

The American Legion Auxiliary
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Unit Meeting: **Wednesday, February 12, 2020 at Post Home**

Did You Know.....

In 1934, members of the ALA decided that members under the age of 18 should be separated into their own membership. The two classes that emerged from this Constitution change was senior and Junior. Past National President Loren Hahn launched the **Junior Activities** Program in 1936, and by the next year, Junior membership had grown from 29,000 to 40,000 because of the activities the Juniors were doing. Today, Junior members and their work are still a large part of the organization. Juniors are able to earn patches for the work and activities that they are doing for the ALA programs.

Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation is the largest of the programs of the ALA and works to support the veterans who served our country and are now in need of assistance. Members spend hundreds and thousands of hours volunteering in the veterans homes and medical centers all over the nation. They also host Christmas Gift Shops which allow the veterans to pick out gifts of their choosing. The American Legion Family joined forces with other veteran service organizations and the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs in 1946 to establish the Veterans Affairs Voluntary Services (VAVS) program. VAVS volunteers work with the ALA and other groups to support the veterans in the facilities. Past National President Kris West first established a working relationship with the VA and the National Veterans Creative Arts Festival in 2000. This relationship has continued, and the ALA has proudly become the co-presenter of the event.



Happy 100th birthday to the American Legion Auxiliary! Over the last 100 years, the mission of the ALA has remained the same — supporting veterans, military, and their families and our nation's children and youth through

our programs.



ALA Mission Statement

In the spirit of Service, Not Self, the mission of the American Legion Auxiliary is to support The American Legion and to honor the sacrifice of those who serve by enhancing the lives of our veterans, military, and their families, both at home and abroad. For God and Country, we advocate for veterans, educate our citizens, mentor youth, and promote patriotism, good citizenship, peace and security.

OTHER UNIT NEWS

From President, Shirley Kessler: We would like to see more members attend our monthly meetings, it is so informative and keeps you up to date with activities and news. Please try to join us every 2nd Wednesday of the month! This meeting, we will hold a remembrance ceremony for the "Four Chaplains" If you have any questions, you may reach me at (440) 882-6195 or cell: (702) 349-567.

From 1st Vice President, Barbara Benz: Happy Valentines Day Ladies! If you haven't paid your dues, your key card has been shut off. Please submit your payment and become an active member! If you have any questions, you may reach me at (440) 885-0781.

(Sr. dues are \$30 - Jr dues (under 18 yrs) are \$7.00 - Mail to: American Legion Auxiliary Unit 572, 6483 State Rd. Parma, OH 44134

From Corresponding Secretary, Shirley Kessler: Please say a prayer for our Chaplain, Peggie O'Neill Baron. She is going through medical challenges and needs us to keep her in our thoughts.

THE FOUR CHAPLAINS



In the early morning of February 3, 1943, the U.S. Troop Transport "Dorchester" was struck by an enemy torpedo. Most of the 900 troops on board were asleep in their bunks. Through the darkness, panic and confusion, the Four Chaplains on board passed out life jackets and led the men to lifeboats. Through their efforts, these heroic men helped save over 200 lives. The Auxiliary will have our own remembrance at our membership meeting February 12, at 7:30pm. *Please try to attend this ceremony so that their memory will never be forgotten.*



2020 DATES TO REMEMBER

<i>Feb</i>	12	<i>Unit Membership Meeting - 7:30 pm, Post Home</i>
	14	<i>Happy Valentine's Day!</i>
	19	<i>Auxiliary District Meeting – 7:30 pm – Locations change monthly, please call for more information</i>
	26	<i>Unit Board – 7:30 pm, Post Home</i>
<i>Mar</i>	11	<i>Unit Membership Meeting - 7:30 pm, Post Home</i>
	14	<i>Corned Beef Dinner - Time TBA</i>
	25	<i>Unit Board – 7:30 pm, Post Home</i>
	29	<i>Vietnam Veteran Tribute & Dinner</i>

Shirley Kessler, President & Corresponding Secretary

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