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Treatment & Accessibilities Activity Update

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To: Treatment, Bridging the Gap, Accessibilities, Remote Communities and Cooperation with Elder Communities Committee Chairs

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cc: Area Delegates, Trustees, Directors, GSO Staff

Warm greetings from your General Service Office (GSO). My name is Michael, and I'm an alcoholic. In September 2025, I rotated onto the Treatment/Accessibilities/Remote Communities/*LIM* Coordinator desk assignment. This is my second assignment after rotating off the Cooperation with the Professional Community (CPC) desk, where I was for three years.

Thank you for your service to Alcoholics Anonymous (A.A.) Together with you, I am excited to learn the many ways we carry the A.A. message to the suffering alcoholic who might be in a treatment center, located or living in a place where they are not well connected to our Fellowship and resources, or face some of the many barriers to accessing the message of hope we share, and so much more.

Note to all Treatment/Accessibilities/Remote Communities/Bridging the Gap (BTG) Chairs (Area, District, Intergroups/Central Offices)

This update is sent to committee chairs listed with GSO. If you are receiving this and are not currently serving as an active committee chair, that is because you are still registered with us in that position. If you would take this chance to notify your Area Registrar that you have rotated off your assignment, or contact memberservices@aa.org, we can remove you from our list, and you will no longer receive these updates.

These Desk Activity Updates will continue to be shared with the Fellowship, but to maximize efficiency, we strive to keep our records current here at the GSO. Please reach out to Michael R. at access@aa.org if you need any assistance.

Accessibilities and Remote Communities

***LIM* – the Loners-Internationalists Meeting**

Recently, we have received an influx of inquiries about the *LIM* service the Accessibilities Desk provides. The Loners Internationalist Meeting is a confidential, bi-monthly bulletin sent to A.A. members around the world and across the U.S. and Canada who might otherwise not be connected to A.A. in a traditional sense.

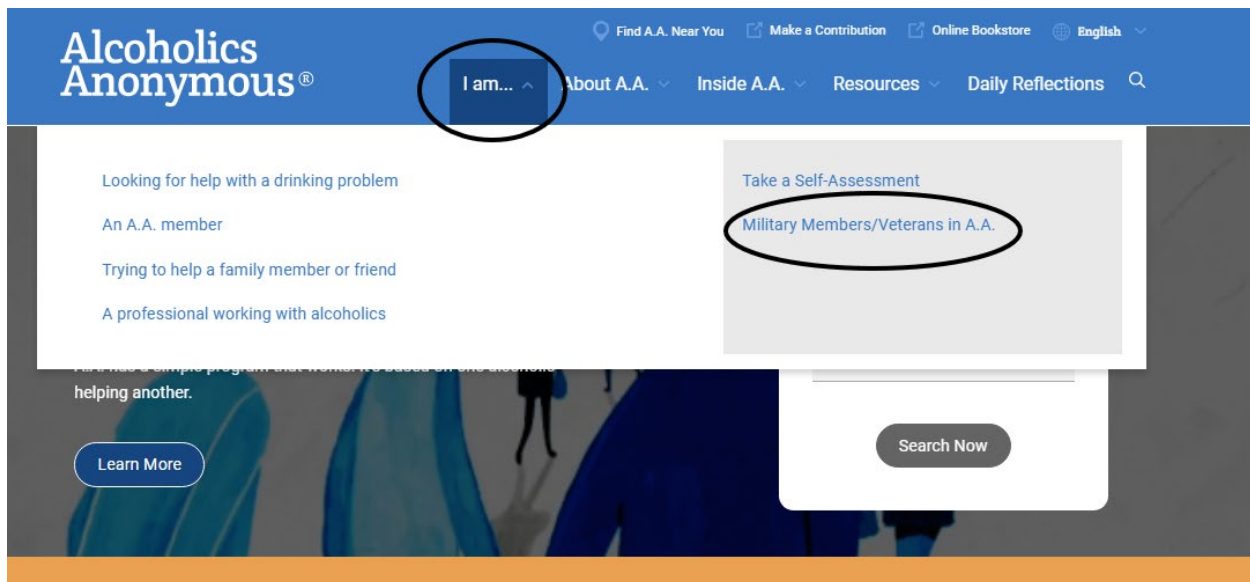
Related to [Remote Communities](#) service work, these members may not have access to a computer or a phone, where many of us might connect to the Fellowship, or cannot find local meetings near their area. In some cases, they are traveling across the globe, homebound, or in a remote location where the only contact they have is occasional postal mail. And there are many other cases where this bulletin might be their lifeline to the Fellowship of Alcoholics Anonymous.

Members share their stories of experience, strength, and hope with this desk, and we, in turn, publish the bulletin and reach them by email or postal mail. This is **not** an open newsletter to be shared with the fellowship but is a resource for those who may fit in one of the categories of loner, homer, Internationalist, or port contact.

You can find out more on the website and read about the [Loner's Internationalist Meeting Correspondence Service](#).

The Military Veteran Interview Project

More exciting updates to report as we are near completion of the project! We currently have 26 active members and 16 veteran interviews posted, and recently added a video of a Canadian Armed Forces Chief of Military Personnel, Lt. Gen., expressing her support for A.A. military outreach. To find these recordings on aa.org, click “I am,” and in the drop-down menu, you will see “Military Members/Veterans in A.A.”



You can also find them by searching the aa.org [Media Library](#) and filtering for “military”.

Update: Special Forum for Deaf Alcoholics

On January 17th, the General Service Office held an all-day special forum for deaf alcoholics across the U.S. and Canada. This amazing opportunity for deaf members to connect with the general service structure was similar to the popular [regional forums](#).

Held entirely in a virtual setting, members shared their experience with carrying the message to deaf alcoholics and hard-of-hearing members, the challenges they face, and some of the solutions that they have raised to meet these challenges.

The members had an opportunity through simultaneous sign language translation into both American Sign Language and Mexican Sign Language, as well as for hearing participants who joined in English, French or Spanish and were able to communicate with and listen to and participate in workshops, meet members of the General Service Board and the A.A. Grapevine Board, ask questions, and receive feedback from those trusted servants.

We hope to provide more sharing to the fellowship as a result of some of these workshops and panels, so stay tuned for more information on ways we can improve our outreach to these communities.

If you have any feedback or suggestions for a future special forum, please send them to regionalforums@aa.org.

Accessibilities Resources on aa.org: Available in English, Spanish, and French

Accessibilities Committee page: <https://www.aa.org/accessibilities-committees>

Accessibilities Workbook: <https://www.aa.org/accessibilities-workbook>

Accessibilities Kit contents: <https://www.aa.org/contents-accessibilities-kit-list>

FAQ page: <https://www.aa.org/faqs>

Treatment

Updated pamphlet, P49 - Bridging the Gap

Bridging the Gap is the temporary contact for newcomers leaving treatment, or in some cases, corrections facilities.

This pamphlet presents guidelines and points to remember, and has a fresh new look available on AA.org, or for purchase from the online bookstore. Feel free to contact membeservices@aa.org for more information on ordering this or any other A.A. publications.

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Some non-GSO resources that may be helpful to your service work:

Bridging the Gap Workshop Weekend – An annual weekend workshop supporting trusted servants in Bridging the Gap service, and a website helpful year-round with plentiful resources and contacts across the US and Canada. Check out <https://btgww.org/>

Inter-area Remote Communities Meeting – Contact iarcwg@gmail.com for more information.

All Accessibilities Committee Meeting – A meeting for anyone involved or interested in accessibilities committee work, on the 2nd Monday of the month. Learn more at accessaa.org.

Thank you for your service!

In fellowship,

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