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INFORMATION FROM HEADQUARTERS

NOVEMBER



	MILITARY FAMILY MONTH
	FAMILY CAREGIVERS MONTH
5TH	DAYLIGHT SAVINGS ENDS (FALL BACK)
7TH	ELECTION DAY
11TH	VETERANS DAY (OFFICE CLOSED)
13TH-17TH	AMERICAN EDUCATION WEEK
23RD	THANKSGIVING
28TH	NATIONAL GIVING DAY

Grateful
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DECEMBER

7TH	PEARL HARBOR DAY
7TH	CHANUKAH BEGINS
13TH	U.S. NATIONAL GUARD BIRTHDAY
15TH	NATIONAL BILL OF RIGHTS DAY
16TH	WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA DAY
25TH	CHRISTMAS DAY
28TH	PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE DAY





Hello ALATX! Hope everyone is doing well. Time sure is flying this year. One minute we are attending DEC then the next minute we are getting ready for the holidays!

I am honored to have been invited to many conventions and events already this year and have enjoyed every single one of them. I have always enjoyed travelling and visiting with our members; hearing the many creative ways they are supporting our mission. If you are on Facebook, please follow my travels across this great state at "Riding the Rails with President Holly."

I noticed many districts did not have fall conventions and I understand that may be in your policies. This is a very important time to get the information for the year to our units, and I applaud the districts that have had leadership training when no convention was scheduled. If you have not scheduled training, please consider doing so.

I must say, we are fortunate to have so many wonderful committees and committee chairs, but I would like to take this opportunity to give a shout out to our PR Chair this year, Misty Jeffcoat! She has upped our Facebook PR page game! I would invite you to check out and join this group, "ALA Texas Public Relation." Misty is all things PR and is happy to help and share her knowledge and great ideas with you. It's so important to get the word out and let people know we are here! Networking with other groups is a wonderful way to enhance our resources and potentially build our membership. We're ALL ABOARD for that!!

This time of year brings so many events and projects; of course, Veteran's Day is definitely one of the primary recognized events. I know many have programs scheduled to honor our veterans and I can't wait to see and hear about them. "Freedom is never more than one generation away from extinction. We didn't pass it to our children in the bloodstream. It must be fought for, protected, and handed on for them to do the same." Ronald Reagan

On behalf of the ALA Department of Texas, I wish you and yours a very safe, Happy and Healthy Holiday Season.

Keeping on Track for our Veterans
Holly Heatly
ALATX President
2023-2024





Auxiliary Emergency Fund

November/December 2023

Howdy Ya'll! We had a great start to the 23-23 year and would love to see that continue to go strong!!!

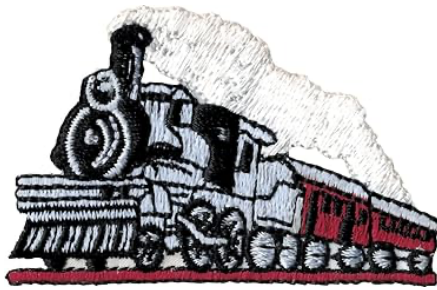
We will have a raffle at Mid Winter with numerous different items including quilts, and various baskets! Look for our table and come visit us! We will have the pens ordered at Fall DEC there for pick-up. We will also have a few for sale on a first come first served basis. If you would like to order one for pick up, please email Shelli at AtomicGlitter84@gmail.com NO LATER than January 1.



We are in a competition with the SAL. Please bring your jugs of dimes to Mid Winter to keep our President out of the pool and to put their Commander in there!

Please stay safe and have a wonderful holiday season! We look forward to seeing everyone at Mid Winter Convention!

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Division 3 Shelli Creech Atomicglitter84@gmail.com Chair
Division 4 Lori Docter vickidocter@yahoo.com



We are encouraging all Members, Units, Districts and Divisions to purchase or use one of your own, a hat and decorate that baby as pretty as you want. Or ugly. Or be as outlandish as you want. We want them to be outstanding. Anything to cover a head that needs protection. Bring them to Department convention In July for judging by dollars. One dollar + one vote.

By all means, have fun!



These Hats need a lot of help!!

**Sheryl Frydenberg, Division 1
Ann Nicholson, Chairman, Division 2
Linda Doege, Division 3
Joan Crider, Division 4**



American Legion Auxiliary Department of Texas

Children & Youth



ALA Department of Texas C&Y Program

IT'S THE TIME OF YEAR FOR FUN!

If you're having dinners or breakfasts or fish fries or any kind of adult gathering, why not **set up a special table for the kiddos**? Add patriotic coloring books and crayons, provide items to make Christmas decorations, beads for bracelets, cards to be filled in and mailed to active military—so many things they can be doing while the adults enjoy their social time. And remember, always take pictures and add them to our C&Y Facebook page!



ALA Committee Facebook Groups are places to share activities and events, ask questions, obtain information and promote Children & Youth Activities.

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

Or check out our ALA National website and <https://member.legion-aux.org/member/committees/children-and-youth>

CHILD WELFARE FOUNDATION

This year our goal is \$75,000 towards the American Legion's Child Welfare Foundation—let's make Texas a major contributor!

"It is through the gifts provided to this foundation that children's lives are saved, their quality of life is improved, and they are taught traditional American values through your selfless actions and demonstration of integrity." - Rick Lofgren, president, Children's Organ Transplant Association

To Donate Directly: [Go to http://cwf-inc.org](http://cwf-inc.org)

Piggy Program: Provide piggy banks to your Units and fill them with spare change, donations, anything to help. Add them up into a check and send it to us earmarked Child Welfare Foundation, make payable to ALA Department of Texas. Send the check to Department or to the C&Y Committee Chair at 258 Copersmith Drive, Katy TX 77450. Any questions, call or email me! (see information below)

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1st Division - Lynda Sutton Email: lyndasutton72@yahoo.com

2nd Division - Gillian Woodstrom (Chair) Email: gwoodstrom@woodborne.com

4th Division - Sharlene Maddox Email: sharlenemadd91@gmail.com

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Check out our website at <https://alatexas.org/programs/children-youth>



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Children & Youth



Topics for each month of the year

April	CHILDREN & YOUTH MONTH
May	POPPY MONTH
June	JUNIOR ACTIVITIES MONTH
July	CANCER RESEARCH MONTH
August	AUXILIARY EMERGENCY FUND MONTH
September	MUSIC MONTH
October	EDUCATION MONTH
November	MEMBERSHIP MONTH
December	VETERANS AFFAIRS & REHABILITATION MONTH
January	LEGISLATIVE MONTH
February	AMERICANISM MONTH
March	COMMUNITY SERVICE MONTH

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Children & Youth



KINDNESS MATTERS

Youth Hero/Good Deeds Awards 2023-24

WHAT AWARDS ARE AVAILABLE?

Created in 2002 by the National Children & Youth Committee, these awards are presented annually throughout the year to recognize the heroism and helpfulness of young people under age 18. In the past three years alone, more than 1,000 Youth Hero and Good Deed awards have been presented to deserving young people.

Nominations are accepted through local ALA units. If you know of someone deserving of one of these awards, please go to the ALA Department of Texas C&Y program page download and fill out a [nomination form](#) and send it to your Division's C&Y Committee member

Most Outstanding Unit Children & Youth Program (per division)

Include events, activities, members who volunteered and donations earned. Include pictures, pictures, pictures! You will receive a confirmation when your award is submitted.

Youth Hero Award

- * Youth Hero Award winners receive a medal and a certificate.
- * They may be a Junior Auxiliary member or someone eligible for membership, but eligibility is not a criterion for consideration
- * They should have demonstrated a physical act of valor (Heimlich, CPR, first aid, rescuing from fire or water peril)
- * They serve as an inspirational role model for the organization and the community

Good Deed Award

The nominee may be a Junior Auxiliary member or someone eligible for membership, but eligibility is not necessary for consideration.

Possible good deeds include spending time and/or money for a worthy cause (such as troop support, raising money to help homeless veterans, a food drive, etc.

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American Legion Auxiliary

Youth Hero and Good Deed Award Nomination Form

NAME OF YOUTH _____

Youth's Age _____ ☐ Male ☐ Female Date of deed _____

Submitted by Unit # _____ Dept. of _____

Description of bravery and/or deed performed by youth (to be completed by unit)

- **Good Deed Award** – Youth should demonstrate leadership role in community service, specific deed should be present
- **Youth Hero Award** - Youth should demonstrate a physical act of valor

Attach extra pages as need. Please attach news clippings or include website to verify the deed being recognized.

UNIT CERTIFICATION (MUST BE CERTIFIED BY TWO UNIT MEMBERS)

Unit Member _____ Date _____

Unit Member _____ Date _____

Units should send completed applications to their department secretary.

DEPARTMENT SECRETARY CERTIFICATION

Name _____ Date: _____

Department secretary mail nomination to ALA National Headquarters, 3450 Founders Road, Indianapolis, IN 46268, or email to Children&Youth@ALAforVeterans.org. Awards will be shipped at no cost.

Please ship to:

Name _____ Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Please use this form for all Youth Hero and Good Deed Award nominations. For more information, contact National Headquarters at Children&Youth@ALAforVeterans.org or (317) 569-4500.

NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS USE ONLY ☐ Youth Hero Award ☐ Good Deed Award

Date received _____ Date shipped _____

Welcome to the Community Service Committee.

As Department Chairmen, this newsletter will give you information and ideas to help make your year successful. You will receive this newsletter monthly on or around the 10th of the month. I hope to guide you in getting information and sharing ideas from your fellow Chairmen.

If you have any questions, please refer to the new PEP (Program Engagement Plan and the How-To guides included (I will try to give you the information as an attachment) and on the National Website.

There is much information covered under Community Service! Please do not feel overwhelmed. We will take it a program or two at a time. ☺ Let's encourage our members to join the National American Legion Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/ALACommunityService> so they are a part of the evolution for change.

We will make a difference as we fall into place and "Be the Ones!" to keep the positive change moving forward for our Veterans. We are planning 3 zoom meetings: October 11th, January 10th and April 10th. These will be with all of the departments. There will also be 2 additional Zoom meeting on November 8th and February 28th. These two Zoom meetings are tentatively scheduled for 6:00 EST. These Zoom meetings will be just with the Southern Division Departments. Plan on sharing stories and asking any questions that may come up.

Program of focus: American Legion Family Day April 27, 2024

One of the main focuses this year is: The American Legion Family Day, April 27, 2004. Here is a little background on this event:

- The National Executive Committee of The American Legion Passed Resolution No. 7 in October 2022, establishing American Legion Family Day to be observed annually on the last Saturday of April.
 - Posts are encouraged to open their doors to members of their community for the day to recognize and celebrate the accomplishments of Legionnaires, Sons of The American Legion members, Legion Riders, and American Legion Auxiliary.
 - Bring awareness to the organization's ["Be the One" initiative](#) to reduce the rate of veteran suicide.

To help with planning this event, refer to the How To sheet for assistance,

- Plan activities for various age groups.
- Highlight our 100+ years of service to veterans and the community.

You can find this information as an additional attachment to this newsletter/email.

Meet Your Southern Division Chairman – Dr. Deborah Blanch, Department of Virginia



My father and mother were active members of the American Legion Family. My father was honored as the meritorious Chaplain for American Legion Denbigh Post 368, Newport News, VA. My mother served as one of the first pages for the Department of Virginia, and she served in the offices of Chaplin and Historian.

My memories of working "For God and Country" came from assisting and watching them work proudly as Denbigh Post 368 evolved into the dedicated American Legion Post it is today.

I've always been involved in the American Legion Auxiliary family. I am a Paid UP For Life Member (PUFL) I have served on several committees with my unit, district, the Department of Virginia, and on several National committees for the Southern Division with district, and I was honored to serve as your Past National Chaplin. I know we will make a difference, one person at a time.

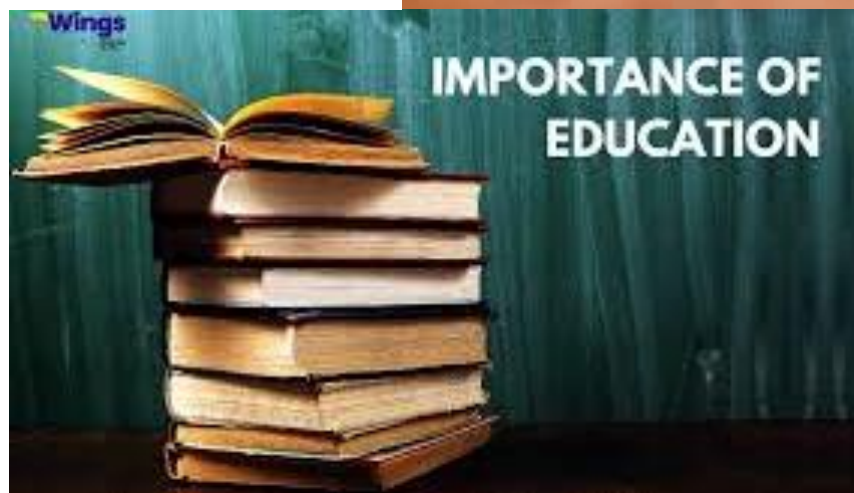
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**EDUCATIONAL WEEK
NOVEMBER 13-17**

**Ways to Honor Teachers
Gift Cards, Supplies,
Breakfast, Lunch !!**

**Send us pictures to be recognized
at Department**

**AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY
DEPARTMENT OF TEXAS
2024 DEPARTMENT CONVENTION FUNDRAISER**

Department of Texas is looking for Sponsors for our 2024 Department Convention.
Reserve your seat on the ALA Express

First Name _____ Last Name _____

Business Name _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

Phone # Business/Cell/Home _____ Email _____

Member/Individual Car

☐ \$25.00 Name in Train Car Window – Name _____

☐ \$50.00 Name & Unit Number Car Window – Name _____ Unit # _____

Unit/District/Division Special Car

☐ \$125.00 Unit Name _____ Unit # _____ Dist. # _____ Div. # _____

☐ \$125.00 District Number District # _____

☐ \$125.00 Division # _____

Corporation/1st Class Car

☐ \$250.00 Name & Logo * Business Name _____

Corporation/Private Car

☐ \$500.00 & Up Name, Logo, and Message *Business Name _____

Madam President Holly enclosed is my tax-deductible gift of \$_____ Check Number _____

Make checks payable to the American Legion Auxiliary Department of Texas
Earmark 2024 Department Convention Fundraiser

Mail payment and form to Department/Attn: Secretary Tiffany

Email all photo ready artwork to: Finance Chair – christinet2121@yahoo.com



Your donations to the American Legion Auxiliary Department of Texas are tax-deductible as allowed by law.

All proceeds will help offset the cost of our 2023 Department Convention

American Legion Auxiliary Department of Texas | P.O. Box 1629 | Little Elm, Texas 75068

Thank you for your donation!



**AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY
DEPARTMENT OF TEXAS
2022 – 2023
FINANCE FUNDRAISER**

Hey, Hey, Hey... Are you coming to Department Convention in Austin July 2024?
Do we have a deal for you?

50/50 RAFFLE - FUNDRAISER

**YOU ARE “GUARANTEED” \$250
THE MORE TICKETS SOLD THE HIGHER YOUR PERCENTAGE.**



“TICKETS \$5 EACH “WHAT A DEAL”

Drawing will be held at the 2024 Department Convention
No need to be present to win.

Contact your Finance Committee or Department President, Department Vice President,
Department Secretary to Purchase Tickets.
Tickets will be available at DEC, Midwinter and Department Convention

Make checks payable to the American Legion Auxiliary Department of Texas
Earmark 2022 – 2023 Finance Fundraiser
Mail payment and ticket stubs to Department
P.O. Box 1629
Little Elm, Texas 75068
Attn: Secretary Tiffany Troxclair
(Tickets with payment may be turned into a Finance Committee Member)

2022 – 2023 Finance Committee

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Your donation to the American Legion Auxiliary Department of Texas is tax-deductible as allowed by law.
All proceeds support the American Legion Auxiliary Department of Texas General Fund.

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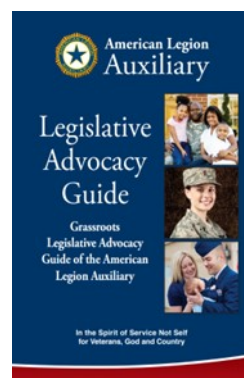
2nd Division - Brenda Towers (Chairman)
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The Legislative program provides information and assistance to ALA members to advocate for the legislative agenda of The American Legion. This is going to be an exciting year for members to be active regarding Legislative issues with national elections happening in 2024. Join in the fun and stay steamed up for our Veterans!

YOU MAKE A DIFFERENCE

- ♦ Your Letters
- ♦ Your E-Mails
- ♦ Your Phone Calls
- ♦ Your Texts
- ♦ Your Efforts

MAKE A DIFFERENCE TODAY!



This and other guides can be downloaded to help you navigate how to be an active Legislative Advocate for Our Veterans, Active Duty Military, Their Families and Our Communities.

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Take Action Sign Up for Alerts Find Officials Find Legislation

Sign up for alerts, find out who your elected officials are or find out what legislation is upcoming for a discussion or vote. **WWW.LEGION.ORG**



November 2023



Conducting a Unit Meeting: To be successful as a volunteer organization in today's busy world, unit meetings need to be planned to best hone the volunteers' time. Plan your agenda, keeping in mind your unit's bylaws, and publicize it to your members in advance so that they can plan their time accordingly. There is a sample meeting agenda available that shows the order of a variety of activities including officer installation. It is not necessary that every one of the examples be on the agenda at every meeting. Units may find that their members prefer a more abbreviated agenda.

In the Unit Guidebook found on the Texas website, www.alatexas.org, it describes the roles and responsibilities of everyone taking part in the unit meeting.

The President as Presiding Officer calls the meeting to order. If a quorum is present, the president proceeds with necessary business, the presiding officer performs the following functions

- Preserves order throughout the meeting
- Follows the agenda
- Uses the reference "the Chair" instead of "I"
- Follows parliamentary procedures
- While presiding, takes no part in any discussion and refrains from expressing personal opinions; calls upon the vice president to preside if the president wishes to speak on a motion or leave the chair. Remains out of chair until the vote on the pending motion is taken.

An example of the order of Business can be found in the Unit Guidebook. Not every item will be used at every meeting throughout the year. The order should be changed to fit the type of meeting being held.

Dress Code: The Unit meeting is a business meeting, so at the least the appropriate dress would be Business Casual, most especially for the Unit officers. Proper dress brings decorum and respect to our organization and helps to set the tone of the business session.

Requirement for Voting: A unit cannot require that a member attend a certain number of meetings to vote. The right to vote and the right to hold office are clear privileges of membership.

Your Leadership/Unit Training Committee:

Paula Raney – Committee Member, Division I – 512-791-5852

Carlene Ashworth – Chairman, Division II - 713-419-9518

Gayle Simpson – Committee Member Division IV – 940-655-8242



Click here to join

<https://www.legion-aux.org/joining>

Click here to renew

<https://www.legion-aux.org/renew>

Click here for ALA Application

[https://member.legion-](https://member.legion-aux.org/CMSDesk/ALA/media/PDF/Brochures/ALA_Membership_Application.pdf)

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Keeping on Track With Our Goals

Recruit 10 award deadline - June 1, 2024
 New unit award - Chartered Sept 1, 2023 - July 31, 2024
 100% unit award deadline - January 31, 2024
 75% Dept award deadline - Dec 7, 2023
 85% Dept award deadline - March 15, 2024
 95% Dept award deadline - May 24, 2024
 100% Dept award deadline - July 4, 2024
 102% Dept award deadline - July 24, 2024
 \$100 and certificate to the 1st unit to reach 100% in each of 4 categories
 Certificates to all units who reach 100% or more by June 30, 2024
 Plaque to top unit, based on %, in each of the 4 categories by June 30, 2024
 \$100 and plaque to top district based on % by June 30, 2024
 \$100 and plaque to top division based on % by June 30, 2024
 Money, medallion, certificate to Recruit 10, 15, 25+ by June 30, 2024
 *see Program Engagement Plan for more details on all awards and challenges

Membership

ALL ABOARD!

"Life's journey is like a train ride – with ups, downs, and unexpected stops. Embrace the challenges as temporary pauses, not the end of the line. Keep your dreams as the fuel, and be the unyielding locomotive. Believe in yourself and take that determined move. You're not alone on this journey and together, we can reach our goals. Stay on track, stay focused, and keep the faith. Your destination is waiting – all aboard the train to success!" 🚂🌟

Renew One, Retain One, Rejoin One, Recruit One



Your membership committee will be here for anything you need

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ALA DEPARTMENT OF TEXAS
NATIONAL SECURITY PROGRAM

2023-2024

PURPOSE: The main focus of the National Security Program is to assist ACTIVE-DUTY military and their families.

With the holiday season upon us, our Active Duty Military, First Responders and their families need us more than ever!

- Average Soldier's pay in Texas is \$12.40/hr
- Average Police Officer's pay in Texas is \$15.36/hr
- Average Paramedic's pay in Texas is \$25/hr
- Average Fire Fighter's pay in Texas is \$31.25/hr

Most of these people have families to support as well, and for our military families, relocation happens often so spouses are either stay at home parents, or have to start all over looking for jobs time and again so funds are **TIGHT!**

Below are just a few of the organizations that help our military families during the holidays, so please check them out and see how you and your Unit can help make the holidays better for these families!

Operation Homefront

Trees For Hope

Operation Holiday Joy

USO

Operation Christmas Spirit

Full Circle Home

Pay Away the Layaway

HOME - Help Our Military Endure

Operation We Are Here - Has Resources for Supporters of Military and Veteran Families - click on Christmas Holiday Support for links to other organizations that help with Thanksgiving and Christmas (bookmark the site because it's **FULL** of useful information and links)

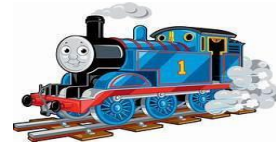
Please let us know of any other organizations that you've worked with in the past as well so we can add them to our list!

If you have any questions, feel free to contact us! And PLEASE share on our Facebook Page - ALA National Security in Texas

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Christi Barnacle - Committee Member - Cb479@hotmail.com

Carol Evans - Committee Member - Cmeaqua58@att.net



Past Presidents Parley

Hello auxiliary members.

The PPP would like to take this opportunity to share a few things with you. The PPP committee is here to share knowledge and experiences of the past. New leaders please get in touch with the PDPs in your Districts and Divisions ask for assistance as needed. Remember no one in this organization know everything about the organization. Asking for assistance is a sign of strength not weakness. There are Divisions that have several PDPs in their areas and some with just a few. Choose one that you have confidence in and contact them to assist you. The best leaders are the one that put the organization above their own needs. Have that special PDP that you trust and have confidence in that will give you the assistance you need. The PDPs are not here to run your units or tell you what to do. We are here to give you guidance and assistance as needed. Please use them.

The medical scholarships are a great way to advertise for the ALA. We can advertise through the schools and in doing so get eligible members from their parents to join our great organizations. We will also have fund raisers to raise money for the scholarships. Fund raiser will be placed on web site as soon as we can decide. The scholarship application will on the Department's web site.

Look for members of the year within your units. We all have that one member that is always willing to lead a hand. That one member that has not held office higher than Unit President. The one member that work the programs and put the strong foot forward. The criteria and the application will be on the web site.

Start looking for the Serviceperson of the year. They really enjoy going to National to be recognized. Remember they no longer must be females, if you have a male that you feel is deserving, please submit the.

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Poppy Program

November/December
2023 – 2024



Did You Know?

That there are actually nine colors of Poppy Flowers this is including red. The other colors are: White, Black, Purple, Green, Orange, Yellow, Pink, and Blue.

The other colors represent the following:

- White – Peace
- Black – Contribution of Black, African suicide and Caribbean communities to the war effort
- Purple – Animals
- Green – Hope
- Orange – Health and Regeneration.
- Yellow – Optimism
- Pink – Compassion
- Blue – Imagination and higher thinking

Key Program Statements

1. Promote the Poppy Program.
2. Increase Poppy revenues.
3. Educate the Community of the meaning and history of the Poppy.
4. Celebrate National Poppy Day.
5. Promote the Poppy Poster Contest.
6. Promote Little Miss Poppy.
7. Teach veterans about the National Veterans Creative Arts Festival.
8. Educate people about the Honor Flight.
9. Support the ASYMCA to combat food insecurity.
10. Suicide prevention among Veterans.

Committee Members

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Poppy Poster Contest

Please help promote the Poppy Poster Contest in your local schools, youth groups and Junior members.

I have attached to this bulletin the Poppy Poster Contest Rules

How Can You Help?

Make sure that you send thank-you cards to everyone that participates.

Try reaching people who are not necessarily contacted regarding the Poppy Program.

Make an appeal by telling a personal story or ask them for a story of someone who went beyond to help a veteran or families of veterans.

Make it easy for them to donate.

For Sale

The Poppy Committee will be selling bracelets, and other poppy merchandise, to benefit our Veterans, Military Personnel, and their Families.

I will make available an order form for the Poppy Merchandise.

Awards

Please submit your Poppy Report BEFORE May 1st, 2024. The top 3 reports will receive a prize! All entries will receive a certificate.

Poppy Poster Contest Rules

Units shall sponsor contests in local schools. When schools do not conduct activities, other youth groups — including Junior members — may participate under direct supervision of the unit.

Contest Classes

- Class I: Grades 2 and 3
- Class II: Grades 4 and 5
- Class III: Grades 6 and 7
- Class IV: Grades 8 and 9
- Class V: Grades 10 and 11
- Class VI: Grade 12
- Class VII: Students with special needs defined as:
 - a. Those in special education classes.
 - b. A student recommended for special education classes but who has not been admitted due to a waiting list or various other factors.
 - c. 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.

Poppy Poster Requirements

1. Each poster shall have a fitting slogan not to exceed 10 words. Articles “a”, “and,” “an”, “the” are not to be counted as words. The words “buddy” and “buy” cannot be used.
2. The words “American Legion Auxiliary” must be used in the design of the poster and will not be counted in the 10-word count.
3. Each poster must include a red poppy.
4. The department shall determine the closing date of the unit contest. The poster shall be on 11x14” poster board. (Drawing paper will not be accepted).
5. The United States flag may be used as long as there are no infractions of the flag code.
6. Posters will be judged using the following criteria:
 - 50% - poster appeal (layout, message, originality)
 - 40% - artistic ability (design and color)
 - 10% - neatness
7. Media used shall be watercolors, crayons, powder or oil paint, handmade paper cutouts, ink or textures, acrylics, pencils, and markers.
8. Written in ink on the back of the poster (not attached) shall be the class in which the entry is submitted, the name, address, age, and grade of the contestant and the name of the department.
9. Submissions become property of the American Legion Auxiliary. Through submission of artwork, contestants and their legal guardians grant non-exclusive reproduction and publication rights to the works submitted and agree to have their names and artwork published for commercial use without additional compensation or permission.

10. The poster shall be the work of only one individual.
11. The label "In Memoriam" from the veteran-made poppy may not be used.

Poppy Poster Contest Judging and Awards

1. Each department shall establish its own procedure for judging.
2. A citation will be given for the most outstanding poster in each classification within the five divisions.
3. Unit members should follow deadlines and process for the department. All department entries are due to the division chairman by June 1.
4. While ALA representatives will do their best to return all posters, it is not guaranteed. We recommend participants take a picture or scan their poster for their records.
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President Holly's Pin is a circular pin in red, white, blue, and gold. The main colors of the pin are red, white and blue. The pin is encircled in a gold border, then a red band with her theme "Keeping On Track For Our Veterans" is written in white. A white band follows the red. The center of the pin is in blue with a train stretching across it. Above the train is the American Legion Auxiliary emblem. Below the train is her name in gold and our wonderful state of Texas. At the bottom of the pin is Holly's term 2023-2024 inside the red band. To go with Holly's theme this year, is her membership theme "All Aboard for Membership".

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