



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

**DEPARTMENT OF UTAH NEWSLETTER  
MARCH 2020**

**PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENTS' PASSING:**

We recently learned that Wanda Parkinson, Department President 1977-1978 passed away last year. Wanda was also a long time Gift Shop volunteer. Sharon Gansauge, President 2011-2012, passed March 8, 2020. Sharon made a quilt that was presented to the National President as well as 100 pair of patriotic pillowcases that were presented to the past National Presidents, National chairmen and distinguished guests for the 2005 National Convention. Her favorite programs were Girls State and Gift Shop. Donations in memory of these past Presidents can be sent to the office and will be earmarked for the Gift Shop program.

**It's time to start thinking about next year's Department officers. Please consider serving your Department of Utah at the Department officer or committee level.**

**STACEY'S STUFF:**

Hello Auxiliary members,

I hope you are doing well and staying safe. I know meetings have been canceled and everyone is encouraged to stay home right now, but we are still committed to our mission. I hope each one of us is keeping our active military and veterans in our hearts. I am still looking forward to celebrating with all of you at the convention in June. Make sure to send in photos for the slide show for our 100 year anniversary. We are taking every precaution for ALA Utah Girls State and for future events. We are currently at 83% of our membership quota – we don't have that far to go to reach 100%. I want to encourage all of you to stay in touch and stay safe and healthy. If you have any questions or concerns please let me know. If you need anything let me know. God bless all of you.

Thank you for continuing our mission.

Stacey Campbell, Department President 2019-2020

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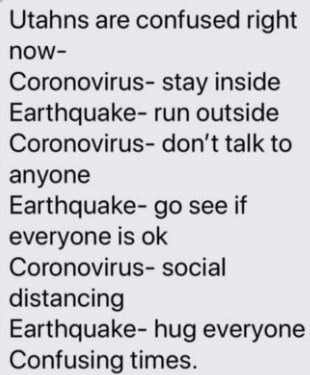
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**FIRST VICE PRESIDENT - MEMBERSHIP:**

Hello ALA Utah,

Gosh, we have (UTAH) been through more than the rest of our Nation. One with the Coronavirus and second with the Earthquakes that are still seem to haunt us. Health wise, I hope everyone is well or getting better. I myself got the Influenza A flu in February but my recovery was quick.

Here is a funny



Utahns are confused right now-  
Coronavirus- stay inside  
Earthquake- run outside  
Coronavirus- don't talk to anyone  
Earthquake- go see if everyone is ok  
Coronavirus- social distancing  
Earthquake- hug everyone  
Confusing times.

Regarding Membership. Second notices were mailed out from National on January 15th. At this time National has put out Caring and Sharing Program to help increase membership but most of all this is what we as an origination is committed to with heart and soul. Right! The Caring of our Vets whether it be our relatives, friends, Vets, and our country in general. This is who we are as the American Legion Auxiliary.

Below, there are 3 links for the ONE WEEK OF CARE PROGRAM. It starts April 1-7<sup>th</sup>. Now, with everything going on there will need to be some tweaking due to the Coronavirus Pandemic and I know we can be creative. There are video conferencing programs that available. I was on 2 last night...both I was able to see people across the country and some did not have a camera on their computer but it was still good to hear from them. This is also a time to stay **Proactive** not with just membership, but with our "community" that needs help from the earthquake (earthquake victims). Let's find out who in our membership needs assistance and help them apply for the Auxiliary Emergency Fund or see what we can do locally. Locally, like if someone needs toilet paper or food let's help them okay. I personally like the calling tree. Calling the membership is a good time to find out who is ill or an earthquake victim.

Caring and Sharing Link 1

<https://mail.google.com/mail/u/0?ui=2&ik=6008eb8d52&attid=0.2&permmsgid=msg-f:1660604783635737800&th=170ba740a0ec2cc8&view=att&disp=inline>

Caring and Sharing link 2

<https://mail.google.com/mail/u/0?ui=2&ik=6008eb8d52&attid=0.3&permmsgid=msg-f:1660604783635737800&th=170ba740a0ec2cc8&view=att&disp=inline>

Caring and Sharing link 3

<https://mail.google.com/mail/u/0?ui=2&ik=6008eb8d52&attid=0.4&permmsgid=msg-f:1660604783635737800&th=170ba740a0ec2cc8&view=att&disp=inline>

Simon Sinek noted, "Start the new year by taking better care of each other. Be the leader you wish you had at any level. Help people feel heard. "It always bothered me that bookstores have self-help sections, but why aren't there more help-each-other sections?" he asked." Remember our WHYs.

As always my phone 801.718.6688.

STAY SAFE AND HEALTHY! Sometimes it's not about our looks...so, if you are out and about....wear a mask. I swear by them.

Sincerely,

Silvana Watanabe

801-718-6688

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## **SECOND VICE PRESIDENT - LEADERSHIP:**

Even if we can't have meetings, you can still take advantage of the [ALA Academy](#) training program. You can get to these by signing in to the National website at [www.alaforveterans.org](http://www.alaforveterans.org)

- *How to Deal with Conflict*
- *The ALA Fundraising Course*
- *ALA Juniors E-Learning Course*
- *ALA Branding and Why it Matters to Me*
- *Establishing an ALA Culture of Goodwill*
- *ALA Leadership: Living our Motto of Service Not Self*
- *ALA Communication Methods*
- *ALA 101*

Courses are useful for anyone in the ALA, from juniors and new volunteers to experienced leaders. Encourage other members of your unit to take courses too!

Melissa Sullivan

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## **CHAPLAIN:**

Attached below is a deceased member form. Please send me information about your members who are ill or who have passed away so we can send out cards to them or their families. Please note this is a new e-mail address for me.

Linda Schwartz

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801-465-3938

## **HISTORIAN:**

### **100 years, 100 photos**

For my history project I wanted to do a power point presentation for the history of the American Legion Auxiliary (ALA). I want to show people the reason why all of us stay in the Auxiliary. Here are some guideline on what I want the photos to show or be. ★ Why do you stay in the Auxiliary? ○ Family ○ Veterans ○ Social Aspect ○ Husband/Wives being part of the Legion ○ Grandfather/Grandmothers in the service ○ Kids or grandkids that are serving now ○ Other family members that have been part of the Auxiliary ○ Anything that inspires you to continue to stay ○ Histories of the Units ○ Your favorite programs/projects. The only way I can make this project is with all of you. Taking pictures is my passion, and I would love to come take photos if you want me to. Call, text, or email me. Thanks

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## **SECRETARY-TREASURER NOTES:**

The last day to make membership changes so that they are reflected on the 2021 membership cards and rosters will be **Friday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>**. **That means if you have renewals or new applications they need to be sent in now!** Any members renewing or joining after this date will be members but will not show up on your 2020-2021 membership roster.

In the June 2019 convention, it was voted to raise the amount Units send to department for senior members from \$22.50 to \$27.50, an increase of \$5.00. Some Units are not collecting enough dues from your members to cover this increase. You need to do 2 things:

1. If your Unit Constitution and By-Laws specifies your dues amount, you must determine what your new dues amount will be and change those documents. You need to allow your membership to help determine what the new dues amount will be. At this point due to the COVID-19 situation, I recommend you sending/e-mailing/calling your members to get their suggestions – maybe a voting ballot can be sent with potential dues amounts.
2. You need to report the NEW dues amount to the Department office – see attached form. If you don't send in the new amount, the renewal notices sent by National will not have the correct dues amount.

PLEASE make sure that your Unit Officers have paid their current ALA dues. A member cannot hold an office if they are not current with their dues.

New membership applications are available with the new eligibility dates and adding the words "male spouse"" and "female spouse". I have ordered new ones but you can still use your older forms.

Please don't hold membership. Remember, they may have paid their dues to the unit, but the final renewal is not effective until it has been processed at department.

Check us out at the website or on Facebook.  
<https://www.facebook.com/deptutah/>

**[American Legion Auxiliary Department of Utah](http://www.aladeptutah.org/2701.html)**  
[www.aladeptutah.org/2701.html](http://www.aladeptutah.org/2701.html)

Normally I am in the office on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Feel free to e-mail at [alautah@yahoo.com](mailto:alautah@yahoo.com) or call and please leave a message if I don't answer – 801-539-1015. There are many pamphlets and resources available to you as Units and members to use for the Auxiliary programs. Let me know what you need and it may be something we already have.

Cary Fisher  
Department Executive Director  
[alautah@yahoo.com](mailto:alautah@yahoo.com)  
801-539-1015

## AUXILIARY EMERGENCY FUND:

Ladies, as you can see we are in a pandemic. I do not like asking for money when all these crazy things are happening but our members need help more than ever. Since we can't have meetings all I can do is ask for you to dig deep and donate your change or whatever you can afford to our emergency fund. I know that there will be some ladies that are going to need help. I am crocheting an afghan to be raffled whenever we get the all clear and can attend meetings again. I also have a couple other items being made. Whatever you can afford to donate would be greatly appreciated, just send it to the Department earmarked for the AEF.

Thanks for everything,

Donna Sibert  
Department Chairman  
Auxiliary Emergency Fund

## AMERICANISM:

On behalf of the American Legion Utah Auxiliary, we would like to congratulate the Units and their students below who placed first in their level for this year's Utah Americanism Essay Contest, "How can we address the health and well-being of our veterans, military, and their families." Essays were enjoyable to read and difficult to judge. Our judges do not know the student's name or the unit/district they are from. In some levels, it was a difficult decision to choose a first place, so we decided to add Honorable Mentions to congratulate more students. It's refreshing to know that our students realize the value of being an American citizen, living in America, appreciating our freedoms and the responsibilities that go along with those freedoms. We appreciate all the unit leaders, students, along with their teachers who took the time and effort to participate. What a great opportunity for students to think and write their thoughts about America. We wish more Units would encourage schools/students in their area to participate. Utah had over 250 essays written this year, with many volunteers and volunteer hours spent assisting. Fifteen essays were turned in for state competition from five units. Be sure and read Utah's first place essays attached to the spring ALA newsletter. Congratulations to the following:

<b>Level</b>	<b><u>1<sup>st</sup> Place -</u></b>		
I	Sierra Horrocks	Unit 42	Ferron Elementary (Janice Snow)
II	Annie Johansen	Unit 39	Castle Dale Elementary (Lorraine Frandsen)
III	Kevin Sterner	Unit 31	Ephraim Middle School (Leah Black)
IV	*Allison Kent	Unit 31	Manti High School (Leah Black)
V	*Tiffany Wayman	Unit 31	Manti High School (Leah Black)
VI	none received		

### Honorable Mention

I	Genesis Afaisen	Unit 139	Hillfield Elementary (Cary Fisher)
II	Taylie Mickelsen	Unit 31	Manti Elementary (Leah Black)
III	Liam Clark	Unit 54	Grand County Middle School (Lois Jamison)
IV	*only received one essay		
V	*only received one essay		
VI	none received		

The Utah Auxiliary is pleased to present a check of \$25 to each first place winner and a certificate to honorable mentions. Certificates and checks will be mailed to the Unit Americanism Chair or

President within the next couple weeks. Please congratulate your successful students for us! First place winning essays are being sent to the Western Division to compete for the Western Division title.

I appreciate the opportunity to serve Utah as the Americanism chair for our great state. I'd like to share a couple ways that could help your Unit be more successful in the future:

- Cover sheets must be attached to essays and completely fill out with all the signatures.
- Make sure essays have the **appropriate word count** for their level. Word counts must be filled out on the cover sheet by the student and checked by you certifying it is correct. (One excellent 1<sup>st</sup> place winner was disqualified due to being over the word count by 140 words (How did it end up in state competition?))
- **Spelling & Grammar** check is a must. Our judges were surprised to see several typos and poor grammar in some really good essays. Items that could be corrected by the student before sending in.

I hope we can promote this program next year for Levels IV, V, and VI. If you have any questions, please give me a call @ 435-851-4304.

Donna Birk  
Americanism Chairman  
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#### CHILDREN AND YOUTH:



April is Children & Youth Month. It is also known as Month of the Military Child (#MOMC). With its inception by the US Department of Defense in the mid-1980s, military support organizations and agencies have used the month to recognize military kids for their sacrifice and bravery on the home front. The American Legion Family is no exception. Even though students are not at school, the teachers are – contact them and see if there is something they can get out to their students – how they are appreciated as military children.

April 3<sup>rd</sup> is the date the ALA is recognizing for Purple Up! this year, but that surely doesn't mean that any day during the month or throughout the year isn't a wonderful time to recognize our children. "Why purple?" you might ask. It symbolizes all branches of the military, as it is the combination of Army green, Coast Guard blue, Air Force blue, Marine red and Navy blue. This is our chance to raise awareness and build support to help our military children who meet the unique challenges they face every day.

Please continue to look for those children who deserve a Good Deed Award or a Youth Hero award. You hear them on the news or see them in the newspaper. It takes some research to find out who they are and how to contact them, but we need to recognize the good things that our youths do.

Cary Fisher  
Children and Youth Chairman  
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## **CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS:**

Due to all the recent changes, all Units need to update their Constitution and ByLaws/standing rules, or write them if your Unit is new and doesn't have them. Part of it is easy – it is the National American Legion Auxiliary constitution. The by-laws/standing rules portion needs to reflect your Unit specific information such as meeting place and time, dues amounts for senior and junior members, how long your officer's terms are, etc. The office has copies of many Unit constitution and bylaws (some are really old) if you need a starting point. Please also send a copy to the office when you update yours. Remember, you need to publish the changes to your members – then invite them to a meeting and/or send out the changes to them for a vote. If you need help, contact me or the office.

Nancy Aerts, Constitution and ByLaws Chairman

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## **EDUCATION:**

National Awards:

**Junior Member Loyalty Scholarship - \$2,500**

**Spirit of Youth Scholarship - \$5,000**

**Children of Warriors National President Scholarship - \$5,000**

**Non-Traditional Scholarship - \$2,000**

I did receive applications for some of these scholarships. We will announce the Department winners in the next bulletin. If you have any questions feel free to email me or call Cary at the office.

Jeannie Twitchell

Education Chairman

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## **ALA UTAH GIRLS STATE:**

ALA Utah Girls State is closely monitoring developments concerning COVID-19 (coronavirus) across Utah. Currently, updates on COVID-19 are frequently changing as medical professionals are updating the Centers for Disease Control and state/federal governments are imposing restrictions. We are monitoring the situation and are working closely with our host institution, Weber State University in Ogden, to stay informed should the situation change. We are moving forward with planning for our June 1-6, 2020 session. The well-being and safety of ALA Utah Girls State participants and our volunteer staff is a top priority. ALA Utah Girls State session updates will be sent via email and posted on our social media platforms. Please follow us on Instagram @alautahgirlsstate and on Facebook at Utah Girls State.

If you have specific questions, please contact us at [alautgirlsstate@gmail.com](mailto:alautgirlsstate@gmail.com).

**Printed applications and funds must be received in our Department office by March 31<sup>st</sup>. They can be signed, notarized, scanned and e-mailed.** Checks can be sent separately. This deadline cannot be emphasized enough.

If you have girls you selected but have not completed their registration forms, they are receiving e-mails weekly from Sarah King, ALA Utah Girls State secretary. They have been notified that they will become alternates if they do not get their application completed and submitted. Full refunds will be given if the program is cancelled.

Please give me a call or send me a text or email if you have any concerns, questions, or suggestions.

Sincerely,  
Jenn Hinton  
2020-2021 ALA Utah Girls State Director  
[byujenn96@gmail.com](mailto:byujenn96@gmail.com)  
435-830-3345

### **JUNIOR ACTIVITIES:**

As we start the New Year, please take a moment to look around in your communities and schools for potential Junior members. The ALA offers so many opportunities for youth from scholarships, to community service to awards and the patch program. Girls who are in high school are looking for chances to serve their community as this service weights heavy on college entrances and scholarships. More and more colleges are asking for service hours outside of school required service and so this is a great way for us to promote the ALA Juniors program. Reach out to family, friends and co-workers to find new junior members.

There is a Junior Patch program which current Junior members and Sons of the Legion members under 18 can be working on as part of their day while they are out of school. Check the website at [www.alaforveterans.org](http://www.alaforveterans.org) under the Juniors program for more information or contact the office.

Jacci Christensen  
Junior Activities Chairman  
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### **PAST PRESIDENTS PARLEY:**

Let's brag on our members, it's time to send in unit members of the year nominations. Open to senior members who are not in an elected or appointed leadership role higher than unit president. Units must submit a narrative of 1,000 word or less describing the nominee's accomplishments and activities together with the nominee's name and address and phone number, make sure to put your unit name and number. We also need nominations for Service Members of the year. If you know an active duty service member who will write an essay for the application, please be sure to submit them.

The deadline is May 1, 2020

You can send them to me Past President Parley Chairman  
Jeannie Twitchell  
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Helper, Utah  
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### **POPIES:**



**Greetings from your Utah Poppy Chairman**



I hope that all of you are doing well.

Please let me know if there is anyone who has not received the Poppy order that they requested.

It is my understanding that all Units have received the poppies and I hope that by the end of May we will be able to distribute the poppies in our communities.

Even though students are out of school, they can still participate in the poppy poster contest if you can get the information to their teachers. Deadline for the posters to be at the Department office will be May 20th. Rules are listed below.

Best Regards,  
Ellen Nathan  
American Legion Auxiliary - Utah Poppy Chairwoman  
435-652-8333

### **VETERANS AFFAIRS AND REHABILITATION:**

**It is soon time for the End of Year Reporting.** Service to veterans and their families is an **VERY** important part of that report. Please refer to information enclosed in this bulletin regarding information you need to obtain. Check with your Unit members now so you are prepared to complete the unit year end impact report soon. **Remember the reporting year goes from April 1, 2019 to March 31, 2020.** If it is not reported, no one on the Department level or National level will know what impact we have had on the Veterans. **Your service does make a difference.**

Last year at Department convention a resolution was passed regarding recognition of Auxiliary members for their volunteer service hours they have given for veterans. An Auxiliary pin with bars attached with number of hours in increments of 50-400 hours will be given to members at Department convention who have met minimal volunteer hours. **I need to receive by April 30<sup>th</sup> a list of your Auxiliary members and their hours for this year from April 1, 2019 to March 31, 2020.** I also need to know the details of what service they gave. I already have a record of their volunteer hours for Gift Shop at the 3 facilities if they signed in on days they volunteered.

**VA food pantry update** – Due to COVID-19 virus the food bank at the VA Medical Center campus process for distributing food to veterans has changed. They are asking for two types of groceries bags with food donations. One bag with items for individuals containing individual serving containers with pop top lids and another bag geared towards items used in a kitchen. If you are planning on making any donations, please contact Judy for specific information.

If you have questions, feel free to contact me.

Judy Daybell  
VA&R Chairman  
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# Unit Data Form 2020-2021

**I need information on your Unit dues and if the person you want to receive the Unit dues has changed. I need this back by May 1, 2020.**

Please fill out this form and return it to the department office. If you do not return it by this date, all the membership information will remain the same for the next year's dues. Remember, you send 27.50 for each Senior and 5.50 for each Junior to the Department office. Please check to make sure you are collecting enough for your unit to send to department. To have dues changed on the National notices after this date it will cost your Unit \$30.00.

Unit Name and Number \_\_\_\_\_

2020-2021 Senior Dues for Unit are \$ \_\_\_\_\_ per person

2020-2021 Junior Dues for Unit are \$ \_\_\_\_\_ per person

NAME OF PERSON TO RECEIVE MEMBERSHIP DUES FOR YOUR UNIT (The person you want to have on the National dues notice sent to the members)

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ADDRESS OF ABOVE PERSON

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PHONE NUMBER OF ABOVE PERSON \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL OF ABOVE PERSON \_\_\_\_\_

RETURN THIS FORM TO THE DEPARTMENT OFFICE BY **May 1, 2020**

(PLEASE NO LATER...THANK YOU !!!)

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Report of Deceased Member

UNIT CHAPLAIN: Please make copies of this form for your use. Upon the death of a member, complete this report. Send one copy to the Department Chaplain listed below and keep a copy for your files. The Unit Membership Chairman or Unit Secretary must complete a "Member Data Form" and send to the Department. Please add the address of Next of Kin so our condolences can be sent. Thank you

Unit Name/Number: \_\_\_\_\_ District: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Deceased Member: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Death: \_\_\_\_\_ (Please attach copy of obituary)

Next of Kin/Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Was she a Charter Member: \_\_\_\_\_ Sr. Member: \_\_\_\_\_ Jr. Member: \_\_\_\_\_ Past President: \_\_\_\_\_

Gold Star Mother: \_\_\_\_\_

Significant Information:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

American Legion Auxiliary Department of Utah Chaplain  
Linda Schwartz  
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# Poppy Poster Contest

□ Units shall sponsor contests in local schools. When schools do not conduct activities, other youth groups, including Junior members, may participate under direct supervision of the unit.

□ The contest shall have seven classes:

- Class I: Grades 2 and 3
- Class II: Grades 4 and 5
- Class III: Grades 6 and 7
- Class IV: Grades 8 and 9
- Class V: Grades 10 and 11
- Class VI: Grade 12
- Class VII: Students with special needs defined as:

§ Those in special education classes. A student recommended for special education classes but who has not been admitted due to a waiting list or various other factors. A child identified as having a disability, but not in a special education class due to lack of facilities. Identification contingent upon discretion of school officials.

□ Poppy Poster Requirements:

- Each poster shall have a fitting slogan not to exceed 10 words. Articles – “a,” “and,” “an,” “the” – are not to be counted as words. The words “buddy” and “buy” cannot be used.
- The words “American Legion Auxiliary” must be used in the design of the poster and will not be counted in the 10-word count.
- Each poster must include a picture of the red Flanders Field poppy.
- The department shall determine the closing date for the unit contest. The poster shall be on 11x14” poster board. (Drawing paper will not be accepted).
- The United States flag may be used as long as there are no infractions of the flag code.
- Posters will be judged using the following criteria:

§ 50% - poster appeal (layout, message, originality)

§ 40% - artistic ability (design and color)

§ 10% - neatness

- Media used shall be watercolors, crayons, powder or oil paint, handmade paper cutouts, ink or textures, acrylics, pencils and markers.
- Written in ink on the back of the poster (not attached) shall be the class in which the entry is submitted, the name, address, age and grade of the contestant and the name of the department.
- Submissions become property of the American Legion Auxiliary. Through submission of artwork, contestants and their legal guardians’ grant non-exclusive reproduction and publication rights to the works submitted and agree to have their names and artwork published for commercial use without additional compensation or permission.
- The poster shall be the work of only one individual.
- The label “In Memoriam” from the veteran-made poppy may not be used.