

## TODAY'S SCHEDULE OVERVIEW

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Convocation  
Programs Fair  
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Guest Speakers

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## WELCOME SENATORS!

The senators were eager to meet new friends, register, and learn which community they were joining while at ALA Girls Nation!



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## 2021 ALA GIRLS NATION SERVICE PROJECT: NATIONAL VETERANS WHEELCHAIR GAMES

The National Veteran's Wheelchair Games (NVWG) began in 1981 in Richmond, Virginia. It was originally hosted by the Department of Veterans Affairs. In 1985, Paralyzed Veterans of America came on as a co-host of the NVWG to encourage more wheelchair athletes to participate. This year, 300 athletes will compete in person on August 7-14, 2021 in New York City and celebrate the 40th anniversary of the National Veterans Wheelchair Games. ALA Girls Nation senators assembled "Thanks for Your Service Veterans" packs that included heartfelt inspirational and motivational notes to the veterans to carry with them during the games.



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### 2021 ALA GIRLS NATION PARTY BREAKDOWN



***And the Majority Party is...  
The Nationalists!***

# HIGHLIGHTS FROM CONVOCAATION!

The week began with opening convocation. The senators were sworn in, learned about the American Legion Auxiliary, and the history and importance of the poppy. Senators and staff worked together to make a poppy wreath that will be placed at The Tomb of the Unknown Soldier at Arlington National Cemetery tomorrow.



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## ALA Girls Nation Pledge

*For God and Country, I promise to give unselfish and constructive cooperation, to share with others the benefits of my experience as a senator of ALA Girls Nation, to participate in the government of my country, state and nation upon reaching my majority, and above all, to constantly exemplify the highest type of Americanism.*



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## GUEST SPEAKER: KATHY ISAACSON

Kathy is an ALA Volunteer Girls State (Tennessee) Alumna who took advantage of an Army ROTC scholarship to graduate from Indiana University. Upon graduation she entered the US Army as a second Lieutenant and then spent twelve years on active duty.

While serving, she was stationed at many places in the US and abroad, including Fort Hood, Texas; Fort Bragg, North Carolina; Fort Knox, Kentucky; and Vilseck, Germany. She deployed twice -- to the first Gulf War in 1990 and to Bosnia in 1996. She served as both a platoon leader and company commander, along with stints as a battalion staff officer. She left the service in 2000 at the rank of Major. Since then, she earned a Master's degree in history and also spent a year working for the Women in Military Service for America Memorial at Arlington National Cemetery.

Today she addressed the 2021 ALA Girls Nation senators and shared several great pieces of wisdom!

1. In order to get a more perfect union, we in this room have a lot of work to do!
2. Practice selflessness and balance it with your drive to succeed.
3. History unfolds on unpaved roads
4. Let your new mantra be - "so long status quo!"



## The William F Bolger Center Helps the American Legion Auxiliary Celebrate 100 years!

