



The American Legion Auxiliary
B.W. Howell, Unit 171
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Department of Alabama
American Legion Auxiliary
120 North Jackson Street
Montgomery, Alabama 36104

RE: Illaya Oglesby-Porter

Greetings:

The purpose of this letter is to endorse Ms. Illaya Oglesby-Porter for the office of First Vice President, for the American Legion Auxiliary, Department of Alabama. The members of B.W. Howell, Unit 171, 21st District, Birmingham, Alabama, fully support the nomination of Ms. Illaya Oglesby-Porter for the position of First Vice President. She faithfully and with honor serves and supports Veterans. She is the great granddaughter, granddaughter, niece, mother, and wife of Veterans who served our great country.

She has served as the Unit President for B.W. Howell, Unit 171 for the last seven years and prior to being elected President, she served as our Unit Secretary. Additionally, she served as Auxiliary Chaplain of the 21st District for two years.

Illaya is a highly dedicated Auxiliary member who cares deeply about both the American Legion Auxiliary and the American Legion programs and missions. Moreover, she has a remarkable leadership journey. She completed both the ALA Academy and the American Legion Basic Training Courses and is a graduate of the Alabama Yellow Hammer Legion College (AYLC) which further demonstrates her commitment to personal growth and enhancing her skills in service of veterans.

Illaya has distinguished herself in her civilian occupation as a Financial Support Worker and is currently a Financial Support Supervisor with a goal to ensure that Veterans and their family members meeting the low-income requirement are able to get assistance with food and other services available through the state.

It is an honor for our entire membership body to unanimously nominate and support for the candidacy our Unit President, Ms. Illaya Oglesby-Porter as First Vice President, for the American Legion Auxiliary, Department of Alabama for the 2025-2026 membership year.

Respectfully;

Chrystal L. Jones

Chrystal L. Jones, Secretary
B.W. Howell, Unit 171

Cynthia Billingsly

Cynthia Billingsly, 1st Vice President
B.W. Howell, Unit 171