



American Legion Auxiliary

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TO: National Executive Committee Members, National Officers, National Chairmen, Past National Presidents

CC: Department Presidents; Department Secretaries, NHQ Staff

From: Kelly Circle, Executive Director

Re: **Weekly Briefing 7-24-2020**

The American Legion's membership workshop is going virtual and will be open to anyone who wants to attend. Members just have to click on "Attendee Link" in the attached agenda for the session they want to attend about 15 minutes before it starts. This is a wonderful training opportunity for all our members and an opportunity to learn the Legion perspective. **Please do whatever you can to spread the word to all of our unit members!**

Also attached is a flyer for the 2020 Show Your Love Contest. **This is another request to do whatever you can to get this information to all of our unit members.** It would be nice to see one of our own win the grand prize considering all the wonderful things we have seen in local communities in the last few month!

Shannon Hitchcock, Director of HR, and I have been busy reviewing some Inclusion & Division training modules. LinkedIn has some really good, and FREE, trainings and I encourage everyone to take a look at them. In particular, I highly recommend "Confronting Bias: Thriving Across Our Differences" and "Bystander Training: From Bystander to Upstander." All of these trainings are based in the employment setting but are easily transferrable to our organization. Here's the link to the trainings: <https://learning.linkedin.com/blog/linkedin-learning-resources/free-courses-to-help-you-become-a-stronger-ally-and-have-inclusi>
Please share this link with everyone you can so ALL members can benefit!

On Monday and Tuesday, the directors will be meeting with the Strategic Planning Committee to present their division plans. The directors have put much time and thought into planning the activities, and I'm so appreciative of their efforts. I'm confident the committee will be impressed with their efforts as well.

Next week, I'll be taking some vacation time and will be out of the office starting on Wednesday, July 29th and returning on Tuesday, August 4th. I'm looking forward to social distance camping up in the mountains of Colorado and celebrating my birthday (August 2nd) with one of my best friends whose birthday is August 3rd! Since I'm only in the office for two days, I don't plan on sending a briefing next week.

Have a great weekend and a great week next week!