



American Legion Auxiliary

*A Community of Volunteers Serving Veterans,
Military, and their Families*

Greetings, American Legion Auxiliary Members:

It is an honor for me to welcome you to your 2023 American Legion Auxiliary Department Convention! Thank you for your continued commitment of serving veterans, military, and their families.

Not only is our focus on veterans, but for the 2022-2023 administrative year, we are placing an extra emphasis on companions of National Veterans Creative Arts Festival veterans. We are also raising awareness of our country's Prisoners of War/Missing in Action. I look forward to concentrating our attention on these causes with you!

As you conduct business at your department's convention, remember that everything should circle back to our mission and why we were created over a century ago. I hope everyone attending learns something new, makes a new friend, and takes away ideas to put into practice at the unit level throughout your department.

You are the present and the future of this organization, and the business conducted at your department gathering makes a difference for our members and for our mission.

I hope you continue to remember your *why* as an ALA member — the reason you joined in the first place — to help our veterans, military, and their families.

Thank you for your continued membership and your active participation in the American Legion Auxiliary.

I hope you have a wonderful department convention!

Vickie Koutz
2022-2023 National President