

Happily Helping Heroes

NEBRASKA



2021-2022

Barbie Meyer, Dept. President

DEPARTMENT OF NEBRASKA

ABC BOOK

BARBIE MEYER, PRESIDENT

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Preamble to the Constitution of the

American Legion Auxiliary

For God and Country, we associate ourselves together for the following purposes:

To uphold and defend the Constitution of the United States of America;

to maintain law and order;

to foster and perpetuate a one hundred percent Americanism;

to preserve the memories and incidents of our associations in all wars;

to inculcate a sense of individual obligation to the community, state and nation;

to combat the autocracy of both the classes and the masses;
to make right the master of might;

to promote peace and goodwill on earth;

to safeguard and transmit to posterity, the principles of justice, freedom and democracy;

to participate in and contribute to the accomplishment of the aims and purposes of The American Legion;

to consecrate and sanctify our association by our devotion to mutual helpfulness

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" HAPPILY HELPING HEROES ! "

As we approach the celebration of serving veterans and youth for 100 years by the Department of Nebraska American Legion Auxiliary, we stand firm with time tested traditions and are also capable to learn & adapt to the world's ever-changing technology. Our first Department President, Minnie Penny, who served 1922-1923, had to quickly learn policies and adapt to a changing world also. The Civil War had just concluded a few years before her birth. We will use this year to learn about the challenges she faced as the first American Legion Auxiliary President for Nebraska.

Your ABC book belongs to your entire Unit. The 3-ring pages, make it easy to copy a page and share with members. Our chairman have some great ideas and contest rules, so please have book available at meetings and events. We are working very hard to showcase the chairman and their programs. They are the best reference, for questions you may have.

Every member is a billboard for our organization. Try to wear brand apparel or at least a name tag, to show your pride of belonging to the Legion family. Crabby attitudes are not productive and can cause division which jeopardizes our mission of " Happily helping heroes!"

The American Legion Auxiliary National President is Kathy Daudistel, from Kentucky. She is focused on the role of caregivers in our organization. Every member has been or benefited from, a caregiver. We look forward to learning more about her passion.

When we work together with our Legion family, please put a smile on your face and a hug in your heart, as we "Happily Help our Heroes!"

**VICE PRESIDENT
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vice - president (noun): an officer next in rank to a president and usually empowered to serve as president in that officer's absence of disability Merriam-Webster.com

As a 44-year member of the American Legion Auxiliary, I am honored to serve as the Vice President of the Department of Nebraska.

When anyone is installed as a Vice President, the following is stated:

"To you is given the active cooperation with the President for the development of the Unit program. In the absence of the President you will be prepared to assume the duties of the office. Your office carries with it the teachings of Justice. Always remember that Justice is the guiding Star of Life."

That is from the Installation of Officers Short Form. In the Long Form, it expounds on the principles of Justice.

". . . True Justice makes no distinction of persons. Justice recognizes neither rich nor poor, the classes nor the masses. Justice is the guiding star of life, and upon it rests the future of our nation."

Therefore, as Vice President, my goals and duties will be:

- Work with President Barbie to promote Happily Helping Heroes
- Be prepared to step into the role of President if the need arises
- Be available to all members with the quality of being fair and reasonable
- Appreciate and represent ALA as well as I am able to
- Promote ALA membership and provide assistance where needed

All Vice Presidents within the ranks of the American Legion Auxiliary should have similar goals/duties. If you need assistance, reach out to me or the other officers. As this year's membership theme states, "The Legion Family -- Family Stronger Together." So as a family, let's work together, let's have fun together, let's respect each other, let's represent and promote the programs of The American Legion and Auxiliary, and let's always remember why we do this--for our Veterans, our communities, and our youth.

In doing this, we are utilizing the guiding star of life--justice--and enhancing the future of our nation.

HISTORIAN
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Hello everyone! As your 2021-2022 Department Historian, I am looking forward to working with all of you this year. I am a long time American Legion Auxiliary member and currently belong to the Silver Creek Unit. Supporting veterans is why I belong to this great organization because I am a mother, daughter, granddaughter, great-granddaughter, niece and mother-in-law of a veteran. My goal regarding History within our Department is to make recording it simple and fun so generations from now will know what each Unit was doing this year. As a long time nurse, we had to record everything, so we had a saying, "If it isn't written down, it didn't happen." So, if we don't write down what is going on in our Units, are we doing anything? False! All of the Units do A LOT and it needs to be recorded.

- I have updated the Senior Unit History Book Rules/Guidelines and I encourage each Unit to make a History Book and submit them for judging at their District Conventions. History books need to be sent by **May 1, 2022**. The Wagenknecht-Snyder Traveling Plaque will be awarded at the 2022 Department Convention to the winning Unit History Book.
- In lieu of asking Units to send in separate History Narratives this year because they are already in their History Books, I am asking Units to participate in the Feelin' Lucky Challenge. It's simple to participate. Check out the Challenge Information below.

CAVALCADE OF MEMORIES

Did you know there is a Cavalcade of Memories Museum located at the American Legion Auxiliary National Headquarters? Did you know there is a Cavalcade of Memories located in the basement of Nebraska ALA Department Headquarters? Included in a Cavalcade of Memories are artifacts, archives, photos, books, Charters, flags, governing documents, etc.. This year as a special project, I would like each Unit to create their own small version of a Cavalcade of Memories by making Unit Time Capsules. These small Time Capsules can be made out of anything, like coffee cans, chip cans, storage containers, etc...Some items that the capsules might contain are a list of Unit officers, a current Newspaper, poppies, something representing their Unit, GET CREATIVE. Decorate your time capsule too! Make sure that your time capsule is labeled with your Unit Name & Number. Each Unit is asked to bring their "Time Capsule" to be on display at the Department MidYear Convention in **January 2022**.

DEPARTMENT CHAPLAIN
PATRICIA WISEMAN
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I am Pat Wiseman a 48-year member of Buckland Unit 97, Homer, NE. I am eligible through my husband, William and also my father, 2 sons and 3 grandchildren. I am also an American Legion Rider. Over the years, I have been part of so many events on local, Department, and National level that brought tears of joy, grief, or just deep respect to my eyes.

Our Preamble starts out with "For God and Country". The Chaplain is responsible for the connection with God. She is to offer a prayer at the start of each day's business and all religious services. She is also the Gold Star Chairman and a member of the Department Executive Committee. This is according to our Constitution. I will offer my support and prayers for our Department Legion Family members and our projects. I will also urge all members to also pray in their own way.

Setting goals for the year will start with many more traditional duties. I will be making a prayer book for President Barb Meyer and am requesting that members, Units, Counties, and Districts send me prayers, poems, and devotions for this. Let's show her our love and make it a beautiful book. Please include on a full page who it is from, Unit #, and send it to the address listed below. I will also judge the District Prayer book winners at next years Department Convention. The rules will be at the end of this article.

Secondly, I will make an effort to be at as many events as possible to share God's love and meet as many members as I can. Please, contact me if you have questions, I may not have all the answers, but I will do my best to help you. I will also include a page of suggestions for Unit Chaplains also at the end of this article.

May God bless our American Legion Family in the coming year and give us success in accomplishing our ALA mission.

The only change in the prayer book rules is to please add the District # right after the Unit #. Thank you.

SECRETARY
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The secretary's responsibilities include but, are not limited to, answering questions, emails, and phone calls, creating, and sending department mailings, taking notes for all meetings of committees, conferences and conventions. She is responsible for submitting all membership to National Headquarters. All communications that need to go to National Headquarters must go thru her first. It is also her duty to supervise all office staff, make sure that bills are paid, and to assist the President in any way that she requires.

Personally, the best tasks are, sending Christmas cards to all the other ALA Departments and acquiring a gift for the President, to be presented at Department Convention in June. Thank you, Kathy, Beverly, Elizabeth and Barbie for allowing me to continue this wonderful honor.

Meet your District Presidents

DISTRICT 1 MARY KRAUSE

My name is Mary Krause. I am the new District One President. My home unit is 79 in Ainsworth.

My dad was in WW11. He served as a lineman in the army. My mother signed me up as a tiny tot so I have been a member for 58 years. I have served as Unit President and been on several committees.

I have 2 grown children, 2 grandsons and 1 granddaughter. I have been married to my second husband, Nick, for 6 years.

In my spare time, I enjoy scrapbooking and making cards and other crafts which I sell at craft fairs.

DISTRICT 2 CRYS BAUERMEISTER

Crys Bauermeister is currently the school librarian, language arts, and STEAM instructor at Pierce Jr./Sr. High School. She previously taught English, speech, drama, and computer classes. In her 22nd year as an educator, she is the yearbook sponsor, academic team sponsor & cheerleading coach.

Currently, Crys is the president of the NSLA (Nebraska School Librarians Association), vice president of the TRLS (Three Rivers Library System) board, Golden Sower reader and committee member, a member of NETA (Nebraska Educational Technology Association), and a member of the NDLA (Nebraska Digital Learning Association). She has been a presenter at NDLA, Summer Tech Institute, NETA, ESU Winter Workshop, & NSLA.

Crys holds a MS in Instructional Technology with a library emphasis and a MS in Curriculum & Instruction.

In addition to her professional life, Crys is the district 2 ALA (American Legion Auxiliary) president, head deacon at her church, and president of her local ALA president.

For the past 16 years, Crys has been married to Josh, and they have two children, Ella, age 11 and Luke, age 8. The family lives on an acreage northeast of Pierce.

She is eligible for membership through her grandfather, Clark W. Hemphill, a United States Navy veteran who served during World War 2.

The district president's project is a little over halfway to its goal. Working with the Norfolk Veteran's Home, Crys is to purchase a round table with a middle pedestal to accommodate wheelchairs (\$934), as well as four 2-foot chairs (4 x \$351). Any contributions to this president's project can be mailed to myself or district treasurer Holly Peitz.

DISTRICT 3 VICKY GULLICKSEN

My name is Vicky Gullicksen. I am the District 3 President. I live in Coleridge, a little town in Cedar County, which is in the northeast corner of Nebraska.

I joined the ALA in 2014 and was eligible through my husband who served 31 years in the Army National Guard and Army Reserves.

I am also a member of 8 and 40.

We were married in May of 1999 and between the two of us we had 7 children, 2 for me and 5 for him. We now have twenty-seven grandchildren and 1 great grandson.

We also have one grandson and 2 granddaughters in the Army.

My president's project was a combined 2-year project which was a raised garden for the Veterans Home in Norfolk. It was a little bit lower than the other ones that they had so that the people in wheelchairs could plant their plants and things a little bit easier. This is my second year as president, and I have learned a lot in the past year and hope to learn a lot more this year.

I also serve as our Unit President. In my spare time I like to embroider, knit, crochet, quilt and enjoy spending time with my grandchildren.

DISTRICT 4

BONITA DICKINSON

I am Bonita Dickinson District Four 2021-2022 President. I became a member of Sidney Unit #17 in 1984 with eligibility through my husband of 53 years, Dale Dickinson, who served 10 years with the Army National Guard and my father, Woodrow Dotson, an Army Tech Staff Sargent during World War II who served in 5 different fronts in Europe.

Presently, I am Sec/Treas of Sidney Unit #17 and have been Unit, Cheyenne County and District 4 President as well as parliamentarian for Unit, County, District and Department level for the American Legion Auxiliary. I drive the DAV Van from Sidney to Cheyenne once a week to take Veterans to the Cheyenne Medical Center for medical care. I also taught math and science for 34 years.

I have enjoyed working with the youth of our community, explaining about the Pledge of Allegiance and how to respect our flag. As they folded pocket flags, the 4th grade students were so quiet and wanted to make it just right for the serviceperson who would receive that flag. What a feeling! I am still stopped by one of these now adult students who remember me and tell me the memory of their day. What an impact.

In 2021-2022, Our hope for District 4 is to promote our Department President Barbie Meyer's theme of "HAPPILY HELPING HEROES". The District 4 Units and their members will be encouraged to reach out to veterans. Our other goal is to update the District Constitution and By-Laws, so it is unified with Department and National Constitutions and By-Laws. Then we hope to help all Units to do the same. The Fourth District continues to support Western Nebraska Veterans Home in Scottsbluff as well as the Cheyenne Medical Center and all veterans in need in our area.

DISTRICT 6

NANCY HARROLD

Nancy Ruth Harrold was born in Jamacia, Vermont. Her mother was from Nebraska and Dad from Massachusetts. He was a WWI Navy Veteran. They lived in Mass. & Conn. while Nancy was a child. She had 9 brothers and 3 sisters. When she was 14, they moved to Nebraska. She met her husband to be in 1972. He came home from Vietnam, a Navy Veteran. They were married & have lived in Broken Bow for 49 years. They have 3 children, Larry, Robert & Amber. Larry is disabled and lives in Fremont & has 2 girls and 3 grandchildren. Bobby lives in Broken Bow and has 3 children. He has his own business, Prescription Pyro that does pre-

scribed burns. He's also a National Wildfire Firefighter. Amber joined the Army National Guard when she was 17. She went to Boot Camp her junior year. After she graduated, she attended UNL and enrolled in the ROTC Program. She graduated as a Second Lieutenant and after many years serving, she retired as a Captain. She lives in Phoenix, Az. and works for the Pepsi Corporation.

Nancy joined the Auxiliary in 2011, under her Dad. She served as Vice-President for her Unit, Palmer Lomax 126 2 years, then as President for 5 years. She served as Custer County Vice-President for 2 years and President for 4 years. She is now serving as District 6 President 2021-22. She is an American Legion Rider and serves as their secretary. She is DOES President. She serves as secretary on her Hospital Auxiliary Board. She is a Red Hat Queen (leader). She has served in her church as a Sunday School teacher 16 years (retired now) and as United Methodist Women's President twice.

DISTRICT 7

JANIE NELSON

Hello, my name is Janie Nelson and I am District 7 President. I live near Valparaiso, Nebraska and have been a member of the Valparaiso Auxiliary, Unit 371 since 1978. I have served as Unit President 3 years.

I am eligible to be a member through my husband Clyde Nelson, who served in the Army during the Vietnam era. He was stationed in Berlin Germany during the Berlin crisis while the wall was being built between East and West Germany.

We have been married for 58 years and have 5 grown children, 10 grandchildren and 1 great grandson. My two daughters, 1 daughter in law, and my 2 granddaughters are all members of Unit 371 in Valparaiso.

I have met many Unit Presidents and have attended as many Units meetings as possible. Our Units are slowly working back to having meetings due to the epidemic.

My project is to raise money for the Rainbow House and for Gifts for Yanks. I have donated a quilt to be raffled to raise money to donate.

My hobbies are sewing and making and quilting quilts. I have made and donated many quilts for the Quilts of Valor and also to the Children and Youth program for raffles projects.

It is an honor to serve and honor the Veterans.

DISTRICT 8

PAULA PILLEN

ALA member since January 2018.

Current Offices:

VAMC-Omaha Representative

District 8 President

Unit 362-Elkhorn President

2021 D-8 President's Project: Offutt School Children "Backpack Brigade." We raised just over \$2,000 (with 20 additional backpacks provided by Omaha 1 and Elkhorn 362). This gained "sponsorship" publicity for the American Legion Auxiliary. I also did the promotions for last year's project, which was supplying the newly opened Fisher House.

My services also include keeping up the District 8 Facebook page for the American Legion Family, and providing publicity artwork as requested by other Units/Posts. My hopes include giving the District better public relations, help Units learn to support and coordinate with each other, and create some synergy. We are enjoying being the "Clampett Family" in District 8...and are

still working post - Covid to get members rolling again.

Personally, my spouse is Russell G. Quimby, who is Commander of Post 211-Elkhorn. It's all about "Go Army...Beat Navy" in our house! My Father and his Father were members of the American Legion and both earned purple hearts for their service in the world wars.

DISTR 10

TINA NELSON

I would like to introduce myself-my name is Tina Renee Nelson (that's how you can find me on Facebook). I currently volunteer at our Post home & I'm again working as the community correspondent for the Clay County News. I am the founder & current president of HART (Help & Assistance in Response to Tragedy) Legacy a non-profit that helps those in need in our community. I became a member of the Auxiliary at Mills-Schroeder Unit 87 in Clay Center in 2015 on my husband's service in the Navy Seabees during Panama/Granada. I became a PUFL (Paid Up For Life) member in 2016. I try to use my membership to honor the many friends and extended family that have served including my grandfathers. My hope for the remainder of my term as District 10 President is to improve communication in the Auxiliary & the Legion Family (Sons & Riders as well) especially in our District. My President's Project is to split funds (as needed) to Gifts for Yanks, Dollar Days and Home Sweet Home. I am proud to say that I signed up the first male spouse to the ALA (American Legion Auxiliary) Department of Nebraska and hope to add many more. I really want to see our membership grow so we can help even more veterans. I look forward to working with all of you to make our organization the best it can be.

DISTRICT 11

VICKY THOMPSON

My name is Vicky Thompson, and I am the District 11 President for the next two years. My home unit is ALA Unit 240, Milligan, Fillmore County. I am also the current secretary for Unit 240 and have served as Fillmore County President.

In 1972, I was eligible through my first husband, Dorian J. Bunker, who was in the Army during the Viet Nam War. I am also eligible through my father, Ernest L. Johnson, who served in the Navy during World War II. This year is my 50th year in the Auxiliary.

Earning funds for a garden shed for the Community Living Center or the Transitional Housing at the Grand Island VA Medical Center is my District 11 President's project this year. Each area has a flower and vegetable garden, and a shed is needed to store their gardening tools. The shed may also be used to store their barbeque grills to protect them from the weather.

I am currently married to Robert D. Thompson and have two grown children and one granddaughter that will turn one year of age this December

In my spare time I enjoy reading and putting together quilts. My greatest joy now, though, is spending time with my granddaughter.

**DISTRICT 13 PRESIDENT
AMANDA WASHBURN**

Hi, my name is Amanda Washburn, and this is my second year as the District 13 President. I am life-long 28-year member of Bickel-Nelson Unit 360 in Cook, and I am proud to be a member through the service of both of my grandfathers during World War II. Throughout my life I have had the honor of serving as a Junior officer at the District, Department, and National level, including the National Junior President in 2012-13. After I became a senior member, I have continued to be active in the ALA. I have served as the Department Junior Activities Chair, been on the County Government Committee, served on the national Girls' Nation and Junior Activities Committees, and I am currently serving as the Vice Chair for the National Education Committee.

Over the last year and a half, I have been able to visit many Units in the District and have been able to attend various functions that were held. I want to extend a thank you to everyone who has welcomed me and allowed me to participate in your service to veterans and your community. The project that I have chosen for District 13 is to collect items for the Victory Park Apartments in Lincoln. This complex house homeless veterans who are getting back on their feet and are looking to start living their lives again. Thank you to everyone who has donated items at our meetings and for filling my car so full I thought I was going to have to leave mom at the Fall Round-up to get everything loaded.

I encourage everyone to visit their local veterans' homes and medical centers when they start to open up again. It means the world to the veterans when they see that someone wanted to come and visit with them. Please remember to send in donations for Gifts For Yanks, Dollar Days, Gift Shop, Scholarships, and for the VA facilities to Department Headquarters.

I look forward to visiting the rest of the Units in District 13 and hope that together we will continue to serve our veterans, active military, and their families. It is up to us to continue the mission of Service not Self for the ALA. Thank you all for your support and work during these last two years.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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COMMITTEE MEMBERS: BEVERLY NEEL and ELIZABETH PAES

The Advisory Committee is composed of three Past Department Presidents, each of whom serve on the committee for a three-year term. The primary function of the Committee is to share experiences as Past Department Presidents as mentors and advisors to those who seek guidance or information.

The Committee has no governing powers and performs the following functions.

- Judging Department Scholarships – We work with the Education Chairman and Department President to review and judge applications for the Department scholarships.
- Guiding and Mentoring – We advise the Department Presidents and Department Leadership when consulted.
- We perform other duties as Department Executive Committee proposes or recommends.
- Reviewing Resolutions – We review resolutions submitted for Department Executive Committee action and provide commentary when appropriate.

AMERICANISM TAMMIE RUNIONS

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The Americanism program promotes patriotism and responsible citizenship.

WHAT CAN YOU DO?

1. **Be knowledgeable on flag history, etiquette and proper disposal methods; and promote the observation of patriotic holidays so your community will look to the ALA for information.**
 - Conduct a flag disposal ceremony
 - Host flag awareness events and communicate information
 - Participate in local patriotic holiday events
 - Encourage local businesses to fly a flag, especially on patriotic holidays
2. **Encourage members to vote and to support the amendment to protect the United States flag from desecration. The amendment currently reads. "The Congress shall have power to prohibit the physical desecration of the flag of the United States".**
 - Contact state and federal representatives, asking them to support the flag amendment
 - Encourage others to vote
 - Take your children/grandchildren with you when you vote
 - Recruit others to support the flag amendment
3. **Increase participation in the Americanism Essay Contest.**
 - Encourage your children/grandchildren to participate
 - Contact schools and other organization such as the Young Marines, Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts, and 4-H about the essay contest
 - Offer incentives for essay winners
 - Create information packets explaining contest rules, deadline dates, theme and award opportunities
 - Help to judge the contest
 - Encourage Junior members to participate in the contest
 - Contact the essay winner and their parents. Invite the parents to bring their child to your next Auxiliary meeting to read his/her winning essay
 - Work with school administration to promote the contest.
 - Contact local media to take pictures of the essay winner

AMERICANISM ESSAY THEME

"How can we support families who provide care for their Veterans?"

GUIDELINES

- Open to students in public, private, parochial, and home schools
- Open to other organizations (Young Marines, Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, 4-H Clubs etc.)
- Each entry must include the Americanism Essay Contest cover sheet (included in ABC Book)
- Unit winners submitted to Department Americanism Chairman, Tammie Runions. Must be postmarked by **MARCH 15TH, 2021**

| CLASS | GRADE LEVEL | WORDS REQUIREMENT |
|-------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------|
| I | 3 and 4 | 150 - 250 |
| II | 5 and 6 | 250 – 300 |
| III | 7 and 8 | 350 – 400 |
| IV | 9 and 10 | 450 – 500 |
| V | 11 and 12 | 450-500 |
| VI | Students with special needs, word count should correspond with grade level. | |

***Defined as those in special education classes; a student recommended for special education classes, but who has not been admitted due to a waiting list or various other factors; 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)

NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT AWARDS

A \$25 cash award will be given for first place in each class

A \$15 cash award will be given for second place in each class

A \$10 cash award will be given for third place in each class

4. Participate in the promotion of American Legion Americanism programs

- Support American Legion Baseball
- Support the Oratorical Contest
- Support the Junior Shooting sports, which promotes gun safety and marksmanship training for youth

AUXILIARY EMERGENCY FUND (AEF)

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The purpose of the Auxiliary Emergency Fund is to provide temporary financial assistance to eligible members during times of financial crisis or weather-related emergencies and natural disasters; and promote awareness and knowledge of the program.

During the past year with wildfires, hurricanes, tornadoes, and the pandemic, Auxiliary members could obtain temporary financial assistance through this program.

What we can do: Be aware of needs in your community.

1. Become familiar with what AEF can and cannot do. Brochures, applications, and other information may be found on the national website, ALAforVeterans.org, or by contacting Department Headquarters for information.

Available resources are:

- Before You Begin
 - Applications for Assistance
 - AEF Brochure
 - AEF Roles and Responsibilities
 - AEF Contribution Form
 - AEF Certificate of Appreciation
2. Help the National Emergency Fund obtain donations by supporting Department and Unit fundraisers.
 - Make a personal donation. Individuals or groups donating \$50 or more will receive a pin as requested by National Headquarters.
 - Place and AEF donation can in your Unit or Post. A downloadable can label is available at ALAforVeterans.org.
 - Plan a fundraiser for AEF

AEF Reporting Deadline:

End-of-year reporting due April 20.

Use the report form provided by Department Headquarters.

Questions for narrative report:

How did your unit disseminate information about the AEF in your community?

What did your unit do to raise funds for the AEF?

How much was donated to the AEF?

Department Award: Best Narrative received by April 20.

National Awards: Deadline is June 1.

Department Award: Largest Contribution

Unit Award: Unit Contributing the Largest Amount Per Capita

Department Award: Department Contributing the Largest Amount Per Capita

CHILDREN AND YOUTH

VICKI COLSON

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

Committee Contact Information

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Programs To Promote:

Youth Hero Awards/Good Deed Award This is a way to recognize youth in our communities who demonstrate good citizenship, either through a brave physical act or a good deed. Monitor newspapers, TV and neighborhoods for children and Youth who have performed a Heroic Act of Physical Valor, such as performing CPR, helping evacuate in the event of a fire, calling 911 for an emergency, etc. Complete the Nomination form included in the ABC Book.

This year National is promoting a Youth Caregiver Award to recognize a Youth providing care, comfort, assistance , and support to loved ones, friends or family members without being paid. A Certificate will be available for download from the ALA national website for units to present. Our Department would like to offer a new award to these for a Youth that creates something that benefits a school, disabled friend, family or community. The focus is on a helpful item or idea that they develop. Send your nominee to this Chairman. Include a narrative about the Youth and the creation. Pictures are welcome. At this time this is a one-year award so will be for our current administrative year.

Halloween Coloring Books, Poppy Coloring Books and brochures can be found on the National Web Site for your use.

Encourage students to learn about the U.S. Constitution. Promote the Legion Oratorical Contest.

Remember April is Children and Youth Month. Start your plan to celebrate early.

Support Military Children and Youth is your area. There are a few books written to help children cope with being a military child. "Klinger, a Story of Honor and Hope", a TAP publication, is one of such books. Also "Why is Dad So Mad", a book about PTSD. Wear purple on April 15 in honor of the Purple Up! For Military Kids Day.

Remember that homeless Veterans have children. See if there is a need in your community.

Mid-Year reports are intended as an opportunity for mid-year communication with National Officers. Chairman will have nothing to report if you don't report.

Annual reports reflect the program work of Units in the department Please send the Dept Chairs a Narrative report about your work as a Unit.

National Award:

Unit Award Most Outstanding Unit Children and Youth Program: Narrative not to exceed 1,000 words. Include specific examples of how your unit worked the Children and Youth program, including supporting military children. You may include pictures, news articles, and etc. Entry must be postmarked by April 20 and sent to the Department Children and Youth Chairman

COMMUNITY SERVICE

DEBRA ALBERS

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Our Motto in American Legion Auxiliary is "Service not Self."

Our Goals are:

- Making our communities better places to live.
- Working together with other organizations.

What can we do:

- Be aware of needs in your community
- Make others aware of "Who we are, What we do and Why we matter"
- Wear our Brand
- Partner with other organizations in the community to make the community a better place
- Encourage volunteer Leadership
- Enhance the quality of life for Veterans and their families
- Communicate information in the Community: Newspapers, email, Facebook, Twitter, and newsletters.

Community Service Reporting Deadlines:

Year-End Report: Due April 20, 2022 and reflects the program of the Unit.

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Information needed for narrative reports:

Look at the information needed on impact reports and be sure to capture the information you need during the year to complete the report.

- Volunteer hours/ projects completed/ how you worked with others

Department Award: for best Narrative received by April 20, 2022

National Awards: Deadline for each is June 1, 2022

CONSTITUTION, BYLAWS & STANDING RULES

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It is imperative for all levels of our organization to maintain up-to-date governing documents. Constitution, Bylaws and Standing Rules are the basis for governance of the Department, District, County, and Unit and offer a basis for educating members and reducing conflicts. Preparing and adhering to updated Constitution, Bylaws and Standing Rules will ensure a more successful organizational process and provide the structures to follow at all levels of our organization.

What should Units do? Units should annually review their governing documents to ensure that they are revised to comply with changes incorporated into the National and Department governing documents. They should also review the Unit's Standing Rules for accuracy and timeliness. A sample Uniform Unit Constitution Guide is available on the Department website for download and updating as needed. The revised Unit Guidebook from National also provides a sample Unit Constitution for review. Please remember that Unit Constitutions, Bylaws and Standing Rules cannot be in conflict with National or Department governing documents.

Some of the recent revisions made to both the National and Department Constitution and Bylaws dealt with a change to the Preamble, membership eligibility and holding virtual meetings. By the end of the 2022 administrative year, every Unit in Nebraska should have an updated Constitution, Bylaws & Standing Rules on file in your Unit and at Department Headquarters. This document requires the signature of the President, Secretary and date approved. Every member of your Unit should have access to a copy of the current governing documents, so they are aware of changes.

Below are some general guidelines:

A. Constitution: The Constitution should rarely be amended.

- a. Is the foundational document and should be uniform, stating the fundamental reason the ALA unit was formed, its core purpose and its governance structure.
- b. It contains the most essential provisions relating to the organization, its name, purpose, membership, officers, meetings, governing board, committees, parliamentary authority and amendments to prescribe structure changes.

B. Bylaws: Should only be amended every five (5) to ten (10) years.

- a. Is the fundamental law/rules on governance of the Constitution.
 - Should be reviewed, but not changed, every year.
 - Has direct bearing on the rights of members.
- b. Should have a standard form and content.
- c. Define the primary characteristics of the organization.
- d. Prescribe how the organization is structured and functions.
- e. Includes all rules that are so important that they cannot be changed without prior notice.

C. Standing Rules:

- a. Are specific rules and regulations relating to the details of administration for the organization.
- b. Matters dealing with numbers, dates and monetary amounts should always be placed in the

standing rules as these items may/will change more frequently.

c. May be adopted by a majority vote.

- Standing Rules may be amended or rescinded at any regularly scheduled meeting: with prior notification, by a majority vote, unless the bylaws stipulate otherwise, without prior notification by a two-thirds vote.

D. **Parliamentary Authority** – The most recent edition of Robert’s Rules of Order, Newly Revised provides an orderly process of conducting meetings and shall govern this organization in all cases that are not in conflict with state statute, the constitution, the bylaws, or any special rules of order adopted by the organization.

E. **Definitions:**

- a. **Resolution:** An elaborate, formally written motion. A resolution may contain a preamble that lists the reasons for adoption. Each reason is listed in a separate paragraph starting with the word “whereas.” A resolution must have at least one “resolved” clause that specifies the action or position being proposed.
- b. **Amendment:** Proposes a change to the Constitution, Bylaws, Special Rules of Order, or Standing Rules. It is also used to modify a motion under consideration.

Additional Resources You Can Use (*available through Emblem Sales emblem.legion.org)

1. National Constitution, Bylaws, and Standing Rules* (also available for download at www.ALAforVeterans.org)
2. Department of Nebraska Constitution, Bylaws, and Standing Rules available for download at www.nebraskalegionaux.net
3. Policies and Procedures Manual*
4. Unit Guidebook*
5. Parliamentary Procedure*
6. Robert’s Rules of Order, Newly Revised*
7. Constitution & Bylaws program page at www.ALAforVeterans.org
8. ALA Department Operations Guide at www.ALAforVeterans.org

Sample forms for writing a **Resolution** or an **Amendment** can be found in the ABC Book.

COUNTY GOVERNMENT DAY

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County Government Day (CGD) was started in 1947 by Chief Justice Robert G. Simmons of the Nebraska Supreme Court. He had heard a young man at Boys' State who had lost a state office election remark, "I guess all there is left for me to do is run for one of those old county offices." Justice Simmons realized that the students should not look down on county government, and that it was his mission to create a program that would educate these youth about county government and just how important it was to each and every county.

Each year counties in Nebraska hold their annual CGD to teach their local youth the value of their county's government, just like Justice Simmons had hoped for. While there are 93 counties in Nebraska, only about 50 to 60 of them hold an event each year. Local high school students learn about each county office/position and the duties and responsibilities they have. Every county is different, so it allows those sharing with the students the freedom to teach the students in various ways about their unique government. Some conduct lectures, question and answer sessions, jeopardy games, visits to the county offices and court, and many others.

While in high school I had the opportunity to attend Saunders CGD and learn about how our county was run and how each office functioned separately, but how they all worked together as well. This past year I attended Richardson CGD and was able to speak to the students about the history of CGD and how the Legion and Auxiliary are still involved today. Many students have no idea who sponsors the CGD program or why they are there besides getting out of school for the day. It is our mission to work together with our county officials to educate our youth and help them realize the importance of county government and the part that they play as well.

If you wish to start a CGD program in your county or just need help revitalizing it, contact HP at the Nebraska American Legion (402-464-6338) for more information. Be sure to notify HP as well when you have set the date and place for your CGD.

EDUCATION

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What is the Education Program and why do we have it?

The Education Program promotes the American Legion Auxiliary's role in providing quality education for children and adults through classroom activities, literacy programs, scholarship promotion and support of education beyond high school, with a special emphasis on children of veterans and service members.

What can you do?

- 1. Enhance respect for the sacrifices of our military heroes among school children by scheduling Veterans in community school programs at local schools.**

Idea: Contact your local school to see if they would be interested in hosting a Veterans in Community Schools event. Then collaborate with your local American Legion post to present the program event.

- 2. Promote American Legion Auxiliary scholarships and award local scholarships at the department and unit levels.**

Idea: Create a Unit Scholarship Fund to award scholarships to local students. Prepare a news release with scholarship information for local media.

- 3. Support 10 to Education and American Education Week.**

Idea: Place a poster with a collection box at local sites (i.e., grocery stores, banks, senior centers, post office) and invite local residents to contribute needed items to distribute to schools.

- 4. Assist and support veterans pursuing higher education and vocational education.**

Idea: Encourage members to sign-up to receive the American Legion's Legislative Action Alerts.

- 5. Assist and support military children with educational opportunities.**

Idea: Provide information on the ALA Children of Warriors National Presidents' Scholarship.

SCHOLARSHIPS

The scholarship application and rules will be sent to Unit Presidents in the November mailing and are available on the Department website or by contacting Department Headquarters. **Notice that there is an additional National Scholarship, the Junior Member Loyalty Scholarship available this year.** Unit Presidents are responsible for ensuring that scholarship applica-

tions contain all requested materials AND signatures. Send to Department Headquarters, postmarked by March 15. **INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE JUDGED.**

Department Level

1. Averyl Elaine Keriakedes Memorial Scholarship
2. Nurse's Scholarship
3. Ruby Lorraine Paul Scholarship
4. Ruby Paul Campaign Fund Scholarship
5. Roberta Marie Stretch Memorial Scholarship
6. Vocational Technical Scholarship

National Level

1. Children of Warriors National Presidents' Scholarship
2. The Non-Traditional Student
3. Spirit of Youth
4. Junior Member Loyalty Scholarship (NEW)

EDUCATION AWARDS

Each award entry must include a cover sheet, which can be found in the forms section of the ABC book.

Give 10 to Education Member Award Type of Award: Printable citation

Presented to: Those who participated in Give 10 in Education

Most Outstanding Unit Education Program

Type of Award: Citation plaque

Presented to: Unit Education Chairman

Materials and Guidelines:

Entries must include the award cover sheet located in the ABC bookforms section.

Presented to a Unit Education Chairman for most outstanding Education Program

The entry must be typewritten in narrative format not to exceed 1,000 words.

Include pictures, clippings, scrapbooks, folders, etc.

Due to Department Education Chairman by May 1.

I am looking forward to reading about your Unit Educational Activities. Please, please include a summary of your activities in your report due on **April 20.**

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The 2022 session of the American Legion Auxiliary "Cornhusker" Girls State will be held at the University of Nebraska – Lincoln campus or virtually, depending on the guidelines given to us by the University of Nebraska, the week of June 5 – 11, 2022.

Applications for Delegates to attend Girls State must be received at the Department by March 1, 2022. This mailing would also include the pledge form fully completed.

NOTE: A pledge form must accompany each Delegate **AND** each Alternate application. Alternate application(s) should be completed in the same manner as Delegate application(s).

All application(s) should be clearly marked "Delegate" and "Alternate" at the bottom.

Include the Alternate's application just in case the Delegate cancels; the Girls State office will have it on file. Please note clearly that it is the Alternate's application.

Once applications have been reviewed at Department Headquarters, information packets will be mailed to Delegate(s) / Alternate(s) for completion and return to the Department by April 27, 2022.

Each District will be sponsoring an orientation session for all Delegates / Alternates and parents to attend in your area. Please ensure your Delegate / Alternate are fully aware of this session and they do attend. This orientation may be presented online if we are unable to meet in person.

JUNIOR ACTIVITIES

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The Junior Activities program inspires active participation in members age 17 and under so that they will become engaging, productive members who will want to continue their American Legion Auxiliary membership into adulthood.

Promote and encourage Junior participation in the PATCH PROGRAM.

Ideas:

1. Encourage Juniors to participate in the Patch Program by holding a special meeting to help Juniors earn patches.
2. Give Junior members the opportunity to work on requirements for patches at Unit/Post functions.

Requirements, instructions, and patch forms for the Junior Patch Program are available at www.ALAforVeterans.org

DEPARTMENT AWARDS

Junior Member of the Year Award

This award will be presented to one Nebraska Junior member in recognition of her dedicated service, efforts, and talents. The winning Junior nominee will be entered to be judged at the National level.

Guidelines: Entries must be typed and include the following information:

1. A narrative typed essay not to exceed 500 words summarizing the nominee's outstanding contribution the Junior has made through an ALA program or project accomplishments during the current administrative year.
2. Please include pictures, clippings, scrapbooks, folders, etc. either electronically or via postal mail. Nomination must be signed by the candidate's Unit Junior Activities advisor.
3. Name, email address, and complete mailing address of nominee must accompany nomination.
4. With your submission, please include the National Award Cover Sheet, and submit to the Department Junior Activities Chairman by April 20, 2022.

Most Outstanding Unit Junior Activities Program

This award will be presented to one Unit in Nebraska and will be sent on to be judged at the National level.

Guidelines: Entries must be typed and include the following information:

1. A typed narrative not to exceed 1,000 words. Include specific examples of how your Juniors worked the ALA mission.
2. May include pictures, news articles, news releases, etc.
3. With your submission, please include the National Award Cover Sheet, and submit to the Department Junior Activities Chairman by April 20, 2022.

Best Media Coverage of an Activity or Project

This award is presented to one Nebraska Junior group (Department, District or Unit) with the best coverage of their activities or a project and will be sent on to be judged at the National level.

Guidelines:

1. Narrative not to exceed 500 words. Include specific examples of media coverage, including news articles, news releases, newsletters, pictures of displays, ALA events, speeches, website address, social media activity, etc.
2. With your submission, please include the National Award Cover Sheet, and submit to the Department Junior Activities Chairman by April 20, 2022.

DEPARTMENT JUNIOR CONVENTION CONTEST ENTERIES

Junior History Book

A History Book is a story of what your Junior Group did through the year. It begins with the installation of officers at the Department Junior Convention, includes a record of the Junior members participation in activities and programs and concludes by the competition entry date. All Juniors, whether an organized group or not, are encouraged to complete a History Book. Only one History Book per Junior group will be allowed for this contest.

History Books are to be sent to the Department Junior Activities Chairman by Wednesday, **March 23, 2022**. Contest entries will be judged prior to convention.

History Book guidelines are posted on the Department website, www.nebraskalegionaux.net under Junior Activities.

Junior Prayer Book

Each Junior member is encouraged to submit a prayer for her Junior Group's Prayer Book. It should be a group effort. Only one Prayer Book per Junior group will be allowed for this contest.

Prayer Books are to be sent to the Department Junior Activities Chairman by Wednesday, **March 23, 2022**. Contest entries will be judged prior to convention.

Prayer Book guidelines are posted on the Department website, www.nebraskalegionaux.net under Junior Activities.

Craft Display Contest

The craft display is a collection of five craft items made by members of the Junior group. Examples: cards, nutcups, tray favor, placecard, tree ornament, etc. The main purpose of the Craft Display is to show and share the creative talents of our Juniors.

Entries will be judged at the Department Junior Convention. They must be in place for judging 45 minutes prior to the beginning of the Convention meeting. Only one Craft Display per Jun-

ior group will be allowed for this contest.

Craft Display guidelines are posted on the Department website, www.nebraskalegionaux.net under Junior Activities.

Poppy Centerpiece Contest

The poppy centerpiece is an opportunity to reflect the Honorary Department Junior President's project theme, "Giving Back to Our Veterans, One Book at a Time". Poppy centerpiece guidelines are posted on the Department website, www.nebraskalegionaux.net under Junior Activities.

Enteries will be judged at the Department Junior Convention. They must be in place for judging 45 minutes prior to the beginning of the Convention meeting. Only one poppy Centerpiece per Junior group will be allowed for this contest.

Poppy Craft Contest (This replaces the former Poppy Corsage Contest)

As the ALA website states, "Connecting the visual image of the poppy with the sacrifice made by our veterans has been an important goal of the American Legion Auxiliary Poppy Program since its inception in 1921." Creating poppy crafts to decorate the Legion Post, to share with a VA Hospital, VA Home or nursing home or designing a window display are just a few of the many places Juniors can distribute and display their poppy crafts.

Entries will be judged at the Department Junior Convention. They must be in place for judging 45 minutes prior to the beginning of the Convention meeting. Only one poppy craft per Junior will be allowed for this contest.

Entries will be judged in the following categories: Group I – Grade K to 3rd
Placecard, *Tray Favor or Card

Group II – Grade 4 to 8th
Placecard, *Tray Favor, Card,
Tree Ornament or Centerpiece

Group III – Grade 9 to 12th
Centerpiece, Wreath, Swag, Tree
Ornament, or *Corsage

***These items qualify as one of the Poppy Patch activities.**

Poppy Craft guidelines are posted on the Department website, www.nebraskalegionaux.net under Junior Activities.

Little Miss Poppy Contest

This contest is open to Junior members 6 – 12 years of age who are selected by their Unit to spend the year as their Little Miss Poppy. For Department Little Miss Poppy consideration, the participant must submit a Little Miss Poppy scrapbook illustrating how she promoted the American Legion Auxiliary poppy. The winning Junior's scrapbook will be sent on to be judged

at the National level.

Little Miss Poppy guidelines are posted on the Department website, www.nebraskalegionaux.net under Junior Activities. The Department contest will follow the National guidelines for judging.

YEAR-END REPORT

Due to the Department Junior Activities Chairman by April 20, 2022

Each Unit is required to submit a narrative report. In turn, your Department Junior Activities Chairman compiles all Unit report information and submits a report to the National Junior Activities Chairman. Please use the following questions to help facilitate your Unit Junior activities report:

1. How were your Junior members involved in activities and/or projects for veterans?
2. How has your Unit encouraged Junior participation in the Patch program?
3. What type of volunteer hours did Junior members perform?
4. How does your Unit include Junior members in Unit meetings, activities and programs of the American Legion Auxiliary?
5. In what ways did your Senior members mentor your Junior members?
6. How many Junior members participated in District and/or Department Junior meetings?
7. How many Junior members are in your Unit?
8. Does your Unit have an organized Junior member group?

HONORARY DEPARTMENT JUNIOR PRESIDENT

ELIZABETH (ELLIE) THEDE

Project Theme: Giving Back to Our Veterans, One Book at a Time

Please join Ellie as she raises money to purchase large print books and audio books for the libraries in Nebraska's Veterans Homes. You can help by donating to the Honorary Junior President's Project through the Department ALA Headquarters, PO Box 5227, Lincoln, NE 68505.

Bring your Juniors to the Department Junior meeting for an educational day of fun, food, crafts and learning. Juniors do not need to be part of an organized Junior group to attend.

Mark Your Calendars

DEPARTMENT JUNIOR CONVENTION MEETING

**Saturday, April 9, 2022 in Saint Paul, NE
(Details TBA)**

LEADERSHIP

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WHAT IS THIS PROGRAM, AND WHY DO WE HAVE IT?

The Leadership program raises awareness of ALA leadership development opportunities.

WHAT CAN YOU DO?

1. Develop future leaders at all levels of the organization.

Encourage attendance at Leadership workshops and County, District, and Department meetings. Promote participation in the ALA Academy courses.

2. Enhance leaders' knowledge about ALA history, programs, and organization.

Study ALA Academy courses and be sure to share relevant information from *The Star* and other District and County newsletters at your meetings to keep your members' knowledge of programs up to date. Discuss happenings at County, District, Department, and National levels with Unit members to keep them aware.

3. Encourage the use of ALA reference documents and materials, such as the Unit Guidebook and Constitution and Bylaws.

Review your Unit's Constitution and Bylaws and be sure it is kept updated. Have a copy of all reference documents and materials available for your Unit or know where they can be accessed at www.ALAforVeterans.org. This includes the Unit Guidebook and Unit, Department, and National Constitution and Bylaws. *Robert's Rules of Order* is also a good resource for proper procedures at Unit meetings.

4. Offer a mentoring program, utilizing the knowledge and experiences of members who have served as leaders beyond the unit level.

Show your members that it is a privilege to serve as an officer or on a committee. Mentor those who are willing to try and then encourage them along their way.

5. Nurture a culture of goodwill at all levels of the organization.

Be welcoming and friendly to new members. Learn by listening and asking questions. (As Leadership Chair, I will make a \$5 donation to Department in the name of any Unit who reads this sentence and then e-mails me the name of the U.S. President mentioned in my "listening" article in the September issue of *The Star*.) Participate in unit discussions and then support whatever decision is made by the group. If you have a gripe, discuss it in private with whoever is involved, rather than in front of the whole group. In short, ALWAYS remember Department President Barbie Meyer's "No Crabs" motto to "Happily Help [Our] Heroes."

WHAT ARE THE REQUIREMENTS?

Taking the time to share a favorite story about the positive impact you or someone you know has had on our mission is worth doing! It helps the Auxiliary tell the world who we are, what we do, and why we matter. Just two simple steps to add your part to our national success story:

- A. Please follow instructions as you fill out the National Report and Awards Cover Sheet found in the awards section of the Annual Supplement to the Programs Action Plan.
- B. Provide details/examples about the activity as outlined in the 2017-2022 Programs Action Plan.

National Report and Awards Cover Sheet, deadlines, and Leadership committee contact information may be found on the Leadership committee page on the national website, www.ALAforVeterans.org.

LEADERSHIP AWARD:

Unit Award: Most Outstanding Unit Leadership Program

Deadline: TO DEPARTMENT CHAIR BY APRIL 20, 2022

Citation Presented To: One Unit Leadership Chair who best demonstrates what the Unit did to build leadership skills of unit members during the year.

Materials and Guidelines: Narrative not to exceed 1,000 words; should include number of members attending the Department's Leadership Skills Workshop in August and Mid-Year Conference in January. Pictures and examples are encouraged.

LEADERSHIP REPORTING:

Ongoing Reports: Celebrate the program work of your units as events occur by sharing your story and photos with the Department Leadership Chair. When details are fresh in your mind, it is much easier to present a clear picture of your event.

Year-End Reports: Each Unit should submit a narrative report to the Department Leadership Chair, detailing the Unit's accomplishments and/or activities. Be specific with details since what you share may be useful to others. Tell what your Unit has done (attendance at Leadership Skills Workshop and Mid-Year Conference, participation in ALA Academy courses, involvement in mentoring, etc.). Also, please note in your report what you may have liked or disliked after any Department leadership meetings, as this information can help determine what you see at future meetings.

Deadline: TO DEPARTMENT CHAIR BY APRIL 20, 2022

LEGISLATIVE

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The Legislative program provides information and assistance to American Legion Auxiliary members to advocate for the legislative agenda of The American Legion.

Encourage and empower members to be more knowledgeable to act on The American legion's legislative priorities.

Member-Stay informed

- " Subscribe to the Legion's Legislative Action Alerts, by visiting www.capwiz.com/legion/mlm/
- s Subscribe to the Legion's Legislative Update to stay informed on veteran and military legislative issues.
- s Order a copy of the ALA Legislative Advocacy Guide. The guide can be downloaded from www.ALAforVeterans.org.
- Identify your U.S. representative and two U.S. senators and build a relationship and rapport with these individuals and/or members of their staff.
- " Subscribe to newsletters of your elected officials to monitor what they consider to be their priorities.
- Attend local informational town hall meetings to become better informed and to network with other community and civic organizations.
- Attend department and/or legislative meetings and activities

Units-be proactive

- Hold a unit meeting to go over the steps outlined by the ALA Legislative Advocacy Guide and discuss the legislative priorities.
- Choose a different legislative priority each month and allow time at each unit meeting.
- Invite your department chairman to a unit meeting to explain how the department initiates legislative advocacy and how each unit can play a role.

Department-provide guidance

- Order the ALA Legislative Advocacy Guide and distribute to each unit. The guide can also be downloaded from the Legislative page on www.ALAforVeterans.org.
- Encourage members to subscribe to the Legion's Legislative Action Alerts to receive notification. Visit www.capwiz.com/legion/mlm/signup to subscribe.
- Encourage members to subscribe to the Legion's Legislative Update to remain informed about current legislation activities on Capitol Hill. Visit www.legion.org/enewsletters to subscribe.
- Encourage members to complete the Legion's Congressional Meeting Report Form following all meetings with U.S. representatives, senators and/or their legislative staff members. Visit www.legion.org/legislative/aar to complete the form.

Legislative Awards Deadlines and Submission Requirements:

Taking the time to share a favorite story about the positive impact you or someone you know has had on our mission is worth doing! It helps us tell the world who we are, what we do, and why we matter. Just three simple steps to add your part to our national suc-

cess story:

1) Please follow instructions as you fill out the National Report and Awards Cover Sheet found in the awards section of the Programs Action Plan.

2) Provide details/examples about the activity outlined in the award's materials and guidelines section.

3) Submit as indicated in the Annual Supplement to the Programs Action Plan.

National Report and Awards Cover Sheet, deadlines, and Legislative committee contact information may be found on the Legislative committee page on the national website, www.ALAforVeterans.org.

Unit Award: Most Outstanding Unit Legislative Program

° Deadline: June 1, 2022

- Send to national division chairman postmarked or emailed by 5 p.m. EST on the deadline

Additional Resources You Can Use

1 www.ALAforVeterans.org on the Legislative program page: *ALA Legislative Advocacy Guide*

- How to Fill Out the Congressional Contact Form
- How to Contact Legislators to Advocate for Veterans, Servicemembers and their Families

2 www.legion.org/legislative (The American Legion's Legislative Center):

- Legislative Testimony Information
- Point Papers, Priority Sheets, Letters of Support
- Congressional Contact Report Form

3 Facebook:

- ALA National Headquarters: www.facebook.com/ALAforVeterans
- The national Legislative Committee Facebook group, search "ALA National Legislative Group Page"

4 Your national Legislative committee members (see Legislative program page on the national website or Annual Supplement for contact information)

MEMBERSHIP
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THE LEGION FAMILY - FAMILY STRONGER TOGETHER

Beginning the 2022 membership year, we will focus on the whole Legion Family. Working together as an American Legion Family, honoring our veterans and military though meaningful service, and recognizing and thanking our members, we will all have a successful year, as alone we are strong... but together we are stronger.

I am Kimberly Gurley, a 30-year member (and PUFL) of Milligan Unit 240. I originally joined through the service of my father, James Hinz (Korean war Veteran), but I am also eligible through my husband Dennis (82nd Airborne; Vietnam Era) my grandfather, Edward Meyer (WWII), and James my son (Gulf War, Kuwait). As you can tell by the service of all these individuals, the Military Family is a strong one in our family.

Being a Strong Family means everyone in the family pulling together to make it stronger. Mario Puzo says "The Strength of a family, like the strength of an army, is in its loyalty to each other. Are you Loyal to our Auxiliary, will you help us grow our family in the 2022 membership year? We have a few incentives that may help motivate you as a member to help our Family be strong!

Membership year is January 1, 2022 – December 31, 2022

Every single member is responsible for Membership.

Members can pay dues in one of the following ways:

- Directly to the appropriate member in their unit
- Via the renewal notice sent by National Headquarters
- Via www.ALAforVeterans.org
- By calling National Headquarters at: (317) 569-4500

You may pay your dues annually or become a PUFL (Paid Up for Life) member and make a one-time payment (the payment is based on your Units dues and the age of the person that would like to become a PUFL member) PUFL membership applications can be found at www.ALAforVeterans.org and paid to Department Secretary.

Renewal Notice Schedule

2022 Membership Dues Available to pay July 2021

- ✓ Email Sent to Members
- ✓ September 15, 2021 – 1st Mailed Renewal Notice
- ✓ November 2021 – Email Renewal Reminder
- ✓ January 2022 – Email Renewal Reminder
- ✓ February 1, 2022 – 2nd Mailed Renewal Notice

All 2022 Dues need to be paid by January 31, 2022, to prevent loss of membership and benefits.

- ❖ **ALL Units have a legal and fiduciary responsibility to process a member's dues (new or renewal) in a timely manner.** Failure to do so is a violation of the members' rights and due process.
- ❖ All dues paid should be turned in weekly if not more often.

2022 National Membership Awards

Member Award: 10 New in 2022

- Award: Special gift selected by the national Membership Committee chairman.
- Presented to: Members who recruit 10 NEW Junior and/or senior members for the 2022 membership year.
- Deadline: Members must be entered and paid in ALAMIS member database by June 1, 2022.
- FORMS must be received at National HQ by June 3, 2022.
- Materials and guidelines:
- Form can be printed from the ALA national Membership Committee page of the national website (www.ALAforVeterans.org). You must be logged in to the My Auxiliary area to access the page.
- One entry per recruiter.

Unit Award: 100% Unit Award

- Award: 100% membership award citation.
- Presented to: Units that reach 100% of their 2022 membership goal by November 11, 2021.
- Deadline: November 11, 2021.
- Materials and guidelines:
- This award will be based on units that reach 100% of their reported goals by November 11, 2021, as verified by ALAMIS.

Unit Award: New Unit Award

- Award: \$25 gift certificate to American Legion Flag & Emblem Sales.
- Presented to: new units chartered between September 1, 2021, and July 31, 2022.
- Deadline: July 31, 2022.
- Materials and guidelines:
- This award is automatically presented upon receipt and processing of new unit charter applications at National Headquarters

Department Award: 75% Award

- Award: \$250 to be used to advance the ALA's mission.
- Presented to: Departments reaching 75% of their 2022 department membership goal.
- Deadline: Pearl Harbor Day, December 7, 2022
- Materials and guidelines:
- Award will be based on membership entered in the ALAMIS member database by December 7, 2022

Department Award: 95% Award

- Award: \$250 to be used to advance the ALA's mission.
- Presented to: Departments reaching 95% of their 2022 department membership goal.
- Deadline: National Poppy Day®, May 27, 2022.
- Materials and guidelines:
- Award will be based on membership entered in the ALAMIS member database by May 27, 2022.

Department Award: 100% Award

- Award: \$500 to be used to advance the ALA's mission.
- Presented to: Any department that has reached 100% of their department goal.
- Deadline: 30 days prior to the 2022 National Convention, July 30,
- 2022. Award will be based on membership entered in the ALAMIS member database by Aug. 1, 2021.

Department Award: Together We Serve Award

- Award: Citation plaque.
- Presented to: Department Membership Committee chairmen who demonstrates how their department worked as a Legion Family to enhance membership.
- Deadline: June 1, 2022 — due to your national Membership Committee division chairman. The national Membership Committee will select one outstanding membership chairman per division.
- Materials and guidelines:
- Forms can be printed from the ALA national Membership Committee page of the national website (www.ALAforVeterans.org). You must be logged in to the My Auxiliary area to access the page

2022 Department Membership Award

- 1) The top two **Junior Members** that recruit the most new members by December 7, 2021. (\$50 each)
- 2) The top two **Senior Members** that recruit the most new members by December 7, 2021 (\$50 each)
- 3) The top two **Junior members** that recruit the most new members by April 15, 2022 (\$50 each)
- 4) The top two **Senior Members** that recruits the most new members by April 15, 2022. (\$50 each)
- 5) The **Legion Family Member** that recruits the most new members by February 14th – Must Include one member for each the Legion, Auxiliary, and Sons of the American Legion. (\$100. To the top recruiter)
 - This is open to all current Legion Family Members (Auxiliary, Junior members, Sons of the Legion or Legion members). Recruit for all family groups.
 - To apply for the award, simply recruit your friends and family. When their application and dues are paid simply add their name to the entry form. All submissions will be verified at Department Headquarters.

- ***Bench Press Award*** - Units that obtain 75% in membership By December 7th, 2022 (Certificate)
- ***Dead Lift Award*** - Units that obtain 100% in membership by January 31,2022 (Certificate)
- ***Miriam Kirchhefer Award*** – Awarded to the Unit having the highest percentage of 2022 Junior membership into Department Headquarters on or before May 1, 2022
- ***Beverly J. Vleck Award*** – Awarded to the Unit with the Highest number of NEW Junior members for 2022 into Department Headquarters by June 15, 2022
- ***Ada McVicker Award*** – Awarded to the District having the highest percentage of 2022 numeric objective into Department Headquarters on or before January 31, 2022
- ***Mary McVicker Award*** – Awarded to the District with the highest percentage of 2022 Numeric object, into Department Headquarters by June 15

NATIONAL SECURITY

ELIZABETH PAES

- The National Security program maintains and promotes a strong national defense by strengthening and supporting military servicemembers and their families.
- Support active-duty military families by working with an installation Family Readiness Group (FRG). Contact the Family Readiness Center on your nearby military installation for more information

In fulfillment of its mission to “honor the sacrifice of those who serve,” the American Legion Auxiliary offers concern for and support to families of deceased servicemembers. In addition to our own activities in support of families of the fallen, such as our recognition of their sacrifices through the distribution of Gold Star Banners, the American Legion Auxiliary also supports survivors through collaborations with organizations established for them. A survivors’ organization with which the Auxiliary has established one such collaboration is Tragedy Assistance Program for Survivors (TAPS). Auxiliary members may be in position to help families of the fallen by referring them to TAPS. There are also abundant opportunities for ALA members and units to volunteer time to TAPS.

Refer a Survivor or Caregiver to TAPS for Specialized Support. TAPS provides extensive general resources for both survivors and caregivers, including grief counseling, a guide to survivor benefits, peer support groups and more. In addition, TAPS provides resources for specific categories of survivors, such as widows and widowers, parents, siblings, children, adult children, extended family, friends and suicide survivors. If you know a survivor or caregiver in need, consider referring him/her to TAPS.org.

Through American Red Cross Service to the Armed Forces’ 1,200 offices around the world, servicemembers and their families are provided with:

- Emergency services that include sending emergency messages to deployed servicemembers; working with military aid societies to provide financial assistance for emergency travel, rent, utilities, medical and funeral costs; and information and referrals for services offered by local partners and military resources.
- Family strength programs that include trainings on coping with deployment and reconnecting with family members.
- Hospital programs that range from rehabilitation and morale programs to providing assistance to wounded warrior units by providing adaptive sports equipment and comfort items.
- A touch of home for those deployed. Offices in places like Afghanistan, Kuwait and Djibouti, offer lounges with televisions and computer stations with internet access and private webcams, refreshments, phone banks, activities and comfort items for hospitalized servicemembers.

How to Coordinate with Service to the Armed Forces:

There are three ways a unit can get involved with Service to the Armed Forces.

1. Refer servicemembers with financial assistance needs to the American Red Cross Armed Forces Call Center. In conjunction with the military aid societies, the American Red Cross is able to provide emergency financial assistance for food, shelter and burial assistance, as well as travel

expenses when a crisis arises. Auxiliary members may relay requests from servicemembers and their families for emergency financial assistance if your unit is unable to fulfill to the American Red Cross' Service to the Armed Forces Call Center.

- Auxiliary members should encourage a servicemember or a member of their family to call the Call Center at 1-877-272-7337. This includes members of the National Guard and Reserve that are on continuous active duty for more than 30 days and their families.
- Call Center caseworkers are available 24-hours a day and they will assist in processing qualified requests.
- 2. Supplement American Red Cross Assistance with Auxiliary Support. Local American Red Cross chapters receive calls from veterans, servicemembers and/or their families that are experiencing a financial hardship or are in need of support services. In addition to connecting the servicemember in need to the Armed Forces Call Center (see above), the chapter will also offer referrals to other local organizations to meet needs that the American Red Cross cannot meet directly. Auxiliary units should connect with their local Red Cross chapter to make local introductions and to make their local Red Cross chapter aware of:
 - Any funds at the unit or department level to assist veterans, servicemembers and their families in the event of a hardship. This should be an established fund designated for assisting the military community, such as your poppy fund.
 - You can let them know about restricted funds that may be available to someone contacting the Red Cross chapter, i.e. if your department has an AEF fund.
 - Any support services the unit or a member can provide for a veteran, servicemember and/or their families. These support services may qualify for field or home service hours and can include, but are not limited to, providing transportation, snow removal, landscaping or mowing a yard, assisting with tax preparation, babysitting and grocery shopping.
 - Co-host or participate in a Holiday Mail for Heroes event. The American Red Cross organizes a national initiative, Holiday Mail for Heroes, to collect and distribute holiday cards for veterans and servicemembers. American Red Cross volunteers and community members sort these cards and distribute them to military installations, National Guard and Reserve units and veterans. Opportunities for Auxiliary units and members to participate in Holiday Mail for Heroes with their local Red Cross chapter include sponsoring or co-hosting card signing or card sorting parties or providing volunteers at card signing and sporting events. Auxiliary units that wish to participate in a local Holiday Mail for Heroes event should contact their nearest Red Cross chapter and ask to talk to the Holiday Mail for Heroes lead.

How to contact your local American Red Cross center:

- Visit the American Red Cross' website.
- On the right-hand side, enter your ZIP code in the box under "Find your local Red Cross" and click "GO".
- This sidebar will be changed to the contact information for your local Red Cross chapter. You can contact them by phone, email or in person.
- Ask to be connected to the individual responsible for managing Service to the Armed Forces programs for their chapter

Resources

- The American Red Cross website: www.redcross.org
- alaforveterans.org

Unit Award: Most Outstanding Unit National Security Program (per division)

- Deadline April 20, 2022 Form available on alaforveterans.org/forms

Salute to Servicewomen Award:

- Deadline April 20, 2022 Form available on alaforveterans.org/forms

Year End Report:

Deadline April 20, 2022

Parliamentarian

Jacki O'Neill

Phone: 712-574-5070 Email: 3buzzsaw@gmail.com
1018 Gordon Dr Lincoln 68522

I serve as an advisor and consultant to the President and members on procedural matters.

I keep in my possession a copy of Robert's Rules of Order and our Constitution and By-Laws

It is my duty to see that parliamentary procedure is carried on efficiently.

At meetings I am a Silent Leader. I speak only when asked by the Chairman.

Who am I? Your Parliamentarian

POPPY PROGRAM

JODY SCHMALE

Home: 402-464-4154

Email: proudnavysister75@gmail.com

910 N 55th St Lincoln 68504

The red Flanders Poppy is an interesting thing. It has inspired three groups that I know of to use it as a reminder of the blood shed by soldiers to protect our homes, country, flag, freedoms, and future. The VFW and the (British) Royal Legion also use poppy flowers. Each group has a slightly different design and their collected funds are used in different ways. Just like how the poppy flowers bloomed just after the decimation of Europe in WWI, which inspired the writing of the poem "Flanders Fields", it is time for our poppies to have a rebirth in our communities.

We have started to dip our toe into our past "normal" lives. How much further we'll get to plunge into is yet to be known or seen. We may have to take that toe back out and wait on the docks a little longer. We may get to start wading into the pool of our traditions. Whether your Unit, County, or District decides to err on the side of safety and continue to limit your activities is up to you. However, I encourage you to consider finding new ways for collecting donations and distributing Poppies, having students participate in the Poppy Poster Contest, and how you use Poppies in Unit activities. Below are the Rules or Guidelines for the Poppy Centerpiece and additional requirements for the Poppy Poster contests. Please consult the 2017-2022 Programs Action Plan for the basic (traditional) rules for the poster contest. The items listed below are specific requirements I feel need to be added. If you would like a copy of the rules all together, please email me and I'll send them you to make it easier to read.

Poppy Centerpiece Guidelines/Rules:

I. Theme:

- a. The theme of the centerpiece should reflect or show Department President Meyer's theme, which is *Happily Helping Heroes*.
- b. Poppies should be prominently used as the premise of the centerpiece, using a sufficient number of poppies to make a nice display.
- c. You may use small and large poppies or a combination of both.
- d. Make sure the white labels are removed from all poppies in the centerpiece.
- e. Flags are not to be used in the centerpiece.
- f. Remember centerpieces are made to be seen from every side, and not be taller or wider than 12".
- g. Centerpieces should be neat in appearance and well-constructed.

II. Unit Information

A label should be attached to the bottom of the Centerpiece, including the Unit Number, Town, and name of the maker (if done by an individual).

III. One Centerpiece from each District will be eligible for entry in Department judging.

Poppy Poster Contest:

Rules for the Poppy Poster submissions are listed in the 2017-2022 Action Plan for Poppies (from National Headquarters). This is included in the central body of the ABC Book or white pages that carry over each year. If you can't find the guidelines, contact me and I'll get them out to you. There are a few things to keep in mind when having a contest.

- There are no longer cash prizes for Department winners. Those were eliminated in 2018-19. Your Unit is welcome to reward your local winners, if you want.
- Units may only submit **ONE POPPY POSTER PER CLASS (OR AGE GROUP)**. If more than one poster is received for the same class, **BOTH POSTERS WILL BE ELIMINATED FROM JUDGING**.
- Posters labeled with the incorrect Class **WILL BE DISQUALIFIED**. Double check the age/grade the student is in to make sure it matches the Class marked on the submission.
- Please include the Unit number and name on the submission.
- Poppy posters are due to the Department Chairman by April 15th (just like all other Dept reports) for judging. **Ship them to the address above**. **DO NOT SEND THEM TO DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS**. Late submissions will not be included in judging.
- Winners will NOT be announced prior to Department Convention. Posters will be placed on display at Department Convention, if possible, and will not be returned prior to that.
- **Submitted posters can become property of the American Legion Auxiliary**. If you want non-Department winning posters back, please include payment for postage or a "self-addressed stamped package". **If an entry is selected as a Department winner, it will be sent on to National judging and will not be able to be returned.**

National Poppy Day: this special day is held on the Friday prior to Memorial Day (May 30, 2022). Feel free to start plans at any time to have special Poppy activities on that day.

RESOLUTION
DONNA HATFIELD

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PO Box 841 Lexington 68850

RESOLUTION WRITING

Written changes or additions to the current Constitution, Bylaws and/or Standing Rules are called resolutions. The resolution committee will review the resolution(s) to ensure it is written accurately and determine who shall present the resolution to the Department Executive Committee (DEC) or the convention body. Changes to the Bylaws need to be voted on by the convention body. Changes to the Standing Rules can be voted on by the DEC members. **DO NOT BE AFRAID** to submit a resolution as a member, you have a right to address your ideas and concerns.

Routing of a Resolution:

1. Resolution is submitted to: The ALA Department of NE, RESOLUTIONS - P.O. Box 5227 - Lincoln, NE 68505.
2. Department forwards to the Resolution Committee Chair.
3. Reviewed resolutions are returned to Department for numbering, organizing and assembling for the DEC and convention body.

The resolution committee will assist you with the proper resolution format and answer any questions you may have.

The writer(s) need to be identified along with the date submitted.

Adding a cell phone number and/or email to the resolution would be helpful to the committee and the DEC if questions should arise.

The resolution should include the name, section and item number from the original document.

Every issue brought up in the "Whereas" clauses should be dealt with in the resolved clauses.

Keep the resolution short.

1. "Whereas" should NOT be in capitals.
2. "Whereas" should NOT have a comma after it.
3. "Whereas" should NOT have a tab after it but should just be the beginning of a typical sentence.
4. The word after "Whereas" should NOT be capitalized unless it is normally capitalized
5. Whereas clauses should have hanging indentions.
6. Whereas clauses should be separated by a semicolon (;)
7. ONLY the next to the last whereas clause should have an "and" after the semicolon
8. After the last whereas, the semi-colon should be followed by "now, therefore, be it"] Sample Resolution Form follows.....

SERVICE TO VETERANS
ALICE VIESELMAYER

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112 S Pine St

Email: alicevies@aol.com
Friend 68359

We live in the Land of the Free and the Home of the Brave.
All Thanks to our Veterans
And the Service they Gave.
With that in Mind,

Please consider Serving the Veterans by making Tray Favors or Centerpieces assignments for :

- Grand Island VA Med Center 10 Centerpieces,
- Kearney Central Veterans Home 215 Tray Favors
- Bellevue Eastern NE VA 24 Centerpieces
- Norfolk VA Home 20 Centerpieces
- Western NE VA Home 13 Centerpieces
- Western Ne 90 Tray Favors
- Omaha VA Med Center 75 Tray Favors

Remember the Guidelines of safety nothing Sharp or Edible.
Mail or deliver to the facility in advance to month assigned.

VETERANS AFFAIRS AND REHABILITATION

RENEE VAN WINKLE

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Email: momrenee@hotmail.com

2063 Ninth Ave

Farwell 68838

The VA&R Program will focus on:

- Promoting our mission to enhance the lives of veterans, military and their families
- o Providing opportunities for Auxiliary members to serve veterans and their families as volunteers at VA health care facilities through the VA Voluntary Service (VAVS)
- m Finding opportunities for Auxiliary members to provide volunteer hours in Service to Veterans and their families in local communities
- Assisting veterans in accessing VA benefits and activities that help homeless veterans
- Supporting rehabilitation and helping of veterans through arts, crafts and hobbies
- Assisting and supporting caregivers of veterans

One of my goals would be to encourage members to participate in activities at the Veterans Homes and VA Medical Centers. Saying thank you to Veterans and their families goes a long way. With a smile and thank you, you warm your own heart and give yourself a good feeling too. Another goal would be to get more members involved with Veterans. Please contact me if you need my help for anything. Remember there is no dumb question, just an unanswered one! You can call me



FORMS



**AMERICANISM ESSAY CONTEST
2022 Cover Sheet**

Each year, the American Legion Auxiliary (ALA) sponsors an Americanism Essay Contest for students in grades 3-12, including students with special needs. Grade levels are divided into six classes. One award in each of the six classes will be presented in each division. Winners will receive \$50 and a \$50 donation in the student's name will be made to the Children of Warriors National Presidents' Scholarship fund. National winners will be posted at www.ALAforVeterans.org after convention.

Essay Title: "How can we support families who provide care to their Veterans?"

Essay Classes:

| Class | Grade Level | Word Requirement |
|-------|-----------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|
| I | 3 and 4 | 150-250 |
| II | 5 and 6 | 250-300 |
| III | 7 and 8 | 350-400 |
| IV | 9 and 10 | 450-500 |
| V | 11 and 12 | 450-500 |
| VI | Students with special needs | Word count should correspond with student's grade level. |

Essay Checklist:

- ☐ Class competing in _____
- ☐ Sponsoring ALA unit _____
- ☐ Typed or neatly written essay conforming to the word requirement for class
- ☐ Completed essay coversheet as first page of essay
- ☐ Word count of essay _____
- ☐ Due date for student to return to ALA unit _____

To Be Completed by the Student/Parent:

Student Name: _____

Address (Street, City, State, Zip): _____

E-mail Address: _____

Phone: _____

School Name: _____

School City/State: _____

Teacher Name and Signature: _____

Auxiliary Use Only (Must be completed for entry to be considered.):

Sponsoring Unit Name/Number: _____

Signature of Unit Americanism Chairman: _____

Unit winner due to Department on: _____ Department: _____

Signature of Department Chairman: _____

Department winner due to National Americanism Division Chairman by April 15, 2022

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APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED BY INDIVIDUALS

To qualify for judging applications must be submitted by a local Nebraska American Legion Auxiliary Unit to the Department. Applicants **MUST NOT** send applications directly to the Department Office. Units be sure your applicants know this fact.

The Unit may submit One **Career and Technical Education Scholarship Application** to the American Legion Auxiliary Department Headquarters for consideration. The Unit's selection **must** be post-marked no later than **MARCH 15TH**. For information see the Education article in the current ABC Book provided to each Auxiliary Unit.

CHECKLIST FOR UNIT PRESIDENT/OFFICER/UNIT EDUCATION CHAIRMAN

- ✓ Put your Unit's "mail to" information on the first page of application
- ✓ It is the Unit's responsibility to check the contents of the scholarship application to be sure all requested letters and documents are enclosed
- ✓ Signature and phone number of Unit Officer/Chairman who verified contests requested in No. 6 are included in the applicant's packet
- ✓ Each Unit may submit ONLY ONE of each Department (Nebraska) scholarships
- ✓ ONE Department scholarship per applicant. No duplicate applicants.
- ✓ Mail the completed Department application packet to the Department at: AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY, P O BOX 5227, LINCOLN NE 68505-0227
- ✓ All applications to be post-marked no later than MARCH 15
- ✓ Any applications post-marked AFTER MARCH 15 will not be considered

UNIT #: _____ **UNIT LOCATION: (town)** _____

This application was reviewed by an officer/chairman of the above Unit and contains the information required in No. 6 & 7.

Signature & Title

Daytime Phone #

Include this completed form in the application packet before mailing to Department.

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY – DEPARTMENT OF NEBRASKA

Applicant if you have any questions on where to submit this completed application please contact our Department Office at 402 466 1808.

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VOCATIONAL TECHNICAL SCHOLARSHIP

Career and technical Education programs are offered through community colleges, trade schools and/or colleges/universities offering two (2) year programs for students who have the intention of going into the workforce after two years or less of higher education. These program areas are typically Associate of Applied Science (AAS) degree programs (2 years in length), Diplomas (1 year) or Certificates less than one (1Year).

Applicant must be a resident of Nebraska and must be a Veteran or Veteran connected.

If selected the scholarship must be used within the year selected. Funding not released by January 1st will not be awarded.

Please fill out application (online, by typewriter, or using legible printed handwriting if necessary) and return with all data under No. 6 in one packet to a Nebraska Unit President by **March 1st**.

This section to be completed by the local Auxiliary Unit for the Applicant

Unit # _____ Unit Location _____ Local Unit contact person: _____

(List name, mailing address & contact phone for Unit member)

This is a \$500 Scholarship. Mail your application packet to the Unit by March 1st.

1. Name of Applicant: _____

Mailing Address: _____

2. In what school are you or were you last enrolled? _____

_____ Grade Level: _____

Is this a Public School _____ or Home School _____ or Other (explain) _____

_____ GPA: _____

If not in school, state your occupation: _____

3. Veteran Connection:

Name of Veteran: _____ Branch of Service: _____

Dates of Service: _____ (Data found on form DD214 Discharge Paper)

How are you related to the named Veteran: _____

4. Institute of higher education you plan to attend: _____

5. **Narrative** (300 words or less) from Applicant stating chosen major and why you chose it. (Please attach a separate page for this portion.)

6. The following items **MUST** be included with your application in complete form:

- **Two (2) letters of recommendation from:**
 - a) One (1) letter from an employer; clergy; or businessperson in your community
 - b) One (1) letter from an administrator; guidance counselor; or teacher
- A high school resume' with a list of community, church and school activities/honors/awards. Also include number of community service hours and describe same; plus a contact person name and phone number.
- **Letter of Acceptance** (tentative or final) from institution of higher education
- **Transcript** of high school (or college) grades

ACT score _____

SAT Score _____

Accuplacer Score _____

For further information you may contact:

American Legion Auxiliary Department Headquarters Phone 402 466 1808

Email: neaux@windstream.net Website: www.nebrskalegionaux.net

Signature of Applicant: _____

APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED BY INDIVIDUALS:

To qualify for judging, your application must be submitted by a local Nebraska American Legion Auxiliary Unit. Incomplete applications will NOT be considered. ALL letters MUST be signed and DATED to qualify. Please ensure you have a complete packet for your local American Legion Auxiliary Unit.

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RUBY PAUL CAMPAIGN FUND SCHOLARSHIP UNIT VERIFICATION

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To qualify for judging applications must be submitted by a local Nebraska American Legion Auxiliary Unit to the Department. Applicants **MUST NOT** send applications directly to the Department Office. Units be sure your applicants know this fact.

The Unit may submit **ONE Ruby Paul Campaign Fund Scholarship Application** to the American Legion Auxiliary Department Headquarters for consideration. The Unit's selection **must** be post-marked no later than **MARCH 15TH**. For information see the Education article in the current ABC Book provided to each Auxiliary Unit.

_____ (Applicant's name – print clearly)

CHECKLIST FOR UNIT PRESIDENT/OFFICER/UNIT EDUCATION CHAIRMAN

- ✓ Put your Unit's "mail to" information on the first page of application
- ✓ It is the Unit's responsibility to check the contents of the scholarship application to be sure all requested letters and documents are enclosed
- ✓ Signature and phone number of Unit Officer/Chairman who verified contents requested in No. 6 & 7 are included in the applicant's packet
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UNIT #: _____ **UNIT LOCATION: (town)** _____

This application was reviewed by an officer/chairman of the above Unit and contains the information required in No. 6 & 7.

Signature & Title

Daytime Phone #

Include this completed form in the application packet before mailing to Department.
AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY – DEPARTMENT OF NEBRASKA

Applicant if you have any questions on where to submit this completed application please contact our Department Office at 402 466 1808.

RUBY PAUL CAMPAIGN FUND SCHOLARSHIP

The Ruby Paul Campaign Fund Scholarship will be awarded to a daughter, son, granddaughter, grandson, great-granddaughter or great-grandson of an American Legion or to an American Legion Auxiliary member who has held Nebraska membership for two years or to an American Legion, American Auxiliary, or Sons of the American Legion member who has held Nebraska membership for two years. Applicant **MUST** be enrolled in an accredited college or university for the current year and be a Nebraska resident for the previous three (3) years.

Applicant must be a high school senior or a graduate of an accredited high school and have maintained a "B" or better average for the past two (2) semesters of high school. If selected the scholarship must be used within the year selected.

Funding not released by January 1st will NOT be awarded.

Please fill out application (online, by typewriter or using legible printed handwriting if necessary) and return with all data under No. 6 & 7 in one packet local American Legion Auxiliary Unit President by **MARCH 1ST**. (Local American Legion Auxiliary Unit contact given below.)

This section to be completed by the local American Legion Auxiliary Unit for the Applicant.

Unit # _____ Unit Location _____ Contact Phone: _____

(List name, mailing address for Unit member contact.)

This is a \$200 Scholarship. Mail your application packet to the Unit by March 1st.

1. Name of Applicant: _____

Mailing Address: _____

(City/State/Zip Code)

2. In what school are you or were you last enrolled? _____

Is this a Public School _____ or Home School _____ or Other (explain) _____

If not in school, state your occupation: _____

3. VETERAN CONNECTION:

Name of Veteran: _____ Branch of Service: _____

Dates of Service: _____ (Data found of form DD214 Discharge Papers)

How are you related to the named Veteran: _____

4. Are you _____, your parent _____, grandparent _____, or great-grandparent _____ a member of

The American Legion _____ American Legion Auxiliary _____ Sons of the American Legion _____
(Check all that apply)

5. Institute of higher education you plan to attend: _____

6. **Narrative** (300 words or less) from Applicant stating chosen major and why you chose this field of study. (Please attach a separate page for this portion.)

7. The following items **MUST** be included with your application in complete form.

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- **Letter of Acceptance** (tentative or final) from chosen institute of higher education
- **Transcript** of high school (or college) grades **GPA:** _____
- **FAFSA** (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) (attach copy of score earned)

ACT score _____
(As applicable)

SAT score _____

Accuplacer Score _____

_____ (Signature of Applicant is a must)

For further information you may contact:

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Phone 402 466 1808

Email: neaux@windstream.net

Website: www.nebraskalegionaux.net

Applicant – Please assemble your scholarship packet in the order given above. Thank you.

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The Unit may submit **ONE Roberta Marie Stretch Memorial Scholarship Application** to the American Legion Auxiliary Department Headquarters for consideration. The Unit's selection **must** be post-marked no later than **MARCH 15TH**. For information see the Education article in the current ABC Book provided to each Auxiliary Unit.

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Signature & Title

Daytime Phone #

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AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY – DEPARTMENT OF NEBRASKA

Applicant if you have any questions on where to submit this completed application please contact our Department Office at 402 466 1808.

ROBERTA MARIE STRETCH MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

The Roberta Marie Stretch Memorial Scholarship of \$400 will be awarded to a qualified applicant enrolled or accepted into an undergraduate or graduate (Masters only) program at a four year college or university. Applicant must be Veteran connected and a resident of Nebraska. Preference will be given to former Nebraska Girls State Citizens.

If selected the scholarship must be used within the year selected. Funding not released by January 1st will not be awarded.

Please fill out application (online, by typewriter, or using legible printed handwriting if necessary) and return with all data under No. 6 & 7 in one packet to a Nebraska Unit President by **March 1st**. (Local American Legion Auxiliary Unit contact given below.)

This section to be completed by the Auxiliary Unit for the Applicant

Unit # _____ Unit Location _____ Contact Phone: _____

(List name, mailing address for Unit member contact.)

This is a \$400 Scholarship. Mail your application packet to the Unit by March 1st.

1. Name of Applicant: _____

Mailing Address: _____

(City/State/Zip Code)

2. In what school are you or were you last enrolled? _____

_____ Grade Level: _____

Is this a Public School _____ or Home School _____ or Other (explain) _____

_____ GPA: _____

If not in school, state your occupation: _____

3. VETERAN CONNECTION:

Name of Veteran: _____ Branch of Service: _____

Dates of Service: _____ (Data found on form DD214 Discharge Papers)

How are you related to the named Veteran? _____

4. Are you a graduate of "Cornhusker Girls State? Yes _____ What year? _____ No _____

5. Institute of higher education you plan to attend: _____

6. **Narrative:** (300 words or less) from Applicant stating chosen field of study and why you chose it.

Narrative must be double-spaced and signed by the Applicant. Please attach a separate page for this portion.)

7. The following items **MUST** be included with your application in complete form:

- **Two (2) letters of recommendation from:**
 - (a) One (1) letter from an employer; clergy; or business person in your community;
 - (b) One (1) letter from an administrator; guidance counselor; or teacher. **Both letters must be signed and have a contact phone number. It is preferred that letters be on letterhead.**
- A high school resume' to include a list of community involvement, church activities, and school activities/honors/awards. **Also include number of community service hours served and describe same; plus, a contact person name and phone number.**
- **Letter of Acceptance** (tentative or final) from chosen institute of higher education
- **Transcript** of high school (or college) grades **GPA:** _____ **Certified Transcript of high school or college grades must be included with the application.**
- **ACT score** _____ **SAT score** _____ **Accuplacer Score** _____
(As applicable) **Must have official copy of document with scores included.**

_____ (Signature of Applicant)

For further information you may contact:

American Legion Auxiliary Department Headquarters Phone 402 466 1808
Email: neaux@windstream.net Website: www.nebrskalegionaux.net

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Applicant please ensure you have a complete packet for the local Auxiliary Unit.

Applicant - Please assemble your packet in the order given above. Thank you.

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UNIT INSTRUCTION SHEET FOR PROCESSING SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS

AVERYL ELAINE KERIAKEDES MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP UNIT VERIFICATION

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To qualify for judging applications must be submitted by a local Nebraska American Legion Auxiliary Unit to the Department. Applicants **MUST NOT** send applications directly to the Department Office. Units be sure your applicants know this fact.

The Unit may submit **ONE Averyl Elaine Keriakedes Memorial Scholarship Application** to the American Legion Auxiliary Department Headquarters for consideration. The Unit's selection **must** be post-marked no later than **MARCH 15TH**. For information see the Education article in the current ABC Book provided to each Auxiliary Unit.

_____ (Applicant's name – print clearly)

CHECKLIST FOR UNIT PRESIDENT/OFFICER/UNIT EDUCATION CHAIRMAN

- ✓ Put your Unit's "mail to" information on the first page of application
- ✓ It is the Unit's responsibility to check the contents of the scholarship application to be sure all requested letters and documents are enclosed
- ✓ Signature and phone number of Unit Officer/Chairman who verified contents requested in No. 5 & 6 are included in the applicant's packet
- ✓ Each Unit may submit ONLY ONE of each Department (Nebraska) scholarships
- ✓ ONE Department scholarship per applicant. No duplicate applicants.
- ✓ Mail the completed Department application packet to the Department at: AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY, P O BOX 5227, LINCOLN NE 68505-0227
- ✓ All applications to be post-marked no later than MARCH 15
- ✓ Any applications post-marked AFTER MARCH 15 will not be considered

UNIT #: _____ **UNIT LOCATION: (town)** _____

This application was reviewed by an officer/chairman of the above Unit and contains the information required in No. 5 & 6.

Signature & Title

Daytime Phone #

Include this completed form in the application packet before mailing to Department.

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY – DEPARTMENT OF NEBRASKA

Applicant if you have any questions on where to submit this completed application please contact our Department Office at 402 466 1808.

AVERYL ELAINE KERIAKEDES MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

The Averyl Elaine Keriakedes Memorial Scholarship will be awarded, preferably, to a female enrolled at the University of Nebraska – Lincoln who plans to teach middle school or junior high school social studies.

If selected the scholarship must be used within the year selected. Funding not released by January 1st will not be awarded.

Please fill out application (online, by typewriter, or using legible printed handwriting if necessary) and return with all data under No. 5 & 6 in one packet to a Nebraska Unit President by **March 1st**.

This section to be completed by the local Auxiliary Unit for the Applicant

Unit # _____ Unit Location _____ Local Unit contact person: _____

(List name, mailing address & contact phone for Unit member)

This is a \$200 Scholarship. Mail your application packet to the Unit by March 1st.

1. Name of Applicant: _____

Mailing Address: _____

(City/State/Zip) _____

2. In what school are you or were you last enrolled? _____

_____ Grade Level: _____

Is this a Public School _____ or Home School _____ or Other (explain) _____

_____ GPA: _____

If not in school, state your occupation: _____

3. VETERAN CONNECTION:

Name of Veteran: _____ Branch of Service: _____

Dates of Service: _____ (Data found on form DD214 Discharge paper)

How are you related to the named Veteran: _____

4. College or University you plan to attend: _____

Length of course of study: _____

Tuition: Quarter \$ _____; Semester \$ _____; Year \$ _____

The following items **MUST** be included with your application in complete form.

5. **Narrative:** (300 words or less) from Applicant stating chosen field of study and why you chose it. **Narrative must be double-spaced and signed by the Applicant.** Please attach a separate page for this portion.)

6. The following items **MUST** be included with your application in complete form:

- **Two (2) letters of recommendation from:**
 - (a) One (1) letter from an employer; clergy; or business person in your community;
 - (b) One (1) letter from an administrator; guidance counselor; or teacher. **Both letters must be signed and have a contact phone number. It is preferred that letters be on letterhead.**
- A high school resume' to include a list of community involvement, church activities, and school activities/honors/awards. **Also include number of community service hours served and describe same; plus, a contact person name and phone number.**
- **Letter of Acceptance** (tentative or final) from chosen institute of higher education
- **Transcript** of high school (or college) grades **GPA:** _____ **Certified Transcript of high school or college grades must be included with the application.**
- **ACT score** _____ **SAT score** _____ **Accuplacer Score** _____
(As applicable) **Must have official copy of document with scores included.**

(Signature of Applicant)

For further information you may contact:

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To qualify for judging, your application must be submitted by a local Nebraska American Legion Auxiliary Unit. Incomplete applications will NOT be considered. ALL letters MUST be signed and DATED to qualify.
Applicant please ensure you have a complete packet for the local Auxiliary Unit.

Applicant - Please assemble your packet in the order given above. Thank you.

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UNIT INSTRUCTION SHEET FOR PROCESSING SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS

APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED BY INDIVIDUALS

To qualify for judging applications must be submitted by a local Nebraska American Legion Auxiliary Unit to the Department. Applicants MUST NOT send applications directly to the Department Office. Units be sure your applicants know this fact.

The Unit may submit **ONE Health Care Professional Scholarship Application** to the American Legion Auxiliary Department Headquarters for consideration. The Unit's selection **must** be post-marked no later than **MARCH 15TH**. For information see the Education article in the current ABC Book provided to each Auxiliary Unit.

CHECKLIST FOR UNIT PRESIDENT/OFFICER/UNIT EDUCATION CHAIRMAN

- ✓ Put your Unit's "mail to" information on the first page of application
- ✓ It is the Unit's responsibility to check the contents of the scholarship application to be sure all requested letters and documents are enclosed
- ✓ Signature and phone number of Unit Officer/Chairman who verified contests requested in No. 5 & 6 are included in the applicant's packet
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UNIT #: _____ **UNIT LOCATION: (town)** _____

This application was reviewed by an officer/chairman of the above Unit and contains the information required in No. 5 & 6.

Signature & Title

Daytime Phone #

Include this completed form in the application packet before mailing to Department.
AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY – DEPARTMENT OF NEBRASKA

Applicant if you have any questions on where to submit this completed application, please contact our Department Office at 402 466 1808.

Health Care Professional Scholarship

Applicant must be a resident of Nebraska and must be a Veteran or Veteran connected.

This scholarship is for a 4-year Health care profession degree.

If selected the scholarship must be used within the year selected. Funding not released by January 1st will not be awarded.

Please fill out application (online, by typewriter, or using legible printed handwriting if necessary) and return with all data under No. 5 & 6 in one packet to a Nebraska Unit President by **March 1st**.

This section to be completed by the Auxiliary Unit for the Applicant

Unit # _____ Unit Location _____ Local Unit contact person: _____

(List name, mailing address & contact phone for Unit member)

This is a \$500 Scholarship. Mail your application packet to the Unit by March 1st.

1. Name of Applicant: _____

2. In what school are you or were you last enrolled? _____

Grade Level: _____

Is this a Public School _____ or Home School _____ or Other (explain) _____

GPA: _____

If not in school, state your occupation: _____

3. VETERAN CONNECTION:

Name of Veteran: _____ Branch of Service: _____

Dates of Service: _____ (Data found on form DD214 Discharge paper)

How are you related to the named Veteran: _____

4. College or University you plan to attend: _____

Nurse's training will be taken at: _____ Hospital

Length of course of study: _____

Tuition: Quarter \$ _____ ; Semester \$ _____ ; Year \$ _____

The following items **MUST** be included with your application in complete form.

5. **Narrative:** (300 words or less) from Applicant stating chosen field of study and why you chose it. **Narrative must be double-spaced and signed by the Applicant.** Please attach a separate page for this portion.

6. The following items **MUST** be included with your application in complete form:

- **Two (2) letters of recommendation from:**
 - (a) One (1) letter from an employer; clergy; or businessperson in your community;
 - (b) One (1) letter from an administrator; guidance counselor; or teacher. **Both letters must be signed and have a contact phone number. It is preferred that letters be on letterhead.**
- A high school resume' to include a list of community involvement, church activities, and school activities/honors/awards. **Also include number of community service hours served and describe same; plus, a contact person name and phone number.**
- **Letter of Acceptance** (tentative or final) from chosen institute of higher education
- **Transcript** of high school (or college) grades **GPA:** _____ **Certified Transcript of high school or college grades must be included with the application.**
- **ACT score** _____ **SAT score** _____ **Accuplacer Score** _____
(As applicable) **Must have official copy of document with scores included.**

_____ (Signature of Applicant)

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Applicant – Please assemble your scholarship packet in the order given above. Thank you.

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UNIT INSTRUCTION SHEET FOR PROCESSING SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS

RUBY LORRAINEPAUL SCHOLARSHIP UNIT VERIFICATION

APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED BY INDIVIDUALS

To qualify for judging applications must be submitted by a local Nebraska American Legion Auxiliary Unit to the Department. Applicants **MUST NOT** send applications directly to the Department Office. Units be sure your applicants know this fact.

The Unit may submit **ONE Ruby Lorraine Paul Scholarship Application** to the American Legion Auxiliary Department Headquarters for consideration. The Unit's selection **must** be post-marked no later than **MARCH 15TH**. For information see the Education article in the current ABC Book provided to each Auxiliary Unit.

_____ (Applicant's name – print clearly)

CHECKLIST FOR UNIT PRESIDENT/OFFICER/UNIT EDUCATION CHAIRMAN

- ✓ Put your Unit's "mail to" information on the first page of application
- ✓ It is the Unit's responsibility to check the contents of the scholarship application to be sure all requested letters and documents are enclosed
- ✓ Signature and phone number of Unit Officer/Chairman who verified contents requested in No. 6 & 7 are included in the applicant's packet
- ✓ Each Unit may submit ONLY ONE of each Department (Nebraska) scholarships
- ✓ ONE Department scholarship per applicant. No duplicate applicants.
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- ✓ All applications to be post-marked no later than **MARCH 15**
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UNIT #: _____ **UNIT LOCATION: (town)** _____

This application was reviewed by an officer/chairman of the above Unit and contains the information required in No. 6 & 7.

Signature & Title

Daytime Phone #

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY – DEPARTMENT OF NEBRASKA

Applicant if you have any questions on where to submit this completed application please contact our Department Office at 402 466 1808.

RUBY LORRAINE PAUL SCHOLARSHIP

The Ruby Lorraine Paul Scholarship will be awarded to a daughter, son, granddaughter, grandson, great-granddaughter or great-grandson of an American Legion or to an American Legion Auxiliary member who has held Nebraska membership for two years or to an American Legion, American Legion Auxiliary, or Sons of the American Legion member who has held Nebraska membership for two years. Applicant **MUST** be enrolled in an accredited college or university for the current year and be a Nebraska resident for the previous three (3) years. This scholarship **excludes applicants enrolled in a school of nursing.**

Applicant must be a high school senior or a graduate of an accredited high school and have maintained a "B" or better average for the past two (2) semesters of high school. If selected the scholarship must be used within the year selected. **Funding not released by January 1st will NOT be awarded.**

Please fill out application (online, by typewriter or using legible printed handwriting if necessary) and return with all date under No. 6 & 7 in one packet for a Nebraska Unit President by **MARCH 1ST**. (Local American Legion Auxiliary Unit contact given below.)

This section to be completed by the local American Legion Auxiliary Unit for the applicant.

Unit # _____ Unit Location _____ Contact Phone: _____

(List name, mailing address for Unit member contact)

This is a \$200 Scholarship. Mail your application packet to the Unit by March 1st.

1. Name of Applicant: _____

Mailing Address: _____

(City/State/Zip Code)

2. In what school are you or were you last enrolled? _____

Grade Level: _____

Is this a Public School _____ or Home School _____ or Other (explain) _____

If not in school, state your occupation: _____

3. VETERAN CONNECTION:

Name of Veteran: _____ Branch of Service: _____

Dates of Service: _____ (Data found on form DD214 Discharge Papers)

How are you related to the named Veteran: _____

4. Are you _____, your parent _____, grandparent _____, or great-grandparent _____ a member of

The American Legion _____ American Legion Auxiliary _____ Sons of the American Legion _____
(Check all that apply) (Attach photocopy of membership card if available.)

5. Institute of higher education you plan to attend: _____

6. **Narrative:** (300 words or less) from Applicant stating chosen field of study and why you chose it.
Narrative must be double-spaced and signed by the Applicant. Please attach a separate page for this portion.)

7. The following items **MUST** be included with your application in complete form:

- **Two (2) letters of recommendation from:**
 - (a) One (1) letter from an employer; clergy; or business person in your community;
 - (b) One (1) letter from an administrator; guidance counselor; or teacher. **Both letters must be signed and have a contact phone number. It is preferred that letters be on letterhead.**
- A high school resume' to include a list of community involvement, church activities, and school activities/honors/awards. **Also include number of community service hours served and describe same; plus, a contact person name and phone number.**
- **Letter of Acceptance** (tentative or final) from chosen institute of higher education
- **Transcript** of high school (or college) grades **GPA:** _____ **Certified Transcript of high school or college grades must be included with the application.**
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Applicant - Please assemble your packet in the order given above. Thank you.

SENIOR HISTORY BOOK RULES
(History for April 2021-April 2022 Year)
Districts Must Submit 1 Unit History Book to Department Historian by May 1, 2022

Cover-

A standard 3-ring binder is to be used which can hold standard 8.5 x 11 paper. Centered on the cover of the binder should be the American Legion Auxiliary Emblem (any size). Also, on the front of the Cover should be the Title "History Book" and the "Unit: Name Unit #: *** Unit Town: *****, District: ##, History Book Year: to

[50 pts] _____

Title Page-

History of Unit _____ Unit No. _____

Located at _____ (name of town) District No. _____

Unit Historian: _____

List of Unit Officers:

List of Unit Chairman:

List of Unit Members holding National, Department, District or County Officer or Committee Positions: Special Awards the Unit Received:

[25 pts] _____

History Narrative-

Begin numbering the pages. Start with the installation of Unit officers and end with the closing of your administrative year.

Please write events in chronological order. The Unit's complete narrative needs to be a minimum of 5 paragraphs.

Showcase events and monthly Unit activities. Any font can be used. Double-spacing recommended.

Computer/typewritten is preferred but not required.

Handwritten history books are okay. No set margins but remember that neatness counts!

[20 pts] _____

Unit Historian Signature-

At the end of Narrative, please have the Unit Historian's Signature.

[5 pts] _____

BOOK TOTAL _____



BONUS POINTS (Addition to back of History Book)

+Include 5 photos of Unit Members participating in Unit Activities

+ _____

+Include 1 printed Unit Event Program or Invitation

+ _____

+History Book is computer/typewritten and double-spaced.

+ _____

BONUS TOTAL _____

BOOK TOTAL _____ + **BONUS TOTAL** _____ = **GRAND TOTAL**



Family Recruiter entry form

Name of Recruiter: _____

Recruiters Post, Unit or Squadron Number and Town: _____

Recruiters Address: _____

Recruiters Phone Number: _____

Names of New Members and Post, Unit or Squadron Number and Town

1 _____

2 _____

3 _____

4 _____

5 _____

6 _____

7 _____

8 _____

9 _____

If more room is needed, please use plain paper. Make sure writing is legible. This form must be included to be entered into drawing.



THE LEGION FAMILY – STONGER TOGETHER

Membership awards for 2021-2022:

The Junior Member that recruits the most new members by December 7th will receive \$50.

The Senior Member that recruits the most new members by December 7th will receive \$50.

The Junior member that recruits the most new members by April 15th will receive \$50.

The Senior Member that recruits the most new members by April 15th will receive \$50.

The Legion Family Member that recruits the most new members by February 14th will receive \$100. This is open to all current Legion Family Members. Recruit for any and all Legion Family Groups. Each entry must include a new member for the TAL, ALA, and SAL.

To apply for the award, simply recruit your friends and family. When their application and dues are paid simply add their name to the entry form. All submissions will be verified at Department Headquarters.

Poppy Craft Judging Criteria

Only one craft entry per Junior member permitted. The Poppy Craft should be made by a Junior **only** with adult supervision.

Junior Information (2 points)

Points awarded: _____

A tag with the following information should be firmly attached to the craft:

1. Name of town and Unit number
2. Name of Junior who made the Poppy craft.
3. School grade of Junior who made the Poppy craft.

Construction and Creativity (10 pts.)

Points awarded: _____

1. Poppies must be the major part of the Poppy Craft. Cards can be made without the paper poppy. Poppy drawings, pictures etc. may be used instead on the card.
2. White paper tags should be removed from paper poppies.
3. The poppy craft should be neat in appearance.
4. The poppy craft should be sturdy in construction.
5. The poppy craft design should be unique, show creativity and be appropriate for the purpose of the intended use.

Judges Use Only:

Participant _____

Group _____

| | | |
|-----------|-------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|
| Group I | K to 3 rd grade | (placecard, tray favor or card) |
| Group II | 4 th to 8 th grade | (placecard, tray favor, card, centerpiece or tree ornament) |
| Group III | 9 th to 12 th grade | (wreath, swag, centerpiece, corsage, tree ornament) |

Judge's Name _____

Date _____

Total Points Awarded _____ 12 possible points

Ranking _____

Remarks:

Poppy Craft Contest (This replaces the former Poppy Corsage Contest)

As the ALA website states, "Connecting the visual image of the poppy with the sacrifice made by our veterans has been an important goal of the American Legion Auxiliary Poppy Program since its inception in 1921." Creating poppy crafts to decorate the Legion Post, to share with a VA Hospital, VA Home or nursing home or designing a window display are just a few of the many places Juniors can distribute and display their poppy crafts.

Entries will be judged at the Department Junior Convention. They must be in place for judging 45 minutes prior to the beginning of the Convention meeting. Only one poppy craft per Junior will be allowed for this contest.

Entries will be judged in the following categories:

Group I – Grade K to 3rd
Placecard, ***Tray Favor** or Card

Group II – Grade 4 to 8th
Placecard, ***Tray Favor**, Card,
Tree Ornament or

Centerpiece

Group III – Grade 9 to 12th
Centerpiece, Wreath, Swag, Tree
Ornament, or ***Corsage**

***These items qualify as one of the Poppy Patch activities.**

Poppy Craft guidelines are posted on the Department website,
www.nebraskalegionaux.net under Junior Activities.

Prayer Book Instructions

Step 1 — Use a clear front page folder, with left-side 3-hole tacks.

Place American Legion Auxiliary Emblem sticker, top center of outside cover. Using a typed label or adhesive letters, attach below emblem, center of page, the words; Prayer Book.

{This is replacing the 3-ring hardcover notebook}

Step 2- Introduction Page: Centered and double spaced, as below.

Address of the Unit

Name of Unit #000 District #

Department of Nebraska

Name of Unit Chaplain

Name of Unit President,

2021-2022

{This first page and all individual pages need to be placed in a clear vinyl, top loading page protector, with 3 holes and attached to folder tacks. One page, per protector. 1side typed.}

Step 3 — Prayers are to be double spaced and typed. Please spell correctly and identify author or source if known, if unknown, print as such.

Bottom left corner, is where author name should be typed. This year, the prayer book will contain a minimum of 6 prayers.

2 Opening prayers, (prayers used to begin meetings)

“Opening Prayer” should be typed at top of each page.

2 Meal blessings, (used before funeral luncheons, etc.)

“Meal Blessing” typed at top of each page.

2 Closing prayers, (prayers used to close meetings and events.)

“Closing Prayer” typed at top of each page.

Remember, author or source, 1-side typed and place each in page protector.

Step 4- Devotional divider. Prayer books must have 2 parts. The divider used here should be decorative and creative. Use pictures, artwork, symbols. It can be decorated on both sides.

Step 5- Devotional thoughts, Bible verses, inspirational articles, maybe your confirmation verse. You will need a minimum of 2 articles.

Follow same instructions above.

Districts are asked to mail their winning Prayer Books to me by May 1, 2022.

There will be Dept. award certificates for top 3 entries.

District Prayer Book Judging Sheet

Unit _____

Grade _____

_____(A)(B)(C) 1. Used correct binder, Emblem and Prayer Book on front page. Pages are in page protectors.

(A)(B)(C) 2. Information page is complete.

(A)(B)(C) 3. Book has 6 prayers minimum.

2 opening prayers, 2 meal blessings, 2 closing prayers.

(A)(B)(C) 4. Devotional divider. Is creative and inspiring.

(A)(B)(C) 5. Devotional thoughts. There should be at least 2 articles.

(A)(B)(C) 6. Overall appearance of the book. Neatness, spelling, creativity and all directions followed.

#(A's)____ #(B's)____ #(C's)____ Rating____ Place____

Judge _____ , Judge _____ , Judge _____

Suggesting 3 judges, confirmed before District convention. Example:

District Chaplain, Past District Officer, Dept. Officer

