



# American Legion Auxiliary

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**TO: National Executive Committee Members, National Officers, National Chairmen, Past National Presidents**  
**CC: Dept Presidents; Dept Secretaries/EDs, NHQ Staff; National Committee Members**  
From: Kelly Circle, Executive Director  
Re: **Weekly Briefing 07-23-2021**

What a great week it has been! Leading candidate for President Kathy Daudistel, Leading candidate for Vice President Vickie Koutz, and I spent the week with the TAL upcoming leadership receiving briefings from both the ALA and TAL staffs. TAL Directors from DC even joined us. We hosted one day at ALA NHQ and did our presentations there. Everyone was very complimentary of our beautiful building and how informative and polished our briefings were. Our directors did a great job!

We participated in media training as well, recording an “on the street” interview and a Zoom interview for a mock morning radio show. After recording, we were critiqued by John Raughter, TAL Media Relations. We were all very nervous but our interviews turned out better than we thought they would. We learned a lot and all passed receiving a very nice certificate of completion.

This was a great opportunity for the ALA and TAL volunteers and staff to share information and ideas and get to know each other better. This collaboration will help us all start the year off right and hit the ground running on our goals. I want to give a big thanks to The American Legion leadership for inviting us to be a part of their meetings!

Tomorrow I’m headed to DC for ALA Girls Nation and will be working from there for the week. I’m looking forward to seeing the new location and reading the proposed legislation the young women have written. You can expect more details in next week’s briefing I’m sure.

Please see the attachment for Red Book updates for this week.