

Programs of the American Legion Auxiliary

The American Legion Auxiliary sponsors a number of Programs. In fact, these are what the ALA was founded on and, to this day, is still based. There are an abundance of materials that explain each. The following is a list of *some* ALA sponsored programs. Units may conduct one, many or all of these. Most Units do more than they think! Learn all you can about the Auxiliary's programs as well as those of the American Legion. This knowledge will be important and invaluable as a recruitment aid!

Visit and browse the National Website at: alaforveterans.org

Visit and browse our Department Website at: ndala.org

- Americanism: Youth Programs, Patriotism and Citizenship, Special Programs, Support Legion Programs, and Collaborating Programs and Activities
- Auxiliary Emergency Fund
- Cavalcade of Memories
- Children and Youth: Children's Miracle Network, Youth Hero Program, and Child Welfare Foundation
- Community Service
- Constitution and Bylaws
- Education: Scholarships, Literacy, Veterans in the Classroom, and Supporting the American Legion Programs
- Finance
- Girls State
- Junior Activities
- Leadership: Educate and Motivate Members, and Encourage Mentor Program
- Legislation
- Membership and Unit Development and Revitalization
- National Security
- Past Presidents Parley
- Poppy Program
- Public Relations
- Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation
- Centennial Strategic Plan is associated with the upcoming 100th year anniversary

Special Events

- Memorial Day Observance
- Veterans Day Observance
- Independence Day
- Flag Day
- Pearl Harbor Day
- Presidents Day
- Martin Luther King Day

Calendar

Planning! Start immediately after installation of your Unit officers! This list is not an all-inclusive list of events. Your Unit is sure to be involved in many more activities than those listed.

July – Organizational Meeting

- July – The new Department President and the Department Executive Committee and Chairmen meet in what is known as an ‘Organizational Meeting’.
- Planning begins for District Meetings
- Continue work on your membership program. Make sure ‘goose eggs’ are broken. Units with no memberships sent in for the new year are considered having a ‘goose egg’. Don’t let your Unit have a ‘goose egg’!

August – National Convention is held in a different city and state each year.

September/October – Fall District Meeting

- Your Unit may be asked to host the Fall District Meeting. Be ready to welcome your District President and offer any assistance she may need. Line up your Unit Chairs and be ready to welcome the new Department President and Auxiliary members from around your District.

November

- **Veterans Day** events and programs. Be ready to represent your Unit if asked. Plan and participate in activity with your Post, community leaders and schools.
- Prepare your Mid-Year Reports which are due to your District President in December.

December

- Does your Unit/District sponsor an Oratorical Contest? Offer assistance to the District Commander if the District hosts the contest.
- Gift Shop in Fargo and/or Lisbon. Have you ever attended a Gift Shop in Fargo or Lisbon? If possible, make plans to attend one or both events. You will enjoy the experience.
- Remind your unit members/volunteers that you need their Mid-Year Reports and then be prompt in sending this information to your District President.

January

- Do you need to assist with a Regional Oratorical Contest?

February – Department Winter Conference

- The Department Winter Conference is typically held this month and is a great learning tool for all Auxiliary members. Workshops are sometimes held and training events are presented. Plan to attend Winter Conference when it is close to your Unit's location.
- Send a note to all Unit members to prepare End-of Year reports.
- File your Tax Documents
- Planning and preparations for Spring District Meetings have begun. Your Unit may be asked to host the Auxiliary's Spring Meeting. Get ready to again welcome your District President and assist her with arrangements in your community.

March – American Legion Birthday

- Spring District Meetings may begin. If asked, be ready to host the Auxiliary's District meeting and be ready to welcome Unit members from around your District.
- Remind Unit members to report their volunteer hours and expenses. Prepare your end-of-year reports and send them in a timely manner to your District President. Don't procrastinate. Those hours and dollars spent are important to tell the story of what you and your unit do for veterans and your communities.

April – Spring District Meetings

- End-of-year Reports are due to your District President! Don't Delay . . . ***BE SURE THAT YOU SEND THEM IN ON TIME!*** Good luck and take your time to review all the information on them.
- Report correctly and make requests for certificates for winners to the Department Secretary.

May

- Memorial Day events
- Prepare for Department Convention. Every Unit should be represented at the Department Convention. All Auxiliary members are welcome to attend the convention either as a delegate for the Unit or as guests.

June

- Girls State
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