



RcDuPont Newsletter

Unit 18

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ALA Scholarships

Children of Warriors National Presidents' Scholarship

The American Legion Auxiliary sponsors the Children of Warriors National Presidents' Scholarship to support the children of our warriors. These scholarships are awarded to 15 students annually who excel in academics and volunteer in their communities.

Non-Traditional Student Scholarship

This scholarship helps people who are part of The Legion Family pursue a college degree later in life or allow them to pick up where they left off when their studies were interrupted.

Applicants must present the completed application to their **local American Legion Auxiliary Unit President** **ON OR BEFORE MARCH 1, 2017.**

Applications and additional criteria are available at alaforveterans.org

Events

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Department Oratorical
February 2, 6pm – 8pm
Wilmington VA Medical Center,
1601 Kirkwood Hwy, Wilmington,
DE 19805

American Legion Auxiliary,
Department of Delaware, Inc
DEC Meeting
March 11, 2017 @ 9:30 am - 1:00 pm
Walter L. Fox Unit 2

American Legion National
Commander's Banquet
March 17 @ 5:15 pm - 9:00 pm
Laurel Unit 19
Tickets 33 per person

National President Mary E. Davis
is scheduled to visit Delaware
April 4, 2017 - April 7, 2017

VA Medical Center
Patient Carnival
Saturday, May 6, 2017

Delaware Veterans' Stand Down
September 22nd 2017

POCKET FLAG PROGRAM

The objective of the program is to get as many pocket flags into the pockets of our military personnel on the front lines. Along with learning about our country's flag, children fold and package the flags and include a card with a personalized message thanking soldiers for their service. On Veteran's day students St. Elizabeth's participated in the program – folding hundreds of flags. They also learned about the history of the flag, our country and the American Legion Family!



Gifts of much needed clothing was donated to St. Patrick's Center socks and clothing drive. The need was distributed at our monthly meeting and a number of Post 18 Legion family members made donations.



Make a Difference!
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Pocket Flag Program "A flag for your pocket so you can always carry a little piece of home. We are praying for you and we are proud of you. Thank you for defending our country and our freedom."

pocketflagproject.com/

St. Patrick's Center provides emergency food, meals, respite for the homeless, clothing, transportation, and recreational activities for people in need on Wilmington's east side.
stpatrickscenter.org/

STOCKINGS FOR SOLDIERS



The RcDuPont Legion Family once again participated in the Stocking for Soldiers project! In its' 13th year the program saw 9000 personalized stockings send to our troops in Afghanistan, Iraq, Jordan, Egypt, Kuwait, Africa, United Arab Emirates, Romania, Qatar, Abu Dhabi and South Korea.

See details on the program on their website and consider volunteering in 2017! There are still opportunities to participate even if you are not located in Delaware!

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Stocking for Soliders Community Project!

<http://www.stockingsforsoldiers.org/index.html>

Have questions contact
info@StockingsForSoldiers.org

ALA Mission Outreach Program!

Americanism

February is Americanism Month!

Americanism is pride and love of our country, allegiance to its flag, and promotes loyalty to the counties ideals and institutions.

Things you can to

- knowledgeable about flag history, etiquette and proper disposal methods. If you are then share that knowledge with others.
- Encourage others to vote and to support the amendment to protect the flag. Currently it reads, "The Congress shall have power to prohibit the physical desecration of the flag of the United States."
- promote or participate in the Americanism Essay Contest.
- promote American Legion Americanism programs
 - American Legion Baseball: the nation's oldest, and most-respected nationwide baseball program
 - Oratorical Contest: developed primarily to instill a better knowledge and appreciation of the Constitution of the United States in high school students. It develops leadership qualities, the ability to think and speak clearly
 - Junior Shooting Sports: program combines the basic marksmanship, qualification awards, and air rifle competition

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Americanism Essay Contest

The Auxiliary's annual Americanism Essay Contest encourages participants to learn about the fundamental rights and freedoms we enjoy today.

This year's theme is

"How does learning about government and our America help you become a future guardian of the liberties of our country?"

<https://www.alaforveterans.org/Programs/Americanism/>

American Legion Baseball

<https://www.legion.org/baseball>

Oratorical Contest

<https://www.legion.org/oratorical>

Junior Shooting Sport

<https://www.legion.org/shooting>

Veterans Day Word Find Answers

F Q G **Y D P** D Y L **M H Y** R A **E**
L O G **R R** K **A** T T **O A E V** C Y
A R **S O A V** Q **T N** I D **R N A** R
N I **E T U** Y **E O R P L A I** T **N**
D X **R S G** H **R T O I V A E N** T
E S V I T R M **P E R O C** Y W **E**
R R I H S F **P B E R R T** C O V
S E C P A Y F **S L O A E I** G L
A I E E O Y B A F A W N M C X
Y D F A C O A R M I S T I C E
O L R C Y L I L A I R O M E M
P O S E O A T C E P S E R O H
N S T R I B U T E Y M R A O O
Q V C W B R I G E Y V V J C T
N O V E M B E R L U Z Q H W F

AIRFORCE
 ARMY
 FLANDERS
 MARINE
 NAVY
 OBSERVANCE
 PEACE
 RESPECT
 SOLDIERS
 VETERAN

ARMISTICE
 COASTGUARD
 HISTORY
 MEMORIAL
 NOVEMBER
 PATRIOTIC
 RED POPPY
 SERVICE
 TRIBUTE
 HONOR

Emblem Significance



The rays of the sun

The rays of the sun form the background of our proud emblem and suggests the American Legion Auxiliary's principles of Loyalty, Justice, Freedom and Democracy will dispel the darkness of violence, strife and evil.

Outer rings

The larger of two outer rings stands for the rehabilitation of our sick and disabled veterans. The smaller inside ring denotes the welfare of America's children. The unbroken circle of blue represents Unity and Loyalty.

The star

The star, victory symbol of World War I and the emblem of service in war, no less the emblem of service in time of peace, also symbolizes honor, glory and constancy. The field of white behind the star exemplifies the hope of Freedom.

American Legion Auxiliary

The words American Legion Auxiliary tie the whole together for truth, remembrance, constancy, honor, service, veterans' affairs and rehabilitation, children and youth, loyalty, and Americanism.

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<https://www.facebook.com/ALARCDuPontUnit18/>

<http://www.delegion.org/depost18/auxiliary.htm>

Monthly Meeting 3rd Thursday of the Month; Sept-May,
excluding Dec. 7pm to 8 pm.

Claymont Fire Hall

3223 Philadelphia Pike

Claymont, DE 19703