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Greeting Auxiliary Members,

Wow, what a busy time we are having, School of Instructions and Fall Conferences are behind us and I think all went well. I hope those that attended SOI had a nice time and learned something new. Thank you to the Department Chairpersons for their hard work in presenting their programs.

Please continue to read and reread your plans of actions and watch for any possible changes that might come out.

Thanksgiving is only a few weeks away and along with that American Education Week is November 18-22, 2019. What are you going to do to support this? Send a note to your Unit chairperson of what activities are being done so they can be reported.

NEC Kathy Heichel received a letter concerning membership in our organization concerning great and great-great granddaughters, I have included it on the back for all to read. Along with membership please remember the new eligibility requirements for spouses. The spouse must be currently married to the veteran in order to join.

Thank you for all the invitations that I have received so far, I am truly honored to be able to attend and see the awesome work that Ohio is doing for our Veterans and their families and communities. If you have an upcoming event, please email me with the details and I will do my best to try and get there.

With much appreciation,

*Kristen*

October 11, 2019

National Executive Committee Members and Department Secretaries:

The IRS regulation concerning auxiliaries to veteran service organizations states in part:  
“At least 75 percent of its members are veterans, spouses of veterans, or related to a veteran within two degrees of consanguinity (i.e., grandparent, brother, sister, grandchild represent the most distant allowable relationships).”

This has been a regulation for many years, and with the recent review of the Auxiliary eligibility criteria, the issue was evaluated, and the decision was to ensure the organization was compliant.

This means that no great or great-great-granddaughters can join the Auxiliary. Current members whose eligibility relationship is great-granddaughter, great-great-granddaughter or direct descendent can continue being a member, as long as their dues are kept current.

In order to align with IRS regulations, the most distant allowable will be granddaughter. Great-granddaughter, great-great-granddaughter and direct descendent will no longer be available for selection on the relationship tab in ALAMIS.

Membership applications available for download off the website have already been updated. Print applications in the form of our *ALA at a Glance* and *TAL Family* brochure will be updated as stock is depleted.

Currently we have:

- 8,649 members designated as direct descendants
- 5,901 members designated as great-granddaughters
- 311 members designated as great-great-granddaughters

Total of 14, 861 = 2.5% of total membership

Linda Boone  
National Secretary



## 2020 MID-WINTER CONFERENCE

January 24-25, 2020

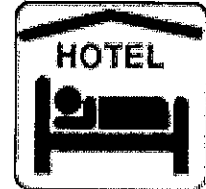
*Crowne Plaza Columbus North*

*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 LGN. Be sure to ask for a confirmation number and if you need to cancel, please secure a cancellation number.

*Price: \$98.00 plus tax*

*Reservation Cut-Off Date – Thursday January 9, 2020*

### **Buckeye Girls State Workshop**

This workshop is designed to provide information to Units and BGS Chairpersons on the BGS Program. It is tentatively scheduled for Friday January 24<sup>th</sup> from 2:30 – 5:00 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)



# Membership October

How is your unit doing racing across Ohio? Is your unit in the running for some money? The **FIRST GOAL** Unit will be announced at Mid-Winter and receive \$150. There will be a drawing for all units that reach goal by November 11, 2019; and one unit will receive \$100.

National 100% Unit Award is another way your unit is eligible to receive \$100. The National Award: 100 Unit awards will be given out to 100 units that reach their 2020 membership goal by the American Legion Auxiliary Birthday November 10<sup>th</sup> 2019. All goal units verified by ALMIS will be placed in a random drawing and 100 units will receive \$100.

There are also member awards the 10x10 award; members that recruit 10 NEW senior or junior members by November 10, 2019 10 by 10<sup>th</sup> the American Legion Auxiliary's 100<sup>th</sup> birthday. Members must be entered into ALAMIS by 10/10/19. Forms must be received by National by November 15<sup>th</sup> 2019. All verified entries will receive \$100. Besides this award all verified entries will be placed in a drawing for \$1000.00 towards a trip to the ALA 2020 National Convention plus two States Dinners tickets (there will be one winner). All details and forms can be found in the 2019-2020 Annual Supplement to National Membership Action Plan found at [alaforveterans.org](http://alaforveterans.org).

R/R5-Recruit National Chairman will give a special gift to each verified member that signs up 5 Recruits/renew members First National deadline is February 17, 2020. Department

Certificates will be given at Mid-winter to all units to reach 75% by December 7<sup>th</sup>.

Department Incentives: \$100 Drawing for All Goal Units BY December 31, 2019; \$50- to First Unit to reach Junior Goal \$50 – To the Unit with highest increase of Junior members from Aug 1, 2019 to May 1, 2020, (to be given at Department Convention)

Something new this year, and incentive to send me your Mid-Year report. How does twenty-five dollars sound? Each Unit that submits a mid-year report, a narrative report by December 20, 2019 to me will have their name put in a drawing and someone will receive Twenty-five dollars from ME.

Let's RACE here in Ohio: Respect, Advocate, Care and Education for our veterans by sharing our story and signing up more members.

Each of you are a much-needed SPARK for our American Legion Auxiliary. We need your enthusiasm and excitement to keep our organization moving forward. As members who care so much about others let's each, commit to getting one new member this year. Keep an application in your purse in a Ziplock bag so you are prepared when you are talking with friends and relatives.

I hope you take the time to read the Membership Plan of Action. It would be so great if one of our Ohio members won the 10x10 or some of our units received \$100 from the National ALA.

With the increase in eligibility there are many more ladies and yes gentlemen eligible to join. The American Legion Auxiliary is a wonderful organization doing many good works, helping others and is fun to belong to! Let's make this year a real Celebration of our first 100 years and plans for the next 100.

We are Kristen's TEAM- Together Everyone Accomplishes More!



**THE AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY  
CELEBRATING 100 YEARS OF  
"SERVICE NOT SELF"**

This American Legion Auxiliary Ornament celebrates, "the spirit of *Service Not Self*, with the mission of the American Legion Auxiliary to support The American Legion and to honor the sacrifice of those who serve by enhancing the lives of our veterans, military, and their families, both at home and abroad. For God and Country, we advocate for veterans, educate our citizens, mentor youth, and promote patriotism, good citizenship, peace and security."



**A limited number of ornaments are still available to purchase for the upcoming holiday season at a reduced price of \$10.00 each or 3 for \$25.00. Please note ornament only, stand not included.**

**100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Christmas Ornament Order Form**

\$10.00 each or 3/\$25.00    # \_\_\_\_\_    \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Shipping Fees

\$3.50 1-2    Ornaments

\$5.50 3-6    Ornaments

\$9.00 7-10    Ornaments

Shipping Fee Included    \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total Payment Included    \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Ship to: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Send order form and payment to American Legion Auxiliary, P.O. Box 2760, Zanesville, Ohio 43702



## “THE CENTENNIAL ADVOCATE”

### “RACE through OHIO for VETERANS”

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### “Celebrating a Century of Service”

At School of Instruction we officially started our RACE. I hope everyone was able to get a PR tool-kit packet. By utilizing the paperwork in the tool-kit everyone should have a successful Public Relations programs

Mid-year reports are due to me by December 20, (I would them like earlier). I need to make a report and send to our Central States Chairman Karen and National Chairman Martha. Let us report what we are doing in Ohio.

The edition of the Bulk Mailing is concentrating on Member / Unit Awards.

**Member Award – ALA Ambassador Award.** The award will be a Lapel Pin which will be awarded to one member in each Department who achieves excellence in promotion of the ALA with their use of social media, their appearance in public wearing the ALA branded apparel and activities that showcase the Auxiliary’s unique branding through visual identity. Send documents with photographs, screen shots and other evidence of brand promotion activities. This submission needs to be sent to Cindy Masowick by April 15,2020. Every entry will be sent on to National and each entry will receive a certificate at Department Convention.

**Unit Awards.** New Website or Social Media Account Launch: Award will be personalized mouse pad and letter. Presented to all Units developing a properly branded website or social media account during the current ALA administrative year. Site/account must have been created after September 1 or the current of ALA administration year, Website/Facebook page must conform to “Website and Social Media Guidelines” in the ALA Branding guide. Web address/URL, webmaster/administer name and contact info, or name and contact info for ALA coordinator if webmaster/administrator is a third-party vendor. Need to be sent to Cindy Masowick by April 15.

**Unit Award.** Most Outstanding Unit Public Relations program. Award will be a Citation Plaque presented to one Unit in each Division (5-awards given). Must include 3 different media placements/cove highlighting different ALA programs, featured in 3-different months (Sept. 1 to April 15) of the current ALA administrative year. Acceptable media publications must support the ALA mission and goals. Send to Cindy Masowick by April 15.

**Unit Award.** Active PR team Centennial Celebration. Award given to be determined at print time. Best narrative with (photos and media results) to convey the work of a unit public relations team (of no less than 3-members) of the Centennial Celebration as unit activities are publicized. Send to Cindy Masowick by April 15.

**Special Gift Unit Awards.** Special gift to Unit PR Chairman and Unit President who submits the most PR items to me by December 31. Gift to be given at Mid-Winter.

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Good Luck to all the Members / Units on obtaining the goals for these awards. If you need any assistance, please don’t hesitate to call or email you. I am here for all you.

## AUXILIARY EMERGENCY FUND (AEF)

MEMBERS OF THE ALA WHOSE DUES ARE CURRENT, AND WHO HAVE MAINTAINED MEMBERSHIP FOR THREE CONSECUTIVE YEARS (THE CURRENT YEAR & IMMEDIATE PAST TWO [2] YEARS), ARE ELIGIBLE TO APPLY IN THE WAKE OF A FINANCIAL CRISIS. TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE MAY BE CONSIDERED WHEN:

- A FINAICAL CRISIS HITS, LEAVING A MEMBER WITHOUT RESOURCES FOR SHELTER OR UTLIITIES, AND NO OTHER SOURCE OF AID IS READILY AVAILABLE.
- A NATURE DISASTER OR WEATHER EMERGENCY LEAVES A MEMBER WITHOUT SHELTER OR FOOD.
- IN EXTREME CIRCUMSTANCES, EDUCATIONAL TRAINING IS NEEDED BY A MEMBER LACKING THE NECESSARY SKILLS FOR EMPLOYMENT.

### APPLICATION PROCESS

- MEMBERS MAY REQUEST AN APPLICATION BY CONTACTING THEIR UNIT OR DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS AND MUST SUBMIT THEIR APPLICATIONS TO AN OFFICER OF THE ALA UNIT, TO WHICH THE MEMBER BELONGS. THE UNIT PRESIDENT, SECRETARY, AND INVESTIGATOR WILL COMPLETE THE UNIT PORTION AND FORWARD THE APPLICATION TO THE ALA NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS.

ALL FORMS ARE AVAILABLE ON THE ALA WEBSITE. FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN, MRS. PATRICIA TAYLOR, 4561 PENNYSTON AVE., HUBER HEIGHTS, OH 45424; (937) 277-0305, EMAIL: TAYLORPAT251@YAHOO.COM.

**NOTE:** AS DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN, I AM REQUIRED TO SUBMIT A MID YEAR NARRATIVE TO NATIONALS. IF A MEMBER OF YOUR UNIT SUBMITTED AN APPLICATION FOR AEF ASSISTANCE (*WITHIN THIS YEARs TIMEFRAME*), PLEASE SUBMIT THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION TO ME NO LATER THAN **DECEMBER 15, 2019.** INFORMATION MAY BE SUBMITTED VIA EMAIL.

- DATE OF REQUEST (*TO INCLUDE UNIT AND DISTRICT Nos.*)
- REASON
- PICTURES DUE TO A NATURE DISASTER (*IF ANY*)

[ *This information is in accordance with 2019 – 2020 Annual Supplement to the Programs Action Plan Auxiliary Emergency Fund (AEF)*].





# Eleventh Hour, Eleventh Day, Eleventh Month

## Veterans Day Word Search Puzzle

G Y S B N T H E G R E A T W A R G B X W  
N A E M U A P H H L E A W Y F Y U I G A  
O D R U I X T E O C H O A A C D M R A R  
G E V D A L R I I I O D D J D W H A R T  
Y C I A W O I F O D S M Z Y N Y C W M O  
B I C T I H I T R N D E P W U U Y D E E  
E T E S W R V O A A A O O K Z D D L D N  
D S M C C B W R R R P L L R V E O R F D  
I I O A N W E H A P Y V H Z E K O O O A  
R M S U I T J N Y J B S H O W H K W R L  
P R O L E E C I V R E S C I L B U P C L  
Q A S V M S I T O I R T A P R I Z A E W  
N O V E M B E R E L E V E N T H D P S A  
N S D D G R A T I T U D E V P Z G A T R  
I Q X Y R E V A R B I E L T F S S V Y S

armed forces  
Armistice Day  
bravery  
buddy poppy  
gratitude  
heroes  
heroism  
military  
national holiday  
November eleventh

patriotism  
pride  
public service  
sacrifice  
service  
The Great War  
Veterans Day  
war to end all wars  
Woodrow Wilson  
World War I

## A.L.A Buckeye Girls State – News

Hopefully everyone has read the Plan of Actions and has begun planning what programs your Unit is going to work. If your Unit is planning on sending delegates to A.L.A. Buckeye Girls State – now is the time to get excited. There are so many things you should already be doing and many things you can begin planning for.

### Remember:

- We can't stress enough the importance of making sure you pay attention to deadline dates!
- Make sure your name and contact information is included on everything you give to the schools, potential co-sponsors, and potential delegates.
- In the October Bulk Mail, I identified some key points that can help you work with the schools, interview and select delegates. If you have lost that information, let me know and I will email it to you.

### Remember:

- If your Unit isn't sending delegates to Buckeye Girls State, you can still support and help this wonderful program. How?
  - By sharing the information about the program. If you find someone who wants to have an opportunity to attend, then connect them with a Unit you know is sending girls; give the information to your District President; or contact the BGS Coordinator in the office or myself.
  - Your Unit can make a donation to the BGS Endowment Fund that provides scholarships for selected BGS delegates.
- **YOU** can volunteer your time at Buckeye Girls State. What a great idea!
  - We provide a room (with furniture), three meals a day (no dishes to do), plenty of exercise (no cost), and most important, an experience that you will always remember.
  - Can't be there the whole week? No problem, let us see what we can do so that you don't miss out on this opportunity
  - If you are interested in more information, please contact Vicky Buck at the Department office.
- Finally – Please send me a mid-year report so that I know what is already being done! Deadline is December 15, 2019.

BGS Director, Rene' Reese [rqr21@sbcglobal.net](mailto:rqr21@sbcglobal.net)



# CHAPLAIN

Carol T. Robinson  
937-602-9365

## Mid-Year Report

Mid-year report is due to me on or before December 15, 2019

Remember, this report includes what your unit, district or county council has completed from May 1, 2019 to present. Just answer the following questions and submit them to me by email ([abernia@aol.com](mailto:abernia@aol.com)) or snail mail (8483 Woodgrove Dr., Centerville, OH 45458), and I'll even take a phone call (937-436-1983). I'll take care of the narrative, but if you would like to write one, I'm okay with that too.

- ✓ I am the Chaplain for the following:  unit,  district,  county council
- ✓ Attend all meetings and offer opening and closing prayer:  yes  no
- ✓ Send get-well, sympathy, or thinking of you cards to members:  yes  no
- ✓ Visit members or veterans who are shut-in or in the hospital or nursing home:

yes  no

How many veterans visited - \_\_\_\_\_

How many members visited - \_\_\_\_\_

Thank you in advance, and I look forward to hearing from you.

Don't forget to submit prayers or devotional thoughts for President Kristen's prayer book. You can send as many as you like; just don't wait until the last minute to send them to me.

**There is an answer for every problem in the word of God. The bible is our instruction book of life. *Joyce Meyer***

## **WHAT IS COMMUNITY SERVICE AND WHO IS A VOLUNTEER**

**A volunteer is someone-not necessarily an American Legion Auxiliary member-who has helped their community with a service or activity WITHOUT getting PAID for the service or activity that was completed by that person. The volunteers could be members of the community, American Legion Auxiliary, American Legion, Sons of the American Legion, Legion Riders, and anyone who contributed to the project that benefitted the community.**

**Community Service is an activity or project that benefits a community's needs by the volunteers. The finished project should be documented with the following information- total hours by volunteers, number of volunteers, what did you do?- in a narrative, and how much do you think you spent or had donated towards the project. This can be applied to all the programs of the American Legion Auxiliary. PLEASE DO NOT DOUBLE DIP INFORMATION IN REPORTING! This means that you can split the project between two ALA report areas with the each area getting some of the projects information and the total projects figures/information equals the total information on the individual project. Veterans will be served at these events and if you want to try to count the veterans served- you can include it in your information about that individual project.**

**If you have any questions, you can contact Mona Shipley or Robyn Cooper. Their contact information is in the POA for Community Service.**

**REPORTING FOR COMMUNITY SERVICE AND ALL ALA PROGRAMS SHOULD INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING: HOURS, VOLUNTEERS, MONEY WITH ESTIMATED VALUE OF DONATED ITEMS AND MONEY SPENT , AND A DESCRIPTION OF THE ACTIVITY. PLEASE PUT THIS INFORMATION IN A PLACE THAT YOU CAN FIND THAT WILL HELP YOU DO YOUR YEAR END REPORTS A LOT EASIER.**

**COMMUNITY SERVICE REPORTING SUGGESTIONS:**

**Food pantries  
Homeless shelters  
Senior centers  
Libraries  
Community centers  
Hospitals  
Nursing homes  
Domestic violence centers  
The Red Cross  
United Way  
Habitat for Humanity  
Special Olympics  
C.E.R.T (Community Emergency Response Team)  
Meal on Wheels  
Make a Difference Day (usually in October)  
Community beautification  
Recycling  
Homeless shelters  
Adopt a highway  
Blood donations  
Organ and tissue donation  
Loaning of medical equipment  
Salvation Army  
Youth centers  
Schools  
Drug abuse clinics  
Ohio Disaster Emergency Assistance Program (see your Community Service  
POA for application and more information)**



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Department of Ohio  
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Bellville, Ohio 44813  
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mrsdaynabeyer@gmail.com

Congratulations Unit Historians! Thank you for accepting the responsibility for keeping the records, events and activities of your unit.

Whether you start your year in May and capture your Memorial Day activities, or during the summer months, or kick-off Labor Day weekend as you start archiving your unit history, we applaud you for what you have done so far.

These activities and events are what you as Historian should be reporting on your **MID-YEAR report that is due December 15<sup>th</sup>**! You may also include the following ideas:

Perhaps your American Legion Family Post celebrated your 100<sup>th</sup> year Centennial or are planning your Auxiliary 100<sup>th</sup> Celebration – these are also momentous occasions that should be noted in your Historical records! Is your Unit planning to be in a parade? Or putting together a time capsule? How about a birthday cake and ice cream social to celebrate the Auxiliary 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday November 10, 1919 - 2019 and recognize your oldest member and youngest member as the guests of honor? Get creative! The ideas are endless!

I encourage each one of you to participate in submitting a MID-YEAR report. My incentive this year is for every report I receive from a member, they will be entered in a FREE drawing for Red, White and Blue ALA Earrings (Emblems Sales page 109 Block Style = Junior members/ Contoured Style = Senior members). The drawing will be held during our Mid-Winter Conference.

Post pictures on Facebook of your activities & events on ALA National 100<sup>th</sup> Celebration page with #ALA100 – Share #ALAOHIO!

Show us How your Unit is Celebrating a Century of Service!

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

*For God and Country - Dayna*



# American Legion Auxiliary - Ohio

## Senior & Junior Mid -Year History Report 2019

Mail/email by **December 15, 2019** to: **Dayna Beyer**  
6013 Garber Rd Bellville, OH 44813 419-566-9395  
[mrsdaynabeyer@gmail.com](mailto:mrsdaynabeyer@gmail.com)

Name of Unit \_\_\_\_\_ # \_\_\_\_\_ District \_\_\_\_\_

**Describe in detail. Use a separate page if needed.**

    Junior     Senior *Did you read your Plan of Action:*     Yes     No What are your questions/suggestions? \_\_\_\_\_

What activities & events has your unit participated in: \_\_\_\_\_

How Many? \_\_\_\_\_ Junior Members \_\_\_\_\_ Senior Members \_\_\_\_\_ Veterans \_\_\_\_\_ Others

Has your unit celebrated the 100<sup>th</sup> Celebration of the Post and or are planning the ALA 100<sup>th</sup> Year Birthday? \_\_\_\_\_

Name your oldest member: \_\_\_\_\_ Years? \_\_\_\_\_

Name your youngest member: \_\_\_\_\_ Years? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have a Cavalcade of Memories or an area for your awards, photo albums, history for viewing?     Yes     No How will member access info? \_\_\_\_\_


Historian \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_



## “READY, SET, GO!” Special Project for Junior Activities

Our Department of Ohio Junior President is Samantha Altman. She has chosen two awesome special projects for the 2019-2020 year. Her **“Ready, Set, Go!”** project includes stuffing totes with baby supplies for our pregnant female Veterans and making spa bags for female Veterans.

Both projects will allow the units to use **restricted funds** from the Poppy  distribution/ Veteran Affairs and Rehabilitation (VA&R) restricted funds, so these should be very successful. In honor of the **Auxiliary’s 100-year anniversary**, our Department goal is to donate <sup>100</sup> of each, the baby supply totes and spa bags for female Veterans. We would like to have these ready for our Veterans Affairs Medical Centers (VAMC) Hospital Representatives to take to their VAMCs by the end of our Department mid-winter meeting (January, so the R.A.C.E. is on!).

Be creative with your 100 items! For example, if you can’t afford <sup>100</sup> packs of diapers (who can?) donate a package of diapers and some diaper creams to get you to your <sup>100</sup> items. Partner with other units in your District to get to <sup>100</sup> items; invite your Legion and Sons of the American Legion (SAL) to help you R.A.C.E. in your quest to get items to donate. Put out a donation box for items or donation can to help with purchases. Don’t think we are limiting your donations to <sup>100</sup> items! We are just incorporating the celebration of our 100-year anniversary into our projects.

Some of you are thinking, “we don’t have an active Junior group and do not have meetings.” Well, if you have a Junior member in your unit or a young SAL member, ask that Junior or SAL member to participate and ask for items. Just because you do not have an “active” Junior group and do not have meetings, doesn’t mean your individual Junior or young SAL member can’t do something to participate! You must make him or her aware of what can be done to make a difference! One Junior member participating is all you need to have activity and something to report of Junior Activities...It is not quantity, but quality that makes things happen! Once one Junior member or one young SAL member starts being active, the others will want to be a part of this. District Fall Conferences are coming up, get the word out and please ask your units to bring some items for these projects! Some examples of items: lotions, shampoos, shower gels, brushes, foot care products and baby items.

Remember, your unit’s donations to these projects, can be reported on both your Junior Activities report and your VA&R report! Work with your VA&R Chairperson to help make these projects a success.

We thank you in advance!

Samantha Altman, Department of Ohio Junior President; Carmella Fugate, Junior Activities Chairperson; Lori Shields, 2<sup>nd</sup> Chairperson; and Kat Richardson, 3<sup>rd</sup> Chairperson.







# American Legion Auxiliary

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

RACE FOR LEADERSHIP SUCCESS



OCTOBER 2019



## LEADERSHIP

PAM BATES, DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN

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937-974-2316

This year's bulletins for Leadership Bulk Mail will be addressing some basic "house cleaning" activities. The goal is to hit the finish line with the proper knowledge of using Leadership to make your Unit a SUCCESS. The Starting Line and Lap 1 information was in September Bulk Mail

### LAP TWO (2) WHAT YOUR UNIT CAN DO TO PROMOTE PARTICIPATION



1. Use the National Data Survey to find out your members interest and skills.
2. Plan to incorporate at least one leadership learning activity per meeting.
3. Encourage all members to wear their Auxiliary pin at all meetings.(Branding)
4. Identify members that are willing to help others with computer challenges
5. Encourage your members to participate in National Academy Courses, National and Department on-line courses, Mission Training, District and Department meetings and workshops.
6. Assist the membership chairman in retaining members...have a "call a member night"...send a birthday card with a dues reminder...

### LAP THREE (3) KNOW THE AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY HISTORY



1. Take *Welcome to the American Legion Auxiliary Senior Auxiliary Basics, A course on our History and Legacy* at [www.ALAFforVeterans.org](http://www.ALAFforVeterans.org) under the Leadership tab.
2. Have the Historian present a short Unit program of the years of Service Not Self.
3. Ask members to write a "short" letter of how they became a member and of the service to the Unit.
4. Offer all members an orientation packet.

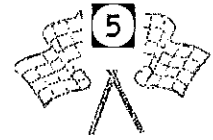
### LAP FOUR (4) UTILITZE THE KNOWLEDGE AND EXPERIENCES OF



MEMBERS THAT HAVE SERVED AS LEADERS BEYOND THE UNIT LEVEL.

1. Ask them to share the process and apply for a unit, district, department and/or national appointment.
2. Seek election to a unit, district, department or national office.
3. Train/guide all members.
4. Be on the look out for those members that have potential and talent to succeed.

LAP FIVE (5) NURTURE A CULTURE OF GOODWILL AT ALL LEVELS OF THE ORGANIZATION



1. Encourage members to participate in meetings and events.
2. Always greet members.
3. Listen to all members opinions.
4. Be open, rather than critical, of ideas of others.
5. If you have personality problem with an individual, resolve it outside the meeting.
6. Turn negative remarks in to positive remarks.

MATCH THE QUALITIES OF A GOODWILL AMBASSADOR UNIT MEETING ACTIVITY (one set of answers per Unit.

First Unit to submit the correct answers receive a prize. Must submit with answers: Unit Name; District #; Unit President; All members' names that participated; address to send prize for those who participated. Two Category Winners: Email and Snail Mail

1. Represents the ALA in a business-like manner.
2. Is sincere and enthusiastic.
3. Is well-versed in programs, purpose and policies.
4. Exhibits trustworthiness and honesty.
5. Is able to handle various situations, including training, mediation, and/or negotiation for desired results.
6. Is true to the cause.
7. Is making choices through compromise and collaboration.
8. Accepts ideas of others, able to adapt without conflict.
9. Shares information and knowledge to increase others' strengths and abilities.
10. Can be counted on to see through to completion.
11. Is easily understood, uses appropriate language and mannerisms.
12. Is able to include various cultures, languages, religious afflicatins, race, gender, age groups, and education levels.

- a. Commitment/Dependability    b. Decision-Making    c. Effective Communication/Good Listening  
 d. Integration of Diverse Populations    e. Integrity/Ethics    f. Knowledge  
 g. Leadership Skills    h. Loyalty    i. Mentoring    j. Openmindedness/flexibility  
 k. Passion/Positive Attitude    l. Professionalism



## National Security—it is important to everyone!

Ladies...start your engines!!! President Kristin's theme is *R.A.C.E. for our veterans*. Two parts of this theme are *Care and Educate*. As members of the ALA, we can promote and help to secure our national security through caring and educating.

We show that we *CARE* for veterans, military members, their families, and our communities by caring for their needs. Showing that you care can be done in a variety of ways:

- Sending care packages to military members
- Supporting Honor Flight
- Donating blank greeting cards and postage stamps to a VAMC
- Supporting the family of a deployed military member

We are in an excellent position to *EDUCATE* our community. Some suggestions include:

- Organize and work at your post's POW/MIA ceremony (typically the 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday in September)
- Host a community training for FEMA preparation and/or CPR/First Aid
- Host an information session to help community members be prepared in advance for a disaster

In all of the above, you can educate about the ALA by wearing your ALA brand items: t-shirts, name badges, officer pins, etc. Carry one or two applications in your purse. Be ready to share a few brief items about the ALA: why you are member or what your favorite activity is.

As a reminder: *Mid-Year reports are due to me no later than December 1, 2019*. It is a very easy thing to do. Simply write a few sentences about the activities your unit has done regarding National Security. Think of how you would explain to someone who is unfamiliar with National Security. Five or six sentences can tell a lot to others.

***Do not forget:*** plan to “host” a package party for deployed military. This year at our Mid-Winter conference, there will be a Department National Security Chairman's Special Award presented to the unit that sends a narrative on the designated activity. *The deadline for sending a story of this activity is January 3, 2020*. I am looking for units who coordinate, collect, assemble, and send service care packages to military members. The criteria for the narrative story includes: the number of packages assembled *and* sent, the number of volunteers, and the estimated value of the packages. Feel free to include pictures! Information is also in the National Security POA.

For those who are on social media, the National Security program has a Facebook page for members. Go to the National web site @ [www.alaforveterans.org](http://www.alaforveterans.org) click on the media tab at the top, and then scroll down the page to ALA Facebook Groups, and click on ALA National Security. Follow the prompts for signing up. The Facebook page is a great tool for exchanging ideas regarding National Security.

If you have any question, please do not hesitate to contact me.

In closing, do not forget to *R.A.C.E. for veterans* through National Security! May everyone have a blessed Veterans' Day, Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year!

For God and Country, and  
In service not self,

*Judy Leddy*

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Ohio Veterans Home  
Sandusky, Ohio  
Denise Bossetti, Chief Rep.

I'm starting this year off short-handed. I know there is someone out there qualified, who will step forward to help entertain the veterans during bingo. Come and have fun with a great group of appreciative Veterans.

I cannot thank you enough for the donations that fund the weekly Bingos. You really came through when needed. Great job! You exemplified Service not Self.

OVH Christmas was a **HUGE** success last year, the veterans were so grateful for all the personalized gifts we took time to shop for. We would like to continue to find them the items that make their holiday season special. Of course, this takes money. I am asking again for your financial support, by sending in some of the money that you have from poppy donations to purchase these Christmas gifts. Please give back to these wonderful Veterans who have given so much for our freedom.

I have sent out Christmas gift request forms to the Veterans and will have them back by October 15<sup>th</sup> so we can start shopping soon for the Veterans. Christmas handout date is December 10<sup>th</sup> this year. Please consider making an additional donation as soon as possible send checks made out to the American Legion Auxiliary Dept. Of Ohio, earmarked OVH Christmas gifts 2019 to bring smiles to the Veterans at Christmas time. For some Veterans this will be the only gift they receive during the holiday. So, you see the importance in this effort.

Please continue to show your love and gratitude to our Veterans everywhere.

Watch for more information coming from the Ohio Veterans Home in the Buckeye Messenger.

Any questions or comments see contact information below.

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## POPPY KAREN PEEL – CHAIRMAN

### ***Special 100th Anniversary History Program Facts:***

The Remembrance Red Poppy began on Saturday, Nov. 9, 1918, as a memorial to those who sacrificed their lives in WWI, after Ms. Moina Belle Michael read a poem written by Lt. Col. McCrae entitled, "We Shall Not Sleep" (later entitled "In Flanders Field") in the November issue of Ladies Home Journal while she was on duty at the 25th Conference of the Overseas YMCA. Ms. Michael's desk was located in a room called GEMOT, a get-together place where servicemen said farewell to family members. She purchased twenty-five poppies and distributed them to the businessmen in New York attending the conference.

In her autobiography, "The Miracle Flower", she described how the idea came to her after she read Lt. McCrae's poem. Ms. Michael went on to lead a campaign for the adoption of the official flower of The American Legion Family to memorialize the soldiers who served during WWI.

For almost 100 years, 100% of the funds raised through the distribution of poppies by American Legion members has exclusively supported active-duty military, veterans and their families. National Poppy Day is celebrated on the Friday before Memorial Day.

Veteran's Day is right around the corner. It is another great opportunity to promote the Poppy program. If you are having a Veteran's Day program, you can offer Poppies at your event. Poppies can be offered at any time – not just in May.

Check out Pinterest for coloring pages for all ages! Take them to schools or use them during a Junior meeting.

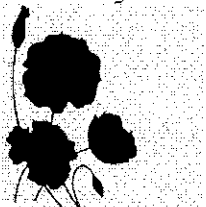
Don't forget to get your poppy orders into Department by December 31<sup>st</sup>. You must purchase poppies by December 31<sup>st</sup> in order for your Unit to qualify for a Citation of Merit.

### ***Calling all crafters!!! Centennial Poppy Special Project***

Be part of the Centennial celebration. At Mid-Winter (along with the Poppy corsage and usage contest), we will be looking for that "special Ohio" poppy to submit to National for National President Nicole Clapp's map. The instructions are included with this mailing. We will be judging entries at Mid-Winter. Remember – this is an additional contest.

I hope you all have planned wonderful Veteran's Day programs! Be sure to take pictures and send them with your reports!

*The best and most beautiful things in the world cannot be seen or even touched. They must be felt with the heart.*                      *Helen Keller*



*Karen*

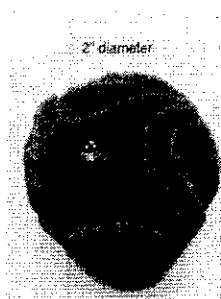


## CENTENNIAL POPPY SPECIAL PROJECT 2019-2020

BE A PART OF THE 100<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION!  
CREATE AND SUBMIT A POPPY REPRESENTING YOUR DEPARTMENT!  
LET'S FILL THE MAP WITH POPPIES FOR NP NICOLE!



Criteria: A Poppy of any material, not more than **2" in diameter**, with the addition of something related to your department (**one** from each Department). Maybe hold a contest among your units.  
Example: DE's felt Poppy has a Lady Bug which is the state Insect!



Poppies can be mailed throughout 2019-2020 to Division Chairman and will be placed on a corkboard map to be presented to NP Nicole at National Convention.

Any questions, please contact your Division Chairman or National Chairman Beth McGinn at 302.381.3897 or email: [beth1011@msn.com](mailto:beth1011@msn.com)

VA & R  
MARTHA SETLOCK  
CHAIR PERSON

HOMELESS WOMEN VETERANS

VA & R – Seniors and Juniors are doing a joint project at Mid-Winter Conference and we need your help. R.A.C.E. to the finish line so we can remove the word “homeless”. Please bring with you personal items that women can use or would love to have. Items such as lotions, bath wash, lipstick, toothpaste, toothbrushes, nail polish, make-up, nylons, shampoo, conditioners, etc. You could also include some good chocolates, jewelry, books, scarves, gift cards. We hope to fill 100 bags with 100 items. REMEMBER-THIS IS THE YEAR OF OUR ALA 100<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY.

At the Pre-Convention meeting in June there will be a gift for the Unit that sends me by April 1<sup>st</sup>, the best essay on their program for helping homeless women veterans. For example, this program could be about a fundraiser for purchasing items for the Mid-Winter project. How did your Unit do in the “Race for the Finish Line?”

DISTRICT CHAIR PERSONS YOUR MID-WINTER REPORTS ARE DUE TO ME BY DECEMBER 1<sup>ST</sup> SO I CAN LET OUR NATIONAL CHAIR PERSON WHAT OHIO IS DOING FOR OUR VETERANS. WE WANT 100% REPORTING FOR OUR 100<sup>TH</sup> YEAR ANNIVERSARY.

## Ohio Unit Plan of Action

### Service to Our Veterans Pin

Please report all Service for Veterans Hours in your unit. Volunteers completing their **FIRST 50** volunteer hours have the option of receiving a Service to Our Veterans Pin to wear and hold their future hour bars. Hours are to be turned into the Department VA&R Chairperson.

Those wishing to order a pin may do so on the form below, as there is no cost to the volunteer if it is the volunteer's first pin. Volunteers that have already received their pin may purchase another pin at their own expense through Emblem Sales or through Department.

UNIT \_\_\_\_\_

DISTRICT \_\_\_\_\_

NAME OF VOLUNTEER

Membership #: \_\_\_\_\_ Number of hours \_\_\_\_\_

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Certifying Officer or Unit VA&R Chairperson: \_\_\_\_\_

Please submit this form to the VA&R Vice Chairperson by April 15, 2020 to receive your pins and hour bars at Department Convention.

Please copy as needed.