

WELCOME!

Thank you for becoming part of the exciting and rewarding American Legion Auxiliary. Included in this kit is information about being a member of the Auxiliary. Much of this guide, along with additional information, can be found in the Auxiliary Unit Handbook or on the National American Legion Auxiliary website: www.alaforveterans.org

WHAT IS A VOLUNTEER?

A volunteer is someone who gives time, energy, and talents to others, expecting nothing in return. Volunteers must have an open mind, be willing to embrace wisdom learned from others and let the experience of volunteering lead to personal inner growth. Volunteers realize the importance of time and kindness.

- A volunteer is someone who gives time, energy and talents.
- A volunteer is someone who is willing to learn,
- A volunteer is someone who has the freedom to choose.
- A volunteer is someone who makes a difference.

WHAT WE DO!

Mission Statement

In the spirit of service, not self, the mission of the American Legion Auxiliary is 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.

There are 52 Departments and 7,760 Units Nationwide!

Total Volunteer Hours in 2025 8,004,728

Volunteer hours serving veterans and military 3,265,977

Volunteer hours serving military families 359,273

Volunteer hours serving youth, scholarships, communities 4,379,478

Total Raised and Spent in 2025 \$22,190,342

Resources raised and spent on veterans and military \$11,007,709

Resources raised and spent on military families \$1,350,722

Resources raised and spent on youth, scholarship, communities \$9,831,911

Total Impact of ALA Members' Volunteer Service in 2025 \$314,812,680*

* Hours and Money raised and spent are based on the 2021-2022 ALA Impact Report. According to Independent Sector, the 2021 estimated value of one volunteer hour of service is \$ 29.95.