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## DEPARTMENT BULLETIN



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### **PRESIDENT**



**Tasha Bouvier**  
2024 - 2025

Hello Members,

First off thank you so much for voting me in as your Department President. I am honored to be your Department President for 2025-2026 administrative year. The Executive Committee Department (DEC) had our first meeting of the year at Bristol Post 19. I want to thank the Legion at Bristol for donating the space for me to hold this meeting and also our chairman/District Presidents meeting. My mom and dad helped me with planning lunch, so thank you to them as well. We

collected \$235 in donations from lunch as well to go towards my President's Project.

This year I want us to continue working as an American Legion Family. I believe having all of our organizations working together no matter if it's at your local post, the state, or national we can do so much good for our Veterans, their families, and our communities. I know we can do even better work by working together and supporting each other.

Reminder if you have Facebook, we have a Department Facebook Group you can join to see all the wonderful stuff our units are up to. Search "ALA Dept. of VT" on Facebook and make sure to answer the questions so you can join the group. I will also be asking the Policy & Procedure group to make a policy regarding our Facebook and who our admins are for the future. In the meantime, I will be making sure our admins are the following people: Deb Tiernan & Elaine Mackenzie as original members that started the group, Melodie McGrath-Ashford (Public Relations), Corrinna Colson (Executive Director/Secretary), and myself as your Department President.

Thanks  
Tasha Bouvier  
ALA Department of VT President

### **VICE PRESIDENT**

Greetings Auxiliary Members!  
First, I would like to thank you for your supporting me in the office of Department Vice President for the upcoming year.  
I'm looking forward to working under the direction of President Tasha. Her energy, enthusiasm and ideas are inspiring.  
I'm also looking forward to working on the ALA Mission with all of you. I will be reaching out and asking you to attend your Unit meetings, but please feel free to send me an email to let me know when your meeting is and if there is a time you feel it is best for a visit.

I'm excited to share a challenge, issued by American Legion National Commander Jim LaCoursiere. If you are reading this message from your emailed online bulletin, click [HERE](#)

“to watch the official video. If you are reading a physical copy of this message, simply go to [Legion.org](#) and look for USA250.

For those of you who do not have access to the internet/computers, USA250 is a yearlong initiative inspired by America's upcoming 250<sup>th</sup> birthday. Either as an individual, a couple, a group, a Unit, a Post Family, or a community complete 250 acts or hours in one, or all three areas. (Physical Activity, Community Service, Mental Wellness).

Wouldn't it be amazing if the Department of Vermont's Legion family could have 250 different registered people/groups complete this challenge which benefits the Veterans and Children Foundation (VCF)?

For God, Country and our Veterans,  
Charith Zickmund  
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## **NATIONAL EXEC. COMMITTEE**

We're just a little over a month away from our 104th National Convention! National Headquarters and volunteer leadership are getting everything prepped and primed for our convention!! Have fun, be safe and bring everything back to share with your units! I'll be watching online!!

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## **CHAPLAIN**

Hello everyone. It's such an honor and a privilege to be your Department Chaplain for a fourth year in a row. Thank you all for choosing me again to be your spiritual leader for our Vermont state Auxiliary. I hope every unit chaplain is enjoying their chaplain prayer bags.

I was reading our National ALA magazine, P 42 and came across our National Chaplain's three-month prayer page. I quote, "Monthly unit meetings are getting harder to organize and get members to attend and engage. People are fearful of change. Fearful of losing the way things were. The values of the American Legion Auxiliary will never leave. The mission and vision are still the same." With that being said, let's pay our membership dues and continue to do great things together like supporting our veterans. August 7th is Purple Heart Day. Thank you, Veterans, for your service. Many blessings.

Let us pray together in your own faith...

A Soldier's Prayer

Lord, bless the spouses who grieve alone and comfort the mothers who mourn their own.

Give solace to the fathers who lost their sons on foreign shores and in unknown places.

Lord, strengthen the resolve of us who remain to see that they did not die in vain. Amen.

American Legion Auxiliary Chaplains' Prayer Book P 22

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For God and country,

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## **HISTORIAN**

I would like to introduce myself. I am Shannon R Capron from American Legion Auxiliary Barre Unit 10. I have the pleasure of being your historian this year.

Shannon Capron  
Historian

## EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

Greeting ALA Members from Dept. Headquarters!  
Can you say busy as that would be an understatement for us right now at Department HQs.

We are welcoming our new Treasurer, Suzette Greaves, who works for the State in finance and easing Ms. Marilyn Davis out of her role once she has Suzette fully trained.

Our Intern, Devansh will be working with me to revise the content of our website to update it for our new President's year and provide content on all the 2025 - 2026 officers and chairs!

We may even get the donation button active very soon so please have patience and be ready to see how this works.

Madam President has all her chairs and committees filled and I look forward to working with them all.

This year my plan is to work with the Policy & Procedures Committee to redesign all our Year end reports to reflect both state and National project content and to bring them in line with any Trophies and Awards that might be relevant.

The final plan is to get these Yearend reports to be fillable and electronically transmittable to Department chairs & ALA Headquarters using a tool like Formstack, but this will take some real work so I hope they will be up to it.

The 2025 Summer convention was a great success and once again I have been appointed to this important position.

Please let me know if there is anything I can help you or your unit with.

One reminder to all Units. If you have not submitted your 990 returns to the IRS, please do so as we have several units on a report from National who have not yet sent this in.

Letting this go or ignoring this filing can lead to a Unit losing their 501c19 status and it can be very costly to regain that.

If you are wondering if you are one of the Units that need to file this or if you need assistance please reach out to me & I will help!

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## TREASURER

Hello everyone,

My name is Suzette Greaves, and I am the new treasurer for Department. I am the new Unit President of Hardwick Unit #7. I have worked for the State of Vermont Agency of Administration for the past 4 years as the Financial Manager II. Prior to that I was Financial Administrator II in the Military Department within the State of Vermont. I have an associate's degree in accounting with numerous years working in finance.

I have worked with Marilyn for the last couple of months getting ready for the transition to me becoming the treasurer as of spring convention. We have updated all bank accounts to include my name, so I have access to them. Marilyn and I will meet again to ensure I have all the information I will need as treasurer.

Marilyn and I are in the process of making the transition of the Dept of Vermont Auxiliary fiscal year from May 1 - April 30th to July 1st - June 30th. We are finishing the 990EZ for the May and June months so they can be submitted. This will enable us to move the fiscal year for the department.

I want to thank Marilyn for all her help in ensuring I am prepared to take over as treasurer for the department.

Suzette Greaves  
Treasurer  
ALA Dept of Vermont

## PARLIAMENTARIAN

(No Bulletin Message Remitted)

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## POPPY

Greetings fellow Poppyians. Hoping everyone had a great 4th of July. I would like to introduce myself. My name is Carol Bonacorsi, and I am Department Poppy Chairman for the 2025/2026 year. I have been a member of the Ladies Auxiliary Post 10 for 15 years. I started out as Chaplain for a two-year period and am now First Vice at Barre Post 10. I will try to do my best as Poppy Chairman this year. If you are in need of more poppies, they can be ordered through Emblem Sales by phone or online. Phone number 888-453-4466, 8-5 pm. fax: 317-630-1381. Online at [www.emblemlegion.org](http://www.emblemlegion.org).

For Veterans, God and Country.  
Department Poppy Chairman  
Carol Bonacorsi

## 1<sup>ST</sup> DISTRICT

Greetings All, I hope everyone is enjoying their Summer. I will be your District President this year. I'm looking forward to working with everyone this year. We are looking for some members to help out at the American Legion Family Membership Drive Table at

\* Addison County Field Days Tuesday July 29 - Saturday August 2, 2025,

\* The Vermont State Fair Rutland - Tuesday August 12 - Saturday August 16, 2025

\* Champlain Valley Exposition - Friday August 22 - Sunday August 31 2025

There is a Challenge Out on the Table to see who can get the Most Membership! LET'S GO DISTRICT #1 WE CAN DO IT!!

Green Mountain Unit # 1 They have Scratch Off going \$10.00 a chance. August 31 Family Field day, and will be having a baked sale. Meetings are Every 4th Monday of the month @ 6 pm.

Middlebury Unit # 27 Meeting is Every 4th Monday of the month.

Colchester Unit # 91 are teaming up with the Legionnaires and SALs for a family BBQ and membership drive August 16 10 - 2 pm food and games for adults and kids. Sunday August 3rd Auxiliary is hosting breakfast from 9:00 am - 11:30 am. All are welcome.

Richford Unit # 12 Meetings are Every 3rd Thursday at 5 pm.

I am working on my workshop! I have a date set, just getting my guest speakers. October 5th 2025 at Bristol I will let you know the time.

If you still want to send items to our veterans overseas Snacks, Cards, games, cross words puzzles. You can drop them off at Fair Haven # 49, Middlebury #27, Waterbury # 59, or Dept VT I would like to get the packages sent out the First week in August.

In December we will be having The Tree Of Warmth at White River VA Hospital. They are in need of Hats, Mittens, Gloves, Scarfs, Coats, Ear Muffs, and Blankets.....MUST BE BRAND NEW.

If you have any questions or you need any help rea

ch out to me!

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## 2<sup>ND</sup> DISTRICT

Hello Ladies, in case you are a new member of the American Legion Auxiliary in Second District my name is Shori McKinnon and I am your Second District Auxiliary President. I have set a few goals for this upcoming year. I would love to see more units participate in our Fall, Midwinter and Summer Conferences. In order to express concerns and ideas that you may have can't be heard if you don't attend. I also would like every unit to try their best to increase their membership. We as a district ended in Second place out of the five districts in the state of Vermont last year!!!  
Awesome job ladies!!!

I am really looking forward to working with all of you this year. I hope that we as a district have a great year ahead. If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact me at any time. My phone number is 1-603-331-5585 and my email address is [mckinnonshori@gmail.com](mailto:mckinnonshori@gmail.com).

In Spirit of God and Country,  
Shori McKinnon,  
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## 3<sup>RD</sup> DISTRICT

Hi everyone! I hope everyone is doing well.  
Lamoille County Field Days

We set up a booth for membership. We talked to the people coming in about membership and information about the American Legion Family. We signed members up for The American Legion Post- American Legion Auxiliary and Sons of The American Legion.  
We got sunburned but overall it was a great day. If you have time, please sign up to help with membership and meet others in The American Legion Family.

Third District let's Rock membership! I am here for all my units to help reach our goals. Feel free to contact me and as I say every month if I don't hear from you I assume everyone is reaching the membership goals.

In the Spirit of Service not Self,

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## 4<sup>TH</sup> DISTRICT

Greetings from the 4th District! I am honored and excited to begin service as your District President. Keep an eye out for correspondence to connect as introduction to assisting with your needs, accomplishments and representation to Vermont Department. I also look forward to hearing about your Unit membership and help driveways to strengthen each of you, regardless of your current size. It is important to celebrate quality achievements and not necessarily quantity in our actions first.

Our Rutland Executive Board was successfully installed and shared great plans for re-energizing their Unit. Bennington participated in a wonderful carnival at the Vermont Veterans Home. VVH Korean War Veterans travelled to Montpelier for a medal ceremony. \*Mark your calendars for the "Nation of Patriots" flag to arrive at the VVH

Bennington at 1200 hrs followed by a cookout. Our Castleton Unit members kept busy creating “Quilts of Valor” and working weekly Post 50 Bingo. A “Kids Bingo” is scheduled for 1400 hrs August 10, 2025, in Castleton.

Back to school supplies and active-duty service member care package preparation are underway at several of our Units. Feel free to reach out to me with any questions or challenges as we navigate our volunteerism in the Spirit of Service, Not Self.

Respectfully submitted,  
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## 5<sup>TH</sup> DISTRICT

Greetings District 5 Auxiliary Members!  
This month will just be a quick note to introduce myself as your new District 5 President. First, I would like to thank Sandra Brown for doing an outstanding job as your District President for the last two years. Your hard work and dedication is greatly appreciated.  
The District 5 workshop will be taking place on **Sunday, October 19<sup>th</sup>** at Chester Unit 67. The workshop will start at 10:00am and go until about 2:00pm, with lunch provided. Chester Unit 67 hosted the workshop last year and they did an outstanding job with a delicious lunch, so I am looking forward to them hosting again this year. Thank you, Unit President Heidi Olney and all of the Unit 67 members, for helping make the workshop a success.  
I hope to cover the following topics at the workshop; membership, community service, leadership (Unit Member of the Year), AEF, Be the One and American Flag etiquette and protocols. If any member would like to see another topic covered, please let me know and I will try and arrange it.

As we progress through the year, my goal as your District President is to help every Unit in the District with whatever they may need. We will be focusing on membership, community service, children and youth, and leadership. I also want to highlight each Units events and programs, so I will be reaching out to you from time to time to gather all of that information.  
Thank you all for everything you do, and I am looking forward to working with each unit and all of your members this year.

In the Spirit of Service, Not Self

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## AUXILIARY EMERGENCY FUND

I am honored to be your AEF Department Chair again this year. In order to infuse some excitement into raising funds for AEF this year, I am highlighting a new program that I would like all of our Units to try. Thank you to Cindy Ells for the collaboration on fund raising ideas!  
Did you know that if you take a water bottle and fill it with dimes you will end up with a donation of \$100? We are calling our new fund raiser –



**DROP A DIME FOR AEF AND  
SEE YOUR DONATIONS CLIMB!!**

Last year Vermont raised six times the donations to AEF as in the previous year. My goal this year is not only to match that but to have a donation and an annual report from each Unit! Please help me each this goal. You may also do any of the traditional fund raisers (bake sales, raffles, the Pringles can with AEF label, the calendar squares, etc. I will be sending out info to the Unit Presidents that I currently have contact info for and would ask that you please let me know if you are

no longer your Unit President or if you have a separate Unit AEF chair. I know we can reach this goal this year and will do anything that I can to help your Unit succeed. I was advised at Department convention in June that we had several Units who had AEF recipients (these are confidential but the information was communicated to their Unit Presidents by the recipients by choice). Vermont has its' share of floods, fires and personal hardships – lets support the AEF and let's educate our members so that they know when they are eligible and how to apply.

Thank you for your anticipated assistance in this important area.

Jacqui C. Hood,  
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## AMERICANISM

Hello my fellow Auxiliary members,  
As your new Americanism chairperson, I would like to first say how very excited I am to be part of such a wonderful team. The main purpose of this program is to promote patriotism and citizenship and what better way to do that than as a team?

What makes a team successful you ask?

**TEAM**work

Teaching- Our future lies in the hands of children. It is important to educate the children on what patriotism is. Teach them proper flag etiquette beginning with how to properly salute, handle, and disposal of tattered flags. Include them in any ceremonies that may portray flag etiquette.

Educate- Both in schools and in your communities. Create awareness among parents and

educators about the importance of bringing patriotism to the forefront in the classroom and the community

Awareness- hold events in the community to help raise awareness of what patriotism is all about. Encourage members of the community to volunteer for patriotic events or ask for ideas on ways to promote.

Model- the more we model respect and patriotism, the more it educates those around us.

Recruit others to support our love for our country and how together we can promote the importance of patriotism and make it a much bigger part of everyday life.

How Can you help? Communication is key!

Anyone can reach out to me at any time with ideas, pictures or any other information they may have from previous chairs. I would love to collaborate with your brilliant minds. I look forward to this journey with all of you.

I appreciate all our ALA family does.

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## CHILDREN & YOUTH

Greetings Auxiliary Members!

As we are preparing for the National Convention at the end of August in hot, hot

Tampa, our department's 2025-2026 year is starting with great promise. As you plan your Children and Youth activities for this year, please keep our focus on supporting and protecting children, especially those from military and veteran families in mind.

Something else I'll be talking to you about this year is focusing on your Post's Legion family. If we are going to keep the American Legion Auxiliary strong, we must grow our membership. The Children and Youth

program is the perfect catalyst for this growth. We can make our Post homes more family friendly by opening our doors and hosting activities and events with a focus on the military and veteran families in our communities.

I look forward to sharing ideas and working together this year to enrich the lives of our Children and Youth.

For God, Country and our Veterans,  
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## COMMUNITY SERVICE

Hello Dept- from Community Service Chair 2025-26! Thank you so much!!!  
Community Service Newsletter August 2025  
Community Communication: I cannot wait to hear how every Unit will be holding their successful community service fulfillment this year!

- Blood drive?
- Food Pantry collection?
- Community Meal?

All three?!? I know we can succeed, be sure to get the word out. Wishing Madame Department President Tasha Bouvier a most successful year 2025-2026 Year!

~Danielle Jerry  
ALA Colchester Unit 91 Member  
ALA Dept of VT Community Service Chair

## CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS & STANDING RULES

Hi folks, I'm back again!  
Best wishes to President Tasha on her new year.  
I am reachable at two email addresses  
– [prjtk@comast.net](mailto:prjtk@comast.net) or [norton@middlebury.edu](mailto:norton@middlebury.edu). So me folks have had problems with the Middlebury

email. You will get a bounce back email that says I've retired but I do get the messages.  
If you have any questions about your Constitution and Bylaws, I am happy to work with you on them. We would like a copy of each Unit's Constitution, Bylaws and, if you have them, Standing Rules to have on file at Dept. We request copies of them as sometimes there is changeover and things are lost or destroyed...for example, if you had a building fire, flood, or they aren't passed on by the previous leadership, etc. It's important to have a centralized copy of your documents so they can easily find and given back to your Unit if need be. While Department doesn't approve your documents, I can work with you if have questions or need assistance.

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## EDUCATION

*Friendships: Enrich your life and improve your health - Mayo Clinic*

**\*LET'S GET ACTIVELY INVOLVED IN ALA VT EDUCATION! \***

**Let's promote quality education for children, especially for military children, and adults.**

Hello American Legion Dept. of VT Auxiliary Members,

As we start 2025-2026 ALA VT year, here is a reminder of the topics to work on for your **Unit's END OF YEAR REPORT. Let's set a goal to answer YES to completing all programs listed below are found on the END OF YEAR REPORT!**

->American Education Week (November 17-21, 2025) ->Adult Literacy Programs ->Educator of the Year ->Assist/support military children with education opportunities ->Veterans in the Classroom

- >Give 10 to Education
- >Mentor students
- > Hand out Education Brochures

**WHAT'S HAPPENING in "ALA VT EDUCATION" now?** In a few weeks, schools will be opening for their 2025-2026 new school year! The ALA VT **GIVE 10 to EDUCATION** program continues. Is your ALA UNIT participating in the GIVE 10 to Education Project? Please EMAIL ME and let me know you are participating and how you are working on this **ALA VT EDUCATION PROJECT**.

Here's a **GIVE 10 to EDUCATION** idea that you could use in your Unit. At your August meeting, you could hand out a couple gallon size zip-lock baggies to each member in attendance and ask that they fill the baggies with 10 or more **SCHOOL SUPPLIES** and bring the filled baggies back to your September meeting. You will then donate these baggies of school supplies to your local schools.

As you distribute all those school supplies that your Unit collects, keep track of your accomplishments and take pictures along the way. Remember to record the number of donated items for your annual Unit Report. Also, remember to recognize those who step up to help learners and schools in your community. Please attach the photos to your unit reports that you sent to me. Remember to also **Welcome Educators** back to the new school year. Provide **Teacher Survival Kits** with items such as candy and snacks, tea bags or coffee, restaurant gift cards, or items for the classroom.

**\*\*\* "A Penny for Your Thoughts? Help Us Get Better at What We Do!" \*\*\***

Please email me your EDUCATION project ideas and I will compile a list of these education ideas to share in my monthly **EDUCATION REPORT** for our ALA VT Bulletin. THANKS! Let's all support each other and work as an American Legion Dept. of VT Auxiliary TEAM! I

I am looking forward to another **GREAT** ALA year working together!  
**GO ALA VT EDUCATION!**

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## **FINANCE**

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## **GREEN MOUNTAIN GIRLS STATE (ALAGMGS)**

Hello Members,  
As always it was a successful 2025 ALAGMGS Session. We had a wonderful group of 40 students from around the state of Vermont. I have included a few photos from session. The photo on the front steps of the State House is from our day at the state house with delegates and staff. The photo of the two students are Abby and Molly that attended Girls Nation as our Vermont Senators. The last photo is of Auxiliary Members that were able to attend our inauguration.

After you are reading this Girls Nation will have passed as well (July 19-26, 2025). If you wish to see all the wonderful things that Girls Nation did you can follow them on Facebook. Search "American Legion Auxiliary Girls Nation".

You can also subscribe to our newsletter by going to <http://www.alagmgs.com>. At the bottom fill out the section "join our mailing list" and you will be signed up to receive our quarterly newsletter.

Thanks  
Tasha Bouvier  
ALAGMGS Chairperson



## JUNIOR ACTIVITIES

Please consider attending the National Junior Activities Preconvention meeting on Monday, August 11th at 7:00pm EST. Come see what our talented Junior Members have been working on the Auxiliary mission this year.

<https://member.legion-aux.org/Virtual-Pre-Con-Meetings> This is a great way for the Juniors to see what other Juniors are doing and what other departments can do at town/state level.

Thank you [Corrinna E. Colson](#) for sharing this great opportunity with us.

Sincerely,  
Elizabeth Leonard  
ALA Department of Vermont  
Junior Activities Chairperson

## LEADERSHIP

I am delighted to welcome each of you to a new year of dedicated service and leadership under our Department President Tasha.

When participating in the first DEC meeting last weekend, I was struck by the membership movement that Corrinna and Tasha are trying to build this year. I came across a Ted Talk by Derek Sivers while studying at Champlain College more than a few years ago. I enjoyed it so much, I have often referred to the "Leadership Lessons from Dancing Guy" from time to time in my day jobs. Sivers explains more about leadership in just under three minutes than any management book I've read.

He points out that while a leader is certainly important, the first follower is even more important. The first follower shows everyone else that it's okay to follow where the leaders are trying to get everyone to go. This legitimizes the leaders.

The question to ask yourselves is whether you are a first follower since they can turn an idea

[reaching a 3% Vermont ALA membership goal] into a powerful movement. And once the ALA has a movement, just about anything is possible! Click on the link below to watch the video for yourself.

First Follower: Leadership Lessons from Dancing Guy

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## LEGISLATIVE

Regards,

Thank you, Madame President, Tasha for attending Marc's Meet and Greet at Paul LaFountain Post 69 in Arlington. It was my pleasure to spend time with you, and I enjoyed our chat. I wish you the best for a year full of fun, education and collaboration with the Legion Family.

The **119th United States Congress** is the current term of the [legislative branch of the United States federal government](#), composed of the [United States Senate](#) and the [United States House of Representatives](#). It convened on January 3, 2025.

Congress is not on a formal recess right now. The House is scheduled to meet for legislative business on Monday, July 21, with votes postponed until 6:30 p.m.

Information for Members and Units:

If you are interested in advocating for our veterans, please follow the link below, or copy and past it into your browser – there is so much you can do to help.

<https://www.voterve.net/AmericanLegion/home>

1. Report in-person meetings
2. Sign-up for alerts

3. Find Officials
4. Find Legislation

The American Legion's Legislative agenda for the 119<sup>th</sup> Congress focuses on the following:

1. Suicide prevention – this includes advocating for fully funded VA suicide prevention.
2. Community care and improving the quality of life for veterans and military personnel. This includes advocating for fully funded VA suicide prevention programs, better communication between the VA and community care providers and higher standards for Compensation and Pension examinations.
3. The agenda also addresses veteran homelessness, national security, and modernization of the military's Transition Assistance Program.

If you have a question or would like more information for your Unit, please reach out.

Thank you and enjoy August.

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Legislative Chair 2025-2026  
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## MEMBERSHIP

Welcome members to the new year of Membership! 2026 Dues can now be paid! But wait we are not finished with the 2025 Membership year yet, so please get those memberships in for 2025!

I will be taking over this role and with luck able to fill the incredibly large shoes of Danielle Jerry so let's not let her down and get the department to 100% for 2025!

The 2026 Membership dues became eligible to be paid as of July 1, 2025, and many have already jumped on paying theirs, how about you?

President Tasha & I set a goal at the Department Leadership Conference in Indianapolis for a 2% overall increase in membership for 2026.

At the National level we are celebrating our Nations 250<sup>th</sup> Birthday with our first milestone Department membership goal set for September 15<sup>th</sup>

September 15<sup>th</sup> is the Sons of the American Legion's Birthday, and we need to have an overall Department membership of 25% to received \$25.00 for our membership fund,

We can do this I have no doubt working together as an American Legion family...[#VTTeamLegionFamily!](#)

The plan to achieve this is to work with our District Presidents and Unit membership chairs to focus on membership this year in several different ways.

The first is to recruit as many new members as possible by holding membership drives at statewide fairs with members of the entire American Legion family.

This weekend 3<sup>rd</sup> District President Lillian Perry & I were at Lamoille County Field Days with Fred Wilson, AL Sr. Vice and Membership Chair and Alfred "Buffer" Commo Sr. Vice & Membership for the SAL.

Together we were able to potentially sign up 10 new members.... Way to go [#VTTeamLegionFamily!](#)

The next phase will be to gather the membership rosters for all our expired and former members of the ALA and contact them to welcome them back if they would like to rejoin us.

This one will be harder as there are many reasons members do not renew, but we are hoping with teamwork and a little bit of consideration for those members we can get them to reconsider and come back as members.

Keep in mind this is not just work for our Membership chairs membership is everyone's job and National has some great incentives for individuals to work membership too.

Please see the two recruitment forms in this bulletin, the Rejoin/Renew form, and the Family 3

form...these can be used by any member who is interested in working membership and ensuring we exist for many years to come.

Spread the word everyone & wear your branded attire to let everyone know who we are, what we do and why we matter...GO [#VTTeamLegionFamily!](#)... let exceed that 2% goal and make our ALA President proud!

For God, Country, Veterans and Youth,

Corrinna E. Colson  
Membership Chair  
ALA Department of VT  
802-274-8333  
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## **NATIONAL SECURITY**

For those of you that don't know me, I am Kelly Donaldson, your National Security chair. I am working closely with Greg Knight of the Vermont Army National Guard again to keep you all updated.

A word of advice from the National Guard is to please keep things confidential regarding what our soldiers were about. It's for their safety.

Currently, we are dealing with floods, tornadoes, and other circumstances where our "families" have or will need our assistance. Please give my name and number or email and I will be more than happy to help direct them. My information is listed below.

In the spirit of service not self,  
Kelly Donaldson  
Past Department President  
American Legion Auxiliary  
Department of Vermont  
[Presidentkelly1970@gmail.com](mailto:Presidentkelly1970@gmail.com)  
802-353-9470

## PAST PRESIDENTS PARLEY

(No Bulletin Message Remitted)

John Tester

Past President's Parlay Chairman

## PUBLIC RELATIONS

Take time to Build a Great Unit!

*Ask your membership these questions:*

Where do you see your unit in five years?

What do you hope to get from this unit?

What programs could you be working on that fit your community and size of your Unit?

*New Member Tips:*

- Create a Welcoming Committee to receive and support each new member.
- Assemble a new member packet with information on everything related to the unit. Unit Handbook is a MUST HAVE!
- Make them feel special on their first meeting. Introduce them to the membership to make them feel welcome.
- Invite them to participate and volunteer.
- Be a mentor and guide them through their journey in the ALA.

*Get the unit noticed in the community!*

Take time to invest in Public Relations for the unit!

Take time to set up and utilize:

- Website
- Newsletter
- Social Media accounts
- Group Chats or phone sessions
- Zoom meetings if needed

*Choose programs that work best for the unit!*

Each unit does not have to work on all the ALA programs. Take the unit's size and the membership interests and plan out a few programs each year that the unit can make work. Keep it fun.

*Unit and member training!*

An informed member is an excellent investment for the whole unit. Training is the perfect way to do this.

- Hold a mission training for your unit.
- Attend ALA Mission Training in your area.
- Mentor new members and show them the ropes, encouraging them to take part in training and the online ALA Academy.

Melodie Ashford – McGrath

Public Relations Chair

[melodielynn@gmail.com](mailto:melodielynn@gmail.com)

## SERVICE TO VETERANS

Congratulations to our new President, Ms Tasha Bouvier, her Department Officers, District Presidents, and Chairpersons. May our 2025-2026 year be another great one.

A shout out to, Crippen Fellows - Unit 50, Castleton, for again winning the 2024/25 Dept. of VT ALA "Service to Veterans" plaque. Most deserving, Way to go!

Mark your calendar! Our "Gift Giving" at the Vermont Veterans Home will be on Saturday, November 15, 2025 - 9:00 am til ~. Set-up will be Friday the 14<sup>th</sup> - 11:00 am ~ to 2:00 pm or whatever is needed. Remember our "Gift Giving" program when your unit prepares 2025 & 2026 Obligations and Contributions. We emptied our totes last year, leaving with only wrapping items.

**Purple Heart Day – August 7<sup>th</sup> **

On Purple heart day we remember and honor the brave current and former service members who were wounded or killed in action while serving in the U.S. Armed Forces. The Purple heart award is the very first and oldest U.S. military medal. It was originally designated as the "Badge of Military Merit" by George Washington in 1782. In 1932 General Douglas MacArthur ordered its redesign to become the modern purple heart award. During WWII over 1 million purple hearts were awarded. More than all other conflicts

of the 20th Century combined. President John F. Kennedy is the only President to have been awarded the Purple Heart.

What will your unit do to recognize our “Purple Heart” heroes, on this most important day. Will you search them out and thank them for their sacrifices, write cards, have dinner, send goodies? Let me know what you did, send pictures too! Last year unit 13 celebrated Purple Heart veterans during Post 13’s monthly meeting.

I love Conventions, Conferences, and Mid-Winters. It is at these meetings that we make lasting friendships. Hat’s off to Unit 87, their shirts for “Women’s Veterans Day” are perfect. Thank you, Unit 87, for always honoring our veterans.



(LR) Ellen Walker, Past President, Membership Chair, and Judy Blair, Sgt-at-Arms.

**BE THE ONE...** Reach out to our veterans. If you see a veteran in need there is a **Veterans Crisis line dial 988 then Press 1, Share this number.** Depression is prevalent in our veterans, be aware, reach out to them.

In the Spirit of Service, Not Self  
Darlene Cumm, Service to Veterans Chair  
Bennington Unit 13 President  
[darcumm@gmail.com](mailto:darcumm@gmail.com),  
(802) 442-8680

## TROPHIES & AWARDS

Hello everyone. I am your Trophy & Awards chair for the year 2025-2026. I will be working closely with our PDPs to try and make this year smoother and easier for the units to apply for awards. As more information becomes available, it will be given to the units as quickly as possible. If you have any questions regarding our awards, please reach out to me and I will be glad to discuss it with you. Thank you.

In the Spirit of Service, Not Self,

Francisca Massey  
802-661-8690  
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## VETERANS REHAB

Veteran Behavioral Health Crisis

We are facing a national and Vermont health crisis with timely veteran access to qualified and specialized mental health professionals. Behavioral health services are crucial for veterans because they address the unique mental and emotional challenges that can arise from military service, such as PTSD, depression, and anxiety. These services help veterans build resilience, manage their mental health, and improve their overall quality of life.

Why Behavioral Health is Important for Veterans:

- Addressing Mental Health Conditions: Military service can expose veterans to traumatic events, leading to conditions like PTSD, depression, and anxiety. Behavioral health services provide specialized care to help veterans manage these conditions and reduce their impact on daily life.
- Promoting Resilience: Behavioral health interventions can equip veterans with coping mechanisms and strategies to navigate life's challenges, fostering resilience and promoting long-term well-being, according to AMFM.
- Improving Quality of Life: By addressing mental health concerns and building resilience,

behavioral health services enable veterans to live more fulfilling lives, improve their relationships, and participate more fully in their communities.

- **Reducing Stigma:** Seeking help for mental health concerns can be stigmatized. Behavioral health services emphasize that seeking help is a sign of strength and can normalize the process, encouraging veterans to seek the support they need, says Warrior Allegiance.
- **Suicide Prevention:** Veterans are at a higher risk of suicide than the general population. Addressing mental health needs through behavioral health services can be a critical step in suicide prevention, according to the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI). FOR IMMEDIATE ASSISTANCE – Veterans Crisis Line: DIAL 988, THEN PRESS 1, TEXT 838255, OR CHAT ONLINE #988 National veteran hotline awareness and “Be The One” programming are expanding in Vermont. <https://www.legion.org/advocacy/be-the-one> (Be The One | The American Legion)
- **Supporting Families:** Behavioral health services can also benefit the families of veterans, helping them cope with the challenges of military life and supporting the veteran's recovery process.

Examples of Behavioral Health Services:

- **Therapy:** Individual, group, and family therapy can help veterans process trauma, manage symptoms of mental health conditions, and develop coping strategies.
  - **Medication Management:** In some cases, medication may be part of a treatment plan to manage symptoms of mental health conditions. It is important to consult a licensed medical practitioner when considering any medication or other intervention.
  - **Support Groups:** Support groups provide a safe space for veterans to connect with others who have similar experiences, share their challenges, and build a sense of community, says Wounded

Warrior Project. There are also a number of veteran nature, travel and other experiences and organizations available to improve quality of life. A comprehensive list is being compiled for future placement on the Vermont Department websites.

- **Peer Support:** Veterans can benefit from connecting with other veterans who have experience with mental health challenges and can offer support and guidance, according to the VA. A list of peer support options is being compiled for future website content.

By prioritizing behavioral health, we can ensure that veterans receive the support they need to heal from the invisible wounds of war and lead fulfilling lives. Let's continue to promote the use of our American Legion Posts and family for spaces and experiences in improving veteran health.

In the spirit of Service, Not Self,

Cindy Ell, Chairperson  
Veteran Rehab  
Direct cell: (302) 420-8348  
Email: [EnviroEthos@gmail.com](mailto:EnviroEthos@gmail.com)

## VAVS

As summer begins to fade we turn our thoughts towards the tree of warmth and Veterans Gift shops. The dates for the tree of warmth are November 5th & 6th, tentatively from 9 am --2 pm.

If you have any new items to donate these can be given to Janet Osmer, Cindy Ell or myself.. Hats, gloves, scarves, mittens,,neck warmers, socks or coats are needed or anything warm and new to help Veterans in need.

Units can host a coat or tree of warmth drive for this but only new items or newly hand crafted items can be accepted. Also if you would like to volunteer for these events for an hour or the day please let me know.

Patsy Tompkins  
VAVS Chair  
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[Riley917@myfairpoint.net](mailto:Riley917@myfairpoint.net)  
802-525-6565

## UD&R

Effective conflict resolution involves understanding the root cause, open communication, active listening, and finding mutually agreeable solutions. Key strategies include collaboration and compromise.

### Key Strategies and Techniques:

**Active Listening:** Pay close attention to what others are saying, both verbally and nonverbally, to understand their perspectives and feelings.

**Communication:** Clearly express your concerns and needs while also being open to hearing those of others. Use "I" statements to avoid blame and focus on the issue at hand.

**Collaboration:** Work together to find solutions that satisfy the needs of all parties involved. This may involve brainstorming and exploring different options.

**Compromise:** Be willing to give something up to reach an agreement. Finding a middle ground can be crucial in resolving conflicts.

**Mediation:** Involve a neutral third party to help facilitate communication and guide the process towards resolution. This can be helpful when parties are struggling to communicate directly.

**Understanding Underlying Needs:** Go beyond surface-level issues to identify the root causes of the conflict. Understanding the needs and motivations of all parties can help find more sustainable solutions.

**Emotional Regulation:** Managing your own emotions and remaining calm is crucial for effective conflict resolution. Taking a break when emotions are high can help prevent escalation.

**Focus on the Present:** Address the current conflict rather than bringing up past grievances, which can hinder progress.

**Choose Your Battles:** Not every conflict needs to be resolved. Consider the importance of the issue and whether it's worth the effort.

### Tips for Implementing Conflict Resolution:

**Set Ground Rules:** Establish clear expectations for respectful communication and behavior during

conflict resolution.

**Identify the Problem:** Clearly define the issue causing the conflict to ensure everyone is on the same page.

**Explore Solutions:** Brainstorm potential solutions together, considering the pros and cons of each.

**Choose a Solution:** Select the solution that best addresses the needs of all parties involved.

**Follow Up:** Check in with the parties involved to ensure the resolution is working and to address any new issues that may arise.

Melodie Ashford-McGrath

UD & R Chairperson

[melodielynn@gmail.com](mailto:melodielynn@gmail.com)

## WAYS & MEANS

Greetings!

My name is Nancy Messina from Unit #90 in Pownal, VT. I am this year's new Chair for Ways & Means! I am very excited to share this opportunity with all of you, and I look forward to our collaboration of success!!

With much gratitude,

Nancy

Email: [nancy.messina68@gmail.com](mailto:nancy.messina68@gmail.com)

## POLICY & PROCEDURES

The policy & procedures committee will be meeting on Sunday August 10<sup>th</sup> for the 1<sup>st</sup> time for the 2025-2026 year. They will be selecting the chair for this committee at this time and look forward to a productive year ahead.



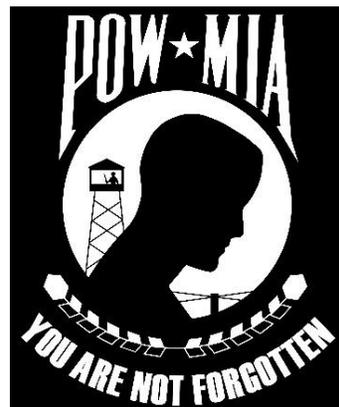


## President Tasha Bouvier's Department of Vermont Presidents Project

Tasha has chosen two projects for her year

### Project #1

Tasha's Grandfather James Andrew Bouvier served during WWII. He was a B17 bomber pilot and on his 14th mission got shot down on his way back home to England. He was one of 10 crewmembers. Two were Killed in Action. The rest were taken as Prisoners of War (POW) including James himself. Tasha was only 5 years old when her Grandfather passed away and even though she didn't know much about him, she wanted to honor him during her year as President. Project #1 will go towards the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency (DPAA) efforts. You will be contributing to DPAA's worldwide mission to provide the fullest possible accounting of the approximately 81,000 missing Americans from the Nation's past conflicts to their families and the Nation



#### **Website:**

<https://www.defense.gov/Multimedia/Experience/POW-MIA/>

Donation Information. This is just an FYI on where the donations will be sent once they come to Department

<https://www.dpaa.mil/Contact/Donate-to-the-Mission/>

### Project #2



Honor Flight New England joined with the national organization Honor Flight Network in the Spring of 2009, and is a non-profit organization dedicated to honoring America's most senior veterans. Through generous donations, we transport our heroes to Washington, D.C., to visit and reflect at their memorials AT NO COST TO THE VETERAN. Top priority is currently given to our most senior Veterans, along with those other veterans who may be terminally ill. Beginning in the Spring of 2022, Honor Flight New England also began transporting Vietnam Veterans.

#### **Website:**

<https://honorflightnewengland.org/>

Donations can be made to President Bouvier's project by writing a check made out to: ALA Dept of VT, with the words "President's Project" in the memo line. Donations can be mailed to Department Headquarters, PO Box 192, Montpelier, VT 05602, or presented to Tasha or her designee at any event.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT**



# 2025 ALA Membership

(As of July 27<sup>th</sup>, 2025)



## AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY				27 July 2025	2025 Membership				
Dept. of Vermont	Numeric Objective	Actual	%		Dept. of Vermont	Numeric Objective	Actual	%	
<b>FIRST DISTRICT</b>				<b># to 100%</b>	<b>FOURTH DISTRICT</b>				
<b>FIRST DISTRICT</b>					<b>FOURTH DISTRICT</b>				
GREENMOUNT #1	425	379	89.18%	46	BENNINGTON #13	247	221	89.47%	26
RICHFORD #12	67	58	86.57%	9	WALTER CASE #29	80	71	88.75%	9
VERGENNES #14	261	227	86.97%	34	RUTLAND #31	273	170	62.27%	103
BRISTOL #19	217	199	91.7%	18	JAY AIR CARMODY #39	81	64	79.01%	27
MIDDLEBURY #27	173	144	83.24%	29	FAIR HAVEN #49	113	110	97.35%	3
ENOSBURG #42	121	95	78.51%	26	CRIPPEN FELLOWS #50	209	198	94.74%	11
CRELLER LANDON #60	79	62	78.48%	17	BRANDON #55	108	95	87.96%	13
COLCHESTER #61	324	311	95.99%	13	ARLINGTON #69	88	74	84.09%	14
<b>TOTAL 1ST DISTRICT</b>	<b>1667</b>	<b>1475</b>	<b>88.48%</b>	<b>192</b>	WEST RUTLAND #87	125	150	120.00%	-25
					POWNLAND #90	32	29	90.63%	3
					<b>TOTAL 4TH DISTRICT</b>	<b>356</b>	<b>182</b>	<b>51.15%</b>	<b>174</b>
<b>SECOND DISTRICT</b>					<b>FIFTH DISTRICT</b>				
<b>SECOND DISTRICT</b>					<b>FIFTH DISTRICT</b>				
HARDWICK #7	259	264	101.93%	-5	BRATTLEBORO #5	256	223	87.11%	33
NEWPORT #21	97	77	79.38%	20	NELSON E. PICKWELL #15	15	12	80.00%	3
ORLEANS #23	97	81	83.51%	16	CECIL A. DAMS #17	20	15	75.00%	5
JAY PEAK #28	92	80	86.96%	12	WINDSOR #25	191	191	100.00%	0
LYNDON #30	93	95	102.15%	-2	BALLARD HOBART #36	247	254	102.83%	-7
NORTHLAND #47	68	74	108.82%	-6	PERCE LAWTON #37	197	209	106.09%	-12
ST. JOHNSBURY #58	86	86	100.00%	0	CHESTER #67	213	194	91.08%	19
BARTON #76	26	25	96.15%	1	<b>TOTAL 5TH DISTRICT</b>	<b>1139</b>	<b>1098</b>	<b>96.40%</b>	<b>41</b>
BRIGHTON #80	93	83	89.25%	10					
<b>TOTAL 2ND DISTRICT</b>	<b>911</b>	<b>865</b>	<b>94.95%</b>	<b>46</b>	GILMAN #41		11		
					HEADQUARTERS #100	83	63	75.90%	
					<b>Vermont Total</b>	<b>5717</b>	<b>5267</b>	<b>92.13%</b>	<b>450</b>
<b>THIRD DISTRICT</b>					<b>6TH DISTRICT</b>				
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MONT PELIER #3	90	79	87.78%	11	1ST PLACE	District 5	96.40%		
BARRE #10	166	131	78.92%	35	2ND PLACE	District 2	94.95%		
MORRISTOWN #33	52	45	86.54%	7	3RD PLACE	District 3	90.52%		
HARRY N. CUTTING #59	170	175	102.94%	-5	4TH PLACE	District 1	88.48%		
SORRELL MAYNARD #63	133	125	93.98%	8	5TH PLACE	District 4	87.17%		
DONALD M. JAYON #64	22	18	81.82%	4					
<b>TOTAL 3RD DISTRICT</b>	<b>633</b>	<b>573</b>	<b>90.52%</b>	<b>60</b>					

Next Milestone 95% by May 23rd, 2025  
 14 Units made 85% milestone 100% 2025 Membership Achievers VT  
 Congrats to: 2, 91, 7, 30, Units, Hardwick 7, Windsor 25, Ballard  
 76, 59, 49, 50, 87, 25, 36, 37 Hobart 36, Pierce Lawton 37, Northland 47 and  
 West Rutland 87.



## **2026 MEMBERSHIP AWARDS**

### **Member Award: Recruit/Rejoin 10**

- **Award:** Special gift selected by the National Membership Chairman
- **Presented to:** Members who recruit and/or rejoin 10 Senior and/or Junior members. Rejoined members must not have renewed since 2022 or earlier.
- **Deadline:** Members must be entered and paid in ALAMIS member database by June 1, 2026.
  - **FORMS** must be received at National HQ by June 6, 2026.
- **Materials and guidelines:**
  - Form can be printed from the ALA national Membership Committee page of the national website ([www.ALAforVeterans.org](http://www.ALAforVeterans.org)). You must be logged in to the *My Auxiliary* area to access the page.
  - One entry per recruiter.
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### **Member Award: Family 3**

- **Award:** Special gift selected by the National President
- **Presented to:** Members who recruit 3 *New* Legion members, 3 *New* Auxiliary members & 3 *New* SAL members.
- **Deadline:** Members must be entered and paid in the database by June 1, 2026.
  - **FORMS** must be received at ALA National HQ by June 6, 2026.
- **Materials and guidelines:**
  - Form can be printed from the ALA national Membership Committee page of the national website ([www.ALAforVeterans.org](http://www.ALAforVeterans.org)). You must be logged in to the *MyAuxiliary* area to access the page.
  - One entry per recruiter.

### **Unit Award: 100% Unit Award**

- **Award:** ALA Key Chain with phone stand and cleaner, 2 per unit for the unit president and unit membership chairman.
- **Presented to:** Units that reach 100% of their 2026 membership goal by January 31, 2026.
- **Deadline:** January 31, 2026
- **Materials and guidelines:**
  - This award will be based on units that reach 100% of their reported goals by January 31, 2026 as verified by ALAMIS.

**Note: Departments must submit unit goals to National Headquarters by September 1, 2025, to be eligible for the 100% Unit Award. These must be sent in a specific format which will be provided by NHQ. Key chains for winning units will be mailed to each department for distribution.**

### **Unit Award: New Unit Award**

- **Award:** Unit Guidebook & ALA National Constitution & Bylaws from Emblem Sales.
- **Presented to:** New units chartered between September 1, 2025 and July 31, 2026.
- **Deadline:** July 31, 2026.
- **Materials and guidelines:**
  - This award is automatically presented upon receipt and processing of new unit charter applications at National Headquarters.



# 2026: RECRUIT/REJOIN 10

Members who recruit and/or rejoin 10 junior or senior Auxiliary members for the 2026 membership year. Rejoins must not have paid membership dues since 2022 or earlier.

One entry per recruiter.

**Certified forms must be received at ALA National Headquarters by June 6, 2026.**  
**Please send this form to your department headquarters office no later than one week prior to the deadlines.**

**New members must be paid in ALAMIS by June 1, 2026.**

## ENTRY/CERTIFICATION FORM

*Please type or print legibly and fill out the form completely. Incomplete forms may not be processed.*

Recruiter's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Member ID#: \_\_\_\_\_  
Recruiter's Department: \_\_\_\_\_ Unit #: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
Recruiter's Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Names of <u>New/Rejoined</u> Members	Member ID#	Names of <u>New/Rejoined</u> Members	Member ID#
1. _____	_____	6. _____	_____
2. _____	_____	7. _____	_____
3. _____	_____	8. _____	_____
4. _____	_____	9. _____	_____
5. _____	_____	10. _____	_____

***Certified by Department Secretary:***

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

Department Secretary

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Dept: \_\_\_\_\_

Dept Secretary Signature (required): \_\_\_\_\_

**\*I certify that all 10 members are new or rejoined into the 2026 year.**

**\*I've provided or verified member ID numbers and that the form is filled out legibly and completely.**

***DO NOT SEND INCOMPLETE FORMS or more than 1 form per recruiter.***

**Units: Send form to your department secretary.**

### Departments:

Please either scan and email to:  
[membership@ALAforVeterans.org](mailto:membership@ALAforVeterans.org)  
(Subject line: Recruit 10/ Member Name & ID)

Or

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

**\*Must be received at NHQ no later than midnight June 6, 2026.**

Each recruiter will receive a special gift selected by the 2026 National Membership Committee Chairman.

**One award per recruiter.**



# FAMILY 3

Members who recruit 3 New Legion members, 3 New Auxiliary members and 3 New SAL members for the 2026 membership year.

One entry per recruiter.

**Certified forms must be received at ALA National Headquarters by June 6, 2026.  
Please send this form to your department headquarters office no later than one week prior to the deadline.**

**New members must be paid by June 1, 2026.**

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**ENTRY/CERTIFICATION FORM**

*Please type or print legibly and fill out the form completely. Incomplete forms may not be processed.*

Recruiter's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Member ID#: \_\_\_\_\_  
Recruiter's Department: \_\_\_\_\_ Unit #: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
Recruiter's Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

<u>Names of 3 New Auxiliary Members</u>	<u>Member ID#</u>	<u>Names of 3 New Legion Members</u>	<u>Member ID#</u>
1. _____		1. _____	
2. _____		2. _____	
3. _____		3. _____	

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Auxiliary Unit Officer Signature - Verifying Membership**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Legion Post Officer Signature - Verifying Membership**

<u>Names of 3 New SAL Members</u>	<u>Member ID#</u>
1. _____	
2. _____	
3. _____	

\_\_\_\_\_  
**SAL Squadron Officer Signature - Verifying Membership**

**Forms must be signed by officers from  
TAL, ALA & SAL to be valid.**

**Please email forms to  
membership@alaforveterans.org**

**Or**

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

**Please do not send incomplete forms.**

\*Must be received at ALA NHQ no later than midnight June 6, 2026.

**Each recruiter will receive a special gift selected by the 2026 National President. One award per recruiter.**

# 2025-2026 Legion Family Membership Drives

*Who we are, What we do & Why it matters!*

## Vermont Fairs & Field Days



Sign up to join your American Legion Family at one of the membership drives at a fair in your District. For more information and to be added to the signup email, please message me at [ccolson.alavt@gmail.com](mailto:ccolson.alavt@gmail.com) with **MEMBERSHIP** in the subject line.

Growing our organization one member at a time!

*Corinna E. Colson,*

ALA Dept. Membership Chair

Event	Date	Location	Completed
<a href="#">Lamoille County Field Days</a>	July 18-20, 2025	Johnson, VT	Done
<a href="#">Addison County Fair &amp; Field Days</a>	July 29 - August 2, 2025	New Haven, VT	Done
<a href="#">Vermont State Fair</a>	August 12-16, 2025	Rutland, VT	
<a href="#">Caledonia County Fair</a>	August 20-24, 2025	Lyndonville, VT	
<a href="#">Champlain Valley Exposition</a>	August 22 - August 31, 2025	Essex Junction, VT	
<a href="#">Orleans County Fair</a>	Sept 4-7, 2025	Barton, VT	
<a href="#">The Tunbridge World's Fair</a>	Sept 11-14, 2025	Tunbridge, VT	



ALA District 3 President Lillian Perry & Spouse, Legionnaire Alonso Perry at Lamoille County Field days with AL Membership Chair & Sr. Vice Commander Fred Wilson, District 5 Commander, Lew Graham working the American Legion Family Membership Booth!



ALA District 1 President Rebecca Corrice, Auxiliary Member & daughter Tianny at Addison County Field days with AL Membership Chair, Sr. Vice Commander Fred Wilson, & SAL Sr. Vice Commander Alfred "Duffer" Commo working the American Legion Family Membership Booth!

# American Legion Auxiliary

## *District Workshop Schedule*

District	Date	Location	President
1	Sunday October 5th	Bristol Unit 19	Rebecca Moricette
2	Saturday October 4th	Brighton Unit	Shori McKinnon
3	Sunday October 12th	Montpelier Unit 3	Lillian Perry
4	TBD	TBD	Cindy Ell
5	Sunday October 19th	Chester Unit 67	John Tester

## **MEMORIAM**

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

UNIT	FULL NAME	DECEASED DATE
VT UNIT 0021	Sylvia Ward	7/17/2025
VT UNIT 0013	Sandra J Hamilton	5/29/2025
VT UNIT 0013	Leone H Dusablon	7/7/2025
VT UNIT 0055	Mary Blanchard	5/28/2025
VT UNIT 0055	Brenda M Thomas	7/2/2025

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