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Let's help our fellow members in hurricanes' paths

Hurricane Helene and Hurricane Milton make landfall on the west coast of Florida, bringing devastation in its path. The ALA's Auxiliary Emergency Fund is available to members who have been affected by disaster, offering grant awards up to \$3,000. But this assistance can only continue with your support. Make a difference by ensuring we have the funds now, and in the future, by donating to the Auxiliary Emergency Fund. Learn more and donate here: www.ALAforVeterans.org/AEF.

Sessions starting soon!

Join some friends for a one-day ALA conference that's both inspiring and educational! Sessions will dive deep into our programs through interactive and engaging sessions, ensuring you leave with new insights and renewed energy. Mission Training covers many Auxiliary mission outreach programs, all presented in a fun and supportive environment.

[Register now](#) for a Mission Training near you!

I have attended several of these session in the past and it is amazing how much you can glean in the very compacted sessions.

Nov. 16: Nashville, Tenn.

Nov. 16: Denver, Colo.

Jan. 25: Des Moines, Iowa

Feb. 1: Las Vegas, Nev.

Feb. 1: Boston, Mass.

And don't miss webinars coming up in November:

- **Children & Youth: Youth Hero and Good Deed Awards**
- **Monday, Nov. 18, at 1 p.m. Eastern**
- **Workshop length: 30-45 minutes.**

This workshop is designed to teach unit members how to work on the ALA's Youth Hero and Good Deed Awards program. You will learn tips and techniques to help you build a successful Youth Hero and Good Deed Awards program.

Watch our socials @ALAforVeterans for registration details!

Think you know everything about shipping? Think again.

Whether you're sending care packages to deployed troops, handling returns, sending packages for your small business, or simply shipping personal items, are you truly optimizing the process? If you're still manually creating labels, juggling spreadsheets, and making frequent retail counter trips to ship, you might be missing out on a smarter, more efficient way.

ShipThrifty isn't just another tool — it's a game-changer. The platform simplifies label creation, cuts costs, and eliminates the need for cumbersome manual tracking. Whether you're shipping care packages, business returns, or personal items, ShipThrifty's platform adapts to your needs, saving you time and money. Plus, you can schedule pickups to save even more time.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Oct. 21-25 — Buddy Check Week

Oct. 31 — Halloween

Nov. 5 — Election Day

Nov. 10 — American Legion Auxiliary's 105th birthday

Nov. 10 — U.S. Marine Corps birthday

Nov. 11 — Veterans Day | ALA Foundation's Veterans Day of Giving

Nov. 16 — ALA Mission Training and National Junior Meeting in Nashville, Tenn.

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The American Legion considers one of its membership's most sacred responsibilities to look out for each other and fellow veterans. Since May 2019, by way of Resolution No. 18, Legionnaires have been urged to conduct Buddy Checks during the weeks of The American Legion's birthday, March 15, and around Veterans Day. The result has been more than 1 million veterans getting a phone call, email, text message or in-person visit, just to see how each of them is doing.

This is a great way to make contact with a veteran and to share some "ALA Sweetness" too. Bring a place of cookies when you make you visit/check and make it a great experience for both of you. THIS ISN'T JUST A LEGION PROGRAM, make it a nice thing to do for veterans from an ALA Member.

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