

## Ring One's Bell – Member Remembers History Project 2023-2024

The History of the ALA dates back to 1919 and the continues with all our members. The organizations history, like any other is more than names and dates. A written History can only tell so much. However, when an organization's history is told through the eyes of its membership, everyone learns a great deal more about who we are, what we do and why we matter.

Do you have a Past President, Leader, Charter Member or someone that paved the way hailing from your Unit or District? Complete a History project on that Special Member and submit it any time during the year. Questions that you can ask are: How long have you been a member? What Unit did you begin your Auxiliary career with and why? What are some of the programs and committees that you served on? What was the highest Office that you served? What was the purpose or mission driven program that sparked your interest? What was your favorite committee or project and why? Name a particular highlight during their membership? What has been the greatest reward while being in the Auxiliary?

We will showcase it on our Department Facebook page at ALAFL History and possibly in the Department Newsletter: The Liberty Bell. A certificate will be given for each submission. Junior members can also participate in this project.

- 1.) For electronic submissions, be sure to use letter size document. If a mailed entry, use plain, white paper, 8  $\frac{1}{2}$  x 11-inch paper\*.
- 2.) Page Setup:
  - a.) Margins left and right margin should be 1.25 inches Top and bottom margins should be 1 inch.
  - b.) Spacing: Double-spaced with the exception of the Introductory pages (i.e. title page, forward or dedication, photograph of President, Prayer, Pledge of Allegiance, National Anthem page and Preamble to the American Legion Auxiliary) These shall be centered in the middle of the page. Pages may be indented or in block form.
  - c.) Text: 12 Point font: Times New Roman or Arial style font.

\*Note: The National organization only accepts electronic submissions and those will be considered for a National Award. A history may also be submitted via postal mail, if the Historian has submitted to the Department Historian by the deadline date. Entries will not be returned by mail, they will be brought to Convention unless the Historian has included a pre-paid return mailing label and return packaging. Any mailed entry must be a soft cover binder for loose-leaf paper, preferably blue with 2.5-inch gold foil American Legion Auxiliary seal centered on the cover or regulation binder with imprinted seal found in Emblem Sales.