

2026 – 2027 American Legion Auxiliary ALA Foundation

THE ALA FOUNDATION MISSION

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

Since 2007, the ALA Foundation has been assisting the American Legion Auxiliary in conducting its educational, charitable, and other exempt purposes by raising funds for and providing financial support to Auxiliary programs. Every gift makes an impact and is deeply valued. As a 501(c)(3) public benefit corporation, the ALA Foundation also provides a resource to engage additional investors interested in supporting our mission.

HOW YOUR GIFT HELPS VETERANS, MILITARY, AND THEIR FAMILIES

Your support of the ALA Foundation helps ensure the ALA's mission of service to veterans, military, and their families endures.

Veteran Projects Fund: The Veteran Projects Fund gives ALA entities an opportunity to begin a new volunteer initiative or forge partnerships with organizations that provide services directly to veterans. The ability of ALA Units and Departments to make a substantial impact in a positive way is enhanced by Veteran Projects Fund grants of up to \$10,000. Donations for this fund are used to fund projects that meet a new, one-time need for veterans and military in communities across the country.

Units, Counties, Districts, and Departments may apply for Veteran Projects Fund grants. In addition to helping your Unit to serve veterans, receiving a grant also increases your community's awareness of the work you do! Information and instructions can be found at www.alafoundation.org.

Mission Endowment Fund: This fund is designed to ensure the future by keeping the principal untouched. The larger the principal balance, the larger the investment dividends grow and the more the ALA Foundation can support granting initiatives and ALA programs like ALA Girls Nation and the Spirit of Youth Scholarship Fund. Donating to the Mission Endowment Fund, in a way, is the ultimate gift to the ALA and its future.

Veterans Creative Arts Festival: The ALA Foundation is a repository for donations to the National Veterans Creative Arts Festival, of which the American Legion Auxiliary is a co-presenter. These festivals include competitions in art, creative writing, dance, drama, and music for veterans enrolled in the VA national health care system. Your donation allows the ALA Foundation to strongly support the ALA's co-presenter ship of this event.

THE CATHLEEN MACINNES AWARD: To the Unit which makes the largest donation to the American Legion Auxiliary Foundation (ALAF). Funds given by the Unit and by its members will be counted as the total donation from the Unit. Donations should be made directly to the ALA Foundation (www.alafoundation.org). All funds received by the ALA Foundation between May 1, 2026, and April 30, 2027, will count toward the award.