

ALA Post 272

February 2026 Newsletter

Hope everyone is staying warm and safe, especially after our recent snow storm. BRRRR!!

Starting January 2026, the non-smoking **Community Bingo** in the banquet room will be welcoming children (17 and under) to participate. The adult cost is \$25 for the packet of tickets which covers all games and specials. Additional packets are \$12 each. Kids ticket packets are \$12. The Progressive Bingo pot will start at over \$100 for the February 15, 2026 community bingo and will continue to build at each monthly bingo until it is won. Cost to participate is \$1. We're still looking for players so make sure to attend with family, friends, and neighbors to these community bingos. Maybe even help out for a bit! **FYI** – proceeds from these monthly bingos are split between the Legion groups in an effort to recoup the monies lost from the cutback on the number of summer barbecues.

Once a month, the ALA sponsors a **fundraising bingo** in the non-smoking canteen at 7:00 on a **Tuesday** evening. Ticket packets are \$25 and includes all of the regular games and specials. An additional packet will be \$12 each. **HOWEVER....** Starting in January, we will be selling single strips for those who can't stay the entire night. Regular games will be \$1 each, specials will be \$2 each, and Black Out will be \$3 each (after playing at least 3 games prior to the Black Out game). Upcoming Tuesday night bingo date:

February 10, 2026 – we are raising funds to help finance the costs for the ALA Tri-County Meeting we are hosting on May 2, 2026.

Speaking of the **ALA Tri-County Meeting** that Linglestown is hosting on May 2, Cristy Weigel will be chairing this high profile event and will soon be scheduling meetings. Your participation is greatly needed to make this a success for our post. Updates will follow as they become available. Tri-County is where the local ALA posts gather together for networking, making new friends, greeting the old ones, and sharing ideas of what has worked for us all in terms of fundraising and community outreach. The afternoon is very informative and inspiring - and the fabulous lunches are well worth your time! Please consider attending to see for yourself what it's all about.

The **Lebanon VA** is still needing the following new (not used) items: Male scents for Deodorant, Lotion, Body wash, and 3-in-1 body wash. Men's 4X T-shirts, 4X underwear briefs, and medium T-shirts. Alcohol-free mouthwash, large nail clippers, large size baby

powder, and Women's (size small) bras. ALL ITEMS NEED TO BE **NEW** – NOT USED. They would also appreciate adult activity and coloring books. Donations can be placed in the wooden box in the lobby.

Upcoming ALA dates for February:

February 10 – Tuesday bingo in the canteen at 7:00. Proceeds will go towards the cost of hosting the Tri-County Meeting.

February 15 – Community bingo in the Banquet Room. Doors open at 11:30, first number is called at 1:00.

February 22 – ALA Meeting in the Non-smoking Dining Room at 6:30

Remember: Our mission is to serve those who protect our freedoms.

ANY QUESTIONS/SUGGESTIONS? Email/text our President, Sharon at 717-418-8793.