



American Legion Auxiliary

*A Community of Volunteers Serving Veterans,
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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 08-20-2021**

T minus seven and counting...

It's been another whirlwind week here at National Headquarters getting ready for Convention. The truck was loaded with pallets of goodies yesterday and is now westbound for Phoenix. The excitement is in the air!

I didn't realize how many meetings there are at convention in which I give a report. I've been busily typing away at my computer, hoping I don't forget anything. We (staff and volunteers) have accomplished much in the past year and I want to highlight everything!

We've been paying close attention to the COVID numbers in Indy and in Phoenix. In both places, the numbers are rising. The safety and well-being of the national staff is a top priority for me and to that end, I have implemented extra safety standards for the staff. These extra precautions are required for staff and optional for members.

1. Masks will be required anytime one cannot safely distance at least 6 feet. This basically means anytime a staff member is in the convention center, they will need to wear a mask. (Unless they are sitting at a desk in the office.)
2. Fist bumps or elbow shakes are allowed; no hugs or handshakes. This one is really hard but please, help keep our staff healthy so they can continue to work hard to support our members.

While these extra precautions are optional for members, please do what you can to support the staff and help them follow their requirements.

National Convention livestream: Tell your friends!

We know a lot of you can't attend National Convention this year, and we're sad we won't see you, but there IS a way to be with us — from home! Catch all the festivities on our livestream at www.ALforVeterans.org starting Monday, Aug. 30. Video can be viewed on mobile devices, tablets, or your desktop computer. Unable to catch the live events each day? Archived video also will be available for viewing.



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Our general sessions and installation of officers will be livestreamed, as well as a special event at this year's convention: the ALA Showcase of Fashion on Tuesday, Aug. 31. The American Legion Auxiliary's supermodels — aka our Past National Presidents — will be dressed up in different eras of clothing from the ages of the ALA. Also making a special appearance: PNPs from significant anniversary years will be interviewed.

Please: Tell your friends and fellow members about our livestreaming service so you don't miss a beat while we're in the heat of Phoenix. And be sure to comment, post questions, and join in the fun!

Go on a 100 Points for Hope scavenger hunt

If you're attending the 102nd National Convention in Phoenix, support The American Legion's second annual 100 Miles for Hope challenge with a fun scavenger hunt.

Participants of the 100 Points for Hope scavenger hunt will locate five different stops inside the Phoenix Convention Center, including the Exhibit Hall, for 20 points each. Three of the stops will require you to take a photo; each stop will be marked with a 100 Points for Hope placard. The end result is free 100 Miles commemorative merchandise and an opportunity to donate to the 100 Miles for Hope cause – The American Legion Veterans and Children Foundation.

To read the full story and find out where the stops are located:

<https://www.legion.org/100miles/253433/go-100-points-hope-scavenger-hunt>

There are no Red Book updates for this week.