

SECRETARY NOTES:

To those of you that are new treasurers/membership chairmen – PLEASE do not staple things, especially checks to transmittal forms.

And remember: checks for the NH Veterans Fund MUST be separate.

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If you haven't already sent in your list of officers for the 2024-2025 administrative year, please do so as soon as possible.

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2023-2024 MEMBERSHIP:

Remember – don't hold on to 2024 membership! We only need approximately 26 to get that 102% goal to receive that check from National that we are going to give (through drawings) to those Units that have achieved their 102% goal by July 27th. Good luck to all Units!

I thoroughly enjoyed working on this program and hope that all of you did also - Thank you to everyone for helping Department reach our Membership Goal and are sending PDP Melissa Greenwood to New Orleans a 100% Department President.

PDP Joyce Flanders, 2023-2024 Membership Chairman

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**DISTRICT 4:**

As District Director I am looking to get more attendance at all District Meetings

There will be a District Picnic at Greeley-Parmenter-Harrington Post 27 in Londonderry (6 Sargent Rd) on Sunday August 18. The meeting will start at 10 am and the cookout will be at noon.

If you would like notices of District Meetings and events, please email me your email address.

I am looking forward to seeing old friends and to making new ones. If you have any concerns or ideas, please let me know

I need activity reports from all Units in District 4 by September 15<sup>th</sup> so I can compile my report for the Executive Committee Meeting. Reports should cover from May 1<sup>st</sup> to September 1<sup>st</sup>.

Thank you for all you do to promote the Auxiliary programs and especially what you do for our veterans.

Elaine Smith, District 4 Director  
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THANK YOU:

I would like to thank each and every one of you that reached out to me during the recent passing of my father. It was a tough 5 years for him and now he is at peace with no more suffering.

It was so very thoughtful of you to take the time to let me know that you were thinking of me and my family at that tough time.

Thank you again.

Terri Ouellette, PDP

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**THANK YOU:**

Thank you to everyone that sent cards and prayers my way at the loss of my nephew. It was very sudden and he was too young so it was especially hard on the family.

I appreciate the Legion Family for the support they always give during the hard times.

Terry Manley, PDP

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PUBLIC RELATIONS:

Hey Everyone!!! It's a Brand New Year for ALA Branding!!!

Most Important – Getting the word out about all the great things the American Legion Auxiliary does in New Hampshire. Many Units create Posters and post pictures on Facebook, This is GREAT!!!



But DO NOT forget to tag on one of the American Auxiliary LOGOS to identify yourself. I have created an account on Facebook to include all the Unit happenings in the

Department President's Pressbook. Our Units are the heart and soul of our organization, and we want to hear what you are doing. TAG – *ALA New Hampshire PR 2024.*

Many have asked if I will be doing the postcard drawings, as I did on a previous program. The answer is **YES!!!**

Send me a postcard with the word "BRANDING" on it at PO Box 114, Gorham, NH 03581. The winner will receive a Duncan Gift Card. Don't forget to include your name and unit on the card.

*Ready for a GREAT year,
Linda Dupont, PR Chairman*

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**FOREIGN RELATIONS:**

Welcome to Portugal ☺

- Southern European Country
- Borders Spain w-Lisbon as Capital
- Portuguese is official language
- Euro is the currency
- Warm climate
- Affordable country to live in
- Large population of English speaking people
- Catholic Religion
- Country about the size of Indiana

Specifics on Essay/Scrapbook & Doll Contest to follow in future bulletins.

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LEADERSHIP

Looking for something to do on a dreary, rainy day. Consider taking an ALA Academy course. There are self-paced courses and recorded webinars from which to choose on a wide variety of topics, including:

- Be the One • ALA 101
 - National Poppy Day
 - Celebrating the Month of the Military Child
 - ALA Compliance Matters
 - ALA Junior Patch Program
 - Understanding the Differences Between National Security and Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation
 - Mission Delivery through Caregiver Support
 - Using Social Media to Your Unit's Advantage
 - Using Poppy Funds to Serve Our Mission
 - Unit Fundraising: Moving the Mission Forward by Engaging your Community
 - ALA Branding and Why it Matters
 - ALA Leadership: Living our Motto of Service Not Self
- And many more...

Simply set up your MyAuxiliary Member Portal account to access all of the ALA Academy offerings. You'll be glad you did!

Want to attend a District Leadership Class? Ask your District Director to set one up. District 5 is scheduled for Saturday, September 21, 2024 in Contoocook.

Karyl Horn, Leadership Chair

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**JUNIORS**

About: Inspiring active participation by ALA members under the age of 18 and build a strong future for our young ladies in the ALA mission and in life.

Do you know when the junior meetings are? Do you know what the Patch Program is and how the junior can earn their patches? Do you know what awards and scholarships are available?

We are hoping that you and your juniors will attend the junior meetings to learn all about what is available. Remember that our juniors are our Future.

The junior convention in May is where the junior’s vote on their President, Secretary, Treasurer and Historian. Unfortunately there was not a quorum so the voting could not take place. We are asking that your juniors please attend the October Fall Conference so they can nominate their 2024-2025 Officers. This year the conference is held on October 5<sup>th</sup>. I am still looking for a place to have the conference. If you would like to volunteer to have the conference at your Post, please let me know. The other dates for the juniors are: January, Mid-Winter Conference in Rochester and the Junior Convention is in May, the location tbd.

We are hoping to see more juniors participate this year. During the year we are going to give you more information on the patch program, what awards are out there and scholarships.  
Thank you

Cathy Perra, Junior Chairman 603-540-2110  
Cheryl Eaton, 2<sup>nd</sup> Member  
Lesia Vorachak, 3<sup>rd</sup> Member



**MEMBERSHIP 2024 – 2025**

Included in this bulletin is the 2025 Unit Goals of 7,419 members based on National expectations. They are rolling back time to July 2023.

I am asking for your help. I know you will work hard for membership. Renew, retain, recruit.

I am still working on our membership program, but I can guarantee with we will HAVE FUN!

We will again have a Membership Team assembled this year! They are 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Jean Drew, Districts 5-8 Liaison; 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Cathy Perra, Districts 1-4 Liaison; Secretary Joyce Flanders; District Directors and Alternate Directors and of course our Past Department Presidents too!

Have questions or concerns, don’t hesitate to call or email. **BUT, please continue to send in those 2024 dues.**

We **cannot forget** to continue to contact our delinquent members and get them to renew for 2024. Ask them “Why did they join? How can the ALA give back and get you to continue your membership? That being said, let's not wait! Encourage your 2024 members to be EARLY BIRDS! Also be sure to process those dues promptly.

Karyl Horn, Chairman  
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VETERAN AFFAIRS & REHABILITATION:

It's a new year with exciting happenings.

Last year we began renewing the New Hampshire American Legion Auxiliary relationship with **the Manchester VA.**

Results:

1. The Department of NH sponsoring sponsors a monthly Bingo on the first Thursday of each month in the CLC Unit. This requires (2) volunteers to pick up snacks (under \$20) and soda/juice and sit with the veterans for an hour to assist with Bingo. *Thank you to Beth Savard and Frances O'Rourke from Chester Unit #108 for helping at the June Bingo.*
2. The New Hampshire American Legion Auxiliary will be assisting in sponsoring the Manchester VA Creative Arts Program to be held July 24th & 25th. The Outpatient director is asking for volunteers as greeters to ensure visitors vote for their favorite piece and look, but not touch exhibits. The Department of New Hampshire will cover the costs of Prize Ribbons, Trophies, and certificates from a grant program established by PDP Linda Dupont's project during her year.
3. Although we cannot hold the VA Gift shop as we have in the past. We are speaking with the VA Staff to set up arrangements and adjustments to the program to conform with the Manchester VA.

This is exciting getting things back to normal since we have not been able to promote, participate, or be included in the VA happenings since COVID-19.

Anyone wishing to volunteer for Bingo or to help with the Creative Arts Program, don't hesitate to get in touch with Linda Dupont at 603-723-3907 or email linda.dupont902@yahoo.com

Back by Popular Demand:

Send me a Postcard with **“BINGO”** printed on it to Linda Dupont, PO Box 114, Gorham, NH 03581. The winner will receive (2) Bingo Scratch Tickets.

*Linda Dupont, VA&R Chairman
Sandra Morris, 2nd Chair
Ashley Connors-Parent*