



**COMMUNITY SERVICE
"THE NIGHT WATCHWOMEN"
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SERVING ON LOCAL COMMUNITY BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

Hello Nightwatchmen:

American Legion Auxiliary members can be a committed and credible part of their communities by volunteering to serve on local community boards and committees. Whether it be in a metro or rural area, we can be a positive voice. Our units already work community service throughout the departments, but do we take another step to be a decisive voice on issues that partner with the mission of the American Legion Auxiliary?

Some boards to consider may be college and district schools. Do we want to be part of the educational process and learn what the educational community is facing with teacher and budget cuts and how your unit can fill voids with volunteers, needed supplies, or mentors?

Your city council itself makes decisions in your community. Are there issues that a member could assist with that may align with the ALA mission, especially those that impact our veterans and military? Perhaps we need to begin by coaching sports, helping at libraries or perhaps at events like Special Olympics, Relay for Life, or other sponsored walks.

Volunteers serving on boards have opportunities to develop and grow leaders and possibly recruit new members to the American Legion Auxiliary. Find information on how serving on a board can strengthen our organization.
<https://boardsource.org>

Being on a board requires great responsibility and time. Just going to board meetings will not be enough. Before you commit, ask yourself how much time you are willing or able to put into the board's work. You'll be expected to serve on committees or fundraise.

Being on a board builds networks in the community and demonstrates the ALA's commitment to the community and willingness to work for and with others.

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"I don't know what your destiny will be, but one thing I do know: the only ones among you who will be really happy are those who have sought and found how to serve." Albert Schweitzer