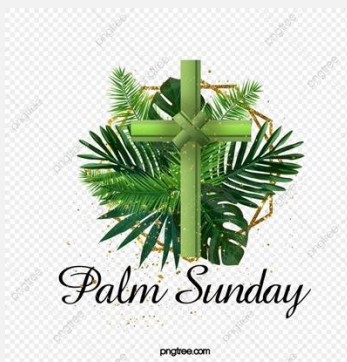


American Legion Auxiliary
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Newsletter



April 10th, 2022

Western Division VA&R Team,

April Showers brings May Flowers...

I remember my mom making that comment every year as the month of April rolled around...I'm not sure about the showers happening, however there is water for sure because of the 'breakup' season here in Alaska. Spring is in the air for sure.

The month of 'April' brings the reminder of end of year (EOY) reporting; reports are due to respective Division Chairs NLT May 15th, 2022. Please reiterate to your Units the importance of reporting to the Department VA&R Chair (you) by your EOY deadlines. Encourage photos, also reminding not to embed photos in documents, please attached separately at the largest resolution; we want to see all the hard work from the past year.

- ❖ End of Year Reporting – May 15, 2022
- ❖ AWARD DATES – JUNE 1, 2022



'Service to Veterans' Pin

Hours can be earned through work done in your home for the benefit of homebound, sick, or injured servicemembers and veterans. These activities might include sewing, mending, and/or babysitting while the veteran attends medical appointments or rehab sessions or making quilts or knitting for hospitalized or homeless veterans.



Sunday, April 17th, 2022

National Veterans Creative Arts Festival

How to Donate to NVCAF

To donate to the Veterans Creative Arts Festival, visit www.ALAForVeterans.org/donate and select “ALA Foundation Veterans Creative Arts Festival Fund.”



Caring For Those Who Care For Others”

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Certificate of Appreciation for Caregivers located at: ALAForVeterans.org



This year the 41st NVCAF is closed to the public. On Sunday, April 24th via Livestream at www.creativeartsfestival.org. [url will be active for event], please enjoy viewing Veteran’s artwork, performances and writing pieces along with watching the live stage show at 11am EST.

Did you know:

In April 1946, the American Legion Family created what we now refer to as VAVS (Veterans Affairs Voluntary Service). In 1946, collaboration between the American Legion Family, other veteran service organizations and the US. Department of Veteran Affairs (VA) joined forces to form what is known today as VAVS. Visit and learn more about VAVS by reading the VAVS headline blogs at: alaforveterans.org



The American Legion 2022 Challenge, the *100 Miles For Hope* is a way to donate as well as participate in a fun challenge. All donations go directly to supporting disabled veterans and military families through The American Legion Veterans & Children Foundation (V&CF). To register and learn more information visit: https://www.legion.org/100miles/255123/here's-what-you-need-know-about-new-100-miles-hope?utm_source=Adestra&utm_medium=email&utm_content=100%20MILES&utm_campaign=Source+Code+Here&utm_term=newsletter



The American Legion Auxiliary Foundation positively impacts the lives of our veterans, military, and their families by funding program of the American Legion Auxiliary today and for future generations.

Let's celebrate our Military Kids and support Veteran's Children & Youth by wearing purple on April 15, 2022, in recognition of *Purple Up Day*.



Note to Department Chairs:

- Our Western Division Touchpoint Zoom call will be Tuesday **March 29th @ 5p AKST.**
- **April 12th @ 8pm EST** - If you have not done so – Please register for the Virtual National VA&R Joint Committee Zoom meeting (reminder email to follow).

As we draw closer to the end of the reporting year, I continue to thank each of you for your dedication and hard work to the ALA Mission.

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