



ALA AGS Newsletter

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ALAAGS Citizens pose with First Lady Ige, Dr. Doris Ching & ALA-HI President Laura Hashimoto during the opening assembly.

Governor's Address

Serena Rice was elected as the ALA AGS Governor for the 2016 session. Rice was a member of Hashimoto City, and attends Moanalua High School.

"During my time at ALA AGS, I learned more than how the legislative process works. I engaged with girls my age, that were just as eager as I and tried to understand how our actions through government have affected our country. Being able to talk to so many esteemed leaders was an honor and so surreal. But it also gave us an opportunity to receive advice and hear firsthand observations from the political scene. What I took most out of all these privileged experiences was the demand for community involvement in society and government. My time at ALA AGS, inspired me to want to help my community, here in Hawaii, for the rest of my life. I am passionate about change and understand now that it must come through teamwork within our society.

For those of us who are interested in joining the team to bring ALA AGS back for 2017 remember to log on and sign up now!"

<http://goo.gl/forms/HVHdRzHXJ6C8j1n92>

Participant Address

Alenette Ballesteros Coke or ice? That is just one of the inside jokes I had in my city (shoutout to the Emmakins) . In ALA AGS, you have your own inside jokes, you find other girls who sing with you at the most random times, and there are no such things as "meeting" new people and "learning" the government or parliamentary processes--only making best friends who would stay up to finish an essay with you but end up talking about the most random things, and becoming not only the roles they have braved to run for, but also the government or parliamentary processes themselves. Through ALAAGS, I have not only found my legacy, but also the courage to show it to the world. This is Emma City's Owl Scribe, signing off.

Get Involved

2016 Kailua Independence Day Parade Are you ready to rep ALAAGS and support local veterans by walking in the Kailua Independence Day Parade?

The American Legion Family will be marching in the 4th of July parade. Please join us at the Kailua Elementary parking lot between 8:00-8:10am. We will shuttle to the starting location together. Let us know you're coming by emailing: hculp@hawaii.edu



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Upcoming ALA Girls Nation

ALA Girls Nation Senators are hard at work! In the weeks since ALAAGS Kyung Mi Lee & Malee Sybounmy have met, developed and perfected a resolution to represent Hawai'i. The senators will be taking legislation based on the Merchant Marine Act (also known as the Jones Act) that was passed during ALAAGS Senate session.



Senator Lee, ALA Girls Nation Chairwoman Pam Ray, Stewart, & Senator Sybounmy pose before their Girls Nation Briefing Session.

When asked why this legislation is important to them, the senators wanted to help share that even though it may be 'expensive' to live in paradise, our legislation, if left unexamined, may contribute to those rising expenses.

Kyung Mi Lee was a member of ALAAGS Emma City. Lee attends Iolani School.

Malee Sybounmy was member of ALAAGS Mink City. Sybounmy attends Kuhuku High & Intermediate School.

Volunteers Share

In the ALAAGS, volunteers are considered critical assets to its success. In the ALA, dedicated volunteers who support these youth empowerment programs are members of an elite squad known as the ALAAGS Volunteers. These are their stories...

KAILA BOLTON - Hashimoto City Counselor

"Working with the ALAAGS program was a privilege, because all of the participants were so inspirational. They showcased heart for God and Country, and expressed how impactful the power of speech can be. It was awesome to help this past year, and witness so many young ladies make history. #HASHIMOTOCITY"

Jarlyza Mareko - Emma City Counselor

"Being a counselor was an amazing experience! I personally didn't fully understand the details of the offices the citizens would be taking, so it was fun to learn and grow with the girls participating!"

ALA - WELCOMING NEW MEMBERS

Interested in becoming a member? The American Legion Auxiliary is developing the first E-Unit in the state. If you would like to join the ALA with a unit that is convenient to meet with fill out the Membership Application, and submit it to the Unit you hope to join.

Eligibility Membership in the American Legion Auxiliary shall be limited to the grandmothers, mothers, sisters, wives, and direct and adopted female descendants of members of The American Legion, &/or female descendants of all men and women who were in the Armed Forces of the United States during any of the following periods and died in the line of duty during such service, or who, having received an Honorable Discharge, died after service: Times of Service are found in the Application!

Join today! Visit the ALA Department of Hawai'i's Website for info on units and joining our mission to veterans and military families! www.americanlegionauxiliaryhi.org