



The Alaska Legionnaire

January, February, March 2024

Alaska Department of the American Legion NEWS FROM NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS

American Legion multiyear membership is here.

Eliminate the yearly hassle of remembering to renew your American Legion membership by taking advantage of the new multiyear membership available to current and potential members. Legionnaires needing to renew for 2024 or veterans joining the organization for the first time can lock-in a three-year membership by visiting legion.org/renew or legion.org/join.

Here is what you need to know about the three-year membership:

- Multiyear membership sign-up is only available on the National American Legion website. You cannot renew or join for a three-year membership at the post level or through MyLegion.org.
- Legionnaires already renewed for 2024 will be able to renew under the multi-year membership starting with the 2025 membership year (1 July 2024).
- Payment for the three-year membership will be upfront.
- There is not a discounted rate with the three-year membership renewal.
- Membership cards will be sent annually by Legion posts.
- Whatever rate the member renews at is the rate the post/department/national will receive for the duration of that timeframe. For example, if a member renews today (before national per-capita \$5 dues increase July 1, 2024), National will receive \$18.50 for the next three years. Let's say the department's per capita is currently \$10 and is going to raise to \$15 come July 1, 2024. The department will receive the \$10 for the next three years. Once the member renews after the three-year renewal is up, the renewal rate will adjust to the rate at that time.

COMMANDER'S CORNER

By Michael Hayward

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to my Legion Family! As we close out another year I wanted to express my heartfelt wishes for a wonderful New year to everyone in the best Department in The American Legion! We have had our share of struggles and trials throughout the year. We have had our successes too, though! Don't forget to look towards the good that has happened as well! This can be a difficult time of year for a lot of people, our veteran communities especially. I am asking each and every Post, Unit, and Squadron to take at least some small portion of time this month (BEFORE Christmas) to identify and reach out to those that may have a harder time of it this time of year. We all miss the camaraderie we had when in the service and even a phone call can go a long way in helping one to not feel so alone. Please, take some time and reach out!

Lastly, membership in Alaska has been lurking near the bottom of the pile for a while across the organization. Alaska does not do this! Memberships expire on the last day of December! It can also be as simple as reaching out and reminding your folks that this is the case, most folks don't even realize their membership is coming up and would appreciate a gentle reminder. Let's nose up this trend and get back in fighting shape. I want to thank everyone for doing all that they do for our military and veteran communities, you can see a lot of positive things in the Post News that our Kelly has been pushing out. Keep up the good work!

ADJUTANT'S CORNER

By Sharon Cherrette

Happy New Year! Happy Valentine's Day, extra day February 29th, Easter 31 March. January through May are super busy months (continuing from October through December).

2024 calendar – mark the dates on your calendars:

First Call at your January General Membership Meeting for your Post election of officers; **post elections need to be completed prior to the first of April** (per Department's *Articles of Incorporation*).

Firefighter and Law Enforcement Officer of the Year submissions are due to Department Headquarters NOT LATER THAN **25 January 2024**; www.legion.org/security/legionpolicy.

Detachment's (SAL) **Annual Steak Feed** (proceeds split between Girls State and Boys State) **Saturday, 27 January 2024, Spenard Post 28, Anchorage**, \$30 a ticket for 32 oz steak dinner (steak can be cooked or uncooked or split). Check with your Squadron or Detachment Officer for a ticket (or several).

Oratorical contest **Saturday, 2 March 2024**, Mountain City Church (previously Anchorage Baptist Temple), **Anchorage**. www.legion.org/oratorical; volunteers needed (judges)

Department Convention 25-27 April 2024, George H Plumley Memorial **Post 20, Kenai** (registration packets, Riders, Auxiliary Department Executive Committee (DEC) meeting and other events start on Wednesday 24 April). All Legion Family members can attend (it is not just for officers). **Will need names and projected arrival/departure date for the 2025 National Convention in Tampa, Florida.**

Boys State 9-15 June 2024, **Alaska State Elks Youth Camp**, www.legion.org/boysstate

National Convention New Orleans, Louisiana, 23-29 August 2024. National President Lisa Williamson (from C Russell Huber Unit 57, Fairbanks) finishes her year at the Auxiliary's National Convention. All Legion Family members can attend (not just for officers).

"Training Tuesdays" (held the last Tuesday of each month 3 PM Alaska Time/7 PM ET; sessions are recorded and placed on the website under www.legion.org/training/training-tuesdays. There are many publications on the Legion's website available for download to include the Officer's Guide www.legion.org/publications.

The American Legion National Headquarters per capita (dues portion) is being **increased by \$5** effective **1 July 2024** for the **2025** membership year. The Post will need to send to **Department Headquarters \$45.00** starting **1 July 2024** (increase of \$5). Department cannot absorb the \$5 per member increase from our budget. The major portion of Department's income is from membership dues (per capita) and donations from Posts and individuals. The Headquarters Post, **Post 77** dues will **increase to \$60** effective **1 July 2024** (currently \$50). To check on what a *Paid Up for Life (PUFL)* membership will cost, go to <https://myLegion.org> and sign in (or create an account). Click on the Paid Up For Life link on the left side under Membership; it will provide you the information on your amount (based upon age by decades).

The American Legion's success depends entirely upon membership, participation, and volunteerism. The organization belongs to us (the people it serves) and the communities in which it thrives.



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THE AMERICAN LEGION



DEPARTMENT OF ALASKA
DEPARTMENT OFFICERS
2023 - 2024

Commander..... Mike Hayward
1st Vice Commander..... Pam Cawley
2nd Vice CommanderJoe Sullivan
Adjutant..... Sharon Cherrette
Service Officer..... Phil Templin
Sergeant-at-Arms..... Charlene Martin
Chaplain..... Jim Scott
HistorianDon "DJ" Jones
Judge Advocate..... Ken Jacobus

Department Executive Committeeman
Dan Jones
Chuck Russell
Justin Mills

National Executive Committeeman
NEC.....Jim Pisa
Alt NEC.....Mike Downs

2023 - 2024 Department of Alaska Officers



Commander
Mike Hayward
Spenard Post 28
Anchorage
13 year member



Sgt-At-Arms
Charlene Martin
Jack Henry Post 1
Anchorage
15 year member



1st Vice Commander
Pam Cawley
Jack Henry Post 1
Anchorage
7 year member



Judge Advocate
Ken Jacobous
Spenard Post 28
Anchorage
20 year member



2nd Vice Commander
Joe Sullivan
Joe Craig Post 3
Ketchikan
6 year member



Chaplain
Jim Scott
Con Miller Post 30
Fairbanks
52 year member



Historian
Don "DJ" Jones
Jack Henry Post 1
Anchorage
6 year member



National Executive
Committee
Jim Pisa
Susitna Valley Post 35
50 year member



Adjutant/Finance
Officer
Sharon Cherrette
Muldoon Post 29
Anchorage
30 year member



Alt. National Executive
Committee
Mike Downs
Jack Henry Post 1
9 year member

Dept. Executive Committee

Dan Jones
Joe Craig Post 3
Ketchikan
6 year member

Justin Mills
Jack Henry Post 1
Anchorage
6 year member

Chuck Russell
Peters Creek Post 33
Peters Creek
6 year member

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Located in the Anchorage VA Hospital
Please call Tracy Mumme at 907-257-4802 to make an appointment

Marcus Persson - 907-538-6847
Located in the Fairbanks Vet Center

Tim Linder - 907-741-9997
43299 Kalifornsky Beach Road Ste 4
Kenai, Alaska

ORATORICAL NEWS UPDATE

To be held on Saturday 2 March 2024 at the Mountain City Church Meeting Building (previously Anchorage Baptist Temple). The competition starts at 9 AM. Volunteers are needed. High school students under age 20 are eligible. Speaking subjects must be on some aspect of the U.S. Constitution, with some emphasis on the duties and obligations of citizens to our government. Speeches are eight to 10 minutes long; three- to five-minute speeches on an assigned topic also are part of the contest. For more information on the speeches go to www.legion/oratorical. The assigned topics change each year. For more information, contact Department Oratorical Chairman John Whitlock at jgroverwhitlock@gmail.com. Department scholarships are awarded (amount varies on number of contestants, minimum scholarship is \$500; first place can receive up to a \$3500 scholarship).

NEWS FROM DETACHMENT COMMANDER CHRIS

I want to wish everyone a Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays, and Seasons Greetings! May you, your family, and your friends have peace, joy, and happiness. While we are enjoying ourselves, let us ever be mindful of those that are not able to be home, especially those deployed.

I want to thank the following Squadrons for inviting me for an official visit to them: Squadrons 57 in Fairbanks, 30 in North Pole, 17 in Kodiak, 33 in Peters Creek, 35 in Wasilla. I have met many great people and have forged new memories and friendships

As of December 8, 2023, SAL Alaska membership is only at 39.92%, therefore we all have some work to do. Please look at your membership lists and see if there are members you can reach out to and urge them to pay their dues. Also paying for a membership is a great gift for the holidays! Remind them why they are paying dues, it's because "the Sons of The American Legion exists to honor the service and sacrifice of Legionnaires, and the American Legion is the largest veteran's service organization and has a voice before Congress especially in defending the rights of veterans." The next target date is to have 60% by January 18, 2024.

In January please try and join us for the Sons of The American Legion steak feed fundraiser. All proceeds go to support Alaska Boys State and Girls State Programs. It will be held January 27, 2024 at Spenard Post #28 from 4-9pm. I'll be there to help and have fun!

In the last newsletter I mentioned what SAL National Commander JR's Commander's challenge for the year: the national Four Pillar Squadron achievement. "All you have to do is this: \$1 a member for Operation Comfort Warriors, \$1 a member for Child Welfare Foundation, \$1 a member for your department's Boys State, and hold a blood drive. That simple," Hall said. I'll be looking to see which squadrons have completed this and will reach out to those that haven't.

February is Americanism Month. No matter the entity, each one has in their preamble some variation of foster and perpetuate a true spirit of Americanism. A few of the many programs that fall under the Americanism pillar include Legion Baseball, Oratorical Contest, Boys State and Nation, Junior Shooting Sports, Scouting and flag education. Please think of an activity that your squadron can do to promote such an important concept, and then share with pictures!

Each squadron should be preparing for time and expenses related to the 52nd SAL National Convention August 23 - 29, 2024 in New Orleans, Louisiana. More information can be found at www.legion.org/convention.

Remember, all Americans should know the Flag Codes. To remind yourself, visit <https://www.legion.org/flag/code>. For up-to-date alerts for Half-Staff status, visit <https://www.halfstaffalert.org/>.

POST 35 HAS SOME VERY QUESTIONABLE COOKS



(left to right)
Squadron Commander, Chris Bedel, Post 35 Commander, Jim Bennetts, Auxilliary Presdient, April Sinclair, and Department Commander Mike Hayward visit Post 35 and join in for their Early Bird dinner.

January 15th, 2024
Department and
National will be closed.



Commander Mike Hayward, SAL Commander Chris Bedel, and Auxiliary President April Sinclair also made visits to Kodiak Robert Blair Post 17 and Peters Creek Post 33.



ROBERT BLAIR POST 17 KODIAK



PETERS CREEK POST 33

Squadron Commander Chris Bedel, Auxiliary President April Sinclair, Commander Mike Hayward, Post 33 Commander Alison Humphreys.



SUSITNA VALLEY POST 35 WASILLA



From the desk of Auxiliary Secretary Ann Robinson

Hello Alaska!

Busy! Busy! Busy! What a great ending to another great year. Lots of volunteering, making blankets for the VA, making cookies for JBER active-duty members, serving dinners and lunches to our veterans in our posts and the Fisher House! We had quite a year and should be very proud. Every unit has been working hard on our mission and our membership.

A really cool thing that has been happening lately in several units are once again interested in our history on a unit level. How exciting is that? Learning who our unit leaders were and all the great things they did for their units and community. There is a challenge! Let's all research our history and ensure it is well documented in your units. Let's race to see who can show from Charter to Now, who were your presidents on a unit level and what were they best known for.

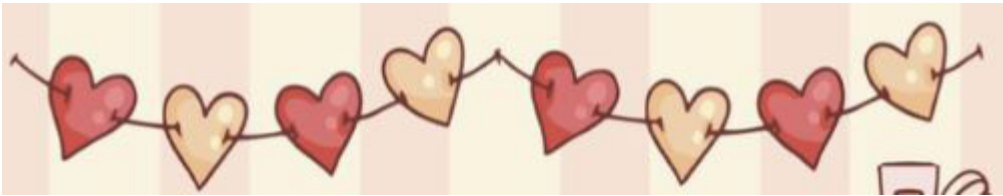
Our next big event will be held at **GEORGE H. PLUMLEY MEMORIAL UNIT 20 in Kenai** and that is our Department Convention April 25-27, 2024. Make sure all our members are invited to this very important event. Not only do we do our organization's business duties, but we also vote on new Department Officers. HOW EXCITING IS THAT? Not to mention good food, great friends, and beautiful surroundings. Hope to see you all there.

Another project we are all busy working on is our annual Boys State and Girls State sessions, which take place in June. But my goodness there is there a lot of work that goes into meeting that challenge. Please contact your unit Girls State Chair or even our Department Girls State Director **Director** Nina Ketelsen (Unit 35) 425-344-0762 ninaketelsenala35@gmail.com or our **Co-Director** Lori Fruhwirth (Unit 11) 907-590-0320 lfrehwirth@gmail.com.

Hope to see you all at Convention.



National Western President***** with Unit 1 president****. Modeling parka's at the Fall Conference



Happenings at your Post

POST
EVERLASTING

Jack Henry Post 1
Full bar menu 4pm - 8pm Mon - Sat.
Steak Night Every Friday
Seward Post 5
Taco Tuesday
Friday Night Steaks
Food Served every night
Henry "Gene" Burton Sr. Memorial Post 13
Every Thursday night - rotating cook crews 5pm - 7pm
For the menu please visit
<https://www.facebook.com/AmericanLegionSitkaPost13>
Matanuska Valley Post 15
Prime Rib/Steak Night - Friday with full bar menu
Burgers & Fries Baskets - Saturaday with full bar menu
Karaoke Friday and Saturday nights @ 7pm
Dance Lessons Saturday 6pm - 7pm
Darts/ a Pool table & 100ft of lake front with boat launch
and fishing dock with fish stocked from Lake Meir
General Buckner Post 16 Family
1st Friday of the month family dinner 5pm -7pm
2nd Friday is burger Night 5pm - 7pm
3rd Friday Steak Night 5pm - 7pm
4th Friday is burger Night 5pm - 7pm
George H. Plumley Memorial Post 20
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
Spenard Post 28
Monday, Karaoke 7 pm
Tuesday, Tacos 3 - 8pm; Open Mic 6:30pm
Thursday, Pizza 4pm- 8pm; Trivia 7pm (2nd, 4th Thurs)
Friday, Steak Night 6pm - 8pm - Karaoke 9pm
Saturday, Karaoke 9pm
Sunday, Brunch 11:30am-2pm, Poker 3pm
Muldoon Post 29
Queen of Hearts Thursday
Food Served every night
Peters Creek Post 33
Thursday Taco Nite - 4:30pm - 8:30pm
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 1pm to 5
Wednesday: Taco Night 5:00pm - 8:00pm Texas Hold'em 7:00pm - ?
Fridays: Steak Night 6:00pm - 8:00pm
Pool Tournament Sundays @ 1:00pm
SAL Turkey Shoot Sunday @ 1pm
C.R. Huber Post 57
Meetings 3rd Wednesday @ 7:00pm
Sunday Breakfast 10-2
Thursday Burger Night 5:30-9:00 PM

- Post 1**
James Milton - Vietnam
Richard McReadie - Vietnam
Richard Shake - Vietnam
- Post 3**
James Amos - Vietnam
- Post 5**
D. Christensen - Vietnam
David Popken - Vietnam
- Post 7**
Fred Hosford - Vietnam
- Post 13**
Charles Daniels
William Jolley - Vietnam
- Post 15**
William Barney - Korea
- Post 16**
Toras Fisk - WWII
- Post 20**
Leif Jenkinson - Vietnam
- Post 77**
George Gates
Donald Finnsson - Vietnam
Robert Stuart - Vietnam
- Post 22**
Robert Cramer - Korea
Michael Jenkins - Vietnam
Steven Murray - Persian Gulf
- Post 26**
Jim Stevens - Vietnam
- Post 28**
Daniel Grajek - Vietnam
Earl Tucker - Vietnam
Donald Turner - Vietnam
- Post 33**
George Herr - Lebanon-Grenada
John Mallonee - Vietnam
Timothy Mortimer - Vietnam
Harold Schmitt - Vietnam
Edward Sment - Vietnam
Herbert Worthley - WWII
- Post 35**
Gary Dickerson - Vietnam
Edmund Garnica - Vietnam
- Post 57**
Richard Ziemblicki - Vietnam
- Post CH49**
Jack Copenhaver - WWII
Lafayette Lamb - Vietnam
Edward Possnecke - Korea
Virgil Rogers - Vietnam

The Department of Alaska officers attending National Membership training in Indianapolis.
(looks like some shifty characters photo bombed us)



ALASKA LEGIONNAIRE
ARTICLES ARE DUE
TO THE DEPARTMENT
NO LATER THEN

December 15, 2023

- Sons of the American Legion
2023 - 2024
Detachment of Alaska Officers
Commander
Chris Bedel
1st Vice
Chip Duggan
2nd Vice
Bill Bolling
Adjutant/Finance
Kevin Collier
Chaplain
Aubrey Handrix
Sergeant-at-Arms
Kevin Robinson
Historian
Kenneth Michner
Executive Committeemen
Rolf Asrseth
Matt Larson
Cary Toenies
NEC
David Dieckgraeff
Alt. NEC
Dale Toenies



SAL 2022 TARGET DATES

10%	September 14, 2022
25%	October 13, 2022
35%	November 9, 2022
45%	December 14, 2022
60%	January 19, 2023
75%	February 15, 2023
80%	March 15, 2023
90%	April 19, 2023
100%	May 17, 2023
105%	July 27, 2023*

* Delegate Strength Target
Date 2022 - 2023
MEMBERSHIP YEAR

Target dates fall on the 2nd Wednesday of the month unless there is a holiday on that day or at the beginning of that week. Since Columbus Day falls on a Monday, the October target date will be on a Thursday
The January target date will be on the 3rd Thursday of the month because of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday



Happenings

- New Years Day - 1/1/2024
Martin Luter King Day - 1/15/2024
Lincoln's Birthday - 2/12/2024
Valentine's Day - 2/14/2024
Washington's Birthday 2/22/2024

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME BEGINS
3/10/2024

- American Legion B-Day 3/15/24
St. Patrick's Day - 3/17/2024
Good Friday 3/29/2024

EASTER 3/31/2024



Jack Henry Post 1
Meets 1st Wednesday @ 7pm
Commander Justin Mills
1st Vice
Charlene Martin
2nd Vice
Mark Berg
Sgt-At-Arms
Joshua Niedermeyer
Adjutant
Don "DJ" Jones
Finance Officer
Pam Cawley
Chaplain
Mark Phillips
Historian
Alec Blake
Service Officer
Matthew Worthy
907-272-5242
P.O. Box 91285
Anchorage, AK 99509

Jack Henry Unit 1
President Jeanne Ostnes
1st Vice
Robyn Downs
2nd Vice
Annette Gwaltney-Jones
Secretary
Erin Lamothe
1st Thursday @ 7pm
840 W Fireweed Lane
Anchorage, AK 99503

Joseph T, Craig Post 3
Every Monday @ 7pm
Potluck every 3rd Saturday
Commander Hunter Davis
Adjutant
Robert Fultz
Service Officer
Deborah Davis
907-225-2021
P.O. Box 5121
Ketchikan, AK 99901

Seward Post 5
2nd Tuesday @ 7pm
Commander Clare Sullivan
Adjutant
Mike Calhoon
Service Officer
John Moline
Taco Tuesday - 4pm
Steak Night Friday - 4pm
P.O. Box 306
Seward, AK 99664

Dorman H. Baker Post 11
Commander Brian Tackett
907-452-2228
129 First Ave
Fairbanks, AK

Lynn Canal Post 12
Commaander Chuck Mitman
Adjutant
Ralph Strong
Service Officer
Terry Pardee
907-766-2530
www.lynncanalpost12.org
amerlegion@aptalaska.net

Matanuska Valley Post 15
Commander Edward Jarman
Adjutant
Darian Miller
Service Officer
Bill Kennedy, Jr.
Meets 1st & 3rd Mon @ 6pm
1550 Mystic Cir
P.O. Box 1146
Palmer, AK 99646
907-745-4440
www.facebook.com/aklegion15
aklegion15@gmail.com
RV's can hook up to electrical and enjoy a lake front view

General Buckner Post 16
Commander Ron Brahm
Adjutant
Eileen Faulkner
SAL Commander
Chip Dugan
All meetings - 6pm
SAL - 2nd Monday
Legion - 3rd Wednesday
Aux - 3rd Thursday

Robert G. Blair Post 17
Commander Robert Cloke
Adjutant
Maurice Burum
Service Officer
Robert Lachowsky
318 Center Ave.
Kodiak, AK 99615
Office:907-486-3258
Bar:907-486-5757

Ninilchik Post 18
Ninilchik Unit 18
Commander Monica Bennett
President Christine Calabrese
Secretary
Catherine Lake
Treasurer
Jackie Fisher
Mile 136.5 Sterling Hwy
Phone: 907-567-3918

George H. Plumley Memorial Post 20
Commander Richard Homan
Adjutant
David Selmsr
Service Officer
Antonio Sandoval
Phone: 907-283-3222
902 Cook St.
Kenai, AK

Aurora Borealis Post 21
All Female Post Commander Phyllis Cunningham
Adjutant
Ayanna Santiago
Service Officer
Elexzanderia Carr
Meets 3rd Saturday @ 2pm
Sept - May
P.O. Box 911166
Anchorage, AK 99509

Gladys M Heintz Memorial Post 27
Commander Terry Keizer
Adjutant
Ray Craig
Meets 1st Wednesday @ 7pm
Mile 187 Glenn Hwy

Spenard Post 28
Commander Henry Pagan
1st Vice Commander
Dale Chubin
Adjutant
Michael Bloom

Service Officer
Kirk Waldhaus
Sgt-At-Arms
Donovan Young
Sponsors
Boys & Girls State
Service High AL Baseball
Service High JROTC
Service High Shooting Sports
Post 28 Scholarship Program
7001 Brayton Drive
Anchorage, AK 99507
907-344-3841

Muldoon Post 29
Commander Chuck Boring
1st Vice
Ernest King
Adjutant
Sharon Cherrette
Meets 3rd Tuesday @ 7pm
1467 Muldoon Rd
Anchorage, AK 99504
907-338-3550
Fax: 907-338-0756
muldoon29@gci.net

Con Miller Post 30
Commander Amanda Jones
Adjutant
Harry Schuster
Canteen Manager
Harry Schuster
3614 Old Richardson Hwy
P.O. Box 56615
North Pole, AK 99705

Peters Creek Post 33
Commander Alison Humphrey
Adjutant
Sharon Hook-Forte
Service Officer
Sharon Hook-Forte
21426 Old Glenn Hwy
Chugiak, AK 99567
907-688-2354

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I would like to view the Legionnaire online ☐ NAME _____
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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 _____

A note from Auxiliary President April Sinclair



Western Division National Vice President,
Jeanette (Jan) Cushing
Alaska Auxiliary President,
April Sinclair



Greetings Department of Alaska –
I pray each of you are starting the new year in the best of health and spirit.
As I begin to put words to paper for this issue, I wanted to keep in the forefront of our minds the Children and Youth along with the Girls State programs. Keep a close watch for those wonderful ‘Good Deeds’ our youth are doing, along with any potential Youth Heroes. If you have questions visit the website or reach out regarding how to submit a youth for a ‘Good Deed’ or if a ‘Youth Hero’ is the best doable. These awards are not restricted to Legion Family Members....so keep a watchful eye. I am always readily available to assist each and every one of you with questions.
Our Director with Girls State has a great program planned and ready to go, please visit the website along with share the Girls State flyers along with encourage eligible youth to be citizens for the program. Please reach out to Nina Ketelsen for more information at alaalaska-girlsstate@gmail.com if you are interested in learning how to volunteer or have more questions.
As we turn the clock to 2024, it’s that time of year to start review deadlines for many of the programs, as to be proactive versus reactive. Begin visiting national website to track deadline dates for specific programs such as Americanism Essay, Scholarships, as well as other dates for upcoming Unit and Department Awards. Please reach out to your Department chair or myself for questions.
Lastly, Membership is important and the foundation of our Organization. in the ALA Today Issue 12, National recently reported after reviewing months and months of data, there is Membership growth for the first time in over 20 years. This was phenomenal news when I read the article...kudos to ALL as Membership is the responsibility for everyone.
I’ll close with a reminder of Membership....Let’s HIT 100% for the Department SOONER than LATER.



Scenes from Fall Conference



PDC Deb Davis presents membership award ribbons at the October Fall Conference held at Jack Henry Post 1

(Top row)Post 3 Cmdr Dan Jones, Post 33 1st Vice Chuck Russell, Post 30 Mickie Blackmore accepts the award for Cmdr Amanda Jones

(Bottom Row) Post 30 PDC, Terry Huisman, Post 13 Cmdr Vince Winter, Post 3 PDC Hunter Davis