

ALA meeting 11/24/24

Meeting was called to order at 6:32 by President Lynott.

Sergeant of Arms confirmed a quorum is present

Sergeant at arms advanced the colors and prepared the POW chair.

Meeting opened with Pledge of the Allegiance, singing of the national anthem and followed by a prayer by Chaplain Marilyn.

Those in attendance: Sharon Lynott, Melissa Gebhard, Emily Clark, Barb McCullough, Marilyn Short, Cathy Kissinger, Danielle Maneval, Cheryl Martin, Nicole Valle, Sandy Gibo, MaryBeth Durst, Belinda McCottry, Cristy Weigel, Michele Darrah, Ruth Jeannerat, Carol Forney, Andrea Rung

Guests in attendance:

- Nikki V

Secretary Report:

- Minute emailed monthly, no corrections needed to Oct minutes
- Motion by Melissa, 2nd by Cathy, motion passed

Treasurer Report:

- Since Tammy wasn't at the meeting, Sharon read the balances.
- Book is always available if you have questions

Donation requests:

- ALR Riders
 - Penguin Plunge Jan 2025 for the Humane Society
 - \$100 motion by Barb, 2nd by Ruth, motion passed

President:

- The Legion, Sons and Riders and Barb and I have been working on the Dec. 1st Hurricane Relief Bingo.
- On Wednesdays, Trivia and a Meat Raffle are on an every other week schedule. Dec. 4th is Trivia. Meat Raffle consists of 6 small meat bundles and one large meat bundle that is raffled off during the evening. Starts at 7 pm. Must be there to win.

2nd Vice:

- Thank you note from Lebanon VA Meal
- FT Indiantown Gap

1st Vice:

- Putting for Marietta Miracles golf Tournament – hole sponsorship – 6/7/2025
- Pennstate Health Children’s Miracle Network – table for now
- Buddy Check Calls will be starting
- Military Shares – 60 families and now pets
- Son’s got a new computer and they are at 50% membership
- Legion is at 80%
- Home Asson is finally getting books together
- HA made a payment of \$7,308.43 to the Legion
- Discussing Sunday breakfast, holding off for now
- Late night sandwich sales are going very well
- Requesting a new meat slicer, tomato slicer and table top steak broiler for the kitchen.
- Riders have 52 members
 - Purchased a 26” trike for special needs child
 - Dec 13th will Bike a Better Path distribution 120 bikes this year
 - Dec 14th Wreaths Across America Section 10 and maybe another
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Keystone Girls State

- Applications came out in December

JR ALA:**Poppy Fund:****Sunshine:****Children’s Halloween:**

- Went well
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Breakfast with Santa:

- Set up Dec 6th 5:30pm ,
- Breakfast Dec 7th – 9-11
- Roundtable
- \$5 per adult
- Will need new chairs for next year

Membership:

- 571 paid members for 2025
- Goal is 823 members
- 69% renewal
- No credit cards at the bar anymore. You can pay with cash or check
- If you would like to pay with credit card, please pay online:
 - <https://www.legion-aux.org/renew>

Yard Sale: Emily and Barb

Veteran's Dinner: Marilyn

VA Holiday Dinner

- White table clothes, green napkins
- Mason jar centerpieces

Angel Tree

- Let Ruth know of kids in need
- No response from school

Old Business:

- Honor Guard is still in need of members. They only have a few that can be there during the week days. You do not have to be a Veteran and if you attend at least 5 Functions, they will pay for your membership and supply your uniform
- Tee Shirts – I have some extra and can still order if you would like one. Payment at time of pick up is expected cash or check please, check made out to Sharon. I can still order shirts if you want one.
- Veteran's Breakfast, we had an outstanding showing of volunteers. Thank you everyone. We served around 211 people. Ali Jacobs, 2nd grade teacher from Silver Academy in Harrisburg brought in TU papers for the veterans. We had cards for the veterans to send back to the students
- PA Auxiliary website – pa.ala.org
- National Auxiliary website – alaforveterans.org

New Business:

- Signup sheets.
 - Lebanon VA dinner on Dec. 9th, set up at 3 pm that day. .
 - Children's Breakfast with Santa, December 7th. Set up will be December 6th
 - Cookies for the Linglestown Fire House for the Tree Lighting Ceremony. Drop the cookies off at the new firehouse at 4 pm, If you feel you want to stay to help you can, but not necessary
 - One is for the Tri-County meeting December 7th at Lawnton Legion. Meet in our parking lot by 8:30 to carpool but let me know you are coming so we don't leave without you,
 - Christkindlmarkt Dec. 14th from 8-5ish.
 - VA Holiday Tour

Upcoming Bingo Proceeds:

- Dec 17th – Lebanon VA Meals
- Jan 28th – CD Cares
- Feb 25th –

**PA Wounded Warriors – Marilyn wants to see us donate twice a year – Emily made a motion to do a Bingo March 25th and 6 months later a flat donation.

**Cathy suggest sells packets ahead of time instead of for each game.

****Please make sure you are handing in your volunteer hour sheets at least quarterly.****

Next meeting is Feb 23.

Meeting adjourned at 7:38 pm.