

# American Legion Auxiliary News Release

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## **New Hampshire American Legion Auxiliary Members Go the Extra Mile To Provide Funding Resource for State's Needy Veterans**

MANCHESTER – It is simply known as the New Hampshire Veterans Fund. It does not receive much publicity. There are no public fundraising drives. It is administered by New Hampshire's American Legion Service Officer. But this year, raising money for the fund was a campaign of love for Harriet Lemery of Nashua.

Lemery is the President of the New Hampshire American Legion Auxiliary. She partnered with state American Legion Commander Chuck Lewis to make sure the fund had extra support in the past 10 months in memory of her late husband, who served as a post service officer for many years and knew the worth of this fund.

Now Lemery is ready to host the National President of the American Legion Auxiliary during a three-day visit May 9-11 and will point with pride to what The American Legion Family has achieved. Jan Pulvermacher-Ryan of Madison, Wisc., will stop in Somersworth, Suncook, Whitefield, and Alton to meet with members. She will learn about the state veterans fund and the efforts to bring members of The American Legion and the American Legion Auxiliary together to increase the organizations' impact on communities.

For her part, Pulvermacher-Ryan of Madison, Wisc., will continue her campaign to endow a scholarship program to educate the children of warriors. The nation's largest patriotic women's organization has relied upon a small endowment fund and the general operating dollars to provide scholarships for many years.

"Our current operating budget makes the effort to continue funding these life-changing educational opportunities very challenging and uncertain," Pulvermacher-Ryan said. "Getting the endowment fund better grounded will ensure these scholarships will be available as long as there are military personnel with children. There's something powerful about knowing an organization's long-term needs will be met because we shared a passion for education," she said.

Pulvermacher-Ryan will also attend a portion of the New Hampshire American Legion Auxiliary Junior Convention and hopes to be involved in the installation of the new honorary Junior state president.

Affiliated with The American Legion, the Auxiliary is a veterans' service organization with members in nearly 10,000 communities. The organization sponsors volunteer programs on the national and local levels, focusing on three major areas: veterans, young people and the community.

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