

American Legion Auxiliary

Western Division Community Service

January 2024 Newsletter



Happy New Year !!

Are we ready to continue the rewarding hard work of community service? We have a new year before us that is a blank page ready to be filled. We have many opportunities before us to fill those pages with good deeds helping others and helping our communities to have a better future.

I hope everyone had a safe and enjoyable time during the holidays. It is time to continue the work we care about, our communities and our veterans.

The first opportunity is –

Our scheduled National Zoom Meeting. It will be January 10, 2024, at 6:30 p.m. Eastern time. Please adjust for your time zone. See the link below to register for that meeting if you haven't done so already. The link for the April meeting is also included and you can register for that meeting at the same time. This is a time where we can hear what others are doing and get a few new ideas or twists to things we already do. It is always great to share with one another.

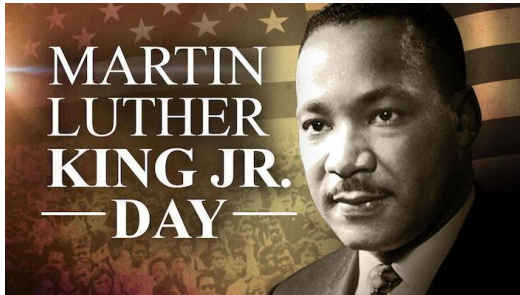
Here are the links:

[ALA Community Service - Jan 10, 2024 - Formstack](#)

[ALA Community Service - Apr 10, 2024 - Formstack](#)



The second opportunity is –



January 15, 2024, Martin **Luther King Jr.**

Day of Service. Start the new year off running. Promote patriotic community service activities on this day. Help veterans in their homes with projects they need done, like home repairs, yard work, things they can't do for themselves, or they just need help to accomplish the task. It always is easier and fun when you do something together.

Everyone can be great, because everyone can serve. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.

Our third big opportunity is -

Promote American Legion Family Day-April 27, 2024



- The National Executive Committee of The American Legion Passed Resolution No. 7 in October 2022, establishing American Legion Family Day to be observed annually on the last Saturday of April.
 - Posts are encouraged to open their doors to members of their community for the day to recognize and celebrate the accomplishments of Legionnaires, Sons of The American Legion members, Legion Riders, and American Legion Auxiliary.
 - Bring awareness to The American Legion's ["Be the One" initiative](#) to improve access and reduce the stigma around mental health services.
- Use the "How To" sheet to assist ALA members in promoting American Legion Family Day.
- Plan activities for various age groups.
- Highlight our 100+ years of service to veterans and the community.

These are items that the National Organization is promoting but we all know that each of our Departments and Units have their own projects that they do. We have so many opportunities. Organizing a park clean up, fixing and upgrading a playground. Painting someone's home, mowing the yard, trimming the trees and bushes. Washing cars, windows and pets. There is always something that we can do to improve our communities and others' lives. Just let your imagination GO and keep your eyes open for new opportunities.

If you want happiness for an hour, take a nap. If you want happiness for a day, go fishing. If you want happiness for a year, inherit a fortune. If you want happiness for a lifetime, help somebody.

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