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## 2019 - 2020 National Membership Target Dates

Early Bird/NEF Kickoff	9/11/2019	50%
Fall Meetings	10/9/2019	55%
Veterans Day	11/14/2019	65%
Pearl Harbor Day	12/11/2019	75%
Mid-Winter	1/15/2020	80%
Presidents Day	2/12/2020	85%
Legion Birthday	3/11/2020	90%
Children & Youth	4/8/2020	95%
Armed Forces Day	3/13/2020	100%

**Delegate Strength 30 Days Prior to National Convention**

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## Adjutant Update

By the time you read this article the National Convention held in Indianapolis will be over. Our newly elected National Commander, Bill Oxford from North Carolina will take the reigns and lead The American Legion into the next 100 years. Our National Vice Commander from the Western Area is Rob Liebneow from Oregon. The Department of Alaska will have the opportunity to meet both Commander Oxford and NVC Liebneow during our Department convention in April and fall conference in October.

Congratulations to Past Department Commander Nate Carter and all the posts who worked hard to achieve our 100% membership goal for 2019. This will put the pressure on all the posts and membership chairpersons to duplicate another 100% membership year. Our numbers will be higher from the National Membership committee. I know that we, the Department of Alaska can do a repeat again this year.

The American Legion Act was signed into law by President Trump in July. The Legion act has changed our eligibility dates, allowing Veterans who has served in the Armed Forces to join The American Legion. Membership chairpersons and recruiters still need to verify service by seeing their DD-214. This will also help those Veterans with their VA Benefits claims. For more information on the Legion Act, go to [www.legion.org](http://www.legion.org) or call department HQ.

With summer over, school back in session and the state fair just a memory, it's time for the posts to get back into the schools, both public and private and the home-schooled students to promote the Oratorical, Boys and Girls State Programs. Over the past years our numbers have dropped in these programs, and if they are to survive, we the posts need to get out and promote.

The Department of Alaska would like to Welcome **"EAGLE RIVER POST 100"** into the Department of Alaska and The American Legion Family. The Post Commander is Andy Phelps. At the present time Post 100 has 16 members and temporary meet at the Eagle River VFW Post. We all hope for success as they begin the next 100 years with all the programs of The American Legion.

Final Note, Congratulations to ALA member Lisa Williamson from Unit 57 in Fairbanks, for getting the nod to be NATIONAL AUXILIARY PRESIDENT, 2022-2023. Lisa has worked very hard for this honor and will need Support from all the ALASKA LEGION FAMILY. This a great honor, not only for Lisa but for the Department of Alaska. We will then have the honor of having 2 National Commander's from Alaska. PNC Jimmie Foster, 2010-2011 and PNC SAL Kevin Collier, 2016-2017, 1 National Auxiliary Lisa Williamson, 2022-2023. That will complete the "TRIFECTA". A great honor for a small department and a great state.

## COMMANDER'S CORNER

By Art Bell



What a Summer!!

It has been an amazing start to the 2019-2020 year. There are so many things happening in that it is impossible to include them all, but here are a few.

American Legion Post 21 held a great BBQ celebrating their 69<sup>th</sup> Anniversary with entertainment and tons of awesome food in the backyard of Jack Henry Post 1 (Post 21 houses there). Everyone had a blast including WWII Veteran Hallie O Dixon, at 102 years young she was the life of the party!

There were 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parades around the state and the Department was represented well from the far north to the southeast. In Anchorage, members of Jack Henry Unit 1 were joined by 21 volunteers from the Post and the Alaska V A system, a true Legion Family crew, at the Anchorage parade where they passed out 6,000 American flags for parade viewers to waive in support of the celebration.

Up in the Golden Heart City, Fairbanks Post 11 held their annual picnic during the annual Golden Days celebration. ALA President Jane Larson and her 1<sup>st</sup> Dude, SAL Department Commander Dale Tonies joined everyone for a great time. There were members present from, of course Post 11, Post 57 and Post 30. The Officers and volunteers from Post 11 put in tons of time, hard work and love, to bring a great time to everyone with lots of amazing food, beer and Family fun! They know how to do it up right!

Spenard Post 28 put on Alaska Fest VI ! With great food, live entertainment and vendors galore (First Lady Amy found several jewelry items she had to have AAGHH!) this is an event you want to keep on your legion calendar to attend, this is a real Legion Family fun time.

These are just a few of the events I have been blessed to attend so far this year. They are proof the Alaska Legion Family is working hard to make sure that Vet's across this state have food, entertainment and fun to get engaged with. It was great to see that each of these also had folks asking those who were not yet members, what WE could do to get them to come on board.

Now that the LEGION Act has been signed into law, we have a tremendous opportunity to reach out to all Vets and show them the Legion Family Love. We have all known someone who was not able to join because their service did not fall in the designated time frames. Let's take "Buddy Check" to the next level and reach out. We truly can grow this Department back up to the 9,000 plus member level where we used to be and be able to expand our service to the Community, State and Nation. Supporting and fulfilling our Four Pillars is not only our charge, it is a great way to make lifelong friends while helping others.

A short quote from Christine Caine to wrap this up and give you a little something to think on....

To build a strong team you must see someone else's strength as a compliment to your weakness, not a threat to your position or authority.

Let's WORK AS A FAMILY to grow our Department!

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**ALR 2019 ROMP (around Alaska)**



Stopping for pie at Hope Alaska. Must have been tasty, look at those happy faces!



**FROM THE SERVICE OFFICE,  
FRED RICHARDSON**

It's that time again for another newsletter full of useful and helpful information. Hopefully everyone is surviving the heat wave, winter will soon be here! Everything in our 3 offices is up and running smoothly, we continue doing outreaches and serving Veteran's all over the State of Alaska. If any of the Post's or individuals need assistance with claims or have basic general questions, please feel free to contact the main office 907-257-4802.

Agent Orange Presumptive have been extended to Blue Water Navy Veterans with the following criteria: you served off shore within 12 miles radius from January 9<sup>th</sup>, 1962 to May 7<sup>th</sup>, 1975. You are now eligible to submit claims for disabilities relating to Agent Orange Exposure. The VA will start processing these claims no later than January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020, if you have been denied previously come talk to us and let's see if there's anything we can do with changes of the law. Some presumptive's include but are not limited to: diabetes, prostate cancer, Parkinson's, ischemic heart disease to name a few. Veteran's over the age of 85 or have life threatening illnesses will be given top priority. Eligible survivor's may now file compensation claims based on the Veteran's service if he or she has passed away. More information can be found on the following Agent Orange Blue Water Navy Veteran's website: <http://www.va.gov/disabilities/eligibility/hazardous-materials-exposure/agent-orange/vietnam-waters/>.

The Kenai CBOC has moved from it's location at 11312 Kenai Spur HWY #39. The CBOC has been split up into 2 locations with different needs being addressed at each facility. Kenai Main Street Clinic is now located at 22- Main St Loop, Unit B, Kenai, AK services at this address include: Social Behavior Health, Audiology and Telehealth. The 2<sup>nd</sup> location is located at 240 Hospital Place #105, Soldotna, AK services at this address include: Primary Care, Podiatry and Clinical Pharmacy. The phone number for both locations is 907-395-4100.

It is with great sadness to announce the unexpected death of a very dear friend of mine and active American Legion Member Michael Forte. Michael was a past post Commander of Post 33 on 3 separate occasions. He could easily be found at any event at the post, helping with just about anything from bartending to cooking. He was a proud Gunny Sargent Marine and he will be missed by all at Post 33 and from everyone that had the pleasure of knowing him.

As a reminder, the American Legion Office will be closed for Labor Day September 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2019, and Columbus day October 14<sup>th</sup>, 2019. Remember to set your clocks back an hour November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2019! Happy Fall everyone!!!

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## News from Dept. 1st Vice Hunter Davis



I am happy to report that Shapiro's Delicatessen is still serving one of the best pastrami sandwiches in the history of sandwiches. Shapiro's was a favorite of Joe Craig, who would get a dreamy, far-off look when describing his meals there in Indianapolis.

I have been in Indy for the Legion National Membership Workshop. There was a great deal of information put out, but it was all overshadowed by the LEGION Act and the impact it may have on our Legion families.

Recall if you will the existing membership application. Remember all of those time periods that we recognized as allowing entry into the Legion? They have been replaced by two: 7 Dec 1941 till the start of the Global War on Terror and till now.

What that means for us as recruiters is that all of our coworkers and friends that did not meet the declared conflict periods we have used since 1917 are not eligible for the American Legion.

Take one of the membership applications that you have folded into your wallet (right?) and to use it, simply write LEGION ACT on it or use the heading "Other Conflict" in the list. Everything else is still the same.

What the Act does is recognize the service and sacrifices that were performed by those we can refer to as Cold Warriors. Over 1600 servicemen died during times of no declared war.

More to follow in future dispatches  
For God and Country



Of the 10,000 available, only about 940 are left of the limited edition 100th Anniversary American Legion silver dollar and the American Veterans Silver Medal coin set. If you still would like to purchase a set, please contact the National Headquarters.

## News from Dept. 2nd Vice Mike Downs



President Trump and Congress recently helped us become a more inclusive organization and veterans are now eligible to join. If they served federal active duty in the United States Armed Forces since December 7, 1941, and have been honorably discharged or are still serving.

It is up to us to figure out how to be more inclusive with the next generation of veterans. While continuing to highlight Legion programs and the 4 pillars, we may need other strategies to attract veterans under 40 as they are gravitating toward dozens of smaller, more specialized groups that offer a social outlet and opportunity to serve, such as Team RWB.

Doing a quick check on our headquarters post or at large members, Post 0077, shows only 18% of those members are from the Gulf War era and later and Post 1 is at 21%. I think from these statistics, we may infer that 80% of our membership may be over 50 years old. We value all our members, but the future of membership seems uncertain if we are not adding veterans recently separated from the military.

I do not have all the answers, but if you have ideas on how to make the American Legion in Alaska more appealing to younger veterans I would love to talk to you, email me at [alaskapost1@gmail.com](mailto:alaskapost1@gmail.com).

Thanks for being a member!

## BOYS STATE NEWS FROM KEVIN COLLIER

The American Legion Alaska Boys State is an objective citizenship training program which includes individual responsibility to the community, state and nation.

American Legion Alaska Boys State is easily classified as a Leadership Action Program where High school juniors participate in a practical government course designed to develop in the young citizens a working knowledge of the structure of government and to impress upon them the fact that their government is just what THEY MAKE IT.

It is our goal that each young man attending American Legion Alaska Boys State sessions will return to his community a better citizen. Part of our goal is that this experience will have stimulated in him a desire to become an active citizen and leader to make contributions which will help to make his community a better place in which to live. To incite in these young citizens a determination to maintain our form of government. To develop in these young men a full understanding of our American traditions and a belief in the United States of America.

American Legion Alaska Boys State is a leadership training camp. The American Legion Alaska Boys State Program is open to all qualified male High School Juniors (those who will be seniors during the 2020-2021 school year.) and are at least 16 years of age.

We are asking all American Legion posts consult with area high school principals/guidance counselors and ask them to recommend a group of boys as possible candidates. That personal connection from someone from the Post in that community is Key to successfully recruiting candidates for The American Legion Alaska Boys State Program!! Let us shoot for at least 50 candidates for this year's program!!!

The American Legion Post Committees interview each candidate and select those best qualified. Remember this is an investment in the future of your community, the state and quite possibly the nation.

If you are the Chairman for American Legion Alaska Boys State at your Post – please let me know so that I can send you updates throughout the year and can follow up with you to check the progress or help with any issues or questions that you might have!

The American Legion Alaska Boys' State Counseling staff is comprised of American Legion members, Sons of the American Legion members, and former American Legion Alaska Boys' State members, many of whom have been with the program for a number of years. Their services have contributed much to the success of this program. We are always looking for volunteers to help by being a counselor. Or if you are not able to volunteer we are also looking for assistance with any and all donations to help sponsor students from outlying communities where there is no American Legion Post.

....CONT. FROM BOYS STATE

This will be our 54th Annual American Legion Alaska Boys State Program and it will be held starting at 5:30 p.m. on Sunday, June 14, 2020 through Saturday June 20, 2020. This years's program will be held at All Elks Camp near Palmer. The Tuition remains \$300 per student

PLEASE GET THE INFORMATION INTO YOUR SCHOOLS AND INVEST IN OUR FUTURE LEADERS OF TOMORROW!!

I you have any questions or need additional information - please do not hesitate to email me [kcollier@alaska.net](mailto:kcollier@alaska.net) or call me.

~~~~~TAPS~~~~~

Post 1  
George Gordaoff - WW11  
Charles Harman - Korea

Post 18  
Alvin Steik - Vietnam  
Thomas Throop - Korea  
Craig Thomas - Vietnam  
Roger Bock - Vietnam

Post 35  
Tim Twohy - Vietnam

Post 6  
Robert Maxand - Vietnam

Post 77  
Thomas Nanney - Vietnam

Post 13  
Harold Kitka - Korea

Post 33  
Charles Shawback - Vietnam  
Arthur Sylvia - Vietnam  
Michael Forte - Vietnam

Post 17  
Nicholas Pestrikoff - Vietnam

~~~~~News from the SAL Adjutant, Kevin Collier~~~~~

Fellow S.A.L. Members,

September brings several holidays to take time to remember the significances behind them besides just being an extra day off. Remember that September is National Disaster Preparedness Month – go to [www.legion.org/documents/legion/pdf/disaster\\_07.pdf](http://www.legion.org/documents/legion/pdf/disaster_07.pdf) for a booklet on how your Squadron/Post/Unit can be prepared for an emergency.

Did you know that Labor Day (The first Monday in September) has been celebrated as a National Holiday since 1894? We should remember that it was created and dedicated to the social and economic achievements of the American Workers and the contributions they have made to the strength and prosperity of our country. Labor Day is on September 2<sup>nd</sup> this year

September 11<sup>th</sup> - Patriot Day is observed in honor of the individuals who lost their lives as a result of the terrorist attacks against the United States that occurred on September 11, 2001. Please remember that everyone should display their flags at Half-Staff.

National POW/MIA Recognition Day is September 20<sup>th</sup> – is a day to remind the nation of those Americans who have sacrificed so much for their country. Observances of National POW/MIA Recognition Day are held across the country on military installations, ships at sea, state capitols, schools and veterans' facilities. It is traditionally observed on the third Friday in September each year.

Did you know that this observance is one of six days throughout the year that Congress has mandated the flying of the POW/MIA flag? The others are Armed Forces Day, Memorial Day, Flag Day, Independence Day and Veterans Day.

The last Sunday in September is designated as Gold Star Mother's Day (September 29<sup>th</sup> - this year). On Gold Star Mother's Day we should all show our expression of the love, sorrow, and reverence for Gold Star Mothers and the sacrifices their loved ones have made in keeping the United States of America as the Greatest Country there is.

Election Day is November 5, 2019 this year. Did you know that since 1792 - Election Day in the United States is the day set by law for the election of public officials? It occurs on the Tuesday after the first Monday of November. The earliest possible date is November 2 and the latest possible date is November 8.

Voting is one of the rights and responsibilities of citizenship of the United States of America. I encourage everyone to learn where each of the candidates stand on the issues and then Get Out And Vote!!

As information comes out on the National Membership Theme we will make sure to get it out to you. Let's all aim for 100% membership and 100% renewal as soon as possible. The earlier we start the easier it will be.

The first Membership Postcard Renewal Notice for the 2020 Membership year will be sent out by National Headquarters on September 11, 2019.

The challenge for you is to send in a transmittal with as many members as possible prior to the 10% goal on September 11<sup>th</sup> and beat the renewal notice.

We need your cards into Detachment Headquarters about 2 week prior to the Target Dates in order to get them processed at National in time to count as reaching the goal.

Let's meet or beat each and every one of our goals this year – let us show everyone what the SONS from Alaska can do. Remember that membership is everyone's responsibility!

Again this year we will have a Consolidated Squadron Report Form, there will be some changes on the form from last year and will be coming out somewhere around February or March. As soon as I receive them I will be sending them out to the Squadrons. In the mean time remember to keep track and record everything that you do so it can all be put on the Consolidated Squadron Report Form by Detachment Convention.

We need to do better in reporting what we do on the "Consolidated Squadron Report Form". This is perhaps the most important document your Squadron can complete. We only had about 5 of the 18 active Squadrons fill out the Consolidated Squadron Report Form.



Happy Birthday United States Air Force

## Happenings at your Post

### Jack Henry Post 1

Monday - Homemade Pizza 5:00pm -7:30pm  
 Tuesday - Cribbage 4:30pm  
 Wednesday - Tacos 5:30pm -7:00pm  
 Thursday - Burgers & Brew 5:30pm -7:00pm  
 Friday - Steaks 5:30 - 7:30pm  
 Saturday - LOL Drawing

### Seward Post 5

Taco Tuesday  
 Friday Night Steaks  
 Food Served every night

### Wrangell Post 6

#### MARCH

3/5 & 3/19 - Taco Tuesday 5pm  
 \$1 Tacos - \$3 Frybread - \$5 Indian Tacos  
 Family Games, Pull Tabs, Raffles

#### APRIL

4/2 & 4/16 Taco Tuesday 5pm  
 \$1 Tacos - \$3 Frybread - \$5 Indian Tacos  
 Family Games, Pull Tabs - 50/50 Raffle

### Matanuska Valley Post 15

Tuesday Pool League  
 Thursday Night Darts League  
 Friday Prime Rib and Live Band  
 Saturday Cajun Food and Karaoke

### General Buckner Post 16 Family

2nd Saturday Auxiliary Dinner 6:00pm  
 Friday Burger & Brew 6:00pm - 8:00pm  
 1st Friday of the month Special  
 3rd Friday Steak Night 6:00pm

### George H. Plumley Memorial Post 20

Sunday Breakfast 10:00am - 1:00pm  
 Every Friday is Steak Night 6:00pm-8:00pm with an added Special Dish  
 Every Sunday Breakfast Menu Dishes 10:00am -1:00pm  
 Every Friday Aux Unit 20 Sponsors  
 The Friday Night Raffle 12:00pm - 8:00pm  
 Drawing (sign up once a day to enter)  
 Every Saturday must be present 4:00pm  
 Membership drawing (no sign ups)  
 Every Sunday must be present 2:00pm

### Spenard Post 28

Monday Karaoke 9:00pm-12:00am  
 Tuesday, Taco night 6:00pm  
 Wednesday Chicken Wings, etc. 6:00pm  
 Thursday, Philly Cheese steaks sandwiches 6:00pm  
 Friday Steak Night and Karaoke 6:00pm-8:30pm  
 Saturday, Karaoke 8:00pm

### Muldoon Post 29

Tuesdays, Taco night 6:00pm - 8:30pm  
 Wednesday Night Dinners 6:00pm - 8:30pm  
 Catfish, Chicken Wings, Pork chops  
 Friday Night Steak Night 6:00pm - 8:30pm

### Peters Creek Post 33

Thursday Taco Nite - 4:30pm - 8:30pm  
 1st & 3rd Friday  
 6:00pm - 8:00pm

### Chappie James Post 34

Commanders night starting at 6:30pm every Thursday

### Susitna Valley Post 35

Open Daily @1:00pm  
 Meeting Nights: Legion: 1st and 3rd Tuesday 7:00pm  
 Auxiliary: 1st Tuesday 7:00pm  
 Sons: 1st and 3rd Monday 7:30pm  
 Riders: 1st Saturday 6:00pm

Wednesday: Taco Night 6:00pm - 8:00pm Texas Hold'em 7:00pm - ?  
 Fridays: Steak Night 6:00pm - 8:00pm

Senior Appreciation Dance: Last Thursday of Every Month 2:00pm - 4:00pm

### C.R. Huber Post 57

Sunday Breakfast 10-2  
 FOOTBALL & NASCAR Every Sunday  
 Monday night Football  
 Thursday Burger Night 5:30-9:00 PM

## What our Youth has been up to around the State and Beyond!!!!



Photos courtesy of "Cody Enterprise Newspaper" And Van Williams, ALB Media Director



Let's talk American Legion Baseball, Congratulations to the Juneau Midnight Suns, sponsored by Auke Bay Post 25. The Midnight Suns did a three-peat for the American Legion State Champions. This moved them into the regional tournament held in Lewiston, Idaho. Unfortunately, the Suns dropped a heart breaker in the second game, to be eliminated from moving on for a chance to play in The American Legion World Series in Shelby, N.C.

Congratulations also go out to the Wasilla Road Warriors sponsored by Susitna Valley Post 35. The Road Warriors represented Alaska in the NW Class A Regional Tournament held in Cody, WY. The Road Warriors did not win the NWCART tournament, but they set a couple of records never achieved by an Alaskan Legion Team. They were the first team to win 3 games and advance to the championship game. They are the first team to bring home the 1st ever Red Baseball patch home to Alaska.

During the baseball season they played in 3 American Legion Tournament Championship Games. "Bravo Zulu" to the Coaches and Players for a great year. Congratulations to all the American Legion Baseball Teams, Coaches, Players, Parents, Sponsors, Post and Supporters for another great year in American Legion Baseball. If you didn't get out to the ballpark for the state tournament, you missed out on some great games. Once again "Congratulations" to all the teams.



Happy Birthday to the U.S. Navy  
 October 13



HAPPY HALLOWEEN!!!!



## THE SONS OF THE



## AMERICAN LEGION

### From the desk of SAL Detachment Commander, Dale Toenies

Good Day All! I hope everyone is having a fun and safe summer. I'm glad that the fires are just about out and the air is clearing. I don't think anyone in the state was able to avoid the smoke this summer. I want to thank all the people (fireman, smoke jumpers, ground crews, logistics, cooks, dishwashers and everyone else) who put themselves in harm's way to protect our communities.

I also want to thank Post/Squad /ALA 17 of Kodiak for several fun days there. I was told what happens in Kodiak stays in Kodiak, let's just leave it at that. I also put on my bucket list, is to attend their 4<sup>th</sup> of July Post Party. Thanks, Jammie, Shane and all. I also want to thank Squadron 11 and their Post for the invite to their post summer party, awesome food and drink. Thanks Commander Robert and well, maybe NEC Howard too.

A few of you know that we got our conference calling up, running and tested. I have been able to have 3 conference calls already, with the 4<sup>th</sup> to be held Wednesday, September 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM. The cost of the service is free to the SAL; however, it is a long-distance call-in number. This should not affect most people, but it could use up your minutes if you are on a limited plan. I would like at least 2 squadron officers contacts or more from each of our 18 Squadrons and also, contact information for all Detachment Officers so that I or someone from Detachment can contact you. We are in the early stages of this and are working on the time and frequency of the informal meetings. If you are not getting a text or email from me, I don't have a good contact. Please, contact me at, [dale@terntech.com](mailto:dale@terntech.com), please put SAL Contact in the subject line, or text me at 907-360-1880 with all info. This is a great way to stay in the information loop and to keep your squadron updated with the latest detachment information. We are also looking to use this service at our fall workshop.

I would also like to mention that, Squadron 57 will be doing fund raising for our ALA 57, Lisa Williamson who is set to become an ALA National President. Our 1<sup>st</sup> fund raiser will be a 2020 calendar raffle, \$50.00 per calendar, a winner every day, (\$20,00.00 total give away) winner goes back in the draw to be able to win again. All proceeds from this raffle will go to help support "Team Alaska American Legion Auxiliary Department of Alaska Leadership Development". All Post, Squadrons and Units, will be contacted by a committee member to assist in this endeavour for Lisa.

I also want to touch on being a good listener. I recently attended a military appreciation day in Fairbanks in which we had a table setup at. We are always looking for new recruits into our great organizations. As I was standing there an older gentleman stop by and we starting talking. I asked if he was a Vet, he said he was, I stuck my hand out and we shook hands and I thank him for his service. We talked for over 15 minutes, the gentleman came back later in the day and thanked me for taking the time to listen to him, made my whole day.

For God and Country

.....cont. from SAL Adjutant

Let's See if the Detachment of Alaska can get 100% reporting this year.

The information that you enter on the "Consolidated Squadron Report Form" is combined with that of all of the other Squadrons and reported to the American Legion to show what we as the Sons of The American Legion have done and accomplished throughout the year. The American Legion subsequently sends this on to Congress to what the American Legion Family has done throughout our Communities, our State and the Nation. All this information of what we do as a Family helps maintain our non-profit status.

Squadron 57 will be selling 1000 Calendar Raffle Tickets at \$50 each. This is a raffle that runs all year long starting on January 1, 2020. A ticket is drawn every day of the year with different prize levels on every day. The ticket drawn - goes back in after every draw so it is possible to multiple times throughout the year. When Jimmie Foster did this, he was running for National Commander and there were several people that won more then once (one person won 12 times). There is a total of over \$20,000 in prizes given away.

Squadron 57 will need everyone's help to sell all these tickets prior to January 1, 2020!! All proceeds from this raffle will go to help support "Team Alaska American Legion Auxiliary Department of Alaska Leadership Development". A letter will be coming out asking for all Post, Units and Squadrons to help raise money for the fund. (More information to come forward after the Nation Convention.)

Once again the Detachment will be doing their 32oz. T-Bone Steak Dinner! This will be our 24th year doing this event. This year's STEAK FEED will be held on Saturday, January 25, 2020 at Spenard Post #28 in Anchorage, Alaska. This fantastic dinner will be held from 4pm - 9pm. The price this year will be \$30, with proceeds going toward The American Legion Alaska Boys State and the American Legion Auxiliary Girls State programs. See one of your Detachment Officers for tickets.

If you still have not taken the opportunity to turn in your Certification of Officers, please do so as soon as possible. This helps the Detachment Commander, Dale Toenies and myself in having points of contact at your Squadron so we may arrange official visits or send important information from the Detachment and National to your Squadron.

Keep up the great job you are doing in membership. Remember the three "R's" "Renew", "Recruit" and "Reinstate". Do not just sit on it! Keep it rolling in.

I would like to personally thank each and every one of the veterans for their service and sacrifices that they made. God Bless you and God Bless America.

If there is anything that any of your Detachment or District Officers can do to assist you or answer any question, please do not hesitate to contact us. My email is [kcollier@alaska.net](mailto:kcollier@alaska.net). Hope to hear from you soon.

Yours in Service for God and Country

From the desk of Jane Larson,  
Department Auxiliary President



First, I would like to give a shout out to Dorman H. Baker, Unit 11, Matanuska Valley, Unit 15 and C. Russell Huber, Unit 57 for their generous hospitality during my visits to their units. I had the pleasure of seeing their great dedication to our veterans, military families, community and to our Legion family. I am looking forward to visiting more of our units to see and discuss firsthand each individual unit's unique contribution to the American Legion Auxiliary, Department of Alaska's mission.

By Presidential decree, September 11th has been designated "Patriots Day". I encourage us all to come together with our communities to remember those lives lost and the courage of the first responders, both civil and military. For hosting events, ideas can be found on the national website.

Coming up in October is our fall workshop, Saturday, October 19th. I am hoping to see a lot of you there. We have some plans for kicking off our American Legion Auxiliary's 100th anniversary. I would like to see every effort made by every Member in achieving 100% membership for the department of Alaska in 2020  
For God and Country

From the desk of Barb Nath,  
Department Auxiliary Secretary



It's fall, and we have many, many activities coming up. Our Fall Conference will be held on October 19, 2019 at Susitna Valley Post 35 in Wasilla. During this day there will be sharing of your program action plans as well as a DEC meeting and a Girls State Board meeting. I know that there is at least one fun game planned for the day. In November we will celebrate Veteran's Day and Thanksgiving. Also in November, your poppies orders will be due. Finally, the American Legion Auxiliary Anniversary is November 10<sup>th</sup>. December bring us Pearl Harbor Day, Christmas celebrations to include the Veterans Gift Shop, the Anchorage and Fairbanks Christmas Projects, and Christmas. As well, mid-year committee reports are due by December 5<sup>th</sup> to the committee chairs. It promises to be an exciting time. With all of this going on, don't forget to tell thank you and, in the spirit of service, not self, find a way to help a veteran and their family members during this season. Thanks to each of



### American Legion Auxiliary 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary – 1919-2019 2020 Vision – Focus On Service



**DATE:** August 14, 2019

**FROM:** Nicole Clapp, Candidate for ALA National President

**SUBJECT:** National Convention & Upcoming 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Year

The American Legion Auxiliary 100th Anniversary Committee has been actively planning for our centennial for approximately 4 years. It is so exciting that our milestone is finally upon us! The Centennial Media Toolkit is available to download on our website at [ALAfor-veterans.org](http://ALAfor-veterans.org) the under the Marketing and Promotional Materials. The direct link is: <https://bit.ly/2Y28UQq>. According to the printed resource: The purpose of this media toolkit to help ALA units promote the centennial at the local community level. From planning the celebration to publicizing it, this toolkit can help units of any size. ALA National Headquarters has created templates that can assist you in spreading the news about your unit's events. These templates can be customized when accessed online.

We've created a special #ALA100 Celebration, which will allow Facebook users to simply post your celebration festivities on your own page and we can find it and re-post it on our ALA National Headquarters and the National President's pages. The committee needs your assistance as we are looking for the oldest living member and the longest tenured member in our great organization. Please remember to use #ALA100 throughout the year on all other posts.

As we launch into the next century of service a new strategic plan is being developed. The leadership team in partnership with the national staff have created unique initiatives to guide our mission delivery. First, Mission Trainings will grow in number from 5 to 8 with two separate, yet related educational tracks at some new locations around the country, including Orlando, Nashville, Kalamazoo, and Albuquerque. According to the training flyers, the 5 Mission Delivery Trainings are being built around the basics and help members better understand our mission. These sessions will be held in conjunction with the National Junior Meetings. The 3 Mission Development Trainings go to the next level to help members overcome common hurdles in mission delivery. The underlying belief in this training is that improving the member engagement will also drive membership. We want to celebrate all year long, so during the 5 traditional mission trainings we will be enjoying our heritage with a 100th birthday party which the National President or National Vice President will be attending. Registration opened on July 17th. We hope to see you there!

As you review the 2019-2020 Annual Supplement to the Programs Action Plan on the website, you will notice the national chairmen included Special 100th Anniversary History Program Facts, so you can familiarize yourselves with the significant accomplishments of our great organization during the first century. We ask each of you to envision what our programs could look like with a 2020 Vision for the future.

The American Legion Auxiliary 100th Anniversary Committee is looking forward to successfully closing out our first century at the National Convention in Indianapolis and then turn the clock forward to our embrace our next 100 years!

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 Meets 1st Thursday @ 7 PM  
**Commander Michael Downs**  
 1st Vice Commander Justin Mills  
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 272-5242, FAX 272-5792  
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**General Buckner Post 16 Family**  
 Commander **Michael Morawitz**  
 Adjutant Bill Sheldon  
 SAL Commander Chip Dugan  
 Meetings - 6 PM  
 SAL - 2nd Monday  
 Legion - 3rd Wednesday  
 Aux - 3rd Thursday

**Spenard Post 28**  
 Commander **Galen Rick**  
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**TO THE DEPARTMENT**  
**NO LATER THEN**  
**OCTOBER 15th, 2019**

**ROBERT G. BLAIR POST 17**  
 Commander **Walter Sargent**  
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 318 Center Ave.,  
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 Office: 486-3258 / Bar: 486-5757

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**C. RUSSELL HUBER Post 57**  
 Commander **Jimmy Russell**  
 Adjutant  
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 1st Vice Mark Fraley  
 Sunday Breakfast 10-2  
 Followed by:  
 Football & NASCAR  
 Monday Football  
 Thursday Burger Night 5:30-9 PM

**Sons of the American Legion**  
**2019 - 2020**  
**Detachment of Alaska Officers**  
**Commander Dale Toenies**  
**1st Vice Jamie Weeks**  
**2nd Vice Chris Bedel**  
**Adjutant/Finance Kevin Collier**  
**Chaplain Conner Hayward**  
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**Historian Shane Rupe**  
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**NEC**  
 Howard Fruhwirth, Jr.  
**Alt. NEC**  
 Loren Estrada, Jr.



**JOSEPH T. CRAIG POST 3**  
 Meets every Monday, 7pm  
 Potluck every 3rd Saturday  
 Commander **Jeremiah Sullivan**  
 Adjutant Deb Davis  
 Service Officer Hunter Davis  
 225-2021, P.O. Box 5121  
 Ketchikan, AK 99901  
 www.americanlegionpost3.com

**NINILCHIK POST & UNIT 18**  
 Commander **Robert E. Self**  
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 Mile 136.5 Sterling Hwy  
 Phone 567-3918

**Con Miller Post 30**  
 Commander **Robert Blackmore**  
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 3614 Old Richardson Highway - Moose Creek  
 907-490-6830  
 P O Box 56615  
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**C. RUSSELL HUBER SQUADRON 57**  
 Commander **Dale Toenies**  
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 Finance Officer Chris Bedel  
 1634 S. Cushman St.  
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**SAL 2019 TARGET DATES**

|      |                    |
|------|--------------------|
| 10%  | September 11, 2019 |
| 25%  | October 9, 2019    |
| 35%  | November 14, 2019  |
| 45%  | December 11, 2019  |
| 60%  | January 15, 2020   |
| 75%  | February 12, 2020  |
| 80%  | March 11, 2020     |
| 90%  | April 8, 2020      |
| 100% | May 13, 2020       |
| 105% | July 29, 2020*     |

**Delegate Strength Target**  
**Date 2019-2020 MEMBER-SHIP YEAR**

**SEWARD POST 5**  
 Meets 2<sup>ND</sup> Tuesday 7p.m.  
 Commander **Clare Sullivan**  
 Adjutant Mike Calhoon  
 Service Officer Tom Sears  
 Taco Tuesday ~ 4p.m.  
 Steak Night Friday ~ 4p.m.  
 P.O. Box 306  
 Seward, Alaska 99664  
 907-224-5440

**GEORGE H. PLUMLEY MEMORIAL POST 20**  
 Commander **Gregory Fite**  
 Adjutant Al Diaz  
 Service Officer Ron Engebretson  
 283-3222, 902 Cook St.

**PETERS CREEK POST 33**  
 Commander Herman Staschke  
 Adjutant Mark Brecci  
 Service Officer Fred Richardson  
 907-688-2354  
 21426 Old Glenn Hwy  
 Chugiak, Ak 99567



**SUSITNA VALLEY POST 35**  
 Commander - **Ron Travis**  
 Adjutant - Delmar Johnson  
 Service Officer - James Francois  
 Monthly Meetings  
 Legion & Aux - 1st Tues 7pm  
 ALR - 1st Sat 6pm  
 SAL - 1st & 3rd Mon 7:30pm  
 P.O. Box 870370  
 Wasilla, AK 99687  
 907-376-3500  
 Mile 46 Parks Hwy  
 www.facebook.com/post35ak

**DORMAN H. BAKER POST 11**  
 Commander **Walter E. Crary**  
 Adjutant Billy M. Smith  
 Service Officer Anthony Tillery  
 Pull tab sales at the club  
 452-2228, 129 First Ave.  
 Fairbanks, AK 99701

**AURORA BOREALIS POST 21**  
**All Female Post**  
 Commander - **Orelvis Ibarra**  
 Service Officer - Elexzandera Carr  
 Meeting 3rd Saturday @ 2 pm  
 Sept - May  
 P.O. Box 91116  
 Anchorage, AK 99509



**LYNN CANAL POST 12**  
 Commander - **William Rostad**  
 Adjutant - Ralph Strong  
 Service Officer - Terrance Pardee  
 First Vice - Thomas Spencer  
 766-2530  
 amerlegion@aptalaska.net

**MULDOON POST 29**  
 Meeting 3rd Tuesday @ 6:30 pm  
 Commander **Jeffrey Corey**  
 1st Vice Keith Stolberg  
 Service Officer Lois Sholl  
 1467 Muldoon Road  
 Anchorage, AK 99504  
 907-338-3550  
 Fax 907-338-0756  
 muldoon29@gci.net

**MATANUSKA VALLEY POST 15**  
 Commander **Eric Wright**  
 Adjutant Donald Maupin  
 Service Officer Bill Kennedy Jr.  
 Meets 1st & 3rd Mon., 6 p.m.  
 1550 Mystic Cr  
 P.O. Box 1146, Palmer, AK 99646  
 745-4440  
 www.facebook.com/aklegion15  
 aklegion15@gmail.com  
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**JACK HENRY UNIT 1**  
 President **Ann Foley**  
 1st Vice Amy Bell  
 2nd Vice Karen Wolters  
 Secretary Susan Stepsics  
 Meetings: 1st Thursdays @ 7 p.m.  
 Mailing Address: 840 W. Fireweed Lane  
 Anchorage, AK 99509

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**OPT OUT FORM** - Please mail to 1550 Charter Cir. Anch. Ak. 99508  
 I would like to view the Legionnaire online  NAME \_\_\_\_\_  
 http://www.alaskalegion.org Membership No: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Instead of receiving it through the mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Please permanently remove me from the Legionnaire mailing list. This option will City: \_\_\_\_\_  
 not effect any of the Legion mailings State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
 E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Signature \_\_\_\_\_