



## *American Legion Auxiliary*

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### **HISTORY**

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Do you believe in just a few short months we will be doing our American Legion Auxiliary reports? Where does time go?

Whether you are a historian for Department, District or Unit, it takes an organized/creative person. You need focus on the detail of an event. Also, be dedicated to take notes all year round and be a good story teller. On top of that, you need to keep your remarks in the third person. Do not use I, I think, or I feel.

Being an historian is one of the most rewarding chairmanship. Knowing that what we say, impacts the National report but also, our words will someday be read by future generations of Auxiliary members, maybe in another 100 years. As we start to reflect on our units' personal histories. Historians should be looking for the first historian report and read it at your Unit meeting.

Another project that Historians should be working on is the “Women’s History” this is coming up in March. At a Unit meeting you could recognize a senior member for her service or a Dual Member, have a female guest speaker come to your meeting. Host an event with a guest speaker and pot luck, invite other Units that are in the surrounding area to join you.

Whatever your Unit chooses to do, make sure you write about it in your history and apply for the **New Award for Women’s History** event. Found in the trophy and award hand out from department. I can’t wait to hear your stories.

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Remember on January 1<sup>st</sup>

**“Tomorrow is the first blank page of a 365-page book. Write a good one”.** Brad Paisley.