I hope you all survived the holidays and got some much-needed rest with all the hard work our unit members have been doing. I’m sure your batteries are recharged, and you are raring to go again. Many great things are happening. Members are visiting the VA Centers and getting just as much excitement out of the visits and activities as the Veterans are. One unit obtained a grant from National and was able to purchase and present a new washer and dryer to the Pennyroyal Veterans Center. Those ladies were super excited as I’m sure the center and its residents were.

Our membership team has been working hard making phone calls, emails and texts encouraging our units. With that, thank you to ALL units for your hard work on membership. It’s not too late to give some late Christmas gifts if you know someone may need some assistance with her dues. It’s ok to be a Secret Santa still. In a lot of my travel’s unit members are shocked to find that they don’t have the number of members paid for the current year and, surprisingly, some dues are not paid for 2019. My advice has been speaking with the person or group handling membership in a polite way to see what is going on. Also, you can pay your dues online and by phone. That phone number is 317-569-4500.

December 8th I had the pleasure attending the 1st District meeting in Mayfield. If you’ve never been there, it is a beautiful post and the members of that district were a lot of fun to be around. I, along with the District President Sandra Ford, posted pictures from the day on Facebook. A special thank you to the district for the generous donation to my special project. I am very excited about Operation Comfort Warriors and what that program stands for. Hopefully next month I will have fliers that can go to each unit to give you a better understanding of it. I am very appreciative of any and all donations members, volunteers, etc. make to this very worthwhile program.

My next district meeting plans are, weather permitting, to attend District 3 – Franklin – Feb 16; District 5 – Shively – March 1; District 4 – Greensburg March 15 and last but certainly not least, District 9 – Ashland – May 16th. I WILL make ALL Districts before the end of this administrative year.

Keep working hard on your membership (2019 and 2020), recruiting and making ALL members feel included. Looking forward to seeing as many as possible at Winter Conference. We do have an Executive Board meeting on Friday evening along with some other meetings so please be mindful if you are supposed to be in one of them that you are there on time and ready to participate. District Presidents, if you cannot be there, please ensure your Vice President is aware and can represent. Sergeants-at-Arms, please be there no less than a half hour before meeting time.

Thanks everyone.

Bonita Robey
Department President
2019-2020
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Happy New Year!!

The Department of Kentucky ALA members have come out strong for our Americanism program by participating in Celebrate 100, by visiting schools to tell them about our Essay contest, by promoting Patriotism in their communities and by participating in the Facebook Americanism questions.

Units in the running for the $100 drawing in June are, Unit 113, Unit 229, Unit 233, Unit 313 and Unit 342.

Some highlights of Unit events Americanism are:

- Presenting the essay contest in person to local schools.
- Handing out over 100 flags to the community in a parade.
- Placing over 1000 flags at a local Veterans cemetery.
- 100 flags displayed for Veterans Day.
- Over 300 veterans served for Memorial Day.
- Flag disposal ceremonies.
- Over 100 Christmas Cards were given to a local VA.
- Approximately 300 Star Spangled Kids sang the National Anthem.
- Thank You Flag certificates have been given out to local patriots.

These are just some of the few activities that our Units are working.

We have had winners on the ALA Americanism Facebook page and the Flag Etiquette questions, so far four knowledgeable members have answered and won a heart flag keychain.

Get excited for the beginning of a GREAT YEAR!

Nancy Moses
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Hello, Auxiliary members! I hope that each of you had a blessed holiday spent with family and friends. Now we must get to work on our programs (if you took any time off during December).

Since I will not be at Winter Conference, due to an out of state wedding, let me take this opportunity to ask you to encourage your units to make a donation to the Department Laura Blackburn Scholarship. Without your support the funds for this scholarship will soon be depleted. Any amount will help and be appreciated. I know that I would hate it if we were no longer able to offer deserving young people a Department scholarship. Please help keep Laura Blackburn’s legacy alive!

Speaking of scholarships, January is the time to contact your area schools and provide them with the National President’s scholarships. Those applications must be received on or before March 1 by the local unit. Each unit will select one applicant to be forwarded to me for judging. The Department then forwards our applicant to the Southern Division chairman for consideration. Please get those applications to the schools. Wouldn’t it be great to have a national winner?

If you need any help with your Education Program, please contact me at donnathurman113@yahoo.com or call or text at 270-268-3296.

Lastly, thanks to the units who sent me their mid-year reports. It’s always wonderful to hear about the awesome things you are accomplishing.

Donna Thurman,
Department Education Chairman
VETERANS RESOURCE EXPO
PRESENTED BY: THE AMERICAN LEGION FAMILY, DISTRICT 9 KY
SATURDAY, JANUARY 11, 2020
NOON TIL 5PM

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LOCATED AT: American Legion Post 76
405 20th Street
Ashland, KY 41101

Over 30 agencies expected, with resources including:

*Free Health Screening
*VA Claims & Compensation
(bring your DD214, if you have it)
*Housing Resources
*Mental Health & Behavioral Services
*Home Health Services & Nursing Facilities
*Community Outreach Programs

*Career Services
*Governmental Resources
*Homeless Assistance
*VA Healthcare
*End of life care
*Transitional Services
*Networking

THIS IS A FREE EVENT***ALL VETERANS ARE WELCOME
Hello Family,

We are so proud of everything you do! All the Units have been working hard on their membership! Awesome!! Hopefully everyone had a great time during the Holidays. We would like to congratulate Units 278 and 283 for winning the drawing for $100 from National for being a 100% unit by November 10th. We would also like to welcome our newly chartered unit in District 3, Unit 119 Burkesville to our family.

Our next award is the “Gap Award”, we want to make sure that we are filling any gaps in our family and no one is left behind. This award is for the units that reach 85% paid membership and assessments, before April 1, 2020. Some of our Units already qualify for this award, so this would be a great time to work on adding new members to the family. We hope you considered paying dues for a member as a holiday gift. We all still need to work on strengthening our Units. Please check with your members who have not paid their 2019 dues and get them current. Check out our Facebook page at ALA Dept of Ky Membership. We should also log in to alaforveterans.org to sharpen our skills. This is a free training and information resource.

The Team would like to remind all units to make sure their Leadership contact information on ALAMIS is correct; we need a contact email and/or phone number for membership for each unit.
VA&R Assessments were due by December 31, 2019, and these must be paid to qualify for future awards.

Be kind, find your joy and include all your members!
Membership Team
Membership is our Heartbeat, Be part of our Rhythm
One Family, One Mission, One Voice

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2020 MEMBERSHIP AWARDS

Member Award: 10 X 10

- Award: $100
- Presented to: Members that recruit 10 (ten) NEW junior and/or senior members for the 2020 membership year by November 10, 2019. Ten by the 10th – the ALA’s 100th birthday!
- Deadline: Members must be entered in ALAMIS system by 10/10/19.
  - FORMS must be received at National HQ by November 15, 2019.
- Drawing: All verified entries will be placed in a drawing for $1000 towards a trip to the ALA 2020 National Convention plus two States Dinner tickets (there will be one winner)
  - Note: If winner of the drawing does not attend National Convention, reimbursement will be required.
- 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 into the “Members only” area to access the page.
  - One entry per recruiter

Member Award: R/R5 – Recruit/Rejoin 5

- Award: Special gift from the National Membership chairman (gift will be different for each deadline)
- Presented to: Members who recruit or rejoin five or more Auxiliary junior or senior members into the 2020 membership year.
  - Note: Rejoins must not have paid dues after the 2017 membership year
- First Deadline: President’s Day, February 17, 2020
- Second Deadline: Flag Day, June 14, 2020
  - Note: If you win the 10 X 10 award you will have met the requirements for the first deadline of this award and will automatically qualify for & receive this gift. No additional action or form required.
  - Note: You can enter for both deadlines, but if you got the award for the first deadline, to be eligible for the second deadline, you will need to recruit/rejoin 5 additional members by June 14th (can’t be same people from the 10x10 or Feb. 17th deadline)
- 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 into the “members only” area to access the page
  - One entry per recruiter

For award forms or more information email your dept or membership@alaforveterans.org

Unit Award: 100% Unit Award

- Award: $100 to be used to advance the ALA mission
- Presented to: Units that reach 100% of their 2020 membership goal by November 10, 2019
- Deadline: American Legion Auxiliary birthday, November 10, 2019
- Materials and guidelines:
  - This award will be based on 100% Units reported to the National Headquarters by the Departments by November 10, 2019 and verified in ALAMIS
  - Note: Departments must submit Unit goals to National Headquarters by September 1, 2019 to be eligible for the 100% Unit award and all Department awards. These must be sent in a specific format which will be provided by NHQ.

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**DEPARTMENT AWARDS**

Per Nicole’s “ALA’s 100th birthday wish,” Dept awards will be based on assigned Dept Goals which will be one (1) new member per number of Units in the Department over last year’s membership numbers as of 30 days prior to the 2019 National Convention – July 27th 2019. A department’s unit count will be the number in the ALAMIS system as of July 27th. This will include any units that haven’t yet been cancelled at the 2019 National Convention. (i.e.: if you are submitting 7 units for cancellation during convention, those 7 units will still be part of your unit count for determining your dept membership goal.)

**Department Award: Pearl Harbor Day Award**
- **Award:** $250 to be used to advance the ALA mission
- **Presented to:** Departments reaching 75% of their 2020 Department membership goal
- **Deadline:** December 7, 2019
- **Materials and guidelines:**
  - Award will be based on membership entered in the ALAMIS system by December 7, 2019

**Department Award: Armed Forces Day Award**
- **Award:** $250 to be used to advance the ALA mission
- **Presented to:** Departments reaching 95% of their 2020 Department membership goal
- **Deadline:** May 18, 2020
- **Materials and guidelines:**
  - Award will be based on membership entered in the ALAMIS system by May 18, 2020

**NOTE: Depts that receive the Pearl Harbor Day Award are also eligible for the Armed Forces Day Award.**

**Department Award:** The Celebration Award
- **Award:** $500 to be used to advance the ALA mission
- **Presented to:** Any Department that has reached the Department Goal
- **Deadline:** 30 days prior to the 2020 National Convention – Aug. 1st, 2020
- **Materials and guidelines:**
  - The number of members that the Department has 30 days prior to the 2019 convention (July 26, 2019) per ALAMIS will be the starting number for the award
  - Number of Units in each Department will be the number of Units the Department has 30 days prior to the 2019 National Convention (July 27, 2019) per ALAMIS.
  - Winners to be announced at National Convention 2020.

**NOTE: Depts that receive either or both the Pearl Harbor Day and the Armed Forces Day Awards are also eligible for the Celebration Award**

The National Membership Chairman will inform any department that has award winners except for The Celebration Award. It will be announced during Membership remarks at National Convention.

-Additional Membership Incentive for the ALA’s 100th Year-
- “One Week of Caring & Sharing for the Next Century of the ALA”

For one week this spring - April 1-7th, 2020 - we are asking Units to work together to contact all members of their Unit. We want you to call members in good standing, members who still need to renew, and former members that need to rejoin (have not paid dues since 2017). We will provide you with all of the details and sample scripts. The purpose of these calls is to let ladies know their membership is valued and/or they are missed.

*Watch for more on this via emails, eBulletins and Department news!*
2019-2020 DEPARTMENT OF KENTUCKY MEMBERSHIP AWARDS

Goals – We would like to see all units meet 100% of their current membership roster. We would also like to add at least 84 members for the total Department this year.

Family Award- 50% by October 15th: We are a family, like any family we need to start bringing everyone together. Awards to qualifying units will be presented at Fall Conference.

Rhythm Award -75% by December 25th: Like with any family, we are getting into the rhythm by adding new members. Awards to qualifying units will be presented at Winter Conference.

Gap Award- 85% by April 1st: We want to make sure we are filling in any gaps in our family unit. We do not want to leave anyone behind, lol.

Shooting for the Stars Award-100% by May 24th: We all want our family to shine, so let’s shoot for the stars!

We have the Rhythm Award- Most new members added by July 31st: Our family is growing and we are part of the rhythm. The top 3 Units, with the most new members added will be entered into a drawing for a special gift.(chosen by the membership team)

Let’s all be part of the rhythm, and watch our family grow!!!

NOTE: We are still in the growing process, so please be aware that some of our Goals and Awards may need to be adjusted and/or modified.
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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 #: __________________________
Recruiter’s Address: __________________________

Name of New and/or Rejoined members

1. _______________________________________
2. _______________________________________
3. _______________________________________
4. _______________________________________
5. _______________________________________

Member ID

________________________________________

Certified by Department Secretary:
Dept. Secretary  printed name: __________________________  Dept: __________________________

Dept Secretary Signature (required):

I certify that each member is either new or last paid in 2017 or prior and has been joined/rejoined into the 2020 year. I’ve provided or verified member ID’s and that the form is filled out completely & legibly.

Departments

Please send certified forms to:
Preferred - Scan/email to: membership@ALAforVeterans.org
Fax: 317-569-4502 (Attn: Membership)
Mail: ALA National Headquarters
Attn: Membership
3450 Founders Road, Indianapolis, IN 46268

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 entry/award per award period per recruiter.
See back for additional clarifications.
January 2020
Headquarters

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

The Winter Conference will be held January 24-25, 2020, at the Crowne Plaza, Louisville. District 7 will be hosting. I hope you plan to attend.

Membership – please make sure when sending new applications, that they are completed. I am received so many that I am having to send back because they are not completed. Please remember that Great-granddaughters, great-great-granddaughters, and Direct Descendents are no longer eligible.

VA & R assessments - It is vital that your Unit pay this assessment. I have not received the assessment from the following units: 4, 9, 16, 17, 22, 23, 24, 29, 30, 109, 115, 121, 124, 144, 148, 152, 157, 201, 41, 45, 49, 61, 66, 76, 82, 87, 101, 219, 220, 236, 244, 247, 257, 278, 283, 288, 301, 325, 341

I will be sending invoices to the ALA MIS users later this month.
Unit ALA MIS users - $10.00 per log-in

District ALA MIS users - $10.00 per log-in

(Please note these rates will be increasing starting January 2021)

Hope to see you at the Conference!

Jennifer