

SEPTEMBER 2024

Welcome to the new Auxiliary Year!



We are Leading The Way

I'm sure all of you are as excited as I am to be part of this committee! I look forward to working together and hearing your ideas. National President Trish Ward's focus is "Leading The Way" and the Veterans Fund through the ALA Foundation as her main emphasis this year. Join the excitement of the ALA Challenge Card Deck Order! You may order your deck(s) using this link. (CTRL + Click) More information will follow.

Order Decks here: [ALA Challenge Card Deck Order](#)

I would like to thank you in advance for your commitment to The American Legion Auxiliary and specifically to the Community Service program. Much will be expected from you throughout this Auxiliary year, but I know that in working together, we will be successful. You are an important member of the team, and we will be successful because of YOU! Continue to "BE THE ONE" we continue to focus on this great effort.

Meet the Committee

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Resources

What to Expect This Year

Each month, every Department Community Service Chairman and Department President will receive a newsletter from their divisional chairman. Then you as Department Chairman are responsible for circulating the newsletter with your district and unit members. We will also have quarterly Zoom calls with Departments across the nation. During these meetings, we will open together to learn more important information applicable to everyone. Then, you will have an opportunity to meet with the other departments in your division to brainstorm and learn what others are doing. Finally, we will close together as a group. We hope this leads to better reporting and execution of the mission. If you cannot attend, please send someone in your place and notify your divisional chairman.

Quarterly Zoom Calls

Monday, October 7, 2024 @
8pm EST

Monday, January 13, 2025 @
8pm EST

Monday, April 7, 2025 @
8pm EST

**Final date to be determined
(Pre-Convention meeting)**

**“ We make a living by
what we get, but we
make a life by what we
give.”**

-Winston Churchill

Looking for Ideas?

ALA Committee Facebook Groups are spaces on the social media network for ALA members to discuss or share about broad or narrow topics related to each committee. Groups provide an arena for organic discussion about your local programs or services and present the opportunity to cultivate brand awareness. This is a place to share service activities and events, ask questions, obtain information, and network for those interested in the American Legion Auxiliary Community Service program

Join our Facebook page at:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/110203022459992/>

Contact Community Service

Committee: CommunityService@ALAforVeterans.org

Get Involved Pages (Program Engagement Plan):

Continuing this year, National has prepared the Get Involved Pages on the Website (also known as Program Engagement Plans). These pages include implementation information on each Key Program Statement. They connect the information already available all in one place and become the go-to for our program (much like the Action Plan used to). A wealth of resources is available on the American Legion Auxiliary website:

www.ALAforVeterans.org. This website should be your 'go to' resource for all things Auxiliary. The Community Service is located at: <https://member.legion-aux.org/member/committees/communityservice>

The American Legion Family Brochure

–membership application for The American Legion, Sons of The American Legion and the American Legion Auxiliary all in one place.

The Member Benefits Page

will give a synopsis of who we are, what we do and what we can offer a potential or current members.

American Legion Auxiliary Master Calendar

- Check out this page for upcoming events and meetings. There is a PDF with numerous years of events at the bottom.

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