

2025 - 2026 / MAY EDITION

## DEPARTMENT BULLETIN



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### PRESIDENT



**John R. Tester**

**2024 - 2025**

Greetings American Legion Auxiliary, National President Trish Wards official visit to Vermont is in the books and it was amazing! During her six days in Vermont, we traveled more than 1,300 miles, stopping at 10 Units, several attractions around the state, and of course, the George Fox Memorial Chapel. More on that in a minute.

I really want to thank every Unit that we visited, whether it was just a meet and greet with a few snacks, or full-fledged meals. I especially want to thank Unit 3 (lunch), Unit 69 (lunch), Unit 13 (dinner) and Unit 50 for a fabulous official banquet. The hall was beautiful and the food delicious. President Trish really enjoyed meeting all the Auxiliary members, and I very much appreciate the efforts that the Unit members put into making her visit special.

We are starting a very busy time of year for our Auxiliary Units. All Unit reports are due to the Department

Chairman by May 1<sup>st</sup>. Award submissions are due as well. Remember to get your submission in for the Unit Member of the Year to Krista Chadwick ASAP.

Once you have submitted your Unit Member of the Year application, please remember to invite your nominee and guests to the Unit Member of the Year luncheon on Sunday, May 18 at 12:00pm at Middlebury Unit 27. There is no charge for the award nominee and all guests are just \$10 for the lunch. It is my hope that every nominee will be able to attend the lunch in their honor.

The 2025 Department Convention will take place on June 19<sup>th</sup> - 21<sup>st</sup>, at the Hampton Inn in Colchester. This will be an extra special convention so I hope you will make plans to join us. The convention agenda and additional information will be out in the next couple weeks.

Lastly, please put the May Town Hall meeting on your schedule, May 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm. We will be discussing the Unit Member of the Year luncheon, the department convention and then I will have a special announcement. See you then!

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 Members,

Just got done having a wonderful week with our President and travel team showing our amazing National President around the state of Vermont. I think we showed her how awesome our members of Vermont are. She especially loved the Moore- Fox Chapel and signing the charter for the Moore- Fox Unit 41. I know Mr. President will put in his bulletin about her visit, so I will make this short, but wanted to thank all the members that were able to come and visit with our National President and show her our wonderful state. We have just two more months until the Department Convention. I still have a few chairmanships to fill, so if you haven't already reached out, please let me know.

Thanks

Tasha Bouvier

Vice-President

## NATIONAL EXEC. COMMITTEE

Hello Vermont!

We have just completed our visit with National President Trish Ward here in Vermont. What a wonderful visit we had. I hope that those of you that had the chance to meet and speak with her, enjoyed it as much as we did. We certainly made memories with Trish.

Coming up, we have State Convention in June and President John will be getting us our agenda as time gets closer. I look forward to seeing you all there.

For God, Country, and Our Veterans,

Kelly Donaldson

NEC

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## CHAPLAIN

Hello everyone. On April 15th from 7:30-8pm, I attended the National Chaplain's 3rd quarterly zoom meeting with 17 attendants including one guest: our National Vice President. I've received some year end reports in the mail and by e-mail along with prayers for our Department President John's prayer book. Thank you and please send yours in for your unit if you haven't. I've been putting together prayer bags for every unit chaplain in our state that I will hand out on Friday of our June Convention. If your unit chaplain is not present, I'll give them to the next available officer for your unit. There were some questions about unit chaplain prayer book guidelines and while I do not have any forms stating how to complete your unit prayer book, I believe there could be a guide in the trophy and awards book perhaps. If your chaplain wishes to submit one for your unit, please mail it to me before the May 1 deadline. I'll accept all year end reports, prayers, and prayer books by May 5th the latest. PO Box 355, Barton, VT 05822. Sunday, May 11th is Mother's Day and I would like to wish all mother's a very happy Mother's Day.

"Let us pray together in your own faith"... A prayer of gratitude:

"Heavenly Father, we thank You for the gift of mothers. We pray for strength, wisdom, and joy in their lives. May they feel Your love and be surrounded by peace. We honor them today and every day for their

unwavering love and support" Amen. Hallow blog post-google

Memorial Day-Monday May 26th:

"Lord, be with us and be our guide in time of need. We ask Your support in all we do. Help us to reach out to one another, to communicate and show real care for others. Help us be open to new experiences of personal growth and challenge. May we be alert to the opportunities before us each day.

Accept our thanks, Lord, for the leaders of our American Legion Auxiliary, for their work this year, and for their leadership. As they have worked for God and country, we give them our grateful thanks. Amen." American Legion Auxiliary Chaplains' Prayer Book P13

For God and country,

Heather Morris Department Chaplain

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## HISTORIAN

Hello, my wonderful fellow Auxiliary members. I pray you find yourselves happy and healthy. I hope you had a Happy Easter! We are winding down our year and the June Convention is right around the corner. I hope to see you all there and ready to have a great Convention.

We have had a busy month this April. Our wonderful National President Trish Ward has made a visit to our state. She was welcomed on the 15<sup>th</sup> at the airport and then hit the ground running the next day. She started with a luncheon held by Montpelier Unit 3. Unit President Melodie Ashford did not disappoint with her homemade soups!

Once we were done there, we headed to the Department Headquarters and then took a wonderful tour of the Capital building! Our Department President John is a knowledgeable man, and I suggest any time you can take a tour with him, you will learn quite a bit! Later, they had dinner at Fire and Ice. Thursday was another fun-filled day. They took a tour of the Maple Museum in Pittsford. After that, they then went on to the VA Hospital. They then went to lunch at Four Aces Diner. Once they finished with lunch, they headed to Ludlow Unit 36,

where they had a wonderful time during her visit. Later, we attended the banquet for her at Castleton Unit 50, and I must say, everyone did a wonderful job setting up, making food, and the decorations. Thank you, Unit 50, for a great night. Friday was another fun-filled day. They started with breakfast at Mae's Place in Brandon. Then they made their way to the Dodge House. Next stop was Rutland Unit 31. From there, they made their way to lunch at Arlington Unit 69. The next stop was the Vermont Veteran's Home, followed by Vermont Paws and Boots. President Trish Ward had a great time meeting the service dogs and Michelle, as well as seeing the wonderful job she does in her facility helping Veterans and first responders with their service dogs. Next, they made their way to the Bennington Battle Memorial, followed by a dinner at the wonderful Bennington Unit 13. Great job Unit 13 for showing our president a wonderful time! On Saturday, we made our way to the Rev. George Fox Memorial Chapel where we were able to see the museum area, as well as hear the story of the 4 Chaplains. It was amazing to hear stories from Isadora and George's grandchildren and great grandchildren. Thank you all for allowing us to be a part of your history. I want to Congratulate our brand-new unit to the Department of Vermont Auxiliary, Unit 41!!! I wish you all the best in your future as a unit. Congratulations to the officers as well. I wish you a great and successful year! It was an honor to see National President sign your Charter, but also to install you. Later, they made their way to St. Johnsbury Unit 58 and then dinner at Waybury Inn. Sunday, they started their day at the wonderful Unit 91 for their amazing breakfast. Then they made their way to Josh's House to visit with the Veterans. Finally, a wonderful Easter dinner with President John Tester's family. Monday, National President Trish Ward leaves our department to head to Alaska for her next adventure. We are honored and proud to have had her with us this week. Thank you to all the Units for everything you do and will continue to do for our Legion family.

### Presidents Travels in April

- April 3** Barre Unit 10 Unit meeting
- April 9** Northland Unit 49 Unit meeting
- April 10** Attended a banquet for the National Commander in Saratoga Springs, NY
- April 14** Attended Chester Unit 67 meeting; installed officers

- April 14** Town Hall meeting (zoom)
- April 15-21** National President Trish Wards visit to VT
- April 28** Green Mountain Unit 1 Unit meeting



May 1<sup>st</sup> is the deadline for year-end reports to be to the department chairs, so if you have not sent them, you can email them to make sure they get to us on time. Thank you to all the units who have sent in reports.

Please make sure to send me your unit’s history, as I need them for my reports for National. Thank you everyone and God Bless you all!

In the Spirit of Service, Not Self, PDP  
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**EXECUTIVE SECRETARY**

Greetings ALA Members! Well, we have just finished a fabulous visit with ALA National President Trish Ward which included many wonderful visits around Vermont with Vt Department President John, Sgt at Arms Cathy, NEC Kelly & VP Tasha. I think the most amazing part for me was the signing of our first new VT charter since 2009 for the Moore – Fox Unit 41 in Gilman.

President Carla Amadon, Secretary-Treasurer Susan Fox Fisk, and VP/Membership Chair Tracy Davidson were all installed and Lisa Murray Hirbour was acting Chaplain for the ceremony. Beforehand, NP Trish, Dept. President John and I signed the charter to make this Unit official and we celebrated with a lunch to end the day.

Now it’s back to the grind and getting the year end reports done as well as the Unit Impact Reports sent in. Please be sure Year end reports are sent to the chairman and Year end impact reports for Units are sent directly to me at Department HQs. I would like to get 100% reporting on these and really show National the impact our small state has in assisting our Veterans.

Just returned from DLNC with VP Tasha Bouvier & President John Tester and the biggest take away for the Office was the need to ensure all Units are in compliance with their 501c19 status. Just received the report and it appears we have several Units that may not be in compliance and are in jeopardy of losing their non profit status.

Has your Unit filed it's Form- 990 for 2024? If not we may be speaking soon. This is a common financial document many units miss and if you do not get this taken care of and your designation lapses it can be very expensive and time consuming to get this back. Stay tuned as we will be contacting the Units that are showing they are not in compliance.

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**TREASURER**

Greetings.  
The Finance committee accepted a proposed budget for fy2026 and will be recommending it to the DEC for approval at the next DEC meeting. The fy 2024 990EZ was sent to the IRS and we are ready to file the request for a change in fiscal year and prepare the 990EZ for May and June 2024 which will allow that change to be made.

The end of the fiscal year is April 30. We will end well within the budget. Suzette and I are coordinating well, and she will be ready to take over the position of Treasurer, if that nomination is approved after convention.

Service not self.  
Marilyn Davis  
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**PARLIAMENTARIAN**  
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## POPPY

Subject: Understanding the Significance of Poppies  
Hi everyone, The American Legion Auxiliary has been distributing poppies for nearly 100 years, yet many people still do not understand the significance of these flowers. Let's make an effort to educate others about the meaning behind the poppy and be prepared to explain its importance.

We have always placed donation cans around the community. Please remember to get approval wherever you set up a can or stand by their place of business

National Poppy Day  
Friday, May 23, 2025

Thank you, to the units who sent me their poppy poster contest entries. They will be judged, and you will be notified if your poppy poster advances to the Nationals. We all should wear a poppy to any event organized by The American Legion Family

I want to recognize Wanda Woodard from Unit #59 Waterbury. She always wears multiple poppies on her rider's jacket.  
Many applications!

In Service, not Self,

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## PUBLIC RELATIONS

May brings poppy distributions, Memorial Day Observances and Armed Forces Day. But, it also brings a special week to celebrate teachers – May 5th -9th is Teacher Appreciation Week. This is a wonderful opportunity to show all educators – from those who educate the youngest of our students in childcare facilities and preschools to those who work with older students. I know how much a simple “thank you” or message saying “you are appreciated for all you do” can make an educator's day! What a great way to show we care and to become better known in our communities!

## MEMORIAM

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

VT UNIT 0014	Linda E Briggs	4/10/2025
VT UNIT 0049	Dolores P Sbardella	3/18/2025
VT UNIT 0091	Angelina D. Beardsley	4/21/2025

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

Greetings All, I hope everyone is doing well! I am looking forward to seeing who comes to Middlebury Unit #27 for The Unit Member Of the Year Sunday, May 18, 2025. It is that time of the year for your election of unit members. Please reach out to me so I can pencil you into my calendar for when your unit is having your installation. Come on District 1 we are in 4th Place in Membership, we can do it let's get 100%.

We will be holding our elections in April. Our meetings are on the last Monday of the Month. For God & Country and Our Veterans

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May 5-9: Teacher Appreciation Week  
May 11-18: National Veterans Creative Arts Festival (Indianapolis)  
May 15: Department Chairmen report due to National Committee  
May 23: National Poppy Day  
June 1: Department, member, and unit award nomination forms completed and submitted

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## 3<sup>RD</sup> DISTRICT

Hi everyone!  
My schedule for unit installations is filling up quickly. I hope all chair and officer positions are filled. I'm getting ready for another successful year! I have informed the units through bulletins and other methods to ask if there were anything they would like included in the bulletin.

Waterbury Unit #59 did achieve 85% in membership, which was omitted in last month's bulletin. Great Job Waterbury Unit # 59!  
Keep working on our membership goals!

In the Spirit of Service not, Self  
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## 4<sup>TH</sup> DISTRICT

Spring greetings,  
It has been a flurry of activity for all of our Units in the past few weeks. First preparing for our Visit by Trish Ward, our National Auxiliary President, and then all the excitement during her visit! I am so proud of our little state of Vermont. We really do live our mission of service to Veterans, our military, our Children and our community. All that said we are getting our Impact reports sent to the Department and electing officers for the coming year. Don't stop pushing for 100 percent membership, I know we can do it before the Convention!

Please notify me when you are booking your installation ceremonies so I can plan accordingly. Upcoming Unit 50 has another free Veteran Luncheon coming up on June sixth and we are hoping to have some summer type food. At the next meeting planning for the Memorial Day Parade will be on the agenda. It is time for Legion baseball and many of our units help with that. I hope many members in District 4 will attend Department President John's testimonial May 31 in Middlebury at Post 27.

The upcoming plan to attend Convention June 19 through 21st it is a lot of fun and a lot of learning. That's all the news I can think of sharing at present.

In the spirit of service not self,  
Serving our Veterans with pride.  
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## 5<sup>TH</sup> DISTRICT

Greetings Members of the 5<sup>th</sup> District,  
I had the honor of installing some of the officers at Ballard Hobart 36. A very nice group of women. Ballard Hobart Unit is busy planning for participation in the Memorial Day ceremony. The unit has a grill raffle. This is their first attempt with that particular raffle, and I wish them well. I had the opportunity to chat with them for a few minutes, and I learned the meetings are going very smoothly. Windsor Unit 5 will participate in the Memorial Day ceremony that will be held in Windsor. I am sure other units are participating in the district. I hope to see representations from all the units in 5<sup>th</sup> district at the Convention in June. It is a very good way to learn about the workings of the organization.

For Our Veterans,  
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## AMERICANISM

### AUXILIARY EMERGENCY FUND

Although I haven't received all of the Unit's reports for AEF yet (they aren't due until May 1<sup>st</sup>) I would like to take this opportunity to thank those Units who went the extra mile to educate your members on AEF, what it does, how to apply for it and what information is needed to receive either a hardship or a disaster grant.

I also appreciate those of you who sent me photos of your fundraisers and/or information about what you were doing to help raise both awareness and funds. I would like to recognize Middlebury Unit 27 for their very successful raffle and Green Mountain Unit 1 for donating a portion of their 50/50 raffle proceeds as well as a portion of their Basket Raffle proceeds. Please send pics if you have them to post on the National AEF Facebook page.

Lastly, I want to remind you that although all funds must be in to Department no later than May 15<sup>th</sup> so they can get them to National by the end of May in order to be considered for National Awards, we will be continuing to raise funds through the time of National Convention. The funds raised nationally this year to date and about 1/3 of the grants given out because of the many applications received due to floods, fires, hurricanes, tornadoes and hardship requests.

It has been an honor to serve as your Department AEF Chair this year and I thank all of you for your assistance in this worthy endeavor.

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Greetings All, I hope you are enjoying the nice weather

Keep your flag pictures coming for the flag contest at convention! You can email them or mail them to me or bring them to the convention and if you do print them 4 by 6.

I'm looking forward to receiving your Memorial Day pictures and putting up a flag at the grave sites for our veterans. What does your unit do for Memorial Day?

Dates that are coming up:

**Thursday, May 1, 2025** - Military Appreciation Month

**Tuesday, May 6, 2025** - National Teachers Appreciation Day

**Friday, May 9, 2025** - Military Spouse Appreciation Day

**Sunday, May 11, 2025** - Mother's Day

**Sunday, May 17, 2025** - Armed Forces Day

**Monday, May 26, 2025** - Memorial Day

For God & Country and Our Veterans

Rebecca Moricette

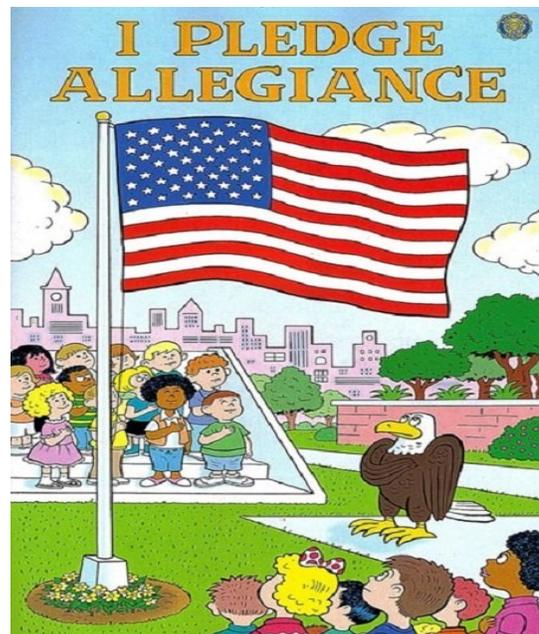
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## CHILDREN & YOUTH

Greetings ALA Members,

Happy May!

I've received some amazing year end reports and wanted to start by thanking each and every one of you for the support you give to our Children & Youth, to our communities, to the National CWF and to our American Legion Family.

I still have some branded Stuff A Sacks if any of you would like them for your Units. Please remember to submit your pictures and details of how you used them to support your C&Y program. I've been asked to submit a report and pictures to National, and I'd love to highlight each of our wonderful Units who took advantage of this opportunity.

We are truly making a difference. I've witnessed so many phenomenal events this past year, not only from the perspective of the Department C&Y chair, but also because of the unique privilege I've had accompanying Department Commander Joe all over the state. I've enjoyed meeting so many Legion family members. You inspire me, you fill my heart with hope, and you leave me in total awe by your commitment to the purposes and goals of the American Legion family.

Each of us have talents and hearts of service, each of us is driven by our own special "why", each of us is a valued member of our Units. Together there is nothing we can't accomplish! So many wonderful things are happening because of our commitment to Vermont's youth. From a young man, when seeing his grandmother gathering essentials to send to flood victims, emulated her heart of charity by sending some of his most beloved toys to other children who lost everything - to the young woman who followed our example of supporting our Veterans when she created handmade cards and sent them to show her gratitude for them. I say again - WE are truly making a difference! We hold the responsibility of passing the ALA torch down to the next generation. Your dedication and service are influencing our C&Y, and you are building a bright and shining future.

Thank you again for your membership, your support and your dedication.

Charith Zickmund

Department Children & Youth Chair

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## COMMUNITY SERVICE

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For God, Country, and our Veterans,

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## CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS & STANDING RULES

There has been some confusion on my email addresses. I do have two.

[norton@middlebury.edu](mailto:norton@middlebury.edu) is a valid email address.

You will get a bounce back message stating I have retired and directing people who used to work with me where to go to get help. I do get any emails sent to this address; I do check this email address frequently and will get back to you.

[prjtk@comast.net](mailto:prjtk@comast.net) is also a valid email address...

that one I don't check as frequently but either will get to me.

I have received some year-end reports. Thank you to those who are ahead of the curve, and I look forward to receiving the rest of your reports!

Pam Norton

C& B Chair

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## EDUCATION

Hello American Legion Dept. of VT Auxiliary Members,

• ***ALA VT Education Year End Report***

This report was due to me on May 1, 2025. Thank you to all Units that sent your EOY Education Report to me.

• ***SCHOLARSHIP***

Times have changed and so have the costs related to attending a higher institution of learning.

To help out, the American Legion Auxiliary

Department of VT offers scholarships, ALA VT Units offer a scholarship and the American Legion Auxiliary have a handful of National scholarships to assist with finances, helping deserving students receive a college education. Your Unit has a booklet of Scholarship information and applications.

As of this report, I have received one Unit's winning entry for the **2025 ALA Department of VT Education Chairman \$1,000 Award**. Please send me your Unit's winning ALA Department of VT Education Chairman \$1,000 Award entry by May 16, 2025.

**MY ADDRESS:**

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• **ALA GIVE 10 TO EDUCATION**

How has your ALA VT UNIT been supporting EDUCATION in our 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 in this project and send me a photo!

→ **\*CELEBRATE EDUCATORS-**

**May 5 - May 9, 2025, is Teacher Appreciation Week**. What will your Unit do to show appreciation to teachers and continue to support education?

**IDEAS:**

\*Create a giant teacher thank-you card for display in the school community.

\*Nothing says **THANK YOU to a TEACHER** better than scrumptious cookies, cupcakes or candy. Bake or buy the treats and include a message.

Thank You, **YOU ARE A SWEET TEACHER!**

\*ALA VT Units could donate money to a school function.

\*Write a *Teacher Appreciation* Letter to the

We are less than 2 months until the best week ever...aka Girls State. Can you believe that? Reminder deadline for units to get in

Editor of your local newspaper.

\*Put a **THANK YOU** sign on the school's front lawn.

→ **\*MILITARY CHILD'S TABLE SETTING CEREMONY**

Remember to do the **Military Child's Table Setting Ceremony** to show support for military children and reflect on the sacrifices they continually must make. Need to refresh your memory and get

a copy of the ceremony? **Here's the site:**

**<https://member.legion->**

**[aux.org/cmsdesk/ALA/media/PDF/Programs/Military\\_Children\\_table\\_setting\\_ceremony.pdf](https://member.legion-)**

*See you at our ALA VT Convention in June.*

For God and Country,

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## **FINANCE**

The Committee has presented the 2026-2026 budget to the DEC. We have been working on creating the Audit committee for an in-house audit of the finances. The committee still has the Scratch off Ticket raffle going until our June Convention. Please sell as many tickets as you can to support our department.

Thank you,

Christine Brown

Finance Committee chairman

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

Hello Members,  
We are less than 2 months until the best week ever...aka Girls State. Can you believe that? Reminder deadline for units to get in applications funds is April 25th. If you have any questions or issues please let me know.  
The other item I wanted to focus on was sponsorship. We appreciate each unit that sponsors delegates. This year we might be at that point where we will need units that maybe didn't have any students apply to them directly by units that still want to sponsor. If your unit wishes to sponsor one or several of our delegates please reach out to me via email [tabouvier@yahoo.com](mailto:tabouvier@yahoo.com) and I would be happy to chat with you more.

Thanks  
Tasha Bouvier  
ALAGMGS Chairperson

## **JUNIOR ACTIVITIES**

I would like to thank President John for the opportunity to chair this program. I've really enjoyed everything that I've seen. And I hope you have a great convention.

Thank you  
Deborah (Debbie) Gilmond  
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## **LEADERSHIP**



Invitations are currently being sent out to all nominees for Unit member of the year! we hope to make this a very special event to honor these ALA members who do so much to serve our Veterans, Military and their Communities!

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## LEGISLATIVE

Following are some items that Vermont's Legislators are working on for our Veterans:

The bill H.154 proposes to designate November as the "Vermont Month of the Veteran" in recognition of the contributions made by veterans of the U.S. Armed Forces to the nation's security and well-being. The General Assembly expresses its intent to honor the military service of these individuals through this designation.

To formalize this recognition, the bill adds a new section to the Vermont Statutes Annotated, specifically stating that November of each year will be recognized as the Vermont Month of the Veterans' Affairs

### A BILL

To amend title 5 and title 38, United States Code, to put veteran and military families first and to provide protections for employees, benefits, and programs of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes. Please follow the National ALA Legislative Facebook page and stay up to date:

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

Thank you for advocating for our veterans.

"For God and Country" Dee Colety, Legislative Chair, Department of Vermont To formalize this recognition, the bill adds a new section to the Vermont Statutes Annotated, specifically stating that November of each year will be recognized as the Vermont Month of the Veteran. The act is set to take effect on July 1, 2025. The bill H.93 proposes the establishment of a database specifically for veterans in Vermont, to be developed and maintained by the Vermont Office of Veterans Affairs. The bill mandates that the Director of the Office collaborate with various state agencies to gather and compile information on veterans. Importantly, any personally identifying information collected for this database will be exempt from public inspection and copying under the Public Records Act, ensuring confidentiality for the veterans involved. The bill also includes a provision that this exemption will remain in effect and not be repealed through existing laws. Additionally, the bill specifies that it will take effect on July 1, 2025. This timeline allows for the necessary preparations and collaborations among state agencies to ensure the successful implementation of the database while safeguarding the privacy of Vermont's veterans.

Congress:

Do you know what the 119th 1st Session of Congress is working on for our veterans?

For a comprehensive list of every bill that has been introduced and referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs during the 119th Congress, click here.

S. 1068

To amend title 5 and title 38, United States Code, to put veteran and military families first and to provide protections for employees, benefits, and programs of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

March 13, 2025

Mr. Blumenthal (for himself, Mr. Sanders, Ms. Duckworth, Mrs. Gillibrand, Mr. Gallego, Mr. Kaine, Ms. Rosen, Ms. Cortez Masto, Mr. Schiff, Mr. Merkley, Ms. Klobuchar, Mr. Padilla, Ms. Hirono, Mr. Kelly, Mr. Booker, Mr. Heinrich, Mr. Whitehouse, Mr. Luján, Mr. Hickenlooper, Mr. Wyden, and Mr. Van Hollen) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

### A BILL

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Please follow the National ALA Legislative Facebook page and stay up to date:

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

Thank you for advocating for our veterans.

For God and Country,

Denise M. Colety (Dee)

Legislative Chair, ALA Department of VT  
-President, Green Mountain Hometown Heroes  
[greemountainhometownheroes@gmail.com](mailto:greemountainhometownheroes@gmail.com)



## MEMBERSHIP

Our ALAMIS System is down at the time of this report, so I am unable to provide Dept numbers this month. Please look for additional updates on our Department FB page and review your rosters for any additional memberships to collect. Department Award Deadline – May 23, 2025, is for 95%! Let's knock 'em out of the water and go for 100% before then! Please allow me to recognize Harry N Cutting Unit 59 as I mistakenly overlooked their success at hitting 85% by our March target date! Congratulations to all our current 100% goal reaching units, including Ballard Hobart Unit 36!

Our Department President Mr John Tester would be absolutely delighted to present a new American flag to EVERY unit hitting their 100% Goal this year. We can do this Vermont, Water you are waiting for!

~Danielle Jerry

ALA Dept of VT Membership Chair

(802)989-1816

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## NATIONAL SECURITY

(No Bulletin Message Submitted)

Christine Bousquet

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603-333-7248

## PAST PRESIDENTS PARLEY

Good Day Members,

I hope all our Units have applied for our trophy, awards and scholarships! Please, Dept Chairs, make sure to send the Dept Secretary the top 3 Reports to be judged at headquarters! Do not send them to me... Good Luck Everyone and we will be seeing you all at our June Convention!

In the Spirit of Service, Not Self...

Debi Graziano

Past President's Parley

debispot@gardener.com

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4253 VT RTE 78

Highgate Center, VT 05459

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## SERVICE TO VETERANS

Happy American Legion Auxiliary

2024/2025 New Year!

Your Year-End Reports were Due May 1st. I hope by the time you get this bulletin message

I will have received reports from all units.

Holidays and Observances May 2025~

Month of the Military Caregiver - Entire month of May.

National Military Appreciation – Entire month of May.

May 1, 2025 – Silver Star Banner Day - Silver Star Service Banner Day pays respect to those who have received the Silver Star.

May 8, 2025 – VE-Day – On May 8, 1945, Nazi Germany unconditionally surrendered to the Allied Forces of the Second World War. This day in history marked the end of World War II in Europe.

May 9 – Military Spouse Appreciation Day

May 13, 2025 – Children of Fallen Patriots Day – In the past 25 years, more than 15,000 children

have lost parents in military conflict. Children of Fallen Patriots Day was created to both honor these children and raise awareness of the sacrifices and struggles they must endure in the wake of their parents death.

May 17th – Armed Forces Day - Armed Forces Day is celebrated on the third Saturday in May. Thanks to President Harry S. Truman, it's a day to pay special tribute to the men and women of the Armed Forces. President Truman led the effort to establish a holiday in order for citizens to unite and honor our military heroes for their patriotic service in support of the United States of America.

May 26, 2025 – Memorial Day – Is a federal holiday observed on the last Monday in May and commemorates the men and women who died while in military service. Pay tribute to the U.S. men and women who died during military service by observing a national moment of silence with a minute of silence at 3:00 PM local time.

Will you put flags on the graves of our Veterans for Memorial Day? Will you march in a parade, attend/participate in a Memorial Day ceremony? Will you visit and hand a poppy to our Veterans for Memorial Day? Will you visit a veteran in the month of May?

Do you know a Caregiver you can visit in May? Will you do something thoughtful for them? On April 18th, Bennington Post/ Unit

13 was honored to serve our American Legion Auxiliary National President Trish Ward, dinner.

We met at the Vermont Veterans Home visited

Vermont Paws & Boots, and then a drive around the



Bennington Monument.

She is creative, dedicated to our veterans, fun and a born Leader.

I very much enjoyed her FB message about her visit: Thank you, Vermont! My favorite thing about today...meeting up with our veterans at the Vermont Veterans Home and connecting with Michelle at Vermont Paws and Boots! Helping our veterans and first responders with training their service animals. I loved it! And thank you Post/Unit 13 for a fantastic Good Friday dinner



Depression is prevalent in our veterans, be aware, reach out to them. Share the Veterans Crisis line dial 988 then Press 1 In the Spirit of Service, Not BE THE ONE!

Darlene Cumm,  
Service to Veterans Chair  
4th District E-Board  
Bennington Unit 13, President  
darcumm@gmail.com,  
(802) 442-8680

## **TROPHIES & AWARDS**

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In the Spirit of Service, Not Self...

Debi Graziano  
Trophy & Awards Chairman  
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## **VETERANS REHAB**

I have a new Gmail set up for Vermont ALA business: CindyEllALAVT@gmail.com to simplify communication/ tracking.

I have blocked the VA in-person meeting time on my calendar for 5/21 and will be in attendance and ready to work. I have asked Stacey to let me know if there is any documentation I need to bring with me and advise the time and location of the meeting.

I have communicated my appreciation for her assistance with the on-boarding process during this unusually busy time.

Best regards,

Cindy Ell (Frost)

Dir. Cell # (302) 420-8348

Email CindyEllALAVT@gmail.com

## **VAVS**

Spring to all of you.

Looking forward to seeing you all at convention in June. I am still collecting items for the cart at the VA Hospital. Decks of cards, craft supplies, fidgets and comfort articles.

Also, our Veteran's homes, such as Dodge House, Josh's House & Northfield are good places to donate your items, just

check with them before you deliver items. Would to give you some information on volunteers for VAVS: Different types of volunteers:

Senior Volunteers: (21 yrs & older)

Regular scheduled : An individual who has registered with the VAVS program in a regularly shift

Occasional Volunteer: An individual who works an ad-hoc schedule reporting to the VAMC Voluntary Service Office for assignments on site.

Student Volunteer

Non ALA members are welcome to become VAMC volunteers having their hours counted to the benefit of the Auxiliary.

If you would more information on any of the above or more information about VAVS, please do not hesitate to get in touch with me,

In the Spirit of Service, not Self

Patsy Tompkins  
Chair VAVS  
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## UD&R

(No Bulletin Message Submitted)

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

## WAYS & MEANS

(No Bulletin Message Submitted)

Sarah Touchette  
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. We have a couple things in the works for approval at Convention. Once we finalize them, we will get them out for your review before the Convention. Thanks so much.

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 approval. Thank you kindly everyone.

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

PDP Francisca Massey  
802-661-8690  
[franciscacech@yahoo.com](mailto:franciscacech@yahoo.com)

## 2025 - 2026 Endorsements

ALA Department President - Tasha Bouvier  
ALA Department Vice President - Charith Zickmund  
ALA NEC - PDP Francisca Massey  
ALA NEC - PDP Debi Graziano  
ALA Alt NEC - Jacqui Hood  
ALA 2nd Dist President. - Shori McKinnon  
ALA 3rd Dist. President - Lillian Perry  
ALA Department Chaplain - Heather Morris

**There is no endorsed candidates for:**

## DEPARTMENT HISTORIAN

*for*

## American Legion Auxiliary Department of Vermont Convention

**June 19th- 21st, 2025**

The Hampton Inn  
Colchester, VT





**Department of Vermont**

**SCHEDULE**

Date	Day	Event	Who	Time	Where
5/11	Sunday	Happy Mother's Day!			
5/12	Monday	Town Hall Meeting	All members	7:00pm	Zoom
5/18	Sunday	Unit Member of the Year Luncheon		12:00pm	Unit 27, Middlebury
5/20	Tuesday	Finance Meeting	Finance Committee	7:00pm	Zoom
5/26	Monday	Memorial Day			
5/31	Saturday	President John's Testimonial	<b>EVERYONE!</b>	1:00pm	Unit 27, Middlebury
6/9	Monday	Town Hall Meeting	All members	7:00pm	Zoom
6/14	Saturday	Flag Day			
<del>6/17</del>	<del>Tuesday</del>	<del>Finance Meeting</del>	<del>Finance Committee</del>	<del>7:00pm</del>	<b>Cancelled</b>
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 5/1/2025

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**

**May 12, 2025**

**7:00PM**

Zoom information:

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83908546129?pwd=AbjgpromLx07Ioa8BKp3UfZdZ4L7qk.1>

Meeting ID: 839 0854 6129

Passcode: 212124



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](mailto: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

American Legion Auxiliary Unit 19 Bristol  
PO BOX 292  
Bristol, VT 05443

To Whom It May Concern,

Bristol Unit 19 is resoundingly pleased to endorse Tasha Bouvier for the position of Department President for the upcoming 2025- 2026 year.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tina M Cota". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Tina Cota, Secretary  
Bristol Unit 19



Waterbury Unit 59  
16 Stowe Street  
Waterbury, VT 05676

April 11, 2025

**RE: Endorsement for Charith Zickmund for 2025-2026 Department Vice President**

At Unit 59's monthly meeting held on April 9, 2025, members voted unanimously to endorse Charith Zickmund for 2025-2026 Department Vice President. Charith has held many positions throughout her years of service, and it is our honor as a unit to recommend her.

For God and Country,

Signed by:  
  
Sarah Touchette, President  
Unit 59, Waterbury, Vermont  
(802) 793-1029



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 Country,

Melodie Ashford-McGrath, Pres.

Montpelier Unit 3



# American Legion Auxiliary Department of Vermont

126 State Street, P.O. Box 192  
Montpelier, Vermont 05601-0192  
(802) 223-3141

[VTalaux@talaofvt.com](mailto:VTalaux@talaofvt.com)

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 Lavce 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

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Green Mountain Unit No. 1  
P.O. Box 63  
St. Albans, VT 05478

April 2025

American Legion Department of Vermont  
Executive Secretary

Green Mountain Unit One is proud to endorse Jacqui Hood for the position of Alternate NEC in the Department of Vermont American Legion Auxiliary. Jacqui was District 1 President for several years and has held various committee positions within Department. She continues to be active serving our Veterans and their families. Unit One fully supports her.

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Christine Brown, President  
American Legion Auxiliary  
Green Mountain Unit #1

**From:** [Cheryl Cote](#)  
**To:** [Corrinna Colson](#)  
**Subject:** Shori Mckinnon  
**Date:** Tuesday, April 1, 2025 2:30:55 PM

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We the auxiliary post#47 of Canaan, Vermont would like to nominate Shori Mckinnon as Auxiliary State President. . When asked if she would be willing to continue as State 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



Waterbury Unit 59  
16 Stowe Street  
Waterbury, VT 05676

April 11, 2025

**RE: Endorsement for Lillian Perry for 2025-2026 3<sup>rd</sup> District President**

At Unit 59's monthly meeting held on April 9, 2025, members voted to endorse Lillian Perry for 2025-2026 3<sup>rd</sup> District President. 3 members voluntarily abstained, myself included.

For God and Country,

Signed by:

*Sarah Touchette*

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Sarah Touchette, President  
Unit 59, Waterbury, Vermont  
(802) 793-1029

To whom it may concern:

We, the members of the American Legion Auxiliary #76, would like to nominate Heather Morris for Department Chaplain 2025-2026.

Heather has been our Department Chaplain for the past three years and would to continue as such for the upcoming year. She has been an excellent Chaplain, taking her duties very seriously, and we know she will continue doing so.

Sincerely,

Anne Marie MacEachern - President

Patsy Tompkins - Treasurer

# 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 19<sup>th</sup> 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**

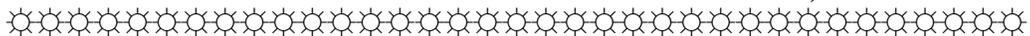
**Entertainment to Follow: C.A.T. DJ Services**

**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)

Department of Vermont  
**Convention Golf Tournament**

“The First Order of Business”

Thursday, June 19, 2025 @ 8:00 A.M. (Sharp) Tee Off

**Williston Country Club - 424 Golf Course Rd, Williston, VT 05495**

**\$100 Per Player** – Includes Carts, Prizes and BBQ Lunch

All Players **MUST** be Legion Family Members

Fees must be paid by June 9<sup>th</sup>

Limit 25 Teams

Please make check(s) out to Department of Vermont HQ's and send this completed form to:

**AL Dept. of Vermont, PO Box 396,  
Montpelier, VT 05601-0396 – Memo:  
Convention Golf**

Your Chairmen are Leon “Scott” Stevens  
and Dept. Adjutant – Brian Markwell



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Player #1 \_\_\_\_\_ Affiliation \_\_\_\_\_

Player #2 \_\_\_\_\_ Affiliation \_\_\_\_\_

Player #3 \_\_\_\_\_ Affiliation \_\_\_\_\_

Player #4 \_\_\_\_\_ Affiliation \_\_\_\_\_

One Phone Number # Per Team Please: \_\_\_\_\_

# Dottie Brothers Memorial Fundraiser

## Who



Dottie was an amazing inspiration for the American Legion Family. She used her talents to crochet Flag Afghans, which she donated for raffles or auctions to raise funds in support of Veteran's Programs.

## Causes



### American Legion - Vermont Leadership Projects

- Department Commander Joe Zickmund - American Legion Children & Youth Programs
- Detachment Commander Brian Massey - The Mt. Norris Scout Reservation
- Department President John Tester - The Rev. George L. Fox Museum

## Help



We are asking all members of the American Legion Family to donate your handmade items to this fundraiser. We all have talents, please share yours with us to raise funds for our Leadership Projects. If you have any questions or would like to donate, please contact Charith Zickmund, Catherine Tester or Francisca Massey.

## How



Anything you make would be very much appreciated.

Ideas include (but not limited to):

Crochet or knitting, leatherworking, jewelry, home decor, macramé, food, sewing, paintings, wood working, candles, ceramics, needlework, metal craft, handmade cards, soaps, tatting, weaving, wreathmaking, etc.

## When



Items need to be completed and submitted before June 14. They will be displayed and then either live auctioned, silent auctioned or raffled on June 20<sup>th</sup> at the American Legion Convention Banquet.

Each of our Department Leader's projects will receive 30% and a 10% memorial donation in Dottie's name will be made to The Dementia Society.

**Charith - [cez913@gmail.com](mailto:cez913@gmail.com) Cathy - [ctester2663@gmail.com](mailto:ctester2663@gmail.com)**

**Francisa - [franciscacech@yahoo.com](mailto:franciscacech@yahoo.com)**

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