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Greetings to my Fellow American Legion Auxiliary Members:

I am delighted to welcome you to your 2026 American Legion Auxiliary Fall Conference! This event is a chance for members to work together, celebrate successes, share new ideas, and make new friends.

Although it's still early into the new administrative year, it's a good time to brainstorm ideas you've been thinking about since being inspired at National Convention, and start figuring out what may be feasible to accomplish in your unit.

The 2026-2027 ALA administrative year emphasizes education, with a focus on the Spirit of Youth Scholarship Fund. The national fundraising focus includes the addition of two new \$10,000 American Legion Auxiliary Military Spouse Scholarships.

These scholarships are in addition to the scholarships that are already part of Spirit of Youth: one for American Legion Auxiliary Junior members, another for the Junior Members of the Year, one for participants in the American Legion Auxiliary Girls Nation program, and scholarships for non-traditional students. To learn more and donate, visit www.ALAforVeterans.org/Scholarships/Spirit-of-Youth.

Additionally, we are celebrating the 20th anniversary of ALA's Give 10 to Education. We are looking to donate even more to our schools across the country and encourage units to Give 20: Think 20 pencils, 20 glue sticks, 20 notebooks, etc. The American Legion Auxiliary makes a difference in our nation's classrooms by helping with much needed supplies.

I truly hope this year's Fall Conference is educational, inspiring, and motivating for all of us to work together to end 2026 strong in solid support of our nation's veterans, military, and their families.

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Dr. Coral May Grout
2026-2027 American Legion Auxiliary National President