

Good morning to all!

As our country faces a health crisis, let us remember that the American Legion Auxiliary is a community of volunteers! Our veterans, military, their families, our fellow members and our communities need us now more than ever. If you or any of your members are able, please consider assisting those that may need help. Perhaps contacting an elderly member or neighbor that needs groceries or just needs to hear from you. You can do this safely while continuing social distancing. What a great community service you could offer! Just because we're staying at home, it doesn't mean we can't reach out to one another. You can call, text, FaceTime or even sing from a balcony or rooftop - whatever it takes!

The time is now to strengthen our organization, as Past National President Opal Glynn challenged us during the Vietnam War. Our upcoming Week of Caring and Sharing is April 1-7, like The American Legion's Buddy Checks, adds that personal touch to reuniting and connecting with current and former members. Any checks made during this time at home, checking on your members will count toward the Week of Caring and Sharing. We realize with everything going on, it will be difficult to get those rejoins in to National. We will extend the deadline for Week of Caring and Sharing verification form to May 15th to allow extra time to get information entered and we will count any member that is rejoined in ALAMIS between April 1st - May 15th.

We are aware that membership processing has slowed down due to the COVID-19 pandemic. We are NOT concerned. We know that the membership processing will pick up soon and we will be back on the road to reaching 100% as a National organization. Encourage your members to pay online, or to call National Headquarters and pay over the phone. Currently, they are working and able to take your phone calls and answer questions. They are practicing social distancing and want to help each of you!

Our prayer for you all is to stay healthy and move forward. Light that firecracker under fellow members and know that we are behind you all and are here for you. Thank you all for your continued efforts.

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