December 20, 2019

ALA members,

With the hustle and bustle of the Holidays behind us, all the food baskets have been delivered, the Children’s Parties behind us, the stocking and gifts delivered to the veterans in the Nursing Homes and care packages sent overseas. Now we can rest. Right??? NOT US, we are the American Legion Auxiliary and there are many more things for us to do.

The American Legion Auxiliary has been busy celebrating 100 years of service to our veterans, to their families and to the communities. There have been many Birthday Celebrations within the Districts and Units, it has been wonderful to see the support and appreciation shown by the Sons of the American Legion and the American Legion throughout New Hampshire.

With the upcoming visit of our National President Nicole Clapp, we have tried very hard to give her the full experience of New Hampshire. I hope that our members will be able to attend one or more of the events planned, to meet our National President and show her how our Units have embraced the programs of the ALA and in celebrating our 100 years of service. Please bring your Legionnaires and SAL members and let’s not forget our Juniors to meet our National President at one of the Meet & Greets or at the luncheon in Groveton.

I look forward to seeing many of you at the Mid-Winter Conference scheduled for January 25th in Rochester. Joint meeting begins at 9am.

Celebrating 100 years of Service,

Linda Dupont, President
CHAPLAIN'S CORNER:

As we are coming up on Christmas, let us reflect on the year behind us. Did we give as much as we could have to our programs? We need to take this time to reflect. What more can we do? Where do we have to spend more time? What else can be done by our Units? Just think if each Unit made one small improvement to the programs they work what a difference it would make.

As Christmas will have passed before most of us get this, (won't get this until after), make sure to keep our active military that won't be spending time with their families at home in your prayers - we need to say added prayers for them.

May you be blessed with the spirit of the season, which is hope, and the heart of the season, which is love.

"Heavenly Father, please teach us how to show gratitude to You for all that You have bestowed upon us. You have been most generous and kind. Let us rejoice and sing Your praises. Teach us to simply say thank you." Amen

I would like to thank everyone for the prayers I have had sent to me for Pres. Linda's Prayer book. I am still looking for many more. Also, thank you for the mid-year reports - they have been great!

On a more personal note: I would like to thank all of you for the well wishes I received while in the hospital and rehab. They were very much appreciated.

Linda LaPoint, Department Chaplain
SECRETARY NOTES:

MERRY CHRISTMAS & HAPPY NEW YEAR!
The office will be closed for the holidays from December 24th to December 29th.

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Please try to get all membership in so that your members that have paid their dues will be entered into the system by the end of the calendar year. If not, please arrange to bring with you when you come to meet the National President during her travels, right after the New Year.

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Hope to see everyone at the Mid-Winter Conference in Rochester on January 25th.

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President Dupont reported that the quarterly report from Amazon Smile states: Your charity, American Legion Auxiliary Foundation, recently received a quarterly donation of $1,102.39 thanks to customers shopping at smile.amazon.com. Thanks for using Amazon Smile!

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REMINDER: There are still Units that have not paid their Levy tax and Bonding fee, which should have been paid for this year by now. These must be paid or your Unit will not have any voting rights at Department Convention.

DISTRICT #3:
Hello ladies and gentlemen. District #3 Auxiliaries, please send me a list of what your unit has been doing since May (or September if you already sent May to September info). I need this for the Mid-Year report I must make. I want to thank each of you for the lovely cards you have sent me. Each have lifted my spirits. I do have ovarian cancer & Diverticulitis. My next chemo sessions are Jan 2 & Jan 23. My surgery will be Feb. 25 at Mass General & will be in the hospital for 3 – 5 days. My Doctors are quite positive. I have had no nausea so far and other than loosing weight I have generally felt well. I am not allowed to work so as to not get sick. I thank you all for your thoughts and prayers.

Sheila Brooks, District 3 Director

HISTORIAN:
National President, Nicole Clapp will be here January 3rd to the 6th. Get out to her various meet and greets and be sure to report to me about those visitations!

As I have stated previously, do not wait to send me information. By sending a small blurb on events occurring throughout the year it is less likely to be missed come end-of-year reporting.

Thank you to those who sent mid-year reports. I enjoyed reading all that is going on around our fine department! It certainly aided me in writing my report for National.

Melissa Greenwood, Department Historian
mdgreenwood@hotmail.com

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THANK YOU:
I would like to thank the whole Legion Family for all the support, cards, and prayers when I suddenly lost my grandson. You have no idea how helpful it was to know so many people cared. I appreciate everything that was done to help me through that tough time.

Joyce Flanders, PDP, Department Secretary/Treasurer

POPPIES:
Just a reminder of Mid-Year Reports are due.
Please remember to send it to Cheryl Fournier, 290 Ashby Rd., New Ipswich, N.H. 03071 or E-Mail me cher1955@MyFairPoint.net
Mid- Winter Conference: Please remember the Poppy Corsage Contest.
Only artificial flowers. 1 entry per Unit. Please put in container and put name- Unit number on the container. Madam President will wear the winning corsage @ Department Convention. National or Department themes can be used.
Have a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Stay safe and enjoy your family and friends. See you in 2020.

Cheryl Fournier, Poppy Chairman

COMMUNITY SERVICE:
Happy Holidays! This season is wonderful for most of us, but it is a difficult time for some veterans, the homeless and families in need. As we count our blessings, please remember to support community food pantries, soup kitchens, nursing homes, churches and shelters. Toys for Totes, Santa Funds, clothing, food and even animal bedding drives are in full swing and truly appreciate the annual donations we extend.

Your Units and individual members work hard in your communities, be proud and take a moment to brag about your activities! Drop me a line or two by Dec. 15th reporting so that I may state to National how great New Hampshire does on Community Service. Am-flag@comcast.net
In the 2014 – 2015 year, 2 trophies were added to the Department Community Service award listing. Excuse my over-sight when not listing these within the ‘Plan of Work’ as Department Awards: The Germaine Douche Memorial Award – To the Unit in District 2 with the best Community Service report. And – The Viola Thompson Award – A traveling award to the Unit in District 6 with the best Community Service report.

‘P-C’ Alger, Community Service Chairman

PAST PRESIDENT’S PARLEY:
Do you know of a female member or friend who is CURRENTLY serving our country in the U.S. Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force or Coast Guard? (Including National Guard and Reserve components of each branch) SALUTE TO SERVICEWOMAN award honors one
servicewoman from each branch of service. Recipients must be willing to attend as guests of the Auxiliary Nomination Criteria Comm. and speak to the general assembly of the American Legion Auxiliary at the National Convention in Aug. 2020. The currently Active Duty or Reserve Servicewoman should have a track record of exemplary service both in and out of uniform. Information and Nomination forms for ‘Salute To Servicewomen’, as well as ‘Unit Member of the Year’ forms, will be available at Midwinter Conference. Or email me at Am-flag@comcast.net

‘P-C’ Alger, Past President’s Parley Chairman

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LEADERSHIP:
There is one more Leadership Class scheduled for the Spring –
District 5 Leadership Class – Post 31, Penacook (11 Charles St) – Coffee @ 9:30, Meeting @ 10
I would like to do a class in District 1 and in District 7 but none have been scheduled as yet.
If your Unit would like to have a class, please don’t hesitate to contact me and we can probably set something up.
Thank you to the Units that sent me Mid-Year Reports. I see you have been working on mentoring new members and helping Junior members. And working on conflicts within the Unit or between Unit members. Keep up the good work! After all – we are all here for the same reason and goals – to help our Veterans and their families, our children and our communities.

Joyce Flanders, Leadership Chairman

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JUNIOR ACTIVITIES:
Just a reminder that the Juniors have asked for the Units to donate food items for the Mid-Winter Lunch and gifts for the Gift Raffle. Please bring the items that your District is responsible for. All are very much appreciated, so that the Juniors can make the donations they like to make to the various programs.
The Juniors thank you very much for the mentoring and the help you have given them.

Elaine Smith, Junior Chairman

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PUBLIC RELATIONS:
Thank you for all the reports and newspaper articles that were sent to me.
It is important to include in your articles, American Legion Auxiliary, ALA or American Legion Family, what the occasion or event is, location of the event, what time it is to occur. Send articles to my mailbox or email.
You can send the articles to my email address: jannephoto@myfairpoint.net or Jean Drew, 50 Great Falls Drive, Penacook, NH 03303.

Jean Drew, Public Relations Chairman

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FUNDRAISING:
Hello ladies and gentlemen. Mid-Winter is coming up soon. Due to a motion passed earlier this year, the Calendar raffle cards can be sold at the Mid-Winter Conference. See me there and get
yours if you haven’t gotten yours yet. Those that are selling these this year please be sure that you bring any that you have to Mid-Winter. The tickets and money are to be sent to Department HQ by you as you sell them. But any that you sell close to Mid-Winter please feel free to bring the money and tickets to Mid-Winter. Joyce Flanders will be happy to receive them.

Sheila Brooks, Fundraising Chairman

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VETERAN AFFAIRS & REHABILITATION:
Thanks to all who helped during the VA Gift Shop. I believe the veterans were pleased with the gifts they were able to give their families, thanks to the Auxiliary’s generosity.

Don’t forget the After Holiday Party at the New Hampshire Veterans Home on January 4th. Come, and not only meet the National President, but make the party a memorable experience for the residents and yourself. If you wish, please bring sugar-free and nut free cookies.

Anne Lamson, VA & R Chairman

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GIRLS STATE
I want to thank you all for your patience; the date and location for our 2020 session of ALA Granite Girls State will be June 19 - 24, 2020 at St. Anselm’s College. The American Legion Boys State will be there as well.

We will be holding separate sessions as we are separate programs; but will also be looking at the feasibility of combining with the Boys State program where possible. Such as with speakers and potential field trips, etc. I will keep all informed of this new endeavor.

The dates are adjusted this year in the start/end days but not in the actual amount of time spent at our program.

When promoting Girls State please be sure to promote Boys State as well. They will be in session June 21st - 26th at St. Anselm College.
The committee this year will be myself as chairman, Cherie Hebert, PDP as 2nd member and Joyce Flanders, PDP as 3rd member. Feel free to contact anyone one of us with questions.

Visit either one of the programs sites - www.alagranitegirlsstate.wordpress.com OR www.nhboysstate.org.

Melissa Greenwood, ALA Granite Girls State Chairman
mdgreenwood@hotmail.com

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LEGISLATIVE:
Hello ALA members

I hope you are staying warm this winter; it’s been a winter wonderland out there already. I would like to thank all the Units for their Legislative mid-winter reports. I received more than I thought I would. I think I will have a nice mid-year report to send to national. It is great to see the number of members that receive e-mail notifications, send e-mails and letters and attend town hall meetings with our members of congress. GREAT JOB EVERYONE.
The POW/MIA Flag Act passed in November. That means all Federal buildings are required by law to fly the POW/MIA Flag under the American Flag - that includes Post offices. If your town or city is not flying the POW/MIA flag, please let them know of the new law.

There are still a few important bills: HR553; The NDAA National Defense Authorization Act is now in the Senate. You can also refer to S-1790 - it is supposed to pass in the Senate and be on the President's desk sometime in January. This bill benefits our Gold Star families; it repeals the Widow benefit taxes.

The last bill, still not voted on in the House or the Senate, is HR-367 and that is to pay the Coast Guard if there is ever another government shutdown. Call, write or E-Mail your representatives and tell them to pass this bill.

Well, that is all for now. Hope to see you all in January either at the E-Board meeting on the 11th or at Mid-winter conference.

Thank you all again for your dedication.

 Joyce Murnane, Legislative Chairman
2019 – 2020 MEMBERSHIP

Celebrating a Century of Service. Celebrate your membership with fellow members and your community.

Congratulations to the newest 100% Unit - Exeter 32!

Please keep up the great work! Whatever has gotten you excited, continue to ignite the light and the excitement in our members to keep up the wonderful job they are doing! Remember, one person cannot do this!

Dues have been coming in slow lately. The new year is upon us and we would like to see an influx of memberships in the office. IT is not too late to encourage your members to renew. Remind them of the many benefits to being a member of the American Legion Auxiliary. Why did they join? Who are they honoring?

Recruit/Rejoin 5 - Did you sign up five or more Auxiliary junior or senior members into the 2020 membership year? You are eligible to receive a special gift from the National Membership Chairman. The first deadline is President’s Day, February 17, 2020. Be sure that it gets into Joyce as soon as possible. Can’t make the deadline? You will have another opportunity Flag Day, June 14, 2020.

As of the Membership report I received on 12-19-19. District 7 is in first place with 72.89%. Congratulations to Director Anthony and the members of District 7 for keeping the lead. District 2 is a close second with 71.02%. So, which Director will be wearing the snowflake pin at Midwinter Conference and will District 5 remain stuck shoveling in memberships to get out of the “snowdrift”? It is anyone’s guess.

National President Nicole Clapp is visiting New Hampshire January 3-6, 2020. President Linda has a full schedule planned with Meet and Greets each day. What a great opportunity to bring membership and tell our story! Let’s celebrate why we joined!

The District Directors have been tasked with creating “unique” snowperson. Come to Midwinter, Saturday, January 25, 2020 you will help me pick the most unique by voting on the best District snowperson displayed. The winning Director will receive “bragging rights” and a gift from me.

Our next goal is 75% - Presidents Day, February 17, 2020. I am happy to say that twenty-eight (28) units have met or exceed the 75% goal of which two (2) are well on their way to Goal 3 - 95%. Keep up the good work. At this rate all units should celebrate 100% by Department Convention in June 2020.

Have questions or concerns, don’t hesitate to call or email any member of the Membership Team.

Remember! Without unique members delivering our mission serving our military, veterans, their families and the community WE will not survive another 100 years. Let’s have a Great Membership Year and a FUN ONE too!

Karyl Horn, Chairman
karylh@comcast.net
603-988-8267
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**National Goal** 7309 66.03%

**Needed to reach 100% by Department Convention** -2518

**Needed to reach 100% by National Convention** -2483
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Revised:August 13, 2019
2020

R/R 5 - Recruit & Rejoin 5

For members who recruit or rejoin five (5) or more junior or senior Auxiliary members into the 2020 membership year. Rejoined members must not have paid dues since 2017. **One entry per recruiter per deadline.**

Certified forms must be received at National Headquarters **no later than:**

Check one: ______ Feb. 17th, 2020 ______ June 14th, 2020

CERTIFICATION FORM

*Please type or print legibly*

Recruiter’s Name: ___________________________ Member ID#: ______________________

Recruiter’s Dept: ___________________________ Unit #: ____________________________

Email: ____________________________

Address: ____________________________

**Name of New and/or Rejoined members**

1. ____________________________

2. ____________________________

3. ____________________________

4. ____________________________

5. ____________________________

**Member ID**

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**Certified by Department Secretary:**

Dept. Secretary

printed name: ___________________________ Dept: ___________________________

Debt Secretary Signature (required):

*I certify that all 5 members are new in 2020 - or last paid in 2017 or prior and rejoined into the 2020 year. I've provided or verified member ID’s & that the form is filled out legibly & completely. DO NOT SEND INCOMPLETE FORMS or more than 1 form per recruiter.*

**Departments**

Please either scan & email to:

**membership@ALAForyVeterans.org**

(Subject line: R/R 5)

Or

Fax: 317-569-4502 (Attn: Membership)

Due to the unpredictability of mail, use the above methods of transmission instead.

*Must be received at NHQ by midnight 2/17/19 or 6/14/20

**Form must be received at National Headquarters by Feb. 17th and/or June 14th, 2020 to be eligible! Please have this form to your Dept HQ office no less than one week prior to the deadlines!**

Each recruiter will receive a special gift selected by the 2020 National Membership Chairman

**One award per award period per recruiter. Do not send multiple forms.**

See back for additional clarifications.
R/R 5 Award Details & Clarifications:

- **Please fill out ALL of the lines on the form completely & ACCURATELY (spelling & legibility of names is vital).**

- **Due to the volume of forms we get right before the deadlines, incomplete forms (WITH LESS THAN 5 NAMES) and those with misspelled/illegible names that cannot be verified in ALAMIS may not be processed and time constraints will likely prevent department or national staff from informing about the need for or requesting corrected information.**

- **REJOINS must not have paid since 2017 to count.** A “rejoin” is someone who joins again after they’ve let their membership lapse more than 2 years. To rejoin, a unit should again verify the former member’s eligibility status (OR have her pay all of her back dues in lieu of doing so). Rejoins should not be entered as new members (even if changing units) - they keep their former member ID #.
  - Someone renewing their overdue 2018 or 2019 dues does NOT qualify as a “rejoin”...but we do hope everyone checks in on these members and encourages them to renew their past due membership!

- **NOTE THAT THE DEPARTMENT SECRETARIES MUST VERIFY & SIGN ALL OF THE FORMS. Allow ample time to get them to the Dept Secretary before each deadline. NEITHER NATIONAL NOR DEPT’S WILL ACCEPT FORMS AFTER THE DEADLINE.**

- **Dept Secretaries: Please do NOT mail forms after you’ve already scanned or faxed them. We just need them once!**

- It is extremely helpful to the staff at National HQ if these forms are transmitted as frequently as possible (i.e. as a member gets their 5th recruit/rejoin or as soon as the department receives the form). National literally get hundreds at once near the deadlines.

- Please note...once a member (recruiter) has sent in their first “Recruit/Rejoin 5” form (or been awarded the 2020 10 x 10 Award which automatically qualified them for the first R/R 5 award period – they do NOT have to submit this form in addition to the 10x10 form), but goes on to recruit/rejoin others, they can start keeping track of & submit those additional people on one additional R/R 5 Award form for the June 14th deadline. Only one of each gift per award period per person.

- Multiple forms (from several members) can all be mailed in one envelope saving postage costs. Or, better yet, most departments happily accept scanned/emailed forms...or faxes if they have fax.

- The “Recruit/Rejoin 5” gifts may be mailed periodically as received or shortly after the end of each award period.

- Some sort of award will be offered each year....the annually updated forms are housed in the “Member’s Only” area of the ALA website on the “Membership Committee” page or you can request them from your department. Each year is a clean slate so members can earn them every year!

- The “Recruit or Rejoin 1” and “Recruit 10” awards from previous years are discontinued/invalid.

- Note that TAL/SAL members can earn this award for recruiting/rejoining ALA members, too. Share this with your Legion family.
2019
Dec. 25       MERRY CHRISTMAS!
Dec. 24-29    Department Office Closed – Reopen on Dec. 30th

2020
Jan. 1       HAPPY NEW YEAR!
Jan. 3 – 6    National President to visit – see itinerary on website
Jan. 4       After Christmas Party – NH Veterans Home (139 Winter St) – @ 2 pm
Jan. 11      Executive Committee Meeting – Post 49, Tilton (4 Park St) – @ Coffee @ 9:30, Meeting @ 10 –
                        Snow date Jan. 18
Jan. 25      Mid-Winter Conference – Post 7, Rochester, NH (94 Eastern Ave.) Reg. @ 8 – Meeting @ 9
March 7      District 5 Leadership Class – Post 31, Penacook (11 Charles St) – Coffee @ 9:30,
                        Meeting @ 10
March 28     Department Spring Conference – Post 2, Manchester (251 Maple St) – Coffee @ 9:30,
                        Meeting @ 10
Apr. 25      Executive Committee Meeting – Post 51, Epping (232 Calef Hwy) - Coffee@ 9:30,
                        Meeting @ 10
May 9        Junior Convention – Post 72, Alton (Route 28) – Coffee @ 9:30 – meeting to start at 10 AM
June 7       District 4 Girls State Orientation – Post 2, Manchester (251 Maple St.) – Coffee @ 9:30 –
                        meeting @ 10
June 25-28   Department Convention – DoubleTree, Manchester – more info forth coming
Sept. 12     8/40 Annual Meeting – Post 37, Hooksett (5 Riverside St.) – 10 AM

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