



AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY

Department of North Carolina



FROM THE DESK OF THE SECRETARY

Season's Greetings from HQ!! I hope this holiday time will bring some light and joy to brighten everyone's spirits!!

Legion/ALA Visitors As the Covid-19 numbers continue to rise among our members, visits to the Headquarters building are being discouraged. If you are in the area and want to stop by, please call ahead 984-206-4404 or the Legion at 919-832-7506. Masks and social distancing are required at all times.

PUFL and Online Dues to Units have been mailed. Please be on the lookout and check those PO Boxes! The checks expire after 60 days and cannot be cashed after that.

Membership Applications **FRIENDLY REMINDER** Applications must be signed by a LEGION POST OFFICER. The Post Officer is attesting to the validity of the service persons membership in the Legion and should include the eligible veteran's membership ID. The Auxiliary Unit Officer does not have access to this information. Please see following excerpt from National's "Procedures/Processes/Protocols."

11. The signature of the Post Officer should be on every application of those applying for membership by reason of relationship to an American Legion member or a deceased veteran. If the Post Officer's signature cannot be obtained after a reasonable effort, a letter from the Department Adjutant of the Department in which the service relative has his/her American Legion membership will be accepted in lieu of the Post Officer's statement. A copy of this letter attesting to the relative's American Legion membership must be attached to the application. If the applicant is eligible in her own right, then the Unit Secretary signs and dates the application.

National Renewal Notices going out . . . National will be sending renewal notices to any member not paid since 2019 or 2020. This year they will be going out February 1, 2021. **If you want to change your Unit's Dues Remit address, now is the time to do it!!** This can be a temporary address until we get back to normal, if that makes it easier for you. National Headquarters will be pulling renewal notice data the morning of Monday, January 4th, so get any changes to HQ before **Tuesday, December 29th**.

100th Anniversary Shirts – LAST CALL The Anniversary Committee is extending the order window for the **BLUE** Commemorative Shirts. They need at least 12 more shirt orders to have enough for the final run. See the order form in this packet. The absolute drop-dead deadline is February 1, 2021. Send the order form and checks made out to ALA to Betsey Lee Hodges, 102 Dogwood Drive, Washington, NC 27889. *At this time there are a limited number of red shirts are still available: 1- 4X M; 1- Small L; and 6- 2X L*

e-Mail Mailings HQ is *considering* e-Mailing the ALA Newsletter to the membership-at-large instead of USPS mail. If you prefer USPS 1st Class mailing, please contact the office. An analysis will be made as to which method is preferable to our members.

ALAMIS 2021 Renewals National will be renewing the ALAMIS Licenses on January 15th. PLEASE ADVISE as soon as possible your intent to dis-continue your use of ALAMIS. Any unit that does not request to be removed, will be required to reimburse the department in January.

Please send your Mid-Year Reports to the Committee Chair by December 15th.

As always, please don't hesitate to let me know how I can help in any way!!

MERRY CHRISTMAS!!!