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DEPARTMENT BULLETIN

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PRESIDENT



John R. Tester
2024 -2025

Greetings American Legion Auxiliary,

First, congratulations! Due to the great work of our Units, our Department Membership Chairman and our Executive Secretary, the Department of Vermont met the 85% goal by March 15th. Outstanding work Department of Vermont. Now, we aim for 100% by June!

The Eastern Division National Vice-President wound up her visit to Vermont on Monday, and it was a fantastic visit. Lauren Lloyd visited nine Units, Department Headquarters, the Fox Memorial Chapel, and numerous other stops over her three days here in the Green Mountain State. I want to give a shout out to the Units that welcomed Lauren with meet and greets, offering snacks and wonderful friendship. A special thank you to Unit 3 (Montpelier), Unit 19 (Bristol), Unit 59 (Waterbury), Unit 87 (West Rutland), and the Fox Chapel for putting on a meal for our

guests. The food was delicious, and you made us all feel very welcome. I and Lauren very much appreciate every Auxiliary member who came out to meet her and make her visit special.

Lastly, I want to give special recognition to my awesome Department Sgt-at-Arms, PDC Cathy Tester. Not only did she do an expert job of driving us around for three days, but she was also the main picture-taker. We unfortunately don't get to see Cathy in many of the pictures, because she is always behind the camera. Love you Gunny and thank you!

In April, we will be welcoming our National President, Trish Ward, to our great little state. President Trish's itinerary is included in this bulletin. I encourage you to check it out and meet her at one of our many stops. If you would like to attend her Official Banquet on April 17 in Castleton, or any of the meal stops she has planned, just let me know. I am looking forward to seeing you during Trish's visit. Thank you.

Please remember to start getting your reports ready for submission. Most of your reports are due May 1st to your Department Chairman. I am looking forward to the Unit Member of the Year luncheon on May 18th in Middlebury. I am hoping to have a Unit Member of the Year nominee from every Unit and their guests at the Luncheon. Thank you for all you do every day as an auxiliary member. You make a difference, and it is appreciated.

John R. Tester
Department President

VICE PRESIDENT

Hello Auxiliary Members,

Reminder that National President visit is April 15th through April 21st. She arrives late April 15th and departs on April 21st. Be on the lookout for an agenda soon. Can't wait to welcome President Trish with open arms to our amazing state of Vermont.

I have a few chairmanships to fill, so if you are interested in, please reach out.

Thank you to Unit 49 Fair Haven for the invite to their birthday dinner. It was an amazing meal with wonderful people.

Also enjoyed a wonderful, corned beef meal prepared by our amazing member Melodie Ashford-McGrath and other members from Montpelier to recognize The American Legion leading candidate, Dan Wiley. Thank you for a wonderful meal. Love seeing everyone come out and represent The American Legion Family.

Thanks
Tasha Bouvier
Vice-President

NATIONAL EXEC. COMMITTEE

Happy Spring!!

We just wrapped up Eastern Division National VP Lauren Lloyd's visit to Vermont and what a fabulous visit she had. Thank you to all units and members that helped to make her visit successful.

Coming up we have National President visit to Vermont from 4/15-4/21. I hope you all look at the agenda that President John will be putting out soon and hope that you all get a chance to make some time to visit with her.

Looking forward to seeing you all!
In the Spirit of Service Not Self,

Kelly Donaldson
NEC
Past Department President
American Legion Auxiliary
Department of Vermont

CHAPLAIN

Hello everyone. I hope you all are well. I trust this email finds you all in good health and high spirits. I've been reflecting on the simple, yet profound ways we interact with one another in our daily lives. Consider the small gestures of acknowledgment – a brief smile, a nod of greeting, or a friendly verbal exchange – that can significantly brighten someone's day and foster a sense of community. These seemingly insignificant actions can contribute to a more positive and

connected environment for everyone.

Beyond our immediate interactions, I also wanted to share a sentiment of compassion for those less fortunate. My thoughts are with those facing illness, hardship, and hunger.

In the spirit of fostering connection and kindness, I encourage you to reach out to a loved one today. A simple phone call, expressing your affection, can have a powerful and lasting impact. Let's strive to make a difference, both in our immediate surroundings and in the broader community. Enjoy your Easter and happy Spring.

Let us pray together in your own faith...
EASTER

We thank Thee, O God, for the day in which life and immortality were brought to light through the resurrection of our blessed Lord from the dead. Evermore in heart and mind, we shall sing praises of joy to Him, and we shall show our love for Him by our thoughts, words, and deeds, our helpful service to others, and faithful performance of all our obligations.

We earnestly ask Thee to bless and preserve all whom we love, to comfort and aid all in trouble and distress. We offer our thanksgiving for all graces and favors we have received from You, Amen.
American Legion Auxiliary Chaplains' Prayer Book
P. 12

For God and country,
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HISTORIAN

Hello everyone,

The next couple of months will be filled with a lot to do. We have our National Eastern Division Vice President visiting, as well as our National President. These two big events are a wonderful time to document everything for our history! So please take plenty of pictures and please send any

printed pictures to me at my home address so that I can document our department's history as well. I look forward to seeing you at our different units and activities planned by our department!

We have about 3 months left in our administrative year, and if anyone is considering running for Department Historian and has questions or just needs some advice, please feel free to reach out and I will do what I can to help. Just know that you are not alone and there is always someone who is willing to help you learn more about an office or a chairmanship! After all, you are our future and a great part of our wonderful history!

As we have seen lately, President John has made it to many unit meetings and events. Looks like he is having a blast with everyone! I want to wish you all the best success as we keep going forward and please remember to capture every moment so that we can show our future members what we did to pave the way for them!

In the Spirit of Service, Not Self,

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EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

Greetings ALA members!

I hope this message finds you all healthy as headquarters has been dealing with sickness for the last two weeks, we are also experimenting with staffing the office 5 full days with Pat working Monday through Wednesday and Marla on Thursday & Friday to accommodate another day to serve our members. This was going well until illness struck and both Pat & Marla have had to take time off to recover. Additionally, the office phone may not be working and need replacing so email is probably the best way to reach anyone from Department HQs if the phone does not work for you. We have it working now but time will tell..

We are gearing up for our National President Trish Ward's visit which will include some exciting events on April 19th with a Four Chaplains Ceremony at the Rev. George L. Fox Memorial Chapel in Gilman, VT as well as a charter signing & installation of officers for the newly formed Moore – Fox Unit #41. I realize Gilman is a distance for most, however if members can, I would encourage them to attend this historic event.... The first charter signing in Vermont in at least a decade and in the presence of the National President...how cool is that!

I personally am working on a few year-end reports that needed corrections & plan to have them to Units by April 1st. Next year the book of reports will be total reformatted for consistency, and we will determine if these will be sent out with the Mid winter packets as many Units started sending them to chairs long before the May 1st deadline many with no recorded on all fields. Lesson learned for me for next year. New reports will be emailed to the Units, not mailed.

We have our June Convention approaching and it appears we have a couple of endorsements in this bulletin. Please remember if you are planning on seeking a department officer position to seek endorsement from your Unit. While anyone can run without endorsement at Convention "off the floor" an endorsement from your Unit let's everyone know you are running and seeking their support. All elected Department positions are up for re-election even if they are currently being held by someone, and I know President Tasha is still looking to fill a few Chairmanships for her year so please consider running or email Tasha at tbouvier@yahoo.com about stepping up for a chairmanship.

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TREASURER

Greetings.

I am happy to report that the 990EZ for 2024 has been completed and accepted by the IRS. Tuesday night the finance committee asked me and Suzette to complete the 2-month tax return for May and June 2024 which will allow the Auxiliary to change our fiscal year to July 1 through June 30. We are well within our budget for 2025 and are preparing one for 2026 for approval before the change in the fiscal year. We are rolling over several CDs and the interest rate is still at 4.00 percent for this specific 9-month term. All the other terms are 2.00 percent or less.

At long last, we have had people step up to be on the audit committee. Marla and I are looking forward to working with them so that there are more people who are familiar with our finances and can report to you that we are overseeing them properly.

Best regards.

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POPPY

Hi everyone!

I have received feedback from multiple units about The Poppy Poster Contest. I look forward to seeing the posters and getting them judged so I can forward the lucky winner poster to Nationals.

We need our units to visit schools to educate students about the significance of the poppy and to encourage the students to join our GREAT organization.

Let's wear a poppy at all events.

In the Spirit of Service, not Self,

Lillian Perry

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1ST DISTRICT

Greetings All, I hope all is well with everyone! I want to wish you all a Happy Easter!

Green Mountain Unit # 1 - April 6 Basket Party.

Vergennes Unit # 14 - Eastern Division Vice

President Lauren Lloyd visited and had snacks.

Bristol Unit #19 - They were approved to hand out a couple scholarships at the Bristol High School. Their Cabin Fever Steak Shoot was a big Success. Eastern Division Vice President Lauren Lloyd visited, and they serviced Ham & Turkey Dinner Friday, March 21.

Middlebury Unit # 27 - Sunday, March 16 had a Pocket Flag Folding with Girls Scouts Troops # 64246, they folded 120 Pocket Flags. Sunday, March 23 had their Basket Raffle for AEF Fund, they raised over \$2000.00. Sunday, April 26, 2025, Spring Fling 5 - 6 pm Happy Hour, 6 - 7 pm Dinner, 7 - 10 pm Dance. In advance Tickets are \$20.00. \$25.00 at the door tickets.

Colchester Unit # 91 - Eastern Division Vice President Lauren Lloyd Visited and had snacks.

For God & Country And Our Veterans

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2ND DISTRICT

Hello Ladies, I hope you all are doing well. I know that your units will be having elections soon so if you could please reach out to me when you would like to be installed that would be great. I hope that membership within your units is going well and thanks for your hard work. As always, I am here to help you anyway I can. You can reach on my phone (603)331-5585 or by email

at mckinnonshori@gmail.com. I also want to thank you for your patience and support during my first year as District 2 Auxiliary President.

For God and Country
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3RD DISTRICT

Hi, everyone! District Three let's ensure our membership is submitted. Great job in the past!

Please let me know what's going on in the units so I can get the information in the department bulletin.

In the Spirit of Service Not Self,

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4TH DISTRICT

Hello from Florida,

Unit 13 in Bennington will host a dinner at Post 13 for our National President Trish Ward on Friday April 18th. Opening @ at 5:00 pm, dinner@ 5:30pm. Tossed salad, Stuffed Shells, Italian Bread and dessert \$20.00 per person. Please RSVP at darcum@gmail.com call 442-8680 if you plan to Attend.

Unit 87 West Rutland had a Luncheon for our National Eastern VP on March 23 which went well. They are planning a Legion Family sponsored Easter Egg Hunt at the West Rutland Rec Area on April 12. They continue with their monthly Free Sunday luncheons for our vets and their plus ones.

Unit 31 in Rutland is currently accepting applications for Scholarships and Girls State. They are looking forward to the Loyalty Day Parade with some members marching with their Poppy Princess.

Unit 90 in Pownal tells me that in April they are planning an Easter Egg Hunt at the Legion lawn and pavilion for community children. The Easter Bunny plans to make an appearance on Saturday the 19th. Time to be announced.

They also plan a Fish Fry on Good Friday the 18th. Their members continue to help the Legion on Thursday nights with cooking food and snacks for the local Corn Hole players.

Unit 90 members' dues are all paid in full. With 2 new members this year included.

Unit 39 in Poultney sponsored a Corned Beef dinner on March 15th. They also have Bluegrass music on the first Friday of each month.

Unit 50 had a successful Corned Beef Dinner on March 14 we fed about 90 people. We are delivering 40 lap robes to Veterans at the Open-door mission for Easter, made by our unit 50 quilters.

We received and judged Americanism essays from Castleton Elementary school and submitted the winning essay to department. We are judging the poppy posters currently.

Unit 50, 378 rte 4A in Castleton will host a dinner for our National President on April 17. Cocktails at 5:30 pm cash bar. Chicken dinner served at 6:15 pm cost is \$25.00/ person for reservations call Cathy Tester at 802-989-3755 or e-mail Ctester2663@gmail.com

Unit 69 in Arlington has been hosting a monthly Sip and paint to help the legion pay their fuel bill. They are looking forward to hosting the luncheon for National President on April 18th.

In the spirit of service not self,
Serving our Veterans with pride.

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AMERICANISM

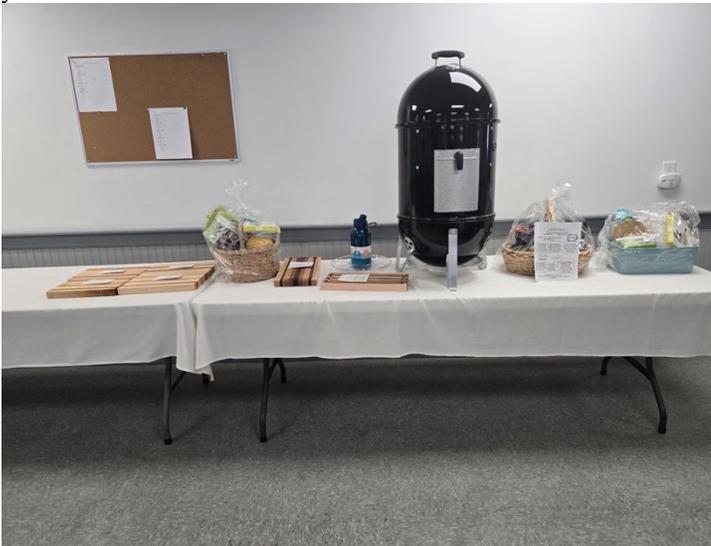
AUXILIARY EMERGENCY FUND

AEF Report – March 2025

We are coming down to the wire as all Unit AEF donations must be in to Department Headquarters by May 1st so they can log them and forward them on to National in time to be counted toward this years' National Awards.

I am still hoping that each Unit will have a fund-raiser, no matter how large or small – if we can show National President Trish Ward that Vermont can pull together and each do our part, that would be awesome! Even if your Unit is small and can only raise \$25 or \$50, it's the fact that you cared and wanted to help your fellow Auxiliary members when they are in crisis from fires, floods, disasters or hardship.

I would like to give a shout out to Middlebury Unit #27 who held a raffle last weekend. With only 13 Raffle items, they raised over \$2,000! Every Unit doesn't have to do this; I'm just begging every Unit to do SOMETHING for AEF. Thank you for your consideration.



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Greetings All, I hope everyone is doing well!
Just a Reminder that I am looking for flag pictures for our Flag Contest, you can email them to me!
They will be judged at the June Conference! If your unit does a Flag Folding or Pocket Flag Folding let me know, I would love to join your unit.

Middlebury Unit #27 - Did a Pocket Flag Folding with a Girls Scout Troop # 64246 Middlebury Daisy, Brownie and Senior Troop.
Castleton Unit #50 - So Far is the only unit that got me their Americanism Essay to me.

Dates That are coming up:

Sunday, April 13, 2025 - Palm Sunday
Wednesday, April 16, 2025 - Emancipation Day
Friday, April 18, 2025 - Good Friday
Sunday, April 20, 2025 - Easter Sunday
Monday, April 21, 2025 - Patriots Day
Thursday, May 1, 2025 - Loyalty Day And First Day of Military Children's Month Wear your Purple!



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CHILDREN & YOUTH

Greetings Auxiliary Members! Happy April! And more so, Happy Military Child Month!

In recognition and celebration of Military children and their sacrifices, April has been designated as the Month of the Military Child. Purple Up! Day — April 15 — is part of the month-long celebration. To show support for military children and raise awareness about their sacrifices, please wear purple on this special day.

Purple symbolizes a combination of the colors of each branch of the U.S. military: Army green, Navy blue, Air Force blue, Marine red, and Coast Guard blue. Let's fill all our social media pages with uplifting messages of support for Military Children and with Purple!

Some Units have requested / received the branded Sacks for the Stuff A Sack program. If anyone is interested, send me a message and I'll either bring or mail you these sacks. The fill size is 12" x 14", and they are designed as a 'backpack' style bag. You can use them in any way your Unit wishes to show support to the children in our Units, Communities and/or Vermont. Picture is showing the front and back of these sacks. It's been an honor to have been selected as 1 of only 10 Departments who have been given these sacks.



Please feel free to send me pictures of what you all are doing to support the Children & Youth Program.

Also, don't forget to submit your year-end reports. We're hoping to present many VERMONT Loves Children and Youth awards at Conference in June.

Thanks for all you do! You are making a difference, and you are appreciated.

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CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS & STANDING RULES

Happy Spring...we know it's coming! In this issue I am sharing the questions presented to National Parliamentarian Chris Dickey in our

February meeting by Departments across the ALA and her answers to those questions. To shorten this column Constitution and Bylaws is noted as C&B.

Q: Can a Unit require a member to wear their auxiliary pin to every meeting? I do know that this Unit does give each member a pin when they join. Requiring wearing the pin is written in their Standing Rules.

A: It would need to be stated in their bylaws. Also, are there any disciplinary actions to be taken, if not worn? Consequences, for not wearing would need to be spelled out in the bylaws.

Q: We have a member that is demanding copies of the minutes of our Executive Committee meetings. This member is not part of our Executive Committee, but states she is a stakeholder of our department and is entitled to copies of the minutes. As a 50 plus year member and a Past department President, the minutes of an executive committee has not been sent to the general membership only the voting members and Past Department Presidents.

A: Only the members of the group (Executive Committee in this case) should receive the minutes of the meeting. Members of the group can share unless it is an executive session. It would take a majority of the vote to allow the executive session minutes to be shared.

Q: Should a unit's C&B be "approved" by the department.

A: No.

Q: Should a copy of each unit's C&B be filed with the department office?

A: This would be voluntary. What is the purpose of filing with the department? (Comments ranged from they aren't passed on to the next leadership and/or are lost and Dept. gets called for copies.)

Q: On the District level, can an elected District Secretary also serve as the appointed parliamentarian?

A: This is not a good idea. The parliamentarian

does not have a voice at a meeting. What do your bylaws say about having more than one position?

Q: When holding a department executive meeting if not enough (elected) executive members are present to attain a quorum, can a motion be made to amend the quorum to those present for that meeting or can there be a sit-in as in a member not elected to a position of the DEC be allowed to assume the chair for the missing chair and alternate?

A: You cannot make a motion to change the quorum when you do not have a quorum. There are only a few things that you can do without a quorum – reschedule the meeting, recess and find more members to acquire a quorum. There is no meeting without a quorum.

Q: When the elected District President and District Vice President (elected by their districts) do not attend an executive board meeting but do not resign, can a unit member from that district sit in their seat/position for that meeting?

A: Members of your executive committee have fiduciary responsibility and should have signed a confidentiality agreement. A random member would not have these in place.

Q: A department added a statement at the end of their Standing Rules that states: "These Standing Rules may be amended at a Department Convention by a majority vote of those delegates present and voting." Department Convention is in July, if something happened in October, according to the rules as listed, no action could be taken until the next Convention which would be the following July, some eight months later. If this rule were not there, could a Standing Rule be changed by majority vote of the DEC as needed? Would you suggest removing this rule for the Standing Rules?

A: The C&B would need to state under the duties of the DEC that they could make changes to the Standing Rules. Changes would need a two-thirds majority to pass.

Q: How does membership criteria to the ALA get changed?

A: The American Legion has ownership of the eligibility to belong to the American Legion Auxiliary. Any changes in eligibility must come from The American Legion.

Q: Our anticipated upcoming Department President serves the Department's Girls State Chair. If elected to the position of Department President, she would like to continue in the Girls State Chair position. Would this present a conflict of interest?

A: If the ALA Girls State Chair needed to give a report at a meeting, then she would need to vacate chair to give the report.

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EDUCATION

EDUCATION REPORT APRIL 2025

Donna Stone, ALA VT Education Chairperson

Hello American Legion Dept. of VT Auxiliary Members,

SCHOLARSHIPS

The ALA 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, especially for military children. Well-being in schools is a worthy goal. I am sure that the members of our ALA VT Units are giving a last push to graduating seniors and eligible ALA members to apply for the various **scholarships** that are available. The

American Legion Auxiliary believes that the more knowledge our young people gain, the better citizens they will become.

Scholarship deadlines are quickly approaching! All ALA VT Units have a packet of Scholarship Applications and this Scholarship information can also be located on the ALA VT website: <https://www.vtalauxiliary.org/>
GIVE 10 TO EDUCATION

How has your ALA VT UNIT been supporting Vermont Schools over the past few months? Remember that the ALA GIVE 10 TO EDUCATION Project can happen at any time throughout the school year. Let me know your recent plans to participate!

LOOKING AHEAD CELEBRATE EDUCATORS May 5th -May 9th is Teacher Appreciation Week.

What will your Unit do to show appreciation to teachers and continue to support education?

IDEAS

- Host a special breakfast or lunch for your school's teachers and staff.
- Create a giant teacher thank-you card for display in the school community.
- Write a **TEACHER THANK YOU** message and submit it to your local Newspaper.
- ALA VT Unit Members could write Thank You notes to teachers.
- ALA VT Units could donate money to a school function.

As always, if you should have any questions regarding **ALA VT EDUCATION**, please don't hesitate to give me a call or send me an email.

GO ALA VT EDUCATION!

For God and Country,

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FINANCE

The Finance committee is meeting monthly. We are preparing the 2025-2026 budget to present to the DEC. Don't forget our department Scratch Off Ticket raffle to be drawn at the Department Convention in June. If you need more tickets, please contact Department HQ.

Thank you,

Christine Brown

Finance Committee chairman

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GREEN MOUNTAIN GIRLS STATE (ALAGMGS)

Hello Auxiliary Members,

When you are reading this hopefully it's sometime in the beginning of April which means the deadline is fast approaching for applications. April 4th is the deadline for delegates to apply to a local unit. Units' applications are due to department HQ by April 25th. If possible, if you could email me directly advising your unit is sending in applications, I would greatly appreciate it. My email is tabouvier@yahoo.com. I don't have 100% confidence in the US Postal Service lately and don't want to miss any applications.

Reminder session is June 22 to June 27th for delegates and staff arrive June 21st. Counselors will have training on June 21st and ALA Staff can arrive after convention on June 21st however we start work on Sunday early morning. So, offering if anyone lives far you can stay Saturday night.

Less than 100 days until Session!!!!

Thanks

Tasha Bouvier

ALAGMGS Chairperson

JUNIOR ACTIVITIES

Hi Representative Bartley,

I am a Georgia resident and have been since 2015. I am the wife of a Navy veteran and military retiree with over 25 years of service time. I am very proud that my husband served our country. I saw that you are not a member of this committee for The Lipsky et al amendment offered to H.483 (misc tax credits) with language from H.43/S.17 (exempting military retiree pensions and survivors benefits from state income tax.

As one of my representatives I was wondering your thoughts on this bill and whether you support it and how we can get it on the floor for a vote. Our veterans need our support now more than ever. Thank you for your time with this.

Thank you

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LEADERSHIP

"The function of leadership is to produce more leaders, not more followers."

– Ralph Nader

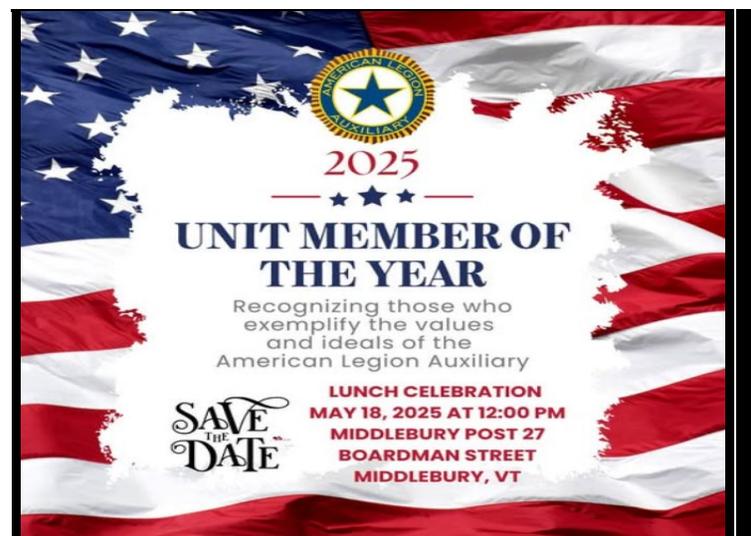
Just a reminder to submit your Unit Member of the Year applications to me before **May 1st!** President Tester and I have a special **lunch planned on May 18th** to celebrate all the nominees from across the state.

We encourage you to **shout from the rooftops** about your outstanding member—let everyone know why they deserve this special recognition! Don't miss the opportunity to honor their dedication and contributions.

Looking forward to receiving your submissions!

Mail your leadership annual report and unit member of the year essay of 1,000 words to:

Krista Chadwick, 125 Kennedy Drive, Unit 39, South Burlington, VT 05403



Deadlines/Important Dates:

- May 1: Unit Report due to Department Chair
- May 15: Department Chairman Report due to the National Committee
- May 18: Unit Member of the Year recipient's luncheon

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LEGISLATIVE

The importance of advocating to legislators
Posted On: Tuesday, 18 February 2025
Guest blog post by American Legion Auxiliary 2024-2025 National Legislative Committee Chair Sallie Rossman

The American Legion Auxiliary is a group of dedicated citizens who engage in our Legislative program to provide information and assistance to Auxiliary members to advocate for [The American Legion's Legislative Agenda](#). Awareness of the Legion's legislative priorities prepares ALA members to effectively communicate with legislators concerning impending legislation at all levels of our government.

Auxiliary members must connect with the 119th U.S. Congress incumbent and incoming legislators on the issues of The American Legion Legislative Agenda. [The Legion's Grassroots Action Center](#) provides a comprehensive platform to sign up for action alerts, check the status of pending legislation, locate legislators' contact information, suggest correspondence, and report interaction with legislators.

Auxiliary members' interactions — whether in person, by telephone, or electronically — with legislators is a crucial voice for our veterans, military, and their families. Utilizing knowledgeable information to persuade elected officials is essential for achieving The American Legion's priorities. It is often the process of changing or reforming attitudes toward the needed legislature.

Resources available on [The American Legion](#) and the [American Legion Auxiliary](#) Legislative webpages empower members to achieve the mission of the Auxiliary's Legislative Program — to provide information and assistance to members to advocate for The American Legion's agenda.

When advocating for the Legion's Legislative Agenda, the Legion Family is a crucial voice from local to national government. Those we advocate for have answered the call to serve this country and preserve our freedom of speech. Therefore, it is essential to use this freedom of speech to advocate for our veterans, military, and their families.

Please reach out to your legislators and advocate for our veterans.

Thank you.
Denise (Dee) Colety
Legislative Chair

Denise M. Colety (Dee)
-President, Green Mountain Hometown Heroes a 501(c)3
-Member of ALA Unit 13, Bennington, Vermont
-Member of ALR, Chapter 13, Bennington, Vermont
-4th District Rep, ALR, Department of Vermont
-PUFL Member VFW Auxiliary Post 1332

MEMBERSHIP

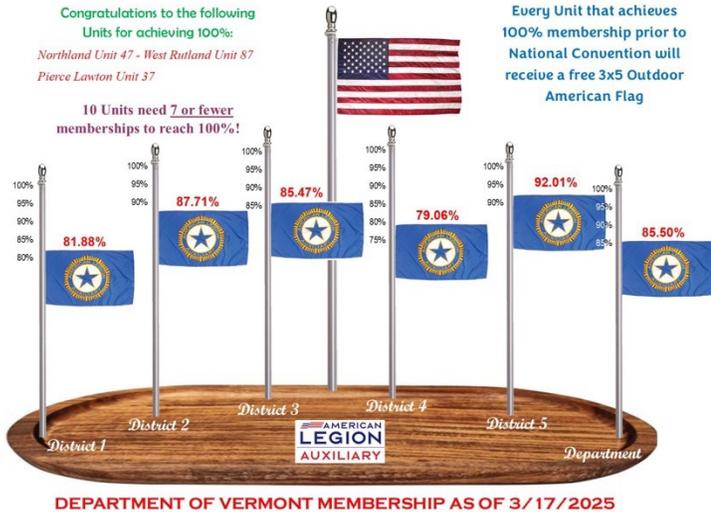
Amazing job ALA Units for hitting 85% by our Milestone Goal!!!

👏 Richford Unit 12, Colchester Unit 91, Hardwick Unit 7, Lyndon Unit 30, Northland Unit 47, St Johnsbury Unit 58, Barton Unit 76, Fair Haven Unit 49, Crippen-Fellows Unit 50, West Rutland Unit 87, Windsor Unit 25, Ballard Hobart Unit 36, Pierce Lawton Unit 37, and Chester Unit 67! 🎉

With All our Units, we hit our department 85% Milestone Goal! 🎉🎉🎉 Go Vermont! Let's follow Units Northland, West Rutland and Pierce Lawton's lead and hit 100% Membership before the next deadline! 🇺🇸

Please review your membership and reach out to those that need to still process their 2025 dues. If you need a current unit roster, please reach out to me DanielleMany3@gmail.com or Dept HQ. Thank you, Units, you are making your Dept proud! ❤️

~Danielle Jerry
ALA Colchester Unit 91 Member and Unit Historian
ALA Dept of VT Membership Chair



In the Spirit of Service, Not Self...

Debi Graziano

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4253 VT RTE 78

Highgate Center, VT 05459

PUBLIC RELATIONS

Are you ready for National Poppy Day, May 23, 2025! Have you used the Poppy Can Cover templates? Do you wear your branding while you distribute the poppies?

Show us how you are promoting your Poppy Day event!

Visit www.legion-aux.org/National-Poppy-Day

Give Credit Where Credit is Due in Your Unit Articles

- Acknowledge achievements: We should acknowledge achievements when they are deserved. Give a shout out to those who have had big achievements in your unit.
- Recognize contributions: It's important to recognize contributions made by team members. Also include any contributions made by those outside of the organization.
- Credit efforts: Let's credit efforts where they are due. Make sure your article talks about what you did and why you did it. For example, what will the funds raised be used for?

• Honor accomplishments: We must honor accomplishments appropriately. The National website provides several media templates for various topics for you to use.

Media Templates. Some of the media templates available are:

- o ALA Girls Nation/State
- o Memorial Day
- o National President Visit
- o Scholarships

~Danielle Jerry

ALA Colchester Unit 91 Member and Unit Historian

ALA Dept of VT Membership Chair

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NATIONAL SECURITY

(No Bulletin Message Submitted)

Christine Bousquet

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PAST PRESIDENTS PARLEY

Greetings Members,

In the beginning of our year, I asked our Units to brag about their Unit President and I have only received two emails. There will be a little prize for the Unit President picked from the entries. So, please Brag on your Unit President and tell us why she/he is doing a fantastic job mentoring and leading!

Please make sure when filling out End of Year Reports, you include all living Unit Past President's in your reports. I have notice that some Units do not list all their Past Unit Presidents. Let's make sure they all get the recognition they deserve! Please fill out your "End of Year Reports" fully, answering all questions even if they are not applicable. I'd love to see 100% reporting this year!

- o Poppy Day
- o Veterans Day

Melodie Ashford – McGrath
Public Relations Chair
melodielynn@gmail.com

SERVICE TO VETERANS

April showers 🌧️ bring spring 🌸

Another auxiliary year ending. Your Units Yearend "Service to Veterans" Report is due to me May 1st, 2025. I look forward to reading all the wonderful things your unit did for our Veterans, include pictures if possible. Email me darcumm@gmail.com or mail, Darlene Cumm, PO Box 293, North Bennington, VT 05257. Any questions please feel free to call me (802) 442-8680.

Military Holidays and Observances April 2024:

April 5th ~ Gold Star Spouses Day
April 9th ~ National former POW Recognition Day
April 14th ~ Air Force Reserve Birthday
April 15th ~ Purple Up Day
April 18th ~ Good Friday
April 20th ~ Easter
April 23rd ~ Army Reserve Birthday
April 30th ~ National Military Brats Day
April is the Month of the Military Child, be sure to wear your Purple!

Taxes due April 15th 2025... there is still time! Be sure to check with our veterans to see if they need any help filing.

Unit 13 will host a dinner at Post 13 for our National President Trish Ward on Friday April 18th. Opening @ at 5:00 pm, dinner@ 5:30pm. Tossed salad, Stuffed Shells, Italian bread and dessert \$20.00 per person. Please RSVP at darcumm@gmail.com or (802) 442-8680 if you plan on attending.

BE THE ONE. Reach out to our veterans. **New Veterans Crisis 988 then Press 1.**

In the Spirit of Service, Not Self,

Darlene Cumm, VT Service to Veterans Chair
Bennington Unit 13, President
(802) 442-8680 or darcumm@gmail.com

TROPHIES & AWARDS

Greetings Members,

Every member must be enjoying this great weather we have been having to get out and accomplish our mission and recruit new members! While doing this, please remember to do "Buddy Checks" on our cherished members who are immobile or having health difficulties.

I'm just going to remind everyone to fill out your "End of Year Reports" in on time and to answer every question asked, even if it does not apply. Make sure your Unit name and number are also on the reports, any unsigned or unlabeled reports will not be acknowledged. Please include photos, when possible, too.

I hope everyone gets to come out and see our visiting EDVNP and show her some Vermont spirit & love!

In the Spirit of Service, Not Self...
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VETERANS REHAB

(No Bulletin Message Submitted)

Cindy Ell
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VAVS

Just a reminder that the VA has asked that all items for the VA Hospital be brand new. No slightly used or gently used. If you do have some gently used items, they are welcome at Josh's

House and the Dodge house.

I would like to take this opportunity to on behalf of the Veteran's programs to wish Elizabeth Young best wishes in her move out west. She will be missed. Keep in touch Liz!

More items needed are playing cards, puzzle books, adult coloring books small note pads and unisex baby items for bags to be given to new moms.

There is also a fund for recreation therapy #1023. This account is designated for activities to help support local outings for the Veteran's.

Again thank you for your never-ending support of our Veterans.

Patsy Tompkins
VAVA
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riley917@myfairpoint.net

UD&R

(No Bulletin Message Submitted)

Anne Marie MacEachern
UD&R chairman
Anne.maceachern@mail.com

WAYS & MEANS

Hello,

This is wonderful that so many units hit the 85% goal. I thought Waterbury Unit 59 should be added on this list as well. Unit 59 is currently at 98.24% Congratulations to all!!

PRESIDENT JOHN TESTERS MARCH TRAVELS

- March 6 Attended Unit meeting at Enosburg Unit 42
- March 8 Attended Fox Chapel Board meeting
- March 9 Attended unit meeting Montpelier Unit 3
- March 10 Attended Zoom Town Hall meeting
- March 11 Attended unit meeting Crellar Landon Unit 60
- March 15 Attended Fair Haven Post 49 Birthday Dinner
- March 16 Attended pocket flag folding class with Girl Scout Troop at Middlebury Unit 27
- March 17 Attended leading candidate Dan Willey's banquet at Montpelier Post 3
- March 18 attended Zoom finance meeting
- March 21-24 escort EDNVP Lauren Lloyd
- March 27-31 attended Auxiliary meetings at National Headquarters

Thank you,
Sarah L Touchette
Waterbury, VT 05676
Dept. Ways N Means

POLICY & PROCEDURES

Hello everyone! The Policy & Procedures committee has met a couple of times to discuss clearing up some of our Policy & Procedures. If anyone has any suggestions for what they would like in our Policy & Procedures, please feel free to reach out to me and I will be glad to bring it to the committee. All department Chairmen, please reach out and give me a description of any tasks you must complete during your year as chair. For example, any contest you hold, scholarships you give out, etc. This will help us for future chairmen to know what will be expected of them as a chairman. I appreciate any help you can give to make things smoother for all future volunteers. I would also like to hear what you would like in the job description that you may feel was overlooked and not in the description already. This will help our committee to be more effective in rewriting the policy & Procedure documents for possible improvement. Thank you kindly everyone. In the Spirit of Service, Not Self....

PDP Francisca Massey
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MEMORIAM

**In memory of our departed
Auxiliary Members:**

VT UNIT 0025	Patricia L. Rosson	3/4/2025
VT UNIT 0055	Theresa A Ryan	2/23/2025
VT UNIT 0049	Dolores P Sbardella	3/18/2025
VT UNIT 0036	Jean A Smith	3/1/2025
VT UNIT 0055	Wannetta Bannister	3/8/2025



2025 ALA Membership

(As of March 17th, 2025)

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY				17 March 2025		2025 Membership				
Dept. of Vermont	Numeric Objective	Actual	%			Dept. of Vermont	Numeric Objective	Actual	%	
FIRST DISTRICT					# to 100%	FOURTH DISTRICT				# to 100%
		FIRST DISTRICT								
GREEN MOUNTAIN #1	425	353	83.06%	72		BENNINGTON # 13	247	194	78.54%	53
RICHFORD #12	67	58	86.57%	9		WALTER CASE #29	80	61	76.25%	19
VERGENNES #14	261	214	81.99%	47		RUTLAND #31	273	158	57.88%	115
BRISTOL #19	217	172	79.26%	45		J. CLAIRE CARMODY #39	81	62	76.54%	19
MIDDLEBURY #27	173	132	76.30%	41		FAIR HAVEN #49	113	99	87.61%	14
ENOSBURG #42	121	88	72.73%	33		CRIPPEN FELLOWS #50	209	183	87.56%	26
CRELLER LANDON #60	79	56	70.89%	23		BRANDON #55	108	87	80.56%	21
COLCHESTER #91	324	292	90.12%	32		ARLINGTON # 69	88	71	80.68%	17
TOTAL 1ST DISTRICT	1667	1365	81.88%	302		WEST RUTLAND #87	125	130	104.00%	-5
						POWNA #90	32	27	84.38%	5
						TOTAL 4TH DISTRICT	1356	1072	79.06%	284
SECOND DISTRICT						FIFTH DISTRICT				
		SECOND DISTRICT								
HARDWICK #7	259	240	92.66%	19		BRATTLEBORO #5	256	217	84.77%	39
NEWPORT #21	97	66	68.04%	31		NELSON E. PICKWELL #15	15	12	80.00%	3
ORLEANS #23	97	77	79.38%	20		CECIL A. DAVIS #17	20	14	70.00%	6
JAY PEAK #28	92	69	75.00%	23		WINDSOR #25	191	186	97.38%	5
LYNDON #30	93	90	96.77%	3		BALLARD HOBART #36	247	233	94.33%	14
NORTHLAND #47	68	74	108.82%	-6		PIERCE LAWTON #37	197	200	101.52%	-3
ST. JOHNSBURY #58	86	83	96.51%	3		CHESTER #67	213	186	87.32%	27
BARTON # 76	26	24	92.31%	2		TOTAL 5TH DISTRICT	1139	1048	92.01%	91
BRIGHTON #80	93	76	81.72%	17		HEADQUARTERS #100	83	63	75.90%	
TOTAL 2ND DISTRICT	911	799	87.71%	112		Vermont Total	5717	4888	85.50%	829
THIRD DISTRICT										
		THIRD DISTRICT								
MONTPELIER #3	90	67	74.44%	23		1ST PLACE	District 5	92.01%		
BARRE #10	166	127	76.51%	39		2ND PLACE	District 2	87.71%		
MORRISTOWN #33	52	45	86.54%	7		3RD PLACE	District 3	85.47%		
HARRY N. CUTTING #59	170	167	98.24%	3		4TH PLACE	District 1	81.88%		
SORRELL MAYNARD #63	133	117	87.97%	16		5TH PLACE	District 4	79.06%		
DONALD MCMAHON #64	22	18	81.82%	4						
TOTAL 3RD DISTRICT	633	541	85.47%	92						
						Next Milestone 85% by March 15, 2025				
						14 Units made 85%!!! Congrats to;				
						12, 91, 7, 30, 47, 58, 76, 49, 50,				
						25, 36, 37, and 67!				
						100% 2025 Membership Achievers VT				
						Units; Pierce Lawton 37, Northland 47				
						and West Rutland 87!!				



Department of Vermont

SCHEDULE

Date	Day	Event	Who	Time	Where
4/14	Monday	Town Hall Meeting	All members	7:00pm	Zoom
4/15	Tuesday	Finance Meeting	Finance Committee	7:00pm	Zoom
4/16-20	Wed-Sun	National Presidents Visit	All Members		
4/20	Sunday	Easter	Unit Easter Egg Hunts!		
5/11	Sunday	Happy Mother's Day!			
5/12	Monday	Town Hall Meeting	All members	7:00pm	Zoom
5/20	Tuesday	Finance Meeting	Finance Committee	7:00pm	Zoom
5/26	Monday	Memorial Day			
6/9	Monday	Town Hall Meeting	All members	7:00pm	Zoom
6/14	Saturday	Flag Day			
6/17	Tuesday	Finance Meeting	Finance Committee	7:00pm	Zoom
6/19	Thursday	Auxiliary Convention	All Members	TBD	Hampton Inn
6/20	Friday	Auxiliary Convention	All Members	TBD	Hampton Inn
6/21	Saturday	Auxiliary Convention	All Members	TBD	Hampton Inn
6/22 – 6/27		Girls State			

Updated 4/1/2025

Schedule subject to change at any time.



Department of Vermont Monthly Town Hall Meetings

The Town Hall meetings will take place on the second Monday of every month, except November, where it will take place on the third Monday (Veterans Day is the second Monday). They will start at **7:00pm**.

These meetings will be 100 percent virtual (Zoom). Zoom information will be emailed the first week of each month for each group attending their Town Hall meeting and will also be published monthly in the Department bulletin.

On even numbered months (August, October, December, February, April and June) the attendees will be all Unit Officers, District Presidents and any member who would like to attend.

During odd numbered months (September, November, January, March, and May), the attendees will be all Department Chairman, Department Officers and any member who would like to attend

During these meetings, we will ask each Chairman to give an update on their program, and talk about any issues, concerns, or seek advice from the President or Department Officers.

Rules for the Town Hall meetings:

1. All attendees will be put on mute by the meeting administrator.
2. If you would like to speak, please raise your hand using the Zoom function. If you are attending via phone only, the administrator will unmute you when we ask if anyone else has anything they would like to say.
3. The Town Hall meetings are not debates, nor will any motions or votes take place. They are designed for the sharing of positive information only.
4. If there are a lot of people attending the Town Hall meeting, please be respectful of their time by keeping your comments to under three minutes.
5. Ridiculing, complaining about, or demeaning any one individual or Unit will not be permitted. These types of conversations should be held privately with the appropriate parties. Town Hall meetings should **ALWAYS** be positive.
6. When it comes to talking about events, programs, or activities that are taking place, BRAG, yell from the rooftops. We want to know what's happening!

MONDAY

April 14, 2025

7:00PM

Zoom information:

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85182951873?pwd=IRYT6LbSGf0EZU4Lrk49jgyWWNgSYa.1>

Meeting ID: 851 8295 1873

Passcode: 474566

President John Tester's Department of Vermont Presidents Project

The Rev. George L. and Rev. Isadore H. Fox Museum



One of the immortal Four Chaplains, Rev. George L. Fox, was a resident of Vermont, and preached at a church in Gilman, Vermont. He also served as the American Legion Department of Vermont Chaplain. His wife, Isadore, was also a minister and served as the Department of Vermont Auxiliary President from 1960 to 1961 and as the ALA National Chaplain from 1970-1971.

In 2022-23, many, many organizations donated money to purchase the church that George and Isadore preached in, successfully completing the purchase in 2023. Since then, the church has been making renovations, just completing a new roof, and is planning to add a lift to reach the main floor. Part of the church building has been set aside to house the Rev. George and Rev. Isadore Fox Memorial Museum, but to date, they have no funds to remodel that museum space or to preserve the many articles that will be in it.

President Tester's project is to raise money to be used to obtain, restore, and preserve the documents and artifacts of George and Isadore Fox, to ready the dozens of pieces of memorabilia, and to physically remodel and customize the museum space located at the George L. Fox Memorial Chapel in Gilman.

There are three rooms and one common area just off the main chapel that will be used for the museum. The common area can be used as a meeting space and may house a slide show of the many pictures of George and Isadore Fox.

Some of the remodel work that will take place include fixing the walls (they are currently lath and plaster and are in pretty bad shape), installing a security system and upgrading some of the infrastructure to help keep the museum space cool and dry.

As you know, preserving history is incredibly important and with Vermont being the home of one of the most famous sailors and chaplains in American Legion lore, it is very important we help build a museum in his and his wife's honor.





National President Trish Ward Vermont Visit

Tuesday	April 15	Arrive	Depart
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Arrive BTV		9:43pm	
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@ Hotel in Middlebury

Wednesday	April 16	Arrive	Depart
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Breakfast in the hotel		9:00am	10:00am
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Downtime @ hotel		10:00am	11:35am
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Lunch at Unit 3*		1:00pm	2:00pm
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Visit Headquarters		2:15pm	2:45pm
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Visit the Capital		2:45pm	3:30pm
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@ hotel in Middlebury		4:50pm	6:00pm
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Dinner at Fire and Ice		6:30pm	
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Thursday	April 17	Arrive	Depart
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			7:20am
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Breakfast at Rosies		7:30am	8:30am
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Maple Museum, Pittsford		9:00am	9:30am
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VA Hospital		10:45am	11:45am
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Four Aces Diner, Lunch*		12:05pm	1:15pm
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Ludlow Unit 36*		1:55pm	2:30pm
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@ hotel in Middlebury		3:55pm	5:00pm
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Castleton Unit 50,		5:45pm	8:30pm +/-
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BANQUET* @ hotel in		9:15pm	
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Middlebury

Friday	April 18	Arrive	Depart
			8:00am
Breakfast at Mae's Place, Brandon		8:30am	9:30am
Dodge House		10:00am	10:30am
Unit 31		10:45am	11:15am
Lunch, Unit 69 Arlington*		12:15pm	1:30pm
Vermont Veterans Home		2:00pm	3:00pm
Paws and Boots		3:15pm	4:15pm
Bennington Battle Memorial		4:30pm	4:45pm
Bennington Unit 13, dinner*		5:00pm	7:00pm
Return to Middlebury		8:30pm	

Saturday	April 19	Arrive	Depart
			7:00am
Breakfast at Sugar and Spice		7:45am	8:45am
George Fox Memorial Chapel		11:00am	
Four Chaplains Ceremony			
Lunch*			
Charter signing ceremony			
Installation of officers			2:30pm
St. Johnsbury Unit 58		3:00pm	3:30pm
Dinner at Waybury Inn		6:00pm	7:30pm
@ hotel in Middlebury		7:30pm	

Sunday	April 20	Arrive	Depart
			8:45am
Breakfast at Unit 91		10:00am	11:00am
Visit Josh's House		11:15am	12:00pm
Down time at hotel		1:15pm	5:00pm
Dinner w/ President Tester		5:30pm	8:00pm
@ hotel		8:30pm	

Monday	April 21	Arrive	Depart
Breakfast in Hotel		7:00am	7:30am
Arrive airport		8:30am	
Depart			

*Confirmed visit/meal



Invitation

National President Irish Ward Official Banquet

You are cordially invited to the Official Banquet for

National President Irish Ward

Crippen Fellows Unit 50, Castleton

Thursday, April 17, 2025

5:30pm Social Hour

6:15pm Dinner

\$25.00 per person

Checks made payable to Crippen Fellows Post 50

Please RSVP to Cathy Tester

by Friday, April 11

802-989-3755

ctester2663@gmail.com

MENU

Hors d'oeuvres

Homemade Soup

Caesar's Salad

Tuscan Chicken

Mashed Potatoes w/ gravy

Vegetables

Dessert

Coffee / Tea / Water

No-Host Bar Open at 5:30pm



A Community of Volunteers Serving Veterans, Military, and their Families

January 19, 2025

Dear Unit Presidents & Unit AEF Chairs:

Attached please find a fundraising template in Word that you can modify to change out the name of the person and address where you want the funds to be sent for record keeping purposes.

This is a simple fundraiser where you print the page out on card stock after you have made your changes and ask Unit members to "sell" each date until the calendar is full. For example, if someone chooses the 5th, they would pay \$5.00 and put an "x" through the box for the 5th. More than one person can share the larger boxes so that you can fill all of them. Once you have sold all of the boxes you will have raised \$496.00 for the AEF on behalf of your Unit!

I would recommend that you print out a sample application for both the disaster and hardship funds so that you can educate your members and any others who are willing to donate on what the fund covers and how to apply. Please emphasize that all applications can be made directly to National on line in order to protect the privacy of the applicants. In addition, please make sure you educate your donors on what information must be provided in order to submit a complete application and receive a determination as quickly as possible.

Please contact me if you have any questions or if I can help in any way and thank you for your continued hard work on behalf of the National Auxiliary Emergency Fund!

Sincerely,

Jacqui C. Hood

Eastern Division AEF Chair & Department of Vermont AEF Chair

Jacqui C. Hood, Esq. ALA Eastern Division AEF Chair

Department of Vermont AEF Chair

PO BOX 1414, St. Albans, VT 05478

Phone – (802) 782-8766; Cell – (949) 400-8714. E-mail – jacquih@comcast.net



AUXILIARY EMERGENCY FUND FUNDRAISER

Department of Vermont

Pick a Date to Donate

HOW IT WORKS: Pick the date and pay that amount; i.e., 1st = \$1 24th = \$24

1 \$1	2 \$2	3 \$3	4 \$4	5 \$5	6 \$6	7 \$7
8 \$8	9 \$9	10 \$10	11 \$11	12 \$12	13 \$13	14 \$14
15 \$15	16 \$16	17 \$17	18 \$18	19 \$19	20 \$20	21 \$21
22 \$22	23 \$23	24 \$24	25 \$25	26 \$26	27 \$27	28 \$28
29 \$29	30 \$30	31 \$31				

100% of the proceeds will be donated to the American Legion Auxiliary Emergency Fund to assist Auxiliary members who are fire, flood and disaster victims or hardship applicants.

DONATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY MAY 1, 2025

Make check payable to American Legion Auxiliary AEF Fund and mail to Department Executive Secretary Corrinna Colson, ALA Department HQ, 126 State Street, Montpelier, VT 05602

**Department AEF Chairman: Jacqui Hood, PO BOX 1414, St. Albans, VT 05478
(802) 782-8766 Cell (949) 400-8714 e-mail – jacquih@comcast.net**

Name: _____ Ck# _____ Amount: \$ _____

Phone # _____ E-mail _____



**AMERICAN
LEGION
AUXILIARY**

You're a Grand Old Flag Challenge

February 06, 1906 You're a Grand Old Flag was written by George Cohan, one of the most popular patriotic song.

Here is your "CHALLENGE"

The best overall creative video will receive a certificate from your National Americanism Committee Team and a special gift from your Chairman.

One winner from each Division

Include your - Name, Unit Number, Division, Department

All videos will be posted when received

Divisional Chairman will pick the "Best Overall Video" in their Division.

Winners will be announced March 30, 2025

Visual quality

"Make sure your video is clean" means to ensure that your video footage is visually clear, with no unnecessary distractions or blemishes, including things like background clutter, shaky camera movements, poor lighting, audio noise, or any visual elements that might detract from the main focus of the video

Sharp focus: Ensure your subject is in focus throughout the video.

Proper lighting: Use adequate lighting to avoid excessive shadows or blown-out highlights.

Steady camera: Minimize camera shake by using a tripod or stabilization techniques.

Clean background: Keep the background clutter-free and relevant to the content.

Audio quality

Clear sound: Record audio with minimal background noise.

Proper microphone placement: Position the microphone close to the sound source for optimal audio capture.

Examples

Involve your Unit, District, Division, County, Department, The American Legion, SAL, Juniors, your local elementary (make sure you get permission from the parents to share the video) "Think out of the box".

Be Creative

2024 - 2025

Americanism Committee



POPPY POSTER CONTEST COVER SHEET

Each year, the American Legion Auxiliary (ALA) sponsors a Poppy Poster Contest for students in grades 2-12, including students with special needs. Grade levels are divided into seven classes. One award in each of the seven 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 national convention.

Poster Classes:	
Class	Grade Level
I	2 and 3
II	4 and 5
III	6 and 7
IV	8 and 9
V	10 and 11
VI	12
VII	Students with special needs

Class competing in: _____

Sponsoring ALA unit: _____

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: _____

City/State of School: _____

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

Sponsoring Unit Name/Number: _____

Signature of Unit Poppy Chairman/President: _____

Unit winner due to Department on: May 1, 2025 Department: Vermont

Signature of Department Chairman: Lillan Dow Perry

Department winner due to National Poppy Division Chairman by June 1



Montpelier Unit 3

21 Main Street

Montpelier, VT 05602

802-229-9043

March 1, 2025

Re: Nomination of PDP Francisca Massey

To whom it may concern:

At Montpelier Unit 3's regular meeting on Sunday, February 23, 2025, it was discussed and voted to nominate Francisca Massey, a Past Department President and a Honorary member of Montpelier Unit 3 for the high office of National Executive Committee person for Vermont.

For God and County,

Melodie Ashford-McGrath, Pres.

Montpelier Unit 3



American Legion Auxiliary Department of Vermont

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American Legion Department of Vermont
Executive Secretary]

Green Mountain Unit 1 is proud to endorse PDP Debi Graziano for the position of NEC in the Department of Vermont American Legion Auxiliary. Debi is a member through her father, Robert Carl Lavee SR. She is a Past Dept President and continues to be active in our Unit serving Veterans, the Military and their families.

Sincerely

Christine Brown
President, Green Mountain Unit 1

802-309-3801

From: Cheryl Cote <cac201467@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 1, 2025 2:30:30 PM
To: Corrinna Colson <ExecutiveDirector@talaofvt.com>
Subject: Shori Mckinnon

We the Auxiliary UNit#47 of Canaan, Vermont would like to nominate Shori McKinnon as Auxiliary 2nd District President. . When asked if she would be willing to continue as District President if asked, she agreed. We feel she has experience and will do a good job for the state.

Sincerely

Cheryl Cote
Secretary Post 47

Eastern Division National
Vice President Lauren Lloyd
Visit March 21-24, 2025





AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY
DEPARTMENT OF VERMONT

Department President
John R. Tester
Testimonial



SATURDAY
May 31, 2025
1:00pm

**Trivia Contest about
President Tester!**
Win prizes!

Middlebury American Legion Post #27
Wilson Road, Middlebury

Please RSVP to Cathy Tester—ctester2663@gmail.com or 802-989-3755 (call or text)



Hamburgers, hot dogs, chicken,
salads, ice cream sundaes and more!

President Tester would graciously accept a \$10.00 donation at the door in support of his President's Project

BASKET RAFFLE

and

Mini-Bingo

At American Legion Post 1

100 Parah Dr St Albans

April 6. 2025 1PM –2PM

Bingo 1:15

Raffle Drawings at 2pm

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Tickets for Basket Raffle are available

at American Legion Post 1

Tickets are \$10 for 20 chances

You don't need to be present to win

For more information contact

Christine Brown 802-309-3801

AMERICAN LEGION FAMILY

2025 Convention



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DEPARTMENT OF VERMONT



Hello there!

We're glad you can join us for The AMERICAN LEGION 2025 Convention.

We have a room block reserved at Hampton Inn by Hilton Colchester Vermont for Thursday, June 19th through Saturday, June 21, 2025. Booking your room is simple, just call **802-655-6177**

Ask Registration for: American Legion Convention – Code: AME

We're looking forward to seeing you in June! We hope you enjoy your stay and your group's event!

Book by: May 30, 2025

Hampton Inn by Hilton Colchester Vermont

42 Lower Mountain View Dr, Colchester, VT 05446

1 802-655-6177

Room Rates/King or Double \$189.99+Tax – Breakfast Included, Wi-Fi, Indoor Pool, Exercise Room, pets additional fee...

Nearby: The Light House Restaurant, COSTCO, Starbucks and more...

THE AMERICAN LEGION
DEPARTMENT OF VERMONT

2025 STATE CONVENTION BANQUET

Hampton Inn Colchester, 42 Lower Mountain View Dr., Colchester VT

Friday, June 20, 2025

SOCIAL – 5:30 P.M

DINNER – 6:15 P.M.



Balsamic Grilled Chicken & Roasted Pork Loin & Pasta Primavera

The above will be served with Fresh Tossed Garden Salad, Rolls and Butter,
Roasted Red Potatoes, Seasonal Roasted Vegetables,
Chef's Choice Assorted Dessert Table – Coffee & Tea

\$40 Per Person

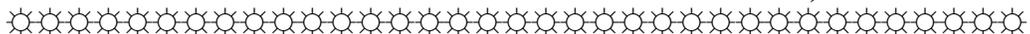
Entertainment to Follow: C.A.T. DJ Services

Make Checks Payable to American Legion Department of Vermont and

SEND CHECKS TO:

Dept. HQ, P.O. Box 396, Montpelier, VT 05601-0396

DEADLINE FOR RESERVATIONS IS: June 13, 2025



PLEASE RESERVE: _____ Banquet Tickets

AMOUNT ENCLOSED: \$ _____

NAME: _____ Post/Squadron/Unit: _____

(Circle Legion Sons of the American Legion Auxiliary)

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