



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 08-27-2021**

National Convention is upon us!

A few reminders about Convention – Remember, even if you can't be with us in person, you can watch the live stream with your friends! (If you can follow safety protocols and stay healthy; that's most important!) Have a pot luck, or "pitch-in" as they say in Indiana and host a fun unit activity.

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. If you want to know what I look and sound like, I'll be giving my platform remarks on Tuesday morning. 😊

Convention attendees: Our new event app helps you keep up with #AuxCon21 happenings

Who's ready for ALA National Convention in Phoenix? We are! Before you get down to convention business, download our new convention app! You will have up-to-date information in the palm of your hand, along with other fun features. Check out the attached flyer for instructions on how to download the app. The American Legion also has an event app for their National Convention activities, which you can find at legion.org/mobileapps. Please use our app for all things ALA, though. See you in Phoenix!

Support the ALA Foundation

The ALA Foundation is hosting an online silent auction and EVERYONE is invited to participate! Whether you are at home in your easy chair, at work, or on the convention floor, you too can bid on some great items!

Take a sneak peek at what is available:

<https://www.charityauctionstoday.com/auctions/americanlegionauxiliary-23392>

Bidding will start on Monday, August 30 and end on Wednesday, September 1 at 9pm Phoenix MST/12pm ET. All proceeds will go to the ALA Foundation's Mission Endowment Fund.



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Worried about how you'll get your item home? Have no fear – we will ship your items to you whether you are in person or bidding from home!

Safety First!

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.

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.