**MEMBERSHIP**

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Our members are the heartbeat of this organization. You are the spark, the voice, the passion behind every act of service. This year, we are READY, and we will be telling our story. The story is of who we are, why we serve, and how every voice and every heart fuels our mission to serve our Veterans.

Membership is more than numbers. It’s the fire that drives us forward. It’s the reason every program exists, and the foundation every success is built on. When we come together, heart to heart, voice to voice, we build something greater than ourselves.

I’m so very excited to be your Membership Chairperson for the 2025-2026 year, and together, we're not just a team, we are a living, breathing mission, fueled by passionate commitment, driven by purpose, and powered by every voice and heart. I know that every Unit is different. They might be large or they might be very small. Every single one is unique. So, as your Voice of Membership, please let me know how I can help. I am READY for a great year and look forward to working with you this year! Let’s make this an EPIC year!

**Membership Eligibility**

Membership in The American Legion Auxiliary shall be limited to the:

(1) grandmothers, mothers, sisters, spouses, and direct and adopted female descendants of members of The American Legion; and

(2) grandmothers, mothers, sisters, spouses, and direct and adopted female descendants of all men and women who served in either of the following periods: April 6, 1917, to November 11, 1918 and any time after December 7, 1941 who, being a citizen of the United States at the time of their entry therein served on active duty in the Armed Forces of any of the governments associated with the United States during either eligibility periods and died in the line of duty or after honorable discharge;

(3) grandmothers, mothers, sisters, spouses, and direct and adopted female descendants of all men and women who were in the Armed Forces of the United States during either of the following periods: April 6, 1917, to November 11, 1918; and any time after December 7, 1941 who served on active duty in the Armed Forces of the United States during either eligibility periods and died in the line of duty or after honorable discharge; and

(4) to those women who of their own right are eligible for membership in The American Legion. \*

\* A woman who is eligible for American Legion membership is eligible to join the American Legion Auxiliary regardless of whether or not she is a member of The American Legion. However, eligibility of her female relatives (sister, mother, direct descendants) and/or spouse depends upon her membership in The American Legion.

**Awards and due dates:**

MEMBER Award – Recruit/Rejoin 10 – June 1, 2026

UNIT Award100% of goal – January 31, 2026

DEPARTMENT Award – 100% of goal – July 4,2026

NEW UNITS CHARTERED between September 1, 2025 and July 31,2026 will receive along with their charter from National a Unit Guide Book and a copy of the ALA National Constitution and ByLaws from Emblem Sales.