

"Building for the Future"

Northwestern Division Leadership

October Bulletin #2

Dear Department Leadership Chairman,

As I am writing this bulletin it has started to snow at my house! Oh my gosh, where did Fall go? Hopefully we will see some more sunny days and bright skies before Halloween. 🍂

I updated the header in our bulletin a little bit to help you find a couple new and interesting facts each month to share with your members. Hope you like this.....thanks Trish for your assistance.

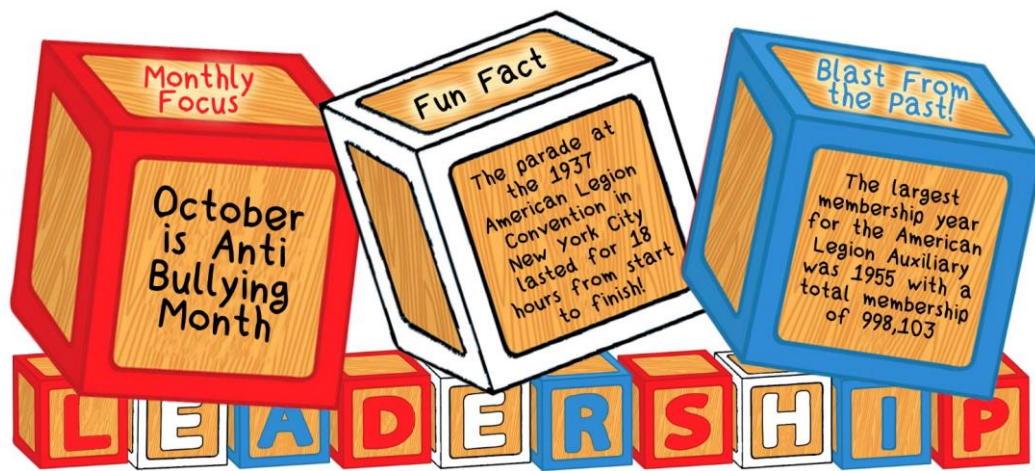
October is National Bullying Prevention Month, we are asked to bring this to the attention of our members; remember we set the example for others to follow. When adults respond quickly and consistently to bullying behavior they send the message that it is not acceptable. Research shows this can stop bullying behavior over time. Below is a great website with lots of information and resources to use: <https://www.stompoutbullying.org/campaigns/national-bullying-prevention-awareness-month> . Stomp Out Bullying was created in 2006, to educate and raise awareness of bullying prevention. Bullying is not limited to one age group, all are impacted by this behavior. Please take a few minutes to read and share this information with your teams.

Have you checked out the new ALA National Leadership website on Facebook yet?

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/568696586854841/>

Check out this cool idea that has been posted:

- The challenge is on! #Leadershiprocks is now officially in the works. Get your creative hats on and get started! It's easy!
 1. Find some cool rocks
 2. Paint them with an inspirational, patriotic, positive or kind comment or message
 3. On the back of the rock, paint #Leadershiprocks and #ala99
 4. Take a picture of your Rock!
 5. Post on the ALA National Leadership website found here: <https://www.facebook.com/search/top/?q=ala%20leadership%20program>
 6. Be sure to tell your members...after they have posted their picture, be sure to "gift" their rock to another ALA member. Sharing and caring is what we are all about.



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You might just see your rock on the big screen at National Convention 2019...It's a great and uplifting activity with which everyone can participate!

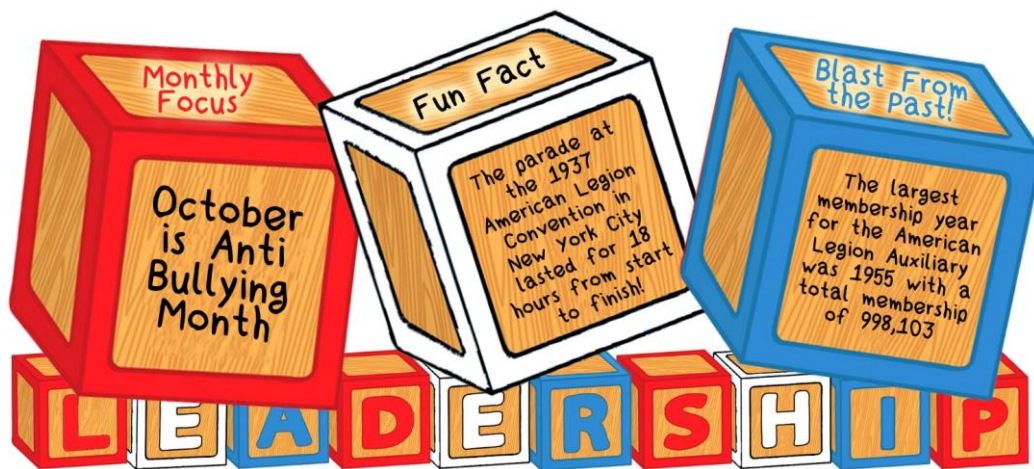


The challenge has been put out there for all of us; I hope to see many great ideas painted on rocks from the Northwestern Division!!!

Another great way to learn more about the happenings in our organization is to sign up for "**ALA in the Know**" **Monthly eBulletins** at www.ALAForVeterans.org. this month's article was written by our National Chairman, Trish Ward. She provided some great information about Leadership in her article. Check it out!!!

Have you considered what your goals will be for this year? How are you going to share the leadership message with your members/units/districts/department? A couple ideas to ponder:

- Use the PowerPoint training presentation located on the National website under Leadership www.alaforveterans.org
- Plan workshops with your District or Unit Presidents
- Conduct classes using the ALA Academy
- Send out Leadership activities to the units
- Check out Leadershipgeeks.com for some creative Leadership ideas



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Please make sure to send pictures and stories about what your Department is doing to enhance our member's Leadership knowledge/experience, we love to hear all about what's going on!!!

It is almost that time of year, as a reminder - **Mid-Year Reports** are due to me (and copy our National Leadership Chairman, Trish Ward) by **January 5, 2019** and **Year-End Reports** are due to me (and copy our National Leadership Chairman, Trish Ward) by **May 15, 2019**.

As a thought for this month, I read this quote and thought it was very fitting for our focus, "Don't allow anyone to make you feel like you're not good enough."

Thank you for your service to others, you are all appreciated.

Until next month,

Melanie