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INFORMATION FROM HEADQUARTERS

OCTOBER

- 21ST NATIONAL MAMMOGRAPHY DAY
- 22ND NATIONAL MAKE A DIFFERENCE DAY
- 26TH NATIONAL DAY OF THE DEPLOYED
- 27TH NAVY DAY
- 31ST HALLOWEEN

NOVEMBER

- 1ST-30TH MILITARY FAMILY MONTH
- FAMILY CAREGIVERS MONTH
- 6TH DAYLIGHT SAVINGS ENDS (FALL BACK)
- 8TH ELECTION DAY
- 11TH VETERANS DAY (OFFICE CLOSED)
- 13TH WORLD KINDNESS DAY
- 14TH-18TH AMERICAN EDUCATION WEEK
- 24TH-25TH OFFICE CLOSED FOR THANKSGIVING
- 24TH THANKSGIVING
- 29TH NATIONAL GIVING DAY



Thanksgiving





Hello All,

Thinking the worst of my Presidency was over the last time I shared information with you all, however the best laid plans of mice and men do not always go with precision. The Wi-fi went down at DEC and remained down for the rest of the week. The memberships sent to Department were not able to be transmitted. We had our first incentive in progress, and everyone was anxious. The memberships that were sent into the office were sent to Tiffany and unbelievably she was able to input approximately 300 memberships overnight. Tiffany you are awesome.

DEC was amazing. It was such a success, and I am so proud to be a part of this amazing group of people with which I am working. The new presidentschool was such a success. Everyone in attendance was so enthusiastic about the class.

Each Division and her Districts decorated their table, the 2nd division won the best table decoration. Congratulation 2nd Division.

The Chairmen of each committee had information about their program. The information given out was fantastic and everyone enjoyed going to each table gathering information about the programs. Thanks, Committees, for having such imaginations to teach and have fun at the same time.

I went to the 12th District Convention this past weekend. President Barbara conducted a very well ran convention. Unit 569 participated in a drive-by baby shower at the military installation. I was able to participate, and we had a wonderful time, and the young families was happy to receive the gifts. The Auxiliary continues to demonstrate "Service not Self" every day. What a great organization to be a member. I also received donation to get assist in Jackie's ransom. Thanks units 297, 569 and 12th District for your generous gifts. Camp hope is such a wonderful organization. The young military members are not getting better they are released with a diagnosis of PTSD and suicide rates are growing daily.

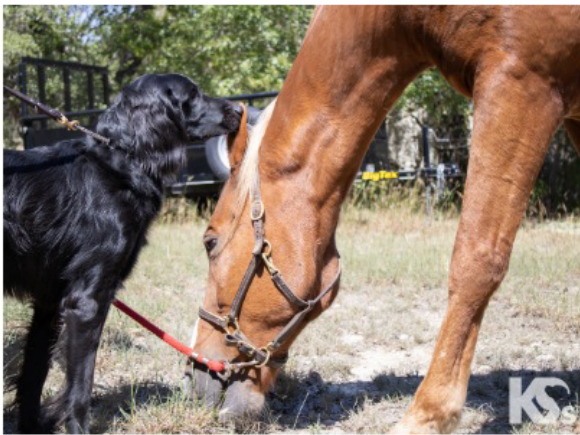
I stopped by the office and the internet was working. Sherry had several memberships on her desk and promised she would have them into the system prior to going home. I checked and she and Dee was able to get it done. Thank you both for your magnificent work.

We are a team and remember I am a part of your team. You can contact me at anytime. Let us continue "Bearing down for membership and racing to be #1. You are all showing that "We love our Veterans and treat them like Diamonds" They are our precious jewels.





American Legion Auxiliary
Department of Texas



Hi there! I've been having a blast this week and I wanted to tell you all about it! I went to all kinds of cool places again... I even met a horse! It kind of looked like a giant dog, so I was cool with it. I have also been working on refining all my cues so when I get paired with my Warrior, I am ready to impress them with how smart I am. Sometimes I still get excited and have a hard time just laying down and being calm, but my trainer says I'm improving every day. This week I also got to have a super fun play session! My trainer brought tennis balls into a yard and just let me chase them all down! It was so much fun, and I was so tired afterwards. I showed off how high I can jump in the air to catch them! The rest of this week, I am going to work hard on walking super

nicely right next to my trainer. I want to walk perfectly next to my future Warrior, so they know I have their back, so I have to start practicing now!

❤️ Murray 🐾

Helping Hands From Texas to Florida



The Goodwill Committee is collecting Gift Cards to send to The American Legion Family in Florida. The request is Walmart Gift Cards the Goodwill Committee has a contact person in Florida (Michelle DeGennaro). Michelle will make sure the Gift Cards are given to our American Legion Family members that were in the path of Hurricane Ian. The Department of Florida is still assessing the situation and still in the process of contacting members. As we receive the cards they will go out on a weekly basis. The Committee will be accepting Walmart Gift Cards till November 30th. All Gift Cards donated will be sent with a card with the name of the donor.

Please sent Gift Cards to;

Christine Trahan
6420 Tyler Circle
Lumberton, Texas 77657

or

Carlene Ashworth
2619 Norman
Pasadena, Texas 77506

The Goodwill Committee will keep all donors up to date when we receive reports from Florida (with pictures). Please keep our Legion Family in Florida your prayers.

Lord, thank you that our comfort abounds through Christ. Nothing in the world can bring us the comfort and peace that you alone can offer. Thank you that you understand our trials, and you care. Through our own struggle and pain, help us to be your vessels to offer comfort and strength to others who are hurting. Thank you, Lord, that through every weakness and hard place, your strength is displayed in our lives. We cannot do it on our own. But you can, through us. Your power is Mighty within us, you are our Helper and our Strength. All things are possible through you.

[For more information, please contact the Goodwill Committee
Carlene Ashworth – Christine Trahan – Teresa S. Copeland – Dorothy Barefoot](#)

For your records you will receive a donation letter please report your donation under Community Service

Juniors Helping Juniors from Texas to Florida



Our Father Which Art In Heaven



American Legion Auxiliary Department of Texas Juniors are collecting \$25 Walmart gift cards to send to our sisters in Florida that were in the path of Hurricane Ian. We would like to let our sisters know that we are thinking of them by sending a gift card so they can go buy whatever it is they need, it may be school supplies, a doll, or a new outfit. Please help us help our Junior sisters by sending a \$25 Walmart gift card.

Send gift cards to;
Karli Trahan
c/o Christine Trahan
6420 Tyler Circle
Lumberton, Texas 77657

Your gift will make a real difference in our ability to help our Junior sisters, In the spirit of service not self. Thank you in advance Karli Trahan Honorary Department Junior President

I know you are tired,
I know you're worn; I know you're torn
You're losing all your hope
Cause you're away from home
Oh, I know you're worried
I know you're scared.
I'd like to put my arms around you
And tell you we care.
Hope is in Heaven, not far away
Just close your eyes, he hears what you say.
Feel him around you, He is everywhere
Reaching' to touch you, Know that he is there.

American Legion Auxiliary Department of Texas



AUXILIARY EMERGENCY FUND

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No greater love than to lay down one's life for one's friends.

Key Program Statements

- The Auxiliary Emergency Fund (AEP) is a national grant assistance to eligible members of the American Legion Auxiliary up to \$2400 as the result of an act of nature or another personal crisis.
- Grant funds may be used only for shelter or utilities.
- Members of the American Legion Auxiliary whose dues are current and who have maintained membership for three (3) consecutive years (the current year and immediate past two years)

I would like to introduce myself. My name is Elizabeth Tamayo, and I am your Department AEF Chairman.

These past years have challenged us in so many ways, in our personal and professional lives and in our mental, emotional and spirit lives. It is the type of strength we need to work our program and make this a success. Together we can make it happen for our sisters in need. Tomorrow it could be one of us.

Challenges:

- **Appoint an AEF Chairman for your unit**
- **In support of the community my challenge to all American Legion Auxiliary Units is to have a "Penny Jar". Place these jars in your posts, all your events and even throughout your community. The jars aren't only for pennies, so feel free to add silver and dollars too.**

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Children & Youth



OCTOBER/NOVEMBER 2022



What is the C&Y Program?

The Children & Youth program emphasizes protecting, caring for and supporting children and youth, particularly those of veterans' and military families.

Promoting C&Y

"Star Spangled Kids" is a program to educate children on the history of the United States in the aspect of patriotism, Americanism and The US Constitution.

<https://www.legion-aux.org/Americanism-Essay-Contest>

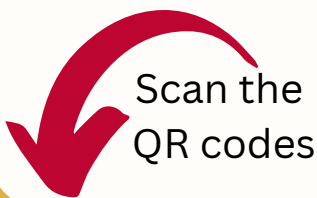
Youth Hero Awards/Good Deed

Awards: This is a way the ALA can recognize youth in our communities who demonstrate good citizenship, either through brave physical act or a good deed.

https://www.legion-aux.org/cmsdesk/ALA/media/PDF/Awards/Youth_Hero_Good_Deed_Award_nomination_form.pdf

Ideas

- Distribute red ribbons to the youth
- Download Halloween coloring books from the C&Y page on the ALA website
<https://alateexas.org/programs/children-youth/>
- Organize a trunk or treat at your post with a costume contest
- Organize volunteer projects for youth for the holidays
- Collect teddy bears for first responders
- Assemble emergency backpack cards (ask me how)
- Start collecting for a toy drive
- Reach out to your local Child Protective Services to identify any needs for the children for the holidays
- Set up a craft table with holiday supplies and invite your member's children to make holiday crafts
- Conduct a "Kids of Deployed are Heros 2" ceremony (QR code has details)
- Donate \$1 per member to AL Child Welfare Foundation and receive a banner for your unit (*send to Dept and earmark for AL-CFW*)



C&Y WEB LINKS



BACKPACK CARD



C&Y FACEBOOK

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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 _____

2022-2023
EDUCATION PROGRAM

The Education Program's Mission

- To promote quality education for children, especially for military children, and adults.
- To encourage schools to invite veterans to speak in their classrooms.
- To provide scholarships for students who desire a college education.
- To Support legislation that establishes new scholarship opportunities.
- To support the Education program and scholarship opportunities of The American Legion.

How can the Member or Unit accomplish this?

There are many ways, some of which include: Fundraising in various and creative ways to donate to the Texas Education Scholarship Fund; Veterans in Community Schools Initiative -This is a great way to bring history to life by connecting veterans with students in classrooms or at school assemblies; Give 10 to Education; Celebrate Education Week, November 14 -18, 2022; Plan an event to show appreciation of our teachers during Teacher Appreciation Week, May 1 -5, 2023; Create a Unit Scholarship Fund if you don't already have one; Inform and educate students, teachers and parents about scholarships offered through Department and National, to include Department's General Scholarship, National's Children of Warriors National Presidents Scholarship, Non-Traditional Student Scholarship, Junior Member Loyalty Scholarship, as well as the Texas PDP's Medical Scholarship and the American Legion's scholarships.

BE CREATIVE AND DON'T BE AFRAID TO STEP OUTSIDE THE BOX!

Incentives:

- Each Unit donating to the Texas Education Program Scholarship Fund will be entered into a drawing for \$50.
- Each Unit donating \$100 or more to the Texas Education Program Scholarship Fund will be entered into another drawing for \$100. Yes, you will have two chances of winning if donating \$100 or more.
- Each Unit submitting a Year-End Narrative will be entered into a drawing for \$50.
- Drawings will be during the 2023 Department Convention.
- An award will be presented to the Texas Most Outstanding Unit Education Program.

For further details, ideas and deadlines:

<https://alateexas.org/programs/programs-action-plan>

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

<https://member.legion-aux.org/member/committees/education>

<https://www.alateexas.org/programs/education>

- DEC "Under the Big Top", September 25, 2022, 1 pm
You're invited to attend the DEC in its entirety but at 1 pm the Program Committees will be showcasing their programs with a Circus Theme.
- Education Week, November 14 -18, 2022

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JUNIOR ACTIVITIES

New ALA Junior Patches



New patches available for our younger members Participating in the ALA Patch Program is a terrific way for Junior members to be involved in learning about the Auxiliary and our American Legion Family, volunteering in the community, and serving our country's veterans.

Two new patches are available:

- Digital Media for Red Level 1 K-3
- VCAF donations for all levels

Junior members of the American Legion Auxiliary, as well as school-aged Sons of The American Legion members who often work alongside Juniors, may earn patches for activities in ALA programs.



*Available to Order
or Download from
the National
Webiste!! Great
Giveaway,
especially is you
are hosting a
Halloween Party
for Youth!!!*



National Junior meetings will be held at the same time and in the same city as Mission Training events.

Junior members who have celebrated their 8th birthday or older may attend the national Junior meetings. Many activities will be taking place that are fun and interactive. We hope that by bringing these meetings closer to our Juniors, many more will be able to attend the one-day events over a weekend.

Is a national Junior meeting right for your Junior?

Yes — if they are interested in meeting other Junior members and national leaders outside of their local area who share their passion for helping veterans!

Yes — if they want to share great ideas with other Junior members across the country and learn more about what it means to be a member of the American Legion Auxiliary!



Did You Know????? There is an ALA Branding Game just for JUNIORS!!!! You can Download it on the National Website!!! Check it OUT!!!

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Leadership



The Leadership Committee would like to thank everyone you stopped by our booth at DEC's Under The Big Top Program Fair. Members were asked to sign up their Units and Districts for leadership schools in exchange for a chance to win an awesome pamper basket. This resulted in 22 units and districts signing up. Woohoo!!!

Several training sessions have already been completed and many more have been scheduled.

Remember – you **do not** have to wait until your Spring Conventions to hold a leadership school. Ask other program committee members to join in and have your own mini program fair so your members can learn more at one time.

Reach out to anyone on the Leadership Team to schedule a leadership training session and be sure and advise them of any specific topics you would like covered.

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Let's get

Excited about our

Government CONGRESS

Involvement!

SAL &

Legion &

Auxiliary

Team working together on

Issues to improve

Veterans'

Experiences during & after service!



**A.L.A.
LEGISLATIVE
PROGRAM**
changes laws for veterans
protects military & families
NEEDS YOU!

YOUR LETTERS
YOUR EMAILS
YOUR PHONE CALLS
YOUR TEXTS
YOUR EFFORTS
Make a difference!

- **SIGN UP FOR ACTION ALERTS**
- **STAY AWARE**
- **STAY INFORMED**

GET DETAILS IN THE PROGRAM ACTION PLAN!
CALL US- EMAIL US- TEXT US – HELP US HELP THEM!!!

COME ONE, COME ALL

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Wishing you a spooky Halloween and a fun filled Thanksgiving!



Time is moving way too fast these days. Halloween and the Halloween challenges are almost upon us. And don't forget about Thanksgiving!

CHALLENGE 1

Every district with NO zero units by October 31st will have a chance to win two (2) \$50 cash prizes and two (2) \$25 cash prizes. My math tells me that's four (4) winners! All other qualifying districts will be recognized with special gifts. So, get to work, District presidents. We know you all will make those calls, help the units to get in membership, and get them out of Halloween Horror!

CHALLENGE 2

All units with 50% or more in membership will be eligible for a drawing for two (2) \$50 cash prizes. That's two (2) winners on the unit level!! All units qualifying will be recognized with special certificates. Unit presidents, we know you will make calls and contact your unit members so you can be eligible for the cash prizes and special recognition.



We have a Thanksgiving challenge too! Remember the buttons we handed out at DEC? Who is your WHY?

CHALLENGE

Units at 90% or more of goal by November 30th will be eligible for a drawing for \$100, - \$75 - \$50 and \$25 cash drawings. All units reaching this goal will get special recognition and a Certificate of Achievement!

Can the Department of Texas, get it done? Of course, we can!! Remember what's your why! Why did you join? Who are you honoring? Remind those you are contacting about their why.

Lastly, remember President Myra's theme "Bearing for Membership While Caring for Veterans"

We are in MemBEARship mode: Bringing Energy/Awareness to Renewing/Rejoining our members. Our focus should be on renewing members and contacting those who have not been active and get them to rejoin. The renewal notices have been sent out from National. But don't solely depend on those notices to get your unit members to renew. Please contact them personally; make a call, drop the member a short note, go by and visit if possible. Do everything you and other members of the unit can to contact the nonrenewing member.

Remember, this membership team is always ready to lend a paw/hand. Just because fall and winter are approaching, doesn't mean we will go into hibernation!

Have a Happy Halloween and a Thankful Thanksgiving,

Paula Raney, Division 1

Carlene Ashworth, Division 2 (Chairman)

Mary Lee Waddell, Division 3

Gayle Simpson, Division 4

Past President's Parley

Why is this committee important to you and your unit?

The **Past President's Parley** committee is to share the knowledge and experience of past ALA leaders at every level for training and encouragement of potential leaders for tomorrow. Serving in this way it allows members to continue to be actively servicing our great organization.

Mentor vs. Bully – There is a difference

One of the biggest challenges our organization faces is the ability to get along with each other. The complaint heard most often is past leaders on all levels — unit, district, division, and department — tend to dominate and try to control activities that should be, would be, beneficial to carrying out the mission of the American Legion Auxiliary.

Are you the past leader who doesn't know she's a bully? You love the organization, you love what we do, you love our mission, but are people staying away from the meetings because you're dominating all the conversations?

Are you the first one to speak up, and continue to speak up, when there is discussion on the floor? Do you dominate and intimidate others and leave them with the impression of, 'do as I say or you'll never get anywhere in this organization?'

Are you using your influence as a past leader in your unit or department to convince others that your way is the only way? Are you the one making the phone calls trying to sway other members to your way of thinking? Do you constantly criticize the actions of other members?

Are you mentoring in the wrong direction?

"Everybody can be great....because anybody can serve. You don't have to have a college degree to serve. You don't have to make your subject and verb agree to serve. You only need a heart full of grace. A soul generated by love." Martin Luther King, Jr.

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WE LOVE OUR VETERANS ~ WE TREAT THEM LIKE DIAMONDS





ALA POPPY PROGRAM

HELPING VETERANS, MILITARY PERSONNEL AND THEIR FAMILIES!!

I am so honored to announce that The American Legion Auxiliary Department of Texas passed at Fall DEC to continue donating to the Armed Forces YMCA – Killeen. We will be sending \$3,000 a month to help feed Veterans, Military Personnel and their families. This organizations helps hundreds of families of every month. Most military families rely on two incomes like most non-military American families. Unfortunately, the unemployment rate among military spouses continues to rise.

I am asking all ALA Units to use their Poppy funds to help our Military heroes and their families. If you would like to send money to help with the ASYMCA; please send your check to the Dept. Of Texas and on the memo, write ASYMCA. Your funds will go directly to this great organization.

In September, they distributed 6,000 pounds of Food in 4 hours! How AMAZING is that!!!

How do you plan to use your Poppy Funds? I would love to hear how the Units are spreading the Poppy love!!



Did you know that the Dept. of Texas has a Poppy Facebook page?

ALA POPPY PROGRAM IN TEXAS

Make sure you like our page. We will be posting all the things Poppies and we look forward to seeing how Texas is spreading the Poppy Love! Plus, you will find the raffle information that the Poppy Committee is doing this year!

2022-2023 Poppy Committee

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Div. 4 – Pat Hernandez pc7161917@icloud.com



**The Poppy Committee is having a drawing.
All proceeds will go to President Myra's special project;
Camp Hope in Houston (PTSD Foundation)
\$5 - 1 chance \$10 - 3 chances \$20 - 6 chances**



**1st Prize- Wooden
American Flag with Poppy
37W x 19H
(sample pic)**



**2nd Prize- Poppy themed
charcuterie board
(actual pic)**

**3rd- 12 oz Poppy Mason
Jar Tumbler
(actual pic)**



**Drawing will be held at the
Department Convention in July**

EVERY DAY IS POPPY DAY!





Public Relations



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WE TREAT THEM LIKE DIAMONDS**

Facebook – Page or Group?

An online presence is a great way to publicize your unit's activities. Facebook is one possible online platform. If you want to have one spot to share posts from your unit to advertise upcoming events, share photos and updates about recent events, or just post reminders of patriotic dates (Flag Day, etc.), create a Facebook business page. If you want a place where people can connect and have discussions, create a Facebook group.

Business pages are similar to personal profiles but focus on your unit as a public entity instead of an individual. Once your page is set, you post updates like how you would post updates to your personal profile. Also like your personal profile, people may comment on your updates. Instead of being your "friends," people follow your page by "liking" your page. Once they've liked your page, your posts will show up on their Facebook news feeds.

Facebook groups are entirely different. While business pages are essentially profile pages maintained and updated by the administrators, Facebook groups are maintained by the community. The group's admins can set it up to have open-to-the-public membership, membership upon approval, or membership by invitation only. Once someone becomes a member of that Facebook group, they can start posting to that community. Posts will show up in members' news feeds. Members can share resources, events, ideas, and questions with each other (which will only be visible to other members of that Facebook group).

Which to Choose, Facebook Page or Group?

So, which one should you choose? It all depends on your goals and objectives. If you're looking to promote your unit, increase awareness of your mission, and grow membership, then a Facebook Business Page is the way to go. If you're looking to build a community of like-minded people and share ideas and information, then a Facebook Group is the way to go.

However, ALA National Headquarters recommends that every unit has a Facebook business page. So, if you are interested in a group page, you may want to have both.



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VA&R

Did You Know?

VA&R Program is the oldest program in the ALA.

October 13th is the US Navy's Birthday

Make A Difference Day is the Forth Saturday in October. It is a National Holiday dedicated to volunteering

We have 5 VA Hospitals in Texas: Bonham, Dallas, Houston, Kerrville, and Waco

The VA Christmas Shop is where hospitalized veterans can shop for a gift to give to their family for Christmas. The family members must live at the veteran's residents. Volunteers are needed to help organize the shop and to help veterans select the gifts. Volunteers also help wrap the gifts and send them to the veteran's family.

What is the Christmas Assessment money used for? It is collected so we can give every hospitalized veteran a minimum of \$10.00 at Christmas. This can be given as cash, canteen coupon book, gift card or item.



VA&R
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of Texas



CHRISTMAS ASSESSMENT CHALLENGE:

Units that pay their Christmas Assessment by Veteran's Day (11/11/22)

will get a certificate and be entered into a drawing for a \$25.00 and a surprise gift.

Division/District Presidents with 80% of their Units paid by Veteran's Day will receive a certificate.

Let's help our hospitalized veterans have a

BEARY SPECIAL CHRISTMAS

Other VA&R Challenges This Year:

Donate \$25 to the general fund by June 30th to enter a drawing

Donate \$25 to the NVCAF by December 1st to enter a drawing

Participate at a VA Hospital/Clinic event such as the Gift Shop, Ice Cream Social, and Christmas Party etc and send photos to bev.sloan@gmail.com by April to enter a drawing.

All drawings will be done at Department Convention

If you need anything from us please reach out to us. Your Texas VA&R Team Members Are:

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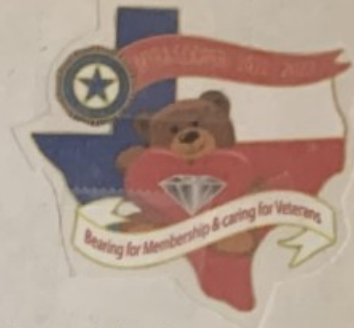
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President Myra's Pin is in the shape of Texas, in red, white and blue. The main colors of the pin are red, white and blue. Our Auxiliary Emblem is located at the top left next to the Texas panhandle. A red banner drapes across the top of Texas with Myra's name and year of presidency 2022 - 2023. At the bottom of Texas is a white banner with the words "Bearing for Membership & Caring for Veterans". In the middle of the pin is a Teddy Bear holding a red heart with a diamond in the middle of the heart, which represents the ALA Department of Texas saying, "We Love our Veterans and We Treat Them Like Diamonds".

To order any of the pins, complete the order form below (please print) and send a check for the amount of pins you are ordering, along with shipping charges to the above address.

Please Do Not Mail to Department Headquarters.

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| Myra's Pin | No. Ordered _____ | \$3.00 each |
| Teresa's Pin | No. Ordered _____ | \$3.00 each |
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| Shay's Pin | No. Ordered _____ | \$1.00 each |
| Texas Cancer Pin | No. Ordered _____ | \$4.00 each |
| Pink Owl Cancer Pin | No. Ordered _____ | \$3.00 each |
| Poppy Pin | No. Ordered _____ | \$3.00 each |



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| 1 Pin | \$1.51 Postage plus Price of Pin |
| 5 Pins | \$3.00 Postage plus Price of Pin |
| 10 Pins | \$6.00 Postage plus Price of Pins |

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