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## **DEPARTMENT OF NORTH CAROLINA**

2023 September/October

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#### **IMPORTANT DATES**

## September 16, 2023

Division III Meeting:

Cherokee 143

Registration 12:00; Meeting 12:30 pm

#### September 23, 2023

Division I Meeting:

Calabash 503

Registration 10:00; Meeting 10:30 am

#### September 30, 2023

Division II Meeting:

Greensboro 53

Registration 12:00; Meeting 12:30 pm

#### October 27-28

Fall Conference at North Raleigh Hilton

"SEE SOMETHING, SAY
SOMETHING, "BE THE
ONE" TO DO
SOMETHING!"

#### Department President Evelyn Lewis

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# President Evelyn's Theme:

# "VETERAN SUICIDE AWARENESS"

# Member Concerns or Prayer Needs?

Chaplain Naomi Totten would love to hear from you.

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Remember our RADA FUNDRAISER to help raise money for our General Fund. Shop at https://radafundraising.com and

search for "American Legion Auxiliary
Dept of NC". Plus, these products are

MADE IN THE USA!

#### **IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT**

**BULK MAIL DISCONTINUED** 

WE HAVE A NEW PHONE EXTENTION:

919-832-7506 x 4

#### **CALL FOR FALL CONFERENCE** October 27 - 28, 2023

Raleigh, NC

The Fall Conference of the American Legion Auxiliary, Department of North Carolina, will be held October 27-28, 2023, in Raleigh, NC at the North Raleigh Hilton, 3415 Wake Forest Rd, Raleigh, NC 27609 (800-445-8667), code if calling is "ALFC".

The Department Committees will meet upon the calls of the Chairmen. Please attend your meeting. Chairmen are asked to notify their committee members of the meeting. All Chairmen have five minutes for their reports with the exception of VA&R and Membership; they have fifteen minutes for their report. (If a chairman feels more time is needed, she must contact the President in writing no later than October 1st.)

#### **PURPOSE**

The Fall Conference is called to evaluate the progress of the Auxiliary programs, to bring important committees together to work and establish their plan of action for the year, and to promote education of the membership and enthusiasm for the programs.

#### REGISTRATION

There will be a registration fee of \$5.00 for Senior Members in attendance. Register upon arrival at Fall Conference. It is important that everyone registers because a registration badge is necessary for admittance to the Department Executive Committee meeting and the Conference General Session. Members of the Executive Committee with voting power are Department Officers: President, Division Presidents, Historian, Chaplain, District Presidents, Past Department Presidents, and Chairman of Standing Committees.

> **Evelyn Lewis Department President**

ATTEST: Carol Coleman

Department Secretary/Treasurer

#### FALL CONFERENCE

REGISTRATION 10:00 am - 3:00 pm Ballrooms 4 & 5

North Raleigh Hilton October 27-28, 2023

#### PROGRAM (Tentative)

#### FRIDAY, OCTOBER 27

10:00 am FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING Congressional 1:30 pm "Back to the Basics" Leadership Team **Division & District Presidents** Ballrooms 4&5 will be in attendance. 3:00 pm **DEC MEETING** Ballrooms 4&5 4:00 pm **OPENING SESSION** Ballrooms 4&5

Call to Order Advancement of Colors POW-MIA Invocation Pledge of Allegiance National Anthem Preamble Greetings

Host Committee Welcome

Past Department President Greeting

**Evelyn Lewis** Amanda Pearson/Lisa F. Coleman

Michelle Potuzak Naomi Totten Mary Thorsten Naomi Totten Martha Whitaker Evelvn Lewis Martha Corriber Jill Puett

#### **HEAD TABLE REPORTS**

National Executive Committeewoman

Vice-President Chaplain Historian

Sergeant -at- Arms Secretary-Treasurer Parliamentarian

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

State Headquarters

Warren-Ragan Scholarship

Finance

Public Relations National Security

Auxiliary Emergency Fund Past Presidents Parley

Julie Smith Toni Reale Naomi Totten Linda Quinlan Amanda Pearson Carol Coleman Martha Whitaker

Judy Stancil
Queen Williams
Martha Corriher
Betsey Lee Hodges
Michelle Potuzak
JoAnn Stevens
Susan Davis

8:00 pm

#### THE AMERICAN LEGION FALL Dance

"To be determined."

REGISTRATION 8:00 am – 10:00 am Ballrooms 4 & 5 FALL CONFERENCE North Raleigh Hilton October 27- 28, 2023

**PROGRAM** (Tentative)

#### **SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28**

8:00 AM 8:50 AM 9:00 AM MEMORIAL SERVICE DOOR PRIZES GENERAL SESSION

> Call to Order Prayer Poppy Americanism Legislative Leadership

Constitution and Bylaws

VA & R Education

Community Service

Girls' State
Children and Youth
Junior Activities
Division I President
Division II President
Division III President

The American Legion Commander Sons of The American Legion

National Convention Award Winners

Special Presentations Membership Report/Rally Ballrooms 1 - 3

Ballrooms 4 & 5 Ballrooms 4 & 5

Evelyn Lewis Naomi Totten Gladys Hawley Mary Thorsten Barbara Gaskins Mary Ward

Martha Whitaker Lolita Jenkins Tammy Snider Karen Butler Emily Cayton Dolly Fisher Katie Pfeil Joan Masters Juli Zajc Beth Whitaker Tom Ehlers Bill Slater, Jr.

PDP Mary Bartlett & NEC Julie Smith

Evelyn Lewis Toni Reale

On your own

12:00 PM

1:30 PM

LUNCH

**GENERAL SESSION** 

Announcements President's Project Closing Prayer Retirement of Colors

Adjourn

Carol Coleman Sheila S. Swift Naomi Totten

Amanda Pearson/Lisa F. Coleman

Evelyn Lewis

#### ANNOUNCEMENT: BULK MAIL DISCONTINUED

In the past our bi-monthly mailings were sent out via bulk mail, utilizing the equipment that the NC Legion leased and allowed us to use. Our Legion has just recently ended their lease arrangement, thereby eliminating our ability to use bulk mail to minimize postage costs. The cost of leasing equipment ourselves is very cost prohibitive, so we are forced to make a change.

Effective immediately, the periodic bi-monthly mailings will be posted to our website (<a href="www.alanorthcarolina.com">www.alanorthcarolina.com</a>). This change will also mean that anyone, not just Unit Presidents, will have access to all information that has been normally mailed in the past.

Should anyone not have the ability to retrieve the information via our website or wish to still have a printed copy *mailed* to them, a payment of \$14 can be remitted to our office for a one-year subscription. Anyone that has already paid \$14 for the printed copy will receive the mailing as usual.

We regret the necessity of this change but are confident on-line access will still get the information out to membership.

For God and Country, Your ALA NC Finance Committee, Martha Corriber, Chairman

#### HAPPY FALL NORTH CAROLINA AUXILIARY MEMBERS!

We have just completed hosting the National Convention in Charlotte, North Carolina and what a great time we had. I must admit that I was very proud of all the coordination done by our North Carolina Team. You all made us proud!

Yes, we were close to the big screen and saw a few pictures representing the programs worked by North Carolina Auxiliary members. This year our focus will be to capture all the great work North Carolina will be completing. Our Leadership Team will be leading the "charge" with going "Back to the Basics."

September is the beginning of the new year in that we are all 'Team One." To have a successful year, we will all have to work together. We must support each other by helping when needed. When you see someone struggling, say something!

During September, we have several Holidays which offers opportunity to seek new members to bring into our American Legion Family. We just had Labor Day, 9/4; next is 9/11 – Patriot Day and National Day of Service and Remembrance. We shall never forget this day! On 9/15 – POW/MIA Recognition Day – host a ceremony at your Post. And, last, but not least, 9/24 – Gold Star Mother's Day – honor those members in a very special way.

We will be having <u>our Division Meetings</u> on 9/16 – Cherokee 143 – Division III, 12:00 noon, registration, meeting at 12:30 p.m., 1526 Acquoni Road, Cherokee, NC 28719. Division I, on 9/23 – Calabash 503,10:00 a.m. registration, meeting at 10:30 a.m., 10277 Beach Drive SW, Calabash, NC 28467—Division II, on 9/30 – 12:00 noon registration, meeting 12:30 p.m. – Greensboro 53, 729 Creek Ridge Rd., Greensboro, NC 27406. Please mark your calendars for these important meetings. You will be able to hear from Program Chairman's informing us of their plan of action for 2023-2024. In addition, you will be able to get resources to help you work the missions of our organization.

On October 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>, we will be having our Fall Conference at the North Raleigh Hilton, Wake Forest Highway, Raleigh, NC. Please book your room as soon as possible. The Call for Conference is included in this mailing.

I am looking forward to hearing all the wonderful reports from each Program Chairman. Please remember to bring your poster boards with all your wonderful ideas and resources.

Remember, we support our veterans, active-duty military, and their families. Everything we do is to uplift and honor them. In addition, remember those who are suffering silently! "See something, Say something, "Be the One," to do Something!"

For God and Country, Evelyn Lewis ALA Dept President 2023-2024 Sept/October 2023



THE NORTH CAROLINA EXPRESS

Department of North Carolina Vice President, Membership September-October Mailing

#### "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."

What better place to start than at the beginning ... the beginning of our ALA year 2023-3024... with our mission statement. A noble mission to be sure! In order to carry out our mission, we need members willing to carry on the proud tradition of

caring for our veteran and military community, their families and children according to the four pillars of The American Legion.

Membership is vital to carrying out this mission. Therefore, I am asking all Division & District Presidents to join our membership team. Let us all make this a banner year. We worked very hard to increase our membership. And now, we face several stumbling blocks, including the dues increase by National of \$6.00/ for senior member.

To do so, we must keep these members engaged, and the best way to do that is to work our mission. Make your meetings fun, plan activities that will get them out in the community, while being branded. This is a sure way to attract new members, which is our ultimate goal! Ask other local organizations or churches to join in with your Unit in some community project. Try to start with a project that will benefit schools or the community, that will pique their interest. Use this as an opportunity talk about the ALA, invite them to join. I have heard from some that they joined because they were asked! That is all it took.

Let's come out in public, talk about our organization & the benefits of belonging. Do you know the benefits? We will have handouts at all the Division meetings to help you in recruiting new members

Here's something to think about. Do not forget that the spouses of female veterans are also eligible. This can prove to be an untapped source of membersership. Over the coming weeks and months, we will be exploring ways of working together as a cohesive department united in one common goal, membership and supporting our Mission.

In the Spirit of Service, Not Self, For God and Country Toni Reale Vice President/ Membership trealeala@gmail.com 516-606-1466



# AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY Department of North Carolina

# **Americanism Program Action Plan**

The purpose of Americanism is to promote patriotism and responsible citizenship. To encourage units to participate and report their activities.

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#### What can you do?

- 1. Be knowledgeable on flag history, etiquette, and proper disposal methods
- 2. Promote the observation of patriotic holidays
- 3. Participation in the Americanism Essay Contest
- 4. Encourage participation in "Get Out the Vote" campaigns
- 5. Promote the American Legion Americanism Programs
  - a) American Legion Baseball
  - b) Oratorical Contest
  - c) Veterans in the Classroom

#### Flag History, etiquette and disposal

- 1. Publish flag etiquette tips in your local newspaper, social media and community events
- 2. Work with local schools throughout the school year to share basic facts and history of the flag, proper flag etiquette, National Anthem, Pledge of Allegiance, Constitution etc.
- 3. Collect flags ready for disposal and conduct a flag disposal ceremony. Invite the community to attend the ceremony
- 4. Encourage businesses and Legion family members to display/fly the American Flag, especially on patriotic holidays
- 5. Order and disperse pocket flag kits to members and the community, veterans and active-duty military personnel
- 6. Provide American flags to your local schools and/or classroom

#### Promote observation of Patriotic holidays

- Volunteer for and participate in local patriotic events
- 2. Work with the local Legion Post of Patriotic Day observations
- 3. Flags on the graves of Veterans/Wreaths Across America

#### Encourage youth to participate in the Americanism essay contest

- 1. Visit the National website for essay contest theme and guidelines
- 2. Create an information package explaining the contest, guidelines, theme, deadline, etc.
- 3. Distribute essay information at local school administration, guidance counselors, instructors
- 4. Encourage Junior members at all levels to complete an essay

## Encourage participation in Get out to Vote campaigns

- 1. Encourage members to "Vote in Honor of a Veteran"
- 2. Encourage participation in local "Get out to Vote" campaigns
- 3. Educate children on the voting process by utilizing "Kids voting USA Campaign

#### Reports:

Reports provides units the opportunity to reflect and report unit activities. It is important for you to share your unit accomplishments and tell the world and especially or veterans what we do. We do this not only in a <u>narrative</u> but thru <u>pictures</u>. Display your accomplishments in local newspapers and social media. Reports should be submitted to the Chairman, Division, Department and National. Awards are given by the department, division and national levels.

Mid-Year Reports: December 15

Annual Reports: April 15

#### **Awards**

1. Unit: Dorothy Pearl Most Outstanding Americanism Program

2. Department Award: Best Department Americanism Program

#### Resources

America the Beautiful Coloring books <a href="www.alaforveterans.org">www.alaforveterans.org</a>
Essay theme and eligibility guidelines: <a href="www.alaforveterans.org">www.alaforveterans.org</a>
Americanism Annual Supplement to the Program Action Plan

Vote in Honor of a Veteran: www.ncsbe.gov

"Indivisible: The Story of Our Flag"

"Let's Be Right on Flag Etiquette" - Emblem Sales

www.citizensflagalliance.org



"SEE SOMETHING,
SAY SOMETHING,
"BE THE ONE"
TO DO SOMETHING!!!"



# American Legion Auxiliary Department of North Carolina BETHEONE Americanism

# End of Year Report 2023-2024

Unit Name & Number \_\_\_\_\_ District: \_\_\_\_\_

Unit Chairman:			·
Phone #:Email:	<u></u>		
Please indicate in the boxes below if the unit has participated in and/o Americanism Activities.	r plan to p	articipate i	'n
Activity	Yes/No	Total \$\$ Spent	Total Hours
Did your Unit participate in "Get out the Vote" Campain?			
Did your unit promote the "National Essay" Contest?			
Did your unit promote the "Vote in Honor of a Veteran?"			
Did your Unit present American Flags to people or Business? #			
Flags			
Did your unit promote daily flying of the American Flag?			
Did your unit promote Patriotism/Citizenship in Schools?			
Did your unit participate in Patriotic Holiday Events?			
Did your unit support Legion Baseball or Oratorical Contest?			
Did your unit participate in educating students in proper			
display/retirement of the American Flag?			
Did your unit present Blue or Gold Star Banners? # of Banners			
Did your unit deliver Flag Etiquette brochures to schools?			
Did your unit promote Star Spangled Kids?			
Did your unit promote the DEPARTMENT PROJECT with Flag			
appreciation cards? Door hangers passed out #			

1. Feel free to write notes on the back side of this form to give details on your Unit Americanism Program.

Mail or email all Supplemental Reports with Cover Sheet to Department Chairman:

**Mary Thorsten** 

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# American Legion Auxiliary Department of North Carolina

# **Narrative Report Cover Sheet**

Complete the following if you are submitting a narrative report (Supplemental) to District or Department. Be sure to give the complete name of the member. The award certificate will be prepared using the information you include below. This form may also be forwarded to National.

District #:	Unit #:	Full official Unit name:	
Name of the Program	n:		
Name of state where	e you are a men	nber:	
Member Name:		ALA member ID:	#:
Phone Number:		Emaíl:	

All awards will be mailed to the department office after ALA National Convention. Department presidents may wish to recognize award recipients by presenting them with the award at a department function.

# American Legion Auxiliary Department of NC Honorary Junior President Message Wrigley Benfield from Landis ALA Unit 146

Let me introduce myself. I am Wrigley Benfield, a proud 12-year member of the ALA Unit 146. I have been active since I was born. I began volunteering at 6 months visiting veterans in their homes and at the Salisbury VAMC riding along to deliver toiletries and other items to the veterans there. My involvement has continued with making handmade Christmas presents at the unit level and handing them at to the veterans in the CLC unit, that was until Covid hit and that put our gifting on pause. We are so pleased to say we will begin making our gifts again, but we are not sure if they will let us present them in person or hand them off to the recreation therapist. Either way, we have the full support of all our Legion Family members, who will join us with the gifts.

Now for my project. I decided to follow Madam President Evelyn's theme but with a twist. My theme will target the youth in our communities. "Youth, Mental Health Awareness", "See Something, Hear Something, Be the "One" to "DO" Something". In April of 2023, it was reported that 1 in 10 youth suffer with depression or suicidal thoughts. Bullying by youth peers is a huge issue and degrading words and actions by adults follows. If we are going to stop veteran and adult suicide, it has to begin with "US", the "YOUTH" of our communities. I am not asking the juniors to raise money for this project, I am encouraging them to research this growing problem and arrange to give a presentation to their school, church, their Legion Family members, and any civic organization they know. If juniors what to raise funds, please send them into the department for Madam Evelyn's project and let me know also so that you can be recognized. When these programs are done, I ask that a written report and pictures be sent to me so that I along with my unit advisor and the Junior Activities Chairman can collect the data and send it in to the national organization for a possible award. I will also be recognizing those junior members and the junior units that complete this project. Who knows, if my grandmother has her way, there will be prizes for participation.

Please contact my grandmother's email or phone if you have any questions or concerns. Contact Martha Corriber at **704-798-3625** or via email at <a href="mailto:ncusa1993@hotmail.com">ncusa1993@hotmail.com</a>.

If your unit does not have an active junior unit, do not let that stop individual junior members from working on this important program and I hope that all senior members will jump on board because as I have heard for 12 years, Juniors are our future. If you truly believe that statement, get Youth Mental Health under control. I will be sending handouts to Fall Conference telling more information about my project.

For God and Country,

Wrigley Benfield, Honorary Junior Department President 2023-2024

#### **Legislative Message**

We are working to build connections with our current congressional and state leaders. This year our plans are to support the current initiatives of our veterans, such as pushing for the Major Richard Star, actor vote, passing the Afghan Adjustment Act, supporting Arlington's expansion to preserve military honors, paying the Coast Guard, supporting our veterans caregivers, repealing, the Iraq war, authorizations, fighting back against predatory, claims, sharks, and supporting the Veteran Service Recognition Act. I've begun researching our congressman in District 3, who is Greg Murphy, and his site offers resources and on May 24, 2023, he introduced legislation for hyperbaric oxygen therapy for vets. Don Davis is our current congressman in District 1. He is a veteran himself and is a strong support. Davis prioritizes military families, he is introduced by Pardison to legislation to support veteran caregivers, to honor, fallen soldiers, and to protect SSI, Medicare, military, pay, and veteran benefits. I will be personally reaching out to both of these leaders and see if they would be interested in meeting our local veterans. We will also be sending letters and emails in support of these efforts.

Barbara Gaskins Legislative Chairman

#### **National Security**

**Division and District Presidents!** 

I hope you are reenergized after National Convention!

September has a lot of opportunities for National Security Activities! Would you please share the attached document and encourage your Units to participate in and record/report these activities?

Some September highlights include:

- National POW/MIA Recognition Day
- Gold Star Mother's Day
- Disaster Preparedness

Please don't hesitate to reach out should you have any questions throughout the year.

Michelle Potuzak, National Security Chair, Department of NC Wendy Edmisten, Member Beth Koraska, Member



# NATIONAL SECURITY UPDATE

September 2023

Michelle Potuzak, Chair Wendy Edmisten, member Beth Koraska, member

#### SEPTEMBER IS A GREAT MONTH FOR NATIONAL SECURITY ACTIVITIES!

#### Sept. 15 (3rd Friday) - NATIONAL POW/MIA RECOGNITION DAY

- Fly the POW/MIA flag at your Post.
- Follow the Legion's POW/MIA Empty Chair Resolution 288 for designating a POW/MIA Empty Chair at all official meetings.
- Raise funds to support the identification and finding of our POW/MIA.
- Join with your Legion post to host a POW/MIA ceremony at your local POW/MIA memorial (or other location if you don't have one).
- Host a remembrance event for any MIA servicemembers who have been identified from your area.

#### Sept. 18 - AIR FORCE (USAF) BIRTHDAY & AIR NATIONAL GUARD BIRTHDAY

#### Sept. 24 (last Sunday) - GOLD STAR MOTHER'S DAY

- Let your unit know of any military families or businesses that should receive a Gold Star Banner in recognition of a servicemember's service.
- Have a ceremony honoring your local Gold Star mothers.
- Share a meal, a smile and maybe a tear or two. Take a Gold Star Mother to their loved one's favorite restaurant or find a restaurant that serves their loved one's favorite meal or dessert.
- Plant a plant or tree in their honor. Maybe in a special place the family has set aside to go where they remember their loved one.
- Light a candle there is light in the darkest parts of our lives. Remind Gold Star Families their loved one's life will always be remembered.

<u>Month of September</u> - **NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS MONTH -** Hurricane Idalia's most unwelcome trip to our state brings to mind hurricane season (Sept-Nov). Are you ready? Here's how you can help:

- Distribute information to Unit and Post members on disaster preparedness kits and emergency plans. Emergency preparedness kits can be assembled at your post. For more info on what to include: https://www.ready.gov/kit
- Team up with local hospitals, police, fire departments so they can share their information. Offer to assist them if needed.
- Volunteer to help on the disaster drills held in your community.
- Encourage your members to complete Community Emergency Response Training (CERT).
- Set up a "wellness check" for members in case of a disaster.
- With permission of Post, offer Post as a 'place of shelter' if needed.
- Offer to volunteer as a first responder with the Red Cross, etc. in case of disaster.
- Organize a blood drive or simply take time to donate blood.

#### Month of September - NATIONAL SERVICE DOG MONTH

Ongoing: Wear Red on Fridays. Remember Everyone Deployed

We want to hear from you! Post pictures on the Dept of NC FaceBook page (see link below). Be sure to report everything you are doing to michelle.potuzak@yahoo.com.

Join Us on FACEBOOK:

#### **AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY DEPT OF NC**



## 2023 - 2024 Public Relations Committee

Betsey Lee Hodges, Chairman 252.833.9578, <a href="https://hbetseylee@gmail.com">hbetseylee@gmail.com</a>

Brenda Toppin, Member, 252.333.9724 <u>brendatoppin@hotmail.com</u>

Three objectives are suggested for this year in Public Relations:

- Spread the word about the American Legion Auxiliary: A Community of Volunteers Serving Veterans, Military, and their Families.
- Encourage ALA members to be visible in their communities through valuable, distinct branding.
- Share the latest news from ALA volunteer national leadership and ALA National Headquarters.

Our department objectives for this plan include:

- Encourage participation in a monthly District PR contest to 'Earn Back the \$6 Dues Increase'.
- Encourage unit PR chairman/member to submit entries in the National Member and National Unit PR awards and to provide information that might aid our department in receiving the Department PR award.
- Encourage members to post unit activities on the National Facebook group page.

Our committee provides the subject of the District PR contest each month to District Presidents, and they have been asked to share details with Units. At the Division Meetings and Fall Conference information about the awards, End of the Year Report Form, and a chance to sign up for the PR Electronic newsletter will be available. Items that may be featured in the PR Newsletter include: [suggestions from members welcomed but may not printed]

- PR How To . . . Build an Instagram account; Submit a winning entry for a national award, etc.
- Tips for Units
- Monthly winner of the PR Contest
- Department Committee Ads with 50 75-word limit submitted by 25<sup>th</sup> of each month
- Re-posting of ALA National Headquarters or ALA National PR Facebook group page

#### **LEADERSHIP CORNER**

Welcome to the new year!

Unit Presidents, as we begin a new year, there will no longer be a bulk mailing from Department.

If you are unable to make arrangements to share the Department of North Carolina site at Unit Meetings or with members, be aware that you can receive the mail by paying \$14.00 to the Department.

The information included on the site needs to be shared with Unit members, Division and District Presidents, and Department Chairmen.

Remember that when you give reports, a copy goes to Madam President, Department Secretary, Historian, and Leadership Chairman.

Please acknowledge all the wonderful activities that our units are participating in! Reporting deadlines for this year will be December 8, 2023, and April 19, 2024.

Let's assist Madam President Evelyn in having an AWESOME Year!

For God & Country, Mary L. Ward Leadership Chairman

#### **President's Project**

Calling All Units!

It's time to roll up your sleeves, gather your donations and meet me at the sales table! We'll have the usual raffle, general sale, bake sale and a couple of large items for silent auction. All donations are welcome: crafts, wreaths, theme gift baskets, fall blankets and throws, seasonal items, household, and Holiday treasures.

Come on, everybody, get on board to support the 2023-2024 President's Project! I'm excited about the project and look forward to meeting each of you and receiving donations from your unit!

\*Please make sure baked goods are wrapped and placed in an inexpensive, unbreakable dish or platter. Label theme baskets with a tag listing item enclosed. Also, all donations should be labeled with your Unit #.

Thanks! Sheila Swift President's Project Chair

#### NEC NEWS FOR THE SEPTEMBER / OCTOBER MAILING

It was wonderful to see many of you in Charlotte at the 102nd National Convention. It was a wonderful National Convention. Many of our out of State ALA members commented on how beautiful the City of Charlotte is and how much they enjoyed our Southern hospitality.

As your NEC I attended three meetings and was a delegate for North Carolina. At the Pre NEC meeting, that was held on Saturday morning, the NEC heard reports from various committees including: The Treasurer's report, Finance and the Risk and Compliance Committee. All committees reported favorably on the future of the ALA. On Thursday morning before the Post NEC meeting, we met with the National Parliamentary, Chris Dickey. This was a great learning experience and a refresher course on Parliamentary procedure. The Post NEC meeting, was with National President, Lisa Williamson first NEC meeting of the year. We passed the budget and confirmed the National appointments. The new Red Book containing all the National Officers and their contact information should be online soon at alaforveterans.org.

Our new National leaders are: National President, Lisa Williamson from Alaska. For more information on President Lisa check out the ALA Blog at <a href="http://ow.ly/jesn50PGyAw">http://ow.ly/jesn50PGyAw</a>. National Vice President is Trish Ward from Kansas, National Commander is Daniel Seehafer from Wisconsin, and National SAL Detachment Commander is Donald "JR" Hall Jr. from Maryland. The National American Legion, The National American Legion Auxiliary and The National Sons of the American Legion will use the theme "Be The One".

If you were unable to attend the 102<sup>nd</sup> National Convention in Charlotte, I encourage you to check out the American Legion Auxiliary National Headquarters Facebook page.

I am looking forward to my second year as your NEC. I will continue to bring you information from the National organization. If you are not receiving my monthly Newsletter, please email me at <a href="mailto:juliehsmith1960@gamil.com">juliehsmith1960@gamil.com</a> I will add you to the list. In September's newsletter, look for pictures from the American Legion World Series and the National Convention.

Please make plans to attend Mission Training. The Southern Division Mission Training will be held in Nashville TN on 2/3/2024 at the Hilton located near Nashville Airport.

It is never too early to start planning for the 103<sup>rd</sup> National Convention to be held in New Orleans August 23-29, 2024.

For God and Country, ALA Proud and Strong, Julie Smith NEC 2022-2024

#### **Asheville VA Medical Center**

Anne Morris - Representative

I am asking you to bring any of the following items from the Asheville VA wish/needs list. Go to your local Dollar Tree or Dollar General.

denture adhesive -small travel size not the large
ChapStick
composition books -no spiral books
color pencils 10 to 12 count
stress balls
Slinkys
Items for our female veterans - hair brushes,emeryboards combs

Get well cards and sympathy cards not signed for use in CLC,Oncology paint by number or stickers.

If you spent \$10 or so, we would have a big box to take back to the VA.

Thank you in advance for your help with our list.

Anne Morris, Representative Martha Whitaker and Jill Puett, Deputies

# Fayetteville VA Medical Center

Ann Moore – Representative

#### September - October

It's a beginning of a new year and our veterans need our help. We can get back into the hospitals to volunteer, so if your Unit is intersted in volunteering doing an activity such as playing Bingo, having a social event, or just going to visit with them. If your Unit cannot visit, your Unit can donate special funds to cover one of the events.

Here is a list of items that is always needed at the VA.

#### We always need clothing as we go through tons of clothes on a weekly basis

Male and Female (all sizes)

- -Sweatpants
- -T-shirts
- -Socks
- -Underwear
- -Sports Bras (small- 2x)

#### Most requested/needed items:

- -Denture Cleaner
- -Denture Adhesive
- -Razors
- -Shaving Cream
- -Lotion (mini and full size)
- -Body wash (mini and full size)
- -Baby Oil
- -Laundry Detergent (regular and sensitive)
- -Bleach
- -Composition Books
- -Nonslip Shower Shoes
- -Croc like shoes
- -Snacks such as nabs, small bags of chips, granola bars, small bottles of water and juices (are also provided to the patients taking dialysis)

Salisbury "W G Hefner" VAMC, Salisbury, NC Gloria Wilhelm, Hospital Representative Martha Corriber, Hospital Deputy

We are excited to announce we will be holding our annual Basket Bash to raise funds for the VAVS Fund at the Salisbury VA. If you would like to sponsor a themed basket for this fundraiser you can participate in various ways. 1. You can prepare the basket yourself and get it to the VA or to myself or Martha Corriher, 2. If you want to sponsor one but don't like to shop or fix them up, we will do the shopping for you. Just sent your funds to department headquarters by November 11, 2023, so we will have enough time to shop and prepare your basket. 3. If you want to attend and buy chances to win one of the many baskets that will be there you are welcome to do that too. Ticket chances are 1 for \$1; 6 for \$5; or 15 for \$10. As of today, the "Bash" will be held on December 7 & 8, 2023 from 9am till 3pm both days. The drawings will be held on Monday, December 11, 2023 @ 2 pm. The reason for the delay in drawing the winners is that pictures of all baskets will be posted at both of the Health Care Centers affiliated with the Salisbury VA and we need the weekend to get all tickets to Salisbury for the drawing.

It's that time of year to start thinking about the holidays for our veterans in the VAMC. If your unit would like to prepare gift bags to be presented to each veteran in the Salisbury VA for any of the following holidays it would be greatly appreciated: Halloween, Veterans Day, Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Years, Valentines Day, St. Patrick's Day, Easter, Memorial Day, Flag Day, Fourth of July, or you can create your own holiday for gift bag giving.

We are also in need of prizes for the Community Living Center Bingo parties held on each of the units. The prizes can be individual packages of snacks, socks, gloves, toboggans, blankets, T-shirts with designs on them, sizes medium to 2 XL, ballcaps, or anything you may like to send for prizes.

We are still asking for monetary donations for Special Funds. The funds will be used for pizza parties, ice cream bus trips, and other day trips that require funding for expenses while out.

We use large sizes of body wash, body lotion, shampoo, and conditioner in the CLC. We use razors, Vaseline, spray deodorant, and shave cream very fast.

If you would like to bring any of these items to Fall Conference, please mark them for the Salisbury VAMC- Attention: Martha Corriber

If you have any questions about what is needed at the Salisbury VAMC please contact Martha Corriher @ 704-798-3625 or <a href="mailto:ncm">ncusa1993@hotmail.com</a> or myself, Gloria Wilhelm @ 704-279-7843or <a href="mailto:wilhelmga@yahoo.com">wilhelmga@yahoo.com</a>

Thank you for your continued support of the Salisbury VA and our veterans.

## Where To Report—Cross Reference Help Sheet:

ACTIVITY
Adopt-A-High
Adopt-A-Milit
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Adopt-A-Veteran

Audit-Unit Financial Accounts Auxiliary Dinners for Legion

Blue Star Banners

Blood Drive Planning & Participation

**Boy Scout Activities** By-Laws Review & Update

Chapel of Four Chaplains Service

Child Abuse Education

Children's Health & Safety Programs

Citizens Flag Alliance

Citizenship Programs & Activities

-Naturalization Court Civil Preparedness

Constitution Review and Update

Coupons for Troops

Crime Prevention Activities

Donations:

In-Kind to Abused Family Shelters In-Kind to Christmas Organizations:

> Adult (Civilian) Adult (Veteran)

Youth

In-Kind to Food Banks In-Kind to VA Facility

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Female Veterans Care & Support Female Veterans Recruitment

Flag:

-Etiquette & Education

-Donations to Schools, Org., etc.

-Disposal Ceremonies

-Members Flying Flags

-Placing in Cemeteries

Get Out the Vote Activities

\*Get Well Cards

Girls Scout Activities

Girls State Interviews/Orientation Gold Star Mothers-Activities & Court **REPORT UNDER** 

Community Service National Security National Security

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**ACTIVITY** 

Gold Star Family:

Presentation of Gold Star Banner

Remembrance Services

Homeless Veterans Aid

Hospitalized Veterans Remembrance

Immunization Clinics Junior Members Activities Leadership Programs Presented Legislative Bulletin Subscriptions

Letters, Emails, Phone Calls to **Elected Officials** 

Membership Drives Membership Recruitment

Membership Renewal Activity

Memorial Services for Deceased Members

National Children & Youth Month

National Education Week Activities National Family Week Activities

Operation Purple Up

Patriotic Holidays Activities Operation Military Kids

Pocket Flag Program Poppy Campaign Poppy Poster Contest

Poppy Press Releases

POW/MIA Programs & Activities \*Prayers at Meetings & Funerals

Reports at Fall & Spring Conference

Scholarships:

Materials Distribution to Schools Unit Scholarships Processing & Awards Education

Special Olympics

Standing Rules Reviews & Updates USO-Donations & Activities

Volunteer Hours:

At VA Facilities

At Non-VA Facilities

With Community Organizations

Warrior Family Assistance

Youth Hero Award

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National Security National Security

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# NC ALA Weekly Membership Report 9/13/2023

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