

2021 NOVEMBER BULLETIN



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello to all my fellow Auxiliary members,

I would like to start by saying that I apologize for the bulletin mishap. We are back on schedule and although this is a little late, I hope that you all find it very informative. We just had Fall Conference on October 23rd and it was a great success. I want to thank all of you who took the time to come and for those who did not make it, we missed you. We did a team building exercise which was a lot of fun and it helped everyone to show that even though we all have a lot that we do not have in common, we do have more that eventually brings us together to work our mission. We are all family and we may not always like each other, or agree with each other, but in the end, we come together for the good of this organization. I want to also take the time to tell you that everything you do does not go unnoticed. We all volunteer and as we live by service, not self, I know that as humans we like to hear a thank you or be acknowledged from time to time. So, this is me acknowledging all of you and telling you that you are amazing and thank you for everything that you do. We also had a costume contest and I would like to take a second to thank those that participated and congratulations to the winners Melissa Spear as a poppy, Pat Sherman as Minnie Pearl, and Bonnie Stewart-Lohr as a gypsy. There were so many wonderful costumes. We also had Michelle LaBlanc, the founder of Vermont Paws & Boots, come speak with us about her program. I just love hearing about it and seeing all the dogs with their veterans or first responders. So amazing.

In the next few months, I will be traveling to some units that have invited me in and I am looking forward to seeing you and how you are working the mission. I am also excited to be there for the Tree of Warmth. If there is anything that you would like me to be there for, feel free to reach out as soon as possible so that I could get it in my schedule. And thank you again for everything.

Veteran's Day is coming up next month on November 11th. Take a second to thank a veteran for their sacrifice to our country. I know many posts, units, and squadrons will be involved in parades or ceremonies. I wish you success in those.

I would like to take a second to inform the members that our Department Secretary has resigned. I would like to thank Terrie Christie for her service to the organization and wish you the best in your future endeavors, as well as your health. For the time being, Shari August has been appointed as the interim Department secretary. If anyone is interested in taking on that position for the remainder of the year, please reach out to me. Please note that you will need to have some experience in secretarial duties in order to properly fulfill the duties required for this position. So, please let me know if you are interested and I will definitely take it under advisement. For now, I would like to thank Shari for stepping up to help us keep the office running smoothly until we are able to find a replacement.

That is all I have for now, I want to wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving. Please keep yourselves safe.

Until next time!!

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VICE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello American Legion Auxiliary!

I hope everyone is doing well and staying safe.

By the time you receive this, we will have just had Fall Conference. I hope you all learned a lot and took it back to share with your units.

We now have dinners, and a few Yellow Ribbon events to attend. I am so excited to get out to units to visit and see everyone, as well as meet some new friends.

As the holiday season approaches, let's remember our mission and check in on our shut ins and veterans that may need assistance with snow removal or shopping, or just a visit.

We are also approaching Election Day on November 2, the birth of the US Marine Corps on November 10, and Veterans Day on November 11.

Don't forget to Thank our Veterans that are with us today and everyday.

I am focusing on Veterans Day for this bulletin message.

Veterans Day, originally celebrated as Armistice Day, was first issued on November 11, 1919, by President Woodrow Wilson a year after the end of World War I. The purpose of Armistice Day was to honor the fallen soldiers of the Great War for their sacrifice and bravery. Seven years later, in 1926, Congress adopted a resolution requesting that President Calvin Coolidge issue annual proclamations on November 11, making Armistice Day a legal holiday.

In 1945, World War II veteran Raymond Weeks had the idea to expand Armistice Day to celebrate all veterans rather than just the ones who died in World War I. He led a delegation to General Dwight Eisenhower, who was all for the idea. Weeks then organized the first Veterans Day celebration in 1945 in Alabama and every year since, until he died in 1985. In 1982, he was honored by President Reagan with the Presidential Citizenship Medal. Weeks was also named the 'Father of Veterans Day' by Elizabeth Dole.

In 1954, Ed Rees, the U.S. Representative from Emporia, Kansas, presented a bill to establish the holiday to Congress. Eisenhower, who was then the president and also from Kansas, signed the bill into law on May 26, 1954, eight and a half years after Raymond Weeks held the first Veterans Day. After having been through both World War II and the Korean War, the 83rd U.S. Congress — at the urge of the veterans' service organizations — amended the Act of 1938 by striking out the word 'Armistice' and inserting the word 'Veterans.' With the approval of this legislation on June 1, 1954, November 11 became a day to honor American veterans of all wars.

The National Veterans Award was also created in 1954, first received by Congressman Rees for his support in making Veterans Day a federal holiday. Though the holiday is currently and was originally celebrated on November 11, the day was moved to the fourth Monday of October in 1971 due to the Uniform Monday Holiday Act. Finally, on September 20, 1975, President Gerald R. Ford signed a law that returned the annual observance of Veterans Day to its original date of November 11, beginning in 1978.

The holiday is observed by the federal government on a Friday, if the holiday falls on Saturday, or on a Monday, if the holiday falls on a Sunday. Federal government closings are established by the U.S. Office of Personnel Management. State and local government closings are determined locally and non-government businesses can close or remain open as they see fit, regardless of federal, state, or local government operation determinations.

The United States Senate Resolution 143, which was passed on August 4, 2001, designated the week of November 11 through November 17, 2001, as National Veterans Awareness Week. The resolution called for educational efforts directed at elementary and secondary school students concerning the contributions and sacrifices of veterans.

I look forward to seeing you all at upcoming events

For God, Country, and Our Veterans,

Kelly Donaldson
American Legion Auxiliary
Dept of Vermont
Vice President

CHAPLAIN
IN MEMORIAM



PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT
LYDIA ROBERTS
(07/21/21)

Unit #3

Elizabeth Barclay (

Unit #13

Glenna M. Jones (10/07/21)

Jeanette Condon (09/30/21)

Unit #25

Stacey J. Hussey (08/01/21)

Unit #36

Judith Billings (09/20/21)

Dianne Vanguilder (09/23/21)

Unit #37

Kathleen A. Redmond (08/17/21)

Unit #60

Ann H. McKay (09/16/21)

Unit #64

Jacquelyn Lavanway (06/04/21)

Unit #69

Janet M. Ackert (09/17/21)

Unit #88

Betty Clark (12/31/20)

Unit #91

Dorothy N. Larmay (06/28/21)

HISTORIAN

Hello Auxiliary Members,

I don't have much prepared with the such short notice. Please remember to document your events, etc. so in 1, 5, 10 + years you and all your Auxiliary Members, etc. can see all the great things your members did in 2021-2022 year and beyond. I will have a ton of information from National to share with you in my December Bulletin, so don't miss it.

Thanks
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PARLIAMENTARIAN

Agenda or Program

By a single vote, a series of special orders or general orders - or a mixture of both- can be made, such a series is called an agenda. When an hour is assigned to a particular subject in an agenda, that subject is thereby made a special order unless, by footnote or other means, it is stated that the time intended merely for guidance, in which case the subject is only a general rule, Subjects for which no hour is specified in an agenda are general orders.

In an agenda, often an hour is assigned only to such subjects as the calls to order, recesses, adjournments, and particularly important items of business where it is desired to give the members greater assurance that the matter will not be considered before that time. These, then, are special orders for the time stated, and a strict adherence to these times provides a protection to the members and invited speakers, who often come from great distances. Occasionally, a time is assigned for every item on the agenda. While this practice may be necessary in some cases, the resulting loss of flexibility often outweighs any benefits that may be gained.

Agenda in the form of a Program

In reference to an order of business especially adopted for a given session, the term program is often used instead of agenda, but while the later technically only includes items of business, the former may include also the time for speakers, meals and other business matters.

There is no challenge so big that we can't handle it together.

Remember: Great minds discuss ideas, Average minds discuss events, Small minds discuss people. A quote from Eleanor Roosevelt

For God Country and all Veterans
Pat Sherman Parliamentarian

DEPARTMENT SECRETARY

Dear ALA Members,

It is my pleasure to announce that at the Department Executive Committee Meeting held on October 23, 2021 a motion was made, seconded and by unanimous consent has appointed me, Shari August the interim Department Secretary (aka Executive Director) for the Department of Vermont.

I am truly honored for the experience and will try to do my very best for the Department of Vermont. In the spirit of mutual helpfulness, I am providing all of my contact information in this bulletin.

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DEPARTMENT TREASURER

It was great to see folks at the fall conference even though many had to miss out because we did not offer Zoom and health concerns kept people away. Finance had a meeting last night but the update was not earthshattering. Our membership submission against our 2022 goal is only 2% less than the membership at this time against the 2019 goal, our last ordinary year. That is good news! General expenses are aligned with the budget as well. Donations to the poppy program and to the Bennington home are quite a bit below what they were in 2019. The donations to the VA hospital are close to normal. As Patsy mentioned, we do plan to get a fundraiser going and hope it will be of interest to all of you. Mid-winter conference is halfway point for our membership year and a clearer financial position will be available then.

We have hired an outside accountant (Yay!) and I hope to have gathered all the materials he has requested to complete the 990 return and send them to him by the end of this week.

One thing I heard over and over at conference was "I don't really read all the bulletin, so I missed that" Please, if you are a unit officer, please make sure your units know what is happening in your area! The bulletin is time consuming to prepare and expensive to mail. It is a shame for it to be unappreciated and not to be used as the valuable resource it is for everyone. We did decide to have one prepared after fall conference since it was not feasible to have it prepared the week of the conference and there is a lot going on in November and December that needs a heads-up.

In the meantime, there is no better time to be of service to our returning veterans and those who are in need during their waning years as well. Please keep the Department strong and moving forward.

Marilyn Davis
Dept Treasurer

NEC

Greeting fellow ALA members! Below is a portion one of the latest weekly briefings by Executive Director Kelly Circle that includes some upcoming trainings being offered by National. Please sign up and take advantage of these great opportunities offered by our National organization!!!

ALA Foundation Board hosts a hybrid meeting

Once again, ALA members adapted and utilized technology to their advantage! Our development team along with our ALA Foundation Leadership coordinated our first hybrid board meeting with some board members in person at National Headquarters and some attending online. Members were able to fully participate in debate and much was accomplished! Kudos to Board President Cathleen MacInnes for a well-run meeting.

November is Family Caregiver Month

To celebrate the dedication and sacrifice of caregivers everywhere, we present **Mission Delivery through Caregiver Support** at 8 pm ET on Tuesday, November 9, 2021. In this 30-minute-long webinar, participants will learn more about caregivers and possibly themselves as we explore National President Kathy Daudistel's focus of caring for those who care for others.

Attendees will learn how to identify caregivers in their community as well as become empowered to identify themselves as caregivers. They will also learn how to support the caregivers in their communities as well as other organizations that operate in the field of caregiver support.

Registration opens Tuesday, October 26. The link will be available on our ALA NHQ Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/alaforveterans>.

ALA Academy Live: Mastering Military Shipping with Shipthriftly. Just in time for the holiday season, meet your newest ALA member benefits provider, Shipthriftly, and see how they can help you with all of your shipping needs this holiday season. Also learn the ease of shipping with Shipthriftly, focused specifically on military care packages!

The course will be offered on November 4th at 8pm Eastern Time. To register, click <https://web.cvent.com/event/cdc70dfb-cc7f-4df3-b184-6b1d4a9c2599>

Don't forget to check out the weekly briefings by National Director, Kelly Circle at: [National Executive Director Weekly Briefings](#)

In the Spirit of Service Not Self,

Corrianna E. Colson
American Legion Auxiliary
Department of Vermont
National Executive Committee
Past Department President
2019 - 2021

DISTRICT PRESIDENTS

First District:

First of all, congratulations to all the Units in District 1! We are in second place in the 2022 Membership numbers with 39.44%. Keep up the good work, ladies – these are difficult times for many of our Units to meet due to the increase in COVID19 Delta cases in Vermont. Let's try and think outside the box with activities that your members can participate in even if they do so from home.

Green Mountain Unit 1 has several activities coming up before the end of 2021. They are holding their annual Veteran's Children's Holiday Party for 60 children 10 years old and under on December 5, 2021 from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. at the Post. They are also participating in the "Wreaths Across America" program and will be offering wreaths for sale and assisting in placing them on veteran's graves at Holy Cross, St. Albans Bay, Greenwood and Mount Calvary cemeteries on December 18th. Contact to purchase a wreath is Melody Thibault at 802-524-9098.

Green Mountain Unit 1 and Creller Landon Unit 60 (Alburgh) have been working together on Family Readiness Group events. They are preparing a family Christmas party for 65 families on December 19, 2021 and are also working on a meeting in April to prepare families for the return of deployed units.

Vergennes Unit 14 is holding a Trunk or Treat on October 31, 2021 from 2:00 – 3:00 p.m. They are also planning a public bingo for January 16, 2022.

Colchester Unit 91 holds a breakfast the first Sunday of the month and a bingo the second Sunday of the month. They recently sponsored the Give 10 to Education program, donated 100 bagged lunches for a military kids Vermont apple picking event and mailed out ALA Halloween coloring books to their Junior members. They are also currently taking orders for an apple pie fundraiser.



Richford Unit 12, Bristol Unit 19, Middlebury Unit 27 and Enosburg Unit 40 are continuing to work on events in their areas and are encouraged to reach out to me prior to November 15th with specifics on upcoming events so that I can feature them in the Bulletin.

Respectfully,

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Second District:

First I need to apologize to District two units for not having my bulletin message in last month. I don't have an excuse except that I did my Finance message and forgot all about my District message. Bad me!

District Two units are very busy and some of their service includes 10 to Education projects, meals for Veteran's and their families, visiting shut ins and nursing home residents and much more. Unit Presidents, please send me an email letting me know what your unit has been doing. I love to toot horns and ours are well deserved.

It was good to see everyone that attended Fall Conference. Thank you for taking time from your busy schedules to go. Mid-Winter is planned for January 21st and 22nd in South Burlington. Your unit should have the information on rooms and the banquet. Let's make our District shine by having a great turn out.

If you have not been installed as of now, time is running out, please call and we can set up a time to do this, it does not take long and can be done at the beginning of your meeting.

Please do not hesitate to get in touch with me, I have answering machine and email is always good. I might not get back to you the same day, but I will get back to you.

For God, Country and our Veteran's

Patsy Tompkins

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Third District:

Starting out I would like to congratulate unit ten in Barre of reaching 100 percent membership. I'm hoping everyone in the third district is striving to be number one. I must say we are pretty close. I also hope everyone one is well. We are coming into the winter months and our veterans will need us more then ever. So any donations to the Veterans' homes and hospital will be much appreciated. I want to thank you all again for having me as your third district president. And if anyone needs to get hold of me my gmail address is hikerin.joan@gmail.com. thanks again to everyone that is involved in the American legion.

Thank you

Joanie Dudley

Fourth District:

Greetings District 4 Members,

Impressive work District 4 for holding 1st place in membership for 2021 and climbing closer to reaching 100% for the year – District 4 is at 96.82%. The district is in second place for 2022 at 34.31%.

October 23rd, Fall Conference, Vergennes. I look forward to seeing you there.

Unit Updates:

Shout out to Units that respond to my e-mail requests each month, your input is appreciated.

- Unit 13 Give 10 was successful for this Unit with over \$1300 worth of school supplies and donations received.
Planned and organized a luncheon for National President, Kathy Daudistel at Vermont Paws and Boots, President Fran's president's project.
Some members attended a dinner hosted by Unit 69 for National President in Arlington on September 22nd.
They held a successful, fun-filled basked party on October 9th.
Working on plans for Veterans Day.
- Unit 31 Colleting items for Give 10 to Education until November 1st for National Education Week
Collecting items for the Tree of Warmth
Celebrating twenty-five members with 40 years of service or more with Certificates and a meal. Congratulations!
- Unit 50 Participated in Give 10 to Education and distributed items at the start of School
Filling boxes with items for four deployed persons
October 17th. they stuffed a shanty for Veterans.
Hosting a quilting class, open to anyone.
Donating money to the Vermont Veterans Home for the mobility trail

I enjoy the conversations I have with those of you who reach out looking for answers to questions and clarification on items. Thanks for staying connected.

I hope that all District 4 Units were able to submit necessary information to Department by October 20th. If you did, congratulations and your Unit will be eligible for Trophies and Awards.

If you have something you would like passed along in the monthly bulletin, please send it to me.

I wish you all a Happy and Healthy Thanksgiving and hope you can celebrate with family and friends.

Please take care and keep in touch.

Thank you for your volunteer time and efforts, it is always appreciated!

For God, Country, and our Veterans - Past, Present and Future.

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Fifth District:

Greetings Rocking, Resourceful, Humorous, Creative 5th District!!

Home from fall conference. It was informative and fun. The presentation from Michelle Lablanc was enlightening. I didn't realize the amount of time and money it requires to match and train service dogs.

Interesting fact:

The operating budget for Vermont Paws & Boots is currently \$30,000 which just covers the bare minimum required to run the program.

Now for unit news:

Windsor unit #25 will be hosting a craft fair on Saturday November 6th at the legion 9 am - 4 pm, a community dinner on November 21 set 12:00pm- 1:30pm traditional turkey dinner. Several members will be attending the Fall conference and the unit is donating a \$100 gas card to the ways and means table, the unit is always looking for ways to help veterans, deployed military and their families

Ballard Hobart unit #36 donated \$250.00 of school supplies to the elementary school, they are participating in the trunk o treat, holding a ham & Turkey raffle on November 17th, members will be attending fall conference, and as always are working the mission.

Please reach out to me with all unit news, concerns, and just to say hello.

5th district has dropped to fourth place for membership, please get your dues in as soon as you can. Membership helps to support the ALA, our veterans, military and their families.

For God, Country, and our Veterans,

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AMERICANISM

This month we celebrate the service of all Veterans on November 11th. Previously named Armistice Day, Veterans Day became an official holiday in 1938 and recognizes all who serve our country.

There are several great ideas how individuals might honor those who served.

Attend a local event. Many communities have Veterans Day events – lunches, services, remembrances, etc. (Brattleboro has a luncheon at the local VFW).

Adopt a military family for the holidays. Some military families – like those with a deployed parent, veteran families on very limited incomes, or families of veterans seriously injured post 9/11 – can participate in the [Adopt a Family](#) program sponsored by Soldiers' Angels that allows civilians and companies to sponsor a family for the holiday season.

Each military family is thoroughly vetted and once approved, entered into a database where volunteers can select up to three families to sponsor. For each family, the sponsor provides a gift for each dependent child under the age of 18, as well as a gift card for groceries to help with a holiday meal. The sponsor is responsible for shipping the gifts and card to the family by December 11 to ensure it reaches them by the Christmas holiday. Helping these families have a happier holiday is a simple way to show your appreciation for their service.

Participate in the National Two-Minutes of silence. On November 11, all Americans are invited to participate in the observance. This generally occurs at 11 a.m. Taking the time to pause quietly and join your thoughts with thousands of other Americans is a great way to ensure you remember the purpose of Veterans Day.

Wear a poppy, American flag and/or your ALA pin. A simple red poppy or American flag pin is a small yet meaningful gesture to remind yourself and others that Veterans Day is an acknowledgement of the service of others.

Thank a Veteran for their service. Recognize the Veterans you see on that day and show gratitude for their time in the military.

Wishing you all a Happy Thanksgiving!

Lori Nelson

Unit #5 President, 5th District DEC, Department Americanism Chair

AUXILIARY EMERGENCY FUND

Greetings Auxiliary Members,

Following is historic information regarding the ALA AEF.

In 1981, the AEF program was expanded to include a fund to help members who needed to support themselves due to unexpected life-changing circumstances such as death or illness of a spouse, divorce, or desertion. Those women found it difficult to obtain employment, and who are without the job skills necessary to obtain adequate employment. Because of this, short-term assistance can now be provided to help members acquire marketable job skills through schooling or job training when all other sources of financial aid have been exhausted. This was called the Displaced Homemakers Fund. With the continuous generosity of our members, the funds allowed a wider use of the benefits to members, and it continues today. The first AEF grant amount was \$150 and today the grant amount is for \$2,400 that members may be eligible to receive. Since the AEF Program's existence members have received an estimated \$5.8 million, with over \$6 million in donations from generous members.

Attached is the Year End Report for 2021-2022.

I wish you all a Happy Thanksgiving and hope you are able to enjoy with family and friends.

If you have any questions, please contact me.

Take care and stay safe.

For God, Country, and our Veterans - Past, Present and Future.

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CHILDREN & YOUTH

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COMMUNITY SERVICE

Want to know what you can do for you Community? Reach out and ask! Schools, Libraries, Food shelves, Town clerks, Municipalities, check in with them and ask how your ALA Unit can assist. It can be as big or small as you make it. One idea shared by ALA National is to collect comfort kits for those struggling with homelessness. Red Cross is more than blood drives, and they suggest the following items for such kits;

Toothbrushes, mini toothpaste, socks, lip balm, deodorant, hand sanitizer, sturdy backpack, snack, pens/ notepad, adhesive bandages, triple antibiotic ointment, dental floss and face mask.

Is your Unit organizing something I should know about? Please reach out! And don't forget to document your volunteer time, supplies and money spent. "No job is too big, no pup is too small!" - Paw Patrol

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CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS

November 1, 2021

Dear Auxiliary Members,

Fall Conference was successful and President Fran ran a very efficient meeting. At the conference we had a question and answer segment, during that segment I was asked when is it appropriate to ask for consent?

What is unanimous consent?

First it is important to know that when asking for consent the response must be unanimous. Unanimous consent is the voting method of choice because it saves so much time. The process involves simply asking the members whether anyone objects to adopting the motion. If no one objects, the motion is adopted. Some examples of simple motions include:

- ☞ Meeting Agenda
- ☞ Unopposed meeting minutes that require no changes
- ☞ Unopposed motion when it is clear those are in favor
- ☞ Meeting adjournment

Secondly, unanimous consent can't be used in all situations, but it's perfect when a motion isn't controversial and it appears that you have universal agreement, or at least that the minority is likely to agree to the decision without protest. However if even one member objects, members of the assembly would then enter into debate followed by a vote.

This information can be found in Robert's Rules of Order, newly revised (12th ed.) under, Adoption of a Motion, or Action Without a Motion, by Unanimous Consent 4:58.

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Constitution & Bylaws Question of the Month Trivia Contest

Question #3

According to our Department Governing Documents, Districts and Units shall function in accordance with National and Department Constitution and the Department shall prescribe Bylaws and such Standing Rules. Under what article and section would you find this answer?

Which Parliamentary Authority governs our department organization?

Remember those members who submit a correct answer to the question of the month by the 20th of that month will have their name submitted for a \$100.00 cash prize drawing to be held at the 2022 Department Convention. Although email is preferable submissions can be via any communication as long as they are received by the 20th. Please include your full name, address, phone number, and unit number on your submission.

As an added bonus, members who answer every monthly question correctly will have their name submitted for an additional \$50.00 cash prize drawing.

I look forward to hearing from you all.

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EDUCATION

Hello American Legion Dept. of VT Auxiliary Members,

With **VETERANS DAY** on Thursday, Nov. 11, 2021, how will your ALA Unit honor Veterans this year? **By November 3, 2021, please email me about how your ALA UNIT will honor Veterans. I will then email our ALA VT UNIT plans to ALA National to be posted on the ALA National website**

Let's work together to get our ALA plans to honor Veterans on November 11th be recognized through ALA National. SHOUT OUT to ALA DEPT. of VT and all AUXILIARY UNITS as we continue to honor and serve Veterans.

Here are some ideas to honor veterans on November 11, 2021.

- * **Poppy Poster Cards.** - Make Veterans' Day Cards created from the Poppy Poster Art and send or deliver to Veterans.
- * **Donate Money to the Activities Dept at the Vermont Veterans Home in Bennington, VT** Make check for monetary donations out to Vermont Veterans' Home: Vermont Veterans' Home Business Office 325 North Street Bennington, VT 05201
- * **Donate items to the Vermont Veterans Home in Bennington, VT** The following list of donations is posted in their Monthly newsletter, The Buzz Word.
I-Pod Shuffles (4th Generation), Newspaper Subscriptions, Bingo Prizes, Crafts, Neck Pillows, Stamps, CD Players, I-Tune Cards, Body Pillows, Costume Jewelry, Outdoor Benches, Two pocket front wheelchair/walker bags. Make check for monetary donations out to Vermont Veterans' Home: Vermont Veterans' Home Business Office 325 North Street Bennington, VT 05201.
- * The **ALA Star Spangled Kid's Program** is another educational project for ALA UNITS to participate in. Your ALA Unit could donate Patriotic Books or volunteer to read a Patriotic Book to learners at a school in your area. This program develops a sense of patriotism and will give learners a better understanding of the price paid for our freedoms. With Veterans Day this month, this program would be a great project to honor veterans.
- * **Invite students to color a Patriotic coloring page for a VETERAN.** On the back of the coloring page ask students to write their first name, THANK YOU FOR SERVING, and HAPPY VETERANS DAY.
- * **Will your town have a Veterans Day Parade?** If so, Auxiliary Members could be a part of the parade to honor Veterans. You could walk in the parade and hold a flag and Auxiliary Banner or drive your car in the parade and put your Auxiliary Magnet on the car door!

Our next NOVEMBER Event is AMERICAN EDUCATION WEEK is November 15-19, 2021.

The first observance of American Education Week occurred December 4-10, 1921, with the NEA and American Legion as the cosponsors. A year later, the then U.S. Office of Education joined the effort as a cosponsor, and the PTA followed in 1938. Other co-sponsors are the U.S. Department of Education and the American Legion Auxiliary National Organization. It is now celebrated the week before

Thanksgiving. Try to do something different each day of the week to honor EDUCATORS. Will you send educators a card? Will you deliver treats to the educators? Will you tie a large THANK YOU balloon outside the school's front door? As usual, please email me to let me know how your Unit will honor EDUCATORS. Thanks!

The month of December is a busy time of year. The holiday season will be here soon! Please think about joining a local community organization to raise money to support holiday activities in your area. Let's work together to put a smile on everyone's face this holiday season. To support local families for the holidays, we can donate gifts like food, new clothing, and so much more. Your Unit can contact a school and offer to support their gift giving plans.

HAPPY VETERANS DAY! HAPPY EDUCATION WEEK! HAPPY THANKSGIVING!
GO ALA VT EDUCATION! Take your PAWS and pat yourself on the back!

For God and
Country,
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FINANCE

The committee is looking into a fund raiser for the 2021-2022 year. Several ideas have been tossed around and I hope to have more information for you in our next bulletin.

The committee is meeting October 24th at 7:00 pm. So information will not make this bulletin. Sorry!

If you are a membership chair of your unit, please reach out to members who have not renewed, they are an important part of our income and our service to Veteran's and their families.

Just a reminder that Day Light Savings Time Ends on November 7th, 2021.....

Take care, remain safe and wear that mask!

Patsy Tompkins
Finance Committee Chair
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GREEN MOUNTAIN GIRLS STATE

Hello Auxiliary Members,

I have a small request. I am going to list all of the schools that we contact to give information out about ALAGMGS. If you don't see a school listed that should be please let me know (Reminder only if it is a school that would have Junior students as that is who attends Girls State).

Arlington Memorial School - Arlington
Bellows Falls Union High School - Bellows Falls
Bellows Free Academy - Fairfax
Bellows Free Academy - St. Albans
Black River High School - Ludlow
Blue Mountain Union School - Wells River
Brattleboro Union High School - Brattleboro
Burke Mountain Academy - East Burke
Burlington High School - Burlington
Burr and Burton Academy - Manchester
Cabot School - Cabot
Canaan Memorial High School - Canaan
Champlain Valley Union High School - Hinesburg
Colchester High School - Colchester
Craftsbury Academy - Craftsbury
Danville School - Danville
Enosburg Falls Middle/High School - Enosburg Falls
Essex High School - Essex Junction
Fair Haven Union High School - Fair Haven
Grace Christian School
Green Mountain Union High School - Chester
Green Mountain Tech & Career Center - Hyde Park
Green Mountain Valley School - Fayston
Hartford High School - White River Junction
Harwood Union High School - Duxbury
Hazen Union High School - Hardwick
Killington Mountain School - Killington
Lake Champlain Waldorf High School - Shelburne
Lake Region Union High School - Orleans
Lamoille Union High School - Hyde Park
Leland & Gray Union High School - Townshend
Long Trail School - Dorset
Lyndon Institute - Lyndon Center
Middlebury Union High School - Middlebury
Mid Vermont Christian School - Quechee
Mill River Union High School - North Clarendon
Milton Senior High School - Milton
Missisquoi Valley Union Middle/High School - Swanton
Montpelier High School - Montpelier
Mount Abraham Union High School - Bristol
Mount Anthony Union High School - Bennington
Mount Mansfield Union High School - Jericho
Mount Mansfield Winter Academy - Stowe

Mount St. Joseph Academy - Rutland
North Country Union High School - Newport
Northfield High School - Northfield
Oak Meadow School - Brattleboro
Okemo Mountain School - Ludlow
Otter Valley Union High School - Brandon
Oxbow Union High School - Bradford
Peoples Academy - Morrisville
Poultney High School - Poultney
Proctor Junior/Senior High School - Proctor
Randolph Union High School - Randolph
Rice Memorial High School - South Burlington
Richford Junior/Senior High School - Richford
Rock Point School - Burlington
Rutland Area Christian School - Rutland
Rutland High School - Rutland
Sharon Academy - Sharon
South Burlington High School - South Burlington
Spaulding High School - Barre
Springfield High School - Springfield
St. Johnsbury Academy - St. Johnsbury
Stowe High School - Stowe
Stratton Mountain School - Stratton Mountain
The Compass School - Westminster
The Greenwood School - Putney
The Mountain School - Vershire
The Putney School - Putney
Thetford Academy - Thetford
Trinity Baptist High School - Williston
Twin Valley High School - Wilmington
Twinfield School - Plainfield
Union 32 High School - East Montpelier
United Christian Academy - Newport
Vergennes Union High School - Vergennes
Vermont Academy - Saxtons River
Vermont Commons School - South Burlington
Websterville Christian Academy - Websterville
West Rutland School - West Rutland
White River Valley High School - South Royalton
Williamstown High School - Williamstown
Windsor High School - Windsor
Winooski High School - Winooski
Woodstock Union High School - Woodstock

Thanks

Tasha Bouvier

ALAGMGS Chair

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JUNIOR ACTIVITIES

Hello everyone,

Great news! President Fran has had a member volunteer to be Junior Activities Chairperson. As she is asking for consent at Fall Conference and our bulletin message is due before that I will not be announcing her name. That is President Fran's honor to introduce her appointments. (See below!!)

I hope you encouraged your Junior members to visit the National website and check out the scholarships and Patch program. I'm sure our new Chairperson will have more info in the following bulletins.

In the spirit of service not self

Deb Tiernan
Acting Chairperson Dtiernanunit36@gmail.com
401-846-6454

Attention Auxiliary members. My name is Gail Bonnell and I am the new junior activities coordinator and just wanted to introduce myself to everyone. We will be coming up with some activities very soon. If anyone has some ideas, I am always open to suggestions. I have granddaughters that will be joining us. Can't wait to meet you all.

Praying for our Veterans
Junior Activity Coordinator
Gail Bonnell
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MEMBERSHIP

Greetings Members,

I hope you are all enjoying this warm weather and awesome foliage across Vermont! It's a great time to get out and promote our organization by having membership drives! Let's take advantage of the great fall weather and invite our community in to see how we work our mission and if they would like to help out, even if they cannot become members! Make your presence be known in your local communities. Membership is everyone's responsibility, but falls heavily on the Membership Chairs and Reps so let's continue promoting and get the membership rolling in.....WE NEED YOU!

Member Recruitment and Retention:

Recruiting and retaining a diverse, active membership is critical to our mission. Well into the future, veterans will need our support and advocacy to assist them at home and abroad, during war and peacetime, to receive the attention and support they deserve. To ensure the American Legion Auxiliary continues to exist for a future of serving our veterans, military, and their families, our goal is to enhance membership strength.

Following is a sampling of the resources available on the MyAuxiliary portal of the national website at www.ALAforVeterans.org to assist in achieving this goal:

1. The American Legion Family Membership Brochure
2. Paid Up for Life Application
3. Unit Guide
4. Door Hanger Templates
5. Volunteer Interest Form
6. ALAMIS Training Manuals
7. Membership Award Forms

It is important for department officers, board members and other leaders to become familiar with the tools available as units work to increase the ALA's positive visibility to attract and retain members. Letting members know that their contributions are valued, along with welcoming, respectful treatment goes a long way toward creating a positive experience and an appealing environment for both current and potential members. Department officers are encouraged to mentor unit leadership with these ideals...So please, reach out if you have questions!

As it stands, we are on to the first milestone, October 13th at 50%...Nobody has met this goal as of yet, but I am sure we will all catch our footing and soar...Coming in at 1st place is the 4th District Marshall Pup, the 5th District Rocky Pups are next, followed by 2nd District Zuma Pups, then 3rd District Skye Pups and 1st District is bringing up the rear with the Ruble Pups! C'mon Paw Patrol Pups...No Job too Big and no Pup too Small...The Paw Patrol is on the lookout for new members and retain the ones we have! I hope everyone goes to Fall Conference and learns tons to bring back to our Units. I will not be attending as my family and I have come down with Covid-19 and are all in quarantine until the 24th of Oct...Stay safe everyone, we are not out of the woods yet with this pandemic!

Service, Not Self...
Debi Graziano/Membership Chairperson
4253 VT RTE 78 Highgate Center, VT 05459
802-868-7920 or 802-370-8843

Application Forms - Awards - Membership

[10 New in 2022 Award Form](#)

[50 Year of Service Certificate](#)

[Together We Serve Award Form](#)

[2022 Awards List](#)

NATIONAL SECURITY

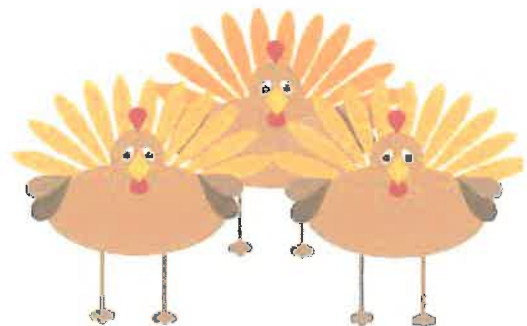
Hello American Legion Auxiliary!

I am sad to report that I have had no responses from units to tell me what they are doing for National Security or what they have planned. I also have not received any responses to August bulletin message where I asked every unit to send at least 1 example of something we could do to me via email.

I will soon be attending another "invite only" Yellow Ribbon event, which gives me tons of information as a Blue Star Mom and your National Security Chair to share with everyone so please watch for next month's bulletin to be very informational

For God, Country, and Our Veterans

Kelly Donaldson
American Legion Auxiliary
National Security Chair
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Past Presidents Parley

Vermont's 4th ALA Department President was Mrs. Lulu Fletcher Potter who presided over the ALA during 1923 -1924. Lulu was born in Johnson, VT on February 11, 1885 to Lewis & Mary Fletcher and married Irving I. Potter of Sheldon in 1903 and had three children 2 boys and a girl.



MRS. LULU F. POTTER
Department President

Lulu was a very active ALA President chairing many committees but also a Past President of the Women's Republican Club of Vermont. Her professional career as a schoolteacher stemmed 28 years in Greensboro, Morrisville, Cabot, Eden, Morgan, North Hyde Park & South Burlington until her retirement in 1955.

She was a 1922 charter member of the Auxiliary for the American Legion Post #2 in Burlington that no longer exists today. Her first role was Chaplain for this Unit when she resided in Burlington.

Additionally, she served on the state Personnel Board and Social Welfare board for 10 years and served on the VT Legislature for 7 years until 1963. Mrs. Lulu Potter was certainly active in her many

civic duty roles outside of the American Legion Auxiliary!

This beautiful, dedicated servant passed away at the age of 89 on October 7, 1974 in the Morrisville hospital after a long illness. She was laid to rest in Lamoille View Cemetery in Johnson with her husband who passed away in 1955.



There is no picture of their headstone on Find a Grave so this would be another scavenger hunt before the winter snow comes to locate their gravesite and get a picture to send to find a grave

to honor this great leading lady from the ALA's past. This is certainly one of our leaders from the past who deserves to be recognized and if there were a Unit close to Johnson, VT that could find her resting place and post an Auxiliary grave marker for her many years of service that would be amazing.

Don't forget to ask your Unit Presidents for an application for the Past Presidents Parley Nursing Scholarship & the ALA Unit Member of the year award application. These were given out at fall conference for distribution to Units, but you may also contact me directly for a copy. These are due to the PPP Committee by May 1st for judging.

In the Spirit of Service Not Self,

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PDP 2019 – 2021

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PUBLIC RELATIONS

Good morning Auxiliary; Fall is here and with it come lots of Holidays, events and trainings. I have provided some National information in this message this month.

ALA Academy Live: Mastering Military Shipping with Shipthriftly - Just in time for the holiday season, meet your newest ALA member benefits provider, Shipthriftly, and see how they can help you with all of your shipping needs this holiday season. Also learn the ease of shipping with Shipthriftly, focused specifically on military care packages!

The course will be offered on November 4th at 8pm Eastern Time. To register, go to www.legion-aux.org/meetings

NEW ALA RECRUITING FLYER FOR UNITS!

Does your ALA unit host a regular carry-out dinner night, or does your post home provide food for carry-out?

Consider adding these flyers to the takeout boxes! They're convenient, fillable PDFs with an efficient 3-up design for easy printing on a home computer. You can also take them to your local print shop so you'll always have extras on hand.

Start today:

- 1) Go to the My Auxiliary member portal at <https://member.legion-aux.org/member/resources/flyer-templates>
- 2) Download the PDF.
- 3) Click onto the fillable field at the bottom of the flyer to type in a unit contact person's name, phone, or email address.
- 4) Print on color paper (we suggest blue), and cut in thirds.
- 5) Take a flyer to each takeout box.

Here are five meaningful ways to volunteer on Veterans Day.

1. **Be an active listener.** Veterans are often expert story tellers. They have journeyed to places you may never see, often in a time you can't imagine. They have a lifetime of wisdom and experience, and if they're willing to share their journey with you, most likely you'll be the one to come away with a gift you never imagined. As you prepare to listen, keep these tips in mind:
 1. Give your veteran your undivided attention.
 2. Lean into the conversation, giving them nonverbal cues that you're really engaged.
 3. Be sensitive to questions our veteran may not want to answer.
 4. Refuse to be judgmental.
2. **Celebrate with veterans.** Show your support and encourage veterans on their day by participating in festivities. Take time to research what activities are happening locally in honor of their day. Then go out and participate.
 1. Stand in the crowd and enthusiastically cheer your veterans on during a parade.
 2. Congratulate them on their service by introducing yourself.
 3. Thank them personally for their service during the celebrations in your community.

3. **Make it personal.** If you know a veteran, ask them what they need. They may need transportation to and from community activities on Veterans Day. They might like for you to drop off or pick up their mail, stop by the grocery store for a few things they need, or mow their lawn. If they are reluctant to share a need, feel free to ask a friend, caregiver or loved one how you could meet a need. (Whatever you commit to, make sure you deliver on your promise that day or the next few days.)
4. **Pick up their tab.** If you see a veteran in line at the coffee shop or out at a restaurant, pay for their drink or meal. Those serving them are more than happy to bring you the check and it's a nice surprise to honor them for their service.
5. **Write a personal thank you.** As you have the opportunity to get to know some of our veterans, express your thanks in a letter or notecard. Try to mention something about them that is personal and relevant to your time together, even if it was a short hello. Then share how much you appreciate their service. Veterans often keep your words of appreciation as a reminder that someone took the time to care.

Be safe, and have a Happy Halloween!

Melodie Ashford, PR CH
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REHABILITATION

I hope everyone is staying healthy and warm!

At the VA Hospital we are doing gift cards the veterans and their family. DUE to Covid There won't be Giftshops in their facility we are going to drop off gifts before Christmas. If you want to join us let Me Know.

If you are donating for the giftshops you can have it to the Rutland post by 2pm or I can see about meeting up half way.

We have to remember age-appropriate items such as coloring books and no crayons. If You Have Any Questions feel free to contact me!

For God And Country & Our Veterans

Rebecca Moricette
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November 2021

Hello auxiliary Members!

*Excited to start this bulletin knowing the COVID Booster Vaccines are out and can be scheduled for individuals 65 and up or with medical issues! We can keep our Veterans safe by helping them get their booster vaccines scheduled! Spread the word! Be sure to get yours too! Contact your post Commander if rides are needed.
COVID hot Line (802) 722-7878 to schedule an appointment*

Enjoyed our fall conference. Nice to see everyone. Good information and accomplishments given by our Units.

November 10th ~ Marine Corps Birthday

November 11th ~ Veterans Day... *the anniversary of the signing of the armistice in 1918 ending World War I. In 1945 it was observed as a legal holiday in the US to honor the Veterans of the armed forces. Is there something special that you do to warm the heart of a Veteran on this day? I am anxious to hear what your Unit did for our beloved Veterans on their special day.*

November 24th ~ Thanksgiving... *Nice to hear at our Conference the Units planning to help make, serve and deliver dinners to our Veterans. Can you invite a Veteran to share your dinner table?*

The Christmas holidays are just around the corner. This can be a depressing time for our Veterans. Keep in touch, stop by to say hello, given them a phone call, take them for coffee or lunch.. baked goods are a perfect gift to drop off to a Veteran.

Suicide Hot line ~ (800) 273-8255 select option 1

Stockings Needed *~ I am now working to get filled Christmas stockings for our Veterans. Stockings will be donated to the Open-Door Mission and the Dodge House located in Rutland, VT. I am looking for approx. 60. I have attached the stocking with information to this bulletin for your review. Please contact me either by phone (802) 442-8680 or email darcumm@gmail.com with what your Unit can donate to this wonderful cause. I will be at the Rutland Post on December 2nd @ 1:00 pm if you could get them there that would be great. We can plan for pickups too. Remember to keep track of your hours, mileage, time shopping, monetary and time spent putting your stockings together. If you do make and deliver stocking in your area be sure to let me know how many so we can report all.. Be proud of what we do!*

For God and Country,

*Darlene Cumm, Service to Veterans Chair
Unit 13 Bennington, President
802-442-8680 ~ email darcumm@gmail.com*

TROPHIES & AWARDS

Hope everyone got a lot of information from the Fall Conference.

Make sure your packets are distributed to the proper chairpersons. Your Trophies & Awards information was one of the items enclosed. Please go through the information and good luck to all of the Units.

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WAYS & MEANS

Hey everyone,

By the time you receive the bulletin we will have had Fall Conference. I will give an update for Ways and Means in next bulletin. Have a great day!

In the spirit of service not self

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UD & R

For those of you interested in learning more details about the UD&R Committee & its duties and functions:

1. Identifies new and existing members with new ideas that breathe life into Units that are declining in membership and mission outreach. *It is more than just organizing new Units and trying to help Units keep their charters.*
2. Revitalization is also about providing mentors for struggling Units, providing training for new members, and finding leaders to replace long-time chairmen and officers.
3. More importantly, revitalization is about finding, exploring and trying new ways for all members to become more engaged in meaningful opportunities for mission outreach.
4. While revitalization is not focused primarily on solving Unit disharmony and personality conflicts within the Units, conflict resolution training can help members learn to solve many of the problems that damage the Auxiliary's reputation, discourage members and distract from our mission and purpose.
5. The UD&R Committee can be used to assist Units as described above:
 - a. When called upon by any Unit member with a written request submitted to the UD&R Chair or when asked by the ALA Department President either verbally or in writing.
 - b. Can provide guidance and mentorship for Unit officers and members
 - c. Can provide development training for Units with the goal of strengthening the Unit culture for the benefit of ALA Mission.
 - d. Cannot be used to discipline Unit members or
 - e. Handle appeals from Unit members for disciplinary actions issued by Unit Executive Committees.
 - f. Shall refer any circumstances that may lead to disciplinary action to the Unit/or Department Executive Committee when necessary to the safeguard Auxiliary's reputation & mission for all of its valued members.

If you would like more information about how the UD&R Committee can help with training or development in your Unit, please feel free to contact myself or Kelly Donaldson. Sometimes it does take an outside perspective to breathe new life into your Auxiliary and keep everyone working together for the good of our Veterans, Military & the Community.

In the Spirit of Service Not Self,

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AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY

20-Oct-21

2022 Membership

	Numeric Objective	Actual	%		Numeric Objective	Actual	%
FIRST DISTRICT				FOURTH DISTRICT			
<u>Jacqui Hood</u>				<u>Dee Colety</u>			
GREEN MOUNTAIN #1	409	199	48.66%	BENNINGTON # 13	214	102	47.66%
RICHFORD #12	63	41	65.08%	WALTER CASE #29	81	24	29.63%
VERGENNES #14	254	78	30.71%	RUTLAND #31	262	123	46.95%
BRISTOL #19	170	57	33.53%	J. CLAIRE CARMODY #39	86	28	32.56%
MIDDLEBURY #27	146	57	39.04%	FAIR HAVEN #49	124	64	51.61%
ENOSBURG #42	111	47	42.34%	CRIPPEN FELLOWS #50	186	95	51.08%
CRELLER LANDON #60	80	22	27.50%	BRANDON #55	104	69	66.35%
SHELDON SPRINGS #88	23	2	8.70%	ARLINGTON # 69	100	53	53.00%
COLCHESTER #91	<u>283</u>	<u>104</u>	<u>36.75%</u>	WEST RUTLAND #87	113	39	34.51%
TOTAL 1ST DISTRICT	1539	607	39.44%	POWVAL #90	<u>27</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>48.15%</u>
SECOND DISTRICT				FIFTH DISTRICT			
<u>Patsy Tompkins</u>				<u>Melissa Spear</u>			
HARDWICK #7	239	144	60.25%	BRATTLEBORO #5	271	73	26.94%
NEWPORT #21	105	11	10.48%	NELSON E. PICKWELL #15	13	10	76.92%
ORLEANS #23	100	59	59.00%	CECIL A. DAVIS #17	19	0	0.00%
JAY PEAK #28	98	37	37.76%	WINDSOR #25	177	69	38.98%
LYNDON #30	126	59	46.83%	BALLARD HOBART #36	229	122	53.28%
NORTHLAND #47	54	2	3.70%	PIERCE LAWTON #37	197	84	42.64%
ST. JOHNSBURY #58	63	20	31.75%	CHESTER #67	<u>232</u>	<u>46</u>	<u>19.83%</u>
BARTON # 76	30	12	40.00%	TOTAL 5TH DISTRICT	1138	404	35.50%
BRIGHTON #80	<u>98</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>6.12%</u>	HEADQUARTERS #100	92	67	72.83%
TOTAL 2ND DISTRICT	913	350	38.34%	Vermont Total	5630	2268	40.28%
THIRD DISTRICT				1ST PLACE 4th District 47.03%			
<u>Joanie Dudley</u>				2ND PLACE 1st District 39.44%			
MONTPELIER #3	84	15	17.86%	3RD PLACE 2nd District 38.34%			
BARRE #10	187	76	40.64%	4TH PLACE 5th District 35.50%			
MORRISTOWN #33	57	23	40.35%	5TH PLACE 3rd District 35.33%			
HARRY N. CUTTING #59	194	59	30.41%	1ST MILESTONE DATE 50% 10/13/2021			
SORRELL MAYNARD #63	106	46	43.40%	2ND MILESTONE DATE 60% 12/13/2021			
DONALD MCMAHON #64	<u>23</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>47.83%</u>	3RD MILESTONE DATE 75% 2/12/2022			
TOTAL 3RD DISTRICT	651	230	35.33%	4TH MILESTONE DATE 85% 5/14/2022			
				5TH MILESTONE DATE 100% 7/23/2022			

American Legion Auxiliary
Department of Vermont President
Francisca Massey

Vermont Paws & Boots



“President’s Project – Vermont Paws & Boots”

Vermont Paws & Boots Mission Statement: “Vermont Paws & Boots assists disabled Veterans and First Responders by teaming them with rescue dogs and creating a bond allowing each to thrive again”

\$10.00 per ticket – Many chances to Win! All Proceeds will go to Vermont Paws & Boots



1st Prize – Vermont Teddy Bear Co. - Cuddle Puppy (T-Shirt with Aux Emblem included*)**



2nd Prize – Doggie Gift Basket with Gift Certificates

**3rd Prize – Handmade Full Size
Patriotic Blanket**



And Several More Surprises to Be Drawn!!!

**To Purchase Tickets: Send Payment to ALA HQ – “President’s Project” – PO Box 192,
Montpelier VT 05601**

Drawing will be held at Department Convention June 2022

American Legion Auxiliary – Dept. of Vermont

“Tree of Warmth”

Located at the VA Medical Center – White River Junction

Building 1



November 9th and 10th,

Then again on November 16th, 17th, and 18th

9 AM to 2 PM (Per PDP - Janet Osmer, VA&R CH)

As always, Free to Veterans and their Families!

Christmas Gift List for Veterans Home from Michele Burgess

Women (32)

Socks
Hair Products, Hair ties, Barrettes
Nail Care products, Polish, bottled remover
Emery boards
Room decorating, small, decorated baskets,
Small pictures
Soft cuddly stuffed animals, not too small and no
Buttons please

Crafts

Colored pencils
Adult Coloring books (not too difficult)
Wood Craft to paint, Bird Houses,
Sun Catchers
Drawing Paper
Gardening items

NO Jewelry
NO Kid stuff please
NO boxed cards
NO Board Games

Misc

Dry erase boards /markers
5x7 wire notebooks
Appointment books
Bird Seed,
Tootsie Pops, Pretzel rods, Cheese balls, twists, soft candy, NO Nuts
Wrapping paper

Men (105)

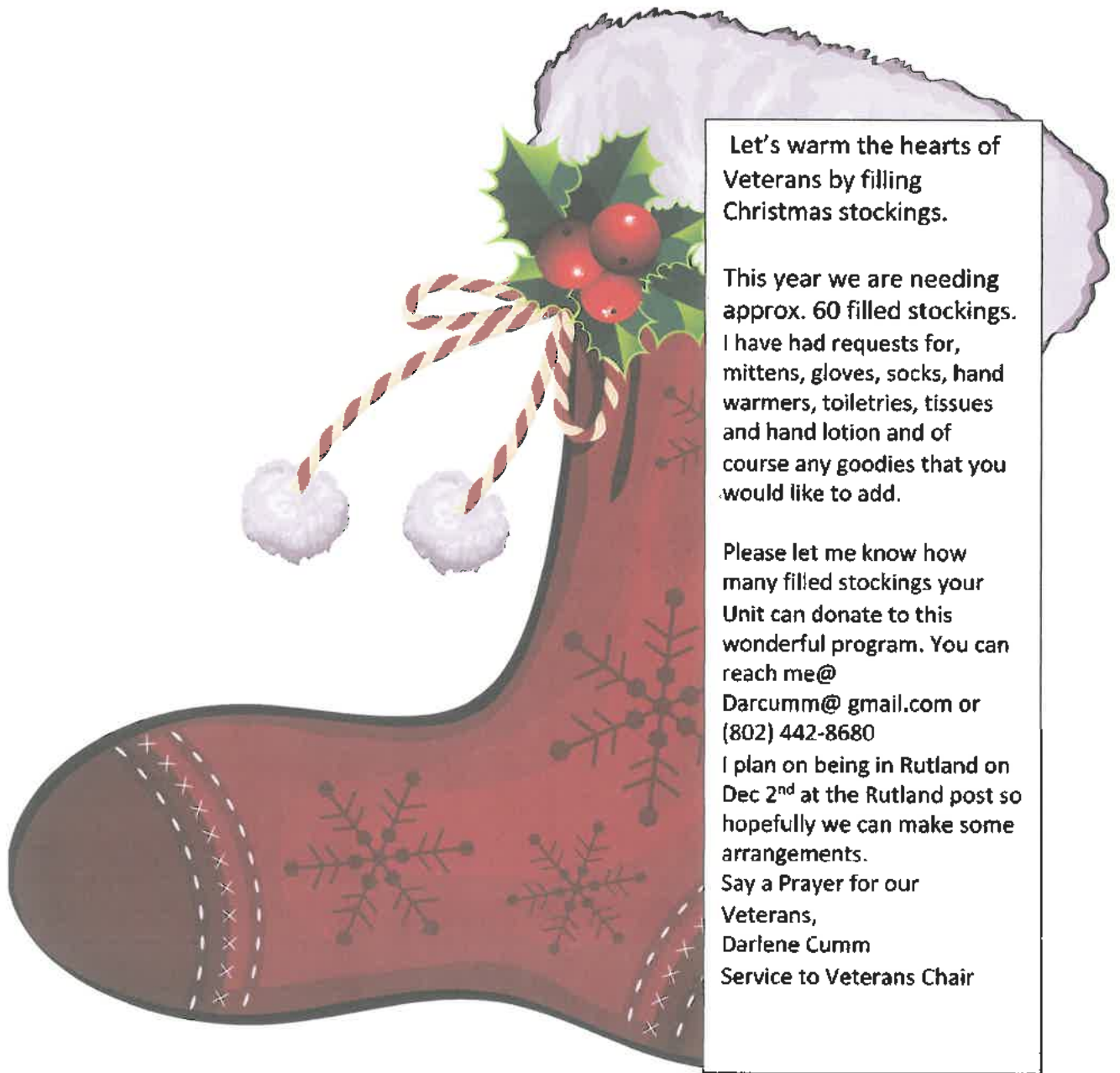
Wallets
Watches
Socks, Hats and
Mittens
Sports stuff, Red
Sox & Yankee

Misc

Word Search Books
Crossword puzzles
Baking mix items,
Cookie, Cake &
Brownie
Baking items, pans,
Tins
Travel Mug
Calendars
Yatzee Games
UNO Games
Anything Patriotic

Michele explained with coloring books they copy the pictures for the residents to color. I saw a nice one at Michaels, not fancy or childish.

Wrapping paper, the residents may buy something for their family and want it wrapped and mailed to them.



Let's warm the hearts of Veterans by filling Christmas stockings.

This year we are needing approx. 60 filled stockings. I have had requests for, mittens, gloves, socks, hand warmers, toiletries, tissues and hand lotion and of course any goodies that you would like to add.

Please let me know how many filled stockings your Unit can donate to this wonderful program. You can reach me@ Darcumm@ gmail.com or (802) 442-8680

I plan on being in Rutland on Dec 2nd at the Rutland post so hopefully we can make some arrangements.

Say a Prayer for our Veterans,
Darlene Cumm
Service to Veterans Chair

UPCOMING EVENTS

October 31	Halloween	
November 2	Election Day	
November 7	Daylight Saving Time Ends	
November 10	US Marine Corps' Birthday	1775
November 11	Veterans Day	Office Closed
November 9-10	Tree of Warmth	White River Junction, VA
November 16-18	Tree of Warmth	White River Junction, VA
November 20	National Family Volunteer Day	
November 25	Thanksgiving	Office Closed
November 26	Day After Thanksgiving	Office Closed
November 28 - December 6	Hanukkah begins	
November 30	Giving Tuesday	

Department Office Hours: Monday through Friday 8:00a.m.-3:00p.m.

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ALL BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS ARE DUE AT HEADQUARTERS

BY 8:00 AM ON THE 20th TO PRINT ON THAT DAY

THEY ARE FOR THE FOLLOWING MONTH SO THINK AHEAD

(i.e., when you submit in November, it is for the December Bulletin)