



# 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 9-3-2020**

Happy Labor Day Weekend! I'll be taking off tomorrow to putter around my yard so I'm sending the briefing a day early.

Thanks to everyone for attending and being so prepared for our NEC meeting last Saturday! I want to give a special shoutout to our staff, Events Team – Laura Casey, Samantha Caudill, Nicole Chernish, and Lauren Blakey and our Admin Team – Tamara Shumate and Angie Graham for their amazing efforts to learn the software and the technology behind it to effectively run the meeting ourselves instead of hiring an outside vendor to do it. Because of their adaptability and eagerness to take on additional responsibilities, they saved our organization \$5600!

The Finance Committee will be meeting next Wednesday to finalize the FY21 budget. NEC members will be receiving a doodle poll in the next day or two with options for the NEC meeting to approve the budget. Please respond to that poll at your earliest convenience so we can get the meeting on everyone's calendar. I thank you for your patience to allow us time to provide you with a budget that aligns with our fiscal and strategic goals. And, I also thank you for taking additional time out of your busy schedules to have this extra meeting.

During the NEC meeting, President Nicole created, and the NEC ratified, two special purpose committees – The National Code of Ethical Conduct Review Committee and The Inclusion & Diversity Committee. The next step is to reach out to our members and find qualified individuals willing to serve on these committees. This is where you can help! We have approximately 600,000 members and we want everyone to have an opportunity to apply. Please help us get the word out to every unit member in your department!

For these special committees, ALA Leadership experience is not required. More details will follow but know these committees will be meeting frequently on a virtual platform with work to be done in-between meetings. Therefore, we need individuals who can carve out time and be willing to do the "heavy lifting" so proposals can be presented at the next Convention. I know Convention 2021 sounds like it's a long ways off, but it will be here before we know it! Have a wonderful weekend!