

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY COMMITTEES/PROGRAMS

Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation: The purpose of the Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation Committee is to promote programs and services that assist and enhance the lives of veterans and their families, ensuring restoration and/or transition to normally functioning lives.

Legislative: The mission of the Legislative Committee is to advocate open communication with local, state, and nationally elected officials, to ensure our members are aware of and informed on issues central to the support and well-being of our veterans and their families and to promote grass-roots levels of advocacy and action.

Poppy: The mission of the Poppy Committee is to educate our membership and the public concerning the Poppy's significance and the financial benefit realized by our nation's veterans as a result of its distribution.

Past Presidents Parley: (This is not a National program, but Texas still participates) The mission of the Past Presidents Parley Committee is to recognize and honor female veterans and to utilize the experience and knowledge of past Auxiliary leaders for the training and encouragement of future Auxiliary leaders. Through the Past Presidents Parley Committee, the women who have served as Unit, Department, and National President can continue in active service in the Auxiliary.

Children & Youth: The purpose of the Children & Youth Committee is to work collaboratively with The American Legion to promote programs that protect, care for, and support children and youth, especially those of our military and veterans.

Community Service: The mission of the Community Service Committee is to mobilize and work in cooperation with The American Legion family, the veteran and military community, and the general population to provide service to benefit veterans, service members and their families.

Junior Activities: The mission of the Junior Activities Committee is to promote volunteerism through community-based programs and services that involve veterans and to teach the principals of loyalty to God and country, justice, freedom and democracy to our young members.

Education: The mission of the Education Committee is to promote quality education for children and adults through classroom activities, literacy programs, scholarship promotion and support of education beyond high school.

Americanism: The purpose of the Americanism program is to promote patriotism and responsible citizenship.

Girls State: The mission of the Girls State Committee is to provide an outstanding, unique and coveted educational opportunity to the young women of our nation that instills the basic ideals

and principles of American government through the Girls State and Girls Nation citizenship training programs.

National Security: The mission of the National Security Committee is to maintain and promote a strong national defense by providing the necessary means to strengthen our military families and prepare our citizenry for response to natural and man-made disasters.

Membership: The purpose of the Membership Committee is to promote the benefits of membership and to promote retaining and recruiting a diverse, active membership to carry out the American Legion Auxiliary mission and programs.

Auxiliary Emergency Fund: The mission of the Auxiliary Emergency Fund Committee is to raise funds for and awareness of the Auxiliary Emergency Fund, to promote knowledge about the program, to disseminate information to members about the application process, and to assist members in need.

Leadership: The mission of the Leadership Committee is to develop and prepare knowledgeable and capable leaders to carry on the growth and success of the Auxiliary by promoting activities and resources that educate, motivate and mentor members of all ages on all levels and phases of our programs.

Public Relations: The mission of the Public Relations Committee is to work collaboratively with all levels of the organization to create, implement and support a proactive communication network that advances the objectives and programs of the American Legion Auxiliary and positively projects our image and programs to the general public.

Constitution & Bylaws: The purpose of the Constitution & Bylaws is to inform members about having proper governing documents at all levels.

Finance: The mission of the Finance Committee is to oversee the general financial policy of the organization and to prepare and monitor the annual budget and its expenditures.

Audit: The purpose of the Audit Committee is to provide oversight assistance to the National Executive Committee in fulfilling its responsibilities regarding accounting and reporting practices, reliable systems of internal control, the corporate responsibility program, and the quality and integrity of the Auxiliary's financial reporting. Audit Committee members shall be financially literate, and the chairman shall have the necessary background to be considered an "audit committee financial expert" in matters of accounting and auditing.

For more information about Unit Committees/Programs of the American Legion Auxiliary, please consult the American Legion Auxiliary Unit Handbook. A copy may be downloaded from the American Legion Auxiliary for free at: <https://www.alaforveterans.org> . Bound copies of the Unit Handbook can be ordered from The American Legion Emblem Sales at <http://emblem.legion.org/>