

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY

A Community of Volunteers Serving Veterans, Military, and their Families.

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Honoring America's 250TH Birthday: Our Past, Present and Future

As the nation celebrates its Semiquincentennial America's 250TH birthday we remember a rich history that marks overcoming adversity in the quest for freedom. As we celebrate, we acknowledge that not everyone was free at the time our nation was founded. America's journey for freedom was to ensure that rights and freedoms be extended to all Americans. From the Revolutionary War to the present, freedom has been fought for through the heroic efforts of military men, women, and their families.

This milestone is the perfect time to reflect on that legacy and ensure that patriotism remains alive and well within our communities. We as American Legion Auxiliary members honor our veterans for their bravery and service. The American Legion



Auxiliary stands united to “Service Not Self” as we celebrate the generations who have built and defended our nation.

Summer is the perfect time to celebrate and grow our organization. Here are some ideas for our summer celebration.

- Summer Cookout and Membership Drive: Host a patriotic community barbecue or picnic and set up an information booth to share the ALA Mission of supporting military families.
- Set up a booth at family-friendly activities such as parades, fairs, and farmer markets.
- Outdoor Friend Raisers: A parking lot barbecue, a movie night, or a multi-family garage sale.
- Focus on family and junior activities: Summer workshops where kids learn about flag etiquette, handwritten thank you cards for deployed service members.
- Organize a clean-up day at a local veteran cemetery.
- Flag Retirement Ceremony: Collect tattered American Flags and perform an official dignified flag ceremony.
- Invite ALA Girls State delegates to volunteer at American Legion Family events or join the ALA if eligible.
- Encourage our juniors who are current leaders to get involved in family-friendly activities with our senior members.
- Check on members we have not seen in a while via phone call, mail, text or email,
- While staying cool indoors, visit alaforveterans.org and take ALA Academy courses and learn more about our Mission Driven Family Focused organization.



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Date to remember

July 20th 100% membership deadline

KUDOS TO DEPARTMENT MEMBERSHIP TEAMS BY DIVISION

Southern Division: Kudos to Oklahoma for their strong comeback this year, and to the entire Southern Division for their hard work.

