



## 2019 - 2020 Annual Supplement to the Programs Action Plan History

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### What is this program, and why do we have it?

The heart of any organization's history is in its records – items that officers, members, directors, staff, and volunteers have produced and compiled over the years. They provide unique testimony to the achievements of an organization.

### History Reporting:

#### Mid-Year Reports

Mid-Year reports reflect the program work of units in the department, and are intended as an opportunity for mid-year correction. Each department History chairman is required to submit a narrative report by **January 5, 2020** to the national History chairman.

#### Year-End Reports

Annual reports reflect the program work of units in the department and may result in a national award for participants if award requirements are met. Each department History chairman is required to submit a narrative report by **May 15, 2020** to the national History chairman. Members and units should follow their department's protocol and deadlines for report submissions at the department level.

#### *Special 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Program History Facts:*



The History Committee was created by resolution at the 1972 National Convention. Originally named the Cavalcade of Memories Committee, it began as a curator committee of three to collect, display and care for artifacts of national interest of the American Legion Auxiliary, donated for the new Cavalcade of Memories Museum located at ALA National Headquarters. The committee name changed to reflect that the Auxiliary's history is contained not only in these artifacts, but also in its photos, books, and governing documents, which require care as well. While the committee is still committed to collecting items of national importance for the museum and archives, the main focus of the committee has evolved to assisting departments and units in the collection and care of their important histories.