



## Historian

Greetings!

We congratulate The American Legion on an outstanding Centennial Year as it ends on Veterans Day 2019. The ALA has officially celebrated its Centennial on November 10, 2019 through the National Convention 2020. If you took part in a celebration make sure that it is documented.

District historians you might want to make a special album for our 100<sup>th</sup> year celebration and document all events that happened in your district this year. This is not to be the president's book.

All units should be collecting artifacts, checking out the conditions of your photos, books, and governing documents, if they require care start preparing to do so. Have them on display at a meeting or make a display in town. We want every member and community to continue to know who we are, what we do, and why we matter. Let our story of "Service Not Self" ring out. Share a copy of the Auxiliary Magazine "Special Centennial Issue" with your community!

Mid-year reports are done- thank you to everyone who contributed. Now the focus is on Mid – Winter. I hope that our District Historians have a lot of information to share with their units.

Happy New Year  
Karla Otterness  
Department Historian

### ALA Stay Connected

Want to catch up on the latest news from National Headquarters and the Department of Minnesota?  
Be sure to like us on Facebook.



Facebook.com/alaforveterans/  
Facebook.com/groups/ALAHistorians/  
Facebook.com/groups/alacentennial/  
Facebook American Legion Auxiliary -

Department of Minnesota

#ala100Celebration

#ALA100

#MNALA100

Twitter@ALA100celebration

You Tube

<https://www.youtube.com/user/AmericanLegionAux>

Websites [alaforVeterans.org](http://www.alaforVeterans.org)

<http://www.mnala.org/>

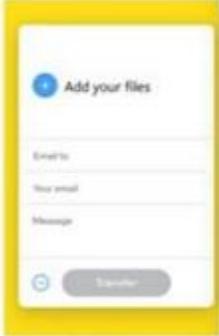


Wish the American Legion Auxiliary a happy 100th birthday! Record a birthday message!

**Step 1: Prepare to record video**  
Hold your phone horizontally



**Step 2: Record message**  
Smile and say your message three times in a row, pausing three to five seconds in between. We'll choose the best one.

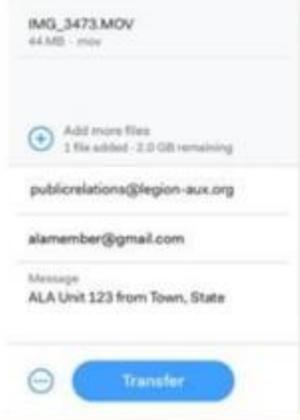


**Step 3: Go to [www.wetransfer.com](http://www.wetransfer.com)**  
This is a free website and a login is not required.

**Step 4: Submit video**  
Drag video to "add your files"

**Step 5: Email to:**  
[publicrelations@legion-aux.org](mailto:publicrelations@legion-aux.org)

**Step 6: Enter your email and add a message**  
Tell us who is in the video



**Step 7: Click Transfer**  
You're done!  
Thank you!

## Celebrating a century of service by awarding our youth

In celebration of the 100th anniversary of the American Legion Auxiliary, the Children & Youth committee has a goal of presenting 100 Youth Hero Awards and 100 Good Deed Awards. You can help the committee reach this goal by looking for candidates.

Be on the lookout for news stories and social media posts about youth who qualify for one of these awards:

- **Youth Hero Award** — Youth should demonstrate a physical act of valor.
- **Good Deed Award** — Youth should demonstrate a leadership role in community service, and a specific deed should be present.

There are a couple of ways you can help:

- **Share on social media** – The easiest way is to post the story in the national Children & Youth [Facebook](#) group. Use #ALAYouthHero and #ALAGoodDeed on your post.
- **Submit the information** – You can also compile the information and submit to your ALA department. Once verified, they will forward it to ALA National Headquarters.

## A Newly updated video of the history of the American Legion Auxiliary is now

**online.** Although things have changed since the American Legion Auxiliary's establishment in 1919, one thing to remain the same is members' unwavering commitment to honor those who serve. [Click here](#) to watch the video and learn more about our history and why now is an exciting time to be part of the American Legion Auxiliary.

Here is a wonderful quote by Girl Scouts founder Juliette Gordon Low:  
**"The work of today is the history of tomorrow, and we are it's makers."**