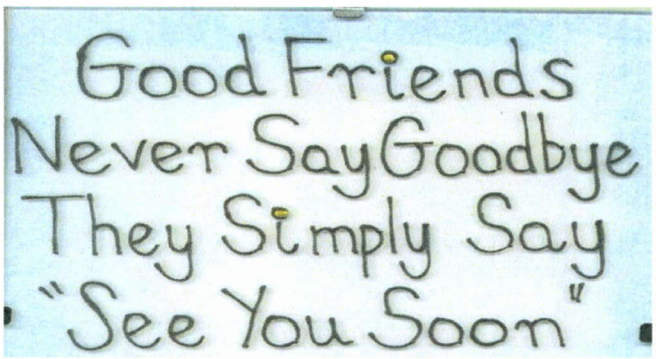
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July 2026 Bulletin



Department President Kyrese's Message,

Hello Sweet Treats,
This is the last article from me as Department President. The year really flies by quickly! During this time, I have had the opportunity to meet members that I would not have met otherwise. I was able to see firsthand the hard work that the auxiliary does to support our veterans.
This year has also been a year of fun as I executed my journey as part of the legion family with the Commander of the Legion, Nikki Randolph, and Detachment Commander, Jason Miller. Again, I saw the impact that this program has on improving the lives of our veterans.
Finally, I am proud to say I spent a week with the citizens of Girl's State of Maryland. I was humbled by the grace, poise and intelligence of our future leaders. I learned so much about government, being a good citizen and the gubernatorial process. I also saw a sense of camaraderie and lasting friendships. This program promotes growth, and appreciation for our government and good citizenship. Through the mock trials, and elections, each girl was able to appreciate how our government works. I am so glad I chose this program as my project and realize this was the best decision I made to have done that. I forgot about how dorm life was! It has been 40 years since I stayed in a dorm, but it was so much fun hearing giggling at midnight and the girls cheering for their cities as they ran down the halls.
It has been a pleasure being president this year and I wanted to thank my officers, chairman, district representatives and advisors for supporting me this year. I also wanted to thank each and every member for making this a time of my life that I will never forget. This was the best volunteer job I have ever had!
I look forward to seeing you all in Ocean City and in Louisville in August. I will say this in print for the last time, please continue to be "Sweet on Our Veterans."

Kyrese Johnson
President, Department of Maryland
American Legion Auxiliary

Chaplain's Bulletin Report

During this past year the Department of Maryland said goodbye to two hundred twenty-eight members. This included one Gold Star Mother and one Past Department President, Jean Weidman-Langrall. Fifty-six Unit Chaplain reports were submitted out of 106 Units. One thousand five hundred eight members volunteered in the spirit of Service Not Self for approximately nine thousand seven hundred fifty-six hours. Memorial contributions totaled thirty-one thousand one hundred eighty-five dollars. There were three books of prayers submitted. Thank you to all who participated.



Paula Grimes, Chaplain
American Legion Auxiliary Department of Maryland

AMERICANISM BULLETIN



Americanism
July, 2026

I hope all of you had a great time celebrating the 250th birthday of our country!! Please, send me pictures!! Eastern Division and National would like a few pictures from Maryland. So far, I haven't received any.

I received only one Adult Americanism Essay. Remember the title is "Celebrating Americas' Birthday and the Veterans who Fought for Our Freedom!!!!! I have extended the deadline to August 14. Contact me with questions.

Thank you all for doing an outstanding job on the Americanism program, especially on the Americanism Essay contest.

God Bless our country, our American Flag, all veterans and their families, and God Bless all of you.

Linda Sarkisian Department Americanism Chairperson 301/602-5276
Nola Willis Department Vice Americanism Chairperson 410/490-3625

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Gold Star Mother Report★

Hi, here we are in July, where does the time go? A big thank you to Kyrese for my position. It was a pleasure representing our Gold Star families. Here are some things you can do to honor them:

Why not offer some personal support to your Gold Star Mother and Gold Star Family member? Have a lunch together and talk of their hero who gave the ultimate sacrifice. Many Gold Star Mothers and Families enjoy telling stories of their loved one. Cards are always a nice way to show you care, maybe a quick text to say hi?

Unit Presidents/Gold Star Mother Representatives please make sure you send in your list of your Gold Star Mothers with their addresses, emails and phone numbers, if you have them.

"Their sacrifices will never be forgotten"

Respectfully,

Penny Adams

Boomomo63@gmail.com 717-752-2178

AEF BULLETIN 2026

Auxiliary Emergency Fund (AEF)

As my term as Auxiliary Emergency Fund Chairperson comes to a close, I would like to express my sincere appreciation to Department President Kyrese Johnson for appointing me to serve during the 2025–2026 administrative year.

Thank you for the opportunity, confidence, and support you provided throughout the year. It has been an honor to promote the Auxiliary Emergency Fund program and help raise awareness of this important resource for our members. I am grateful for the experience and proud of all that we have accomplished together.

Thank you for your leadership and dedication to the American Legion Auxiliary

With appreciation

Linda P.K. Green
AEF Chairperson
ALA Dept. of Maryland
greenlpk@msn.com
(202) 425-7414

C&Y 2026 REPORT

The Children and Youth Program and The Military Kids Program

Auxiliary Ladies, we made it!!!!! MADE WHAT??

The American Legion Family, as a united front, Family First, Women United, Community and Children HAVE RAISED OVER $5,000.00 for our Children and Youth and the Military Kids of the Southern Maryland for the Patuxent River Naval Air Station base.

This year the ALA Department of Maryland, Inc., Children and Youth program would like to express our sincere gratitude to all the wonderful Units of the Department of Maryland who gave donations of numerous denominations.

Congratulations to all the Unit Children and Youth representatives for your support and donations.

We continue to encourage each unit member who participated and helped to provide funds for Our Military Kids during the 2025-26 year of the Children and Youth Project. The funds will be distributed to some of these activities:

1. Military Kids Day
2. Children of Combat-Injured Veterans
3. The Month of the Military Child is April
4. Operation Purple Camp National Family Association
5. Summer Camp Activities





The Department of Maryland Children and Youth project was a success because of all the wonderful members of the American Legion Auxiliary Units that contributed to the $5k that we were trying to reach. We are so proud of you and your members. Give them a big thank you from your Chairman, Wendy Rice-Morton, Laura Miller, and Sherry Pope for working with me to make this a success. We reach over $5,000.00 to present to the

Wendy Rice-Morton, Chairman

Laura Miller, Vice-Chairman

Sherry Pope, Junior Vice-Chairman

COMMUNITY SERVICE REPORT



Debbie and I would like to thank our President Kyrese Johnson for our positions. It was a very interesting year, and a lot was accomplished and there were lots of great things that were done in communities and for our veterans by our Units. Thanks to all that participated in anything that was done, and GREAT JOB ALL!

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443-590-7114

Debbie Heredia Vice Chrm debbieheredia@comcast.net

1-706-834-7500

CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS 2026 REPORT

Rusty Beeg, C&B Chairman
301-602-7214 or rbeeg5908@gmail.com



CONVENTION 2026 REPORT

The raffle tickets for the Convention will be on sale at the Convention. They are $1 each and winners will be drawn at the convention on Thursday.

Sandi Dutton
Convention
Chairman
301-613-7807

Alta Glotfelty
Convention Vice
Chairman



CONVENTION HAT CONTEST





Department Convention Poppy Hat Competition Guidelines

Get ready for the fun and creativity of our **Department Convention Poppy Hat Competition** at convention in **July 2026**! We invite every Unit to bring a beautifully decorated hat to display and proudly parade on stage.

Competition Guidelines

• One entry per Unit

• Please place the following information on a sheet of paper inside the hat:

- Name
- District Number
- Unit Number
- Address
- Phone Number
- Email Address

• **No identifying information may appear on the outside of the hat.** Each entry will be assigned a number for judging purposes.

Award Categories

1st Place – Highest monetary donations collected
2nd Place – 2nd highest monetary donations collected
3rd Place – 3rd highest monetary donation collected
Most Creative Hat featuring the Department President's Theme **"Sweet on our Veterans"** and don't forget your Poppies.

Hat Submission Information

Hat entries must be delivered to the **Convention Registration Area (1st Floor of the Convention Hall)** on **Wednesday, July 15, 2026**, for display.

Please submit hats to **Linda P.K. Green**, Hat Competition Organizer.

Voting & Pick-Up

- Voting will be conducted by members attending convention.
- Hats may be picked up following the announcement of winners on **Friday**.

We look forward to seeing your gorgeous, creative poppy hats on display! If you have questions, please feel free to reach out.

Linda P.K. Green
Convention Poppy Hat, Coordinator
202-425-7414.
greenlpk@msn.com

CREATIVE ARTS REPORT(see you there ⬇)



We have THREE National winners from the Maryland VA hospitals going to the national festival! There were also some national second place winners. You can log on to this link to view all their presentations: https://app.smore.com/n/3wz6g

Entries for the 2027 festival will open soon. I will eblast the entry forms as soon as they are available. In the meantime, alert any creative veterans you may know about this upcoming opportunity. The deadline for entries will be June 24.

The date of the Maryland State Fair is Saturday, September 12, for the annual Veterans Creative Arts Festival Showcase. This will be held in the Home Arts Building as usual. Those interested in volunteering should let me know as soon as possible as slots are limited.

Rusty Beeg email: rbeeg5908@gmail.com Phone: 301-602-7214

GIRLS STATE REPORT - MAY 2026

Maryland Girls State

MARYLAND GIRLS STATE IS HERE!

THANK YOU

FOR ALL YOUR SUPPORT THIS YEAR!

We cannot wait to tell you all about our tremendous citizens, speakers, and activities this year at Maryland Girls State 2026! However, this bulletin is being written right before Maryland Girls State is being convened. We are anxiously awaiting all the fantastic candidates we have met throughout Maryland at our Orientations, and we are looking forward to their successful participation.

We would like to thank Madame Department President Kyrese Johnson for her enthusiastic sponsorship and promotion of Maryland Girls State as her President's Project this year. We know this will enable Maryland Girls State to expand and offer exceptional experiences for even more citizens in the years to come! We would also like to thank our Director, Rocky Berry, our Vice Directors, and the full Maryland Girls State Executive Committee, for all their work throughout the year in making this week an extraordinary experience for those that attend: the citizens, counselors, junior counselors, guest speakers, and staff.

As we geared up for nearly 140 participants; we are busy collecting shoes, cash and coins for our Cash Challenge our staff has prepared, speakers have been invited, and we are assembling everything that will be needed for a full week of our mock government sessions. We have Girls State citizens that are coming from overseas, the far reaches of the state, and just down the block from Salisbury. We are thrilled to have the opportunity to meet all these amazing young ladies. When they return home, they will be tired, full of stories, and many will have made life-long friends. Thank you to the American Legion Auxiliary Department of Maryland and the many volunteers for their commitment to this program.

Rocky Berry (293), Director - alamdgs@gmail.com, 301-928-2421
Robyn Anzulis (191), Vice Director and Kristen Barry (191), 2nd Vice Director
Committee: Rusty Beeg (136), Joyce Cooper (19), Brianna Jackson (38), Stephanie Maceiko (136), Jennifer Murray (11), and Briana Washington-Yotko (293).

LEADERSHIP 2026 REPORT

UNIT MEMBER OF THE YEAR

All entries for the Member of Year have been sent to the judges and judged. Good luck to all the entries.

Linda M. Newsome, Chairman
Lindanewsomel 995@gmail.com

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY
DEPARTMENT OF MARYLAND

LEGISLATIVE REPORT

★ June • July 2025 ★

Your Voice. Your Impact. Our Mission.

Working together to support our veterans, military, and their families through legislative action.

Thank You, Girl State!

It was a pleasure to be invited to speak at Girl State this summer. Thank you for the warm welcome and the opportunity to share information about the legislative process and the importance of civic engagement.

Your enthusiasm, thoughtful questions, and dedication to leadership give us great hope for the future. Continue to use your voices, stay curious, and never underestimate the impact you can make!

You are the future!

MONTHLY FOCUS AREAS

ADVOCATE
Advocating for policies that protect and enhance the well-being of veterans, military members, and their families.

EDUCATE
Sharing legislative updates and resources to empower ALA members to take action in their communities.

ENGAGE
Encouraging grassroots involvement and building strong relationships with our legislators year-round.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATES

During the months of June and July, we continued to monitor, track, and take action on key legislation that impacts our mission.

- Monitored federal and state legislation affecting veterans' benefits, health care, and caregivers.
- Participated in ALA National Legislative updates and action alerts.
- Encouraged members to contact legislators in support of priority bills.
- Continued to promote our legislative platform and the Be The One mission.
- Engaged with local Posts and Units to share resources and legislative news.

KEY LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES
DEPARTMENT OF MARYLAND

- Quality Health Care for All Veterans
- Women Veterans Recognition & Support
- Caregiver Support & Family Programs
- Suicide Prevention & Mental Health Resources
- VA Accountability & Access to Benefits
- Veterans Education & Workforce Opportunities

**LEGISLATION WORKS BEST WHEN WE WORK TOGETHER.
STAY INFORMED. GET INVOLVED. MAKE YOUR VOICE HEARD.**

We are Stronger Together!

La Tia N. Jones

LaTia N. Jones
Legislative Chair
American Legion Auxiliary
Department of Maryland

> *"The legislation we support today creates a better tomorrow for those who have sacrificed for us all."*

THANK YOU FOR ALL THAT YOU DO!

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Greetings Department of Maryland Sweet Treats;
As of June 7, 2026, The Department of Maryland reached the 95% Goal and will be awarded $95.00 from National. Wow, this is awesome! We are still in 1st place in the Eastern Division at 101.53% and 5th place in the nation!
Thanks to all the Membership Chairmen for a job well done and all that you have done to bring in Membership.
A "Big Shout Out To District 2". You all carried that number one position all the way!!!
Thanks to everyone that helped me with my Membership Chairmanship. I'm especially grateful to the Eastern Division Membership Chairman, Corrina Colson and the Eastern Division Zoom and Chat Group for all their assistance.
Come on Sweet Treats, let's keep it going. Keep recruiting and reclaiming. Together we can do this.
God's Richest Blessings for a successful and productive upcoming Convention in Ocean City as well as the National Convention in Kentucky.
Patricia "Pat" Walker - Department Membership Chairman 2025/2026

SPECIAL NOTE FOR MEMBERSHIP

On Wednesday, June 3rd the NEC voted on a change to Standing Rule XI. Units, the standing rule is now as follows:

Section 6. Membership eligibility through the service of a living veteran may be established by presentation of a current The American Legion membership card. Membership eligibility through the service of a deceased veteran may be established by certification of the deceased veteran's proof of military service by the post adjutant or other post officer or by the unit secretary or other unit officer. Joining online requires an affidavit of eligibility; the Unit may request a copy of the veteran's proof of military service.

This change is anticipated to be reflected in the online National Constitution & Bylaws by mid to late June.

What does this change mean? The unit secretary or other unit officer may verify the eligibility of a potential member and sign the application. By expanding the options for who may review and sign membership applications, we are removing barriers and allowing the processing of membership to be more efficient. It is not a requirement that the unit review eligibility, if a unit wishes to continue to work with their legion post, they may do so.

"Be Blessed and Stay Safe!
Patricia "Pat" Walker - Department Membership Chairman

MUSIC REPORT

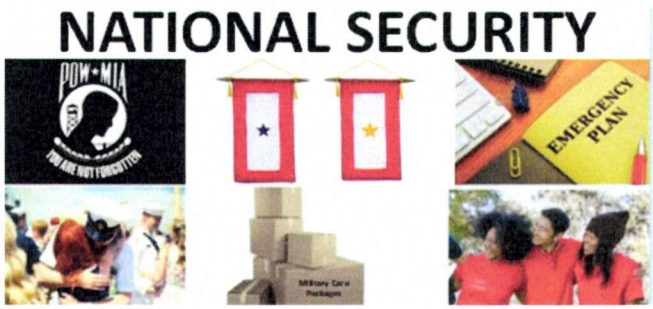
As we wrap up this year, I just want to say what an incredible year it's been stepping into the role of Music Chair. Thank you again Madame President Johnson for bringing back our organization's love of music. From our very first notes together to the moments that brought energy, joy, and sweetness, this year has truly been one to remember. Thank you all for the support, enthusiasm, and shared love of music! 💛 Let's close out the year on a high note and here's to singing with you next year.

There has been a lot of interest in the guitar shaped purse I own. If interested in purchasing, please feel free to email me for the link. brinkyboobri@gmail.com



Yours in MUSICAL service, not self,
Brianna Jackson
ALA MD Music Chair

NATIONAL SECURITY REPORT



ALA Department of Maryland National Security Chairman Report
Bulletin: July 2026
Do you wear your R.E.D. Shirt on Friday's? R.E.D. – Remember Everyone Deployed, let's show our support for our Service Members deployed away from home. Remember to show us your photos on Friday wearing your R.E.D Shirt on our **ALAMD National Security Facebook page.**

- July is **Military Consumer Protection Month**
- Honor **Alive Day** on **July 17th-19th**: **Alive Day** is the survival anniversary of the date when a military veteran nearly lost their life in combat or from a service-related incident. A day to

honor the sacrifices made by military veterans and to acknowledge the strength it takes to rebuild and move forward after such a traumatic experience.
• Celebrate **Armed Forces Unification Day** on **July 27th** and the **US Army Corps Chaplain 251st Anniversary** on **July 29th**
• Remember **Fireworks Safety** and **Extreme Heat Safety**: http://www.ready.gov/calendar

Coupons for Overseas Commissary's: There are 5 overseas Commissary bases seeking coupons. Coupons are good for an **additional 6 months** past the expiration date at all overseas locations. Please separate coupons by food and non-food coupons.

Shipping Customs: HS Code for coupons: 4911.10

1. Atsugi Air Force Base

Ayase, Kanagawa, Japan
Defense Commissary Agency
Atsugi NAF
PSC 477 Box 24
FPO AP 96306

2. Camp Zama Army Base

Kanagawa Prefecture, Japan
Camp Zama Commissary 3516
DECA ZAMA
ATTN: Coupons
OPC 705 BOX 32
APO AP 96338-9001

3. Kadena Air Force Base, Okinawa, Japan

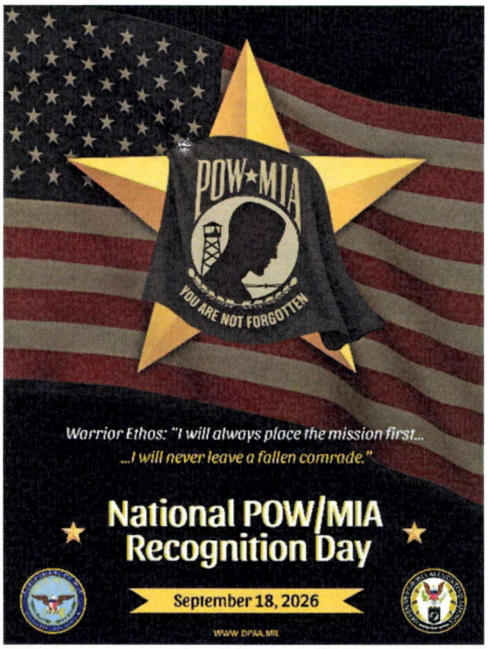
Kadena Commissary
OPC 80 Unit 5116
APO AP 96367-5116

4. Yokota Air Force Base, Tokyo, Japan

DeCA Yokota AB Commissary
PSC 78 Box 5088
APO AP, 96326

5. US Marine Corps Base Camp Kinser

Urasoe City, Okinawa JP 901-2100
DECA Camp Kinser Commissary
OPC 80 BOX 5116
APO, AP 96368-5116



The **2026 National POW/MIA Recognition Day poster** is now available to order in time to receive by National POW/MIA Recognition Day on Friday, September 18th. Order Poster at:
https://dpaa-mil.sites.crmforce.mil/dpaaPosters

Please join our **Department of Maryland National Security Facebook group page**: **ALAMD National Security**. The Dept of Maryland National Security Calendar of Events for **July and August** is posted for Units planning events/programs.

In the Spirit of Service, Not Self,

Mayvee Smith, Chairman Ethel Leffingwell, Vice Chairman
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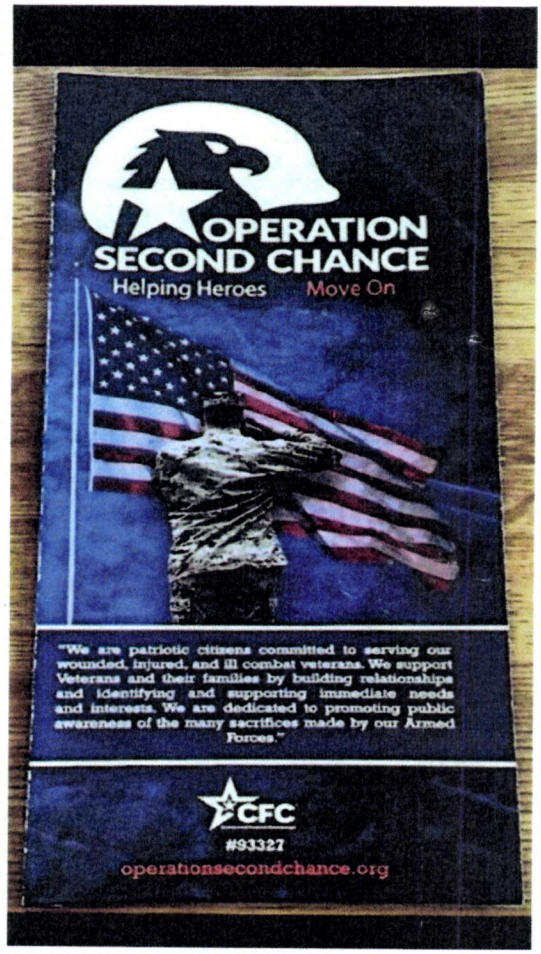
PARLIMENTARIAN REPORT

It has been an honor to serve as your elected Parliamentarian these past two years. I have learned, and continue to learn, the governing documents of our organization. Thanks to those who have helped me along the way. The Rules Committee has been working diligently updating the Rule Book, and we hope to get it distributed to the members during this 2026-2027 year. Please continue to bear with us as we put the final touches together.
Thank you for all you do to make Maryland shine!

Linda L. Green
Parliamentarian

PAST PRESIDENTS PROJECT

OPERATION SECOND CHANCE



The Past Presidents Parley Project for this year. Please support this worthy cause. Cindy McGraw is the founder and CEO with 20 yrs. of dedicated service to all Military Branches. Dedicated to assisting our wounded, injured and ill veterans and working hard to fill in the gaps when funding is needed.
Thanks to all that donated, we have collected $2070., so please keep donating to make this mark. Thanks again.

Operationsecondchance.org

OPERATION SECOND CHANCE
HELPING HEROES MOVE ON

Go on line and check this out, it is very interesting.

Joanne Weis
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Junior Activities Bulletin Report:

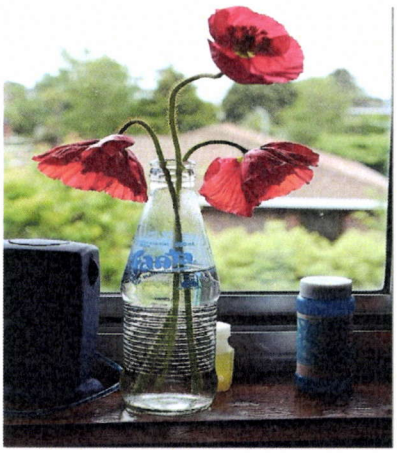
As we reflect on another successful year, we extend our heartfelt appreciation to every member who supported our Junior SMARTIES this year as they were truly, "Sweet on Our Veterans". Your encouragement, mentorship, donations, volunteer hours, and unwavering belief in our Juniors and SAL Youth have made a lasting impact.

Because of your Support, Our juniors have had opportunities to learn, grow, serve Veterans, their communities and develop into the future leaders of the American Legion Aux / SAL. Your investment in them helps strengthen our mission and ensures that the values of service, patriotism and community continue for generations to come.

Our SMARTIES truly shine because of caring members like you. THANK YOU for helping them learn, lead and make a difference.

Together, we are building a brighter future, one SMARTIE at a time. As we are near the closing of a Great Year, the Junior Activities Committee ask that each of you continue to be Mission Driven and Family Focus with our SMARTIES.

Starr Purnell
Department Junior Activities Chairman
2025-2026



Poppy Report

Hello

I would like to start by thanking Madame President Kyrese Johnson for my position as her Poppy Chairman for the year 2025-2026. It was a privilege working under her year in service. We have accomplished so much on getting the word out on the poppies and all that they represent. I am so proud of all our Unit members, District Presidents and District Reps for all of their help and hard work for the Poppy Program.

We still have some outstanding poppy orders needed for 2025-2026 and you still have to the end of July to get them ordered. Remember Poppy's are all year long. I have attached a poppy order form at end of bulletin along with the directions on how to get your Poppy %, if you would like to order.

POPPY ORDERS & PERCENTAGE (%) – UNITS STILL NEEDED:

16 – 38 – 41 – 87 – 93 – 123 – 132 – 145 – 193 – 218 – 227 – 233 – 235 – 238 243 – 263 – 293 295

PAID % - STILL NEED TO ORDER POPPY'S:

189

PAID FOR POPPY'S – STILL NEED TO PAY %:

86

We did very well on the poppy program this year. Here are the following statistics:
Poppy's ordered – 39,050
Monetary amt from Poppy's - $14,138.00 (includes: Cost of Poppys, Postage, %, donations and fundraiser)

Let's continue doing all that we are doing in the new year 2026-2027.
God Bless our Troops abroad and at home, their families and all of you,
"Dare to make a difference"

Suzzette Reid

Dept. Poppy Chairman

301-219-4480

Chris McKay

Vice President Chairman

443-994-9402

VETERANS AFFAIRS AND REHABILITATION (VA&R)- JUNE 2026

Convention is over, I hope you learned many new things and met a lot of new contacts. While summer is here, gather your Unit to develop a plan for the next year. There are so many things that can be done to work with and enhance the lives of our Veterans. Start with this year's VA&R report and use that as a guide – what could you do to fulfill programs listed.

Other ideas include:

- Celebrate the creative talents of our veterans at the Maryland Creative Arts Festival is held each year during the Maryland State Fair. Consider volunteering during the event.
- Sponsor events at Veterans Hospitals or Veterans Homes. If there is not one near you consider holding an e-vent at a local senior or nursing facility. Events that you can consider:
- Bingo or card games
- Sponsor a local group to play for the veterans – older songs that the veterans identify with and could sing-along
- Ice Cream Social
- National Salute to Veterans (February 14)

Have your Unit write cards – Veterans Day, Christmas Cards, Valentine's Day, Birthday. This is a great project for your ALA Juniors. We have a group of veterans that sit at the bar afternoons and sign cards. They love that they can do something for fellow veterans.

Plan for the holidays. There are so many veterans that are alone during the holidays. Plan an open house for Thanksgiving or Christmas with dinner and small gifts.

Consider a coat drive, donating coats, scarves, and gloves to veterans in need. Ask a local shelter, or call McVets. You could also include a bag of toiletries (soap, shampoo, tissues, comb, toothbrush and toothpaste).

Thank you to all the Units who completed their VA&R Reports this year. These reports are read. I also used your reports to complete my report to our Mid-Atlantic Region Chair. Our Chair compiled her report, sending it to National. So yes – they are read!

Have a great summer!

Joyce Baki
VA&R Chair
410-449-9515
Joyce.Baki@Yahoo.com

Martinsburg VA Hospital

Districts 7 & 8 continue to support the Martinsburg VA Hospital needs in every way. Monthly bingo is sponsored by Units and managed by the VAVS Representative. Donations from Units in District 8 provide the Canteen Books as prizes and a treat bag each month to each veteran.

Hospital needs at this time are body lotion, body wash and men's boxers, sizes large and up.

The Food Pantry for Veterans is always in need of wheat pastas, Sugar Free Fruit Cups and low salt canned items.

The Women's Boutique is switching over from fall /winter to summer items. Needed items are summer pj's.

The West Mar House continues to provide a "home away from home" for families of critically ill Veterans for $10 a night. Auxiliary volunteers continue to update supplies in the house.

Many hours are spent helping at the hospital, and many trips taken when items are needed for the veterans.

Diane Lowe
VAVS Representative Martinsburg VA

VAVS - Washington DC VA Medical Center

The medical center is still undergoing new and improved staffing/program changes. Although frustrating to the many volunteers, change is good! Since COVID, the staff continues with bingo parties and games with the help of our support donating snacks, prizes, and canteen books.

The Christmas Gift Shop was held enabling Veterans a little Christmas Cheer, along with Winter Haven held inside this year. The Annual Baby Shower was held inside as well with staff monitoring with limited volunteers. Donations of hats, scarfs, ear and hand warmers, toiletries, puzzle books, and women's winter coats were donated to Winter Haven. The Southern Maryland District 5 donated $250.00 to the Women's Health Center for the baby shower.
These donations and, I'm sure, many others by Units and volunteers were shared and greatly appreciated by our Veterans.

The VAVS Representative and Deputy Representative continues to attend the quarterly VAVS Committee Meetings – still being held virtually. Recently, they have opened up to being held in person as well as virtual. Updates are forwarded to the Department Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation Chairman for sharing with the District Representatives and members. For the past several months, donations to the medical center are submitted electronically. Unit, Districts, and Department can contact the Representatives if the website is needed to make a donation and, of

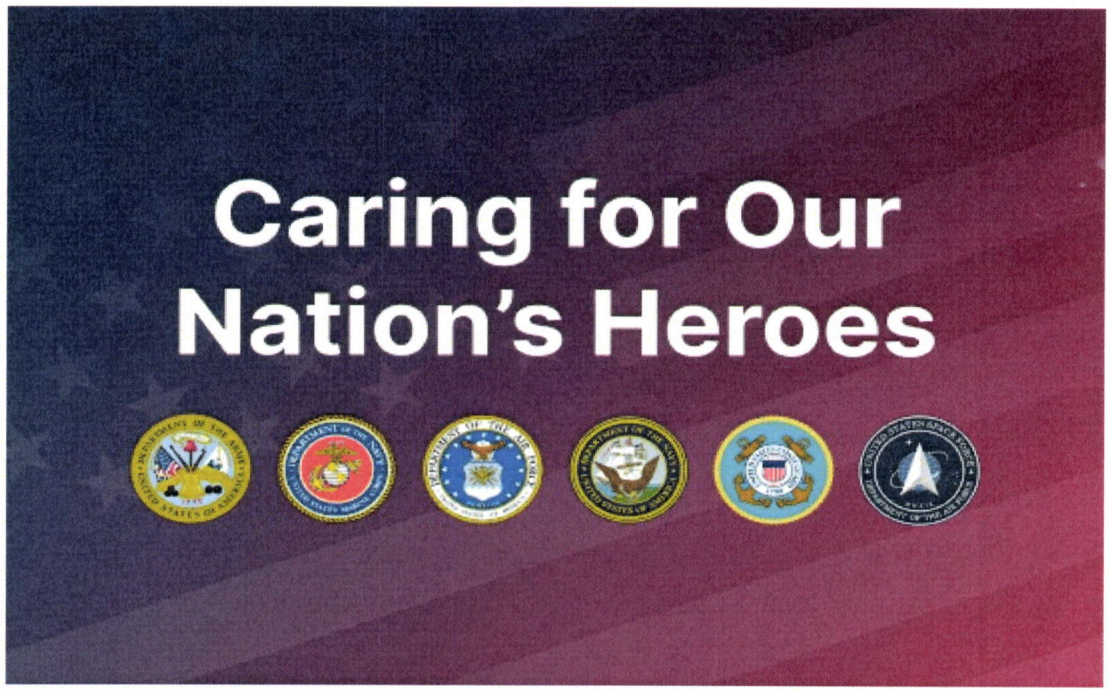
course, it has been noted in the bulletins. Other donations are coordinated through the Center for Development & Civic Engagement (formally Volunteer Services) and dropped off in the Building 6 area. A copy of the donation form must be attached to your donation to ensure proper credit to your Unit, District and Department.

As always, many thanks to the Units, members and friends for their continued generosity and loving kindness to the Veterans in the medical center and within the State of Maryland.

In Service, Not Self for God and Country,

Linda L. Green
VAVS Representative

Melinda Speight
Deputy VAVS Representative



Finance Committee Reports

We would like to thank all the Units, Squadrons, and Posts for helping us raise funds for our programs and projects this year! A special thank you goes out to Debbie Heredia, Linda P K Green and Unit 259, Unit and Post 40, Starr Purnell, Brenda Miller, Unit 60, Unit 29, Unit and Squadron 191, and our District Presidents for going above and beyond!

Just a friendly reminder to all Officers and Committee Chairmen – all expense and event reports are due ***BEFORE*** our annual Convention. Please email reports – with receipts – to the Department

Secretary at HQ@alamd.org. We greatly appreciate the work you do and want you to be reimbursed timely!

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out: Mrs_Hill@msn.com

Warmest regards,
Michelle Hill
Department Finance Committee Chairman

105th ANNUAL JOINT CONVENTION OF OFFICERS
JULY 14 – 17, 2026



Convention Center
Roland E Powell Convention Hall
Ocean City, MD

American Legion Auxiliary

Department of Maryland

List of Meeting for 2026-27

All Meetings start at 10:00 AM

Meeting Type	Date	Unit	Location
Budget Meeting	July 26, 2026	Unit 278	Kent Island
DEC Meeting	August 15, 2026	Unit 40	Glen Burnie
Chairman's Meeting	September 12, 2026	Unit 187	Brooklyn Curtis Bay
Fall Conference	October 9-11, 2026	Post & Unit 128	Aberdeen
DEC Meeting	November 14, 2026		TBA
DEC Meeting	February 13, 2027	Unit 29	Denton MD
DEC Meeting	May 2027	Unit 285	Baltimore MD

Howard J. Purnell Memorial Unit #145
American Legion Auxiliary
Department of Maryland, Inc.

Proudly & Unanimously Endorses

STARR A PURNELL

for the Office of

Department 1st Vice President

for the 2026-2027 Administrative Year
and will present her name on
July 15, 2026
at the
Department Convention in Ocean City, MD

From: Annette Vaughn <annetteemail@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 16, 2026 1:25 PM
To: HQ <hq@alamd.org>
Cc: Parnice Green <greenparnice@hotmail.com>
Subject: 1st Vice President Nominee

Good afternoon HQ. I hope all is well.

I Annette Vaughn respectfully withdraw my name

as the 1st Vice President nominee.

Thank you for your support.

Annette Vaughn

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY

Clinton Unit 259
The American Legion Auxiliary
Department of Maryland, Inc

Unanimously Endorses

Annette Vaughn

for the Office of

Historian

For the 2026-2027 Administrative Year

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2026

POPPY ORDER FORM

NAME OF UNIT ..... **DISTRICT #** ..... **UNIT#** .....

UNIT ADDRESS .....

CONTACT NAME ..... **PHONE#** .....

POPPY % MUST BE PAID BEFORE POPPIES ARE SENT!

_____ **POPPIES @ $185.00 PER THOUSAND** $_____

_____ **POPPIES @ $ 20.00 PER HUNDRED** $_____

SHIPPING ($6.-100-400 / $10.- 500-900 / $13.- 1,000)
($3 extra in increments of 400) $_____

TOTAL AMOUNT DUE* $_____

PAYABLE TO: AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY DEPARTEMNT OF MARYLAND, INC.
MAIL TO: 1589 SULPHUR SPRING RD, SUITE #105, BALTIMORE, MD 21227

DELIVERY METHOD PICK UP HQ:_____ SHIP _____ PICK UP DEC _____

FILL IN SHIPPING INFORMATION ONLY IF REQUESTING ORDER TO BE SHIPPED.

SHIP TO: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: ..... STATE: ..... ZIP CODE .....

ALL ORDERS must be made through the Department Headquarters. Please be sure your 24/25 Poppy percentage has been paid before ordering or sending in with order. CHECKS TO BE SENT VIA POPPY ORDER FORM OR DONATION SHEET (Poppy % is located on donation sheet)

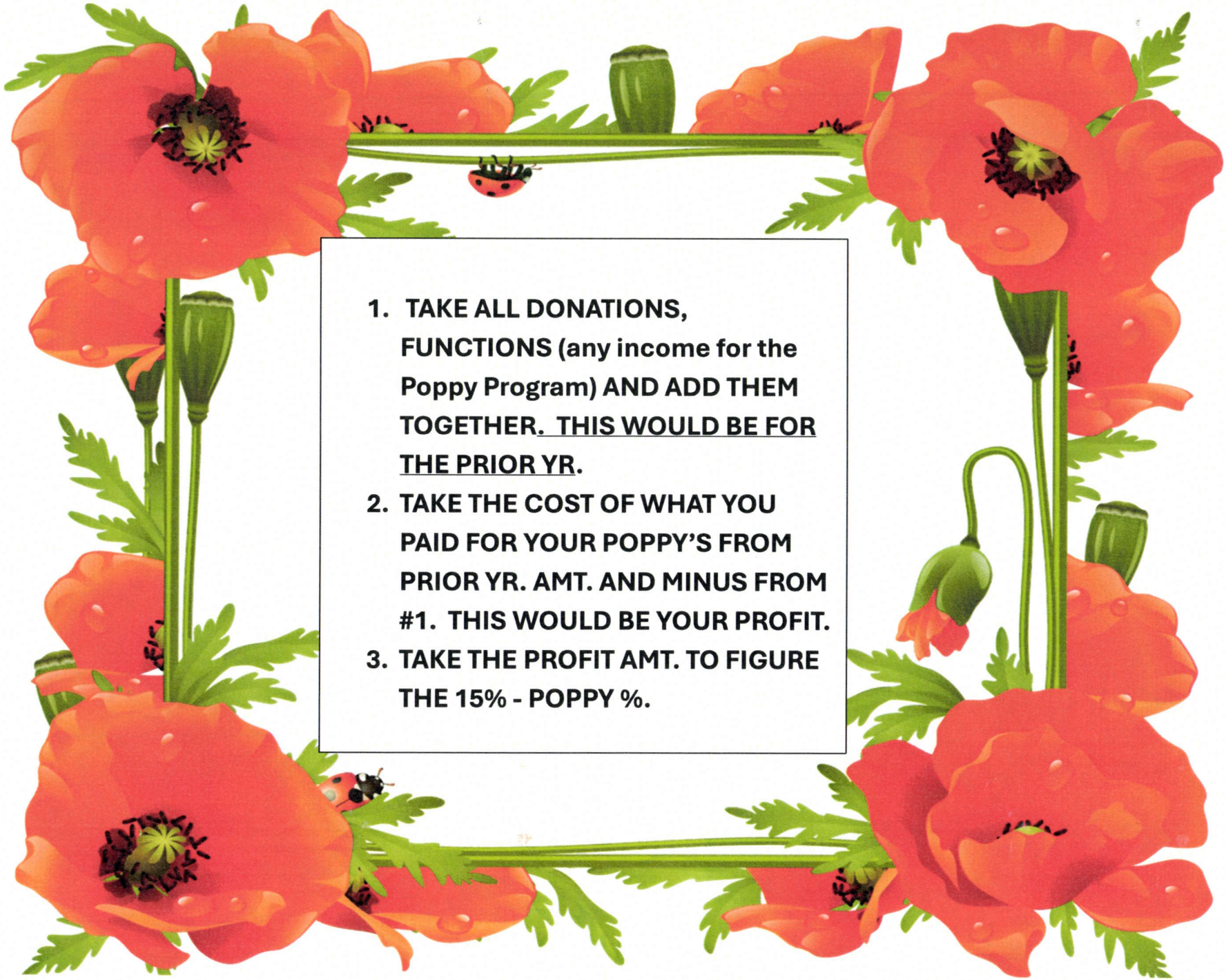
** PLEASE SIGN, DATE AND RETURN TO DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS AFTER YOU RECEIVE YOUR POPPY'S IN THE MAIL**

SIGNATURE: ..... DATE: .....

THANK YOU, LADIES FOR ALL OF YOUR HARD WORK!

Revised – 3/12/2025

HOW TO FIGURE OUT THE POPPY PERCENTAGE



1. **TAKE ALL DONATIONS, FUNCTIONS (any income for the Poppy Program) AND ADD THEM TOGETHER. THIS WOULD BE FOR THE PRIOR YR.**
2. **TAKE THE COST OF WHAT YOU PAID FOR YOUR POPPY'S FROM PRIOR YR. AMT. AND MINUS FROM #1. THIS WOULD BE YOUR PROFIT.**
3. **TAKE THE PROFIT AMT. TO FIGURE THE 15% - POPPY %.**