

ALA Post 272

July 2026 Newsletter

Even though we didn't have a July meeting, we still have updates and information to share.

July 4 was the Linglestown 250th celebration of America. Your ALA was set up there to hand out information, answer questions, and manned some carnival games for tickets for prizes.

The ALA **Tuesday bingo** was July 14 with proceeds benefitting Nutripaks. This group is dedicated to helping food-insecure children by providing weekend food for CD students. The next Tuesday bingo is on August 4 and proceeds will go for providing some 'change of pace' meals for the Lebanon VA veterans. They really appreciate it!

The **Department Convention** was held in Gettysburg on July 16 – 18 with 316 members in attendance. Our **Juniors** were awarded a check for \$20 for an essay that they wrote. The ALA Management Information System (ALAMIS) for updating **membership** has been down since June 22 and there are no updates on when it will be available. It was also announced that the **Keystone Girls State** will no longer be held at Shippensburg College as they will not allow overnight stays. Next year, they will be held at Messiah College and the ALA will continue to search for other venues.

The Bourbon Tasting on July 18 was a great success with 52 attendees. Positive feedback may lead to another one in the future.

The **Community Bingo** was on July 19 and the Progressive Bingo pot was not hit. The pot for the next one on August 16 will start at \$140.

The Legion's next Chicken & Rib **BBQ** is coming up on **July 25**, from 9:00 am until sold out. This BBQ will be accompanied by an ALA member's Bake Sale to raise funds for Sadie Riley to be able to travel to Spain with her college soccer team next year. Come out to support our fellow member!

July 25 is also the **Linglestown Liberty Fest**, hosted by the Linglestown Area Civic Association and held at the Linglestown Life Methodist Church from 11-3. You can plan on enjoying live music from Hank the Buffalo, The Little Brother Band, and Rayzen Kane. There will be family activities, cornhole, volleyball, yard games, face painting, a community raffle, Food vendors, sweet treats, ice cream, Sno-cones, and patriotic fun for all ages. There's even going to be a "Cool Down Zone" in the church lobby for the kids. Sounds like a full day and will be held rain or shine. So, bring your lawn chairs and

blankets and enjoy time with your neighbors. **Our Legion is one of the sponsors for this event.**

July 28 is the Legion's **Blood Drive**, 9:30 – 4:30, in the Banquet Room. Please consider donating.

August 4 is the annual “Night Out for Safety” at George Park where the ALA sponsors a tent.

COMING UP:

September 3 – 6: The Vietnam Veteran Memorial Fund announced that the **“Wall That Heals”** arrives in **Campbelltown** on Tuesday, **September 1** with a motorcycle escort. The expected arrival time is 12:30 pm and the Campbelltown Legion has asked that the public come out for a large patriotic welcome for the wall and the escort team on the final leg of their journey. They will be providing flags for those in attendance. This exhibit is a $\frac{3}{4}$ scale replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial and bears the names of the 58,281 men and women who made the ultimate sacrifice in Vietnam. The exhibit will visit a total of 31 communities in 2026.

September 13: The annual **TaTa Rebels Fall Cash Bingo** will be held in our Banquet Room from 11:30 – 5:30. **Advance tickets** are available for \$25 at the bar in the canteen.

The **Lebanon VA** always needs the following **NEW** (not used) items: Male scents for Deodorant, Lotion, Body wash, and 3-in-1 body wash. Men's 4X T-shirts, 4X underwear briefs, and medium T-shirts. Alcohol-free mouthwash, large nail clippers, large size baby powder, and Women's (size small) bras. They would also appreciate **adult activity and coloring books**. Donations can be placed in the wooden box in the lobby.

If anyone is interested in running for **ALA President** next year, Sharon has assured us that she will be around to mentor and help you transition into the position.

Remember: Our mission is to serve those who protect our freedoms.

ANY QUESTIONS/SUGGESTIONS? Email/text our President, Sharon at 717-418-8793.