

Greetings Auxiliary Members.

Time seems to fly when you are having fun. I hope your summer was entertaining and eventful. By the time you read this article, 2026 National Convention will be a memory and travel will begin for Fall District meetings. Look for a schedule and information on Fall District Meetings elsewhere in this publication or visit www.ndala.org/district-meetings/. I also encourage each of you to browse the National website at www.alaforveterans.org/ALA-Academy to learn about the Auxiliary Academy and sign up to take an online class. The classes are self-paced and offer a trove of up-to-date information.

Our new administrative year is just beginning, and I know units are already planning activities in support of our veterans, communities, and children and youth. I encourage units to promote the Auxiliary's Americanism Essay Contest, Poppy Poster Contest, Education and Scholarships, Children and Youth, and so many others. Look for program information coming to you in Unit Mail packets. Pick a favorite program and make it your own. I encourage everyone to continue to track your 2026-2027 hours and funds you spend on volunteering and then report those to your District Presidents in the spring.

Be sure to look for that special unit member who exceeds expectations as a volunteer and nominate her/him for 2027 Unit Member of the Year. That program is under 'Leadership' and more information can be found on the National website. If you need information on Auxiliary programs visit the National website at www.alaforveterans.org or the Department website at www.ndala.org.

Keep our veterans, active-duty military, their families, and our country always in your prayers. Take care of yourself and others.

God Bless America.

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