



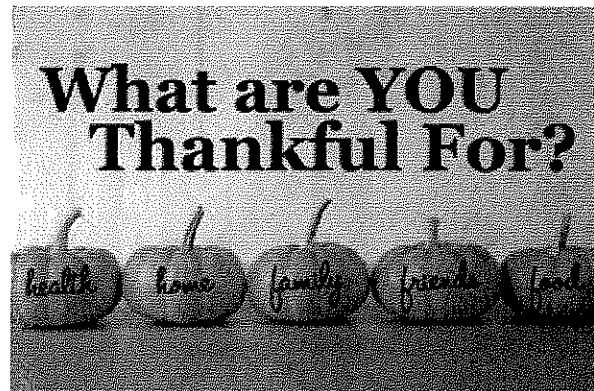
## BULK MAILING FOR NOVEMBER 2020

To: Unit Presidents  
District Chairmen  
Department Chairmen

Dept. Executive Committee  
Hospital Representatives & Deputies  
Past Department Presidents

### Included in this mailing:

- President's Message – all members
- Mid-Winter Conference Information – all members
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- Chaplain (goldenrod)
- Constitution & Bylaws (lilac)
- Historian (tan)
- Junior Activities (yellow)
- Leadership (green)
- Legislative (pink)
- Membership (tan)
- National Security (blue)
- Past Presidents Parley (lilac)
- Poppy (cherry)
- Public Relations (yellow)
- Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation (blue)





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Happy Holidays!!!

I know that our Auxiliary Units have been working extremely hard on their programs and RACE (ing) for our Veterans. Please continue to read your plans of actions and watch for any possible changes that might come out. Please remember to send in your mid-year reports to the chairmen. Without units reporting National will not know all the excellent work that Ohio does.

The holiday season is typically a busy one and I was happy to have been invited to several of the VA Hospitals and Outpatient Clinics to help wrap and put together gifts to be distributed to the Veterans. This year has been a challenge, but the hard-working Representative and Deputies made sure the Veterans were not forgotten this holiday season.

What fundraisers has your unit done during these difficult times? Sent me a note of so that we can inform and give suggestions to others. We are all looking for some new and creative ideas on how to raise funds to help support our programs. A list of ideas will be put in a future bulk mailing.

We are celebrating our 101st birthday! I hope you use this year to celebrate our organization and the wonderful members we have! Who is your oldest living member? Who has been a member the longest? Celebrate them and please share with me! National would love to recognize them with pictures at National Convention in Phoenix! If you have a celebration, please send me a write up with pictures that I can send to National.

Mid-Winter Conference is just around the corner and I hope to see many of you there. Once again, we will be following all the state guidelines to have a very safe and enjoyable event. Several chairmen will have information tables set up along with lots of various raffles and contests that will going on. There will be a Buckeye Girl State information session on Friday afternoon. The Legion will once again be holding a blood drive on Friday so please consider donating.

Happy Holidays,  
*Kristen*



## 2021 MID-WINTER CONFERENCE

January 22-23, 2021

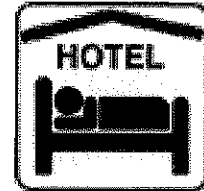
*Crowne Plaza Columbus North*

*6500 Doubletree Ave*

*Columbus, Ohio 43229*

*By Phone (614) 885-1885*

*Select Option #2*



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

*Price: \$103.00 plus tax*

*Reservation Cut-Off Date – Wednesday January 13, 2021*

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### Buckeye Girls State Workshop

This workshop is designed to provide information to Units and BGS Chairpersons on the BGS Program. It is scheduled for Friday January 22<sup>nd</sup> from 2:00 – 4:00 pm. There is no cost to attend this workshop.

### Workshop Registration Form

Mail to Department of Ohio

PO BOX 2760

Zanesville, Ohio 43702

Unit \_\_\_\_\_ District \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Or email Vicky Buck at [vicky@alaohio.org](mailto:vicky@alaohio.org)

# **National Commander's American Legion Family Banquet**

**January 23, 2021, 6:00 PM**

The National Commander's Banquet is a Formal Banquet Hosted by the Legion Department of Ohio for the National Commander to present Membership Awards to all mid-year winners.

The Department of Ohio will be hosting National Commander Bill Oxford. Auxiliary Members are encouraged to attend.

Dress is Semi-Formal.

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

Reservations Cut Off: January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2021

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

Cost is \$38.00 per person

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

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

# Due December 15, 2020

Department Chairman will be sending their reports to our National Chairmen and need your Unit's activity reported to them. When you report, you can send several paragraphs on what you have done and please include pictures. You may send these by email or regular mail. Be sure to include the good and bad things that came from your activity. Let them know how it impacted the veterans, our youth, the community and your Unit members.

Listed below are the names and addresses of our Department Chairman and their emails, that need a Mid-Year Report from you! Look at your Plan of Actions for specific directions or required questions that need answered. Lets achieve a 100% Mid-Year Reporting from the Department of Ohio and it begins with you, the Unit.

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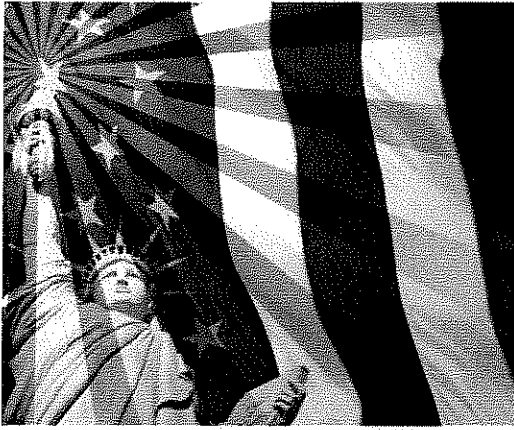
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# Mid-Year Reports



♪♪ Land of the noble free, Thy name I love. ♪♪

## AMERICANISM

Here we go again...believe it or not, it's time to start getting ready for your Mid-Year Report.

The Mid-Year Report reflects the program work of units within the Department.

Each Unit Americanism Chairman is required to submit a narrative report to me by **DECEMBER 15, 2020.**

This is your Unit's opportunity to shine and let me know what you're doing.

Please send your report to me at:

**Renee Kohl, Americanism Chair, 13 W. Prospect St., Hudson, OH 44236 or you can email the report to me at [rekohl@aol.com](mailto:rekohl@aol.com), 330-802-2845**

Here are a few items that you can highlight in your report:

1. Since we are spotlighting Star Spangled Kids, please be sure to include any information that may have been done with your Juniors/youth in your community regarding the Constitution.
2. How did your Unit promote Americanism?
3. Did your Unit promote/practice flag etiquette tips?
4. Encourage businesses to fly the flag?

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact myself or Mary Ann as we are both willing to assist you with your report.

Mary Ann Dull, [alamadlady54@yahoo.com](mailto:alamadlady54@yahoo.com), 419-651-0156





**AMERICANISM ESSAY CONTEST  
2021 Cover Sheet**

Each year, the American Legion Auxiliary (ALA) sponsors an Americanism Essay Contest for students in grades 3-12 including students w/special needs. Grade levels are divided into six classes. One award in each of the six classes will be presented in each division. Winners will receive \$50, and a \$50 donation in the student's name will be made to the Children of Warriors National Presidents' Scholarship fund. National winners will be posted at [www.ALAforVeterans.org](http://www.ALAforVeterans.org) after convention.

**Essay Title:** *"How can we address the health and well-being of our Veterans, Military, and their families?"*  
(Students may **NOT** use the essay with the same title that was written and submitted for the 2019-2020 year.)

**Essay Classes:**

Class	Grade Level	Word Requirement
I	3 and 4	150-250
II	5 and 6	250-300
III	7 and 8	350-400
IV	9 and 10	450-500
V	11 and 12	450-500
VI	Students with special needs	Word count should correspond with student's grade level.

**Essay Checklist:**

- Class competing in \_\_\_\_\_
- Sponsoring ALA Unit \_\_\_\_\_
- Typed or neatly written essay conforming to the word requirement for class
- Completed essay coversheet as first page of essay
- Word count of essay \_\_\_\_\_
- Due date for student to return to ALA Unit \_\_\_\_\_

**To Be Completed by the Student/Parent:**

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address (Street, City, State, Zip): \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

School Name: \_\_\_\_\_

School City/State: \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher Name and Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

**Auxiliary Use Only: (Must be completed for entry to be considered)**

Sponsoring Unit Name/Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Unit Americanism Chairman: \_\_\_\_\_

Unit winner due to Department on \_\_\_\_\_ Department: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Department Americanism Chairman: \_\_\_\_\_

Unit winner due to Department Americanism Vice Chairman, Mary Ann Dull, 407 Phillips Ave., Ashland, OH 44805  
by **April 1, 2021**

## Auxiliary Emergency Fund

Mindi Rue, Chairman

Members helping members

The Auxiliary Emergency Fund (AEF) is the American Legion Auxiliary's grant program to assist our auxiliary members who have fallen on financial hard times. The grant is available when there are no other readily available sources of aid to pay for food, shelter, or utilities. Eligible members should be in good standing for the current membership year, plus the two previous years. The grant application can be found at the following link:

<https://www.alaforveterans.org/Programs/Auxiliary-Emergency-Fund/>

When the application is complete, it needs to be forwarded after being signed by the member's Unit President, Unit Secretary, and Unit Investigator, to Kelly Gibson, Executive Secretary, ALA Department of Ohio.

Your unit can contribute to this fund with a donation, large or small. Plan and serve a drive-thru meal. Do a 50/50. Have a quarter auction. Collect change.

As you and your families are counting your blessings, keep our fellow members who have hit hard times amongst your thoughts and prayers.



A.L.A. Buckeye Girls State  
2021 Session – 6/13/21 to 6/19/21  
Rene' Reese, Director

Celebrating “75 years” of educating young girls on government, patriotism and citizenship.

On behalf of the BGS Board of Directors, we want to do our best to keep members informed of decisions and changes as they may happen. It is also important that we give you information, when we can, of why decisions are made. Please understand that each decision is done by getting all the facts we can, looking at all options, and finally doing what is best for our delegates and this program.

The BGS Board met and we have had discussions with the University of Mount Union. Our goal is to plan for a 2021 Session and do it as safely as possible. Please remember that decisions being made now are based on what we currently know from the University and the State of Ohio.

1. We will not be extending an invitation to those delegates selected for the 2020 session. We understand it is a disappointment, but we must move forward. There are many reasons for this decision including financial burdens, staffing and most importantly our own A.L.A. eligibility guidelines that state that the program is open to girls finishing their Junior year in school.
2. We are going to be reducing the number of delegates attending the 2021 session. This decision was made based on conversations with Mount Union and the strict guidelines they have in place as to how many people can be in rooms (including sessions) during the week. If things change later, we may be able to add more delegates.
3. We anticipate a shortage in staff, so please consider joining us if you can.

Now, let's shake off our disappointments and apprehensions! We are going to accept any and all changes that come our way and we are then going to do what the American Legion Auxiliary does best – we are going to accept the challenges before us, remain diligent in our mission, and stay determined to make the BGS 2021 session the best ever! Remember that our attitude and how we handle ourselves will directly affect how the selected delegates see us and the program.

- Don't forget deadlines – most important.
- Keep in contact with your schools.
- Don't forget mid-year report is due December 15, 2020.

May you all staff healthy and safe! If you have questions, please reach out to myself or Vicky in the office. God Bless till we come together again.

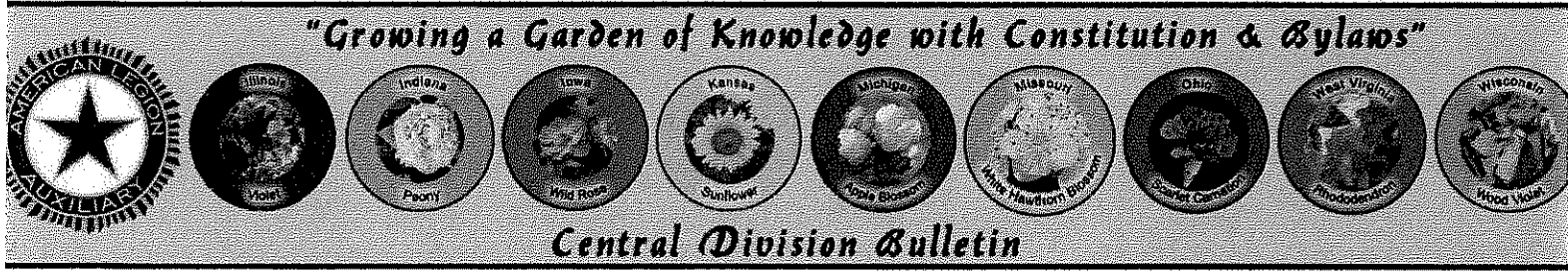


## *Pause a Moment*

There is no special time for prayer,  
One can pray most anywhere,  
When things aren't going quite your way -  
Pause a moment, just to pray...  
If everything seems to bother you  
And nag at you the whole day through,  
To dispel those awful clouds of gray -  
Pause a moment, just to pray...  
If there is no hope in sight,  
You see the tunnel but not the light,  
Do not wander, do not stray -  
Pause a moment, just to pray...  
When all your efforts seem in vain,  
You struggle hard but see no gain,  
Do one thing without delay -  
Pause a moment, just to pray...  
When you feel there is no hope,  
When with life you cannot cope,  
God will help along the way -  
Pause a moment, just to pray...

*(Joseph Ferrara)*

**Carol T. Robinson**  
**Department Chaplain**



## Greetings Central Division Constitution & Bylaws Chairmen November 2020

### C&B NOT A TURKEY SHOOT READY • AIM • INITIATE

<b>To be READY</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• you must continue to inform and educate members in your Department on the importance of documents at all levels to be properly written, reviewed and updated you must remember that included are the Standing Rules, Policies and Procedures</li> <li>• you must continue to remind that these documents if followed, will make meetings more structured and efficient</li> </ul>
<b>To AIM</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• you need to encourage (items in the ALA Program Action Plan)             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ your members to read the Guidelines for Units &amp; Departments</li> <li>○ your members to use the Idea Section for Member, Unit and Department</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>To INITIATE</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• encourage follow through &amp; commitment             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Standing Rules</li> <li>○ Bylaws</li> <li>○ Constitution</li> <li>○ Federal / State Law</li> <li>○ Parliamentary Authority</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

Departments request that each unit have a copy of their Constitution and Bylaws housed in their state headquarters. Be sure to check to see if your units are turning these in.

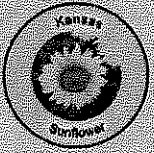
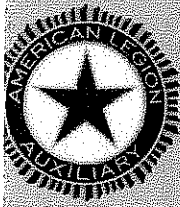
Make sure all units/districts have incorporated the mandatory changes in the Preamble and the Eligibility. When the unit/district send their Governing Documents for review, return quickly with any explanation of any changes. It would be nice if you sent them a quick note thanking them for getting their documents updated.

Here are some definitions that may be helpful:

**Constitution vs Bylaws vs Standing Rules**

The dictionary defines the **Constitution**: as a system of fundamental principles according to which a nation, state, corporation or the like is governed. In the American Legion Auxiliary, it should constitute the Articles of Incorporation. It should also contain the core purpose and structure of your

*"Growing a Garden of Knowledge with Constitution & Bylaws"*



*Central Division Bulletin*

Department or Unit. The Constitution should contain articles that are rarely changed. An example of what not to have in your constitution is the amount of dues you charge. They belong in the Standing Rules.

The dictionary defines **Bylaws**: as the governing regulations of a corporation's or society's internal affairs. In your Department or Unit, this should include how you govern yourself and any fundamental rules voted on by the organization. Bylaws should be amended every 5 – 10 years as needed and supported by Standing Rules.

The dictionary defines **Standing Rules**: as issues that relates to the details of the administration of a society and which can be adopted or changed the same way as any other act of the assembly. Standing rules can be suspended by a majority vote for the duration of the session, but not for longer. In the Auxiliary, your Standing Rules should be more specific than the Bylaws, administrative, and "process focused". They should provide details about provisions in The Bylaws. They can be amend as frequently as needed to keep the organization up to date.



## November Calendar

1<sup>st</sup> – Time Changes -Fall Back

10<sup>th</sup> – ALA Official Birthday

10<sup>th</sup> – Marine Corps Birthday

11<sup>th</sup> – Veterans Day

14<sup>th</sup> – ALA National Read Your Constitution & Bylaws Day

26<sup>th</sup> – Thanksgiving Day

**Submitted by: Cyndi Underwood, Department of Ohio C & B Chairman**  
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Dear fellow Historians:

This is the season of gathering your Thanksgiving event, Auxiliary Birthday and Veterans Day activities and archiving that history for your **MID-YEAR Report**.

**Mid-Year Senior or Junior History Report 2020**

**Complete the form. Send by mail, email or fax on or before December 15<sup>th</sup>.**

**Timely reports will be entered in the incentive drawing held at Mid-Winter.**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Member# \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email \_\_\_\_\_ PH# \_\_\_\_\_  
 Unit# \_\_\_\_\_ Unit Name \_\_\_\_\_ District \_\_\_\_\_

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1. Describe what your Sr or Jr unit did since the start of the new year up to now that involved Americanism, Children and Youth, Community Service, and Veterans Administration and Rehabilitation? \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_
  
2. In the History program, circle one and describe what your unit did? 100th. Birthday Celebration / Women's History Month / Cavalcade of Memories / Members Remember Project / Veterans History Project / Other \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_
  
3. What has your unit done that has made history in your community?  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
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\_\_\_\_\_  
 Signed by Sr or Jr Historian/Representative      Date

If you need any assistance, I am always available to help!

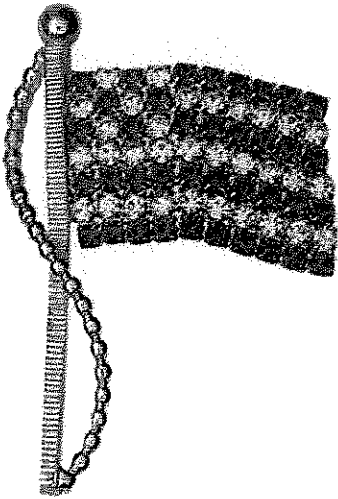
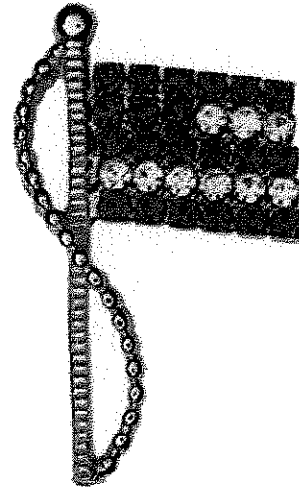
*For God and Country - Dayna Beyer*

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY  
DEPARTMENT OF OHIO  
MID-WINTER HISTORY REPORT INCENTIVE  
DEADLINE: 12/15/2020

BEST SENIOR REPORT



BEST JUNIOR REPORT



SENIOR FREE DRAWING

JUNIOR FREE DRAWING

DRAWING TO BE HELD AT MID-WINTER



## November Bulk Mail



### JUNIOR ACTIVITIES

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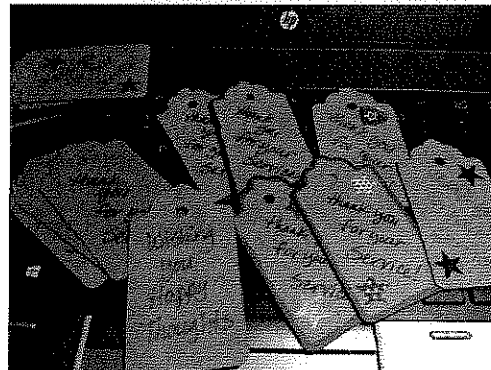
Michelle Zayakosky  
3rd Chair

**NO** craft books were submitted for the 2019-2020 year, let's change that for 2020-2021!

Keep it simple, don't feel overwhelmed, just give it a try! Do you have a Dollartree (some variety, least expensive), Dollar General or Michael's (most variety, can be pricey) near you? These vases may be changed around according to season with different flowers and items used as filler (stones, marbles). Mason jars may also be used instead of vases. Options are only limited to your imagination! Distribute these as 'random acts of kindness'. Please contact me if you have any questions, [post214michellez@gmail.com](mailto:post214michellez@gmail.com) or 216-337-3178.



Tags were purchased at Amazon.com. Decorated with Sharpies and stickers from the Dollartree.



## **JUNIOR ACTIVITIES**

**Kathleen “Kat” Richardson, 2<sup>nd</sup> Chair**

**Please remind all your juniors to continue working on the “Ohio County Travelogue”. This is one of the awards that will be judged 2019 to 2021.**

**The county is Cuyahoga County where President Kristen resides. This travelogue must be handwritten. Pictures can be included. Please follow all the instructions that are in the Juniors Plan of Action.**

**Patch Program: Please do not hold on to your patch worksheets. Turn them in as soon as you complete them. Make sure you do the required activity for each patch as your paperwork will be sent back to you. Remember some patch requirements may change from year to year. Please watch and finish your patch before you advance to the next grade. Each grade patch requirements are not the same.**

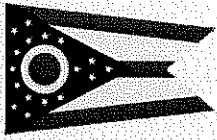
**National is giving a Commemorative Patch this year when you send a completed patch worksheet.**



**I will post more information in the next bulk mailing. I will be attending the Junior’s webinar meeting on Monday, November 16. They will be featuring the patch program.**

**Any questions, please feel free to call me.**





**IMPROVISE** (use what is available)  
**ADAPT** (adjust to new conditions)  
**OVERCOME** (succeed)



2020 BULLETIN #3

LEADERSHIP

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**PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE & PROTOCOL & CONFLICT**

**Fundamentals of PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURES - Basic Parliamentary Principles  
(provided in The ALA Department Operations Guide – Chapter 12)**

**This Chapter Contains All The Following Topics:**

[www.alaforveterans.org](http://www.alaforveterans.org)

Section 1 Fundamental Principles of Parliamentary Procedure

Section 2 Common Definitions

Section 3 Roles of Those Leading and Attending a Meeting Section 6 Resolution Process

Section 7 Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)



**Parliamentary Procedure Definition:** The rules by which meetings of deliberative assemblies, societies, boards, clubs, etc., are formally conducted. They are used by governments and businesses alike to ensure that formal meetings run in the most effective manner possible. Per the national ALA Constitution & Bylaws, all ALA meetings will be conducted using parliamentary procedure based on Robert’s Rules of Order, Newly Revised.

- Fairness of process and courtesy for all.
- Only one thing, speaker, motion, or action at a time.
- The majority rules.
- The minority must be heard.
- Each proposition is entitled to a full and free debate.
- The purpose is to facilitate action, not to obstruct it.

**Protocol Checklist – Basics** (archives of P. Bates)

- Did you ask attendees to turn off cell phones or put on vibrate
- Did you ask attendees to refrain from playing games and texting on their tablets
- Did you ask attendees to refrain from chit chat during the proceedings
- Do you show respect to all officers and members present?
- Do you listen to and respect the opinions of others?
- Do you speak across the floor to members or speak to your neighbor while someone is giving a report?
- Do you monopolize meetings and never listen?
- Do you obey the rules of the organization?
- Do you seat yourself when asked to be seated?
- Do you quiet down when asked by the “chair”?
- During elections, do you listen to the voting instructions?



- When you approach the microphone – do you state you name, unit and district?
- When you have a question, do you stand to be recognized by the “chair”?
- Do you remain seated or standing until the meeting is declared adjourned?
- Do you state facts, not what you think or believe

**EXPRESS IT CORRECTLY**

- Do you use the words “please take your chair” instead of “please be seated” (the latter is the proper wording)
- Do you use the words “I place the name of ???” instead of “I nominate ???” (the latter is the proper wording)
- When you make a motion, do you say “I move to...or “I move that...” (the latter is the proper wording)?



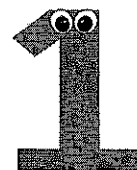
(This information provided by a ALA National slideshow on conflict resolution)

- Every Person is Unique and Special – We don’t all think alike, all the time. Imagine how boring our world would be if we all thought exactly alike all the time!
- Different Priorities – We don’t all have the same priorities. My 100% commitment, might be different then Millie’s 100% commitment.
- Differing Needs – Everyone needs to feel understood, nurtured and supported, but sometimes the way we meet those needs can vary.
- Ignored – Conflicts get worse when issues are ignored – Don’t let the conflict fester. Address it and move on.
- We are human – Conflicts trigger strong emotions – Recognize when this is occurring and remove yourself from the situation. Address it appropriately, responsibly and most importantly in the spirit of really wanting to resolve the conflict and move forward.



**Let’s Talk – The first level of conflict resolution is a private conversation**

- Use this method often
- Both parties participate
- Encourage kindness, confidentiality and goodwill of participants
- The better at communication in this form, the less likely members will need to resort to the more formal levels of conflict resolution.
- Don’t wait too long (but cool off first)



**WIN A PRIZE:** First snail mail and first email with correct answer(s): 1. Only one \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_ at one time. 2. If you are speaking, should state your opinion instead of faces? Y or N 3. What is the proper way to make a motion? I move that or I make a motion that... 4. The first level of conflict resolution is a \_\_\_\_\_ conversation.

**PRINT on your entry:** Title: Bulletin #3 Parliamentary: YOUR NAME – ADDRESS - PHONE- EMAIL - DISTRICT – UNIT with entry.

## Legislative

As we continue to R.A.C.E. for Veterans, your advocacy can make a difference. Several members have volunteered to serve on the American Legion Auxiliary's National Legislative Council but many more are needed. The goal is to have a member from each congressional district so please complete the form on the back of this sheet and return it to me. (Sorry about my error in the last mailing – it really is attached this time,)

The following was taken from the Central Division Legislative Bulletin and concerns legislation we all need to support.

Currently, the American Legion family is urging Congress to unanimously pass the **Buddy Check Bill** introduced with bi-partisan support from Sens. Joni Ernst, R-Iowa; Doug Jones, D-Ala.; and Maggie Hassan, D-N.H. The legislation will require VA to establish a "Buddy Check Week," as well as provide educational opportunities, materials, and references for veterans to learn how to conduct personal wellness checks. The bill also compels VA to expand resources for the Veterans Crisis Line to handle any potential increased volume during the designated week.

"The American Legion knows from 100 years of experience that it's veteran-to-veteran contact that can make the difference for someone in a crisis situation," says James W. "Bill" Oxford, national commander of The American Legion. "So, we're putting some muscle behind this effort and giving our members the tools they need to reach out to fellow veterans in their hometowns who may be hard hit by the triple whammy of the pandemic, isolation and the holidays."

With military suicides rising by 20% since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic, The American Legion joins bipartisan effort to pass Buddy Check Week. Legislation S. 4657 & H.R. 2898 directs the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to designate one week each year as "Buddy Check Week". This bill would expand an American Legion program to the Department of Veterans of Affairs and dramatically increase the number of veterans we can positively affect. The hard work you do at the local level will be elevated to a national program to reach even more veterans! This bill is a timely, effective, and low-cost response to the rising isolation as a result of a global pandemic. More details of this bill can be found on the American Legion Legislative website at [www.legion.org](http://www.legion.org). Call your assigned representative today and encourage them to support and COSPONSOR this legislation • Senate Bill S.4675 • House Bill H.R.2898

State and local issues also impact our veterans and active military. Be sure to update your list of legislators as some may have changed as a result of the recent elections.

Please send me your Mid-Year report by December 15<sup>th</sup> so that I can report to the Central Division Legislative Chairman, our own Susan Masten.

Stay safe and healthy while enjoying the holiday season!

For God and Country,

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## Legislative Council Application

The American Legion Auxiliary's National Legislative Council serves as a complimentary council to The American Legion's National Legislative Council. Both councils are called upon by The American Legion to advocate on behalf of veterans, service members and their families.

Each member of the council is tasked with serving as a liaison between the Legion/Auxiliary and a member(s) of Congress. Each nominee should be on friendly terms (preferably have a personal relationship) with either the member of Congress or one of their staff members, so that she can communicate, either by letter, email, phone or in person the priorities of The American Legion.

Department Presidents use this form to make nominations for the Auxiliary's National Legislative Council. Signing this form indicates that (a) you have discussed this appointment with the member and (b) she is comfortable with the responsibilities. This information is submitted to the National Legislative Committee for review prior to appointment to the National Legislative Council.

### ***Council Appointee:***

Name of Council Appointee: \_\_\_\_\_

Auxiliary Member Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Unit #: \_\_\_\_\_ Department: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP + 4: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone - Home: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_ Work: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

### ***Congressional Information:***

State: \_\_\_\_\_ Congressional District: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Congress Member: \_\_\_\_\_

What personal/professional contact have you had with this member or a member of his/her staff? \_\_\_\_\_

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### ***Department President Authorization:***

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_



# Membership



Colleen Phillips, Chairman

**Our year is racing by. Let's continue to RESPECT, ADVOCATE, CARE, AND EDUCATE others to help our veterans and Active Duty Military.**

If you have followed our Ohio American Legion Auxiliary Membership Facebook page you know I like to quote Ralf Marston. Here is his advice on Challenges:

## **Make Each Challenge Pay**

Challenge can make you stop, or it can make you unstoppable. It all depends on how you respond.

Challenge can compel you to make valuable improvements that you never would have attempted otherwise.

Challenge can open your eyes to a whole new level of possibilities.

When the challenges come, gladly accept the energy that they have to give you.

Greet each challenge with the expectation that it will make you stronger, more capable, more experienced, more effective.

Then jump right in and get to work on that challenge.

The more quickly and enthusiastically you get started, the more real value you'll be able to gain.

Challenge will give you the opportunity to discover how very much you can accomplish.

And knowing how much you can accomplish sets you up to accomplish even more..

When there is a challenge in your life, it's only a matter of time and effort before that challenge can be transformed into a real and lasting treasure.

Take the time, put forth the effort, and you'll surely make each challenge pay.

I challenge each of you to make three <sup>(V61)</sup> calls each week.

- 1) Call a current member who you miss seeing at a meeting.
- 2) Call an area person you know is eligible through their spouse or parent
- 3) Call someone from your list of members that has not paid their dues and let them know you hope they rejoin.

National has a great plan and many resources let's use them.  
Each member is important to our American Legion Auxiliary!  
Please let your long time as well as your new members know  
**THEY ARE AN IMPORRATNT MEMBER OF OUR T.E.A.M.**  
Together Everyone Accomplishes more!  
We can make GOAL!

Colleen Phillips  
Department Membership Chairman

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MILITARY FAMILY ASSISTANCE FUND

The mission of the Military Family Assistance Fund (MFAF) is to provide funds to assist military service members and their families. This has been a very productive program of the Ohio ALA but now funds are dwindling down. We need help. There is \$6000 in the fund to be used in the 2020-2021 years so what grants are given will be minimal.

Please consider having a fundraiser for this program. A basket was raffled at SOI and raised \$326.00. Another one will be raffled at Mid-Winter Conference. More information is available in the Plan of Action or call Department of Ohio.

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National Security and VA & R Special Project

Read your POA to get information about the National Security/VA&R Special Project. Get busy putting your Emergency Preparedness Kits together and writing your essay. We would like 100% in reporting that every unit in Ohio made the Kits. Deadline is April 1, 2021.

DON'T FORGET MID-YEAR REPORT IS DUE TO ME BY December 15, 2020.

**PAST PRESIDENTS PARLEY**  
**SHIRLEY MAURER,**  
**DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN**  
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**419-733-3397**

**LADIES**, please send me a progress report of what you have been doing for Past Presidents Parley by **DECEMBER 15, 2020**. I need to send a report to National, so I would love to hear what you have been doing so far. By your comments, we can make the Past Presidents Parley program better.

Remember it is never too early to start thinking about deadline dates. Last year, unfortunately, we did not have any submissions for “**Salute to Servicewomen**” Award. We can select one servicewoman from each of the six services. So, I am hoping that you will go out and find a servicewoman to nominate. Deadline is April 15, 2021.

Last year I did have several submissions for “**Unit Member of the Year**” award. For those that I returned to the units, please consider re-submitting them this year. Make sure the entry form is legible and completely filled out. Don’t forget to check the criteria to see that you have everything. Send pictures. We love pictures! Deadline: April 15, 2021.

Lastly, encourage young ladies and gentlemen that are going into or still in school getting their degree in nursing, to apply for the “**Nurses Scholarship**”. We had sixteen applications last year. Make sure when a unit signs off on the application that you check it over and see that all the required documentation are there that they need. Last year, I had to send back and re-contact applicants because they didn’t have all the required paperwork. I can only do that if it is before the deadline and that I will receive it back before the deadline. I look forward to reading all the applications again this coming year. Deadline: May 15, 2021.

Remember as past presidents, you have the experience and knowledge to train and encourage our future Auxiliary leaders. Be a mentor and as ambassadors for the organization, there is much information to share in achieving a stronger organization, at each level, by sustaining growth through positive actions.



**POPPY**  
**KAREN PEEL – CHAIRMAN**

Veteran's Day has come and gone. I can't wait to hear all about how you used your poppies while honoring our veteran's! If you have pictures – be sure to include them in your report.

Speaking of reports – mid-year reports reflect the program work of the units in the Department. Mid-year reports are due to me by **December 15, 2020**. I will take a narrative or a list of things that your unit has done to promote the Poppy program.

Don't forget to get your poppy orders into Department by **December 31<sup>st</sup>**. You must purchase poppies by December 31<sup>st</sup> for your Unit to qualify for a Citation of Merit.

***Calling all crafters!!!***

Mid-Winter is right around the corner! Are you working on your items for the Poppy corsage and usage contest??? Remember that the contest is open to both Juniors and Seniors! They will be judged separately. But – most of all – don't forget your dollars to vote! All donations will benefit the National Creative Arts Festival. \$1.00 a vote!

If your Unit has an entry, but no one is coming to Mid-Winter, ask your District President to bring it or ask another Unit to bring it.

***Senior and Junior Corsage Contest***

Each cordage should have the name of the creator, their Unit number and District number. They should be approximately 3 ½ X 3 ½ and fit in a standard 4 X 4 corsage box. The entries are designs of your own choosing using the official ALA poppies. Any larger will be disqualified. The corsages will be used at the 2021 Buckeye Girls State Session for the City Mayor's. Bring the corsages to Mid-Winter Conference in January. Entries must be received before the opening session of Mid-Winter on Friday evening. ***Please note: All Poppy corsages will not be returned unless that is noted at the time your entry is received. Entries will be judged separately.***

***Senior and Junior Poppy Usage Contest***

Entries will be judged separately – Juniors and Seniors. Again, the entries are designs of your own choosing. We have a lot of talent in the Department of Ohio. I know that the entries will be fabulous!

I hope that all the Units are encouraging their Juniors to enter the Poppy Poster Contest. Visit your local schools and get them interested. Contest entries are from 2<sup>nd</sup> grade to grade 12. There is also a class for 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.

Make sure that you read the Poppy Poster Requirements in your Plan of Action. We don't want to disqualify an entry because the instructions were not followed.

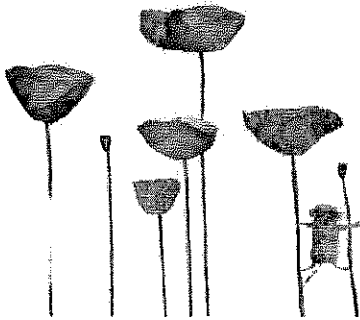
Don't forget about the Miss Poppy contest! All the instructions are in your Poppy Plan of Action.

In this trying time of the pandemic, we are going to have to be creative in thinking of fundraising and events. Step out of the box and try something new. You never know what will happen.

As final note – Poppy Shop is “scheduled” for Sunday, April 18, 2021. Hopefully we will be able to hold Poppy Shop. Watch the bulk mailing for details!

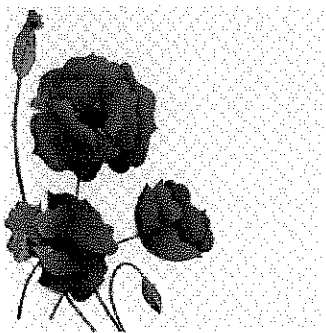
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The best views come  
after the hardest climb.



**HAVE A SAFE, HEALTHY AND HAPPY THANKSGIVING!!**

*Love,*



*Karen*



## **“OHIO ADVOCATE NEWS”**

**As we ease into the next lap, let us not forget our Veterans, Military families, and members who will be alone during the upcoming holidays. Remember them in our programs. What a time to give back and say thank you.**

**National Auxiliary Headquarters has been offering a lot of webinars. Hopefully all our members are taking advantage of these mini seminars. Go on to the National website [www.alaforveterans.org](http://www.alaforveterans.org) for more information.**

**We are getting many more followers on our Facebook page “Ohio Second Vice President Am Legion Auxiliary”. I have been sharing information from the National Legion and Auxiliary, Department Legion and Auxiliary and our Ohio posts, units and districts.**

**Tune in to Facebook on Wednesday’s. Ohio Auxiliary headquarters staff has been doing live “Wednesday’s Wisdoms”. They are featuring our programs and other cool subjects.**

**Remember to send me a mid-year report by December 15. Let me know what you have been up to.**

**Hope everyone has a Happy Thanksgiving, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Be safe during the holidays.**

**Cindy Masowick**

**Public Relations Chairman**

## Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation



Hello Everyone!! Can you believe that we are heading into the holiday season? Time is moving quickly, and I know you are all busy serving our veterans. Just as a reminder, don't forget to keep track of your Service to Veterans Hours.

Per the Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation Guide for Volunteers: Service to Veterans volunteers are American Legion Auxiliary members who provide service to veterans outside a VA Medical Center.

Here are several ideas to get you started:

- Visit with veterans and send cards or gifts on special occasions.
- Offer to drive a veteran to an appointment.
- Offer to shop for a veteran or stay with him/her while caregiver goes shopping.
- Treat veterans to tickets for sporting events or movies.
- Assist with yardwork
- Write letters to veterans who are shut ins
- Assemble goodie bags for veterans who are in shelters.

How did you celebrate Veterans Day?? Don't forget when you are posting photos on Facebook that are VA&R related, use the hash tag **#ALAOHRACEFORVETERANS**. Please let me know that you have posted the photos with the hashtag. A prize will be given to the unit that posts the most photos of activities and fundraisers with veterans.

As the holidays approach, I know that you will all be busy making a difference in your local community and the lives of veterans. I wish you much success in all you do!

Don't forget that mid-year reports are due by December 15<sup>th</sup>.

Wishing everyone a very Happy and Healthy Holiday Season.

*"Yesterday is gone. Tomorrow has not yet come. We have only today. Let us begin."*  
Mother Teresa

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