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2020-2021 Department of Alaska Officers

Introducing The Department of Alaska Officers from right to left, Commander Hunter Davis, 1st Vice Commander Mike Downs, 2nd Vice Commander Deb Davis, Adjutant Sharon Cherrette, Sergeant-At-Arms Mike Hayward, Chaplain, Marty Carlton, Historian, Ray Untiet, Jr. The officers were escorted in by Alt. NEC, Steve Huisman and sworn in by NEC, Jim Pisa.

After a long delay we were able to swear the officers in the first weekend of October at our 2020 Fall Conference held at Susitna



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ADJUTANT'S UPDATE

By Sharon Cherrette

ADJUTANT UPDATE

The Fall Conference held at Susitna Valley Post 35 is now completed. A lot of information was passed on along with the passing of a few resolutions, three pertaining to the Legion Riders, one for the U.S. to continue its support to Taiwan (Republic of China), one for the Department of Alaska Auxiliary having the lead on Department Fall Conferences (date and location)-Auxiliary and SAL follow the Legion's lead for Department Conventions, and one for nomination packages-documents to be submitted if an individual is interested in running for a Legion Department officer position. Packages will be emailed or mailed once completed (handouts provided during Saturday's training, and minutes from Thursday and Sunday).

Please mark your calendars for next year's Department's Convention. The dates will be 14-17 April 2021 (Wednesday afternoon through Saturday evening); location is still Susitna Valley Post 35. The Auxiliary holds their DEC (Department Executive Committee) meeting as does the Riders on Wednesday evening before the start of the Department Convention on Thursday.

As schools are now back in session (although most are virtual), please remember to promote our school programs to include Oratorical contest (Department's contest will be held Saturday, 27 February 2021 in Anchorage (walk-thru of the location on Friday afternoon), Boys State, and Girls State. Also remember the private schools and home/charter school students when passing on information.

Due to COVID-19, the Women Veteran Recognition Ceremony will be a drive-thru luncheon this year and will be held on **Monday, 9 November** from 11 am to 1 pm in the VA Clinic back parking lot on Muldoon, RSVP at 907-257-4737 or by email anna.bullerdick@va.gov.

December continues the hectic schedule with Pearl Harbor Day on 7 December, and onto Hanukkah and Christmas events throughout the communities. December is also Holiday Blood Donor Drive month. If you are eligible, please donate at your community Blood Bank.

With this past year being a bit trying, please remember to continue to do buddy checks through these Winter months. A hello from a fellow veteran or family member may bring a little sunshine to someone.

Please stay safe during these crazy times. Hope you are able to have an enjoyable Thanksgiving and Christmas/Hanukkah Holiday. It sure will be interesting to see what the New Year rings in (Canadian border open would be one nice event to happen).

COMMANDER'S CORNER

By Hunter Davis



Greetings to all in the Department of Alaska

November already. When you are busy, you never have enough time. When you are rarely "at" work, time has no measurement except in great, big, chunks. Like whole months. Eleven months into 2020 and January is pretty darn close.

What does this mean for the Department? For Post Executive committees, it is time to start gathering the information to fill out the Consolidated Post Reports. I cannot stress the importance of the CPR at all levels of the American Legion. The data will be somewhat shorter this year due to shutdowns, quarantines, and deleted social functions, but every Post has something to report.

For future leaders, now is the time to get with the experienced members of the Post and decide if now is the time to seek an official position. Elections will be (should be) conducted starting after the New Year. Post and Department will have position coming open. Be a member in good standing and get an endorsement from the Post membership. Give back to the Legion with time and talent.

For 1st Vice commanders and/or Membership chairs, now is the time to continue to press renewals. New recruiting is a given, but renewals are vital. So many Legionnaires fail to renew after that first year. Why not? Now is the time to start calling all the members who are about to fall out of the renewal window, like the 2019 list. What stopped them from renewing? Ask. It can be that simple. For new Adjutants and Membership chairs, contact Mike Downs, the Department 1st Vice. He is eager to answer your questions about the marvelous capabilities of MyLegion. There is a LOT of data to be found there.

Now is the time to recharge the Post. We have sat around for long enough this year. Start up the monthly/biweekly/weekly membership meetings. See each other rather than an electron facsimile on a video conference. Take precautions as need be and as each member feels necessary. Remember our older members and take care of them.

Now is the time to look ahead at your Post, your Department, and your American Legion. Remember the last newsletter? Mission, Vision, and Values. The new motto of the Legion is "Veterans Strengthening America". Working as a team, imagine what we may accomplish in our communities, state, and nation. But it starts with Mission, Vision, and Values.

The Department of Alaska Auxiliary hosted their Fall Meetings in early October at Susitna Valley Post 35, and the Legion joined them for membership workshops. Attending for the Auxiliary was their National President, Nicole Clapp. On the Legion side, the new Department officers from the online April elections, were installed by Past National Vice Commander Jim Pisa with National President Nicole as Installation Chaplain. Reports that would have been delivered at our usual April Department Convention were heard and accepted and accepted, and a Post Everlasting ceremony was observed. Congratulations to American Legion Riders newest Chapter, of Joseph T. Craig, Post 3, Ketchikan. Post 35 did a terrific job of supporting the events, and probably got a good jump on their planning for the April Convention. They will be hosting again. Unfortunately, it appears that we will not have any National-level officers at that convention due to understandable scheduling conflicts.

Run some Buddy Checks on missing members; prepare your endorsements for officers; get out the word about The American Legion; plan your services for veterans. Simple steps that support "Veterans Strengthening American".

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From Our Service Officer - Derek Morris



On September 28, 2020 Department of Veteran Affairs conducted a ribbon cutting ceremony officially opening the Homer VA Clinic at 4141 Pennock Street off East End Road in Homer. The VA had previously had a small location inside of South Peninsula Hospital but do to COVID the hospital could no longer support the VA having that space. Alaska VA Healthcare was able to get a clinic awarded in less than three months and ready within six months of leaving the South Peninsula Hospital location. The new Homer VA Clinic will begin its hours Monday to Wednesday from 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Its services include primary care, behavioral health, and foot and nail care visits, with continuing appointments out in the community. The goal is to eventually expand care to five days a week. To schedule an appointment, Veterans can call 907-395-4100 and press 0.



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Veterans Day, originally celebrated as Armistice Day, was first issued on November 11, 1919 by President Woodrow Wilson a year after the end of World War I. The purpose of Armistice day was to honor the fallen soldiers of The Great War for their sacrifice and bravery. 7 years later in 1926, Congress adopted a resolution requesting President Coolidge issue annual proclamations on November 11, making Armistice Day a legal holiday.

In 1945, World War II veteran Raymond Weeks had the idea to expand Armistice Day to celebrate all veterans rather than just the ones who died in World War I. He led a delegation to General Dwight Eisenhower, who was all for the idea. Weeks then conducted the first Veterans Day celebration in 1945 in Alabama and every year until his death in 1985. In 1982 he was honored by President Reagan with the Presidential Citizenship Medal. Weeks was also named the "Father of Veterans Day" by Elizabeth Dole.

Ed Rees, the U.S. Representative from Emporia, Kansas, presented a bill establishing the holiday through to congress. Eisenhower, who was now President and also from Kansas, signed the bill into law on May 26, 1954, 8 and a half years after Raymond Weeks held the first Veteran's Day. A few weeks later, June 1, Congress amended the bill replacing "Armistice" with Veterans".



Department 2nd Vice, Deb Davis

Americanism.... I was doing some research today on the definition of the word as the American Legion sees it. In 1963, National Commander James E Powers said that of the 10 lines in the Preamble to the American Legion Constitution, seven refer to the principles of Americanism. He said, "My real definition of Legion Americanism would be the living record of what Legionnaires do this year to improve community, state and nation in thousands of projects." We just came from our fall meetings in Wasilla where individual posts and Legionnaires were recognized for the many projects and events, they had managed to do this year despite some incredible challenges. And since we had an extra day, we did training on a number of topic (including membership, Legion Basic Training, TAL Media Alliance, and Tango Alpha Lima podcasts to name a few). And just talking to our fellow Legionnaires, I always come away with new ideas and respect for what others have done that positively impact our communities. We talked about how Oratorical might look this next year and Boys' State. However, before we get to next year.... we need to celebrate and support our veterans (not just one day a year). Do your Buddy Checks. Supporting our veterans is a major part of our job as Legionnaires. And then get out there and help your post and community celebrate Veteran's Day.



Deb, Hunter! Is it the shoes.....?



**BUDDY
CHECK**

**HAPPY
HANUKKAH**

Commander Davis presenting the Gold Brigaid jacket and award to Dept. 1st Vice, Mike Downs.



Greeting to all! I write this article on October 12, 2020 and there are many happenings with in the realm of National Security. The term is broad as many different areas have an effect on the overall security and strength of our great nation. A recent highlight in the reports talks on military suicide. There was a small bit of good news that the numbers have dropped last year, however numbers from the first half of 2020 are showing that this may have been short lived; prelim numbers from the US Army show a 30% spike for 2020 so far. A permanent solution to a temporary problem is a tragedy, and one we should do our best to eliminate. Buddy checks save lives!

Defense Secretary Mark Esper is looking to restructure the Navy raising fleet strength to more than 500 ships by 2045, dubbed the "Battle Force 2045" plan. It is the result of an eight month war gaming/study conducted at the Pentagon to match the possible fights of tomorrow. A point of interest is that this fleet also included unmanned vessels as well, with capabilities like resupply, surveillance, mine laying, and missile strikes. Lastly from the Navy is the naming of the newest super carrier to hit the drawing boards: the USS Doris Miller. Usually named after President, this ship has take the name of one of the heroes of WWII. Fighting during the attack on Pearl Harbor aboard the USS West Virginia, "Dorie" moved his dying captain to better cover and then manned a machine gun against Japanese planes until his ammunition was gone.

A Medal of Honor maybe in the works for Cpl. Waverly Woodson Jr. an Army medic in the only all African American combat unit in the Normandy invasion. Though wounded, he continuously worked to save lives for another thirty hours: dispensing plasma, patching wounds, pulling bullets, even amputation a foot in the field. When he could no longer help where he was, he then saved four men from drowning before he finally collapsed from his injuries. The legislation has been introduced and we watch with interest to see if the posthumous award is conferred.

Last, but absolutely not least: Since the last edition of the newsletter, the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency has identified: 8 sailors, 5 Marines, 4 soldiers, and 1 pilot from WWI. We hope this brings peace to those that miss them. National POW/MIA Recognition Day was September 18th. I hope you all were able to take time to remember those that should not be forgotten. I encourage you to host a ceremony remembering them on your Posts on that day. How many Post make sure to reserve that seat in our events and meetings, make the observances when opening member meetings? I challenge you all to live up the works on their flag "You Are Not Forgotten".



2021 DEPARTMENT CONVENTION UPDATE

THE DATES FOR THE NEXT DEPARTMENT CONVENTION HAVE BEEN CHANGED TO APRIL 15 - 18 2021. THE CONVENTION WILL BE HELD AT SUSITNA VALLEY POST 35 IN WASILLA, ALASKA.

AUX National President Nicole Clapp, presents the Good Deed award to SAL Dept. Chaplin Connor Hayward. Connor is also the Adjutant for Squadron 28.

Membership by Michael Downs 1st Vice Commander and Proud Gold Brigade Member

This article was written on October 12, 2020 in the early morning hours after a day I worried about this _____ virus and the impact it could have on members, staff, and family, luckily today there were no direct impacts and luckily I personally still do not no one that has had it, if you do my heart goes out to you. I think it would be easy for us as a department to blame this _____ virus for lower membership. However The American Legion is needed now more then ever, people need us in the community to help veterans, active duty and children and youth, heck I need it in my own life more then ever to keep my own sanity.

MEMEBERSHIP, MEMERSHIP, MEMBERSHIP! Looking at the Department Barometer we seem to be on track for our department membership goals. The October 15th goal was 55% and with three days to go we are at 54.4%. We use the barometer to measure our success or failures in retaining and recruiting new members, if you would like to receive it reach out to Kelly at Department. The next three target dates are November 12th - 65%, December 11th - 75%, and January 21st – 80%. I would like to recognize the following posts for being over 60% Post 18 Ninilchik, Post 25 Auke Bay, Post 5 Seward, Post 4 Pioneer Home, Post 3 Joseph Craig, Post 1 Jack Henry.

How is your active membership strategy? Are you or your post doing buddy checks, cold calling people is not easy for some of us, however the person on the other end absolutely loves it. Calling just to say hi and wanting to check on them, can have a huge impact on membership. Has your post done a direct mailing, or sent a post card? There are powerful tools in My Legion to find people in your zip code that are either in the at large post 077 or have expired from other posts. Tell your adjutant and officers about this tool and ask for a printout. Have you personally told one friend or shared The American Legion on your social media? Try to recruit one friend or for that matter when you see someone with a veteran hat or license plate, ask them if they heard about the best veteran service organization in the country.

Supposedly passive membership is where the magic happens and is easier for introverts. Passive membership is Inspiring others through pride in organization, action, and general human character. Do you have a t-shirt, jacket, or hat from your post or American Legion Emblem Sales? If not check out <https://emblem.legion.org/> Post 1 has purchased advertising on the small buses around Anchorage and there is the start of a partnership brewing in the Anchorage bowl, to do TV ads. We must get our name out if we want to continue our important mission. I challenge everyone reading this to share a post from your American Legion social media and if they do not have one, just tell people why you joined the post and about some of the great things they are doing in the community.

Some general reminders about membership.

- You can renew online at <https://www.members.legion.org/>
- You can become a Paid Up for Life Member at <https://www.legion.org/join/puff>
- Learn about The American Legion by taking this free course <https://www.legion.org/alei>
- There are incentives at the National level for recruiting new members if you recruit 3 new members you are eligible for the national commander recruiting pin, if you recruit 25 members you are eligible for the silver brigade, and 50 members gets you a fancy plaque and nice fleece jacket

I'll leave you with a quote from Ron Neff National Engagement Coordinator – “A Realistic Mission: Effective immediately, all Legionnaires are charged with finding one veteran to mentor, lead, and (ultimately) serve as their future replacement” I’m always willing to help email me at alaskapost1@gmail.com.

~~~~~TAPS~~~~~

- POST 1**  
William Evarts - WWII  
James George - WWII  
Harold Haynes - Korea

**POST 6**  
  
Fred Thurston - WWII

**POST 11**  
Jerry Hodges - Vietnam  
McKinley McGill - Vietnam  
Gaylen Searles - Korea  
Charles Rogers -Korea  
Raymond Moran - Korea

**POST 13**  
J. Nielsen  
Tommy Sam - Vietnam
- POST 18**  
Elmer Banta - WWII

**POST 20**  
Ronald Dolchok - Vietnam  
Herbert Stettler - Korea

**POST 22**  
Bruce Grossmann - Lebanon/Grenada

**POST 25**  
John Cooper/Post Cmdr - Vietnam

**POST 28**  
Patrick Cotter - Vietnam

**POST 34**  
Antonio Anderson - Lebanon/Grenada

- POST 35**  
Norman Turner - Vietnam

**POST 77**  
John Quirk - Korea

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from Marty Carlton, Department Chaplain



On Veterans Day, November 11, we will again honor the sacrifices of our fellow veterans. While rejoicing and basking in the glory of our country, do not forget to say thank you to all the veterans who made it possible. Also, we need to thank and keep in our prayers the families who have endured and are currently enduring hardships while their loved ones are still actively protecting our freedoms around the world.

This Christmas season is like many others. Circumstances will dictate how each individual will cope with the season. We as the Legion family will need to come together for support and encouragement of each other. Our lot in life as Legionnaires, provides us as a body the chance to help and support others within our communities. My prayer is that we have a meaningful Christmas Season. With God’s blessing and our eyes towards him, we will overcome all obstacles.

John 3:16 “For God so loved the world.....”

For God and Country



## Happenings at your Post

Jack Henry Post 1

Monday - Wings and Fries \$7  
Tuesday - Rib Night!!! \$12  
Wednesday - Taco Night CHEAP  
Thursday - Burgers & Brew \$10  
Friday - Steak Night \$17  
Saturday - Spaghetti \$5  
Sunday - Smoked BBQ \$15  
5-8pm except Sunday Starts at 2pm

## Seward Post 5

Taco Tuesday  
Friday Night Steaks  
Food Served every night

**Matanuska Valley Post 15**

Tuesday Pool League / Taco Tuesday  
Thursday Night Darts League  
Friday Prime Rib and Live Band  
Saturday Cajun Food and Karaoke

### General Buckner Post 16 Family

2nd Saturday Auxiliary Dinner 6:00pm  
Friday Burger & Brew 6:00pm - 8:00pm  
1st Friday of the month Special  
3rd Friday Steak Night 6:00pm

### George H. Plumley Memorial Post 20

Sunday Breakfast 10:00am - 1:00pm  
Every Friday is Steak Night 6:00pm-8:00pm with an added Special Dish  
Every Sunday Breakfast Menu Dishes 10:00am -1:00pm  
Every Friday Aux Unit 20 Sponsors  
The Friday Night Raffle 12:00pm - 8:00pm  
Drawing (sign up once a day to enter)  
Every Saturday must be present 4:00pm  
Membership drawing (no sign ups)  
Every Sunday must be present 2:00pm

**Spenard Post 28**

Tuesday, Taco night 6:00pm  
Friday Steak Night and Karaoke, Poker 6:00pm - 8:30pm  
Saturday, Karaoke 8:00pm  
Sunday, Poker 3:00pm - 8:30pm  
Legion, Sons, Auxiliary meetings start at 7:00pm

## Muldoon Post 29

**Check back!**

## Peters Creek Post 33

Thursday Taco Nite - 4:30pm - 8:30pm  
1st & 3rd Friday  
6:00pm - 8:00pm

**Chappie James Post 34**

Thursday night - Wings  
Friday night - steak night  
Saturday is the full menu

## Susitna Valley Post 35

Open Daily @1:00pm

Daily lunch specials - eat in or take out. Noon to 5  
Wednesday: Taco Night 6:00pm - 8:00pm Texas Hold'em 7:00pm - ?

Thursday night Cribbage @ 7:00pm  
Fridays: Steak Night 6:00pm - 8:00pm  
Sunday A/R breakfast  
SAL Turkey Shoot @ Noon  
Pool Tournament @ 2:00

**C.R. Huber Post 57**

Sunday Breakfast 10-2  
FOOTBALL & NASCAR Every Sunday  
Monday night Football  
Thursday Burger Night 5:30-9:00 PM

The American Legion Department  
of Alaska dedication



(left to right) Dept. Commander Hunter Davis, Dept. AUX President Jane Larson, SAL Commander Dale Toenis, ALR Director DJ Jones.



A BIG THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO TURNED OUT TO  
HELP US CELEBRATE THE NAMING OF OUR BUILDING IN  
HONOR OF C. RUSSELL AND PEGGY HUBER

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## Dates to Remember

## NOVEMBER 2020

Daylight Savings Ends - 11/1  
Election Day - 11/13  
US Marine Corp Birthday - 11/10  
Veterans Day - 11/11  
65% Membership Target - 11/12  
Thanksgiving - 11/26

## DECEMBER 2020

75% Membership Target - 12/9  
Hanukkah - 12/11  
National Guard Birthday - 12/13  
Christmas - 12/25  
New Year's Eve - 12/31



### News from SAL Department Detachment Commander, Dale Toenies



The SAL Department presented a check in the amount of \$2,750.00 to the Mat-Su Veterans Wall of Honor.

The donation will be used to help build the Pavillion at the Veterans Wall of Honor.

Presenting the check were Auxiliay National President Nicole Clapp, SAL Department Adjutant and Past SAL National Commander, Kevin Collier, SAL Department Commander Dale Toenies and members of Alaska Detachment.

**THANK YOU**



Good Day Legion Family!

I hope we all can get out and have a fun and safe winter as we battle the winter cold, white s#%#@ and COVID-19 Virus. For our family members and friends that will be traveling, please be safe and have a great holiday.

In the next two, up and coming months we have a couple of days that we as Post, ALA, SAL, and Legion Riders member need to recognize. November 11<sup>th</sup>, Veterans Day and also December 7<sup>th</sup>, the attack on Pearl Harbor in 1941. As these days come up on us, we as American Legion Family Members need to take a few minutes and reflect what each of us can do to help each other in our Family Community. As for the other big days, Thanksgiving and Christmas and New Year's. We should all reach out to members, families and friends. As like most Post, they may have events planned, members should show up and join in and also help out to support these events. I guarantee you will have a great time!

I want to thank everyone at Post 35 for a great fall conference and their hospitality, awesome job! Amvets Post 9, once again thank you for having the SAL in to your facility to have our meetings, Thank You! We also had a guest stop by our conference meeting, National ALA President Nicole, in which she gave us brief talk and helped with the donation to the Honor Wall. Also, it was nice to sit in Squadron 35 SAL monthly meeting.

As some of you may remember, Detachments' 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice, Chris Bedel from Squadron 57 offered up a \$500.00 challenge to all Squadrons to donate to the Mat-Su Veterans' Wall of Honor. Several Squadrons, along with the Detachment have agreed to match that challenge at the meeting. We were able to raise **\$2,750.00**. The SAL along with ALA President Nicole gave the donation at the Honor Wall to several of their board of directors which is lead by a very nice and grateful, 94-year-old person by the name of Hazel.

However, there is more work that's needs to be done to complete this project, as SAL Detachment Commander, I challenged all Departments, Post, ALA Units, SAL Squadrons and Legion Riders to match or beat \$570.00 to be donated as a state wide **American Legion Family Project** during our 2021 Convention in Wasilla. The good people from SAL Squadron 16 of Homer, have already pledged \$1,000.00.

Up and coming events. We will be holding a Go-To-Meeting, an informational meeting in mid - January, date to be set. We will do this to discuss our itinerary for the up and coming Convention at Post 35 in Wasilla. Other topics will be discussed also. All Squadrons should attend.

We still have an estimated **\$5,000.00 + dollars** to give away!!! 2020 Calendar Raffle for **"Team Alaska American Legion Auxiliary Department of Alaska Leadership Development"** info. You can log into <https://www.facebook.com/SALsquad57/> to see if you are a daily winner. Good luck to all who have purchased a calendar.

For God and Country, Dale



ALR Director DJ Jones presents Joseph T. Craig Post 3 of Ketchikan their first American Legion Riders Charter.



Dept. Commander Hunter Davis, presents DJ Jones with The Silver Brigade award.



**SONS FOR KIDS**

### A DATE WHICH WILL LIVE IN INFAMY

President Franklin D. Roosevelt addressed a joint session of the U.S. Congress on December 8, the day after the crushing attack on Pearl Harbor.

"Yesterday, December 7, 1941 - a date which will live in infamy - the United States of America was suddenly and deliberately attacked by naval and air forces of the Empire of Japan."

He went on to say, "No matter how long it may take us to overcome this premeditated invasion, the American people in their righteous might will win through to absolute victory. I believe I interpret the will of Congress and of the people when I assert that we will not only defend ourselves to the uttermost, but will make very certain that this form of treachery shall never endanger us again".



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From the desk of Jane Larson,  
Department Auxiliary President



First, a big shout out of thanks to the American Legion Family #35 for hosting the 2020 Fall Conference. Thank you very much!

The intent of this conference was with the understanding of learning and socializing with our fellow family members. It was to assist and help our members with the different tools (available to us) and ideas to take back to your units. Please encourage your members to visit our Department website at [www.alaskalegionauxiliary.org](http://www.alaskalegionauxiliary.org) or the National website at [www.alaofveterans.org](http://www.alaofveterans.org) for help and ideas to achieve our goals. There are now so many ALA trainings classes available on the National website. Check them out!

It was an honor and privilege to have had our National American Legion Auxiliary, President, Nicole Clapp in attendance.

The American Legion Auxiliary strives to positively impact as many of our military heroes and their families, our youth, and communities as possible. Which we witnessed at the Fall Conference, when National President, Nicole Clapp presented Good Deed awards and Hero awards. We are so proud of all of them for their great thoughtful deeds.

Honoring those who served ----- November 11 --- Veterans Day, and every day, we the American Legion Auxiliary encourage Americans to take time to thank our veterans, service members and their families and to recognize their sacrifices for our nation. Just saying "thank you" can mean so much. Please keep them in your thoughts and prayers on Veterans Day and everyday.

November is a time to be thankful. As American Legion Auxiliary we are so thankful for:

- Our strong members, which give us a powerful voice for God and Country to advocate for veterans, educate our citizens, mentor our youth, and promote patriotism, good citizenship, peace, and security.
- A lasting heritage and long history of advocacy for veterans that spans over 100 years.
- A treasured mission to serve in the spirit of Service Not Self, to support The American Legion, and honor the sacrifices of those who served by enhancing the lives of our veterans, military, and their families.

December -- as the holiday season continues, we the American Legion Family members are the individuals and organizations who look to assist those who are needing a little extra help during this time. We do not just provide financial assistance. In a lot of cases, we are ensuring that veterans without family in the area, do not have to experience the holidays alone. If your unit and/or Legion family is part of a special holiday event, please share these stories and photos with us.

In closing I would like to wish you all a Happy Thanksgiving, a Merry Christmas, and a Happy New Year!!!



From the desk of Barb Nath,  
Department Auxiliary Secretary



Our Fall Conference was very successful. Our National President, Nicole Clapp honored us with her presence. Not only that, but she present National Youth Awards to five young people. Two were Youth Hero Awards for helping to save someone's life. The others were Good Deed Awards for activities across the State. Alaska did itself proud this year. This is just a small sample of the caliber of Alaska's youth. Keep up the good work watching out for young people whom we can honor.

At the Fall Conference there was a variety of training. We took two ALA Academy classes (Leadership and Spirit of Goodwill). Please be sure you go online to [alaforveterans.org](http://alaforveterans.org) and complete the classes online to get credit for having completed the course. We also took part in a live virtual training for Mission Training. I'm hoping that we will be able to give everyone present credit for that training. Finally, there was a training on ALAMIS. If you were not present, please get with Diana Estrada (Department Treasurer) so she can make sure your unit has the training. One person from each unit (at a minimal cost) can be selected to be the person responsible for your unit's access to ALAMIS for member information.

During this weekend there as a Girls State Board meeting as well as a DEC meeting for the Department of Alaska. Minute of those meetings will be posted on our website.

After the Fall Conference, several members went to the American Legion Department Headquarters for a dedication ceremony.

Finally -- Your poppy orders are due to the Department by November 6<sup>th</sup> with payment. An email was sent out October 12<sup>th</sup> with the order form. Thanks to all of you who were present and/or joined us by teleconference. Those of you who were not present, I know we were in your thoughts and prayers for the day.



ALA National President  
Nicole Clapp and  
"Cornelia"



Who is behind this mask?



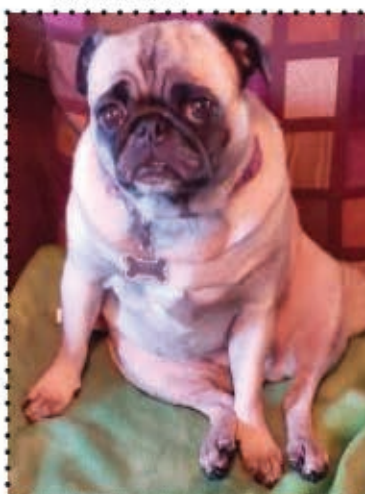
Nicole Clapp with the newly elected Jr. Aux.  
officers. Shelby Lamm, Alexis and Makenzi  
Grimm and



ALA National President Nicole Clapp presents The  
Good Deed Award to Alexis and Makenzi Grim.



ALA National President  
Nicole and Dept. of Alaska  
AUX President Jane Larson



Big Lake Elementary 3rd grade students  
Erabella Hunt and Lily Caven noticed a man  
with a bleeding head on their playground. They  
ran into the school, and 15 staff members along  
with the school nurse who had an automated ex-  
ternal defibrillators. The responding firefighters  
told them that only one to two percent of people  
typically survive this situation. The little girls fast  
actions made all the difference in that man's life.  
WAY TO GO ERABELLA AND LILY!!!



**Jack Henry Post 1**  
Meets 1st Thursday @ 7 PM  
**Commander**  
**Michael Downs**  
1st Vice Commander  
Justin Mills  
2nd Vice Commander  
Mark Berg  
Sgt-At-Arms  
Steve Untiet  
Adjutant  
DJ Jones  
Finance Officer  
Ray Untiet  
Chaplain  
David Mazack  
Historian  
Bob Price  
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William Campbell  
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Matieu Frolich  
Mike Alexander  
272-5242, FAX 272-5792  
P.O. Box 91285  
.....Anchorage, AK 99509.....

**JOSEPH T. CRAIG POST 3**  
Meets every Monday, 7pm  
Potluck every 3rd Saturday  
**Commander**  
**Jeremiah Sullivan**  
Adjutant  
Deb Davis  
Service Officer  
Hunter Davis  
  
225-2021, P.O. Box 5121  
Ketchikan, AK 99901  
www.americanlegionpost3.com

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**Clare Sullivan**  
  
Adjutant  
Mike Calhoon  
Service Officer  
John Moline  
  
Taco Tuesday ~ 4p.m.  
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P.O. Box 306  
Seward, Alaska 99664  
907-224-5440

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Pull tab sales at the club  
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Fairbanks, AK 99701

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**Ralph Strong**  
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www.lynncanalpost12.org

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Don Meany  
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1550 Mystic Cr  
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745-4440  
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aklegion15@gmail.com  
  
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SAL - 2nd Monday  
Legion - 3rd Wednesday  
Aux - 3rd Thursday

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Service Officer  
Robert Lachowsky  
  
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Catherine Laky  
Tres/Tandy Wallace  
Mile 136.5 Sterling Hwy  
Phone 567-3918

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Al Diaz  
Service Officer  
Steve Powell  
  
283-3222, 902 Cook St.

**AURORA BOREALIS POST 21**  
**All Female Post**  
**Commander -**  
**Orelvis Ibarra**  
Adjutant  
Ricca Gaines  
Service Officer -  
Elexzanderia Carr  
Meeting 3rd Saturday @ 2 pm  
Sept - May  
P.O. Box 91116

**MULDOON POST 29**  
Meeting 3rd Tuesday @ 7:00pm  
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J Terrell  
Adjutant  
Sharon Cherrette  
1467 Muldoon Road  
Anchorage, AK 99504  
907-338-3550  
Fax 907-338-0756  
muldoon29@gci.net


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**Ann Foley**  
1st Vice  
Amy Bell  
2nd Vice  
Karen Wolters  
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Susan Stepsics  
  
Meetings:  
1st Thursdays @ 7 p.m.  
Mailing Address:  
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Anchorage, AK 99509

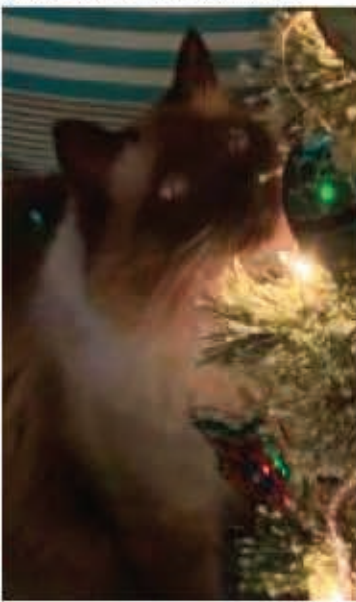
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907-490-6830  
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21426 Old Glenn Hwy  
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Adjutant - Dalmar Johnson  
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Tues @ 7pm  
ALR - 1st Sat 6pm  
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P.O. Box 870370  
Wasilla, AK 99687  
907-376-3500  
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Adjutant  
Ruben Iorga  
1st Vice  
Mark Fraley  
Sunday Breakfast 10-2  
Followed by:  
Football & NASCAR  
Monday Football  
Thursday Burger Night 5:30-9 PM  
  
**C. RUSSELL HUBER SQUADRON 57**  
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Cary Toenies  
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1634 S. Cushman St.  
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**ALASKA LEGIONNAIRE**  
**ARTICLES ARE DUE**  
**TO THE DEPARTMENT**  
**NO LATER THEN**  
**December 10th, 2020**

**Sons of the American Legion**  
**2019 - 2020**  
**Detachment of Alaska Officers**  
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Howard Fruhwirth, Jr.  
**Alt. NEC**  
Loren Estrada, Jr.



**SAL 2021 TARGET DATES**

|      |                    |
|------|--------------------|
| 10%  | September 10, 2021 |
| 25%  | October 15, 2020   |
| 35%  | November 12, 2020  |
| 45%  | December 09, 2020  |
| 60%  | January 21, 2021   |
| 75%  | February 10, 2021  |
| 80%  | March 10, 2021     |
| 90%  | April 14, 2021     |
| 100% | May 12, 2021       |
| 105% | July 28, 2021*     |

**Delegate Strength Target**  
**Date 2020-2021 MEMBER-**  
**SHIP YEAR**

**ALASKA LEGIONNAIRE**  
**OPT OUT FORM** - Please mail to 1550 Charter Cir. Anch. Ak. 99508  
*I would like to view the Legionnaire online* ☐ *NAME* \_\_\_\_\_  
*http://www.alaskalegion.org* ☐ *Membership No:* \_\_\_\_\_  
*Instead of receiving it through the mail* ☐ *Address:* \_\_\_\_\_  
*Please permanently remove me from the* ☐ *City:* \_\_\_\_\_  
*Legionnaire mailing list. This option will* ☐ *State:* \_\_\_\_\_ *Zip:* \_\_\_\_\_  
*not effect any of the Legion mailings* ☐ *E-mail:* \_\_\_\_\_  
**Signature** \_\_\_\_\_