



## **BULK MAILING FOR October 2024**

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Louise Smerk  
Department President  
October 2024

WOW, if you missed our School of Instructions, you missed a great weekend. Our Department Chairman put quite a bit of effort into delivering great information on their topics. I visited each of the major programs, Americanism, Children & Youth, Community Service, Junior Activities and VA & R. Each chairman put together a 45-minute session delivering new ideas, printouts, power point presentations and mini question and answer sessions.

In the Junior Activities room, Connie Morton and Brandy Little included all the juniors present in their presentation.

Community Service and Children & Youth both had raffles that were available. Americanism not only had a great presentation, but she also set up a table during the Sunday session as a friendly reminder of items she went over.

I received compliments from so many people that they enjoyed the weekend and had plenty to take back to their districts and units.

We received from the Double Tree Hotel, 3 one-night stays for utilizing their hotel for our School of Instructions. We held a raffle on Sunday for 1 of the 3 nights and raised just over \$100.00 for my special project. We will be raffling another at our Mid-Winter conference in January and the final at Convention in Independence in July. These certificates are good until December 31, 2025. This would get you a free room at next year's School of Instruction. Keep an eye out for Kristen McLaughlin for tickets at Mid-Winter conference.

Can you believe that we are already a quarter of the way through our year already?

I was so very honored to attend the unveiling of the 140<sup>th</sup> Gold Star Family monument on Sunday, September 29<sup>th</sup> in Columbus. The dedication was held at the National Veteran Museum and Memorial. As you are entering the building from the parking lot you just need to look to the left and you will see the most beautiful monument. Several Gold Star families were in attendance. I attended the ceremony with Detachment Commander Tim Conway, his wife Becky, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander Stan Oren and his wife Ruth, District 1, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander Dean Boyers and our Department Chaplain Melissa Boyers. We learned that the last Sunday in September is Gold Star Family day and also that the 139<sup>th</sup> monument was dedicated earlier on the same day in Lorain, OH.

Please remember to share all the information that is provided within the Bulk mailing with your units. The officers and chairman are working extremely hard to keep you informed.

Just a quick update on the activities within the Department office. The HR committee is working hard to hire a new Department Secretary. We have several resumes to review and move to the next steps for interviewing. We want to make sure that we hire the right candidate.

Let's keep up the good work. I look forward to seeing many of you as I travel all over Ohio attending the Fall Conferences this month.

Remember, I am here representing you. I am a phone call away if needed, but I ask that you respect that I do work fulltime from 8:00 – 5:00 M-F and can be reached via my cell (216) 337-4037. You may text me at that number as well, but when you do, please put your name, district and unit number at the beginning of your message. I do not have all of you in my phone. You may also email me at [LAigner109@yahoo.com](mailto:LAigner109@yahoo.com).



# Auxiliary Brand Mark



## Purpose of the Brand Mark

The American Legion Auxiliary brand mark was created to address the need to modernize the American Legion Auxiliary brand to appeal to the next generation. Moreover, the new brand mark takes into consideration a host of applications that the original emblem could

never have anticipated. Those include digital and social media, special event and sports marketing, lifestyle apparel and more.

## Brand Mark versus Emblem

Going forward, the brand mark is to be used in all marketing communications applications, while the emblem should be reserved for official documents and communications.

## In application

The following guidelines offer direction in terms of when to use the emblem or one of the brand marks. While most applications will be clearly defined, inevitably some instances may straddle the line between two areas. In those cases, use discretion based on the intended audience. When choosing a brand mark option, default to what is most visually pleasing in that application. For example, the word mark should almost always be used in embroidery.

### Brand Mark Options

- advertising
- apparel (use word mark for embroidery)
- business cards, letterhead, email signatures
- credentials, event badges
- press releases
- digital (apps, web, social, PowerPoint presentations)
- promotional communications (flyers, handouts, etc.)
- events (signs, backdrops, tents, tablecloths, swag/giveaways)



### Emblem

- uniform caps
- financial documents
- history books
- flags
- legal affairs
- internal manuals & guides
- reports & resolutions
- awards (option emblem or brand)
- building signage (option emblem or brand)
- formal government communications (option emblem or brand)



For more in-depth explanations of approved usage guidelines, [click here](#)



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The Plan of Action, page 3 at the bottom of the page, please replace with the following as there is an error in the title of the Americanism Essay Contest. The essay cover page as the correct information.

**Increase participation in the Americanism Essay Contest.**

The Americanism Essay Contest topic for 2024-2025: “What does America the Beautiful mean to me (regarding veterans and our military)?”

- Encourage Junior members and family members to participate in the essay contest.
- Work with school administrations to identify guidance counselors, and English and history teachers whose students would be interested in participating. **OHIO** – network with home-schooled students to participate in the essay contest.
- Contact youth organizations to identify potential youth for participation in the contest.
- Provide all interested students with information packets explaining contest rules, deadlines, topics, and award opportunities.

For details on the Americanism Essay Contest, visit <https://www.legion-aux.org/americanism-essay-contest>

AMERICAN  
LEGION  
AUXILIARY



Proud to announce the new  
Americanism Essay Theme.

**“What does America the Beautiful mean to me  
(regarding veterans and our military)?”**

**"LEADING THE WAY"**



## STAR-SPANGLED KIDS KITS 1ST - AMERICANISM CHALLENGE



*Who will win this challenge?  
The Central Division?  
The Eastern Division?  
The Northwestern Division?  
The Southern Division?  
The Western Division?*

*The Division that reports the most Star Spangled Kids Kits Promoted in schools by May 15, 2025, will receive a Trophy at their Division Caucus at the 2025 National Convention. Your National Americanism Chairman will surprise the Division that won, the winner will not be announced until National Convention  
“So Who Will It Be”?*

*Do not forget to include your numbers in your year-end report to your Division Americanism Chairman.*



**BUCKEYE GIRLS STATE**  
**GWEN SCHROEDER-ZULCH (DIRECTOR)**  
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Just like the **LEAVES** on trees — The Buckeye Girls State Program continues to grow new leaves and prosper—but not without the help of the Units and their sponsors. We need to continue to branch out and we continue to grow the leaves for Buckeye Girls State—we continue the growth of the roots of the program. Now I know some of you think we will not survive, and our tree will die and be sent to pasture — I am here to assure you that this beautiful and educational tree will continue to grow and branch out.

Let us talk about the various parts of the Buckeye Girls State Tree:

**The Seeds:** Applications for Buckeye Girls State must be ordered no later than **February 15, 2025**, to get the “Buckeye Girls State Discount Rate” of \$350.00. After that date, the price changes to \$400.00

**The Soil:** We need to recruit Delegates for the 2025 session, and this means a little bit more handywork on the Units. Reach outside of the box and let us spread the soil all over.

**The Roots:** Well, the root of the program depends on the number of delegates we have. Returned delegate applications are due back into Department Headquarters no later than **March 15, 2025**.

**The Branches:** Would you like to volunteer for Buckeye Girls State? Positions are available and the applications can be found in the Buckeye Girls State Chairmans Guide or by contacting Vicky at Department Headquarters.

We can plant approximately 650 trees within this program and that is with the tedious labor of you the planters. Can you make this happen?

So, let us recap and make this tree grow with some added seeds:

- Please use the material in the Buckeye Girls State Chairman Seed Packet to your advantage. There are samples of letters to the schools and the sponsors.
- Remember the deadlines so this tree does not wither.
- Delegates must attend one of the orientations held throughout the state. There are approximately twenty different sessions for them to attend.

We, the laborers of the Buckeye Girls State tree are here to help, and we are only a phone call away. I know you can think of different media groups to promote our program. We need everyone's helping to spread the leaves of the tree into a flowering tree and set high in the orchard.

- Buckeye Girls State will be held at Bowling Green State University—June 8-14-2025.
- Last but certainly not least—please set aside a donation in your budget for the BGS Endowment Fund so we can continue to provide scholarships to the delegates.



# **Buckeye Girls State**

Chaplain Chats  
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As Fall approaches and your Unit prepares for the many events that this season brings, remember to pause, let go of the past and move forward. Hanging on to the negative things from the past only hinders our ability to do the work we are called to do.

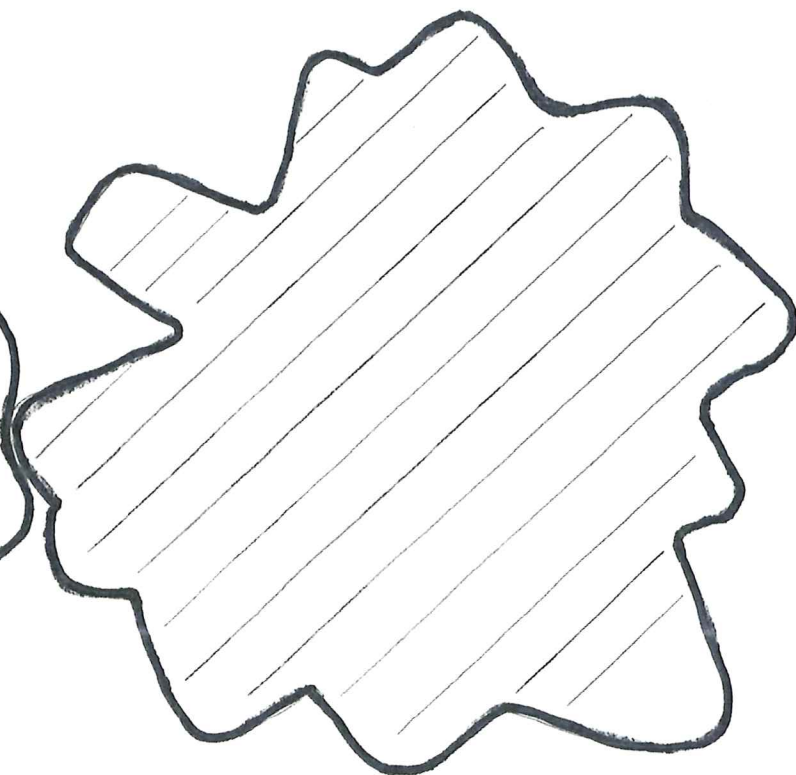
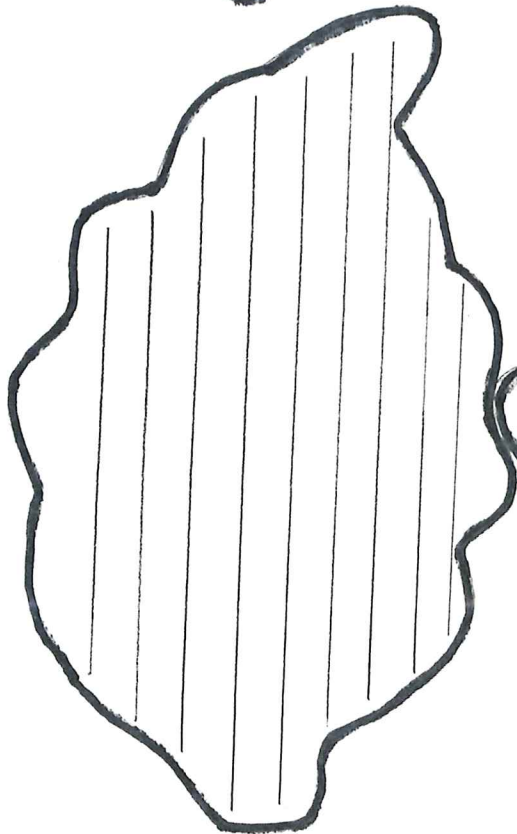
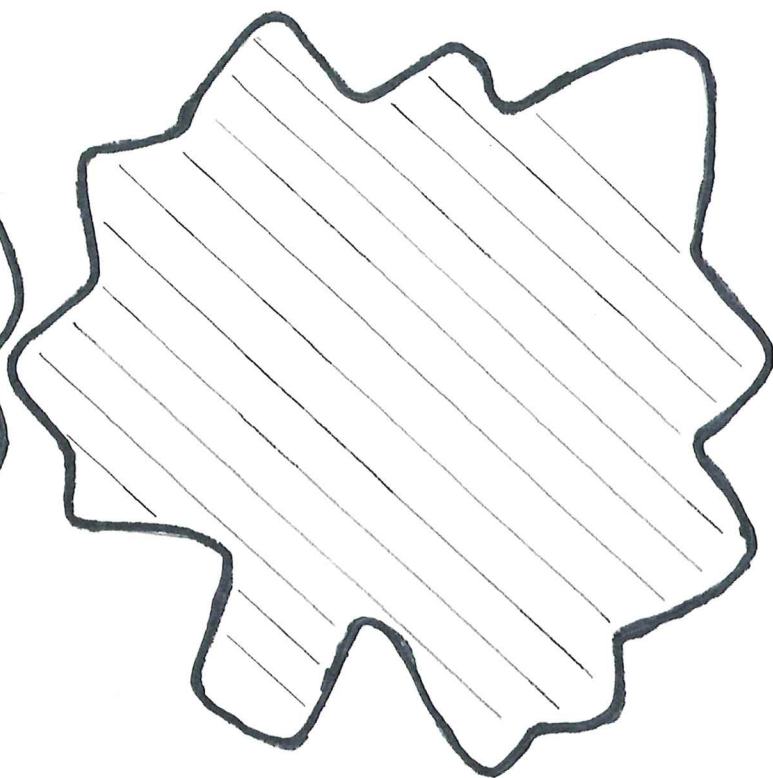
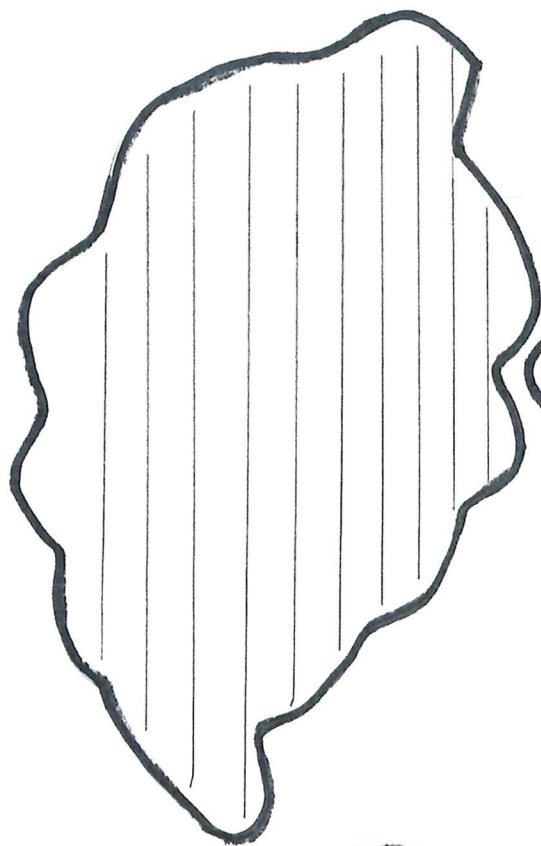
The trees are about to show us how lovely it is to let things go!



Please let me know if you have any questions or need assistance with the information included in the Chaplain Plan of Action. I'm looking forward to working with you and praying for each one of you!

Please continue sending Prayers for President Louise's prayer book and/or leaves for her tree to me via email or US mail. If you missed School of Instruction, you can use the attached template for the prayer leaves. Please print your prayer leaves on colored cardstock paper and send them to me. I will add the leaves to her prayer tree.





Did you know that you can join the "Department of Ohio American Legion Auxiliary Chaplain's Page" on Facebook? This page was created to offer spiritual guidance and strength to those in need. Follow the Chaplain's Facebook Page to bring positivity, encouragement and love into your day!

# Note to Self





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October 2024

## Children & Youth

## current topics >>>

### National Family Week October 7-13, 2025

The American Legion suggests doing the following things for National Family Week.

- Get involved and make a difference
- Advocate for a family strengthening initiative
- Plan a connection-building event
- Organize Community-wide efforts
- Coordinate Volunteer Projects

For more information or to print out the pamphlet go to [www.legion.org](http://www.legion.org) > publications > national-family-week



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## Meet your chairmen

*My name is Krista Carpenter, and I am your C & Y Chairman this year. I am a member of Unit 707 in Englewood, OH – Thundering Third District. I joined the ALA in 2010 through my husband Reck, a Coast Guard Veteran. We have been married since 2003. In 2023, I got my PUFL membership! I've been unit President and First Vice President as well as the C & Y chairman for the Third District. My day job is a Title One Reading Teacher. This is my 28<sup>th</sup> year teaching and I specialize in working with dyslexic students. I also do after school tutoring.*

*I also tutor students as well.*

*Colleen Phillips is your Vice Chairman this year. She joined the American Legion Auxiliary in the 70's when her mother Matilda Bishop was President of Warren L McIntire Unit 262. Her Eligibility is from her late father Billy B Bishop, who served in World War II in the Navy Seabees. Her unit did not have a Junior unit until Colleen started one in 2000, but she was involved in many Auxiliary and Legion events when growing up.*

*Colleen has held each of the elected offices in her unit, District President for the Great First District from 2004-2006 and most of the Chairmanships for Department of Ohio. Department President 2021-2022. Central Division Junior Activities 2023-2024.*

*Colleen Married her childhood sweetheart Timothy J. Phillips, they have been married for 56 years, had 5 children and 12 grandchildren. And two great grandchildren.*



From National >>>

## Child Welfare Foundation

*Are YOU familiar with the Child Welfare Foundation? "In 1952, Dr. Garland Murphy, Jr. gave The American Legion a large contribution that would benefit children. The Legion and Murphy entered into a trust agreement that established the Child Welfare Foundation, approved by the National Executive Committee in Oct, 15, 1953." From:*

*<https://www.legion.org/childwelfare>*

*Developed to serve as a repository of funds dedicated to the welfare of our country's children and youth, the CWF supports efforts through grants to non-profit organizations that contribute to their physical, mental, emotional and spiritual well-being through research and special programs, as well as other activities such camps for medically fragile children, literacy programs, and much more. Part of our commitment to Children and Youth is support of The American Legion Child Welfare Foundation.*

American Legion  
Child Welfare Foundation



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Child Welfare  
Foundation  
Brochure.pdf  
(legion.org) and  
Foundation Fast  
Facts (legion.org)  
Check out the  
websites noted above  
to learn more*

Plan of Action Info >>>



**Summer Narratives  
due October 31, 2024**

*Write up a quick 300 word or less description of the activities that your unit has completed between June 21 – September 21, 2024.*

*Pictures are great too!*

*Email to Colleen –*

*[Ckphillips43524@gmail.com](mailto:Ckphillips43524@gmail.com)*

## Seasonal Activities Challenge

President Louise has asked us to "Let's Embrace All Veterans Every Season!" We're asking you to Embrace Children and Youth every season. We challenge you to submit a 300 word or less narrative to us for 3 out of the 4 seasons to earn a certificate. The narratives should be a brief description of the activity/activities that your unit has done to support children and youth. Pictures would be appreciated! Activities from April 15, 2024 – June 20, 2024, can be recognized as spring and can be emailed to Colleen at [Ckphillips43524@gmail.com](mailto:Ckphillips43524@gmail.com)

**More Information about upcoming dates can be found on the Ohio Unit Plan of Action.**

**Narratives can be saved and used for your year end reports!**



# Ohio Takes 1<sup>st</sup> in C & Y for Central Division!

*Because of all the hard work from the Auxiliary Units across Ohio, we were the winner of the best all-around Children & Youth Program awarded at National! Convention.*



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## October Activity Ideas



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- \* National Family week – October 7-13, 2024
- \* Halloween parties
- \* Trunk or treat
- \* Lighted Wrist bands
- \* Auxiliary Halloween coloring book
- \* Buy clearance Halloween costumes
- \* Support sports teams
- \* Support groups and clubs
- \* Donate to charities
- \* Donate to homeless shelters
- \* Donate to food pantries
- \* Support military families
- \* Be the One for Veterans & Children and Youth

*Shout out to Berlin Heights American Legion Auxiliary Unit 659!*

**They provided lighted wrist bands in 2023 for safety during their Community Trick or Treat night.**



**Have A Safe Halloween!**

American Legion Auxiliary  
Coloring Book

<https://www.legion->

[aux.org/cmsdesk/ALA/media/PDF/Programs/Halloween Coloring Book.pdf](https://www.legion-aux.org/cmsdesk/ALA/media/PDF/Programs/Halloween%20Coloring%20Book.pdf)

**awards >>> we only awarded 14 good deed awards last year**

**Youth Hero Award**

*Demonstrates a physical act of valor.*

**Youth Good Deed Award**

*Donates time and/or money to a worthy cause.*

<https://member.legion-aux.org/youth-hero-good-deed-awards>



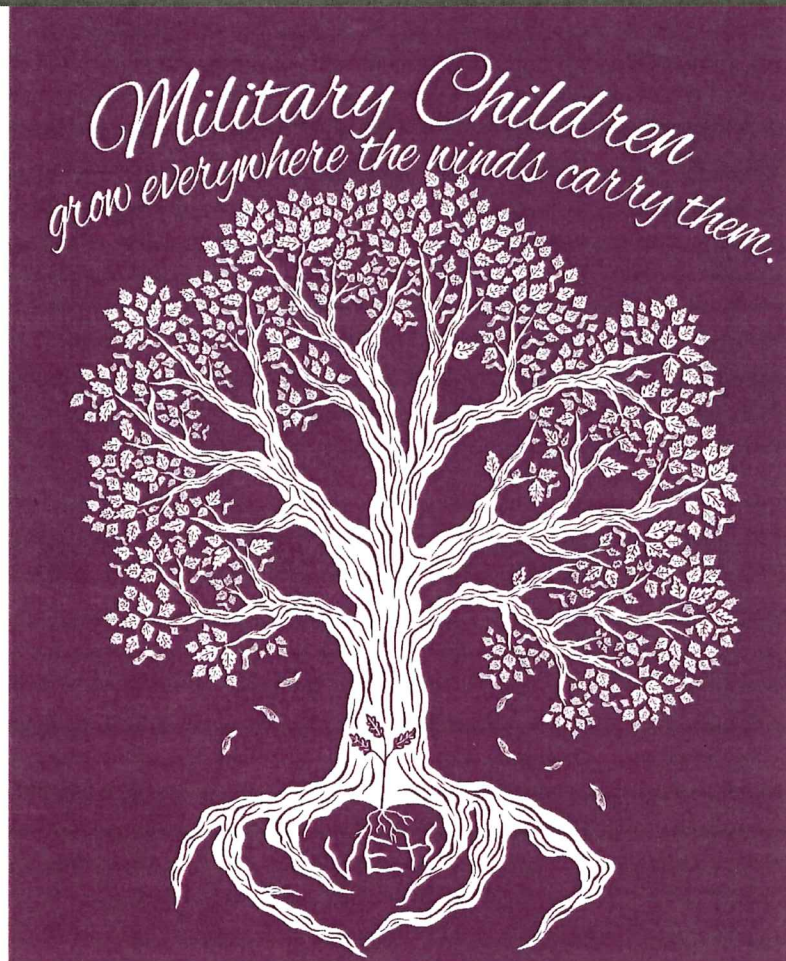
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# C & Y Fund Raiser...

*At School of Instruction, I presented the project of selling purple T-shirts to honor our Military Children and incorporate President Louise's LEAVES theme. The design is finished, and it is time to order shirts. An order form will be included on the next page. All shirts are pre-order. Shirts can be picked up at Mid-Winter Convention. Shirts can be mailed at an additional cost.*



Shirts are unisex and dark purple. \$20.00 each.

Sizes small – 3XL available.

Delivery will be at mid-winter or mailed to you for an additional fee. Contact [kristacarpenter115@gmail.com](mailto:kristacarpenter115@gmail.com) if you would like a price for shipping for multiple shirts in one box.

**The heat press >>>**



*The Milton-Union High School Business Class in West Milton, Ohio, has graciously volunteered to press the design on our T-shirts!*



## Meet the designer >>>

**\*Samantha Burnette –  
Designer & Veteran**

**\*Army 2012 – 2016  
3<sup>rd</sup> Squadron, 61<sup>st</sup> Calvary  
Dakota Troop of Fort  
Carson, CO**

**\*Deployed in 2014 and served  
in Kendar, Afghanistan**

**\*Operation Enduring  
Freedom**

**\*2016-2023 – US Army  
Reserves**

**\*Graduated in 2020 from the  
Columbus College of Art &  
Design for Animation (used  
her GI Bill)**

**Specialty – Equine Art**

**[AnotherHorseArtistry - Etsy](https://www.etsy.com/shop/AnotherHorseArtistry)**

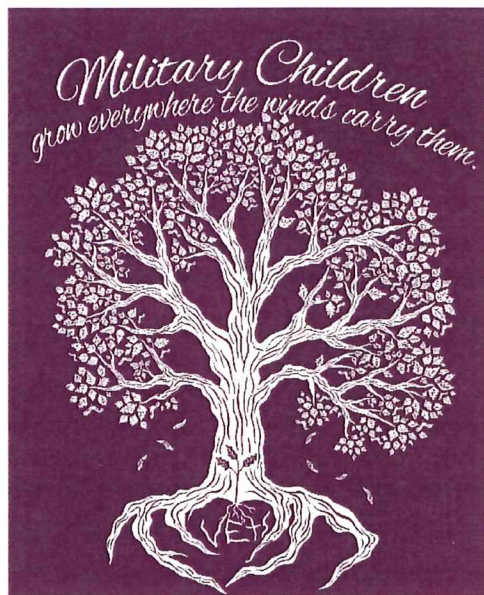


**Samantha Burnette**  
Equine Artist

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FaceBook: @Another Horse Artistry



Children & Youth T-shirt order - email [kristacarpenter114@gmail.com](mailto:kristacarpenter114@gmail.com) with questions



Shirts are purple.

They are 100% preshrunk cotton jersey. They are available in sizes small – 3 XL.

\$20.00 per shirt

Pre-orders/pre-paid only

Orders must be received by **Saturday, December 14, 2024**

Shirts will be handed out at Mid-Winter Convention.

Additional cost to have the shirt sent to you -- \$5.00 (Ohio only) or \$8.00 out of state.

\$5.00 of each shirt goes to the American Legion Child Welfare Foundation

Additional money collected will go to President's Louise's special project – Judge Sara J. Harper Village

	XS	S	M	L	XL	2XL	3XL
Body Width	16	18	20	22	24	26	28
Body Length	26.5	26.62	27.62	28.62	29.62	30.62	32
Full Body Length	-	26.62	27.62	28.62	29.62	30.62	32
Sleeve Length	15	16.75	17.25	17.75	18.25	18.5	22
Neck Size	-	6.75	6.75	7.63	7.63	7.63	-
Neck Circumference	-	6.75	6.75	7.63	7.63	-	-

Fill out the order form below and mail it in with a check payable to **Krista Carpenter**. **1 order form per shirt please**. Mail order form and check to

Krista Carpenter – 115 Lowry Drive – West Milton, OH 45383

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Please Print – Name \_\_\_\_\_

Circle 1 shirt size – S      M      L      XL      2XL      3XL

Phone number \_\_\_\_\_

Email – address \_\_\_\_\_

Total - \$20.00 per shirt

If you are unable to pick up your shirt at mid-winter, you may **pay \$5.00 additional per shirt (Ohio) or out of state (\$8.00)** to have it shipped to you. Total - \$25.00 or \$28.00

Address in which to ship – please print

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## **CONSTITUTION & BY-LAWS**

### **KAREN PEEL – CHAIRMAN**

Constitution & By-Laws is **not** a really exciting program, but it is a necessary one.

It is important that each Unit has an updated constitution & by-laws. So get started now. Do not wait until the last minute. Updated documents will help your unit to run smoothly. Once you have updated your constitution & by-laws and standing rules, make sure that they are available to all your members. Department can only accept, not approve your constitution & by-laws and standing rules. Also – Department, district, county, and unit documents cannot be in conflict with the National governing documents.

When National updates their governing documents, department, district, county, and units should automatically update their governing documents.

Attached to the plan of action is a sample constitution & by-laws to use as a guide. There is also information on how to write standing rules.

Things to include in your standing rules:

- Day and hour of your meeting and the location. Do you meet 12 months out of the year?
- Dues – Senior and junior
- Elections:
  - When will elections be held?
  - Secretary and/or treasurer – elected or appointed?
  - Nominating committee – yes or no? Elected per the most recent edition of Roberts Rules.
- Election of delegates to Department convention, fall conference, district meetings. When and how they are selected.
- Installation of officers – when, where, and who is in charge?
- Finances:
  - Rent
  - Utilities
  - Working funds for officers, chairmen, poppy purchases, Girls State, VA & R, etc.



Annual gift for District President's visit, retiring officer, etc.  
Flowers and/or gifts for illness, death, etc.  
Expenses for delegates to Department Convention, fall conference,  
district meetings, etc.  
How are bills paid?  
Department or District mandatory funds  
Annual donations to special programs  
Fiscal year (dates)  
Audit

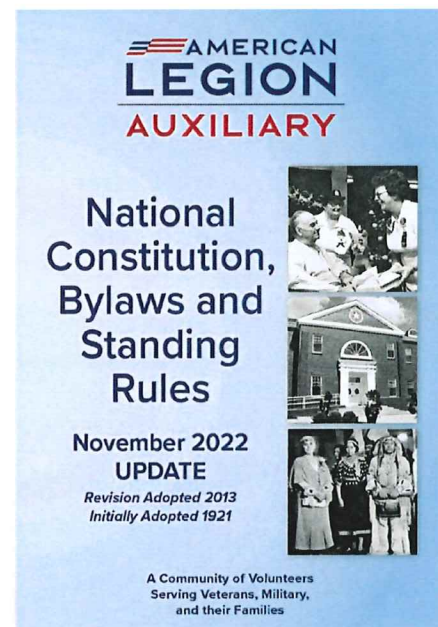
You can also add standing rules that pertain to your unit. Again – this will help your unit to run smoothly.

Make sure you have your updated documents available at every meeting. That way if someone asks a question about something, you have the answer right there.

You can email or snail mail your documents to me. ***Please be patient!*** I want to make sure that your documents are correct.

I am here to help you in any way that I can.

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## EDUCATION / NURSES SCHOLARSHIP

Cindy Masowick, Vice Chairman

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As many of you know, at the 2023-2024 Department Convention it was voted to do away with Past Presidents Parley. Parts of the PPP was placed in other programs and their Plans of Action.

Nurses' Scholarship is now under Education, with a Past Department President as the Vice Chairman.

The 2024 – 2025 Nurses Scholarship is attached to the Education Plan of Action. This scholarship is to assist students who would like to pursue a career in the Nursing Field. Please read the criteria. If it is not completed as so, I will send it back. Remember Unit Presidents must sign these applications, prior to me sending them to me.

These scholarships are a minimum of \$300.00. In able to give more to these applicants, please donate to the Nurses Scholarship Fund. I would love to give each applicant more than the minimum.







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## OCTOBER BULK MAIL: HAPPY FALL AND HALLOWEEN!

*With just your first month in and you are still here, Congratulations!*

*You are still in it to win it!*

The National Historian, Dara Oliver of the Department of Florida held a zoom conference for Department Historians. She requested that a mid-winter report be submitted by December 1<sup>st</sup>. Please send your report of what your unit or district did from installation of your unit up to December 1<sup>st</sup> to me, along with any of your members biographies.

Her message also included:

- 1) The historian resources available to all historians can be found at [www.alaforveterans.org](http://www.alaforveterans.org). If you have not created an account, please do this. Once you have access, go to the area for historians. Do not worry about past dates, as this section is updated regularly, and some dates reflect the origination of when the section was created. The content is still invaluable.
- 2) Communication is key. I am available to help you with your history program by phone, email, mail, text, via Facebook, and in person. I have made visits to individual units and or districts to attend Birthday celebrations or special events. I have also visited district conferences to talk about the history program.
- 3) Know the difference between the History, and Scrapbook. The History Book is a narrative of events that occurred in the unit during the year. There are specific instructions to follow, and an award is given at the end of the year. The Scrapbook is a pictorial of the unit's events, and while there are specific instructions, the award is given at the end of the year but does not necessarily compete with the Best All Around History Plaque.

As the unit historian, you are the guardian of the records of your unit's events and activities. You are also to have photos of the events and activities of the members, and those who you are serving or are participating in at the event. Keep a journal by chronological order (by date in which it happened). Collect the handout of the event, and the dates, location and names of those in your photos. These tips are important for the history for publication or to archive.

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Things you may be documenting in the month of October are:

- 1) Halloween Parties of your unit members serving veterans and or the community.
- 2) Trick or treat in your neighborhood or at the VA clinic or hospital. Or trunk or treat in your legion parking lot with a costume contest.
- 3) Sharing Halloween safety tips (available on [www.alaforveterans.org](http://www.alaforveterans.org)) with the community at your unit or district meetings.
- 4) A Fall Harvest celebration that includes a membership drive.
- 5) Members in their ALA Brand attire, and or all members wearing BE THE ONE on the first of the month.
- 6) Units and their members utilizing President Louise's theme LEAVES: Let's Embrace All Veterans Every Season in their program.

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Have you started a Facebook page? What would you like to learn or know more about?

If you are interested in attending a History zoom call with me, send an email to [mrsdaynabeyer@gmail.com](mailto:mrsdaynabeyer@gmail.com)

If you have not received a History Tool Kit to help you with the history program, please email me and a pdf copy will be emailed to you. The history tool kit includes:

- Winning Senior History Book and Narrative 2022-2023
- Winning Junior History Book and Narrative 2022-2023
- Winning Central Division National History Book and Narrative of the American Legion Auxiliary Department of Ohio 2019-2021
- 12 month Blue Print of the Unit History Book
- Sample of the Plan of Action (POA)
- Instruction sheet and grading point system

STAY TUNED for next month's bulk mailing.

***I am available to help YOU*** put together the best history book, narrative and or scrapbook for you and your unit for your records to share for future generations to come.

If you need further assistance, please contact me by phone at 419-566-9395. Or shoot me an email at [mrsdaynabeyer@gmail.com](mailto:mrsdaynabeyer@gmail.com) with your questions.

For God and Country ~ Be The One, To Save One, Life. [www.legion.org/betheone](http://www.legion.org/betheone)

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# JUNIOR ACTIVITIES

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## PROJECTS

- Best Media Coverage
- History Narrative
- Holmes County Travelogue
- Junior Scrapbook
- Junior Conference Cover
- Junior Craft Book
- Junior Prayer Book

## REMINDERS

### Read your POA

Watch for items with the  
April 1st deadline

Have your juniors start their  
projects now and add to  
them throughout the year.

Work on the patch program  
with both the ALA and SAL

## ALA ACADEMY

<https://www.legion-aux.org/ala-academy>

ALA Juniors E-learning course  
ALA Junior Patch Program  
Junior Mentor Series

**Adryenne Rush, Honorary Junior President -- Special Project**

**Please replace this with information with the information that was included in the Plan of Action for the Honorary Department Junior Special Project information.**

## *Suicide Awareness & Decreasing Mental Health Stigma*

**Step One:** Have your junior Auxiliary members or junior high students create posters with facts about mental health. The posters should be informative and positive- no black, dark pictures. The focus is on respect and knowledge.

**Suicide Hotline**

**CALL 988**

**TEXT 838255**

**Step Two:** Donate items to a mental health facility or a hospital for mental health patients to help them be more comfortable.

*(Ask the facility for a list of items.)*

Normalizing challenges with mental health is the key to reducing stigma. Encouraging respectful informed and researched conversations about mental health will help individuals struggling feel better about their own problems and those of others. Far too many young people are dealing with their mental health and unable to get the necessary HELP. We all have a role to play in supporting mental health illness and creating a world where we all thrive.

***“If we seize this moment, step up for our children and their families in their moment of need, and lead with inclusion, kindness, and respect, we can lay the foundation for a healthier, more resilient, and more fulfilled nation.”***

**Dr. Vivek H. Murthy, M.D., M.B.A.**

**Vice Admiral, U.S. Public Health Service  
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**FYI..**

The Department Plan of Actions is out. If you are a Unit President and have not received your Plan of Action, please check with your District President.

It is now time as a Unit President, to be sitting down with your Unit chairmen and handing out the individual Plan of Actions. Unit Presidents, ***please do not keep them***. At the time of your meeting, you should be talking with your chairmen and discussing the plan for each program/event. If this program/event calls for monies to be spent, it must go back to the Unit for a vote.

Remember – that you are a President, the leader. You are not a boss. As a President of a Unit, your job is to bring any information from Department or District back to your Unit.

As you know, our Department President Louise's theme is "Let's Embrace All Veterans Every Season". My challenge to you is to use her theme in a unique way. Please share your ideas with me and you can win a gift certificate. I will reward the gift certificate at Mid-Winter Conference. So put your thinking caps on and get busy!!

Our National Leadership Chairman, Barb Washburn has given us a list of discussion topics for each month of the year. September was ***Integrity***. October is ***Accountability***.

***Integrity*** – Do the right thing even when no one is watching. It's called integrity. – CS Lewis. Honesty is always the best policy.

***Accountability*** – Accountability is the glue that ties commitment to the result. – Bob Proctor.

Share these with your members. It will make for a good discussion.

**WORDS OF WISDOM ...**

***You cannot be in leadership and be NASTY to folks and expect to be respected because of your title.***

# *Ohio Legislative Buckeye Boost! What's Happening in our Statehouse*

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Your state legislators are spending most of their time in their districts. Some are campaigning for re-election; some are enjoying some rest and relaxation (R&R), and some have been holding district open houses or town hall meetings for their constituents. We know what they are not doing. Holding committee hearings and full sessions. But that does not mean they are not working. They still have offices with staff members to run and many are still sending out newsletters and attending various meetings. What does that all mean for the veterans of Ohio and our active-duty members? The next couple of months is an extremely important time. It is when they should be the most active in the legislative process.

The first thing to consider is the November election. There are 99 districts in the Ohio House of Representatives and 33 districts in the Ohio Senate. Elections are being held for all 99 house districts and the even numbered districts in the senate. Many districts have incumbents running but there are a lot of new names on ballots as well. It is important to pay attention and do as much homework as possible before the election. The outcome of the November election will affect us all for the next four years and beyond.

November 5th is about two months away. I suggest that every Ohio voter find their county board of elections website and look up a sample ballot so they will know who is running and for which offices (they might be surprised to learn there are eleven individuals running for President?). Look up the issues also. They could impact your future over the next several years-or longer.

- \* Know what is important to you.
- \* Know who the candidates and issues.
- \* Know which ones best align with you.
- \* Make a list of who you are voting for.
- \* You are now an educated voter.







## MEMBERSHIP

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### **Going back to the basics with Membership 101:**

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

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

### **Other factors to consider when determining membership eligibility:**

- When a request for ALA membership is based on the military service of a family member who is still living, that family member must be a current member of The American Legion before the female relative or spouse may join.
- When a request for ALA membership is based on a deceased veteran the prospective member will be asked to provide verifying documentation that proves his/her eligibility (see acceptable documentation below).
- When a female veteran applies to join the ALA without being a member of The American Legion, she is eligible to join if her service dates fall within one (1) of the eligible service periods as described in the National Constitution. However, should her family members (including spouse) wish to join the ALA or the Sons of The American Legion through her service, she must first become a member of The American Legion.

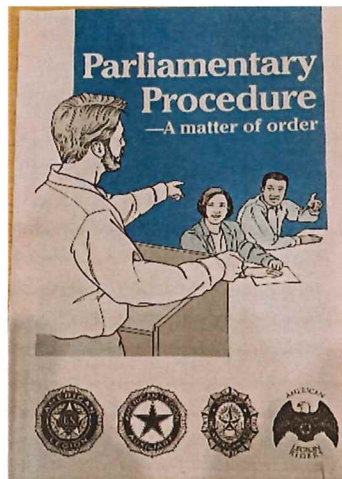
The following documents are acceptable to verify membership eligibility in the ALA:

1. DD214 discharge papers (not issued until after the Korean War)
2. Official military orders
3. Official military service citations/awards
4. Letters related to the veteran's military service. Must be on official government letterhead.
5. Certificate from the VA records center in St. Louis 6. Data from the back of older discharges

**Don't forget ... The first Department incentive is a \$50 Drawing:  
All Units reaching 25% or more by November 11, 2024, are  
entered into the drawing to be held at Mid-Winter.**



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(purchase at Emblem Sales)

Have you reviewed ALL your Governing Documents? Do they all coordinate correct information with each other? Do your members and officers know their responsibilities on how to handle a meeting? Here's some GREAT INFORMATION **YOU** should read and know.

Basic Parliamentary Principles facilitate your meeting and protect the members rights. Parliamentary procedure is based on Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised.

#### **Basic Parliamentary Procedure**

Christine Dickey, PRP (National Parliamentarian)

[www.parliamentarian-chris-dickey.com 2011https://member.legion-aux.org/cmsdesk/ALA/media/PDF/Guides/Basic\\_Parliamentary\\_Procedure\\_ALA\\_2011.pdf](https://member.legion-aux.org/cmsdesk/ALA/media/PDF/Guides/Basic_Parliamentary_Procedure_ALA_2011.pdf)  
(provided by Pam Bates, Department Parliamentarian)

#### **Eight Steps in Processing a Main Motion**

- Step 1: Member rises and addresses the chair when nothing is pending. "Mr. President." Or "Madame President."
- Step 2: Chair recognizes member by nodding at the member or stating his name. "Mr. Williams." Step 3: Member states his/her motion. "I move that we have a canned food drive."
- Step 4: Another member seconds the motion (without recognition). "Second." Step 5: Chair states the motion and places it before the assembly for discussion. "It is moved and seconded that we have a canned food drive. Is there any discussion?"
- Step 6: Members have the right to get recognition and debate the motion. During debate subsidiary motions (i.e. amendments) may be introduced to help the assembly make a final decision.

Step 7: When discussion is finished the Chair puts the question to a vote. "The question is on the adoption of the motion that we have a canned food drive. Those in favor, say AYE." (Pause.) "Those opposed, say NO." (Pause.)

Step 8: Chair announces the results of the vote. "The AYES (NOES) have it; the motion is adopted (lost); we will (not) have a canned food drive; the next business in order is ..."

### **Methods of Voting**

- Unanimous Consent – no member objects to a proposal that meets with general approval; a vote of silent agreement.
- Voice Vote – regular method of voting on any motion that does not require more than a majority vote; most common form of voting.
- Rising Vote – method used when a two-thirds vote is required for adoption; is also used when a member calls for a division of the assembly.
- Show of Hands or Voting Cards – an alternative method for a rising vote.
- Counted Vote – can be ordered by the chair when it appears a voice vote is unclear and it can be ordered by a majority vote of the assembly.
- Ballot or Roll Call Vote – can be ordered by a majority vote of the assembly and is required if specified in bylaws.

### **COMMON DEFINITIONS**

- Parliamentary procedure: Rules by which meetings of deliberative assemblies, societies, boards, clubs, etc. are formally conducted.
- Chair: Short form of the word "chairman," used to refer to the member conducting the meeting. Chair, chairman and chairperson are all correct and may be used at the preference of the chair.
- Gavel: The traditional mallet used by the presiding officer to keep order. It is to be used on the table and not on the members.
- Quorum: The number of the members needed to conduct business. Quorum cannot be suspended.
- Agenda: A list of the order of business to be considered. (usually set by the Chair and recommended that each member at the meeting receive a copy)
- Minutes: A record of the meeting kept by the secretary.
- Amendment: A specific proposal to change an organization entity/governance documents.

**"To be a leader, you have to make people want to follow you, and nobody wants to follow someone who doesn't know where he is going." "If you don't believe in yourself, why is anyone else going to believe in you." "A leader is one who knows the way, goes the way, and shows the way." Author unknown**



## Public Relations

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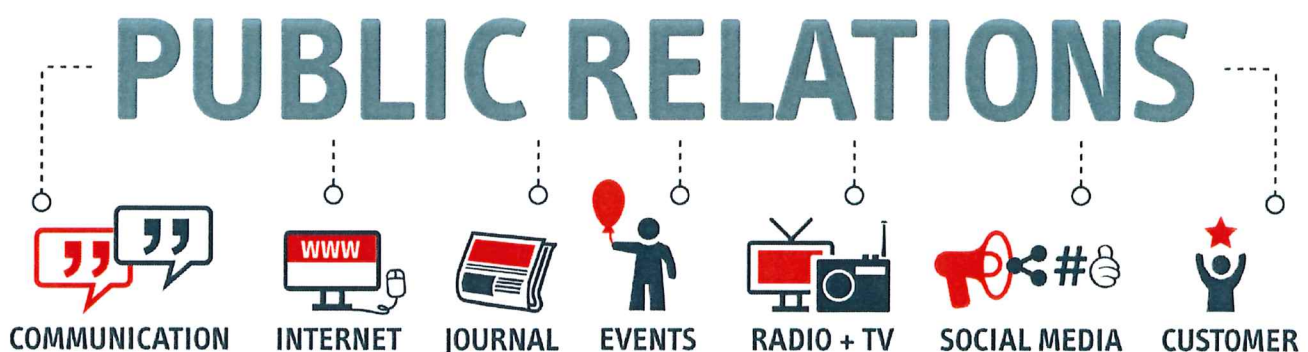
We are about to get into our busy season, so I fully expect to see plenty of goblins and ghosts from your Halloween parties and Trunk or Treats. Please be sure to post your great pictures on the Public Relations Facebook page.

Public relations is best friends with our programs and membership. We advertise our events in the community for a particular program. We host our event. We advertise our donation to the beneficiary of the event to be accountable to our community that supported our event. When the community members see what your unit is doing, they will want to be a part of it.

Keys to great PR: Keep your content of social media clear, concise, concrete, correct, coherent, complete, courteous, and current.

A picture's worth a thousand words. Make sure the subject of the picture is the focus and centered and the lines are straight. Make sure the lighting is good and there are no shadows on their faces. Be sure the photo tells a story.

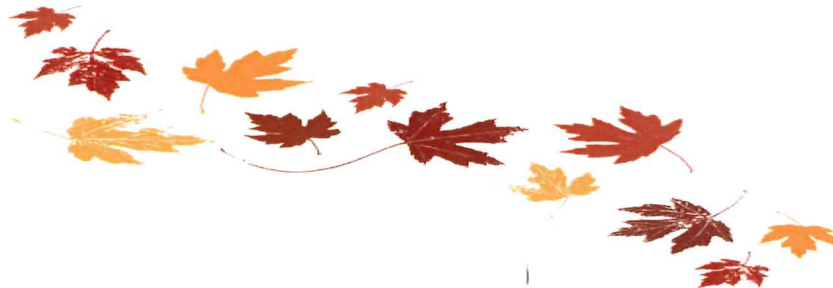
Former director of the Smithsonian's National Museum of American History, Daniel J. Boorstin said, "Some are born great, some achieve greatness, and some hire public relations officers."



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Fall is fast approaching, and the L.E.A.V.E.S. are starting to fall but we are just getting a good start on helping our Veterans this year. Louise's theme this year is L.E.A.V.E.S. which stands for Let's Remember to Embrace All Veterans Every Season.

Let's remember all our Veterans and don't forget our Women Veterans there are getting to be more Women Veterans in the hospitals and nursing homes. Louise's focus is on the Judge Sara J. Harper Village in Glenville, Ohio which is for female veterans.

## **NATIONAL VETERANS CREATIVE ARTS FESTIVAL**

This is listed in your plan. It is a week of learning, exploring fellowship and celebration of the healing power of the arts. Each dollar you raise helps a veteran in his or her quest for healing. Be creative in your fundraising and let me know what you are doing to support this event. In 2025 it will be in Indianapolis.



## Wreaths Across America

Wreaths Across America will be coming up on December 14<sup>th</sup>. You can order wreaths thru their website and pick which cemetery you would like them to be placed at. You can also volunteer at one of the events and help place the wreaths. I have been taking part in this for the past few years and it is a wonderful experience. If you have never taken part in placing the wreaths I would encourage you to find a location and help place them. There is also an online seminar in the ALA Academy if you would like to know more about Wreaths Across America.

## **VOLUNTEER**

You can Volunteer at a VA Medical Centers, Community Based Outpatient Clinics, at one of the National cemeteries or at one of the State Veterans' Homes. All volunteers have options to serve our veterans. These may include escorting patients; doing clerical/computer work; serving at the Information Desk; being a Red Coat Ambassador; feeding patients; and assisting with the Chaplain Service. You can go thru the steps to be a full-time volunteer or just be an occasional volunteer. Remember, we are guests at VA facilities and abide by their policies and procedures. Although there are awards out there for helping our Veterans. Serving our country's heroes is what keeps us coming back to help our Veterans. Remember to support the Medical Centers, and clinics with your donations whether they are material donations or monetary donations or set up something with your local facility where you can do something with the Veterans. On the donation sheet that is in your plan you can designate which facility the money is to go to.

Turn in your members Service to Veterans Hours and include those numbers in your VA&R report that goes to your District Chairman.



One leaf can make a difference but just think what will happen with a tree (unit members) full of Leaves helping our Veterans and turning in those hours and dollars when we help our Veterans.

If you have an event, fundraiser or do something for our Veteran's let me know about it.

- Just a note the phone number listed for me (Marsha) is a land line. You cannot text to it so if you call leave me a message and I will get back to you or email me.