

# ALA UNIT 272 COMMITTEES

## **Americanism Committee**

Be knowledgeable on flag history, etiquette, and proper disposal methods, and promote the observation of patriotic holidays so your community will look to the ALA for information.

Increase participation in the Americanism Essay Contest.

Participate in the promotion of The American Legion Americanism programs.

## **Children and Youth Committee**

The Children & Youth program emphasizes protecting, caring for, and supporting children and youth, particularly those of veterans' and military families.

To recognize and reward the positive actions of our children and youth, the American Legion Auxiliary has two special national awards bestowed to youth nominated by units: The Youth Hero Award and the Good Deed Award.

Kids of Deployed are Heroes 2 (KDH2) is an initiative honoring military children who may be experiencing a separation from one or both parents, whether deployed to a war zone, having a short tour or on an extended temporary duty assignment.

The American Legion Auxiliary Children & Youth program strives to support and promote the Children & Youth program of The American Legion.

## **Junior Activities Committee**

To inspire active participation in members aged 17 and under so that they will become engaging, productive members who will want to continue their American Legion Auxiliary membership into adulthood.

To build the Junior Activities program one member at a time by giving Junior members a voice and an opportunity to participate.

To promote and encourage Junior participation in the Patch Program to teach them about the mission of the American Legion Auxiliary.

To make Junior meetings fun and informative.

## **Legislative Committee**

The Legislative program provides information and assistance to American Legion Auxiliary members to advocate for the legislative agenda of The American Legion.

## **Community Service Committee**

Making our communities better places in which to live is something Auxiliary members strive for each day across this country.

A major outreach program of the Auxiliary since 1926, Community Service also demonstrates our longstanding commitment to supporting the work of American Legion posts and other organizations in providing assistance with blood drives, first aid and CPR training, child safety programs, support for women in shelters, and disaster and emergency preparedness programs.

To promote quality education for children, especially for military children, and adults To encourage schools to invite veterans to speak in their classrooms.

## **Education Committee**

To provide scholarships for students who desire a college education.

To Support legislation that establishes new scholarship opportunities.

To support the Education program and scholarship opportunities of The American Legion.

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## **Nominating Committee**

Three members shall be elected for the purpose of presenting a slate of Unit officers for the ensuing year.

## **National Security Committee**

The National Security program maintains and promotes a strong national defense by strengthening and supporting military servicemembers and their families. Support active-duty military families by working with an installation Family Readiness Group (FRG). Contact the Family Readiness Center on your nearby military installation for more information.

## **Poppy Committee**

Promote the Poppy Program and increase revenue.  
Educate your community on the meaning and the history of the poppy.  
Celebrate National Poppy Day.  
Increase the number of poppy makers in your community.

## **Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation Committee**

Support rehabilitation and healing of veterans through arts, crafts, and hobbies. Support veteran caregivers, family members and survivors.  
Enroll Auxiliary members as VA Voluntary Service (VAVS) volunteers at VA health care facilities. Help the American Legion, State Department of Veterans Affairs and Chamber of Commerce promote job fairs for veterans and their families. There is not a VA hospital close to your community? Find opportunities for Auxiliary members to serve veterans in your area such as serving the homeless.

## **Sunshine Committee**

To give get well cards to sick and hospitalized members. They must have permission from family before sending cards.

## **ALA Girls Nation/Girls State Committee**

In all 50 states the American Legion Auxiliary proudly host ALA Girls State, an amazing week of learning focused on responsible citizenship and love for God and country. ALA Girls State delegates are a diverse group of young women with a shared desire to learn and lead. ALA Girls State “citizens” come together from small towns, big cities, and rural areas to hold ALA Girls State elections, and their varied backgrounds set the stage for a week of spirited, experiential learning. The American Legion Auxiliary Girls Nation is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for young women. This weeklong event gives participants a firsthand experience with practical insight into how the federal government works. ALA Girls Nation connects participants with their peers from across the country, allowing the young women a unique opportunity to spend time with others who share common interests and those who have different perspectives from their own. The girls leave Washington, D.C. with a deeper understanding of government, a renewed sense of patriotism, and an appreciation for veterans.

## **Finance Auditing Committee**

Composed of three members shall be appointed by the Unit President for the purpose of auditing the Treasurer's accounts at the close of each term and making a report of the audit to the Unit.

## **Membership Committee**

The purpose of the national Membership Committee is to promote the benefits of American Legion Auxiliary membership and to retain and recruit a diverse, active membership to carry out the American Legion Auxiliary mission and programs.