



Department of Minnesota
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Leadership Workshop

February 21, 2026, will be the second Leadership Workshop of the Auxiliary year. It will take place at the Cosmos Community Center at 220 Milky Way St S, Cosmos, MN 56228. The workshop will begin at 10:00 and will be completed by 3:00pm. A flyer is included in this mailing to pre-register. The cost is \$15.00, which includes lunch and course handouts. The deadline to register is February 17th. Please register early, so we know how many folders and the amount of lunch is needed. This workshop is hosted by the Cosmos and Hutchinson American Legion Auxiliary Units.

Unit Member of the Year

American Legion Auxiliary units all have hardworking, dedicated members who give their time and talent to further the mission of our organization but have no desire to serve beyond the unit level. To recognize such dedicated service, each unit may nominate one candidate for Unit Member of the Year in its department.

Requirements:

- Open to senior members who are not currently, nor have ever been, in an elected or appointed leadership role higher than unit president. Current membership dues must be paid. Years of membership are not a part of the criteria; the nominee may be a new member.
- Units submit a narrative of 1,000 words or less to department Leadership Chairman Mary Kuperus. Describe the nominee's accomplishments and activities for the current administrative year. Include the nominee's name, telephone number, and address. The Unit President and Secretary must sign the entry unless the nominee is one of them in which case, a Past Unit President must sign the entry. The nomination is due by April 15th.
- The Department Leadership Chairman will use the electronic form to submit the department's Unit Member of the Year. Recognition of the winners occurs at the American Legion Auxiliary's national convention.

Opportunities to Learn More

The ALA Committee Facebook Groups are spaces on the social media network for ALA members to discuss or share broad or narrow topics related to each committee. Groups provide an arena for organic discussion about your local programs or services and present the opportunity to cultivate brand awareness.

The Leadership Committee raises awareness of leadership development opportunities.

Please join the ALA Leadership Facebook page to get ideas for leadership topics. Sign-up for the page at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/ALALeadership>.