

MEMBERSHIP BULLETIN 2019 -2020

DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN MEMBERSHIP

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Mid-Year reports DUE no later than December 15, 2019

Year-End reports DUE no later than May 1, 2020

We are celebrating our 100th year and with that our National President, Nicole Clapp, has issued a challenge of each Department growing by one new member for each unit in our department. Not a hard challenge to meet, so let's not only meet this challenge but work towards renewing and retaining all our current members.

With The Legion Act passed, changing eligibility dates to just two time periods, it is expected there will be many veterans wanting to join and they may have a spouse who would join us. April 6, 1917 to November 11, 1918 & December 6, 1941 until the U.S. is no longer at war, as determined by Congress. Only one active day of service is required. Let us spread the word and help all the veterans and spouses unable to join, become a part of our Legion family.

Are you proud and happy being a member of the ALA? If you are like most of us, the answer is yes! We need to share our pride and happiness with others that are not members, yet eligible. We all know to start with family and friends but there are so many other people we interact with throughout the day. Active members are the best but just being a card carrying member, aides the mission as well. Our membership allows National and Department to aide Veterans on a larger scale and bring all the units together.

Member Awards for this year:

- **10 x 10 Award: \$100** – Members who recruit 10 NEW Junior and or Senior members by 11/10/2019. 10 by the 10th is a drawing for \$1,000 towards a trip to the ALA 2020 National Convention plus 2 States Dinner tickets. See flyer for info.
- **Member Award: R/R5** – Recruit / Rejoin 5 Award: A special gift from the National Membership Chairman. Must not have paid dues after 2017 to count. See flyer for info.
- The **Silver Brigade** is recruiting 25 NEW Senior members and a special gift from the National President will be sent.
- **Unit Award: 100% Unit Award:** Reach 100% of the 2020 Goal by November 10, 2019 and be placed in a random drawing, which 100 units will be awarded \$100.
- **Honor the female Veterans**, National will waive their membership fee for the first year again.
- **One week of caring** – For one week this spring April 1 -7, 2020. National is asking members and leaders to work together to contact ALL members of their unit who have not renewed and former members that could rejoin (haven't paid since 2017). Award: Units will be put into a random drawing from which 100 units will be selected to receive \$25.00.

Membership is the responsibility of all members so let's work together to recruit and keep our loyal members! We do good for our veterans, so let's take care of our members as well.

PLEASE COMPLETE THE QUESTIONNAIRE ENCLOSED BY THE DUE DATES INDICATED, NO LATE ENTRIES WILL BE CONDERED FOR AWARDS.

**MID-YEAR AND END OF YEAR QUESTIONNAIRE FOR MEMBERSHIP
FOR THE 2019 / 2020 YEAR**

MID-YEAR REPORTING DUE BY DECEMBER 15, 2019

YEAR-END REPORTING DUE BY MAY 1, 2020

1. Did your unit hold a membership drive at an open house or other event?

Yes _____ No _____ Give a brief description of event or events.

2. Did your unit work with The American Legion Family for a Membership Drive?

Yes _____ No _____

3. Do you try to include members with unit activities and events? Yes _____ No _____

Are you welcoming to ALL? Yes _____ No _____

Do you have a Newsletter? Yes _____ No _____ Invite them to Meetings? Yes _____ No _____

Have a Membership committee to make calls? Yes _____ No _____

4. Does your unit hold an Initiation Ceremony for New Members? Yes _____ No _____ comments.

Do you give them an ALA pin and new member packet? Yes _____ No _____ comments.

Does anyone offer mentoring to inform and involve them? Yes _____ No _____ comments.

What does your unit do to make new or old members feel needed and welcome? comments

IS YOUR UNIT IN CRISIS AND NEEDING HELP, don't wait? Yes _____ No _____ comments.

5. Do you contact members who have not renewed for last year or the current year?

What method do you use for contact? _____

COMPLETE & SEND BY DUE DATES. NO LATE ENTRIES CONSIDERED FOR AWARDS BUT PLEASE SEND BACK SO WE CAN SEE WHAT YOUR UNIT IS DOING FOR MEMBERSHIP. THANK YOU!

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