

ALA TODAY

LATEST ALANHQ NEWS AND UPDATES



Oh, the Places You'll Go!

National President's May Travel

- Minnesota Department Visit
- TAL Spring Meetings in Indianapolis
- Maine Department Visit
- Connecticut Department Visit
- Vermont Department Visit
- Indy 500 in Indianapolis

National President's June Travel

- Europe
- Iowa Department Visit
- Ohio Department Visit

WHAT HAS OUR NATIONAL PRESIDENT BEEN UP TO?

In Minnesota, National President Vickie Koutz visited Stepping Stone Emergency Housing, an organization dedicated to assisting individuals and families experiencing homelessness, offering them a safe haven and support.

Next up, in Maine, Vickie gathered for a heartfelt celebration of life for Jeri Greenwell, a remarkable individual who touched the lives of many in the ALA. Everyone joined together to commemorate Jeri's legacy and to share cherished memories.

In Connecticut, Vickie attended the unveiling of the Connecticut Trees of Honor Memorial, a solemn tribute to the state's fallen heroes, reminding us of their sacrifice and the importance of remembrance.

Her journey continued in Vermont where Vickie participated in a poignant POW/MIA vigil in Fair Haven, standing in solidarity to honor and remember those who are prisoners of war or missing in action.

Throughout her visits and activities, Vickie was deeply touched by the strength, resilience, and spirit of the departments and units. She extends her heartfelt gratitude to everyone who contributed to making these experiences meaningful and impactful.

Stay tuned for more updates and inspiring adventures in the coming months!

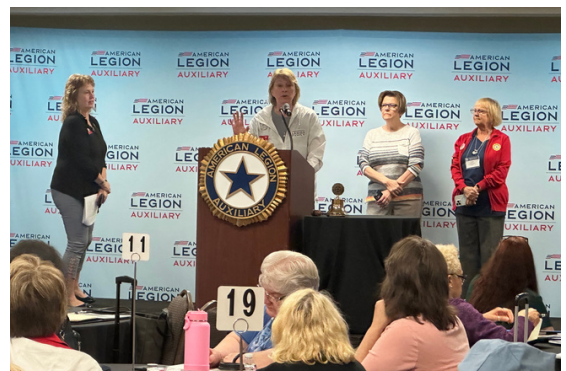


DLNC 2023

On Saturday, May 6, 2023, ALA department representatives visited Indianapolis for the annual Department Leadership National Conference. Over the course of four information-packed days, attendees had the opportunity to hear from guest speakers, attend breakout sessions, and share best practices with other department leaders. At the opening session, members were treated to a visit by The American Legion and Sons of The American Legion Leading Candidates Dan Seehafer and JR Hall.

On day two, attendees were treated to a “Be the One” panel discussion with The American Legion NHQ’s chief marketing officer and TAL DC office’s executive director and director of Veterans Affairs. Not only was this segment educational, but it proved to be an amazing forum for members to share their personal stories of veteran suicide and the power of mental health services for our veterans. After an emotional morning, attendees spent an afternoon doing a deep dive into the ALA membership program and membership database. ALANHQ Membership Division staff members held on-site office hours at the hotel to help attendees with their database needs.

Days three and four were jam-packed with information ranging from how to schedule a national president visit, tips on branding, finance and compliance, and of course, a special visit from the ALA's professional registered parliamentarian, Chris Dickey, who held sessions on basic procedures and understanding governing documents.



DLNC Gifts and Prizes



Don't worry: DLNC wasn't all work and no play! National Vice President Lisa Williamson gifted all attendees a USB drive pre-loaded with Be the One veteran and active-duty military suicide awareness/prevention documents and resources. The drive was branded with the new ALA logo AND was in the shape of dog tags, complete with a small chain! During the branding segment at DLNC, presenters tossed out branded Pringles cans to attendees who correctly answered emblem approval questions. It was a fun and yummy way to get attendees engaged and involved while having a little fun!



[Download ALA Branded Pringles Wraps Here](#)



2023-2024 TRAVEL CALENDAR PLANNING

On May 10, 2023, National Vice President Lisa Williamson visited National Headquarters for a day filled with calendar planning. During this meeting, the national vice president spends time with Deputy Executive Director Tamara Shumate, and Sommer Prim, executive assistant to the national offices, to tackle the exciting task of planning the travel calendar for the upcoming administrative year. At the end of the planning session, almost 40 departments had requested a visit for 2023-2024, so between department visits, Legion events, and foreign travel, the national president's calendar for next year is looking very busy ... but never fear: You still have time to request a visit for next year. Contact us today!



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May

Significant days and observances for the United States Armed Forces



May 1, 2023 – Silver Star Banner Day

May 12, 2023 – Military Spouse Appreciation Day

May 13, 2023 – Children of Fallen Patriots Day

May 20, 2023 – Armed Forces Day

May 26, 2023 – National Poppy Day

May 29, 2023 – Memorial Day

SIGNIFICANT MILITARY MONTHS IN 2023

April: Month of the Military Child

May: Military Appreciation Month

May: Month of the Military Caregiver

November: Military Family Month, Warrior
Care Month

ALA DATES TO REMEMBER

National Poppy Day:

May 26

Memorial Day:

May 29

Award Submissions Due:

June 1

Department Impact Reports Due:

July 1

Independence Day:

July 4

NHQ STAFF SPOTLIGHT

APRIL BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Happy anniversary to Melissa Clawson and Jessy Symmes, who celebrated their first year with NHQ on April 11!

Let's all wish a happy birthday to:

Sara Riegel - April 4

Travis Perkins - April 12

Cathi Taylor - April 13

Carley Schutz - April 25

Cindy Radcliff - April 30



Sara Riegel



Travis
Perkins



Cathi
Taylor



Carley
Schutz



Cindy
Radcliff



MAY BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Happy anniversary to Sara Riegel, who celebrated her 12-year anniversary with NHQ on May 16, and Kelly Harrier, who celebrated her 11th anniversary on May 28.

Let's all wish a happy birthday to:

Samantha Caudill - May 23rd

HAPPY
BIRTHDAY



Samantha
Caudill

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Compliance Administrator

Job Summary: The compliance administrator is responsible for implementation and oversight of tasks ranging from routine to varying degrees of complexity of compliance business operations, applying required and established procedures and practices to support the national organization.

The compliance administrator works in conjunction with the executive director and division directors to administer functions of operations which include, but are not limited to, the functions of accounting, payroll, development, programs, and grant risk management.

Governance Specialist

Job Summary: The governance specialist ensures governing documents are maintained with revisions appropriately tracked and communicated to organization stakeholders. This position also ensures that all approved revisions made to the governing documents and/or policies will be reflected in all ALA manuals, handbooks, guides, and procedural documents, when applicable, working with management, and is knowledgeable of governing documents.

The GS will assist and collaborate with management and leadership in answering member questions. This position also works with the board of directors and serves as the liaison to the national Constitution & Bylaws Committee and Ethical Conduct Committee, works with the appointed and professional parliamentarians, and is the point of contact with the court reporting service.