



AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY

Department of North Carolina



FROM THE DESK OF THE SECRETARY

It may be hard to believe, but the passing of March 2021 also marked my first six months 'back in the saddle' here at NC Auxiliary Headquarters. It has truly been a pleasure to reconnect with many of you and also to get to know some new 'voices' over the phone. My job is to serve all of you, so please let me know if there is anything I can do to help your volunteering experience as best as it can be!!

With the governor loosening pandemic restrictions recently and even more so in the next few weeks, I hope you are making plans to attend the 101st North Carolina American Legion Auxiliary Department Convention! It is time to shake off the collective 'time-out' we all had to do for the last 18 months and start getting back to the business of collaboration and planning for a robust 2021-2022 American Legion Auxiliary year!

The North Raleigh Hilton (919-872-2323) is the site for Department Convention. Take advantage of the convention block room rate of \$107 plus taxes by making your reservations by **May 10, 2021**. Price and room availability cannot be guaranteed after that date. <https://www.hilton.com/en/hotels/rdunhhf-hilton-north-raleigh-midtown/>. Even with vaccinations being completed by most attendees by the time we get to convention, if you are still concerned about germs, rest assured that the Hilton has thought of everything. You can investigate the special "CleanStay" procedures being implemented, here: <https://www.hilton.com/en/corporate/cleanstay/>.

ALAMIS Lunch & Learn at convention. More and more of you are finding the advantages of ALAMIS as a valuable tool for managing your unit membership. It is great not just for reports, but also adding new members, maintaining member data, etc. The ALAMIS subscription is just \$10/year. I will hold an ALAMIS Q&A session on Friday afternoon during the lunch break in the Congressional Room. Feel free to grab something to eat and bring it with you. I will review how to produce various helpful reports, how to print reports/rosters so that you can read them (or so they are not on 18 pages! 😊) and be on hand to answer any questions. There will be a sign-up on the table along the back-wall of the convention.

Legion College will be held in person (YEA!!) at the North Raleigh Hilton. (Same rates apply as the convention.) There will be no cost for registration this year and it will begin with a joint session with the Legion at 8:00 am on Friday July 9th.

HQ Business – Fifteen (15) *charter suspension letters* went out this week!! (Yikes!!) Most of you are soooooo close to making 10, just a few more phone calls. Ask for help from your Leaders. They are here to help you!! -- *Unit Data Forms*: Believe it or not, (I guess most of you would) I have only received 40 (out of 160!) Unit Data forms with 2021-2022 dues updates. Even if your unit dues are not changing for next year, please complete the form and send it to me so that I have a current record for each unit. Thank you! -- *Department Citations* are awarded to those units who have contributed \$25 or more to the General Fund, \$7.00 for the Bond reimbursement, made a poppy purchase or contribution and \$2.00 per member as of June 20, 2021. *Certificates, ribbons and awards* are available from the Department for Committee Chairs.

As always, I encourage continuous learning by checking out the ALA Academy at www.alaforveterans.org! Lots of good information and recordings of various auxiliary-mission enlightening seminars.

Convention here we come!!!