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October 2021

Blessings to All American Legion Auxiliary Members,

Hope you have had time to review the Plans of Action for our wonderful programs. If you were not able to get to the School of Instructions, we hope you have had time to watch the Program Chairman on Facebook Live: You can even watch it now, go to Facebook:

The American Legion Auxiliary, Department of Ohio and click on Videos

There is one from Friday and another Video from Saturday. I have watched it several times to help everything sink in. It is nice to be able to go back and listen to the Chairman and National President Kathy's words of wisdom and encouragement. Thanks to our Ohio American Legion Auxiliary Staff for all they do to make our School of Instructions a success and then be able to view our Chairman's remarks and fun skits at a later time.

We hope every one of you are staying healthy. Please keep each of our members battling cancer and other health issues in your prayers. We are all caring people who do so much for others; and prayers for our members is important.

Life is still crazy with covid concerns. Please remember to send cards to shut-ins and let the Veterans and Auxiliary members in veterans' hospitals, nursing homes, and assisted living facilities know we are here for them; even when we can't visit when shutdowns occur.

I hope each of your units are planning a special fundraiser for our Military & Veterans Family Assistance. We need to build this fund so we can help more of our Military and our Veterans.

We will have a great year with each of us working our Programs!

“Believe you can and you're halfway there.” – Theodore Roosevelt

For God and Country,

Colleen K. Phillips

Great Christmas Gifts! WHEN: September 27 to November 25.
40% earnings on Make-up, skin care, Health wellness, fragrance
And Jewelry. 25% earnings on clothing

**Angels
Serving
Others**

**AVON FUNDRAISER FOR
MILITARY FAMILY ASSISTANCE FUND**

**HOW IT WORKS: Anyone can place an
Order on the online store. Share the
Website with Family,**

**Friends. Neighbors
and
out of State Friends.**

Order online,

Pay online,

**Products Ship directly
to customer. Profit will**

**be On Avon Rep's Invoice
paid to ALA OHIO .**

www.avon.com/fundraiser/alaohio21



AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY

Department of Ohio, Inc.

2021-2022 Poppy Order Form

PRICES: Small Poppies - \$25.00 per 100 plus Shipping & Handling (Minimum order 300 Poppies)
 Large Poppies - \$1.10 each plus Shipping & Handling (Minimum order 30 Poppies)

**NOTE: ALL ORDERS MUST BE RECEIVED IN DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS BY
 DECEMBER 31, 2021 TO QUALIFY FOR THE DEPARTMENT CITATION OF MERIT !!!**

1. Small Poppies must be ordered and paid for by December 31, 2021 to qualify for a Citation of Merit.

PLEASE MAIL FORM AND SEPARATE CHECK PAYABLE TO:

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY
 DEPARTMENT OF OHIO, INC.
 PO BOX 2760
 ZANESVILLE OH 43702-2760
 (740) 452-8245

PLEASE ALLOW 6-8 WEEKS FOR DELIVERY!

Unit Name _____ Unit # _____ District # _____

Enclosed is check # _____ for the following poppy order:

	Quantity	Amount	S & H *	Total
Small Poppies @ 25.00 per 100 (minimum 300)				
Large Poppies @ \$1.10 each (minimum 30)				
Total Enclosed				\$

Send Poppies To:

Name _____
 Address _____
 Address _____
 City, State, Zip _____
 Phone Number _____

* Shipping & Handling Table	
Small Poppies:	
300-900	\$9.00
1000-1600	\$13.00
1700-2500	\$17.00
2600-3500	\$21.00
3600-4000	\$25.00
Large Poppies:	
30 - 100	\$8.00
100-200	\$12.00

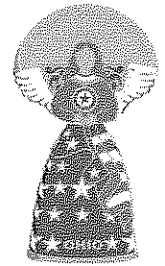
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Americanism

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



There is a custom in The American Legion and the American Legion Auxiliary to never walk between the Flag of our Country and the Banner. There is nothing in the United States Flag Code, the Constitution and Bylaws of The American Legion/Auxiliary to support this custom, but perhaps the following poem will give the reason for this custom.

Between the flags that proudly fly
Let no man dare to stand,
For here our fallen comrades lie.
A symbol, yes, but mark it well;
Here let us humbly pause in memory of the lads
Who fell in fighting for our sacred cause.
On sea and land these buddies died,
In graves caressed by winds and tide,
In spots unknown to all but God
And so, this place is hallowed ground,
And it shall be forever blest,
As tho' it was a grassy mound
Beneath which gallant heroes rest.
Be ever watchful, Legionnaire,
Of those two flags which signify
That we should guard this spot with care
Where our departed comrades lie.
And if a man should dare to tread this spot
Where lies out gallant brave,
He desecrated that noble deed
As tho' he walked upon their graves.

-Author unknown-



American Legion Auxiliary
Buckeye
Girls State

Gwen Schroeder-Zulch, Director

The ALA Buckeye Girls State Board of Directors will meet in early November to begin working on the 2022 year.

FICTION: The \$50.00 fee that the DELEGATES must pay in addition to the \$350.00 ALA Buckeye Girls State fee paid by the Units is refundable upon the delegate completion of the program.

TRUE: The \$50.00 fee that the DELEGATES must pay in addition to the \$350.00 ALA Buckeye Girls State fee paid by the Units is **NONREFUNDABLE**. This fee is used for **administrative costs**.

FICTION: Parents or family members can pay for their family member to attend ALA Buckeye Girls State by sending in the fee to Department Headquarters.

TRUE: ALA Buckeye Girls State delegates are selected and sponsored by a Unit, Post, or Squadron. While Units can obtain donations for the program, the application must be applied for by the above. Selection of the delegates is done by the sponsoring American Legion Family.

FICTION: ALA Buckeye Girls State delegates can attend the program at their leisure and may leave for family vacations, weddings, birthdays, and graduations with no penalty to the delegate.

TRUE: ALA Buckeye Girls State delegates are required to attend the whole program and in case of an emergency the decision will be taken to the BGS Board of Directors.

- Did you know ALA Buckeye Girls State is held at Mt. Union University June 12-18, 2022?
- Did you know the ALA Buckeye Girls State fee covers room and board, insurance, meals, and programming?
- Did you know you can volunteer for ALA Buckeye Girls State by sending an email to Vicky Buck at Department Headquarters (vicky@alaohio.org) and she will forward information to you?



CHAPLAIN

Chairman

Sharon McClain

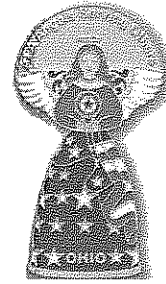
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Now that we all have received our plan of Actions, let us all thank God for those that have taken on a Chairmanship and take the plans to work on for the Auxiliary, Unit, Community, and our Veterans. With Gods help we will have a Bless year, with fun and excitement.

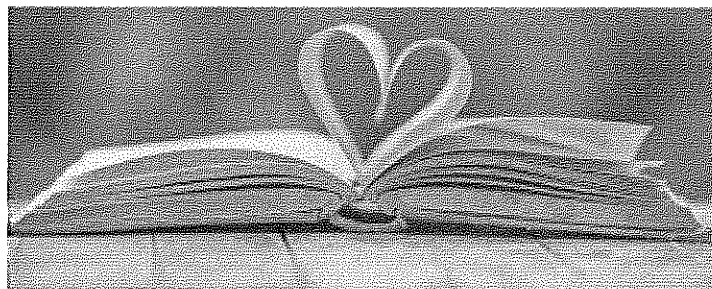
I hope that you are taking the time to get your prayers together, SOOOO who is going to be the first person to send to me the most prayers????? Who will be the first person that will send me a prayer for the bulk mail?????? How about a Thanksgiving Prayer due to me before or on November 10th? Each monthly prayer needs to be to me by the 10th of each month to be entered into the Bulk mailing.

Please let me know how your unit and Junior members are doing in making the small prayers books for the veterans.

Should you have any special prayer request feel free to let me know. I do need a list of those that are sick or deceased from your units. Have a great Month of October, may God be with each of you with His Blessings.

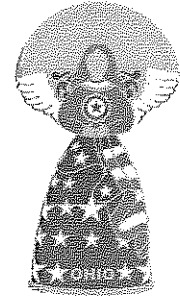
Devotion

**Let your light shine before each other
that they may see your good work
do this in God's name**





Children and Youth
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The Good Deed and Youth Hero awards are National awards for children and youth in your community. The Youth Hero Award is awarded to any child under the age of 18 who demonstrates a physical act of valor (Heimlich, CPR, first aid, rescuing from fire or water peril). The award serves as an inspirational role model for the organization and the community. The Good Deed Award is for the child under 18 years of age who donates time and/or money for a worthy cause (such as troop support, raising money to help homeless veterans, a food drive, etc.). You can contact the schools, churches or service organizations to find these students. Watch for news stories in the newspaper or on social media to help find worthy students. In honor of the American Legion Auxiliary's 102nd year of service and in support of our mission, your unit can help by supporting the National effort to achieve 102 individual recognitions for both our ALA Good Deed Award and ALA Youth Hero Award. You can do your part by downloading the forms and submitting worthy youth candidates for award recognition to the Department of Ohio.

National is excited to announce a new recognition opportunity for our program for the 2021-2022 year, the Youth Caregiver Award. The requirements for the award are students who provide care, comfort, assistance, and support to loved ones, friends or family members without being paid. This is a unit award and a certificate will be available for download from the ALA national website for units to present.

One of the Department of Ohio's objectives this year is protecting, caring for and supporting the children and youth of your community particularly the veterans and military families' and those who are homeless. This would include holding events for children that would not only be seasonal parties but also educational and learning experiences. With Veterans Day approaching, plan for a lunch, dinner or pizza party for the members of your Post and the children and grandchildren. Many children know that "Grandpa is a veteran" but might not know why he is a veteran. This would give the children an opportunity to talk to veterans and have a better understanding of what a veteran is and why "Grandpa is a veteran." In less than three months is Christmas. Start planning now for a breakfast with Santa or a Post and Unit Christmas party making it a Legion family affair. What can you do for the homeless children in your community that will not have much of a Christmas if any at all?

This year Units who have three events and submit a narrative of 300 words or less explaining the three events will receive recognition at the Department Summer Convention and a certificate. When writing the narrative include pictures, volunteer hours and money spent for your event. Record the activity as soon as it happens so it is fresh in your mind instead of waiting until spring when details can get fuzzy. It will make reporting in the spring much easier.

This past week there has been much on Facebook and its effect especially on young girls. One of your events could be an educational and learning workshop on how to handle social media and bullying. Bullying has been around forever and it will probably always be. We can help by educating our youth how to handle situations whether they are getting bullied or witnessing bullying. Invite speakers to talk to students. Contact the professionals in your community to speak; police, guidance counselor, teachers, and your district mental health department. Most are more than happy to share their information.

Does your unit have members that like to cook or bake? There are those children that love to cook. Plan a basic cooking or baking class. In 1970 the Auxiliary's Committee on Orphans of the Great War which was originally established in 1922 was changed to Children and Youth to align with the Legion's program. One of the subjects at the time was nutrition. With many of our children leaning towards obesity, what could be more important than learning basic cooking skills and how to make nutritional snacks? It could help children have a better attitude towards healthy eating and those members of your unit who enjoy cooking would have fun, too.

There are dozens of ideas to engage our children and youth. This year there is no mid-year reporting but if you have ideas, please share them with me so that I can share them with others. Make sure you are also planning for the older children, tweens and teens. It is important to make sure you give yourselves plenty of time to plan an event. Get your Juniors involved in your planning. It gives them the experience and helps you by doing some of the leg work. Who knows, it could help grow your Junior program if your Juniors are having fun and tell their friends.

If your unit is having a Halloween Party or a "Truck or Treat" night, there is a coloring book that you can download free at www.alaforveterans.org/coloring-books. The coloring book is "Have a Safe Halloween" and fits right into the objective one, protecting our children. Also available is a coloring book for the poppy. They can be purchased if you choose at emblem.legion.org or by calling 888-453-446.

Make sure that when you have events you wear your auxiliary apparel and take lots of pictures. Invite the media or make sure you have pictures and articles in the newspapers. When people see what we are doing, they might be encourage to join the Auxiliary



**Have A Safe
Halloween!**

American Legion Auxiliary
Coloring Book

COMMUNITY SERVICE 2021-2022

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Hello to all the Units in the Department of Ohio!

This fall weather has had its ups and downs, but there have still been some nice days to get outside and enjoy nature, volunteer at, or attend community events. We hope you are all wearing your Auxiliary apparel while you are busy in your communities helping to serve veterans and their families.

The Plan Of Actions (POA's) were distributed at Department School of Instructions if you had a unit member there, or they were mailed to your Unit. The POA's were completely revised this year to be more user friendly with the end of the year Impact Reports. Please read your POA over very carefully as there is NEW INFORMATION, and a NEW NATIONAL AWARD this year.

Please refer to the information on the back of this sheet. It will tell you about the new National Award "CARING FOR THOSE WHO CARE FOR OTHERS" created by National President Kathy Daudistel. Who is that one Unit member who always volunteers to help in the community? One who is a caregiver? Check out the criteria for this recognition and nominate a Unit member for the award.

A new program for Department of Ohio Community Service this year is a Mental Health Initiative. Is there a link between mental illness and violence?? Most of us understand the feeling of being anxious, sad, or having no motivation. These feelings are usually temporary and will go away with time, but for some, these feelings persist. This can cause significant distress which may lead to a change in their behavior, emotions, and thinking process. If this change starts to interfere with daily life, then possibly a mental illness will be diagnosed.

With treatment and getting the proper services needed, for many, symptoms can be reduced, controlled, or managed. There are a lot of people with mental illness who live healthy, productive lives. Despite this, mental illness is usually associated with scary, unpredictable, violent behavior. (Mostly driven by the news media and entertainment industries) Research indicates, in most cases, this behavior is not due to mental illness itself, but a combination of multiple factors.

SOURCE: Research Hub ICJIA (Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority)

HOW CAN THE ALA HELP?

1. Reach out to someone you know with mental health issues. See if you can arrange the services they need from Mental Health Agencies in your community. Try to help and avoid the illness from escalating.
2. Contact local mental health services in your community such as NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness), Ohio MHAS (Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services), Harbor Behavioral Health. Ask them what you can do to enhance and promote the services they provide. Find out how you can help these organizations reach out to more individuals in need of their assistance. Check these resources for age specific requirements that would include young, school age children through teens.

Roseanne and I would like to wish you a very successful year. Please don't hesitate to contact us if you have any questions.

Becky Dippman

**NEW NATIONAL COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD
UNIT MEMBER COMMUNITY SERVICE APPRECIATION AWARD
“CARING FOR THOSE WHO CARE FOR OTHERS”**

For the year 2021-2022, National President Kathy Daudistel will be focusing on the American Legion Auxiliary members in our community who care for others. We have many members who care for veterans, and they are recognized under the VA&R program.

But we also have those Unit members who do outstanding work in the community, even though they are not caregivers for a veteran. There is always that one Unit member who stands out in your community as the “go to person” to get things done in the community. A candidate for this award must be a **volunteer** who is spearheading a community project, taking care of a non-veteran community member outside of their family, visiting the homebound residents to find out their needs, or just spending time with a community member at risk. They work for the good of the community and all residents, regardless of who needs the help, and they always represent the ALA. They have great organizational skills, are compassionate, kind, and humble people. Let’s reward these Unit members by recognizing their efforts with a Certificate of Appreciation.

UNIT MEMBER COMMUNITY SERVICE APPRECIATION AWARD

Each Unit may nominate **one** Unit member by submitting a narrative to the Department Community Service Chairman with a deadline requested by the Department Chairman. Each Department Community Service Chairman will submit **one** Unit member winner per Department, **by email**, to their National Community Service Divisional Chairman by June 1, 2022. Each Divisional Chairman will submit their Divisional winner to the National Chairman, Denise Conrad by June 15, 2022.

- **Candidate must be a Unit member in good standing.**
- Narrative must be less than 500 words
- Please try to include the Unit member’s picture (doing a task in the community OPTIONAL)
- Make sure to include Winner’s name and contact information
- Include Unit name, Department, and chairman information
- It is recommended that Units download the fillable, printable Certificate of Appreciation from the website alaforveterans.org on the Community Service page and present it to those members in your Unit that are considered for this award. The Units may present this certificate to more than one member in the Unit but **can only send one nomination per Unit** on to the Department Community Service Chairman.
- It is recommended that the Department Chairman award a Certificate of Appreciation to all Unit members submitted to the Department Community Service Chairman for the award.

Each Divisional Unit member winner will receive a Certificate of Appreciation from National President Kathy Daudistel.

Denise Conrad
National Community Service Chairman 2021-2022
dconrad0609@gmail.com

Constitution and Bylaws

Chairman: Carol T. Robinson

abernia@aol.com

937-602-9365

All organizations are organized and conduct business and mission service according to the organization's governing documents. In ALA, the vital governing documents are its Articles of Incorporation – Constitution; ByLaws – its fundamental structure and fundamental rules; and Standing Rules – process and detailed rules that “stand” for all to follow yet can be amended as frequently needed to keep the unit functioning well.

This year, this chairman asked that after your C&B committee finishes your update, you send your revised constitution and bylaws and standing rules to me via email before you present to the unit. Why? It saves a lot of frustration and postage.

I have created a template for C&B; all you have to do is fill in the blanks. Then, send it to me, and I will review it, send it back via email with corrections if needed. Next, you presented to your unit members for approval; then, send two (2) signed copies to me for signature. Finally, I will send one (1) to the department and one (1) back to you to distribute to your members.

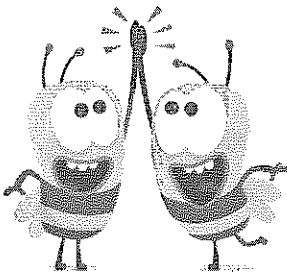
As far as your standing rules, I can help with that also, depending on how detailed you want them to be. Remember, standing rules are regulations or rules that deal with the unit's procedures, operations, and guidance.

So to make this easier and cost-effective for everyone, contact me via email (abernia@aol.com) and request I send you the template. You can also call me with questions, 937-602-9365.

Constitution and bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the members present at a regular Unit meeting, provided the entire membership has been notified of the proposed amendments by the medium of the press, Unit notice, or unit newsletter and also read at the previous meeting.

Standing rules may be amended by a two-thirds (2/3) vote at any regularly scheduled meeting or by a majority vote if notice has been given.

We are in this together, so let's work together and get our Constitution and Bylaws and Stand Rules updated!



CAROL T

Education

“Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world.” — Nelson Mandela

You can help provide educational opportunities to veterans and their children by publicizing the Auxiliary scholarships. There are many available on both the National and Department level and possibly at your unit level. All the scholarships are now on our website and can be downloaded. Please be sure to remind members that the *Children of Warriors National Presidents' Scholarship* applications must be completed and submitted online.

The deadline dates are not all the same so be sure to check the deadlines carefully.

I am asking that units contact colleges and universities in their area to promote the Department of Ohio Women Veteran's Scholarship. We have not had any applicants in the past two years, and I would like to see that change this year.

Remember to keep a record of all your donations to 'Give 10 to Education'. A tracking sheet is on the back of this page to help you. Copies can be made and distributed to members.

National Education Week is November 15-19. Please remember that all school staff are part of the education process, and it would be nice to recognize them as well.

While yearend reports are a long way off, record your projects and events as they happen. Please keep me informed of what you are doing because while Mid-Year reports are not required, Julia Moore, the Central Division Education Chairman has already asked department chairmen to send her information throughout the year.

Use your Education Program to help make a difference for students of all ages!

Diann Long
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American Legion Auxiliary Give 10 to Education Suggested Donation Items and Tracking Sheet

Suggested Item	Quantity	Monetary Value
Books		
Backpack/Book bag		
Loose Paper		
Notebooks		
Folders		
3-Ring Binders		
Pencils		
Pens		
Erasers		
Highlighters		
Crayons		
Colored Pencils		
Markers		
Pencil Box/Pencil Case		
Scissors		
Glue/Glue Sticks		
Ruler		
Calculator		
Craft Supplies		
Kleenex/Paper Towels		
Hand Sanitizer		
Disinfecting Wipes/Baby Wipes		
Mentoring/Reading		
Donation to School		
Donation to Library		
Donation to Scholarship - (only non-Auxiliary)		
Clothing		
Patriotic Item		
Sports Equipment/Games		
Box Tops 4 Education		
Totals:		

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY



MANDATORY!!!!!!

**NEW DEADLINE DATE
DECEMBER 31, 2021
2021-2022 BONDING FORM**

CITATION OF MERIT



REQUIREMENT

TO: Unit Treasurer and Unit Members
SUBJECT: Unit Bonding

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.

The following controls are recommended to help prevent losses and provide more reliable financial data:

1. Unit Bylaws should provide for a regular financial report from the Unit Treasurer.
2. Unit Bylaws should provide for an annual audit and specify how the audit is to be made.
3. Cash receipts must match the cash receipt entry in the ledger and the bank deposit.
4. Involve a second person in cash receipts processing.
5. Make certain cash receipts match the cash receipts entry and the actual bank deposit.
6. Pay all bills by check.
7. Issue receipts for all monies received.
8. Require countersignatures on all checks—NEVER pre-sign a blank check.
9. Someone independent of check processing should review bank statements, bank reconciliations, credit card statements, vendor addresses, etc.

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
(740) 452-8245**

**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

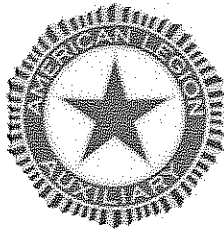
Address

City

State

Zip

(Please disregard if bonding fee has been paid for the 2022 administrative year)



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Here is your bulk mailing for October 2021: Welcome Historians!

Things have changed in reporting making things simpler. National Historian Chairman, Carol Campbell has asked us to send emails reporting your activities and events.

I understand that not everyone is on email, Facebook, etc., so reporting can also be done by mail with a simple note of what you did. You can also text message me or messenger me your photo and caption of the who and what happened.

DON'T FORGET to send pictures with your email or your note. You can also 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 from each historian/unit since August 2021 through December 20, 2021 will be collected and categorized and entered in a drawing incentive.



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.

"What do I need to do in the History program"? That's a great question. Each year as your unit does their programs, has their activities or events virtually or in person, this is the HISTORY that should be recorded.

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!

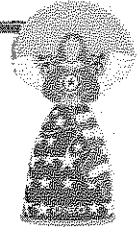
Photos, program handouts, flyers, and newsletters can also be included in your history. Utilize social media to share your summary of what your members have done. Share at the District, Department and National level through Facebook.

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



JUNIOR ACTIVITIES

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Greetings from your Department of Ohio Junior Activities team! Please note there have been some leadership changes since your plans of action were mailed. Please see above and be sure to inform your Junior Activity chairs of this important information!

As we all hope to return to in person meetings and functions, it is key to remember to include your Juniors! Consider assigning them a Senior mentor to educate them on all things Auxiliary. It is imperative to not only include them in your functions but also the planning process. They will learn by example and feel more included.

Consider asking your Juniors for help with social media. Facebook, Instagram and Twitter may all be used as tools to pass along Auxiliary information and Unit/Post events. Consider inviting them to a Senior meeting to teach Seniors how to use Facebook live or meetings apps like Zoom or Webex while Seniors teach meeting procedures and protocol to the Juniors.

The holidays are just around the corner, consider involving Juniors in your events by assisting with planning, set up and tear down of events, design of center pieces or any decorations. Hand write cards and gift tags to distribute to residents at the VA, nursing homes and community centers.

National dates for Junior meetings and Mission training for 2022:

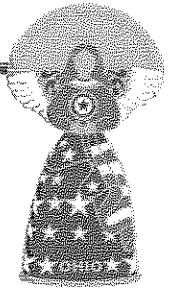
January 29 - Las Vegas
February 12 - Orlando
February 19 - Indianapolis
March 26 - Baltimore
April 2 - Omaha

Please reach out to any of us with questions.

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JUNIOR ACTIVITIES

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**REPORT DUE TO DISTRICT
CHAIRMAN BY :**

**April 15, 2022 to
DISTRICT CHAIRMAN**

**DISTRICT CHAIRMAN SEND TO DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN
BY MAY 1, 2022**

**Your District Junior Activities Chairman
(address shown below)**

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Department Report Form

This Form should be attached to each narrative that is submitted for information, Citation of Merit requirements and possible Department award. Please fill out the information as completely and accurately as possible. A Unit must submit a this report form with boxes completed and answer the questions below in order to earn the Citation of Merit. Narrative - word count must follow directions given in award guidelines. Simple or elaborate stories will be accepted as a report.

Please complete the following. Be sure to give the complete name of your Unit: _____

District _____	Unit # _____	Unit Membership Goal _____	Unit Membership Total As of Report _____		
Name of Person Completing Report: _____			Unit Chair. _____	Unit Pres. _____	_____
Phone # _____	Email _____	Membership ID (if available) _____			
Specific Award Name(if applicable) _____					

Answer the following Questions in your narrative.

Narrative must be typed written in narrative form.

Narrative must not exceed 1,000 words. (Can be fewer words if program dictates)

Narrative may include photographs and news articles.

- What did your Unit do to maintain/obtain new Junior members? _____

- How did your Juniors participate in Unit activities? What were the Juniors' duties for those activities? _____

- What did your Unit do to mentor the Junior members leading them into Senior membership? _____

- How did your Unit/Juniors participate in the Star Spangled Kids program? _____

- What did your Unit do to promote the Conference Covers for the 70th Department Junior Convention with your Juniors? _____

- How did your Unit promote the Americanism Essay contest with your Juniors? _____

- How did your Unit promote the Poppy Posters Contest? _____

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American Legion Auxiliary
National Junior Activities Report and Award Cover Sheet

Please note, your report will also be viewed as an award entry if this cover sheet is attached.

Complete the following if you are applying for a member award.

Unit #: _____ Full official unit name: _____

Name of state where you are a member: _____

Member's Full Name: _____ ALA member ID#: _____

Nominating Member (if different from above): _____

Nominator's Phone number: (____) _____

Nominator's Email address: _____

National committee sponsoring award: _____

For a unit award or to submit a year-end unit narrative report, please complete this section.

Be sure to give the complete name of your unit. The award certificate will be prepared using the information you include below.

Unit #: _____ Full official unit name: _____

Name of department: _____

Unit president/chairman (circle one) name: _____

Above listed person's ALA member ID#: _____ Phone number: (____) _____

Email address: _____

For a department award or to submit a year-end department narrative report, please complete this section:

Name of department: _____

Name of department chairman: _____

Chairman's phone number: (____) _____ ALA member ID#: _____

Chairman's email address: _____

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JUNIOR ACTIVITIES

Key Program Statements:

1. To inspire active participation in members age 17 and under so that they will become engaging, productive members who will want to continue their American Legion Auxiliary membership into adulthood.
2. To build the Junior Activities program one member at a time by giving Junior members a voice and an opportunity to participate.
3. To promote and encourage Junior participation in the Patch Program in order to teach them about the mission of the American Legion Auxiliary.
4. To make Junior meetings fun and informative.

1. **Objective Goal:** Maintain and/or obtain new Junior members

- a. **Action Step:** Encourage Junior members to attend meetings and invite their friends.
- b. **Action Step:** Encourage Unit members to sign up their children/grandchildren.
- c. **Action Step:** Include Junior information in newsletter, including membership and activities.
- d. **Action Step:** Hold a Junior Membership Drive and encourage Seniors and Juniors to join the American Legion Auxiliary together.

2. **Objective Goal:** Educate Juniors on the American Legion Auxiliary programs and activities.

- a. **Action Step:** Mentor Juniors, consider assigning a Senior member to mentor a Junior member.
- b. **Action Step:** Invite Junior members to attend Senior meetings and participate with Senior member officers. Ask Senior members to let Junior members help facilitate the Senior meeting. Have Junior officers sit with Senior officers to learn and participate in helping to run the meeting. Give them an active role in the meeting.
- c. **Action Step:** Invite Junior members to attend Unit/Post events and include them in the planning process. Giving them some responsibility to help in the decision making, makes them feel important.
- d. **Action Step:** Assign duties to Juniors at a Unit/Post event.
- e. **Action Step:** When planning Junior Meetings, talk with Juniors to see what they would like to do at their meetings for a social piece. Plan activities that are fun, yet engaging, teach about ALA, yet mission focused, and be sure that your meeting is age appropriate for everyone.

3. **Objective Goal:** Teach Junior members about the Mission of the ALA by working with them on the Patch Program.

- a. **Action Step:** Invite Junior SAL to work with ALA Juniors to complete the requirements for each patch.
- b. **Action Step:** Mentor the Juniors so that they can complete the requirements to earn the patches. Schedule a special meeting so Juniors can do what needs to be done, i.e., recite pledge, talk about the meaning of preamble, read excerpts to earn various patches, invite community people in to talk about safety, write letters or thank you notes to various people for good things, take some on field trips to nursing homes, schools, or library to complete patch requirements, etc.

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JUNIOR ACTIVITIES RESOURCES

- Junior Activities National Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/alajuniors/>
- Junior Activities Instagram page: <https://www.instagram.com/alajuniors/>
- ALA National website: <https://member.legion-aux.org/member/committees/junior-member-activities>

Year-End Reports

Annual reports reflect the program work of units in the department and may result in a national award for participants if award requirements are met. Narrative should include photos and/or news articles. **Each Unit Junior Activities chairman is required to submit a narrative report by April 15, 2022, to the District Junior Activities Chairman.** (addresses on front of POA)

NATIONAL AWARD INFORMATION & DEADLINES

Junior Member of the Year Award - The Merry Lyn Plaque winner will be sent on to National to compete for this National Award.

Most Outstanding Unit Junior Activities Program – one per division. The Helen Sloan Plaque winner will be sent on to National to compete for this National Award.

Best Media Coverage of Activity or Project – The Department winner will be sent on to National to compete for this National Award.

DEPARTMENT AWARD INFORMATION & DEADLINES

Merry Lyn Plaque – Junior Member of the Year Award – This award recognizes the dedicated service, efforts, and talents of our Junior members. At a minimum, criteria should include the following:

2. Nominees must have been a Junior at the start of the 2021-2022 administrative year and must be members in good standing.
3. Each Unit is limited to one nomination.
4. Outstanding contribution the junior has made through a program or project outlined in the Plan of Action and other than the office she may be holding (based on current year only).
5. Junior group will select the junior nominee with the assistance of the Unit Junior Activities Advisor.
5. Nominee should not be serving as honorary Department Junior President.
6. Length of membership is not a criterion.
7. Name, membership number, e-mail address and complete mailing address of nominee must accompany nomination.
8. A narrative typed essay not to exceed 500 words describing nominee's accomplishments during the current administrative year, it can be electronic mail or postal mail.
9. Nomination must be signed by Unit Junior Activities advisor.
10. Please include pictures, either electronically or via postal mail.
11. Submit to Department Junior Activities Chairman Michelle Zayakosky, 7400 Johnnycake Ridge, Mentor, OH 44060-7518. Entries must be received **April 1, 2022**.

Helen Sloan Plaque – Overall Junior Activities Program – Unit winner will be presented an engraved plaque.

1. The Junior Unit must be goal.
2. Narrative form that demonstrates superior execution of at least two action steps from each of the objectives in the Junior Activities Plan of Action. Awarded to the unit with the most outstanding Junior Activities program.
3. Narrative not to exceed 1,000 words. Include specific examples of how your Juniors worked the ALA mission.
4. Narrative should include pictures, news articles, news releases, etc.

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5. First page - Helen Sloan Plaque
6. Last page
 - a. Unit name and number
 - b. District number
 - c. Junior advisor's name, address, email, and phone number , membership number
 - d. Number of words.
7. Submit to Department Junior Activities Chairman Michelle Zayakosky, 7400 Johnnycake Ridge, Mentor, OH 44060-7518. Entries must be received by **April 15, 2022**.

Best Media Coverage Of Activity Or Project

1. Presented to a Junior Group with the best media coverage of their activities or project.
2. Narrative not to exceed 500 words.
3. Include specific examples of media coverage, including news articles, news releases, newsletters, pictures of displays, ALA events, speeches, website address, social media activity, etc.
4. Submit to Department Junior Activities Chairman Michelle Zayakosky, 7400 Johnnycake Ridge, Mentor, OH 44060-7518. Entries must be received by **April 15, 2022**

Junior Americanism Spirit Plaque

1. First Page- "I am an American Legion Auxiliary Warrior".
2. Explaining how you have promoted the Americanism Program
3. Based on a narrative. The 2021-2022 Department Report Form must accompany this entry.
4. Essay should cover activities from **March 1, 2021 - February 28, 2022**.
5. Last page should include the following:
 - a. Junior name and birth date.
 - b. Unit name and number
 - c. District number
 - d. Number of words in your Essay.

Submit to Department Junior Activities 2nd Member Karen Peel, 2216 25th St. SW, Akron, OH 44314-2202. Entries must be received by **April 1, 2022**.

Dorothy McCullough Americanism Plaque

A plaque will be presented to the **Junior Advisor** reporting the most outstanding Americanism program during the current year.

2. Cover - Dorothy McCullough Americanism Plaque.
3. Based on a narrative. The 2021 - 2022 Department Report Form must accompany this entry.
4. Last page:
 - a. Unit Advisor's name, address, e-mail, and phone number
 - b. Unit name and number
 - c. District number
 - d. Number of words.

Submit to Department Junior Activities 3rd Member Jacqueline Moore, 3866 Darlington Rd., Darlington, PA 16115-2110. Entries must be received by **April 15, 2022**.

Erwina Ehresman Department Attendance Award - The Unit with highest percentage of junior members in attendance at the Department Junior Convention to be presented at the Department Junior Convention. Eligibility is as follows:

1. Junior Unit has a minimum enrollment of five.
2. Junior participated in the following four Auxiliary programs: Americanism, Children and Youth, Community Service, VA&R.
3. Must submit a unit report to the District Activities Chairman. This will be judged by the Registration/Junior Activities Committee for accuracy.

Martha Van Horne Plaque – Number of juniors from the Unit in attendance at Department Junior Convention multiplied by the round-trip miles traveled to the conference, to be presented at the Department Junior Convention. This will be judged by the Registration/Junior Activities Committee for accuracy.

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Junior Citation Of Merit

1. Junior membership as of 5/31/2021 plus one (1) new member by **May 31, 2022**.
2. Must participate in three or more of the American Legion Auxiliary programs.
3. Must submit a unit report to the District Junior Activities Chairman by **April 15, 2022**.

Membership Goal Ribbon – Membership as of 5/31/2021 plus one (1) new member at Department Headquarters by **May 31, 2022**.

Honorary Junior President – Special Project

As Honorary Junior President for 2021/2022 my 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 complete 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.

In the spring and late winter, we will collect items and activities for the families and children of active-duty military. These items will include activity books, small games, children's books, small toys, etc. Every kid loves getting gifts, so try not to focus too much on just little kids and try to include items for families with older kids. During the meetings after winter the juniors can pack bags or come up with ways to get more donations.

Remember, Unit donations can be reported on both the Juniors report and the VA&R report. Work with your VA&R chairperson to help make this project a success.

Evelyn Phillips, Department of Ohio Junior President

Ohio County Travelogue

2. **2021 - 2022** County will be Henry.
3. Travelogue **must be written by hand**.
4. Each entry you make has to be dated and include what you might have seen that visit.
5. Pictures may be included.
6. No written information printed from the internet. (However, you can visit areas from Henry County on the internet and tell it in your own words what you visited there. It must be like you are writing in a diary.)
7. It should be put into a travel log. This is an inexpensive Journal book
8. The front cover should be blank.
9. The First page should include the following:

Junior Classes	
Class I	Birth to age 6
Class II	Ages 7-9
Class III	Ages 10-12
Class IV	Ages 13-15
Class V	Ages 16-18
10. Last page of the book should include the following.
 - a. Name of Junior
 - b. Birth date
 - c. Unit number
 - d. District number

District Chairmen mail winning entries with the official winner's certificate taped to the back, to the Department Junior Activities 2nd Member Karen Peel, 2216 25th St. SW, Akron, OH 44314-2202. Entries must be received **April 1, 2022**.

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Department Junior Conference Cover

One winner from each of the five classes will be selected. Winning entries to be copied and used in the Department Junior Activities Conference Program.

1. Paper - 8 1/2 x 11 white papers.
2. Black pencil or felt tip marker (must be hand drawn).
3. Design of the Department Presidents Theme.
4. Include the following on the cover.
 - a. American Legion Auxiliary
 - b. 70th Department Junior Convention
 - c. TBD (date)
5. Include the following on the back written in pencil.
 - a. Junior's name and address
 - b. Class number
 - c. Unit name and number
 - d. District number

Junior Classes

Class I	Birth to age 6
Class II	Ages 7-9
Class III	Ages 10-12
Class IV	Ages 13-15
Class V	Ages 16-18

6. It will first be judged at the District Conference. District Chairmen will mail winning entries with the official winner's certificate taped to the back, to the Department Junior Activities Chairman Michelle Zayakosky, 7400 Johnnycake Ridge, Mentor, OH 44060-7518. Entries must be received **April 1, 2022**.

Junior Craft Book

1. Make a craft book of a center piece or a craft for a veteran's party, Auxiliary Party, etc.
2. Minimum of three crafts in craft book.
3. Take pictures of how you made the craft and what material you used to make the craft.
4. Explain in 500 words where, why, when it was used, and how many you made.
5. Use an 8 1/2 x 11 notebook doubled spaced.
6. The front page should include "MY CRAFT PROJECT"
7. Last page should include the following:
 - a. Junior's name and Class # (age)
 - b. Unit number,
 - c. District number
 - d. Number of words in essay.

Submit to Department Junior Activities 3rd Member Jacqueline Moore, 3866 Darlington Rd., Darlington, PA 16115-2110. Entries must be received **April 1, 2022**.

Junior Prayer Book Guidelines

Book of Prayers and Devotional Thoughts – should also be on the front cover of the book as the title.

- Size: Book may be a 3" x 5" or 8.5" x 11".
- You may use colored paper or clipart but be respectful.
- Please try to use Department President Colleen's theme – **ALA Angels Serving Others**.
- First page – centered with Unit Name, Unit Number, and Unit Chaplain's Name.
- If this is a District book, be sure to use the District Number and District Chaplain's Name only.
- "Prayers and Devotional Thoughts" should be next and centered on the page.
- 2021-2022 Junior Prayer Book Awards
 - Personal gift and certificate – Junior Department entry winner
 - Personal gift and certificate – Junior Unit and District entry winner
 - Certificate to each Junior Member that submits a **Book of Prayers and Devotion Thoughts**.
- Junior Chaplain Books are due to the Department Chaplain Sharon McClain, 1322 Forest Glen Dr., Cuyahoga Falls, OH 44221, by **April 1, 2022**.

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Junior Scrapbook

I. Content

- A. Title Page
 - i. "Scrapbook of (Junior Name, Unit Number and District)"
 - ii. Name and Address of Junior
 - iii. Date: 2021 – 2022
- B. Chronological History
 - i. Pictures (brief captions and dates) of Officers and Chairmen (can be Department, District and/or Unit)
 - ii. Pictures (brief captions and dates) of activities Junior was involved in.
 - iii. Newspaper articles
 - iv. Programs

II. Format

- A. Red or Blue notebook with paper size of 8 ½ x 11 inches or larger
- B. Typewritten, word processor or computer may be used
- C. "Junior Scrapbook" should appear on front cover
- D. Signature of entrant

III. Deadline: Junior scrapbooks must be received by **April 1, 2022**. Send your Junior Scrapbook to: Department Historian, Dayna Beyer, 6013 Garber Rd. Bellville, Ohio 44813.

Junior Narrative History

I. Introduction (10 Points)

- A. Title Page
 - i. History of Junior name and number of Unit Junior Group
 - ii. Name and address of Junior
 - iii. Date: 2021 – 2022
- B. Forward or Dedication
- C. Picture of Honorary Junior President (Department, District and/or Unit)
- D. Prayer
- E. Pledge of Allegiance
- F. First verse of "The Star Spangled Banner"
- G. Preamble to the Constitution of the American Legion Auxiliary

II. Historical Content (70 Points)

- A. List of elected or appointed Honorary Junior Officers 2021-2022
- B. List of Honorary Junior Unit Chairman or committee appointments held by your Unit 2021 – 2022
- C. The history shall be written as factual narrative, beginning with the installation of 2021 – 2022 Junior Unit officers and ending with the summary of end-of-year reports and closing events of the administrative year.
- D. The signature of the Junior is to immediately follow the final paragraph of the history
- E. Index (optional)

III. Appearance (10 Points)

- A. Cover: binder for loose-leaf paper, preferably blue or red, with 2 ½" gold foil American Legion Auxiliary Seal centered on the cover or a regulation binder with imprinted seal.
- B. Paper: Plain white 8 ½" x 11".
- C. Page Setup:
 - i. Margins for left and right margins should be 1.25"; top and bottom margins should be 1".
 - ii. Page numbers should begin on the first page of the Historical Content. They should be centered and placed 0.5" from the bottom.
- D. Spacing: **Double-spaced**, with the exception of the introductory pages (Title Page, Forward or Dedication, Photograph of Honorary Junior President (Department, District and/or Unit), Pledge of Allegiance, "Star Spangled Banner" and Preamble), which shall be centered in the middle of the page. Paragraphs may be indented or in block form.
- E. Text: 12-point font, Times New Roman or Arial style font.

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- F. Technology:
- i. Computer preferred, but not necessarily in the third person
 - ii. Clear, concise language with correct spelling.
 - iii. No decorations, computer graphics, pen or ink drawings, illustrations, extra material, or newspaper clippings.
 - iv. Be original and unique in thought and presentation.
- IV. **Deadline:** Junior History Narrative must be received by April 1, 2022. Send your Junior History Narrative to: Department Historian, Dayna Beyer, 6013 Garber Rd., Bellville, Ohio 44813.

Poppy Poster Contest

Each Unit is asked to sponsor a Poppy Poster Contest in their local schools or with Junior members. **The Unit chooses their winning entry** and must send it to Department Poppy Chairman, Sue Schofield-Fratino, 7565 Lambton Ct., Mentor, OH 44060, by April 15, 2022.

Contest classes are:

Class I	Grades 2 & 3	Class IV	Grades 8 & 9
Class II	Grades 4 & 5	Class V	Grades 10 & 11
Class III	Grades 6 & 7	Class VI	Grade 12
		Class VII	Students with *Special Needs

* Special needs is defined as:

- Those in special education classes.
- A student recommended for special education classes but who has not been admitted due to a waiting list or various other factors.
- A child identified as having a disability, but not in a special education class due to lack of facilities. Identification contingent upon discretion of school officials. (Special Needs category is dictated by National as a class)

Poppy Poster Requirements

1. Each poster shall have a fitting slogan not to exceed ten (10) words. The articles "a, and, an, the" are **not counted** as words. The words "buddy" and "buy", **cannot** be used.
2. The words "American Legion Auxiliary" must be used in the design of the poster and will not be counted in the (10) word count.
3. Each poster must include a picture of the red Flanders Field poppy.
4. The poster shall be on 11"x14" poster board. (Drawing paper will not be accepted).
5. The United States flag may be used, as long as there are no infractions of the flag code.
6. Judging Criteria
 - ✓ 50% - Poster Appeal (layout, message, originality)
 - ✓ 40% - Artistic Ability (design and color)
 - ✓ 10% - Neatness
7. Media used shall be watercolor, crayon, powder or oil paint, handmade paper cutouts, ink or textures, acrylics, pencils, or markers.
8. **Written in ink** on the back of the poster (not attached) shall be the class in which the entry is submitted, the name, address, age and grade of the contestant and the name of the department.
9. **Submissions become the property of the American Legion Auxiliary.** Through submission of artwork, contestants and their legal guardians' grant non-exclusive reproduction and publication rights to the works submitted and agree to have their names and artwork published for commercial use without additional compensation or permission.
10. The poster shall be the work of only one individual.
11. The label "In Memoriam" from the veteran-made poppy **may not be used**.
12. While ALA representatives will do their best to return all posters, it is not guaranteed. We recommend participants take a picture or scan their poster for their records.

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Junior Poppy Usage Contest

All Junior Units, the Poppy Usage Contest will be held at the Mid-Winter Conference, January 24-25, 2022. The entries are designs of your own choosing using official ALA poppies and it may be any of the following nature: wreaths, centerpieces, tray favors, etc. This is an opportunity for you to share with other Junior Units your creative ideas. Attendees at the Conference will vote by a \$1.00 contribution per vote.

- All money collected will go to the National Veterans Creative Arts Festival.
- A photo of the entry that brought in the most money will be highlighted in the Buckeye Messenger.
- If your Unit has an entry, but no one is coming to Mid-Winter, try to send with a Unit who is attending.
- Each Unit should have a fundraiser for the Creative Arts Festival with sending those monies collected to Department Headquarters.

Junior Poppy Corsage Contest

The Juniors are also asked to participate in this contest! The Junior entries will be judged separately at the Mid-Winter Conference, January 24-25, 2022. Attendees pay \$1.00 per vote and the proceeds will go to the National Creative Arts Festival. This would be a wonderful opportunity to make sure they fully understand what the Poppy represents.

- Each corsage should have the name of the creator, their Unit and District
- Be approximately 3 ½ x 3 ½ and fit in a standard 4" x 4" corsage box, any larger will be disqualified
- The entries are designs of your own choosing using official ALA poppies
- The winning corsages will be used at 2022 Buckeye Girls State Session for the City Mayor's. ***Please note: All Poppy corsages will not be returned unless that is noted at the time your entry is received.***

Junior Activities Patch Program

American Legion Auxiliary Junior members and Sons of The American Legion youth members can be active participants of the organization with the Patch Program. Specific patches can be earned year-round and is ongoing with three levels of patch criteria:

- Red – Level 1: Kindergarten through 3rd Grade
- Gold – Level 2: 4th grade through 8th grade
- Blue – Level 3: 9th grade through 12th grade (or 18 years old)

Completed worksheets for the Patch Program should be sent to 2nd Member, Karen Peel, 2216 25th St. SW, Akron, OH 44314-2202. Information and sheets for completion can be found on

<https://www.alaforveterans.org/Programs/Junior-Member-Activities/>

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JUNIOR IDEAS WITHIN OTHER ALA PROGRAMS - This is only a short list of ideas. Read all the program's Plan of Actions for more ideas.

- **Americanism** –
 - Have Juniors participate in folding flags and writing notes for the Pocket Flag Project.
 - Participate in the Americanism Essay Contest using the essay title: “How can we support families who provide care to their Veterans?” Think of ways that you can support those who care for their Veterans.
 - Star Spangled Kids – educate children and youth on the history of the United States from the aspect of patriotism, Americanism, and the US Constitution. Celebrate Constitution Day – Sept. 17, day set aside each year to commemorate the signing of the US Constitution. At the Juniors September meeting, celebrate this with cake or cupcakes, report on different sections of the Bill of Rights, distribute pocket copies of the US Constitution. Resources: www.constitutionfacts.com, <http://ca3rsproject.org/pages/ConstitutionDayResources.html>

- **Community Service** – Send cards to nursing homes (holidays, Hello, thinking of you) to let residents know you are thinking of them.

- **Education** – Coordinate a school supply drive to replenish mid-way through school year.

- **History** – Interview the oldest members of your Unit or Post and record their answers to your questions.

- **Leadership** – Complete the Ohio and National's ALA Junior Leadership Courses.

- **Legislative** – High School students can participate in “Youth at the Booth” during election day by working as a poll worker. If this program is not in your high school find out how they can become involved. Check with your local county to get requirements.

- **National Security** - Work with Juniors on the POW/MIA table presentation. Juniors can also help in honoring our community First Responders and 9-11 Programs. Juniors can wear RED on Fridays for the **Remember Everyone Deployed initiative. Juniors can help cut and sort coupons sent to military installations.**

- **Poppy** – Help distribute poppies with senior members and help to collect donations. Participate in the Poppy Poster Contest.

- **Public Relations** – When you have an event or project you are working on in your Jr. Unit, contact the local news station, newspaper and even your school newsletter/newspaper to do an article/story about your project. Remember to state your goals, along with why you are promoting/working this and ask for community participation.

- **Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation** – Jr. President Evelyn's Special Project is collecting blankets, socks, gloves scarves and hats to keep homeless veterans warm. Also collecting no sew blankets that can be given to homeless veterans. Collections of activity books, small games, children's books, small toys, etc. will be given to families and children of active-duty military, with the focus on older children and families, not just the young children. Juniors will be collecting these items and working to put together during Department Junior Meetings.

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Junior and Unit Advisor Deadlines

Due Date	Who creates	Who submits	What it is	Send to	When/where awarded
4/1/2022	Unit Juniors & Advisor	Unit Jr. Advisor	Merry Lyn Plaque - Jr. Member of the Year	Michelle Zayakosky	Jr. Dept. Conv.
4/1/2022	Junior Member	Junior Member	Americanism Spirit Plaque	Karen Peel	Jr. Dept. Conv.
4/1/2022	Junior Member	District Chairperson	Ohio County Travelogue	Karen Peel	Jr. Dept. Conv.
4/1/2022	Junior Member	District Chairperson	Conference Cover	Michelle Zayakosky	Jr. Dept. Conv.
4/1/2022	Junior Member	Junior Member	Jr. Craft Book	Jacqueline Moore	Jr. Dept. Conv.
4/1/2022	Junior Member	Junior Member	Jr. Prayer Book	Sharon McClain	Jr. Dept. Conv.
4/1/2022	Junior Member	Junior Member	Jr. Scrapbook	Dayna Beyer	Jr. Dept. Conv.
4/1/2022	Junior Member	Junior Member	Jr. Narrative History	Dayna Beyer	Jr. Dept. Conv.
4/15/2022	Unit Jr. Advisor	Unit Jr. Advisor	Helen Sloan Plaque - Most Outstanding Program	Michelle Zayakosky	St. Dept. Conv.
4/15/2022	Unit Juniors & Advisor	Unit Jr. Advisor	Best Media Coverage	Michelle Zayakosky	St. Dept. Conv.
4/15/2022	Unit Jr. Advisor	Unit Jr. Advisor	Dorothy McCullough Americanism Plaque	Jacqueline Moore	St. Dept. Conv.
4/15/2022	Local school/Jr. Member	Unit Jr. Advisor	Poppy Poster Contest	Sue Schofield-Fratino	St. Dept. Conv.
on going Junior Members	Jr. Advisor/Sr. Member	PATCH PROGRAM	Karen Peel	to be determined	

MARTHA VAN HORNE REVOLVING PLAQUE - determined at Jr. Dept. Convention by total round-trip miles by Juniors attending
ERWINA EHRESMAN DEPARTMENT ATTENDANCE AWARD - determined by percentage attending Jr. Dept. Convention, participation in 4 Auxiliary Programs, and submission of Unit year-end report

JUNIOR CITATION OF MERIT - previous year's membership as of 5/31/21, plus one (1) new member, participation in three or more ALA Programs, and submission of Unit year-end report

MEMBERSHIP GOAL RIBBON - previous year's membership as of 5/31/21, plus one (1) new member

Michelle Zayakosky 7400 Johnnycake Ridge Mentor, OH 44060-7518 Email – post214michellez@gmail.com	Karen Peel 2216 25 th St. SW Akron, OH 44314-2202 Email – karen.peel@sk2holdings.com	Jacqueline Moore 3866 Darlington Rd. Darlington, PA 16115-2110 Email – jackie.moore@comcast.net
Department Historian Dayna Beyer 6013 Garber Road Bellville, OH 44813	Department Chaplain Sharon McClain 1322 Forest Glen Dr. Cuyahoga Falls, OH 44221	Department Poppy Chairman Sue Schofield-Fratino 7565 Lambton Ct. Mentor, OH 44060

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AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY JUNIOR MEMBER LOYALTY SCHOLARSHIP 2022 APPLICATION

Ten scholarships, in the amount of \$2,500 each, will be awarded for 2022. Two scholarships will be awarded in each of the five divisions of the American Legion Auxiliary. All are gift scholarships, not loans.

RULES

1. Candidates for this award shall have been Junior members of the American Legion Auxiliary, held membership in the American Legion Auxiliary for the past three consecutive years (2019, 2020, and 2021) and be a paid member for the current (2022) membership year. Applicant must continue her membership in the American Legion Auxiliary during the scholarship period.
2. This scholarship is intended for the traditional college student with no interruption in education, who is at least in the first semester of college or technical school but not yet attained a bachelor's degree. Any member who is a non-traditional student (a student returning to the classroom after some time away from college) is welcome to apply for the American Legion Auxiliary Non-Traditional Student Scholarship.
3. This is a scholarship to attend an accredited institution of higher education for the completion of a bachelor's degree. Applicants must have completed at least one semester with grades that meet continuation requirements at the institution of their choice. Applicants must have at least a 3.0 GPA using a 4.0 scale.
4. Previous American Legion Auxiliary national scholarship recipients are welcome to apply.
5. Applicants must present the completed application, along with the other required materials specified on the following page, to the **president of their American Legion Auxiliary unit ON OR BEFORE MARCH 1, 2022.**
6. Judging, at all levels, shall be on the following basis:

Leadership, Character, and ALA Participation (as presented in applicant's essay)	50%
Academic Achievement	25%
Completed Application	25%

THE DECISION OF THE JUDGES SHALL BE FINAL.

7. The first half of the award (\$1,250) will be paid directly to the school for the first semester upon notification from the school that the student has re-enrolled. ***American Legion Auxiliary National Headquarters must receive certification of enrollment within 12 months of the winning recipient's notification, or the scholarship will be forfeited.*** There shall be no money paid to the school for the ensuing semester until notification of re-enrollment has been received from the school. Notification from the school must include verification of at least a B (3.0 on a 4.0 scale) average. If the winner discontinues her education or membership in the American Legion Auxiliary before all scholarship funds have been dispersed, the balance of the scholarship will be forfeited. The winner will have four years from the date of notification of scholarship to use the scholarship funds.

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AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY JUNIOR MEMBER LOYALTY SCHOLARSHIP 2022 APPLICATION

APPLICATION PACKET CHECKLIST

- Completed application packet for the Junior Member Loyalty Scholarship.
- Applicant's certified college transcripts, or photocopy of the certified college transcripts.
- A copy of the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) form, or a copy of the FAFSA Summary Report and Confirmation Page, or the FAFSA Student Aid Report (SAR).
- An original essay consisting of no more than 1,000 words (typed, double-spaced). The title of the essay will be, **"What can you do as a college student to promote the American Legion Auxiliary's mission of serving veterans, military, and their families?"**

Please be sure to attach all of the required materials to this application and submit the application and materials to the American Legion Auxiliary unit in which your membership is recorded **NO LATER THAN MARCH 1, 2022.**

Additional information and the Scholarship Application can be found at:
<https://www.alaforveterans.org/Scholarships/Junior-Member-Loyalty-Scholarship/>

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**AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY
JUNIOR MEMBER LOYALTY SCHOLARSHIP
2022 APPLICATION**

Name of Applicant: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Email: _____

Home phone: _____ Mobile: _____

Date of birth: _____ Membership ID #: _____

Date applicant joined the American Legion Auxiliary: _____

Name of veteran through whom applicant is eligible for membership in American Legion Auxiliary:

_____ Relationship to veteran: _____

Name of father, or guardian: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Name of mother, or guardian: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

I understand that by signing this application, I agree that my name and likeness, and/or essay may be used for marketing purposes in ALA media.

Print or Type Full Name

Signature of Applicant

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**AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY
JUNIOR MEMBER LOYALTY SCHOLARSHIP
2022 APPLICATION**

**THIS PORTION TO BE COMPLETED BY THE SPONSORING ALA UNIT
(PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT)**

**EACH UNIT WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR VERIFYING ALL NECESSARY
INFORMATION IN THE APPLICANT'S PACKET.**

1. Judging, at all levels, shall be on the following basis:

Leadership, Character, and ALA Participation (as presented in applicant's essay)	50%
Academic Achievement	25%
Completed Application	25%

2. No unit may enter more than one candidate in the department competition.

3. The selected entry for each unit shall be certified by the American Legion Auxiliary unit president and unit secretary or unit Education Committee chair.

4. The selected entry for each unit should be forwarded to the department secretary for competition at the state level to be received **ON OR BEFORE MARCH 15, 2022.**

5. Participation in this scholarship program shall be on a voluntary basis in all units.

Date application received: _____

Unit name and number: _____

Address: _____

City, State, ZIP: _____

*Signature of Unit Secretary or
Unit Education Committee Chair*

Signature of Unit President

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**AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY
JUNIOR MEMBER LOYALTY SCHOLARSHIP
2022 APPLICATION**

**THIS PORTION TO BE COMPLETED BY THE DEPARTMENT (STATE)
LEVEL**

(PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT)

**EACH DEPARTMENT WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR VERIFYING ALL NECESSARY
INFORMATION IN THE APPLICANT'S PACKET.**

1. Judging, at all levels, shall be on the following basis:

Leadership, Character, and ALA Participation (as presented in applicant's essay)	50%
Academic Achievement	25%
Completed Application	25%

2. Each department is restricted to submitting one candidate to the division competition.

3. The winning entry for each department shall be certified by the American Legion Auxiliary department president and the department secretary or department Education Committee chair and forwarded to the respective division Education Committee chair so it's received **ON OR BEFORE APRIL 1, 2022.**

4. Participation in this scholarship program shall be on a voluntary basis in all departments.

Date application received: _____

DEPARTMENT _____

DIVISION _____

*Signature of Department Secretary or
Department Education Committee Chair*

Signature of Department President

The American Legion Auxiliary division Education Committee chair and two qualified judges shall make the final decision on the winner. The division Education Committee chair shall certify the name of the winner and send the complete application packet to the national Education Committee chair **on or before April 15, 2022.** The national Education Committee chair shall certify the name of the winning scholarship recipient to ALA National Headquarters.

Legislative

Cindy Boehnlein, Chairman

Is the American Legion Auxiliary relevant? Do we have an undeniable presence? I hope you answered YES! We must get involved with our legislators and let them know the opinion of the American Legion on Veteran and Military concerns.

I will come out to your Units to teach you how to use your smartphones and surf the net to find the American Legion Legislative Agenda. Several Units have already booked me at their meetings and they have been encouraged to invite the Legionnaires and Sons too! Afterall this is a family affair.

We may be 100 years old as an organization, but we don't have to act it! Let's get into the new age. Invite me out or we can Zoom if you like. If you have a smartphone you can participate.

Join the new Facebook group

“ALA Legislative Ohio”

For Talking points, Incentives, Tidbits, Videos and News from Nationals

If you go to www.legion.org/legislative/resources, you will find links to videos of testimonies on bills that TAL is backing. See your representatives in action!

Legislative Resources – Check this out!

- [Department of Veterans Affairs](#)
- [Department of Defense](#)
- [Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs](#)
- [House Committee on Veterans' Affairs](#)
- [Senate Armed Services Committee](#)
- [House Armed Services Committee](#)
- [Senate Appropriations Committee](#)
- [House Appropriations Committee](#)
- [Contact your congressman](#)
- [Library of Congress-THOMAS](#)

Invite me to your Unit or District meeting or set up a Zoom meeting!

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**Cindy Boehnlein,
Chairman
Department of Ohio**

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MEMBERSHIP

Cindy Masowick, Membership Chairman



MEMBERSHIP KEY POINTS

TO ALL UNIT OFFICERS: Please do not wait for a Unit Meeting to write checks for membership dues. Send renewals in at least every week during the busy rush or every 2-weeks. By hold membership, your Unit misses out on incentives, your District misses out on incentives and Department misses out on incentives. How would you feel if you were holding membership and a member had a disaster and needed to apply for instance the Auxiliary Emergency Fund. That member would have had the paperwork refused because the renewal was never received by Heather at Department Headquarters. What do you think that members will do?

REMINDER: If Officer's dues are not paid by December 31, 2021, then they are considered not in good standing and should not be holding office. Officers are President, 1st and 2nd Vice, Secretary, Treasurer, and Membership Chairman for this purpose.

THE NEXT INCENTIVE: 2-\$50 drawing to the Units reaching goal by November 11, 2021. Drawing will be held at the Mid-Winter Conference.

BREAKDOWN OF UNITS / TEAMS: This year we are trying something new. We have 3 teams Red, White and Blue. Team Leaders are Past Department Presidents. These Team Leaders are to help guide the District Presidents and Unit Membership Chairman. They're also there to help me. These PDP's have been in our shoes and have lots of knowledge that we all can learn from. The breakdown is as follows:

RED TEAM – Pam Bates. District 1 – Mindi Rue, District President. District 2 – Ruth Peters, District President. District 3 – Deborah Smith, District President.

WHITE TEAM – Donna Ray. District 4 – Marsha Giehls. District 5 – Deb Sutterlin, District President. District 6 – Becky Long, District President. District 7 – Sandi Grooms, District President. District 8 – April Ice, District President. District 12 – Vicky Dalton, District President.

BLUE TEAM – Karen Peel. District 9 – Louise Cichon, District President. District 10 – Ruby Withrow, District President. District 11 – Carol Sowards, District President. District 13 – Louise Aigner, District President. District 14 – Renee Kohl, District President.

They will be a prize at Department Convention for the winning team. Let's go **RED, WHITE, and BLUE.**

Don't forget **10 New in 2022.** Members who recruit 10 new Junior or Senior members for 2022. Each recruiter will receive a special gift selected by the 2022 National Membership Committee Chairman.

POPPY

Susan Schofield-Fratino, Chairman

It was wonderful to see everyone at School of Instructions! I hope everyone was able to take away at least one great idea from all the wonderful presentations.

Veterans Day is right around the corner. This would be a great time to incorporate the Poppy Challenge: to place a poppy in the window of each veteran. Be creative with your Poppy Design. When you distribute the poppy, include a thank you note from the Auxiliary.

You can also have a local school assist you in the distribution of the poppies to be placed in the window. Challenge each student to distribute the poppies to veterans. You can offer a special certificate to the student who distributes the most poppies placed in windows. You can also share the history of the poppy with the students, and possibly find some youngsters to participate in the Poppy Poster Contest.

With Veterans Day around the corner, is there a way to incorporate raising monies for your Poppy Fund?? If you have a Poppy Fundraiser, please share the idea with me. I would love to share with our members all the great ideas in the state of Ohio.

At this point, there is no date for Poppy Shop. I will keep you all posted regarding any updates.

At Mid-Winter, we will be having the Poppy Usage Contest and Poppy Corsage Contest. Start thinking about your designs. We have a lot of creative members, and I cannot wait to see the ideas you come up with. Please do not forget to include your Junior Members.

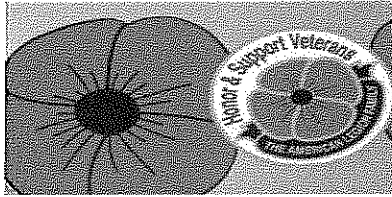
Also, please do not forget to order your Poppies. In order to be considered for the President's Citation of Merit, you must order poppies before December 31.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Susan Schofield Fratino
sscoey17@gmail.com
440-759-4961



Poppy E-Newsletter



**Poppy Challenge:
Poppy in the Window of Each Veteran**

Members, senior and junior, place a poppy in the window of each Veteran in their community. This poppy will allow citizens to recognize the sacrifice of the Veteran and their family for the rights our citizens are granted today.

Engage the schools, youth organizations, churches, and Legion Family members to allow children and adults to distribute a red poppy to place in the window of a Veteran with a note provided by the Auxiliary. This note would thank the Veteran for their service and request that the poppy is placed in a window. Students using the poppy bookmark could create red poppies for sharing. This experience will allow Auxiliary members to share the poppy's history while interacting with the community.

The Introduction of the poppy, history and the Poppy Poster Contest to students creating the poppy will further explain honoring the Veterans service to our Country. Units and members can donate art supplies to make poppies, poppy cards, and delivery to Veterans in nursing homes and hospitals (another avenue of extending our mission into the community).

Suggestion: The poppies before delivery could create a Poppy Wall of Honor at a school, church, Post, or community event.

Suggestion: Members work with area businesses to create a Poppy Wall of Honor (a poppy-designed emblem with the name) within the business to honor all Veterans employed. The honored Veterans would receive a poppy and a personal thank-you.

Photos: What photos would support your story? How can you go about getting that image to use? Be persistent! The more photos, the better. When requesting and send photos, ask for the highest resolution photos possible; the best is a 1MB compressed file size. Photos less than 50KB cannot be used for the screen. Often people compress photos (they might say "res down") which means they chose a smaller file size when emailing. Request photos be sent at the highest resolution, often requiring photos sent in separate emails. Consider free large file transfer services (or an FTP site) like Dropbox or Hightail to send photos if comfortable. The Poppy Committee cannot use copied photos from Facebook or a PowerPoint.

ALA Poppy

Share Your Story

Be sure to "LIKE" us on Facebook.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/ALAPoppy>

This is a closed group so you have to request permission to join. You then have to answer 2 questions to be approved: (1) Are you a member of the ALA? and (2) What is your unit and department (state)?



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 Department & Unit Name to acknowledge members in their service to the Auxiliary Poppy Program.

Websites with Poppy Planning Information:

www.ALAforVeterans.org

1. American Legion Auxiliary Poppy Guide: https://member.legion-aux.org/cmsdesk/ALA/media/PDF/Guides/ALA_Poppy_Guide.pdf

2. 2021-2022 National Poppy Program Awards Deadlines and Submission Requirements: <https://member.legion-aux.org/member/awards/poppy-program-awards>

3. Poppy Poster Contest: <https://www.legion-aux.org/National-Poppy-Poster-Contest>

3. National website Poppy article search: <https://www.legion-aux.org/search/searchIndex> then enter Poppy in search box

Poppy E-Newsletter

Poppy Basics 101

We all love the bright red crepe paper poppy. Part of our appreciation for the flower lies in the lore of how it came to be an American Legion Auxiliary symbol.

From 1914-1918 The Great War (which is now known as World War I) raged across Western Europe causing extreme destruction and death. The bombing and fighting in Flanders (now Belgium and France) stirred up the soil and encouraged the growth of the papaver rhoeas; also known as the Flanders poppy, corn poppy, red poppy, and corn rose. Lieutenant Colonel John McCrae, a Canadian brigade surgeon saw the poppies and felt they were a good representation of the losses. He wrote the poem "In Flanders Fields" which was spoken by the voices of the dead soldiers. It received widespread accolades and became common usage in countless ceremonies.

Moina Michael, a University of Georgia professor who was volunteering with the Young Women's Christian Association (YWCA) wrote a response to the poem which she titled "We Shall Keep the Faith" which is often referred to as "America's Answer." She tirelessly promoted the poppy as a symbol, and, in mid-1920, Georgia's branch of the American Legion adopted the poppy as its symbol. Soon after that, the National American Legion voted to use the poppy as its official U.S. national emblem when it convened in September, 1920.

The use and distribution of the poppy has expanded and grown nationally and internationally and is now an integral part of our Memorial Day ceremonies and our farewell services for our members.

Poppy FC Pattern



Aunt Lydia Classic 10 Black and Red

#5 or 6 crochet hook

R1 – Black C5 connect with slip stitch OR make a magic circle. The circle leaves a bigger hole, but is easier to do.

R2 – C3 (counts as 1st DC.) DC 19 more times, slip stitch to top of C3. Should be 20 DCs

R3 – Change to Red Chain 3, DC in next stitch, C1. DC in next 2, C1 across. Slip stitch to top of chain 3 to join

R4 – Slip stitch in first next DC and in chain space. 2DC, C2, 2DC in each chain space across. Join with Slip stitch in first DC.

R5 – Slip stitch over to chain 2 space, chain 3, 6DC. [SC in space between the 4 dc in row below. 7 DC in the chain space] – repeat [] to end, join, finish off.

Glue on circle of felt (I used green) to the back of the poppy. Attach self-adhesive magnetic pin or pin. Keep in mind, people who have a pacemaker cannot wear magnets.

R= Round

C=chain

DC=double crochet

The Auxiliary has many tools that aid members in learning about our programs.

ALA Academy

<https://alaacademy.alaforveterans.org/topclass/searchCatalog>

Check out ALA Academy Live Recordings for:

Using Poppy Funds to Serve Our Mission

This course educates members on how to use their poppy funds in accordance with The American Legion criteria with an emphasis on food insecurity amongst junior enlisted servicemembers and their families.

Poppy Resources

Located on the National website
Poppy Committee Section

Poppy Guide:

https://member.legion-aux.org/cmsdesk/ALA/media/PDF/Guides/ALA_Poppy_Guide.pdf

Poppy Day resources:

<https://member.legion-aux.org/member/committees/poppy/poppy-days>

Poppy Day Coloring Book:

https://member.legion-aux.org/cmsdesk/ALA/media/PDF/Programs/ALA_Poppy_Coloring_Book-11-2019-lp.pdf

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Poppy Question & Answers

- How many Poppy Days can a Unit have each year?
 - They may have as many as they wish as far as National Headquarters is concerned. However, they do need to check with their department before scheduling to ensure there aren't any rules that state otherwise at that level. Chrystal Daulton
- Request clarification on the possible situation for use of VA&R (poppy) funds. If a military member/veteran is in the hospital or home for recuperation, can poppy funds be used to assist in paying rent, etc? What documentation is necessary to support such a claim??
 - Poppy funds may be used for necessities such as rent, utilities, groceries, etc. for a veteran/servicemember in need. American Legion Auxiliary National Headquarters does not have requirements for documentation, that would come from your department headquarters. Chrystal Daulton
- A very good question was asked regarding our Poppy Challenge...Are these actual poppies (crepe paper ones) or decals? If they are decals, is there an inexpensive version? The decals from Flag and Emblem are \$2.95 each - an expensive proposition if we are truly blanketing communities.
 - MaryAnn Paul's, Southern Division Chairman, listed just a few ways we can work the Poppy challenge. These are just ideas, and I'm sure you are all thinking of great ways to accomplish this.
 - A poppy card ...a postcard with a painted poppy, cut out a printed poppy and glue it on the front of the card, a hand-colored poppy or even just tape a red crepe paper poppy on it. Our Juniors could be actively involved making the poppy cards. Might even try using the "red felt Poppy" and taping it to the window.
 - Making sure the Thank You card has a poppy on the front of it and they can use that.
 - On veteran businesses ... maybe a poppy painted window? A talented artist in your Unit...
 - And of course, if funds permit, your Unit could purchase the poppy decals.

Poppy Facebook Page is How to Stay in the Know
Join, Post, Review

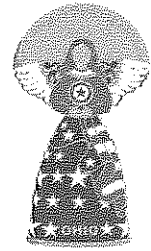
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/ALAPoppy>

First member to respond to the National Poppy Chairman, Sallie Rossman, at sabrossman@comcast.net with the Department or Unit Number for all three pictures will receive a set of 12 Poppy Cards.





PUBLIC RELATIONS Jane Ridenour, Chairman October



1. Communication is key!!
2. We need to communicate with our unit members. Engaging your members promotes participation. Share not only local information, but National and Department as well.
3. “Brand Journalism” - learn about it and practice it. Brand Journalism involves telling stories about an organization that makes readers want to know more.
4. Establish a relationship with your local, national and social media outlets. For instructions on how to do this, visit Public Relations and Tips for Recruitment located under Resources at www.alaforveterans.org.
5. Spread the word that the American Legion Auxiliary is a community of volunteers serving Veterans, Military and their families.
6. Please send copies of your articles, photos and newsletters to me. There are awards to be earned. Check the Plan of Action for details.
7. I will be posting example of notices, announcements and activities that other units are doing on our Facebook page: Ohio Second Vice President Am Legion Auxiliary. Be sure to check it out. You might find some ideas you can use.

**BE PROUD TO BE A MEMBER OF THE AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY;
SHARE YOUR EXPERIENCES WITH OTHERS, BRAG ABOUT IT AND
MAKE SURE THE COMMUNITY KNOWS WHAT WE DO!!**

VA&R
Shirley Maurer, Chairman

First off, **NO MID-YEAR REPORTING** this year. **BUT**, I will be looking for the District Chairman's **END OF THE YEAR** report. Annual reports reflect the program work of units in the department, and may result in a national award for participants, if award requirements are met. **Each Unit VA&R chairman is REQUIRED to submit a narrative report by April 15, 2022, to their District VA&R chairman.** There address is found on the front page of the POA.

Our National President, Kathy Daudistel, has expressed her wishes that we focus on Caregivers. Our veteran's caregivers should be given the credit and assistance they very much need and deserve. They could be the veterans' mothers, fathers, spouse, children, siblings or anyone else that they may rely on. A lot of times they are on duty 24/7 and do it very quietly and without complaint or assistance. During these stressful times of the pandemic their job has probably become more isolated. Reach out in your communities to find the caregivers of our veterans.

The assistance they may need will vary greatly. Some may just need someone to talk to or visit with from time to time. Others may need physical help, meals brought in to lighten their duties or help getting their veterans to appointments or maybe just a car ride to see the beautiful changing leaves. We all need a break from the everyday and it goes to say that these caregivers deserve to be given a break in whatever way can refresh them. It is so beneficial to our veterans to have these people in their lives that are willing to sacrifice so much for the good of the veteran. In a lot of cases if it were not for the caregivers a number of veterans would have to receive their care in a nursing home or some place other than home. You all realize that we all do better in our home settings and know that our veterans also need this sense of "home".

Please try and reach out to help those veterans and their caregivers whenever it is possible. It may be hard to locate those that need our support, but please try.

Donations are always needed for our VA hospitals. Please support them with your donations so that our Hospital Reps can supply the veterans with things that they need. Our Hospital Reps are a blessing to us because they do so much for the veterans in the hospitals.

Don't forget to support the National Veterans Creative Arts Festival. This means a lot to the veterans because this is where they can show the talent that they have and all of them are very proud of what they can do.

Let's think "out of the box" and see if we can't have our own Creative Arts Festival here in Ohio this year. Wouldn't that be fantastic! Veterans could show off their talents.

Until next month, **HAPPY HALLOWEEN!**