

# PROGRAM ENGAGEMENT PLAN

## 205-2026

### CANCER RESEARCH PROGRAM

The American Legion Auxiliary Cancer Research Program is the only program of its kind in the ALA. This program provides \$5,000 scholarships to fellows at the University of Texas Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences at M.D. Anderson Hospital in Houston. These scholarships are awarded by the Department President at a special luncheon in Houston every year where we witness first-hand the studies and research working to find a cure.

We encourage each Unit to contribute to this vital cause. Make it fun - have a special dinner or activity promoting cancer awareness and involve the community. Cancer affects everyone - whether fighting the good fight themselves or someone they know, everyone is touched by this dreaded disease in one way or another.

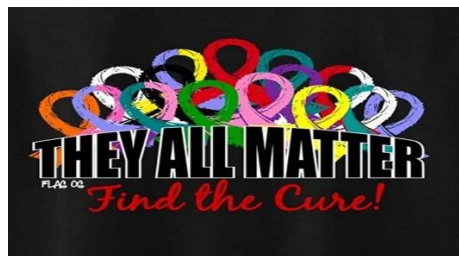
#### AWARDS:

- Each Unit donating to the Cancer Research Program will receive a Certificate of Appreciation
- The Unit with the highest donations received at Department by June 1, 2026 will receive a plaque and certificate.
- The Units with the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> highest donations received by June 1, 2026 will receive a ribbon and certificate.

#### REPORTING:

- Cancer Research activities are reported under the Education program; be sure and include any donations, hours, and activities with your narrative to the Education Committee. Send a copy to us as well so we can recognize your efforts in our reports- email to [Shay1956@sbcglobal.net](mailto:Shay1956@sbcglobal.net) by June 1<sup>st</sup>.

Statistics predict that in 2026 there will be over 2 million new Cancer diagnoses and approximately 620,000 deaths. As of 2022, there were 18.1 million cancer survivors in the United States. Help us find a cure in our lifetime!!



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