

ALA Post 272

June 2026 Newsletter

Did you see that our **newsletters** are now posted on the Legion's website under the ALA link? Check it out!

ALA Membership News: Did you know that we are the second largest auxiliary in the state? We now have 931 renewals out of 950 members! We only have 6 more weeks left to reach our goal of 100%. Make sure to contact Marilyn (717-678-2977).

Sharon has lottery-based tickets for \$5 each. Each ticket holds 2 numbers. If you have a direct hit on one of your numbers, you win \$1000. **PLUS** – if your ticket number is just one number away, you win \$125! Contact Sharon (717-418-8793) to track her down!!

The Linglestown **ALA Tri-County Meeting** was a huge success! We were able to offer 42 raffle baskets, 15 high value baskets, President's Table baskets, 50/50 Drawing, Hydrangea centerpieces, a Lottery Frame, continental breakfast, a delicious hot lunch, and goodies galore – what more could you ask for? **Kudos** to Cristy Weigle and her committee who really went above and beyond to make this happen. Also in attendance were the 4 essay winners from local high schools and their families who wrote on the theme of "Celebrating America's 250th Birthday" and "The Veterans Who Fought For Our Freedom". The essays were very insightful, emotional, and struck a deep chord in all of us as they were read aloud. They will be moving on from here to compete in Nationals.

The **ALA Yard Sale** was rained out. Looking forward to the next one on October 3. Mark your calendars!

Memorial Day parade was a nice success with a lot of positive comments coming our way.

Congratulations to Molly Gebhardt who won the American Legion Auxiliary Community Award! She's a Junior Auxiliary member and can be seen helping out at all of our auxiliary activities. Keep it up, girl! You are sure to be going places!!

At our May 31 meeting, we learned about **Project New Hope** which hosts a 5-day retreat along the Juniata River near Mount Union for disabled veterans and their families. This retreat offers opportunities for relaxation, learning, engaging activities, and camaraderie with fellow veterans. For more **information**, go to BeaconLodge.org (814-542-2511) or email Office@BeaconLodge.org.

June 6 is the Open House for **Indiantown Gap**. Gates open at 9:30 and there will be a fly-over at 11:00. Lots of activities for the family so check it out!

June 9 is the ALA's non-smoking **Tuesday** night bingo in the canteen with proceeds going to the Susquehanna Service Dogs. They are part of Keystone Human Services and trains dogs for children and adults with disabilities, including mobility, hearing, seizure response, and psychiatric needs. Ticket packets are \$25 and includes all of the regular games and specials with additional packets being \$12 each. Single strips (for those who can't stay the entire night) will be \$1 for each Regular game, Specials will be \$2 each, and Black Out will be \$3 each (after playing at least 3 games prior to the Black Out game).

June 20 will be a Pulled Pork sandwich meal. Same procedures as the BBQ, but with a little less sweat for the men at the grill.

June 21 is the date for the Sunday non-smoking **Community Bingo** in the banquet room. Doors open at 11:30 and first number is called at 1:00. The adult cost is \$25 for the packet of tickets which covers all games and specials. Additional packets are \$12 each. Kids ticket packets (16 and under) are \$12. The **Progressive Bingo** pot was not hit in May so it will be over **\$350!!** It continues to build at each monthly bingo until it is won. Cost to participate is \$1. We're always looking for players so make sure to attend with family, friends, and neighbors. **FYI** – proceeds from these monthly bingos are split between the Legion groups in an effort to recoup the monies lost from the cutback on the number of summer barbecues. Basket donations and baked goods are also welcomed.

June 28 – ALA meeting in the non-smoking dining room at 6:30. Come and join us!

July 4 – Lower Paxton Independence Celebration at Heroes Grove.

COMING UP: Department Convention in Gettysburg, July 16-18. Fall Conference in Harrisburg, September 17-18. National Convention in Kentucky August 28 – September 3.

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.

