

# AMERICAN LEGION

## AUXILIARY

# Welcome!

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### OUR MISSION:

In the spirit of Service Not Self, the mission of the American Legion Auxiliary is to support The American Legion and 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.

*A Community  
of Volunteers  
Serving Veterans,  
Military, and their  
Families*

Thank you for becoming part of the American Legion Auxiliary (ALA)! Here is an overview of who we are and what we do, but there is so much more about why we matter. We encourage you to take our free online orientation, “ALA 101,” the first course in our ALA Academy. These online courses provide our members with information to help us better serve our mission. Log in today at [www.ALAforVeterans.org/ALA-Academy](http://www.ALAforVeterans.org/ALA-Academy).

We have so much useful information available for member the national ALA website. Accessing free information for members only is as easy as creating a username and password. Simply click on “Log In” at the top-right corner of our homepage at [www.ALAforVeterans.org](http://www.ALAforVeterans.org), and thousands of helpful resources are at your fingertips.



### OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH THE AMERICAN LEGION

The ALA was founded in 1919 to support The American Legion, the largest organization of U.S. wartime veterans. Our mutual purpose is to make life better for our veterans, military, and their families. We work steadfastly, side by side, promoting patriotism and national security while supporting youth and advocating for those who have served our country.

### ALA UNITS

The American Legion Auxiliary unit is where grassroots work of the Auxiliary takes place. There are almost 8,000 ALA



units nationwide. At the local level, The American Legion is called a post, and the Auxiliary is called a unit. All ALA units are attached to a Legion post, taking its name, location, and number (e.g., John P. Hand American Legion Auxiliary Unit 250), but units are not obligated to meet at the Legion post. If the post is no longer active, a unit may continue to function as what's called a widow unit. Sons of The American Legion groups within Legion posts at the community level are referred to as squadrons.

### A note about ALA membership dues

An American Legion Auxiliary member's dues are made up of three portions, representing the three levels of our organization — national, department (state), and unit. The dues amount listed on your renewal notice is a total of these three portions. Membership dues are paid annually and can be paid directly to your unit or by calling ALA National Headquarters at (317) 569-4570, or by logging in to your profile on the national website at [www.ALAforVeterans.org](http://www.ALAforVeterans.org) and paying your dues online.



The Auxiliary membership year is January 1 to December 31. Members pay dues prior to the start of the upcoming membership year, and many units start collecting dues six months in advance.

### UNIT OFFICERS

Each ALA unit has a set of officers. Your unit can tell you more about the members who hold these offices, along with their specific responsibilities.

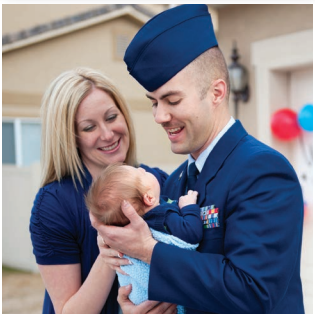
*The American Legion Auxiliary Unit Guidebook*, available at [www.ALAforVeterans.org](http://www.ALAforVeterans.org), also provides information about how a unit functions.



### ALA NATIONAL PROGRAMS/ COMMITTEES

The following is a list of all national-level programs/committees in the ALA. Departments and units may have all of these programs, some, or additional committees included in their activities. Please visit [www.ALAforVeterans.org](http://www.ALAforVeterans.org) for more information on ALA programs.

- ★ Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation
- ★ Legislative
- ★ Poppy
- ★ Children & Youth
- ★ Community Service
- ★ Junior Activities
- ★ Education
- ★ Americanism
- ★ ALA Girls Nation
- ★ National Security
- ★ Membership
- ★ Auxiliary Emergency Fund
- ★ Leadership
- ★ Public Relations
- ★ Constitution & Bylaws
- ★ Finance
- ★ Risk & Compliance



### FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

#### What is The American Legion Family?

The American Legion Family is comprised of The American Legion, the American Legion Auxiliary, and Sons of The American Legion. The Legion Family also includes American Legion Riders, a program of American Legion Family members for motorcycle enthusiasts. While members of The American Legion Family are individually unique, collectively we are a multimillion-member powerhouse of caring advocates dedicated to service.



#### What are the advantages of American Legion Auxiliary membership?

The ALA is a remarkable organization with nearly 100 years of service to veterans and the nation's communities. In addition to the personal gratification and rewards gained in voluntary service, there are many tangible benefits for members of the ALA. Members receive a complimentary subscription to the Auxiliary's national quarterly magazine and have exclusive access to a wide variety of discount services and supplemental insurance products. Members also have access to free classes, webinars, and trainings through the ALA Academy. The Auxiliary Emergency Fund is a national grant assistance program that provides temporary emergency help to eligible members of the American Legion Auxiliary who have suffered a significant financial setback as the result of an act of nature or other personal crisis.

#### What if I need to update my name and/or address? Can I do this online?

Members whose dues are current can create an account to log in to the MyAuxiliary area on the national website to update their mailing address, phone number, and email address at any time. For log-in assistance or a name change, email [ALAMIShelp@ALAforVeterans.org](mailto:ALAMIShelp@ALAforVeterans.org).

#### I paid my ALA dues. Why haven't I received my membership card?

Units are to provide members their card upon payment of dues. Members who renew either online or by phone with national headquarters are mailed a membership card to the home address on file. Members can log in to their MyAuxiliary account online at any time to print a copy of their most current ALA membership card.

#### How do I find my member ID number?

New senior members receive a 'Thank you for joining' email or postcard after they join. Their member ID number is located in the body of the email or on the address label of the postcard. A member's ID number is also listed on the address label of their quarterly *Auxiliary* magazine. Members can email [membership@ALAforVeterans.org](mailto:membership@ALAforVeterans.org) to request their ID number. Members will need their ID number in order to create their online profile on the national website.