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DEPARTMENT OF NORTH CAROLINA

2025 May/June Newsletter

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IMPORTANT DATES

May 3 – 6, 2025
Department Leadership
National Conference
Indianapolis, IN

May 26, 2025
Memorial Day
Department Headquarters closed

June 19 – 21, 2025
Department Convention
North Raleigh Hilton

June 21 – 27, 2025
Tar Heel Girls State
Campus of Campbell University

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

Reminder: Tar Heel Girls State
Registration Deadline
May 15, 2025

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**President Toni's
President's Project:**
**"Women Veterans
Support Services"**



**Member Concerns or Prayer
Needs?**
Chaplain Amelia Carter-Bennett
would love to hear from you.
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****Remember****

RADA FUNDRAISER - Shop at
<https://radafundraising.com> and
search for "American Legion Auxiliary

TERRI LYNN FUNDRAISER –
<https://alanorthcarolina.terrilynn.com>
To help raise money for
General Fund

***"BELIEVE" all things can
be accomplished if we
work as a team.***

Department of North Carolina
American Legion Auxiliary
President's Message May - June 2025

North Carolina Auxiliary Family you Rock.

I am looking back to find where ALA Year 2024-2025 has gone. I started off with some trepidations, especially knowing the PDPs and their great accomplishments. But I believed that we would succeed if we kept the Mission Statement first and foremost in our minds.

"ALA Mission Statement

In the spirit of Service, Not Self, the mission of the American Legion Auxiliary is to support The American Legion and to honor the sacrifice of those who serve by enhancing the lives of our veterans, military, and their families, both at home and abroad For God and Country, we advocate for veterans, educate our citizens, mentor youth, and promote patriotism, good citizenship, peace, and security.

And Succeed we did! No matter what came at us, you dealt with it and moved on to the next challenge. We worked together as a family to help our Family and friends in the Western part of the state after Hurricane Helene roared through. We established our own version of the Emergency Relief fund to supplement and provide what FEMA and the National organization could not.

As we move ahead into the final 2 months of this year, we have a lot more to look forward to. Units are having elections in May. Please do not forget to send your current Officer List, either newly elected or those remaining in their positions, into the office so we can reach you with updates and newsletters. Please consider sharing this newsletter and membership emails with all members of your units. Informed members are engaged members.

With Department Convention on the horizon, please review your unit roster to make sure that you are a unit is good standing. This means that you have 10 paid senior members. Unless your unit is in good standing, you will not be able to vote at our convention, nor will your unit count toward the necessary quorum. Each and every one of us have a voice in the goings-on of the Department. To exercise that privilege, you need to be current with your dues.

Something else that MUST be considered is the issue of a quorum. This is the number units in good standing in the Department in attendance in order to conduct Department Business. This will be explained further at the opening session of the Convention.

I hope that many of you will join us at the Department Convention in June. Information regarding the Convention is contained in this newsletter. Please consider attending the sessions. These are very informative, especially, for those who do not regularly attend conferences, meetings, and conventions. In fact, once you start attending meetings, you will become more aware of what others who share this common bond and interest are doing to fulfill our mission. You also will become more involved in what we do and why we do it.

After over 2 years of being in contact with all of you, I realize that this is my last "official" email. The best part of all of this is becoming acquainted with so many of this great ALA NC family. Each phone call and email brought me closer to all of you. I have made many new friends and renewed other friendships. It has been my honor and privilege to serve as your President.

In the Spirit of Service Not Self, For God and Country

Toni Reale
Department of North Carolina
President 2024-2025

Membership Report

Hello to all of my NC ranch hands,

It is hard to believe that time is moo-ving so fast. It will not be long until we get to see each other again in Raleigh for the Department Convention. I thank everyone for the hard work you have done helping out our department with membership this year.

We knew we would have some struggles with dues going up, but we sure didn't see Helene coming. We are struggling in the Third Division where the storm hit hard, and I have reached out to those units to let them know that there is some help for members who need help.

That being said the offer still stands and I welcome any suggestions anyone has.

Division Standings are as follows:

1. 87.73%
2. 92.25%
- 3, 85.28%

Rowdy is still leading the trail, and I see her gaining on Slim and Blaze. I would really like to see that gap get closer towards Convention.

Our Department stands at 89.50% and the next National Goal is 95% by May 23,2025. District 7 is still leading with 103.35% - congratulations and continue the outstanding work.

We have one zero unit and 42 units that are goal or above. I am so proud of each and every one of you.

As I close this email, just a funny note - I have joked over the last few years of my family living on a family compound and that is the honest truth. Last week we had some renegade cows cross the mountain to the compound and they have not been captured yet. It looks like I may have to get out my working boots and see what I can do. If I can round them up, I know our Department can reach that 95% by May 23.

Thanks to everyone and have a blessed week.

Beth Whitaker
Department Vice President/Membership Chairman

CALL FOR CONVENTION

June 19-21, 2025

Raleigh, NC

CALL FOR THE 104th ANNUAL DEPARTMENT CONVENTION

The 104th Annual Convention of the American Legion Auxiliary, Department of North Carolina will be held June 19-21, 2025, in Raleigh, NC. Headquarters for the Auxiliary will be the North Raleigh Hilton, 3415 Wake Forest Rd., Raleigh, NC 27609.

Reservations can be made by calling, 1-800-445-8667 or online:

<https://www.hilton.com/en/book/reservation/deeplink/?ctyhocn=RDUNHHF&groupCode=AMLEG&arrivaldate=2025-06-18&departuredate=2025-06-22&cid=OM> The code is **AMLEG**. Reminder to change your arrival and departure date at the top of the page. **Parking is complimentary. Be sure to get a parking pass for your car.**

The sessions will be in Salons F&G. Opening session will be at **7:00pm on Thursday, June 19, 2025.**

The Department Executive Committee will meet Thursday, June 19, 2025, at 3:00pm in Salons F&G. All members of the Executive Committee, (Department Officers, including District Presidents, Chairman of Standing Committees, and Past Department Presidents) are urged to attend. The meeting will be open to all auxiliary members. Only members of the Executive Committee will have a voice or vote.

PURPOSE

- A. Receiving annual reports from Department Officers and Committee Chairmen.
- B. Electing Delegates and Alternate Delegates to the National Convention in Tampa, Florida
- C. Electing and installing Department Officers for the ensuing year (2025-2026).
- D. Transacting such business as may properly be presented.

REPRESENTATION

Each Unit with a membership of at least 10 Senior members shall be entitled to one Delegate and one Alternate Delegate. For each fifty (50) members, or portion thereof, whose current Department and National dues have been paid and received by the Department Treasurer 30 days prior to the meeting of the Department **Convention (May 19)**, each Unit shall be entitled to two additional Delegates and Alternate Delegates. Department Officers, Standing Committee Chairmen and Past Department Presidents are Delegates-at-large from their respective Units, and their vote is to be cast with the Unit vote.

CALL FOR THE 104th ANNUAL DEPARTMENT CONVENTION

The number of Unit Delegates and Alternates to the Department Convention is as follows:

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|-----------------|--|
| 10-25 members | 1 Delegate and 1 Alternate plus any Delegates-at-Large |
| 26-75 members | 3 Delegates and 3 Alternates plus any Delegates-at-Large |
| 76-125 members | 5 Delegates and 5 Alternates plus any Delegates-at-Large |
| 126-175 members | 7 Delegates and 7 Alternates plus any Delegates-at-Large |
| 176-225 members | 9 Delegates and 9 Alternates plus any Delegates-at-Large |
| 226-275 members | 11 Delegates and 11 Alternates plus any Delegates-at-Large |
| 276-325 members | 13 Delegates and 13 Alternates plus any Delegates-at-Large |
| 326-375 members | 15 Delegates and 15 Alternates plus any Delegates-at-Large |

CONVENTION REGISTRATION

The Convention registration fee is \$10.00 per Delegate, Alternate, Delegate-at-Large and Guest. Units are to pay for each entitled delegate. Example: If your unit is entitled to 5 Delegates and only one person is attending the Convention, the Entire voting strength (5 Delegates=\$50.00) **must** be paid in order for your unit to have official Convention registration and to be able to vote. There is no registration fee for Juniors. The Credentials Certificate which is part of this mailing should be completed promptly. Mail a copy of the Credentials Certificate with a check payable to: NC American Legion Auxiliary to Department Headquarters, PO Box 46315, Raleigh, NC 27620 **prior to June 3, 2025**. This check must cover the registration fee for all allowed Delegates and Delegates-at-Large and Alternates attending. The Unit representative, (President or Delegation Chairman) who picks up the delegation materials will be asked to sign for them. If the Credentials Certificate and check are not received in Department Headquarters, you will have to wait at the Registration Desk for these materials to be prepared. **NO UNIT WILL BE REGISTERED TO VOTE WITHOUT THE COMPLETED DEPARTMENT CREDENTIALS CERTIFICATE.**

VOTING

To date, the following endorsements have been received for 2025-2026 Department Officers: President-Beth Whitker, Hendersonville #077; Vice President-Katie Pfeil, Burgaw #165; Division I President-Ottine (Tina) Miller #013; Division II President-Susan Davis, Greensboro #053; Division III President-Lynette Christensen, Cherryville #100; Joan Masters, Chaplain, Calabash #503.

The Department Bylaws, Article II, Section 2 states: "The Department Convention shall ratify the election of Division Presidents nominated at the Division Meetings and elected in their respective Division Caucuses."

The Department Bylaws, Article II, Section 3 states: "The Department Convention shall ratify the elections of District Presidents nominated and elected at District meetings and confirmed at the Convention Division Caucuses."

CONVENTION OPENING

If your Unit plans to bring flags to the Convention, please complete the form from the Sergeant-at-Arms bulletin included in this mailing. The rehearsal for the Processional will be at 4:00pm in Salons F&G on Thursday.

TROPHIES AND AWARDS

All poppy, written histories and scrapbook contest entries are to be taken to tables inside of Salons F&G between 3:00 and 5:30 pm Thursday afternoon and between 8:00 and 9:00 am Friday morning. All entries must be checked in by 9:00am on Friday. All entries will be judged on Friday. Each Department Officer or Chairman is responsible for securing judges and for providing the same with criteria for judging. Judging should not be done during the hours of the business sessions. All entries are to be picked up by 12 noon on Saturday. Neither the Department nor the Convention Committee will be responsible for returning them to the Units. All winning entries to be judged on the National level should be picked up by the respective Committee Chairmen by Saturday noon. All senior poppy entries must have the member's name, unit name, unit number and category on the entry. Junior entries were judged at the Junior Department Meeting held in April.

DEPARTMENT OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

Please observe the time scheduled on the program for your report and be prepared to present it at any time. You are to be seated at the front of the room in the vicinity of the microphone. All Chairmen reports are allowed 3 minutes. The exception is Veterans' Affairs and Rehabilitation and Membership; these will be allowed 10 minutes. Reports for the Electronic Yearbook must be mailed or emailed to Department Headquarters by June 10 and a copy sent to the Department. **PLEASE DO NOT give your reports to the Department Secretary at the Convention.** In a few weeks, the Department Officers and Committee Chairmen will receive information concerning awards. It will include a report form for listing award recipients and a form for ordering ribbons and certificates. Please read the information carefully and follow the instructions so the awards part of the Convention will go smoothly. Awards are to be presented when you give your report. Those programs that are to be judged at the Convention must give the Department Secretary a list of all awards when the judging has been completed.

DEPARTMENT CITATION

The following requirements must be met by the close of the Department books for Convention, May 20, 2025, to receive the Department Citation:

- General Fund Donation: \$25
- Equal last year's membership
- VA&R contribution
- Poppy order or donation
- Treasurer's Bond: \$7.00

In addition, a Membership Certificate will be awarded to those Units that reach 100% or above of their 2024-2025 Membership Goal by May 19, 2025.

INTENT TO RUN FOR NATIONAL DELEGATE OR NATIONAL ALTERNATE

Members interested in being considered for a delegate or alternate delegate for National Convention to be held in Tampa Bay, Florida, August 22 - 28, 2025, should complete an Intent to Run for National Convention Delegate or Alternate. Please complete the form by June 14, 2025, and mail or email a copy to Department Headquarters **and** Department President, Toni Reale, 10327 Blackstone Drive, Huntersville, NC 28078.

ATTEST: Department President: Toni Reale

ATTEST: Department Secretary/Treasurer: Carol Coleman

104th CONVENTION TENTATIVE PROGRAM
American Legion Auxiliary Department of North Carolina
North Raleigh Hilton
June 19 - 21, 2025

THURSDAY, JUNE 19, 2025

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| 9:00am – 10:00am | Credentials Committee | Salon F&G |
| 9:30am – 1pm | Finance Committee | President's Suite |
| 10:00am – 4pm | Registration | Outside Salons F&G |
| 1:00pm – 2:00pm | Board of Governors | President's Suite |
| 3:00pm – 4:00pm | Department Executive Committee | Salon F&G |
| 4:00pm – 5:00pm | Processional Rehearsal | Salon F&G |
| 4:00pm – 5:00pm | Resolutions Committee | President's Suite |
| 5:00pm – 6:00pm | Rules Committee | President's Suite |
| 5:00pm – 6:00pm | Tellers Committee | Salon F&G |
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| 7:00 pm | OPENING SESSION | Salons F&G |
| | Processional | |
| | Advancement of Colors | Kathy Lillard |
| | | Amelia Jordan |
| | Call to Order | Toni Reale |
| | Invocation | Amelia Carter-Bennet |
| | Resolution 288 | Toni Reale & Michelle Potuzak |
| | Pledge of Allegiance | Suzanne Smith |
| | National Anthem | Candida (Candie) Tan-Gerdes |
| | Preamble to the Constitution | Betsey Lee Hodges |
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| | Celebrating Women Veterans | Toni Reale |
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| | Host Committee Welcome | Mary Thorsten |
| | Recognition of The American Legion & SAL | Toni Reale |
| | Past Department Presidents' Greeting | Jill Puett |
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| | COMMITTEE REPORTS: | |
| | Auxiliary Emergency Fund | Susan Campbell |
| | Community Service | Peggy Bellando |
| | HR Committee | Jill Puett |
| | Legislative | Wayne Mihelich |
| | Past Presidents Parley | Patricia Martin |
| | State Headquarters | Carolyn Donnelly |
| | Warren Ragan Junior Scholarship | Queen Williams |
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| Short Recess | Auxiliary Memorial Service | Amelia Carter-Bennett |

FRIDAY, JUNE 20, 2025

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| 8:00 AM | Registration | Outside Salons F&G |
| 8:00 AM | Joint Memorial Service | Salons C, D&E |
| 8:50 AM | DOOR PRIZES | Salons F&G |
| 9:00 AM | GENERAL SESSION | Salons F&G |
| | Call to Order | Toni Reale |
| | Prayer | Amelia Carter-Bennett |
| | Introduction of Pages | Kathy Lillard |

REPORT OF CONVENTION COMMITTEES

Credentials Committee Chairman
Rules Committee Chairman
Resolutions Committee Chairman

HEAD TABLE REPORTS

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| National Executive Committee person | Julie Smith |
| Vice-President | Beth Whitaker |
| Chaplain | Amelia Carter Bennett |
| Historian | Lynn Coughenour |
| Sergeant at Arms | Kathy Lillard |
| Secretary-Treasurer | Carol Coleman |
| Parliamentarian | Betsey Lee Hodges |

DIVISION PRESIDENTS' REPORTS

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|----------------------------|----------------------|
| Division I President | Joan Masters |
| Division II President | Susan Davis |
| Division III President | Lynette Christianson |
| Credentials Report | |
| Reading of the Resolutions | |

COMMITTEE REPORTS

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|-------------------------|-------------------|
| Girls State | Emily Caton |
| Children and Youth | Kenesha Evrard |
| Finance | Mary Thorsten |
| Poppy | Mel Stoss |
| Americanism | Suzanne Smith |
| Public Relations | Lynn Coughenour |
| Constitution and Bylaws | Betsey Lee Hodges |
| Policy Committee | Lynne Perley |
| VA & R | Celeste Slater |
| Service to Veterans | Sandra Eaton |

Recess for Lunch

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| 12:00pm | Past Department Presidents Luncheon | TBA |
| 1:30pm | General Session | Salons F&G |
| | Credentials Report | |

COMMITTEE REPORTS CONTINUED

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| Leadership | Betty Moore |
| Education | Patsy Ledford |
| Media | Katie Pfeil |

Recess for Division Caucuses

General Session Continues: to ratify elections of Division Presidents and District Officers, nominate and elect Department Officers, National Convention Delegates and Alternate Delegates.

Recess until 9:00 AM

Installation Rehearsal for 2025-2026 Officers immediately following recess Salons F&G

SATURDAY, JUNE 21, 2025

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| 7:30am | Head Table Breakfast | President's Suite |
| 8:30am – NOON | Registration | Outside Salons F&G |
| 8:50am | Door Prizes | |
| 9:00am | General Session Continues | |
| | Call to Order | Toni Reale |
| | Prayer | Amelia Carter-Bennett |

COMMITTEE REPORTS

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|----------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Junior Activities | Pam Schall |
| National Security | Michelle Potuzak |
| Membership Report/Rally | Beth Whitaker |
| Department President's Report | Toni Reale |
| History and Scrapbook Winners | Lynn Coughenour |
| President's Project | Karen Butler |
| Presentation of 2025-2026 Budget | Mary Thorsten |
| Announcements | Carol Coleman |
| Closing Prayer | Amelia Carter-Bennett |

Lunch

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| 2:00pm | General Session Installation of 2024-2025 Department Officers Retirement of Department Colors | Salons F&G |
| | Adjournment of the 104th Department Convention (Members will remain standing until Colors and Officers are retired) | Toni Reale |
| 3:00pm | Post Convention DEC Meeting 2024-2025 Membership Rally | Salons F&G |

THIS IS A TENTATIVE SCHEDULE. ALL CHAIRMEN PLEASE BE READY TO GIVE YOUR REPORT AT ANYTIME DURING THE CONVENTION. WE WILL CONTINUE MOVING FORWARD WITH REPORTS AS TIME PERMITS.

2024-2025 Convention Rules

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| 1. All sessions of the convention shall be called to order promptly at the time designated on the program. | 14. Nomination and election of Department Officers and Delegates of the National Convention shall be on Friday afternoon, June 20, 2025. |
| 2. The Chair may deviate from the printed program when necessary or expedient. | |
| 3. There should be no rhythmic clapping when guests are presented to the platform. Spontaneous applause is to be encouraged. | 15. When there is but one candidate for any office the ballot may be dispensed with, and the nominee elected by voice. |
| 4. Before addressing the assembly, a member must rise, address the Chair, give her name, the name of her Unit and be recognized by the Chair before she is entitled to the floor. | 16. Each candidate can have 1 observer of her choice during the counting of ballots. |
| 5. No member shall speak twice on the same question except by two-thirds vote of the assembly. No member shall speak twice on the same question if another member desires to speak who has not spoken on the question. | 17. The winner of each election will be announced but no individual tallies will be given. |
| 6. The maker of a motion, after it is brought before the assembly, may open and close the debate. Debate shall be limited to three minutes to each speaker. Debate on any question shall be limited to fifteen minutes. | 18. During the elections, no one will be admitted to the Hall, and no one will be permitted to leave. This is for all balloting including the vote on the amendments. |
| 7. No extension of time shall be allowed to a speaker or debater except by a two-thirds vote of the assembly. | 19. Rules governing the Department Convention shall apply at the Division Caucuses. |
| 8. All main motions shall be in writing, signed by the maker and handed to the Chair at the same time the motion is made. | 20. These rules may be amended during the Convention by a two-thirds vote. |
| 9. Any alternate taking the place of a delegate at any meeting shall wear the badge of that delegate. | 21. All individuals entering the business session must display registration badges. |
| 10. No person shall be permitted to enter or leave the Convention Hall during a report or when a speaker has the floor. | 22. Only delegates of Units who have paid registration for their full delegate strength shall have voting power. Each delegate has one vote and vote of the absent delegates are to be cast with the vote of the majority present. |
| 11. Resolutions not submitted to the resolutions committee may be presented and adopted by unanimous vote of the convention body | 23. When the Convention reconvenes following the Divisional Caucuses, Unit delegates will be seated together in the front of the room with all Alternates and guests seated to the rear of the room. Only Unit delegates are to vote on any official convention business. Any alternate taking the place of a delegate shall cast her vote. |
| 12. Voting shall be by voice except when the Chair deems it necessary to use some other method. | 24. No Cell Phones should be on during the meetings. \$5.00 fee if they ring. |
| 13. Reports of Committees may be accepted by general consent provided there is no objection. If there is an objection, a vote shall be taken. | 25. Election of department/national officers shall be on Friday, June 21, 2024. When there is but one candidate for any office, the nominee may be elected by voice. When there is more than one candidate for a department/national office the election shall be by paper ballot. A majority of votes cast shall elect each officer. When no candidate receives a majority of votes on the first ballot, a second ballot will be taken between the candidates receiving the two highest numbers of votes, with the candidate receiving the most votes on the second ballot being elected. |

**UNIT OFFICER LIST
AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY
DEPARTMENT OF NORTH CAROLINA
PO Box 46315, Raleigh, NC 27611**

YEAR _____ DATE COMPLETED _____

UNIT # _____ NAME/LOCATION _____

PRESIDENT -- NAME: _____

MAILING ADDRESS: _____

PHONE # _____ EMAIL: _____

VICE PRESIDENT -- NAME _____

MAILING ADDRESS: _____

PHONE # _____ EMAIL: _____

SECRETARY -- NAME: _____

MAILING ADDRESS: _____

PHONE# _____ EMAIL: _____

TREASURER -- NAME: _____

MAILING ADDRESS: _____

PHONE # _____ EMAIL: _____

MEMBERSHIP CHAIR: (Person who prepares the dues transmittals)

NAME: _____

MAILING ADDRESS: _____

PHONE # _____ EMAIL: _____

DUES REMIT TO: (Address that National Office will use for the renewal notices)

NAME: _____

MAILING ADDRESS: _____

PHONE # _____ EMAIL: _____

GIRLS STATE CHAIR -- NAME _____

MAILING ADDRESS: _____

PHONE # _____ EMAIL: _____

**AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY
DEPARTMENT OF NORTH CAROLINA
2026 UNIT DATA FORM – DIRECT BILLING
(Type or Print Using Blue or Black Ink)**

This Form MUST be completed and returned to Department Headquarters.

I understand that the dues amount listed below will be printed on the 2025-2026 Membership Renewal Notices that will be mailed to each Senior member of your Unit. Below is the address to be printed on each Renewal Notice showing where our members are to mail their dues for this Unit.

It is understood that no change in the amounts of dues or the address to which the dues are to be sent can be made after a deadline, which Department Headquarters will establish, based on the requirements of National Headquarters.

2026 SENIORS DUES \$ _____ 2026 JUNIORS DUES \$ _____
(Note: \$31.00 for Seniors and \$8.50 for Juniors are owed to Headquarters for Department and National Dues)

NAME OF INDIVIDUAL IN THE UNIT TO RECEIVE 2026 MEMBERSHIP DUES _____ MEMBERSHIP ID # _____

2026 Membership packets will be mailed to this person unless Headquarters is notified by April 1, 2025.

ADDRESS _____ UNIT # _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP CODE _____

PHONE _____ EMAIL _____

DATE _____ SIGNATURE _____ TITLE _____

RETURN COMPLETED FORM TO DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS BY **April 1, 2025**

PO BOX 46315
RALEIGH, NC 27620
919-832-7506 ext. 1
ncalahq@nclegion.org

Intent to run for National Convention Delegate or Alternate Delegate

If you are interested in attending and serving as a delegate or alternate delegate for the upcoming National Convention, August 22 – 28, 2025, in Tampa Bay, Florida, please complete this form and return to North Carolina ALA Headquarters **NO LATER THAN JUNE 14, 2025**. Mail to: PO Box 46315, Raleigh, NC 27620, or email: ncalahq@nclegion.org

Election of the delegates and alternate delegates will be held Friday afternoon, June 20, 2025, after lunch. Your registration fee will be paid as a delegate or alternate when you attend the Convention sessions, Southern Division Caucus and the NC Convention meeting. Currently, other expenses are not covered by the department or national organization. The information you learn while attending the sessions, the members from across America you meet and the fun you experience are your rewards.

Delegates are expected to attend the entire convention session. Alternate delegates are elected to serve if someone is unable to attend, becomes ill or other events prevent him/her from attending. The alternates are expected to stay available the entire sessions in case a delegate is unable to represent NC.

Name & Address _____

Location and Unit # _____

Circle the position you are interested in:

Delegate

Alternate Delegate

Your signature _____

Date _____

**AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY
DEPARTMENT OF NORTH CAROLINA**

ANNUAL CONVENTION CREDENTIALS CERTIFICATION

UNIT _____ CITY _____ DISTRICT _____ DIVISION _____ DATE _____

Convention registration fee is \$10.00 per Delegate, Delegates-at-Large, Alternates (if attending) and guests. Units are to pay for each delegate. Example: If your Unit is entitled to 5 Delegates and only one person is attending the Convention, the entire voting strength (5 Delegates=\$50.00) must be paid in order for your Unit to have official Convention registration and be able to vote. Refer to C&B article IV Section 3. There is no registration for Junior members.

This is to certify that _____ Unit No. _____ has elected the following Delegates and Alternates (if attending) to represent the unit at the Annual Department Convention. It will be necessary for Units to elect Delegates and Alternates by **May 20, 2025**, and return this form to the department office. **Note Registration fee is \$10.00 per Delegate, Delegate-at-Large, Alternate (if attending) and guests.**

ALA UNIT PRESIDENT

ALA UNIT SECRETRY

UNIT DELEGATE CHAIRMAN _____

DELEGATES

ALTERNATES

- 1. _____
- 2. _____
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DELEGATES-AT-LARGE

- 1. _____
- 3. _____

- 2. _____
- 4. _____

- 1. Please print or type information. Be sure and keep a copy for your Unit records.
- 2. Mail original copy with a check made payable to : American Legion Auxiliary Dept of NC, with all registration fees, including Delegates, Delegates-at-Large and Alternates and Guests to: American Legion Auxiliary Dept of NC, PO Box 46315, Raleigh, NC 27620

President's Project

Women Veterans' Support Services

The time has come to start getting ready for the Department Convention. Do you have any ALA branded tops or patriotic shirts that are too big or too small? If so, please donate to give them a new life.

We will be having a Christmas in June (just couldn't wait until July). Christmas ornaments, collectibles, dishware, table runners, tree skirts are just some of the items we would like donated.

Think Retro; salt and pepper shakers, Tupperware aprons, stuff you dug up from the attic.

As always, raffle baskets are welcome and so much fun. Be creative and enjoy! Lottery tickets are needed for a lottery tree.

Your grandma's favorite, baked from scratch cake will be star of our Cake Raffle. Save cookies and brownies for the Junior's Bake Sale.



DEPARTMENT OF NORTH CAROLINA

LEGION COLLEGE REGISTRATION

EVENT: JULY 11-12, 2025, NORTH RALEIGH HILTON

Room Reservations (800) 445-8667 \$119 plus tax

Identify as part of The American Legion

Sessions will be 9 AM – 4 PM Friday and 9 AM - 12 PM Saturday.

Registration Fee: \$10, if registered by June 30, 2025; \$20 if later.

Friday night Banquet cost- \$50

This learning opportunity will be packed with hands – on activities, small group discussions, question and answer periods and teambuilding. Material suitable for unit members, unit officers and those members willing to venture on the department and/or national level. You do not want to miss this event!!!

Attendees from Unit # _____ District _____ Division _____

Name/Email/Phone # _____

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Number of Registrations: _____ Total Remitted: \$ _____

Send form and payment to: American Legion Auxiliary, P.O. Box 46315, Raleigh, NC 27620

NOTE: NO REFUNDS

Asheville VA

Another year is coming to an auxiliary end - but NEVER for our veterans. They are with us all the time. We are currently working on Sundays at the ball park. They have picked 3 different trips. This will include the CLC veterans, Foster Care and another unit. The veterans are already counting the time for them to go.

We need your help with this since it will include the cost of 40 tickets at \$18/ticket. If your unit could help with 1 - 2 tickets that would be great.

It seems that all I do is beg for money/help from you and I am sorry but when you see the veterans with their smiles enjoying all that YOU do for them, it is worth it. Please let us know if your unit can help. The games are scheduled for Mother's Day (I have this one covered) one in the last of June and one in August. Please consider this outing for them.

You have been fantastic with all you have done for them this year. It seems that every time Jill, Martha or I call you - you come through for us. We love all of you and appreciate everything you do.

Thank You Again from our Veterans at the Asheville VA

Anne Morris

Martha Whitaker

Jill Puett

Salisbury VAMC

Salisbury is continuing with our Dine Out Dining In at the VA in many units. Donations are needed to keep this program going. Any donation amount is helpful.

We are preparing for our ALA Creative Arts Festival (see flyer) and are looking for volunteers and attendees for the day.

The Salisbury VA can always use large (family size) body wash, body lotion, shave cream & razors, alcohol free mouthwash & aftershave lotion, etc.

Even though it's not cold outside we still need sweat pants/suits because the units are kept cool on campus.

If you have further questions about needs or volunteer opportunities please contact Martha Corriher- ncusa1993@hotmail.com or 704-798-3625 or Gloria Wilhelm- wilhelmga@yahoo.com or (704)647-4052

The Senior Prom was a huge success, and we will share pictures at conventions.

Gloria Wilhelm- Hospital Rep

Martha Corriher- Hospital Dep

Durham VA Healthcare System Updates

April 28, 2025

Happy Spring everyone! Here are a few updates from Durham and upcoming campaigns:

Updates:

1. Baby Showers have been very successful this Spring, and we are set for the Fall shower in Durham/Raleigh.

Upcoming Campaigns:

1. Our new Outpatient Clinic in Garner is due to open this Summer. It is a 250,000 square foot, and will offer Primary Care, Mental Health, Pharmacy, Radiology, PT/OT, SW services including homelessness, and other needs as determined. Our Volunteer Specialist has been in training with us for almost a year so will be ready to go. Anticipate a food bank, homelessness needs, coat drive, baby shower, and more to come! Updates in June.
2. Our new Cancer Hospital is due to open in the Spring. We hope to be able to offer Volunteer opportunities. We are also taking a look at the Chemo Care Bags highlighted on the ALA Facebook page that ALA Unit 32 in Hope Mills does for Fayetteville. The planning team for Durham is considering our request.
3. We piloted a Hydration Station in Durham last summer and it was a hit with Veterans and staff. We got started late so didn't get much interest in volunteers but am bringing it back for you to consider. We would like to start in Jun, 2 hours a day, 9-11, and you pass out lemon infused water as people enter the facility from the skywalk. Canteen Services provides the water, we will pay for this by unit, \$8 per day. It's fun, a way to interact with Veterans, and they are very appreciative. Please discuss with your units as a possible volunteer opportunity. You can do it once, once a week, once a month, whatever works for you.
4. Anticipate these campaigns for Fall, 2025:
 - **Breast Cancer Awareness Campaign for Women Veterans** in the Durham Healthcare System. Last year we touched over 1100 women, anticipate more with Garner opening. I am requesting donations in August and early September so that we can be ready for October 1. We will plan a "stuff the bag" event for a Sunday in September at Durham Unit 7. Last year we stuffed 700 bags in 2 hours.
 - **Coat Drive** - I'm thinking of lots of new Homeless Veterans in Garner
 - **Thanksgiving bags**
 - **Christmas Holiday Tree** – singles, families, units

Thank you for all that you do!

For God and Country

Joan Galbraith

Representative for the ALA

Durham

NC ALA Weekly Membership Report - 4/30/2025

| | | UNIT | CITY | OBJECTIVE | JUNIOR | SENIOR | TOTAL | PERCENT |
|---|----|--------------|----------------|------------|-----------|------------|------------|----------------|
| | | 0525 | Fayetteville | 0 | 0 | 10 | 10 | #DIV/0! |
| | | 0552 | Holly Ridge | 0 | 0 | 15 | 15 | #DIV/0! |
| | | 1981 | Raleigh | 86 | 1 | 96 | 97 | 112.79% |
| | | Total | | 86 | 1 | 121 | 122 | 141.86% |
| 1 | 01 | Total | | 86 | 1 | 121 | 122 | 141.86% |
| | | 0040 | Edenton | 149 | 9 | 121 | 130 | 87.25% |
| | | 0102 | Ahoskie | 18 | 3 | 13 | 16 | 88.89% |
| | | 0126 | Hertford | 15 | 0 | 15 | 15 | 100.00% |
| | | 0223 | Elizabeth City | 19 | 0 | 13 | 13 | 68.42% |
| | | 0288 | Coinjock | 65 | 6 | 60 | 66 | 101.54% |
| | | 0308 | Littleton | 24 | 0 | 20 | 20 | 83.33% |
| | | 0362 | Hertford | 11 | 0 | 8 | 8 | 72.73% |
| | | 0425 | Littleton | 17 | 0 | 11 | 11 | 64.71% |
| | | Total | | 318 | 18 | 261 | 279 | 87.74% |
| | 02 | 0015 | Washington | 22 | 6 | 16 | 22 | 100.00% |
| | | 0024 | New Bern | 11 | 0 | 5 | 5 | 45.45% |
| | | 0039 | Greenville | 37 | 1 | 29 | 30 | 81.08% |
| | | 0043 | Kinston | 22 | 0 | 21 | 21 | 95.45% |
| | | 0046 | Morehead City | 31 | 5 | 23 | 28 | 90.32% |
| | | 0064 | Pollockville | 25 | 1 | 21 | 22 | 88.00% |
| | | 0094 | Snow Hill | 19 | 2 | 12 | 14 | 73.68% |
| | | 0151 | Farmville | 11 | 0 | 7 | 7 | 63.64% |
| | | 0154 | Trenton | 21 | 0 | 18 | 18 | 85.71% |
| | | 0219 | Kinston | 21 | 0 | 18 | 18 | 85.71% |
| | | 0263 | Washington | 17 | 0 | 16 | 16 | 94.12% |
| | | Total | | 237 | 15 | 186 | 201 | 84.81% |
| | 03 | 0010 | Wilmington | 89 | 0 | 82 | 82 | 92.13% |
| | | 0078 | Swansboro | 14 | 1 | 13 | 14 | 100.00% |
| | | 0129 | Carolina Beach | 266 | 3 | 240 | 243 | 91.35% |
| | | 0165 | Burgaw | 19 | 1 | 17 | 18 | 94.74% |
| | | 0167 | Hampstead | 56 | 3 | 47 | 50 | 89.29% |
| | | 0213 | Southport | 15 | 0 | 12 | 12 | 80.00% |
| | | 0265 | Jacksonville | 62 | 2 | 47 | 49 | 79.03% |
| | | 0294 | Burgaw | 16 | 0 | 14 | 14 | 87.50% |
| | | 0379 | Alberston | 18 | 0 | 19 | 19 | 105.56% |
| | | 0454 | Oak Island | 19 | 0 | 15 | 15 | 78.95% |
| | | 0503 | Calabash | 256 | 4 | 258 | 262 | 102.34% |
| | | 0550 | Shalotte | 11 | 0 | 10 | 10 | 90.91% |
| | | Total | | 841 | 14 | 774 | 788 | 93.70% |
| | 04 | 0005 | Saint Pauls | 18 | 0 | 19 | 19 | 105.56% |
| | | 0032 | Fayetteville | 32 | 5 | 20 | 25 | 78.13% |
| | | 0202 | Fayetteville | 116 | 9 | 46 | 55 | 47.41% |
| | | 0230 | Spring Lake | 12 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 16.67% |
| | | 0233 | Whiteville | 21 | 0 | 19 | 19 | 90.48% |
| | | 0271 | Rowland | 21 | 6 | 17 | 23 | 109.52% |
| | | 0319 | Clinton | 35 | 6 | 23 | 29 | 82.86% |
| | | 0404 | Elizabethtown | 24 | 2 | 22 | 24 | 100.00% |
| | | Total | | 279 | 28 | 168 | 196 | 70.25% |
| | 05 | 0011 | Goldsboro | 55 | 2 | 43 | 45 | 81.82% |

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| 0013 | Wilson | 55 | 2 | 46 | 48 | 87.27% | | |
| 0017 | Wilson | 26 | 0 | 27 | 27 | 103.85% | | |
| 0058 | Rocky Mount | 14 | 1 | 10 | 11 | 78.57% | | |
| 0071 | Clayton | 39 | 1 | 41 | 42 | 107.69% | | |
| 0103 | Mount Olive | 27 | 3 | 21 | 24 | 88.89% | | |
| 0109 | Benson | 160 | 16 | 134 | 150 | 93.75% | | |
| 0110 | Nashville | 11 | 0 | 11 | 11 | 100.00% | | |
| 0132 | Smithfield | 20 | 3 | 11 | 14 | 70.00% | | |
| 0346 | Four Oaks | 117 | 17 | 81 | 98 | 83.76% | | |
| 0405 | Pine Level | 55 | 4 | 39 | 43 | 78.18% | | |
| 0518 | Clayton | 11 | 0 | 10 | 10 | 90.91% | | |
| Total | | 590 | 49 | 474 | 523 | 88.64% | | |
| Total | | 2265 | 124 | 1863 | 1987 | 87.73% | | |
| 2 | 06 | 0006 | Chapel Hill | 63 | 1 | 62 | 63 | 100.00% |
| | | 0007 | Durham | 61 | 0 | 62 | 62 | 101.64% |
| | | 0052 | Franklinton | 32 | 1 | 28 | 29 | 90.63% |
| | | 0060 | Henderson | 15 | 0 | 10 | 10 | 66.67% |
| | | 0063 | Burlington | 28 | 0 | 23 | 23 | 82.14% |
| | | 0166 | Oxford | 50 | 12 | 36 | 48 | 96.00% |
| | | 0175 | Durham | 40 | 11 | 31 | 42 | 105.00% |
| | | 0176 | Henderson | 13 | 0 | 3 | 3 | 23.08% |
| | | 0210 | Yanceyville | 38 | 0 | 34 | 34 | 89.47% |
| | | 0416 | Lowes Grove | 18 | 0 | 14 | 14 | 77.78% |
| | | 0427 | Haw River | 30 | 2 | 14 | 16 | 53.33% |
| | | 0452 | Schley | 14 | 0 | 5 | 5 | 35.71% |
| | | 0547 | Warrenton | 14 | 0 | 10 | 10 | 71.43% |
| | | Total | | 416 | 27 | 332 | 359 | 86.30% |
| | 07 | 0001 | Raleigh | 17 | 1 | 15 | 16 | 94.12% |
| | | 0049 | Hamlet | 35 | 1 | 38 | 39 | 111.43% |
| | | 0059 | Dunn | 40 | 3 | 37 | 40 | 100.00% |
| | | 0067 | Cary | 67 | 3 | 53 | 56 | 83.58% |
| | | 0072 | Aberdeen | 14 | 0 | 15 | 15 | 107.14% |
| | | 0116 | Fuquay Varina | 336 | 8 | 375 | 383 | 113.99% |
| | | 0157 | Raleigh | 15 | 0 | 10 | 10 | 66.67% |
| | | 0177 | Southern Pines | 29 | 0 | 27 | 27 | 93.10% |
| | | 0187 | Wake Forest | 34 | 0 | 36 | 36 | 105.88% |
| | | 0232 | Garner | 15 | 3 | 13 | 16 | 106.67% |
| | | 0277 | Siler City | 11 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 9.09% |
| | | 0296 | Vass | 13 | 1 | 12 | 13 | 100.00% |
| | | 0382 | Sanford | 45 | 2 | 40 | 42 | 93.33% |
| | | 0436 | Angier | 16 | 2 | 14 | 16 | 100.00% |
| | | Total | | 687 | 24 | 686 | 710 | 103.35% |
| | 08 | 0027 | Monroe | 35 | 0 | 29 | 29 | 82.86% |
| | | 0051 | Concord | 41 | 0 | 33 | 33 | 80.49% |
| | | 0076 | Albemarle | 13 | 0 | 11 | 11 | 84.62% |
| | | 0115 | Kannapolis | 23 | 1 | 19 | 20 | 86.96% |
| | | 0159 | Troy | 11 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 9.09% |
| | | 0208 | Waxhaw | 24 | 0 | 20 | 20 | 83.33% |
| | | 0212 | Monroe | 19 | 4 | 16 | 20 | 105.26% |
| | | 0358 | Troy | 11 | 1 | 8 | 9 | 81.82% |
| | | 0440 | New Salem | 32 | 1 | 27 | 28 | 87.50% |
| | | 0523 | Harrisburg | 27 | 0 | 23 | 23 | 85.19% |
| | | 0535 | Unionville | 61 | 0 | 55 | 55 | 90.16% |
| | | Total | | 297 | 7 | 242 | 249 | 83.84% |

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| 09 | 0008 | Lexington | 59 | 1 | 44 | 45 | 76.27% |
| | 0014 | Salisbury | 32 | 0 | 30 | 30 | 93.75% |
| | 0045 | Asheboro | 30 | 0 | 28 | 28 | 93.33% |
| | 0081 | Liberty | 29 | 4 | 25 | 29 | 100.00% |
| | 0106 | Salisbury | 48 | 2 | 40 | 42 | 87.50% |
| | 0107 | Salisbury | 18 | 0 | 13 | 13 | 72.22% |
| | 0146 | Landis | 71 | 22 | 51 | 73 | 102.82% |
| | 0162 | Reeds | 11 | 0 | 6 | 6 | 54.55% |
| | 0255 | Lexington | 24 | 2 | 22 | 24 | 100.00% |
| | 0327 | Faith | 115 | 19 | 90 | 109 | 94.78% |
| | 0342 | Salisbury | 70 | 2 | 49 | 51 | 72.86% |
| | | Total | | 507 | 52 | 398 | 450 |
| 10 | 0053 | Greensboro | 37 | 1 | 40 | 41 | 110.81% |
| | 0055 | Winston Salem | 81 | 2 | 74 | 76 | 93.83% |
| | 0087 | High Point | 32 | 0 | 23 | 23 | 71.88% |
| | 0123 | Mount Airy | 35 | 5 | 29 | 34 | 97.14% |
| | 0128 | Winston Salem | 13 | 0 | 14 | 14 | 107.69% |
| | 0290 | King | 71 | 2 | 60 | 62 | 87.32% |
| | 0505 | Yadkinville | 26 | 3 | 24 | 27 | 103.85% |
| | 0522 | Lewisville | 18 | 0 | 13 | 13 | 72.22% |
| | 0534 | Mayodan | 11 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.00% |
| | | Total | | 324 | 13 | 277 | 290 |
| | Total | | 2231 | 123 | 1935 | 2058 | 92.25% |
| 11 | 0029 | Lenoir | 43 | 6 | 35 | 41 | 95.35% |
| | 0031 | N Wilkesboro | 25 | 6 | 22 | 28 | 112.00% |
| | 0048 | Hickory | 48 | 3 | 26 | 29 | 60.42% |
| | 0065 | Statesville | 32 | 1 | 24 | 25 | 78.13% |
| | 0209 | Granite Falls | 13 | 1 | 13 | 14 | 107.69% |
| | 0217 | Statesville | 21 | 0 | 27 | 27 | 128.57% |
| | 0231 | Lenoir | 23 | 2 | 5 | 7 | 30.43% |
| | 0240 | Maiden | 27 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 7.41% |
| | 0275 | Lansing | 23 | 0 | 20 | 20 | 86.96% |
| | 0392 | Hudson | 25 | 3 | 23 | 26 | 104.00% |
| | 0401 | Troutman | 15 | 0 | 8 | 8 | 53.33% |
| | 0544 | Hickory | 25 | 4 | 21 | 25 | 100.00% |
| | | Total | | 320 | 26 | 226 | 252 |
| 12 | 0030 | Lincolnton | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | #DIV/0! |
| | 0086 | Davidson | 61 | 2 | 60 | 62 | 101.64% |
| | 0144 | Belmont | 17 | 0 | 14 | 14 | 82.35% |
| | 0180 | Belmont | 11 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 9.09% |
| | 0221 | Charlotte | 14 | 0 | 15 | 15 | 107.14% |
| | 0235 | Matthews | 0 | 0 | 3 | 3 | #DIV/0! |
| | 0262 | Charlotte | 34 | 0 | 28 | 28 | 82.35% |
| | 0321 | Huntersville | 61 | 4 | 57 | 61 | 100.00% |
| | 0353 | Charlotte | 15 | 0 | 15 | 15 | 100.00% |
| | | Total | | 213 | 6 | 193 | 199 |
| 13 | 0074 | Forest City | 13 | 0 | 9 | 9 | 69.23% |
| | 0082 | Shelby | 71 | 5 | 52 | 57 | 80.28% |
| | 0100 | Cherryville | 97 | 5 | 81 | 86 | 88.66% |
| | 0155 | Kings Mountain | 20 | 0 | 13 | 13 | 65.00% |
| | 0243 | Bessemer City | 38 | 0 | 16 | 16 | 42.11% |
| | 0250 | Tryon | 28 | 1 | 13 | 14 | 50.00% |
| | | Total | | 267 | 11 | 184 | 195 |
| 14 | 0002 | Asheville | 10 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 10.00% |

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| | 0070 | Asheville | 18 | 2 | 10 | 12 | 66.67% |
| | 0234 | Valdese | 61 | 0 | 55 | 55 | 90.16% |
| | 0317 | Marshall | 12 | 0 | 13 | 13 | 108.33% |
| | 0322 | Morganton | 55 | 12 | 34 | 46 | 83.64% |
| | 0506 | Morganton | 12 | 0 | 12 | 12 | 100.00% |
| | Total | | 168 | 14 | 125 | 139 | 82.74% |
| 15 | 0047 | Waynesville | 71 | 0 | 57 | 57 | 80.28% |
| | 0077 | Hendersonville | 226 | 11 | 240 | 251 | 111.06% |
| | 0088 | Brevard | 78 | 0 | 55 | 55 | 70.51% |
| | 0096 | Murphy | 18 | 0 | 16 | 16 | 88.89% |
| | 0104 | Sylva | 37 | 5 | 29 | 34 | 91.89% |
| | 0108 | Franklin | 70 | 1 | 67 | 68 | 97.14% |
| | 0143 | Cherokee | 54 | 0 | 33 | 33 | 61.11% |
| | 0532 | Hayesville | 47 | 2 | 37 | 39 | 82.98% |
| | Total | | 601 | 19 | 534 | 553 | 92.01% |
| Total | Total | | 1569 | 76 | 1262 | 1338 | 85.28% |
| Total | Total | | 6151 | 324 | 5181 | 5505 | 89.50% |