

Explanation of the ALA Department of Illinois Master Snip Sheet

Dept President's Special Project – Each year a program or cause with significant meaning to the Department President is promoted. Units and Members are asked for their donations and support.

The American Legion

Gifts to the Yanks – Donations support items purchased during the Holiday Season for veterans in Illinois VA Facilities.

American Legion Child Well Being Foundation – Donations support the mission of this Foundation to award grants to nonprofit organizations that contribute to the physical, mental, emotional, and spiritual welfare of children.

TAL Commanders Special Project and SAL Commanders Special Project - Just as with the Department President's Special Project, these are causes or programs that have significant meaning and members are given the opportunity to donate to and support.

ALA National Organization

ALA Foundation - The American Legion Auxiliary Foundation positively impacts the lives of our veterans, military, and their families by funding programs of the American Legion Auxiliary today and for future generations. A donation to this program enables the Foundation to grant monies for Auxiliary projects. Members and Units can also run grants from outside sources through the Foundation as it has a 501c3 IRS designation.

National Creative Arts Program - The key purpose of the National Veterans Creative Arts competition and festival is to recognize veterans for their creative accomplishments and to educate and demonstrate to communities throughout the country the therapeutic benefits of the arts. The National organization is a co-sponsor of this event. All donations are sent from Department to National.

National President's Special Project - Self-explanatory. A donation to this program will be sent to National earmarked for the project she has chosen for her year.

Americanism

Americanism Fund – Funds donated are used to promote the mission of the American Legion Auxiliary along with jointly sponsoring the Americanism Essay contest scholarship awards with The American Legion and Sons of The American Legion.

Spirit of Youth Fund – Donations to this program are sent to National to support the National Scholarships.

Auxiliary Emergency Fund – All donations are forwarded to National who provides grant assistance including temporary emergency help to eligible members who have suffered a significant financial setback as a result of an act of nature or other personal crisis.

Children and Youth

Christmas Gift Program – Donations fund Christmas gifts for youth in IL care facilities, a joint effort with The American Legion.

Children and Youth Scholarship – Donations fund the \$1000 scholarships to applicants working toward a degree in education with the emphasis on teaching mentally or physically challenged children.

Special Olympics – Donations are used to purchase food, supplies, etc. for the hospitality area various Special Olympics events. Donations are also used to fund the Auxiliary portion of the facility fees at the Special Olympics Summer Games at ISU in Normal.

Education – Donations are used to award \$1000 scholarships to those not majoring in nursing. This does not include PPP Nurses, Edna Mae Unfer, or Children and Youth Scholarships. A unit must donate to this fund to sponsor an applicant for an Illinois scholarship. The donations received will be awarded each year in the form of \$1000 individual scholarships, (i.e., \$10,000 = 10 scholarship winners).

Junior Activities

Dept Junior Conference – Donations are used to underwrite the annual Department of Illinois Junior Conference.

ALA Illini Girls State

ALA/IGS Program Donation –Donations are used to underwrite the Girls State Program.

ALA/ IGS Registration – Units may prepay the \$400 fee to send a citizen to ALA IGS.

National Security

National Security Fund – Funds donated to this fund are used to promote the American Legion Auxiliary mission along with college student ROTC medals and awards. ROTC awards Include \$50 and the medal which are presented at 6 colleges: Northern, Southern, Eastern, Western, ISU (Bloomington), and U of I (Champaign).

USO Centers - Donations may be made to assist Illinois based facilities in continuing to provide their services.

Past Presidents Parley

Nurses Scholarship – Donations are used to award \$1000 scholarships.

Parley Dues – Units pay \$1 per Past President in their unit. Parley Dues and a Nurses Scholarship donation are required by a unit submitting an applicant for a nurse's scholarship.

Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation

Six Point Program:

In Facility Hospitality – Donations are used by ALA Representatives in facilities to help host in facility events.

Homeless & Homebound Christmas Bags – Donations fund Christmas bags for transitioning and homeless veterans.

Christmas Gift Shop - Donations are used to buy \$10 gift cards for the Gift Shop events in facilities.

Easter Gift – Donations fund the \$5 monetary gift given to each veteran in nursing homes, homebound, and those in VA hospitals.

VA Nursing Homes - Donations buy what is needed and/or requested for the veteran population in nursing homes

VA Toiletries and Art Therapy Supplies – Donations are used to purchase toiletries (including socks, underwear and other personal clothing items) along with art therapy supplies.

Transportation Fund - Donations will support veteran travel to and from Medical appointments at the VA facilities and clinics around the state. This can include fuel cards, uber/lyft rides and other transportation needs.

Fisher House - Donations support the Hines Fisher House property both inside and out. Founded in 1990, a Fisher House is “a home away from home” for family members, caregivers or loved ones of patients receiving medical care at major military and VA medical centers. It is a temporary residence and is not a treatment facility, hospice, or counseling center. By law, there is no charge for any family to stay at a Fisher House operated by the Department of Veterans Affairs. It is named after the founders, Zachary and Elizabeth Fisher. We have three local Fisher House's.

Hospital and Facilities – General Donation

Separate accounts are kept for each facility. When you designate an amount for a facility that is where it is deposited. Funds not designated to a specific facility are used where the need is greatest. A representative is appointed to each facility by the Department President each year. She works with the Voluntary Services Director to fulfill wish lists and needs for comfort items. Donations fund many different things. Comfort items of clothing and personal care items top the list but are not the only items provided.

Memorial donations can be made at the bottom of the snip sheet. Be sure to list the Auxiliary programs you would like the donation applied to. Also provide the full name and address if you would like Department to send a memorial card acknowledgement.

Any programs that have *** symbol by it on the snip sheet signifies that poppy funds can be used to fund a donation to the program.

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