



## **AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY**

*In the Spirit of Service Not Self for Our Veterans, God and Country*

### **Auxiliary Emergency Fund**

Good Afternoon Unit Chairmen, Presidents, and members,

April 18, 22

The time has come to get reports done (4-15) telling about all the hard work your Unit has done this year. If your Unit doesn't have anything to report, please send in a report to that effect so Alaska can reach 100% reporting. Looking forward to hearing from you soon.

So far I have received reports from the following Units:

3, 6, 11, 16, 27, 442 Thanks so much for reporting.

I have been checking my Junk folder just in case so report slipped by, so if your Unit isn't on this list please resend your report ASAP. Thanks. I head for Convention tomorrow.

Thank you for all you do for our Legion Family in town, across the state & the nation!



As you fund raise for AEF (Auxiliary Emergency Fund) for your local use, please keep in mind, giving to your Department AEF and National AEF Funds for our auxiliary sisters that are also in need. Please send your checks to Dept. Treasurer so your Unit and Alaska will receive the credit you have earned.

Zona Gregg, Dept. AEF Chairman

Cc Dept Secretary Barb Nath & Western Conference Chairman



American Legion Auxiliary

Department of Alaska

2021-2022 End of Year Report Americanism

Americanism is alive and well in the state of Alaska. Our members are actively stating the pledge at every unit meeting and events. We have one unit that at every General membership meeting, they hear something from their Americanism chair teaching them of the powerful way our Americanism effects others around us.

One unit places flags at their local cemetery for Memorial Day. While another unit spends a lot of time in their community not only preparing poppies for crosses and wreaths, they attend Veteran events at other organizations.

Another unit promoted Americanism by cleaning up local cemeteries and putting American flags on the Legion members grave sites. We even have a unit who has begun in conjunction with their local USO, serve as a opportunity for outreach to children to encourage pride in America. They even hosted a a showing of the movie Sgy. Stubby at the USO center.

9,598 hours were reported spent on Americanism activities throughout Alaska.

284 pledges were reported

\$14,620 reported as spent on Americanism activities.

For God and Country

**Colleen Newman, Chaplain  
A.L.A. Department of Alaska  
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**May 11, 2022**

**TO:** Carol T. Robinson, National Chaplain  
abernia@aol.com

**FROM:** Colleen Newman, Chaplain  
A.L.A. Department of Alaska

**SUBJECT:** Chaplain Year-End Report 2021-2022

Our Chaplains provide guidance with prayers and a smiling face; their shoulders are always there. They visited members, shut-ins and residents in the long-term hospital and care centers. Flowers, sympathy and get-well cards were sent when needed (a lucky few received a special box of chocolate and one received a bottle of wine. When a member died, draped charter to express our sympathy and performed a Last Roll Call for the deceased. Reached out to veteran's, military families, and members by providing financial assistance and support when needed.

20 out of 21 Units Reported  
1,257 Volunteer Hours Reported  
30 Member Names Read at Post Everlasting Ceremony  
\$3,195 Reported as Money Spent

Prayers were said at the following events:

9/11 Awareness  
Four Chaplains Ceremony  
Flag Retirement Ceremony  
Beginning and ending of our regular meetings  
Celebration of Life Memorials  
July 4<sup>th</sup> Celebration  
Memorial Day Celebration  
Officer Installation

POW/MIA Ceremony

Silver Tea

Dinners - Easter, Early Bird, Membership, Thanksgiving,  
Veteran's Day and Officers Installation

Special of the services provided by some Alaskan Units:

- Assisted with clean-up of Veteran and local Cemeteries
- Placed new flags on Veteran's graves for Memorial Day Service
- Made wreaths for Memorial Day and Veteran's Day
- When member in hospital, watched house and took care of pets
- Decorate Post to keep members spirits uplifted
- When members ill, made meals, provided ride to doctor visit and  
store, cleaned houses, rearranged house to accommodate  
hospital  
beds or mobility equipment

As Chaplain's we are continuously looking for ways to support our veteran's, military, and communities emotional and spiritual needs.



**DEPARTMENT OF ALASKA  
CHILDREN AND YOUTH  
Year End Report 2021-2022**

Reports were received from nine units, two of which reported no Children and Youth activities. Of those two, they reported their activities were reported under other areas.

Here are some of the highlights

Joseph T. Craig Unit 3

- Our unit has hours and a project to report this year for Children & Youth which is very exciting for us. Jane Bolima spearheaded a project in April to make welcome bags for the children of Coast Guard families moving to the community. She spent four hours making welcome bags with coloring pages, candy, and other items and delivering them to a representative on Base Ketchikan. She hoped to be able to deliver the welcome bags herself but COVID prevention measures meant that she could not, and she handed off the bags to be delivered at a later date. Base Ketchikan was grateful for our efforts. We hope to do this again, and to increase our efforts to help the children of families relocating to Ketchikan to integrate into the community. It is our hope that the base hosts a welcome faire this year now that COVID precautions have lessened and we are able to have a booth or table at the event with more of these welcome bags for children.
- We are also always on the lookout for activities that we can support or projects we can work on that help the children and youth of our active duty service members and veterans.

Merlin Elmer Palmer Unit 6

- Held 4 rummage sales and bake sales as well as raffles throughout the year to raise funds for different projects.
- Donated to the Child Welfare Foundation, Head Start, the Wrangell Library, Children's Heart Foundation, as well as baby items for moms
- Supported the Wrangell 4<sup>th</sup> of July activities
- Toy Fairy left small, free toys around town
- Christmas Thank you notes sent to business
- Christmas party for children (2)
- Christmas shopping to meet needs
- Back to school activities including raffle and giving of backpacks
- Clothes for a family whose boat sank
- Donation of other items as needed

No of members involved.....	1,506
Hours.....	177
Money spent by members .....	154
Money spent by unit.....	7,465
Projects.....	24
Miles .....	45
Air miles.....	2,535

### Dorman H. Baker Unit 11

- Donated \$221.70 for the Child Welfare Foundation
- Donated \$150 for Children & Youth.
- We have an Auxiliary member who is Cub Scout leader who spent 40 hours for Activities. They participated in last year's Memorial Day Services around town and other town events.

### General Buckner Unit 16

- A 4<sup>th</sup> of July Carnival was hosted and it was well attended by our community children.
- Two scholarships were awarded in 2022
- A Pumpkin Carving Contest was held for Halloween.
- Donations were made to the local baseball team and swim club.
- In addition, members donated to Boys Town and SPARC.
- A member of this unit provided meals for the cast and crew of this year's High School Musical.

### George H. Plumley Unit 20

- Conducted a haunted house for Halloween for children
- Hosted a children's Christmas party.

Total hours spent.....145  
Volunteers helping .....8  
Children served .....22  
Unit expenses .....\$2,325  
Direct aid to a needy child .....\$250

### Susitna Valley Unit 35

- Unit 35 held holiday events where we brought the members' youth and community youth together assembling, promoting family, flag awareness and safety while doing crafts, having fun, and enjoying good food.
- Events were Halloween, recognizing April as Children & Youth month, Christmas, Children's Drive-in Movie, and various community events.

Money Donated/In-kind Donations ....\$2,876  
Volunteers .....39  
Volunteer Hour .....492s

### C. Russell Huber Unit 57

- In June, unit members shopped and helped set up and participate in the Flag Ceremony hosted the SAL with a local Girl Scout troop in attendance. There were 12 youth either present or who benefited from this.
- In July, unit members shopped and bought supplies for a local school supply drive for the schools. Three classrooms benefit from the supplies.
- In August, Unit 57 hosted a movie night at the local USO where they showed SGT Stubby. There were five children who attended.
- In September, Unit 57 hosted a baked potato bar with the funds going to the children and youth fund.
- December brought lots of joy as unit members shopped for gifts and held a gift wrapping party at the post. Kids were able to eat pizza, a variety of finger foods, while enjoying time doing karaoke with a DJ while waiting for their turn with Santa. Sixty three kids received a hand signed gift from Santa
- In January, some unit members attended the Department of Alaska Girls and Boys Steak Feed. There was a marvelous turnout from across the Department to support our program.

Dollars spent .....4942  
Miles donated.....542  
Hours .....194  
Number of Children and Youth .....180+

For God and Country

*Jane L. Larson*

Jane L. Larson  
Department President



# CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS

## 2021-2022 Year End Report

Madam President,

Reports were received both verbally and in writing. Most units reported little or no activity this year. While governing documents were reviewed, there was no need for revisions. Written reports were received from the following units:

- Joseph T. Craig Unit 3
- Merlin Elmer Palmer Unit 6
- General Buckner Unit 16
- Glennallen Unit 27
- Peters Creek Unit 33
- C. Russell Huber Unit 57

Joseph T Craig Unit 3 reported they spent time reviewing the documents to assure they were complying with them. In addition, they have integrated them into their welcome binder (a binder intended to help inform new members about the unit and how they function within the unit and also in their community). It is their intent to do a yearly review. They reported three members involved for a total of four hours

Merlin Elmer Palmer Unit 6 continues its review of their governing documents. It is an ongoing process. They reported seven members involved for a total of seven hours.

General Buckner Unit 16 formed a committee to review the Constitution, By Laws and Standing Rules for their Unit. It is their intent to continue the review and update as necessary in the next year. They have three members involved on their committee with a total of one hour each this year.

C. Russell Huber Unit 57 had no changes to their governing documents. However there is a possibility of amending their Standing Rules

	Members Involved	Hours Involved
Joseph T. Craig Unit 3	3	4
Merlin Elmer Palmer Unit 6	7	7
General Buckner Unit 16	3	3

Thank you for allowing me to serve as your Constitution and Bylaws Chair this year. It was a privilege.

For God and Country  
Sue Diaz, Chair  
Constitution and Bylaws Committee

American Legion Auxiliary  
Department of Alaska Education Chairperson  
2021 End of Year Education Report

April 18, 2022

This year started fairly quiet with our Posts and Education, but most were ramping up for a busy Holiday donation time and getting word out to State High Schools on our available American Legion Scholarships. I alerted all Posts on American Legion "Give 10 to Education" Program and what that entails on sharing the Auxiliary's mission to promote community among our local schools, and get them involved in Veterans' experiences and the sacrifices they gave for our country.

I sent letters to twenty-two public State High School Guidance departments, (see attached), discussing the upcoming scholarships, and reminding them to contact their local Auxiliary for information on these, or contact me, if needed. I am planning on continuing my contact with these schools and working on making the local connections necessary to ensure all qualified students can have the ability to apply. We received three scholarship applications this year, one Non-Traditional, one Children of Warriors, (which were both very impressive, accepted by the Committee, and passed forward), and one Merrillyn Stock application. I also received five inquiries from Alaskan High Schools wanting more information.

The Oratorical Contest in February had three contestants. I volunteered to be timekeeper, and, again, it never fails me to see such bright young people who show such promise for their futures. Thank you to all who made and continue to make this possible for our high school students.

I received five Unit reports and they are as follows:

Unit 6 put up fliers at their local Flea Market events promoting our scholarships and Girls State. They contacted the High School about our online information for Education and scholarships and made themselves available for any questions. No hours were reported.

Unit 11 continued providing information about Legion scholarships throughout the year, reporting two hours of time spent.

Unit 15 participated in the Pick 10 program by providing three local schools with \$250.00 gift cards for winter wear, (to be kept at the school), for those who did not have safe clothing for recess. The Unit's Christmas event had a card making table for the young guests to make cards for our local Veterans in the Pioneer Home, making 80 cards for each of residents, along with bags of cookies. They have also begun the process of creating the Helen Finch Scholarship to be made available in March of next year. A total of 14 hours were reported.

Unit 27 had nothing to report.

Unit 35 reported many school activities being canceled due to Covid-19, but with restrictions being lifted, plan on resuming increased participation.

It was a difficult year for most of us, as Unit 35 explains. I do believe keeping in touch with state high schools will help us get an increase in scholarship interest, along with working with the elementary and middle schools to be more informed on Veteran's service and sacrifices and encouraging participation in activities that promote our mission as the American Legion Auxiliary and the history we have in helping our Veterans.

For God and Country,

Lisa Boyles

American Legion Auxiliary  
Education Chairperson

**AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY  
DEPARTMENT OF ALASKA  
2021-2022  
ALASKA GIRLS STATE YEAR-END REPORT**

Still recovering from the repercussions of Covid, Department of Alaska's 2021 Girls State program looked like it would have to be cancelled due to lack of citizen participation. Thankfully, for the first time in history, National allowed states to join together so our citizens were able to participate in this wonderful program virtually. Four states invited Alaska to join programs with them. After a lot of research Alaska chose to join with the great state of Hawaii, mainly because they have the same logistic problems as Alaska. Hawaii's Girl State Director Brister Thomas and her hard-working staff were extremely welcoming to both our citizens and our staff. Seven citizens from Alaska participated in this joint effort. Unfortunately, only four completed the program. Our state Samsung winner, Sarah Price from Eagle River, went on to win a runner-up National Samsung award for \$5,000.00. Over a period of two (2) weeks, five staff members were involved virtually to observe and help Hawaii's staff with our base of operations set up at Department President Jane Larson's house. Even though it was a joint program, National allowed each state to still elect their own Governor/Lt. Governor and choose their own Senators to send to Girls Nation.



*Alaska and Hawaii Senators at ALA Girls Nation*

***Alaska and Hawaii working together***



Units have been hard at work for our 2022 program. Thirteen (13) Units have reported sending out e-mails to school districts, putting the information out in newsletters and face book posts, flyers around town and word of mouth. Units reported donating \$1950.00 with 21 volunteers putting in 1,173 hours and traveling 7,240 miles working this program. I know these number is extremely short, but we cannot claim them if units do not report them.

ALA Alaska Girls State 2022 program will be held in person, June4th through June 10<sup>th</sup> at the Elk's Campground in Sutton, Alaska. At this time, we have 13 citizens participating in the program.

I would like to Thank Department President Jane Larson for allowing to be her Girls State Chairman.

For God and Country,

Lori Fruhwirth  
American Legion Auxiliary  
Department of Alaska  
2021-2022 Girls State Chairman

Department Junior Activities Report  
2021-2022

Unit 27 Glennallen has no activities to report.

Unit 442 does not have any JR members and nothing to report.

Unit 6

Has 5 Junior Girls

162 members have completed volunteer service

42 hours

Total of \$80 in unit donations

\$10 of individual member donations

Donation of 721 air miles

121 Items donated to Department Jr Service project

Completed 7 projects that include

1. Mooseallenous Thrift Store
2. Mooseallenous Bargains
3. Santa for Seniors
4. Donation to Department Food Drive
5. Fulfilled donations to department Juniors on 11/21 and 4/21
6. Toiletries donated to Department Jr 4/22

Unit 3

Our unit currently has three junior members. With such a small body, our juniors have not had any activity to report.

Unit 35

Donations to Junior Activities total \$1,777

15 Adults/Parents have volunteered throughout the year to help with special projects that have benefited service members and families of services members:

Melanie Lindell  
Kamari Barnes  
Colleen Newman  
Tanya Grube  
Ann Peebles  
271 Volunteer Hours

At the Department Convention:

Juniors of Susitna Valley Unit 35 that participated at department convention include: Teyven, Azalea, Whitney, and Azmariah

1. Juniors participated in setting the child's table in which the narrative was read by the Honorary Junior President Shelby.
2. The Juniors completed a service project that provided hygiene kits to the VA center in Wasilla and Fairbanks.
3. The Juniors also completed the jeopardy game and presented at the Auxiliary Department meeting which challenged the auxiliary members to trivia regarding the history of the auxiliary and facts about the poppy. The Juniors presented the member with the most points a small token of appreciation made by the Juniors.
4. A purse silent auction was conducted to raise money for the Juniors.

5. Juniors participated in outdoor activities at the park, which enhanced the older Juniors leadership skills with the younger Juniors.
6. The Juniors participated in the election process of new honorary officers for the year 2021-2022

We have a member that has stepped up and is working on re-organizing our juniors and planning programs for them to participate in. We have also included the SAL boys under the age of 18 to join the juniors and participate in the monthly projects. The SAL and Auxiliary Juniors were introduced to the Patch Program and projects are geared towards the Patch Program so that the Juniors and SAL can earn their patches.

The juniors have held 10 meetings over the last 12 months.

Activities that the juniors have participated in are as follows:

1. 1st meeting in March of 2021 getting acquainted with each other
2. Making poppy posters and understanding the significance of the poppy
3. Participating in the Wasilla 4th of July Parade passing out candy to the parade onlookers and assisting with decorating the floats and honor guard bus.
4. Beautifying the post grounds by weeding the planter box in front of Post 35
5. Planting Poppy seeds in front of Post 35
6. Making posters asking for donations to send care packages to an Alaska Unit that was deployed overseas
7. Gathering the donations and putting together the care packages to send to our service members
8. Decorated ornaments to send to the Fisher House
9. Stuffed stockings that were donated to the Fisher House
10. Participated in electing Honorary unit officers
11. Made posters to honor the SeaBee's 80th birthday in March and the American Legions 103rd Birthday. These posters were displayed at American Legion Post 35
12. Made thank you cards and delivered to Pioneer Home and AmVets Post 9 in honor of Vietnam Veterans Day on March 29th

#### Unit 57

Has 120 hours of volunteer service

Raised \$200

Donated \$100

Miles 10

#### **TOTALS**

Volunteers: 187

Volunteer Hours: 433

Money Earned: \$280

Money Donated: \$180

Donations in Kind: \$1777

Air Miles: 721 Total Mileage: 1

**AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY  
DEPARTMENT OF ALASKA  
Leadership Year End Report  
2021-2022**

There were nine (9) units that reported on their Leadership Program.

- One unit volunteered working with other members to conduct a community pumpkin contest.
- Several units reported member attending conventions and training sessions.
- We have a unit whose members attend meetings to raise support for our veterans and community.
- One unit formed a committee to review their constitutions, bylaws and standing rules. They even reviewed auxiliary units in other states to bring fresh ideas to their own unit.
- A unit's main leadership activity this year has been the creation of a welcome bind aimed at helping inform and integrate new members.
- Several units have pledged to spend more time this year incorporating new members into the "old" system.
- One unit reported using their officers as mentors to new members.
- Of course, we have one unit that proudly supports one of their past president to be nominated for National President of the American Legion Auxiliary.
- We had other units suggest units start their leadership program by visiting the Leadership page at our ALAforVeterans.org website. Basic principles of effective leadership are found in many articles and writings on the internet as well as our "how to" guides at the ALAforVeterans.org site.

Dollars spent	\$2,124
Volunteers	44
Hours	2,791

For God and Country

*Anarene Robinson*

Anarene (Ann) Robinson  
1<sup>st</sup> Vice President  
Department of Alaska



American Legion Auxiliary  
Department of Alaska  
2021 -2022 End of Year Report  
Membership

Alaska 91.46%. We are a bit higher then where we were at this time last year. Alaska has had a slow start to getting back to normal after the mandates were lifted. Our members did not stop working their membership. 12 units responded to the request for information on how their units were working to keep our members in good standing and even attempting to increasing their numbers.

We had units increase their number of mail out reminders which caused more work on the membership chairs, not to mention the costs involved. Some units did several mail outs to keep in contact with their members. Only one unit reported having a membership dinner which use to be quite popular before the pandemic. They actually served a dinner to all current members in good standing. We have one low number unit that worked extra hard to get the just the mandatory minimum number of members. I am amazed at our small communities ability to bring people with common goals together.

We are not a 100% ALAMIS program trained and using department. Many of our units are in communities without constant WIFI. This year I received more requests for master reports of their membership than I did last year and I believe we will get far more units on line next year and using ALAMIS.

A couple units send out newsletters regularly with one even including the benefits we get from our membership with this incredible organization.

From last count I think we have 6 units over 100% 5 over 90% and 3 over 80% .  
Definitively higher than last year at the same time.

354 hours reported \$285 reported

For God and Country  
Anarene (Ann) Robinson  
1st Vice President/ Membership Chair

Report as 01 4/

Department	Membership Goal	Membership Percentage
Alaska	2352	89.07%
Arizona	4,683	85.97%
California	9,093	86.06%
Hawaii	116	77.59%
Idaho	1723	86.54%
Nevada	609	81.44%



**DEPARTMENT OF ALASKA  
POPPY REPORT  
2021-2022**

We received reports from nine units. There were no poppy posters submitted due to Covid restrictions in the schools. However, units continue to put out Poppy with a good response

One unit created a poppy tree



This year, the Department President chose her poppy project in conjunction with Department's 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of serving veterans in Alaska. She asked everyone attending the Department Convention to bring a 100<sup>th</sup> birthday hat with poppies on it. There were many hats presented and we were honored to have some of our national dignitaries model them for us. First place went to Joseph T. Craig Unit 3 from Ketchikan. It was a crocheted hat (on the right in the picture).



Hats submitted by C.  
Russell Huber Unit 57



Hats modeled by  
Our dignitaries

Units reported 890 hours; 14 volunteers and \$2,500.00 collected.

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve as your poppy chair.

For God and Country,

Christine Calabrese  
Poppy Chair  
2021-2022



**American Legion Auxiliary  
Department of Alaska  
EOY Year Report 2021-2022  
Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation**

*'For Your Tomorrow, They Gave Their Today. '*

*John Maxwell Edmonds*

The Department of Alaska has continued to work hard collectively as we concentrate on the many programs of the American Legion Auxiliary. This year we took on a special interest in support of the National President's focus for the administrative year '*Caring For Those Who Care For Others.*'

As with many Departments due to the pandemic – accessing the Veteran facilities has been a challenge, however the Department of Alaska has continued to be resourceful in the efforts in caring for the Veterans throughout the state. The Department of Alaska continues our relations with Veterans Affairs by attending regularly the VAVS meetings for collaborative relationships between the American Legion Auxiliary and Veteran Affairs. There were several Service Bars awarded to members this year for their hours and dedication to volunteering to Veterans.

Staying in line with the National Presidents' focus '*Caring For Those Who Care For Others*' the Department was proud to have our National President honor several caregivers during Kathy Daudistel's visit to the Department of Alaska. (see attached). Units are encouraged to continue honoring caregivers.

The Department was honored to participate in service projects at the USO-Fairbanks unfortunately due to weather traveling to Alaska – the National President missed this event however was able to attend the Fisher House tour along with multiple Posts during the National President's visit to Alaska. (see attached separate email).

In April, several members of the Department greeted and honored Veterans from their trip to Washington, D.C on the Honor Flight Homecoming, both in Anchorage and Fairbanks, Alaska. (see attached).

Two members of the Department supported the National Creative Arts Festival in St. Petersburg, Florida, the festival was a jammed pack few days racking over 60+ hours in volunteering for this event. (see attached).

During the year, the Department of Alaska was honored to have a representative participate in sharing the history of the American Legion Family and thanking ALL Veterans for their service on Veterans Day and every day with the Festival Fairbanks, see the video beginning at the 8:24 minute mark. (see attached). [\(83\) Festival Fairbanks Veterans Day Television Special - YouTube](#)

At our Fall Conference in October – the Department had the privilege to support and assist in placing one hundred flags at the local cemetery focusing on National Commander Michael Fox focus for the year, ‘Flying Flags For Heroes’ The Department visited the USCGC John McCormick a US Coast Guard Cutter and the Anthony Petit a buoy tender while attending the Fall Conference in Ketchikan. After couple hours of touring, photo ops and educational experience with the Yeoman, the Department was humble to have been a guest of one of fleet protecting our waters in Homeland Security.

Several units reported honoring our veterans during Memorial Day and Veterans Day. The Department supported the Anchorage VA with ‘Operation Cozy’ supplying fleece blankets via curbside for Veteran pickup.

- ❖ Joseph T Craig Unit 3 for Valentine’s Day dinner – hosted Veterans with their families. Unit 3 also rekindled their desire to crochet by relearning to knit solely to create washcloths for Veterans at the Fisher House, hospice and Pioneer Homes in the Department of Alaska producing eighty-three washcloths.
- ❖ Unit 16 celebrated a 98-year-old birthday party with a Veteran.
- ❖ Unit 11 reported over 280 hours supporting Veterans in community spending over \$1200 out of pocket and \$3800 Unit cost; attending Veteran Town Halls, Appreciation dinners, as well as visiting Hospice.
- ❖ Unit 33, Peters Creek conducted 341 hours and over \$1633 dollars supporting Veterans, the Unit also crafted blankets, hats, scarves for the Fisher House. The unit continues to serve dinner once a month at the Fisher House.
- ❖ Merlin Elmer Palmer, Unit 6 donated over \$3900 dollars to VA&R care and services, over seven hundred hours volunteering to more than 990 families. Unit 6 reported caring for Veteran’s by washing clothes, faxing, assisting with paperwork and emails.
- ❖ Unit 57, C. Russell Huber supported the local Vet Center with hats, socks, gloves, and hygiene supplies through their “Operation Help a Veteran”, this program also supports homeless Veterans and *At Risk* Veterans. Unit 57 donates monthly \$100 to the Homeless Veterans program at the local Rescue Mission, donated \$750 to support annual Standdown event – C. Russell Huber, Unit 57 supported Fairbanks Veterans Center ‘Operation Old Man Winter’ monetary support supplying winter gear, the unit provided \$500 to the Senior Center for their ‘Meals on Wheels’ program, also assisted veteran in making their security deposit of \$800 for securing an apartment; the unit reported over \$4900 in veteran donations, logging thousands of volunteer hours.
- ❖ Seward Unit 5 prepared meals for Veterans who attended various events such as Mother’s Day, Easter Breakfast, Thanksgiving, Christmas dinner, numerous Veterans attend with their families. Each year the Unit in collaboration with the Post, YMCA with the Combat Fishing tournament support the annual fishing tournament to say ‘thank you’ to our Service men and women for their sacrifice and service to our country. As a port city – Unit 5 hospitality welcomes vessels at port into their Post/Unit to host a crew dinner for them, the Unit members assist with meal preparations to make them feel welcome. Spending over \$4500k and 2400hrs reported from Unit 5. Unit 5 reported they did a special tribute to a comrade who committed suicide, in doing so, a member stood at salute for 1 hour during the Memorial Day Service in recognition of the twenty-two military personnel per day who commit suicide. Several of the other Post members also joined in during this salute. (see attached)
- ❖ Susitna Valley Unit 35 donated over \$13k in support of Veteran documenting over 2484 hours in volunteering. The Unit also provided clothes to homeless Veterans, delivered gift bags during the holidays to several Veteran facilities as well as documenting hours volunteering at the Fisher House. Unit 35 youths prepared care packages to be mailed to deployed troops. (see attached)

Many Units continue to support and recognize POW/MIA day, although many of the events fall under the National Security program, the Department of Alaska is very instrumental in the interaction with Veterans during this day and event. Several units dedicated the POW/MIA table and held a 'Remembrance Ceremony'

September 11<sup>th</sup> identifies another day symbolic for recognition to Veterans alike. Many Units within the Department of Alaska shared events of remembrance for heroes on this day.

Throughout the Department there are more and more Quilts of Valor ceremonies being held in recognition of our Hero Veterans. Many Units like Joseph T. Craig Unit 3 attended Quilts of Valor ceremony during Rainy Day Quilter's event highlighting their quilted art. C. Russell Huber, Unit 57 has built a relationship with the Quilts of Valor organization working closely with their representatives not only in nominating Veterans, however also collaborating in facilitating and producing ceremonies...many of them the Veterans are surprised.

The entire Department of Alaska continues to work toward supporting the mission to serve our Veterans through hard work and dedication.

For God and Country

*April Sinclair*

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*Anchorage Senior Center*

*Department of Alaska enjoying veterans and family as they receive new furniture purchased with ALA Foundation grant. Having the new furniture, one U.S. navy veteran states gaining new experiences, support, and camaraderie.*



USCGC McCormick and Anthony Petit





April Sinclair, Unit 57, describing the National President's Pin to a veteran  
During registration walk-through at the National Creative Arts Festival



*YouTube clip – Thanking ALL Veterans for their  
service on Veterans Day & Every day.*

*Susitna Valley ALA Jr. Unit 35 assembled care packages for deployed troops*



C. Russell Huber Unit 57 – 9/11 Recognition



Quilts of Valor



Seward Unit 5 putting Flags and Crosses out for Memorial Day Service



Seward Unit 5- Firing Squad for Memorial Day Service





*Seward Unit 3 - Special Recognition for Suicide Prevention among our military. One of our members did a special tribute to a comrade who committed suicide. Karla stood at salute for 1 hour during the Memorial Day Service in recognition of the 22 military personnel per day who commit suicide. Several of the other Post members also joined her during this salute.*