



American Legion Auxiliary

*A Community of Volunteers Serving Veterans,
Military, and their Families*

**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 9-25-2020**

This week, the NEC met and approved the FY21 budgets for both the ALA and the ALA Foundation. Everyone came prepared and we had some great questions in the Q&A forum. I appreciate everyone taking the time to read through all the materials and asking clarifying questions.

Special Committees update

It's so encouraging to hear so many members are excited to serve on the Inclusion & Diversity and National Code of Ethical Conduct Review Committees! Tune in to the weekly briefing and social media next week for more details and application information!

ALA Academy Live update

In September, 10 ALA Academy Live courses, which includes a virtual Girls State Leadership Conference, and 2 Virtual National Executive Committee Meetings were held. Behind the scenes presenters, staff and leadership held numerous content review sessions and technical test calls to make sure everything ran smoothly.

Thanks to everyone who has participated and provided feedback so we can make improvements. I owe another **BIG** thank you to the staff and volunteer trainers who have been working hard to pull these together quickly. They are doing a great job and are going to get even better as we are all learning as we go!

There is still time to register for the Mission Delivery: Veteran Service Course. We will be offering the same content multiple times on the following dates and times:

Tues., Oct. 6, 7:30 p.m. EDT

Tues, Oct. 13, 7:30 p.m. EDT

Thurs., Oct. 15, 9:30 p.m. EDT

Registration link: <https://cvent.me/oPZxDy?RefId=NECupdate>

In late October, there will be an ALA Foundation Live course on grant application and the Junior Leader course is in final development stages. Volunteers and Staff are working hard at developing more virtual content, so stay tuned!!

Development update

Some good news for us here at NHQ! We were notified we received a Nonprofit Restart Program grant from the United Way of Central Indiana for \$2,549.77. This covered the masks, cleaning supplies, thermometers, sanitizer, sneeze guards, alcohol wipes, and air conditioning filters we purchased in order to reopen the office.



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Thank you to the **NINE** people who signed up to become monthly donors this week!! Next week is the last week of the fiscal year and our development team is working hard to meet their year-end goal. If you are thinking about becoming a monthly donor, now would be a great time to sign up!



\$10 A MONTH

can provide art kits for veterans in the Veterans Creative Arts Festival.

\$25 A MONTH

can provide help to a member in need through the Auxiliary Emergency Fund.



\$50 A MONTH

can provide new bed linens for 50 veterans at a homeless shelter.

\$100 A MONTH

can provide 12 planter beds to help veterans learn gardening skills.



Here in Indiana, we are now in Stage 5 of the state reopening plan. Masks are still required but all businesses can open with social distancing measures in place. Every state is different and as we have seen, things can change again in an instant. This uncertainty, along with the social unrest and the election coming up, can cause a great deal of stress for individuals. Please know you are not alone. Reach out to a friend to check on them and share your feelings too.

I found some great nuggets in this article that helped me and I hope you find it helpful too:

https://www.smartbrief.com/original/2020/09/how-adversity-can-improve-way-you-think?utm_source=brief