



Department of Arkansas

2025-2026 Committee Appointments

Committee Name	Chairman	Chairs
American Legion Auxiliary (ALA) Girls State	Melissa Mangini	Sonja Clark Pearl Gordon Ex Officio: Charley McAfee
Americanism	Amanda Wade	Barbara Ashby Peggy Presley
Auxiliary Emergency Fund (AEF)	Janelle Williams	Barbara Ashby Betty Cupples
Children & Youth	Michelle Henning	Charlotte Purdy Amber Rowland
Community Service	Jo Anne Cobb	Marilyn Pepper Mary Lou Benson
Constitution & Bylaws	Carol Westergren	Patricia Murray Kim Roberts
Education	Denise "Dee" Smith	Shari Francisco Pam Cawthon
Finance	Patricia Murray	Ann Nicholas Judy Sellers Ex Officio: Charley McAfee
History	Nancy French	Bonnie Thrasher Judy Sellers
Junior Activities	Michelle Henning	Amber Rowland Alexia Washam
Leadership	Jammie Phillips	Carol Westergren Christine Ashby
Legislative	Mary Erdman	Charlotte Gunn Melissa Mangini
Membership	Christine Ashby	Charlotte Gunn Barbara Johnson

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National President's Project		
National Security	Sonja Clark	Mary Cagle Pat Bania
Past Presidents Parley	Barbara Johnson	Ada Heath Carol Wharton
Poppy	Julie Landrum	Peggy Presley Teresa Goldinger
President's Project		
Public Relations	Jana Rowland	Kim Roberts Teresa Goldinger
Risk & Compliance	Carol Westergren	Belinda Jones Jammie Phillips
Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation	Patricia Murray	Jo Anne Cobb Pat Clark



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Special Committees	Chairman	Chairs
ALA Girls State Research	Melissa Mangini	Ada Heath Patricia Murray Carol Westergren Ex Officio: Ali Crane Ex Officio: Charley McAfee
Grants	Susan Noland	Pearl Gordon Barbara Johnson
Policies	Patricia Murray	Betty Minor Ada Heath
VA Gift Shop Fayetteville	Jo Anne Cobb	Marilyn Haney Amanda Wade
VA Gift Shop Little Rock	Patricia Murray	Pat Clark Betty Minor

VAVS Representatives	Role
Patricia Murray	Representative CAVSH
Jo Anne Cobb	Representative Fayetteville
Betty Minor	Deputy Representative
Pat Clark	Deputy Representative
Patricia "Patty" Tucker	Deputy Representative-VAHCC
Carol Wharton	Honorary Deputy Representative
Pearl Gordon	Deputy Representative