary life due to the current pandemic. These patients and caregivers need your support, please remember them in your celebrations.

It is really important that you share with the rest of us through stories and especially pictures the celebrations that are happening in your Units. I want to share in your enthusiasm and triumphs. As said before, there are no midyear reports this year, but I would love to hear from you what you have done in story form or pictures. I can then share them with the whole Department.

Hour Bars – Caregivers can now be awarded “Service to Veterans” hours which may accumulate for hour bars for time spent providing care and assistance to Veterans within their families if they do not receive PROFESSIONAL compensations for doing so. If the caregiver lives with the Veteran, they may be awarded 10 hours a week. If they do NOT live with the Veterans then they may be awarded 5 hours a week. The bonus is placed upon the caregiver to report these hours through the existing structure within their units and departments. Only the highest earned hour bar will be

awarded. This change will have a bearing on how we ask Impact Numbers to be reported – specifically what is included, and that information will be updated on the National website soon.

**If You Enjoy
Your Freedom**

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