

LaGrange American Legion Auxiliary John A. McGill Unit 70 -- Who Are We? What Do We Do?

American Legion Auxiliary Unit 70 Honors America's Veterans, Active Military, and their Families through dedication to these areas of emphasis:

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A. CARES FOR VETERANS, Active Military, and their Families by:

- ❖ Helping place Flags at Cemetery; Sponsoring Memorial Day Carry-In lunch and Hosting Veterans Day Lunch;
- ❖ Sending Christmas cards; Raising Year-Round Christmas Funds for Vets;
- ❖ Collecting Poppy \$ Donations to support Vets;
- ❖ Gather and send dozens of cookies to Cheyenne VA for Vets & guests.

B. FOSTERS AMERICANISM through:

- ❖ Fly your Flag reminders;
- ❖ Sponsoring Veteran Interview Scholarship Essay for College-bound high school seniors;
- ❖ Preserving Vets' stories in Unity Library; Sponsoring Americanism Essays in LaGrange Elementary School.

C. PROMOTES EDUCATION through:

- ❖ Offering lessons & contest teaching Art, History, Literacy in preparation for the Poppy Poster Contest for grades 2-12.
- ❖ Sponsoring Americanism Essays in LaGrange Elementary.
- ❖ Presenting Awards & Recognition at Awards Day at school for winners of Poppy Posters & Americanism Essays.
- ❖ Providing Veterans in the Classroom, visiting school to show and tell their military experiences and interact with students.
- ❖ Delivering Fruit Basket to School Staff in appreciation during American Education Week.
- ❖ Encouraging students to Learn, Grow, Stay off Drugs, & Be Your Best to Keep America Strong.
- ❖ Encouraging Elementary students to make Veterans Day decorations and write notes of appreciation for delivery to Veterans both locally and in Vet's home.
- ❖ Offering the College Scholarship to H.S. Seniors preserving the military experiences of a Veteran.
- ❖ Sponsoring, Recruiting, Funding, and Training girls to attend Girls State to experience leadership roles in local and state government.

D. PROMOTES POPPY MEANING AND MESSAGE by:

- ❖ Reminding the public of the Cost and Sacrifice of all who served, especially those who died to Keep America Free.
- ❖ Offering Poppy Poster Classes which remind students that Freedom is not Free.

- ❖ Displaying the red Poppies and Poppy Posters to encourage donations to help Vets and to never forget the debt we owe all who served.

E. SPREADS THE WORD through PUBLIC RELATIONS by:

- ❖ Promoting awareness of Veterans and their needs; supporting Active Duty families.
- ❖ Publicizing Auxiliary projects and meetings using the Town Newsletter and Website.
- ❖ Invite and seek new members, both Senior & Junior, to keep patriotism alive.
- ❖ Spread Good-Will and work for the advancement & awareness of the work of the ALA.

F. PROTECTS AMERICA'S FREEDOMS by:

- ❖ Monitoring and promoting friendly Legislation, staying informed, and using your right to vote.
- ❖ Praying for America's people and government.
- ❖ Being your best to keep America strong.

G. PRESERVE HISTORY by: Recording and preserving the activities & accomplishments of ALA Unit 70 in the official Unit History each year.

- ❖ Preserving & displaying Photos of Service men & women, as in the collages & plaques in the LaGrange War Memorial Building.
- ❖ Honoring the legacy of the Veterans who donated their time & material to construct the LaGrange War Memorial Building in the 1950's.