



# NEC Newsletter

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## Mission Training for 2022-23

Make plans to attend one of the five Mission Trainings. This is a 1-day conference. This is a great time to learn more about the ALA. **Register at [Mission Training \(legion-aux.org\)](http://legion-aux.org)** The Southern Division Mission Training is in Nashville, Tennessee: **Saturday, January 28, 2023, Radisson Hotel Nashville Airport 1112 Airport Center Drive, Nashville, Tennessee 37214.** **Remember you may attend any of the 5 Conferences, choose a Mission Training that fits your availability.**

Senior members will be inspired by National Leaders while learning how to work the ALA's core programs. This is an interactive and fun conference.

At the same time, Junior members will be having an exciting time at their National Junior Meeting.

### Is Mission Training for You?

- Yes - if you are interested in meeting members and national leaders outside of your local area who share your passion for helping veterans!
- Yes - if you want to share great ideas with other members across the country or renew your enthusiasm for our mission!
- Yes - if you find yourself growing more involved and you don't know where to turn for the information you need, or you have been doing the same activities for years and you want a fresh approach!

### Monthly National Newsletter

Tamara Shumate, MA/Deputy Executive Director, will be taking on the role of providing us with National Headquarters News. Instead of weekly bulletins, the new format will be a monthly newsletter. This format will include pictures and stories that will allow National HQ to share on a more personal level, what they do at National Headquarters. I have attached a copy of this month's National Newsletter. I have also attached a copy of the new updated Red Book that contains all the National Leadership and National Chairman's contact information.

### Stay Connected to the National Organization through:

[www.facebook.com/ALAforVeterans](https://www.facebook.com/ALAforVeterans)

Other Facebook Pages  
[ALA National President](#)  
[ALA Girls Nation](#)  
[ALA Girls State](#)  
[ALA Juniors.](#)

[www.twitter.com/ALAforVeterans](https://www.twitter.com/ALAforVeterans)

[www.instagram.com/ALAforVeterans](https://www.instagram.com/ALAforVeterans)

[www.youtube.com/user/AmericanLegionAux](https://www.youtube.com/user/AmericanLegionAux)

[www.flickr.com/photos/ALAforVeterans](https://www.flickr.com/photos/ALAforVeterans)

# ALA National Program

## ALA Americanism Program

- The key points of the ALA Americanism Program are to be knowledgeable on flag history, etiquette, and proper disposal methods, and promote the observation of patriotic holidays.
- Increase participation in the Americanism Essay Contest.
- **This year's Essay Title: "What does patriotism mean to you?"**
- **Participate in the promotion of The American Legion Americanism programs.**
- **National Awards**
  1. The Unit Award: Most Outstanding Unit Americanism Program. One award will be selected per Division.
  2. Best Department Award. One Award per Division for the best Department Americanism Program.

For more ideas on how to promote the Americanism Program  
<https://member.legion-aux.org/member/committees/americanism>

National Convention is in Charlotte this year. Let's help Department Americanism Chair, Mary Wright win some national awards for our department.



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**Membership Dues Increase  
Approved at 101 National  
Convention.**

**National Dues will be  
increased to \$18.00  
beginning in 2024. This is  
a \$6.00 increase. National  
Junior's dues will remain  
the same at \$2.50.**

**The Department will be  
making a decision on what  
increases may be needed  
during the finance meeting  
at fall conference. Wait  
until then to make  
decisions concerning how  
much your unit may need  
to raise your unit dues for  
2024.**

**New Easy to print  
American Legion Family  
membership applications  
download at  
[https://www.legion-  
aux.org/Brochures/TAL-  
Family-Membership-  
Applications](https://www.legion-aux.org/Brochures/TAL-Family-Membership-Applications) Or you can  
still order the original  
brochure from the  
department secretary.**

