



# 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 09-03-2021**

Well, I wasn't going to write a briefing because I'm on vacation but I just can't help myself. I'm so pumped and inspired after a week of friends and fellowship, I just want it to continue! So, I cheated and am sending this on Thursday while I'm still "in the office."

Thank you to all who were able to use vacation time and money to join us in person and thank you to all those who joined us online or in spirit from home for the 2021 National Convention. It was great to meet so many members who I've talked with over the past two years and put faces to voices and emails. Everyone is so kind and supportive of me; I know we are capable of lifting each other up!

Convention was a wonderful celebration and well worth the wait! The recordings will be posted on the website so if you missed out watching it live, you can catch up. I HIGHLY recommend watching the ALA Fashion Show! The PNPs did a fabulous job and because they had so much fun, the audience did too! I laughed until I cried. Congratulations to PNP Nicole for coming up with such a creative and fun idea.

I'm inspired by President Kathy's focus on Caregivers as so many of our members are caregivers, even if we don't think of ourselves as caregivers (myself included). This could be the tool we need to fill our cups up so we have the life energy to continue to serve the ALA mission as well being there for our families.

I mentioned this in my platform remarks, but I want to say it again...please log into your member portal and make sure we have an email address on file (one that you actually check on a semi-regular basis). We'll be sending out short surveys to get feedback on what we are planning and the direction you want to see our organization go and we want to hear your voice. While you're there, check out the weekly briefings under Member Resources and see what's new in the ALA Academy.

There are no Red Book updates for this week.