ALA Post 272

November 2026 Newsletter

BIG NEWS!! The Legion is going to be **SMOKE-FREE** as of April 1, 2027. Discussions will be held by the Post for an alternative, sheltered, outside area for smokers.

Lots of positive feedback from the **Boscov's Friends and Family fundraiser**. There was talk of us being able to man a table in the store for selling these coupons next year. Thanks to Cristy Weigle for bringing this easy fundraiser to us!

The **TV** in the canteen and one on the deck are being used for all advertising. Send ad requests to commander.post.272@gmail.com for posting.

The Legion's **Honor Guard** is in DESPERATE need for volunteer members. They are down to **3**!! You do not have to be a veteran to fulfill these positions but they need members that can also help with daytime events. You can leave a message with a bartender, Michelle, or Sharon and they will pass your interest on to Bill Dornsife.

The **ALA Membership** numbers for 2027 are currently at 445 paid members. Let's keep those dues coming in!

The children's **Halloween party** was a spooky success! Pizza, drinks, and an ice cream bar were enjoyed by all. Halloween music played throughout the night while the children enjoyed a Glow-Dance Party, tattoos, marshmallow races, and a graveyard penny toss. All of them went home with a bag FULL of goodies. It was a job well done by Melissa Gebhard and Brittany Robinson.

We are still gathering items for our donation to the "Baby Bundle Project". This helps the families of the National Guard's veteran deployed members at Indiantown Gap. In lieu of a monetary donation from us, they requested the donation include much needed items that our president, Sharon has been purchasing.

The Lebanon VA was looking for individual gifts for their residents. The ALA voted to sponsor 2 football sweatshirts : Eagles and Steelers. (Hmmm….Which is more popular???)

Our 2025-2026 **audit** passed with flying colors! Auditing a full year at once can be very cumbersome so we voted to do quarterly audits instead. Volunteers are welcomed!

Looking for something to do on **Friday** and **Saturday** nights that includes friendship, a few laughs, and music? Check out the Legion's Events calendar at https://post272.com.

Wednesday nights are for Trivia fanatics! **Tuesday** nights are for bingo!

October 31: Costume Party at the Legion! There's also Legion College at CV Mountainview Middle School. For those who have pre-registered, the van leaves promptly at 8:00 am.

Please read through our upcoming events. This is our busiest service season for veterans & families, which means volunteers are needed for EVERYTHING. Please fit us on to your calendars.

Here's what's happening in November:

ALA Juniors are having a fundraiser for "Nothing Bundt Cakes" this month with delivery by Thanksgiving. The individual cake size is $7 and all orders must be in by November 15. Look for them to be selling at Tuesday night bingos! Contact Melissa Gebhardt for details.

November 3: Election Day! Please get out and vote.

ALA's Tuesday night bingo in the canteen at 7:00. Proceeds raised for "Guitars for Vets". They serve at-risk veterans with PTSD and other service-related trauma.

November 4: Pre-meeting for "**Christkindlemart**" at 5:30 in the Commander's Room.

November 8: Legion's Monthly **breakfast** in the Banquet Room, 8:00-11:00.

November 11: Veteran's Day Breakfast for veterans and their families in the Banquet Room, 8-10:30. An **Honor Guard** salute at our outdoor flag follows at 11:00. **Post Everlasting** is held to honor deceased Legion veterans from the past year. This is a solemn farewell with family present and members can attend to pay their respects. Contact Sharon or Michelle for food ordering purposes. Starts at 5:00 for appetizers and dinner. Ceremony is at 7:00.

November 15: Community Bingo in the Banquet Room - the Progressive Bingo pot was not hit so it will start at $140. Doors open at 11:30, first number pulled at 1:00. Be aware that all donations go to worthy causes, so please make plans to attend this important event and bring your friends, family, children, and neighbors.

November 21: Test your music history with **Music Bingo** in the Canteen starting at 7:00.

November 22: ALA meeting at 6:30 in the dining room.

November 26: Free Turkey buffet (1:00-7:00) for all Legion members, $5 for guests.

The **Angel Tree** will be put up in the lobby the day after Thanksgiving. If you know of a child in need, please send their information to Sharon.

Upcoming Events:

December 1: ALA Tuesday night bingo in the canteen at 7:00 with proceeds going towards the children's Christmas party.

December 5: Breakfast with Santa (9:00-11:00) and it's also a **Tri-county** meeting date. We'll be split between the two events so please try to help out.

December 6: Linglestown Tree Lighting. The Legion will close early for the Employees Christmas Party.

December 7: VA Holiday dinner at 4:30 with entertainment by "Guitars for Vets". Please encourage your veterans to attend and have a conversation with these VA vets. It means the world to them! Volunteers are always welcome to help serve.

December 8: Lebanon VA Holiday Tour. A visit with veterans is always a highlight to their day. Our van will leave at 1:00.

December 12: Christkindlemart setup at 8:00. We're planning to close at 2:00 for the Army/Navy game at 3:00 in the Legion. Ugly Sweater contest is at 7:00.

December 13: Legion's monthly **breakfast** in the Banquet room, 8-11. Member Renewals can be made in person today.

December 19: Laying of wreaths at Ft. Indiantown Gap. Please plan to volunteer to honor our veterans.

December 20: Community Bingo in the Banquet Room.

December 31: Legion's **New Year's Eve Party**.

OTHER NEWS:

The **Lebanon VA** has a **new list** of the most needed **NEW** (not used) comfort items for the veterans: Male Lotion (8+ oz), Male Body wash (18+ oz), Male 3-in-1 body wash (18+ oz). Two-in-one shampoo & conditioner (18+ oz). Men's L and 4X T-shirts, M underwear briefs, and boxer briefs (M, L, XL). Alcohol-free mouthwash, large nail clippers, large size baby powder, denture adhesive (small tubes), and Women's (size small) bras. They would also appreciate **adult activity and coloring books**. Donations can be placed in the wooden box in the lobby.

If anyone is interested in running for **ALA President** next year, Sharon has assured us that she will be around to mentor and help you transition into the position.

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

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