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DEPARTMENT OF ARIZONA

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# SCAM ALERT SCAM ALERT SCAM ALERT

The hackers are at it again!!!

If you receive an email from President Rose asking if you have a minute, delete the email. IT IS A SCAM.

If the email is NOT coming from [roseala2324@yahoo.com](mailto:roseala2324@yahoo.com) the email is a SCAM, please delete it.



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# **Educating Tomorrow's Veterans Today**

**August 2023**

**MANDATES:** The 2024 mandates are included in this bulletin. Please pay your mandates sooner than later. There were several Units who did not pay their mandates 30 days before Department Convention; therefore, they lost their voting rights at Convention. Any questions regarding Mandates, contact the Department Office.

**DEPARTMENT FALL CONFERENCE:** The link to reserve a room will be coming out soon. Watch Ring Your Bell, the Department website and the Legion website. Book early as the rooms sell out fast.

**SPECIAL PROJECT:** President Rose's Special Project this year is Girls State. Any questions contact Shannon Mead, Special Project Chairman.

**2024 DIRECTORY:** The directory will be distributed with the September bulletin.

**POPPY:** Believe it or not, it's time to order poppies again. Poppy order form is in the packet and can be found on the Department website. The deadline is September 30.

**MEMBERSHIP:** "AZ-Diterod, Sledding to Our Goals 23-24". Membership is everyone's job. Thank you to EVERYONE who renewed, recruited or rejoined members. 2024 membership renewals, rejoins and new members can be sent to Department. Don't hold on to membership, please send in weekly. One transmittal per envelope.

**RENEW MEMBERSHIP BY PHONE:** Call National Headquarters at 317-569-4570 with your member ID and debit or credit card ready.

**DIRECTORY UPDATES:** None

**ALAMIS ACCESS:** Your Unit is not required to have FULL UNIT ACCESS.

If your unit wants full access to ALAMIS, the ALAMIS access form must be completed and sent to Department along with your payment. The form can be found on the Department website.



Barbara White for

Barbara Matteson  
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# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

AUGUST 2023

I want to thank every member for giving me the opportunity to be your Department President. From the Dias it looked like a full house for my installation. I do appreciate the love and support from you all.

If you weren't at convention, my Theme is Educating tomorrow's veterans today. And my Special Project is Girls State. Shannon Mead is my Special Project Chairman, please contact her if you want information or have her visit your Unit. Her contact information is in the Directory.

In my speech at convention, I said that not only are we going to educate tomorrow's veterans, but **WE ARE ALSO GOING TO EDUCATE THE ALA MEMBERS OF ARIZONA**. You are the reason I am here, and I have listened to you all complain about Fall Conference. So, believe me when I say:

**FALL CONFERENCE WILL BE DIFFERENT THIS YEAR!!!!!!**

If we can't get an extra room, then we will have 45 – 60-minute classes on Subjects You all voted on, and some subjects that V.P. Stacey and I have come up with. We are going to be pushing Units and Districts **TO HOST AZ MISSION TRAININGS, PUSH SCHOLARSHIPS in our High Schools and Colleges, and RAISE MONEY FOR GIRLS STATE**, so we can educate our future leaders the proper way to govern.

Please email or text me if you want to extend an invitation to me to be at a event/meeting. DO NOT CONTACT DEPARTMENT. [roseala2324@yahoo.com](mailto:roseala2324@yahoo.com)  
602-628-4088.

See you all soon,

Rose Ficklin

# PRESIDENTS SCHEDULE

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION
July 22, 2023	AZ Mission Training	Post 86
July 29, 2023	Officer and Chairman Meeting	Post 26
August 19, 2023	Family Wedding	
Aug. 25 - Sept. 3, 2023	National Convention and Family visit	
September 23, 2023	PSP Fundraiser Unit 25	Post 25
September 30, 2023	AZ Mission Training	Post 24
October 14, 2023	District 8 Official Visit	Post 25
October 20, 2023	Post 32 Early Bird Dinner	Post 32
October 21, 2023	District 5 Official Visit	Post 32
November 3 -5, 2023	Fall Conference	El Conquistador
November 11, 2023	Veterans Day	
November 19, 2023	District 12 Official Visit	Post 27
November 21, 2023	Unit 131 Official Visit	Post 131
December 4, 2023	Unit 27 Official Visit	Post 27
December 10, 2023	Post 26 Christmas Party	Post 26
January 26 -28, 2024	National Mission Training	Las Vegas
March 16, 2024	Post 19 Birthday Ball	Post 19
March 17, 2024	District 1 Official Visit	Yuma
March 23, 2024	Unit 81 Car Show	Post 81
May 1, 2024	REPORTS DUE TO CHAIRMAN	

## UNIT PER CAPITA ASSESSEMNTS AND BOND FEES

**2023-2024**

### MANDATES

Rehabilitation Per Capita (RPC), Delegate Per Capita (DPC), and Junior Activities Per Capita (JAPC) are based on "Close of Books" figures.

Unit No.	# JR's	# SR's	RPC	DPC	JDPC	JAPC	BOND	TOTAL
1	3	120	\$24.00	\$48.00	\$0.60	\$24.60	\$5.50	\$102.70
2	4	98	\$19.60	\$39.20	\$0.80	\$20.40	\$5.50	\$85.50
3	4	59	\$11.80	\$23.60	\$0.80	\$12.60	\$5.50	\$54.30
4	3	46	\$9.20	\$18.40	\$0.60	\$9.80	\$5.50	\$43.50
5	3	58	\$11.60	\$23.20	\$0.60	\$12.20	\$5.50	\$53.10
6	4	234	\$46.80	\$93.60	\$0.80	\$47.60	\$5.50	\$194.30
7	1	41	\$8.20	\$16.40	\$0.20	\$8.40	\$5.50	\$38.70
8	4	34	\$6.80	\$13.60	\$0.80	\$7.60	\$5.50	\$34.30
9	1	94	\$18.80	\$37.60	\$0.20	\$19.00	\$5.50	\$81.10
11	12	155	\$31.00	\$62.00	\$2.40	\$33.40	\$5.50	\$134.30
12	5	197	\$39.40	\$78.80	\$1.00	\$40.40	\$5.50	\$165.10
13	0	51	\$10.20	\$20.40	\$0.00	\$10.20	\$5.50	\$46.30
14	8	122	\$24.40	\$48.80	\$1.60	\$26.00	\$5.50	\$106.30
16	0	78	\$15.60	\$31.20	\$0.00	\$15.60	\$5.50	\$67.90
19	8	211	\$42.20	\$84.40	\$1.60	\$43.80	\$5.50	\$177.50
22	2	116	\$23.20	\$46.40	\$0.40	\$23.60	\$5.50	\$99.10
24	6	428	\$85.60	\$171.20	\$1.20	\$86.80	\$5.50	\$350.30
25	4	272	\$54.40	\$108.80	\$0.80	\$55.20	\$5.50	\$224.70
26	4	242	\$48.40	\$96.80	\$0.80	\$49.20	\$5.50	\$200.70
27	3	1707	\$341.40	\$682.80	\$0.60	\$342.00	\$5.50	\$1,372.30
28	2	101	\$20.20	\$40.40	\$0.40	\$20.60	\$5.50	\$87.10
29	10	283	\$56.60	\$113.20	\$2.00	\$58.60	\$5.50	\$235.90
30	1	77	\$15.40	\$30.80	\$0.20	\$15.60	\$5.50	\$67.50
32	0	150	\$30.00	\$60.00	\$0.00	\$30.00	\$5.50	\$125.50
34	2	318	\$63.60	\$127.20	\$0.40	\$64.00	\$5.50	\$260.70
35	17	297	\$59.40	\$118.80	\$3.40	\$62.80	\$5.50	\$249.90
36	1	259	\$51.80	\$103.60	\$0.20	\$52.00	\$5.50	\$213.10
37	1	51	\$10.20	\$20.40	\$0.20	\$10.40	\$5.50	\$46.70
39	11	462	\$92.40	\$184.80	\$2.20	\$94.60	\$5.50	\$379.50
40	0	89	\$17.80	\$35.60	\$0.00	\$17.80	\$5.50	\$76.70
41	18	298	\$59.60	\$119.20	\$3.60	\$63.20	\$5.50	\$251.10
42	4	27	\$5.40	\$10.80	\$0.80	\$6.20	\$5.50	\$28.70
44	0	324	\$64.80	\$129.60	\$0.00	\$64.80	\$5.50	\$264.70
45	5	46	\$9.20	\$18.40	\$1.00	\$10.20	\$5.50	\$44.30
46	0	57	\$11.40	\$22.80	\$0.00	\$11.40	\$5.50	\$51.10

## UNIT PER CAPITA ASSESSEMENTS AND BOND FEES

Unit No.	# JR's	# SR's	RPC	DPC	JDPC	JAPC	BOND	TOTAL
51	10	54	\$10.80	\$21.60	\$2.00	\$12.80	\$5.50	\$52.70
52	3	163	\$32.60	\$65.20	\$0.60	\$33.20	\$5.50	\$137.10
53	0	24	\$4.80	\$9.60	\$0.00	\$4.80	\$5.50	\$24.70
54	4	94	\$18.80	\$37.60	\$0.80	\$19.60	\$5.50	\$82.30
56	2	81	\$16.20	\$32.40	\$0.40	\$16.60	\$5.50	\$71.10
57	1	32	\$6.40	\$12.80	\$0.20	\$6.60	\$5.50	\$31.50
58	12	340	\$68.00	\$136.00	\$2.40	\$70.40	\$5.50	\$282.30
59	5	150	\$30.00	\$60.00	\$1.00	\$31.00	\$5.50	\$127.50
61	2	198	\$39.60	\$79.20	\$0.40	\$40.00	\$5.50	\$164.70
62	35	873	\$174.60	\$349.20	\$7.00	\$181.60	\$5.50	\$717.90
65	33	308	\$61.60	\$123.20	\$6.60	\$68.20	\$5.50	\$265.10
66	2	884	\$176.80	\$353.60	\$0.40	\$177.20	\$5.50	\$713.50
68	0	58	\$11.60	\$23.20	\$0.00	\$11.60	\$5.50	\$51.90
69	0	120	\$24.00	\$48.00	\$0.00	\$24.00	\$5.50	\$101.50
73	2	28	\$5.60	\$11.20	\$0.40	\$6.00	\$5.50	\$28.70
76	5	21	\$4.20	\$8.40	\$1.00	\$5.20	\$5.50	\$24.30
78	3	156	\$31.20	\$62.40	\$0.60	\$31.80	\$5.50	\$131.50
79	0	141	\$28.20	\$56.40	\$0.00	\$28.20	\$5.50	\$118.30
81	6	646	\$129.20	\$258.40	\$1.20	\$130.40	\$5.50	\$524.70
84	11	46	\$9.20	\$18.40	\$2.20	\$11.40	\$5.50	\$46.70
86	3	323	\$64.60	\$129.20	\$0.60	\$65.20	\$5.50	\$265.10
87	2	160	\$32.00	\$64.00	\$0.40	\$32.40	\$5.50	\$134.30
88	0	38	\$7.60	\$15.20	\$0.00	\$7.60	\$5.50	\$35.90
90	1	56	\$11.20	\$22.40	\$0.20	\$11.40	\$5.50	\$50.70
91	13	217	\$43.40	\$86.80	\$2.60	\$46.00	\$5.50	\$184.30
93	0	109	\$21.80	\$43.60	\$0.00	\$21.80	\$5.50	\$92.70
95	8	74	\$14.80	\$29.60	\$1.60	\$16.40	\$5.50	\$67.90
97	2	27	\$5.40	\$10.80	\$0.40	\$5.80	\$5.50	\$27.90
103	0	34	\$6.80	\$13.60	\$0.00	\$6.80	\$5.50	\$32.70
105	15	188	\$37.60	\$75.20	\$3.00	\$40.60	\$5.50	\$161.90
107	2	221	\$44.20	\$88.40	\$0.40	\$44.60	\$5.50	\$183.10
108	5	33	\$6.60	\$13.20	\$1.00	\$7.60	\$5.50	\$33.90
109	13	351	\$70.20	\$140.40	\$2.60	\$72.80	\$5.50	\$291.50
114	4	52	\$10.40	\$20.80	\$0.80	\$11.20	\$5.50	\$48.70
117	4	234	\$46.80	\$93.60	\$0.80	\$47.60	\$5.50	\$194.30
124	2	21	\$4.20	\$8.40	\$0.40	\$4.60	\$5.50	\$23.10
125	1	13	\$2.60	\$5.20	\$0.20	\$2.80	\$5.50	\$16.30
129	1	20	\$4.00	\$8.00	\$0.20	\$4.20	\$5.50	\$21.90
130	0	3	\$0.60	\$1.20	\$0.00	\$0.60	\$5.50	\$7.90
131	0	551	\$110.20	\$220.40	\$0.00	\$110.20	\$5.50	\$446.30
132	2	82	\$16.40	\$32.80	\$0.40	\$16.80	\$5.50	\$71.90

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Unit No.	# JR's	# SR's	RPC	DPC	JDPC	JAPC	BOND	TOTAL
133	2	36	\$7.20	\$14.40	\$0.40	\$7.60	\$5.50	\$35.10
134	4	16	\$3.20	\$6.40	\$0.80	\$4.00	\$5.50	\$19.90
135	6	45	\$9.00	\$18.00	\$1.20	\$10.20	\$5.50	\$43.90
136	0	15	\$3.00	\$6.00	\$0.00	\$3.00	\$5.50	\$17.50
138	0	54	\$10.80	\$21.60	\$0.00	\$10.80	\$5.50	\$48.70
140	3	16	\$3.20	\$6.40	\$0.60	\$3.80	\$5.50	\$19.50
141	0	17	\$0.20	\$6.80	\$0.00	\$0.20	\$5.50	\$6.30

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# Americanism August 2023

Thank you to Madam President Rose on this  
appointment!

Happy 4th of July! I hope that all Units participated  
in your local city events. It was pretty neat to see  
your pictures and videos on ALA Ring Your Bell.

Each month I will post a did you know, things that  
make ya go humm.. and other information to help  
you promote Americanism in your community.

Did you know?

That at military  
funerals, the 21 gun  
salute stands for the  
sum of the number in  
the year 1776.



With the new school  
year fast  
approaching, maybe  
think about doing a  
flag presentation at  
your local school.

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## Auxiliary Emergency Fund (AEF)

August 2023

Hello Members,

The AEF program is a program that can help with financial aid when a member is facing a difficult time in their life.

With temps as high as they are, monsoon and Wildfire season is upon us please make sure to check in on your Auxiliary family to make sure that they are safe.

I would like to thank President Rose for this Chairmanship. I will be posting more information as our new year goes forward.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me by phone or email. Phone number (320)282-0896 email [pjhplace@aol.com](mailto:pjhplace@aol.com).

Thank You,

Patti Hartfiel AEF Chairman.



Auxiliary Emergency Fund  
**Application Instructions for Members Affected by Disaster**

An Auxiliary Emergency Fund grant may provide immediate emergency assistance to American Legion Auxiliary members in areas devastated by a natural disaster, such as fire, flood, hurricane, tornado, earthquake, or other severe weather. The applicant must have received damage to the primary residence and/or been displaced or evacuated from the residence and had out-of-pocket expenses for food, clothing, and shelter. Grants may be awarded up to \$2,400.

**BASIC CRITERIA FOR QUALIFICATION**

- The applicant must be an American Legion Auxiliary (ALA) member
- Applicant must have maintained ALA membership for three consecutive years (the current year and immediate past two years)
- Application must be received within 6 months of disaster.
- One grant per grantee in a 12-month period will be awarded

**REQUIRED APPLICATION INFORMATION**

The application must be filled out completely and accurately to prevent delay in processing. Please explain **in detail** the damage incurred to the primary residence including roofing, structure, windows, flooring, appliances, furniture, and all contents in the home. Include all supporting documents such as photographs, copies of receipts, work estimates, and government agency documents. If the application is not complete, it may be returned for amendment and or further explanation.

**CHECKLIST BEFORE SENDING IN THE APPLICATION**

- ☐ Confirm you have held membership for three consecutive years (the current year and immediate past two years)
- ☐ Complete **ALL** sections of the application
- ☐ Provide copies of receipts for emergency expenses incurred including lodging, food/water, fuel, and other

**SUBMIT APPLICATION**

Once application is complete, please e-mail to [AEF@ALAforVeterans.org](mailto:AEF@ALAforVeterans.org); fax to National Headquarters at (317) 569-4502; or mail to American Legion Auxiliary National Headquarters, Attn: AEF, 3450 Founders Rd., Indianapolis, IN 46268

**QUESTIONS**

If you have any questions, please email [AEF@ALAforVeterans.org](mailto:AEF@ALAforVeterans.org) or call (317) 569-4500.



Auxiliary Emergency Fund  
**Expedited Application for Members Affected by Disaster**

E-mail application to [AEF@ALAforVeterans.org](mailto:AEF@ALAforVeterans.org); Fax to National Headquarters at (317) 569-4502;  
or Mail to American Legion Auxiliary National Headquarters, Attn: AEF, 3450 Founders Rd., Indianapolis, IN 46268

**MEMBER INFORMATION**

Member's Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Member ID #: \_\_\_\_\_ Years of consecutive ALA membership: \_\_\_\_\_

Member's Unit # & Location: \_\_\_\_\_ Member's Dept: \_\_\_\_\_

Member's Address at time of Disaster: \_\_\_\_\_  
address city state zip

Member's Phone Number: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Disaster: ☐ Fire ☐ Flood ☐ Hurricane ☐ Tornado ☐ Earthquake ☐ Severe Weather (i.e. lightning, heavy snow)  
☐ Other (Please Explain) \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Occurrence: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you own or rent primary residence? ☐ Own ☐ Rent

Is this your primary residence? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Are you still residing in the residence? ☐ Yes ☐ No If no, please explain current living arrangements (Hotel/Family): \_\_\_\_\_

Was employment of member lost or temporarily suspended due to disaster? ☐ Yes ☐ No If yes, for how long: \_\_\_\_\_

Was employment of spouse lost or temporarily suspended due to disaster? ☐ Yes ☐ No If yes, for how long: \_\_\_\_\_

Reimbursement Expected: FEMA: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

State/Local Disaster Assistance: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Homeowners/Renters Insurance: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Other: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**PAYMENT INFORMATION**

If awarded, payment can be transmitted by electronic funds directly to the member's bank account OR a check can be mailed. For electronic funds transfer, you must provide the bank name, routing /ABA number, type of account and your account number. You must provide a complete mailing address for delivery of a check by the U.S. Postal Service. If available, please include a voided check for accuracy.

Member's Name as listed on Account: \_\_\_\_\_

Member's Address as listed on Account: \_\_\_\_\_

Member's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**FOR EFT PAYMENT:**

Name of Member's Bank: \_\_\_\_\_ Type of Account: ☐ Checking ☐ Savings

Bank Routing#/ABA # \_\_\_\_\_ Member's Bank Account # \_\_\_\_\_

**FOR CHECK PAYMENT:**

Address where Check is to be mailed: \_\_\_\_\_  
address city state zip

**Describe Damage to Primary Residence:** Please explain in detail the damage incurred including roofing, structure, windows, flooring, appliances, furniture, and all contents in the home. Attach additional sheets as needed to fully explain extent of damage. Include available photos, copies of repair estimates, statements from FEMA and/or local law enforcement, etc.

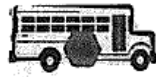
**Emergency Expenses:** Please provide all emergency expenses incurred. *Receipts must be provided.*

Lodging: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Food/Water: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Fuel: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Other (plywood, generator, dry ice, etc.): \$ \_\_\_\_\_

## NOTICE

If you are a recipient of an Auxiliary Emergency Fund grant and would like to be contacted by staff from the American Legion Auxiliary National Headquarters to publicly share your story of how the Auxiliary Emergency Fund assisted you, please sign below. Your testimonial could be used in ALA print, marketing and online publication. Personal AEF stories help promote the Auxiliary Emergency Fund fundraising efforts, through which grants are made possible.

(Optional) Member Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
*Declining to provide your signation will not adversely affect the evaluation of your AEF application.*



## **EDUCATING TOMORROW'S VETERANS TODAY**

### **Cavalcade of Memories**

**August 2023**

Members:

Let me introduce myself I am a Past Department President 2004-2005. We are about to embark on a new year Members" EDUCATING TOMORROW'S VETERANS TODAY." Welcome to the world of Cavalcade of Memories.

Lear more about Auxiliary Members who made history within the Department and Units you will be surprise of their accomplishment. If you do not have a Cavalcade of Memories chairman appoint one or your History Chairman can be History/ Cavalcade of Memories Chairman. Which now Cavalcade is under History and they can go hand and hand.

Cavalcade of Memories have two awards one is the Centennial Stewart – Helen Stout, "President's Plaque" and Centennial Stewart – Helen Stout Cavalcade of Memories "Per Capita Plaque. There is no narrative for it is based on Monterey Donations.

I am working on adding the Past National President to the Department Presidents books. I have pictures of the Past National Presidents from 1921 to now. This Chairman is still looking for Department Honory Junior Presidents if your unit has one can you send her name a picture a bio and what year she served and what Department President ho she served under and the year.

Have some of the Past Honory Junior President and I have a book for them also. We would like to recognize you and fill it with your memories also. This chairman will be sending out memories of the Past Department Presidents. Here are 2 Units that don't exist anymore but they had Department Past Presidents. Unit #15 Frank Perkins charter pulled 2019 Past Department President Mrs. Attie Locke 1937-38 National President Mrs. Malcom Douglas – Nebraska, Unit #20 Tenley Lopez Does not exist anymore. Past Department President – Mrs. J. C. Wilson 1925-26, National President Mrs. Eliza London Shepard – California, a bit of memories and History. Paula Burgess –Department Cavalcade of Memories Chairman – [pngb62@hotmail.com](mailto:pngb62@hotmail.com) 3701 W. Denton Ln. Phoenix, Az. 85019

## Children and Youth

I am honored that Madam President has asked me to be the Chairman of the Department of Arizona Children and Youth Committee. My name is Katie Wojahn, I am the President for Unit 115. I have been a member of the American Legion Auxiliary since 2014 and have held different offices at unit level and I was District 11 Historian.

I am extremely excited to be involved with the Children and Youth activities for our upcoming year. I am looking forward to see what events and activities the district and units come up with. This is going to be a great year for us learning together, educating each other and supporting the ALA programs we have available. Each month I am going to work on highlighting a few programs and to give possible activities and events that we can do with our Juniors and the children of the communities we are a part of.

We have several resources that are available to support our events and programs. The auxiliary offers the Good Deed awards and Certificates, Hero Stickers and Buttons, the Junior Patch Program, ALA coloring books, brochures, ceremony instructions and Facebook pages to help, of course more information on these can be found on the national website [ALAforVeterans.org](http://ALAforVeterans.org).

Please feel free to contact me with any comments, questions, suggestions of anything that can help to make our Children and Youth program Successful for the upcoming year.

For God and Country,  
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Children and Youth Committee Chairman  
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# Community Service

August 2023

*Only a life lived for others is a life worthwhile.*

*- Albert Einstein*

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*Greetings ALA members of Arizona,*

*What is community service? This is work performed by a person or group of people for the benefit and betterment of their community without any form of compensation. This has been a staple in the American Legion Auxiliary for many years. We are committed to helping our veterans and their families as well as the community.*

*How can you help? During these hot months, volunteer at your local food banks, shelters, libraries, and outreach programs. Visit veterans in nursing homes and the VA hospital. Water is in high demand now and it's essential for our health. Give water bottles to those in need in your community.*

*Please be safe during these hot months.*

*Lisa Young*

*Community Service Chairman 2023 - 2024*

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## CREATIVE ARTS

AUGUST 2023

Creative Arts is a program for Veterans eligible to receive care through Department of Veteran Affairs or are enrolled at a VA Medical Center, Outpatient Clinic, or residing in a state vet home. Veterans participate in many mediums, such as painting, sculpture, leatherwork, jewelry, as well as creative writing, dance, drama, and music. This program helps veterans recover from and cope with physical and emotional disabilities.

Creative Arts Festivals will be held throughout the country to display their creativity in various works. Arizona VA Hospitals are planning festivals and I hope many of you will attend one at your local VA Medical Center. You will be amazed at the talent displayed and feel rewarded knowing that your donations made this rehabilitation program possible. The dates for the festivals in Phoenix, Prescott, and Tucson, Arizona, will be provided as soon as the information becomes available.

The American Legion Auxiliary and Department of Veterans Affairs are the only two sponsors for this program. I know your Unit will have great ideas on raising funds to help our Veterans receive therapy so beneficial in rebuilding their emotional and physical health. When sending donations to Department, it is important that you specify it is for your local VA festival or it will be forwarded to the National Creative Arts Festival. Poppy funds can be also used for the Creative Arts Program.

Additional information can be found at [creativeartsfestival.@va.gov](mailto:creativeartsfestival@va.gov).

The names and contact information for the Creative Arts team member in your area will be provided in the September Bulletin. In the meantime, if you or your Unit have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

For God and Country.

Anita Ritter, Chairman  
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## Education August 2023



Welcome to the exciting world of education! Education is a lifelong process that starts at birth and continues to the last breath of life. This year, you have the opportunity to make an impact on the lives of students and educators. Brainstorm, be creative, and encourage your members to do the same. How many lives can we touch? We are limited only by the number of people living in our communities, state, and nation.

The Education Program promotes the American Legion Auxiliary's role in providing quality education for children and adults through classroom activities, literacy programs, scholarship opportunities, and support of education beyond high school, especially for military children.

### **What can you do?**

- Enhance respect for the sacrifices of our military heroes among school children by scheduling Veterans in the Classroom programs at local schools.
- Promote American Legion Auxiliary scholarships and award local scholarships at the Department and Unit levels.
- Build a relationship with your local schools - focus attention on "Give 10 to Education", American Education Week, and Teacher Appreciation Week.
- Assist and support veterans pursuing higher education and vocational education.
- Assist and support military children with educational opportunities.

With your help, I hope to assist the National Chairman in achieving these objectives. More information on the activities, programs and awards for the Education Program will be forthcoming in future bulletins and at Fall Conference.

The Department President's Special Project this year, "Arizona Girls State," also offers the opportunity to help educate students on scholarship opportunities, patriotism, governments, and the sacrifices made by our veterans and how they can be served. I thank you in advance for all your work in making this a successful year for the Education Program. I look forward to sharing ideas and working with all the Units in the Department of Arizona.

In the Spirit of Service, not for self,  
For Veterans, God, and Country,

*Julie Vietri*

Education Chairman  
Department of Arizona

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## Finance

August 2023

Salutations Arizona ALA!

We embark on 2023-2024 with the goal to assist you and remind you that the following need to be paid directly to Department:

Department Mandates (not District) and are due 30 days before Convention. If not paid you forfeit your Unit Vote at Department Convention.

Dues

Poppies -10% of the Net profit.

Welfare Pledge

Christmas Pledge

Hospital Parties & Social Services –designate to desired VAMC

Gift Shop- Designate desired Gift Shop

Past Presidents Parley – Funds for nursing, health care students

Auxiliary Emergency Fund

Juniors

Girls State

Arizona Campaign Fund

Department Office Overhead/Expense Fund

Cavalcade of Memories

Department Special Project – Girls State

Please send other funds directly to the designated non-profit, and not to Department. If you choose to designate other non-profits your check will be returned to your Unit. Non-profit donations are to be reported on your year-end report and the Impact Report. If you should have a question, please call or email this Chairman.

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Penny Maklary, Member, 520-364-5038, [ahhpenny@aol.com](mailto:ahhpenny@aol.com)

Helen Griffin, Member, 602-478-4909, [hgriffin6868@gmail.com](mailto:hgriffin6868@gmail.com)

Members by Virtue of Office: Rose Ficklin, President, Barbara White, NEC

Barbara Matteson, Sec/Tres. (no vote)

## American Legion Auxiliary Program Donations

Donations for the American Legion Auxiliary programs are to be sent to Department for distribution.

Donations to the State Homes and VAMC'S are to come to Department for distribution of funds.

All other donations are to be sent directly to the program (i.e., Tucson Fisher House, 4 Chaplains, ALLECA)

Below is information on where to send information for the popular organizations Units donate to.

<b>Tucson Fisher House</b> Donations are made to the C.H.A.M.P. Foundation. Website: <a href="https://champfoundation.org/">https://champfoundation.org/</a>	<b>The Chapel of Four Chaplains</b> Send donations to: The Chapel of Four Chaplains 1201 Constitution Ave Philadelphia, PA 19112-9901
<b>Phoenix Fisher House</b> Donations can be made on the Fisher House website. Website: <a href="https://fisherhouse.org/programs/houses/future-houses">https://fisherhouse.org/programs/houses/future-houses</a>	<b>Child Welfare Foundation</b> Send donations to: The American Legion Child Welfare Foundation, Inc PO Box 1055 Indianapolis, IN 46206
<b>ALLECA</b> Send donations to: ALLECA PO Box 750 Cortaro AZ 85652-0750	<b>Spirit of Youth</b> Send donations to: ALA Foundation 3450 Founders Rd Indianapolis, IN 46268
<b>USO – Sky Harbor Airport</b> Send donations to: USO Administrative Office 3800 E Sky Harbor Blvd USO Center Phoenix AZ 85034  Specify where you would like the money to go. i.e., Sky Harbor, one of the military bases in AZ. More information can be found on their website.  Website: <a href="http://Arizona.uso.org">Arizona.uso.org</a>	<b>National Cemetery of Arizona</b> Send donations to: 23029 N Cave Creek Rd Phoenix AZ 85024

If you are unsure as to where to send donations to, please contact the Department Office at 602-241-1080.

**C.H.A.M.P**



## **DONATION FORM**

**Champ Foundation is a 501c formed to benefit the Tucson Fisher House specifically. Donations made to CHAMP are made available for the Fisher House Manager to address the needs of the guests of the facility as soon as they are deposited.**

**NAME: (POST / SQUADRON / CHARTER / ORGANIZATION / INDIVIDUAL)**

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**ADDRESS:**

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**EMAIL:**

\_\_\_\_\_**PHONE #:**\_\_\_\_\_

**DONATION AMOUNT \$**\_\_\_\_\_ **CHECK#**\_\_\_\_\_ **CASH**\_\_\_\_\_

**You can mail your donation to:**

**CHAMP Foundation**

**PO Box 750**

**Cortaro AZ 85652-0750**

**THANK YOU  
FOR YOUR  
DONATION**

**Please NOTE: A thank you letter will be sent that acknowledges YOUR donation with our tax ID number for YOUR taxes purposes.**

## History

### August 2023

### Department History

**Want your Unit to go down in Department History?**

Already 9 units, who posted on Ring Your Bell, are included in the Department History for their efforts in June and July. Did you do something special on Independence day? Did you celebrate Christmas in July? September has lots of patriotic commemorative days. Is your Unit planning something?

Share your activities on Ring Your Bell Facebook page or send to [alaunit62az@gmail.com](mailto:alaunit62az@gmail.com).

----- **Make sure your Unit is represented in our Department History** -----

### Unit History

**Looking for Information about being a Unit Historian?**

- *Log in to the ALA National Website* click on: [Historian Resources \(legion-aux.org\)](http://legion-aux.org) or go to [www.legion-aux.org/member/resources/history](http://www.legion-aux.org/member/resources/history)
- *Read about the Department's History Awards* and how to write your Unit's History, click on [--Department Awards & Narratives \(aladeptaz.org\)](http://aladeptaz.org) or go to [www.aladeptaz.org](http://www.aladeptaz.org) select "Member Resources", scroll down to the blue tabs, select "#10 Department awards and Narratives" and scroll to the "History" awards.
- *Ask me!* Marge Christianson, Department Historian, [alaunit62az@gmail.com](mailto:alaunit62az@gmail.com), (763) 234-9852 (call or text).

"History gets heavier the older you get."     Walt Longmire

## JUNIOR PROGRAM 2023 – 2024

### Important Dates

- April 15 – Purple Up! Day for Military Children
- **Year-end Reports – May 15:** Department Chairmen reports due via email to Division Chairmen with a copy to National Chairman
- June 1 – Awards submissions due
- August 1-15 – Honorary National Junior Division Vice President elections, open to any Junior who attended a national Junior meeting. Winner announced during National Convention
- 2023-2024 National Junior meetings – TBA

### Key Program Statements:

- To inspire active participation in members age 17 and under so that they will become engaging, productive members who will want to continue their American Legion Auxiliary membership into adulthood.
- To build the Junior Activities program one member at a time by giving Junior members a voice and an opportunity to participate.
- To promote and encourage Junior participation in the Patch Program in order to teach them about the mission of the American Legion Auxiliary.
- To make Junior meetings fun and informative.

ALA Juniors Social Media

<https://www.facebook.com/alajuniors/>

<https://www.instagram.com/alajuniors/>

Contact Junior Activities

Committee: [JuniorActivities@ALAforVeterans.org](mailto:JuniorActivities@ALAforVeterans.org)

Patricia Lugo, Chairman

602-475-0208

Email: [plugo1@cox.net](mailto:plugo1@cox.net)

## **Leadership/Arizona Mission Training**

**August 2023**

### *“Educating Tomorrow’s Veterans Today”*

Convention was fun, wasn’t it? It is always wonderful to renew acquaintances and meet new ones. There is much to absorb in our organization. And how can we ever forget incoming President Rose modeling her lovely dress? So, as we begin the new auxiliary year, it’s time to plan our program activities and which programs we would like to emphasize in the coming year.

RENEW YOUR ENERGY! One idea would be to plan a Mission Training for your Unit and/or District. There is always new information for us to learn and relearn.

- Contact Leadership Chairman with date and alternative date in mind.
- List of attendees (minimum, 10) to Chairman and Department
- \$10.00 per attendee sent to department 10 days prior to training.
- Lunch provided by host (can charge small fee or unit provides).

I highly recommend that you plan EARLY. We have already held one training and four more are in the works. Our instructors need to know well ahead of time if scheduling permits their participation. We have had many positive comments from past trainings!

Here is my contact information, I ask that you text or leave a message and I will return your call.

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## Legislative Bulletin-August 2023

### Educating Tomorrow's Veterans Today

Greetings,

Welcome to our new year. My name is Kathy Amery, Unit 62 President, District 11 Chaplain. I would like to thank Madam President Rose Ficklin, for this appointment.

The American Legion has a long history of influencing change on a national level. Many benefits that our Veterans have today, are due to the hard work of both the American Legion and American Legion Auxiliary. There is still much work to be done.

There are many things we can do to help today. But let's first start with knowing your Congressional district.<sup>1</sup>



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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.govtrack.us/congress/members/AZ#map>

Arizona has 9 Congressional districts. Currently serving Arizona are 6 Republicans, (5 men and 1 women), 3 Democrats (all men). 7 of the congressmen have been serving since 2023 while 2 have been serving since 2017 and 2018.

We also have two Senators. Krysten Sinema, Independent, Mark Kelley, Democrat. Contact information can be found at: <https://www.govtrack.us/congress/members/AZ>

Information on Arizona Local government resources: <https://www.azleg.gov/memberroster/>

As the year progresses, I will update you on more information. In the meantime, if you have questions, feel free to reach out to me.

Kathy Amery

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**August 2023**  
**American Legion Auxiliary**  
**Department of Arizona**  
**MUSIC REPORT 2023**

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Greetings Melomanos ("music lovers"),

I hope you're finding ways to promote music within your Unit and Post. I promote music every month and everyday. Please continue to promote music within your Unit and Post. Let's get the love of music out to everyone. Let's do this together. Use your imagination and spread the love of music and our Country. Together, we've got the music in us!. Turn other people on to music.

State Convention is over. Congratulations to all newly elected officers. The choir did spectacular at the Memorial Service and the attendees enjoyed their enthusiasm. I personally want to commend Isabella Ward for accepting my challenge and taking the lead on "Brave". She sang this song with grace and showed her talents off in style. I also want to thank the members that participated in singing in the choir. Also, a huge thank you to Mike Simon, Barbara White, and Noah McMullen for joining the choir on "The Veteran's Version of Hallelujah". With so many voices we can really spread the love of music. Let's keep growing

We have given the choir a new name, "The American Legion Family Choir". They are wearing the name proudly. I'm certainly proud of the men and women who lend their voices to the American Legion. Please continue to encourage your members and Post to participate in "The American Legion Family Choir".

Coming up in November is Fall Conference. I've started looking at possible songs for Fall Conference. See you there!

"Fact: one of the only activities that stimulates, activates, and uses the entire brain is music."  
unknown

With a song in your heart.  
For God and Country,

Alma Matttingly, Department Music Chairman

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## **POPPY PROGRAM 2023 – 2024**

My name is Josephine Herrera, the Department Poppy Chairman for the year 2023-2024. In this first bulletin I have included important dates that are relevant when working on the POPPY Program.

Using the image and story of the Flanders Field poppy to educate people about the sacrifices of our military service members helps us raise awareness of The Legion Family and links us to our mission in the eyes of the public.

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Josephine Herrera (Josie)

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### **Important Dates**

Year-end Reports – May 15: Department Chairmen reports due via email to Division Chairmen with a copy to National Chairman

National Poppy Day is the Friday before Memorial Day.

Poppy Poster Contest All department entries must be sent by the department chairman to national division chairman postmarked by 5 p.m. EST on June 1.

Little Miss Poppy Department Poppy chairman submits the name, address, unit, and department of the contestant along with scrapbook to her national division Poppy chairman postmarked by 5 p.m. EST on June 1.

Unit Award: Most Outstanding Unit Poppy Program (per division) Send to national division chairman postmarked or emailed by 5 p.m. EST on June 1

Department Award: Best Department Poppy Program (per division) Send to national division chairman postmarked or emailed by 5 p.m. EST on June 1

Poppy Poster Contest All department entries must be sent by the department chairman to national division chairman postmarked by 5 p.m. EST on June 1

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY  
DEPARTMENT OF ARIZONA

POPPY ORDER FORM FOR 2024  
POPPIES

**Order deadline is September 30, 2023**

**NO EXCEPTIONS OR LATE ORDERS ACCEPTED  
THIS FORM MUST BE USED TO ORDER POPPIES**

**Cost of Poppies is \$12.00 per hundred and must be ordered in increments of 100.**

Date Poppies Needed \_\_\_\_\_

Unit Name and Number \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Person to receive poppies \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Number of poppies \_\_\_\_\_

Amount enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Make check payable to American Legion Auxiliary Department of Arizona and mail order form and check to:  
American Legion Auxiliary  
4701 N. 19<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Suite 100  
Phoenix, AZ 85015-3727

OFFICE USE ONLY:

ORDER ASSIGNED TO:

Poppy Making Chairman:

**YOUR UNIT MUST ORDER AT LEAST 100 POPPIES BY THE DEADLINE TO BE IN COMPETITION FOR ANY DEPARTMENT AWARDS AT THE END OF THE YEAR OTHER THEN MEMBERSHIP AWARDS.**

# Service to Veterans

*August 2023*

Hello fellow Auxiliary members,

*"If our hopes of building a better and safer world are to become more than wishful thinking, we will need the engagement of volunteers more than ever." ~Kofi Annan*

Hello ALA members,

I want to start by saying, thank you Madame President for this appointment. It is an honor.

What can you claim for Service to Veterans hours?

Hour bars for your Service to Veterans pin can be earned through work done on behalf of veterans in state or community-based nursing homes/ soldiers homes, contracted veterans homes, daycare centers, foster homes, halfway houses, hospices, homeless shelters, stand downs, Christmas Gift Shops (not at a VAMC), veteran cemeteries or gravesites for any service tasks including but not limited to transportation, snow removal, landscaping/yard mowing, and assisting with tax preparation. Hours can also be earned through work done in your home for the benefit of homebound, sick or injured servicemembers and veterans. These activities might include sewing, mending, and/or babysitting while the veteran attends medical appointments or rehab sessions or making quilts or knitting for hospitalized or homeless veterans. Anything done directly for a veteran outside of a VAMC is considered Service to Veterans.

If your members need Service to Veterans pins, please order them thru Department for the cost of \$26 If you have any questions, please contact me. For quicker responses, text me.

Sara C. Decker

Service to Veterans Chairman

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VA & R  
August 2023

Hello auxiliary members.

I hope everyone is well and recuperated from the state convention, it was impressive to see so many members. I enjoy seeing old friends and meeting new friends and seeing first time members attend. What an excellent group of ALA members this great state has! Thank you for having confidence and electing me as your 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President.

Now, its that time again to start regrouping and work on our programs and I know that many of you have been working on our programs thru out this hot, crazy summer months with assisting our veterans on a daily/weekly/monthly basis.

There are different programs that fall under the VA&R, and there is a chairperson assigned to each program, they will be reaching out to you. If you have any questions about the activities your unit should report, please feel free to contact me.

Please remember for those who have access to a computer or your cell phones, there is a lot of information on our auxiliary website [www.aladeptaz.org](http://www.aladeptaz.org), please share information with others who don't have access. Educating our members is a key factor for our Department President Rose.

**An early reminder:** your poppy order needs to be in by September 30, 2023, with a minimum order of 100 poppies to be considered eligible for any awards at next year's convention. The cost is now \$12.00 per 100 poppies, the form will be online for those units who do not receive a packet.

For Service, not Self

Dolores Chavez, Department 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice

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Address: P.O. Box 1517 Benson, AZ 85602

## **AZ STATE VETERANS HOME – PHOENIX**

### **August 2023**

Welcome Back Everyone,

As we begin this new year, I would like to thank our new President Rose Ficklin for allowing me the privilege to continue as Chair for the ASVH-PHX 2023/2024.

On June 28, 2023, we started the new year with an incredible outing; seven of our Resident Veterans who have been impacted by Agent Orange were invited to a special dinner held at the Texas Roadhouse in their honor, on Power & Ray in Gilbert, along with three of their caregivers. These amazing Veterans were treated like royalty by "Team Power." It was a true honor to be able to help arrange this fabulous meal for them.

Being able to sit and share a meal with these men and women, listen to their stories, see the smiles and hear their laughter brought a great deal of joy to my heart. Seeing them tear up and light up when perfect strangers would come to say "Thank you for your service" and "Welcome Home" was truly heartwarming.

I have been notified that many of the restrictions previously in place because of covid have been lifted. Our Auxiliary Units are once again being asked to plan monthly or quarterly events, such as BINGO, Ice Cream Socials, Game Days and more for our Resident Veterans. Any Unit interested, please contact me as soon as possible so we can start visiting our Veterans again.

For those who would like to continue the monthly birthday cards, I will be sending them out via this newsletter and as soon as I have all the new officers contacts, I'll get them sent to your individual Units, Chaplains and/or Juniors as requested by each Unit.

August & September birthdays are listed below. Please mail them in one large envelope to the AZ State Veterans Home c/o Brittany Tashner, Rec Therapy Director at 4141 S. Herrera Way, Phoenix AZ 85012.

August:

4- Bruce B. 8-George B. 9-Charles W. 17- Bobby W. 20- Herbert C. 22- Rene L. 25- Lyle B.

September:

4- Fred V. 5- Robert H. 6- Anthony H. 7- Mike S. 9- Darrel H. 14- Mike M. 15- Robert N. 21- Guy C. 21-Shon T. 22- Ron M.

For all of you who do not already have my contact info, I can be reached by text or telephone at 480-226-3967 or email at [Cat4Vets@gmail.com](mailto:Cat4Vets@gmail.com) I look forward to hearing from you and working with you once again this year.

Until next time, keep being fabulous.

Cat Ludwick

Chair Arizona State Veterans Home Phoenix



I want to thank department Auxiliary president Rose for this appointment. I am Nancy Morrow from unit 131. I am the new chairman for the Arizona State Veterans Home-Tucson. My Co-chairman is Fran Johnston from unit 7. I want to thank Bonni Distler for doing an outstanding job for ALA year 2022/2023. She had big shoes to fill and ran with it. I talked to Sam Nunez the therapeutic program manager. He said, the State home is now fully open. We are able to get in to do volunteering and bingo and birthday parties and such. To do so you need all your shots and boosters up to date and show your card and you will need a TB test done and get a fingerprint card. Face masks are optional. It's a big step to making things happen. We have been on lock down and shut down for so long. I am sure the residents will be overjoyed to have us back in there volunteering and showing our support. If you wish to get more involved with volunteering directly at the Tucson State Veteran Home, please contact Sam and fill out a volunteer form. They can always use assistance with the gift shop, library and Bingo. Plus, there is a need for escorts to walk residents over to the VA so they can visit the cantina. The Birthday parties are being handled by Fran. Please get a hold of her by Facebook or texting or calling her at 520-599-4786. Fran doesn't do emailing. The July birthday party was put on by unit 24 and August will be done by unit 16 thank you units so much. Unit 16 (they have already sent in their money so the cupcakes and ice cream cups can be purchased and delivered to the home). All districts in area A can get involved and help at the State Home. Even the Legionnaires and Son's of The American Legion can volunteer. I need someone to volunteer to handle September. If willing to help contact Fran. Do I have a volunteer that would kindly step up for this very important event? The Gift Shop needs full-size candy bars, water, soda (regular and diet) of all kinds and individual bags of chips and crackers (variety packs work great). Please remember to mark on your donation check, before sending it to Department, which AZ State Veteran Home you wish your donation to go toward (Tucson, Phoenix, Yuma or Flagstaff).

Nancy Morrow

Department Chairman – Arizona State Veteran Home – Tucson

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American Legion Auxiliary VA&R REPORT  
TUCSON VA MEDICAL CENTER  
6-30-23

Major changes to mask requirements have finally happened. We are working very hard with the Recreation therapists to get our traditional events back up and running.

Ward W2 (Dementia Ward) in Building 60 is currently seeking twin size blankets for their patients. They request that the blankets be different colors/patterns so each patient will recognize their personal blanket. Thank you Unit 8 & Unit 66 for your generous donations. They are also requesting clothing donations (sweatshirts and sweatpants all sizes especially size small in "girly" colors for the two female Veterans, socks and shoes men's sizes 9 and above). Many of the Veterans they serve come in with no clothing. One female patient in Building 60 is 106 years young..

Southwestern Blind Rehabilitation Center (SWBRC) is continuing going on outings where they are invited. They would like to request support for outings which are not direct donations such as going to the movies, Pima Air & Space museum, Botanical Garden, etc. These outings must be financed by donations of the purchase of tickets directly by the sponsor. They currently have a population of twenty.

Patriot Pantry is up and running at is currently supporting 40 to 50 Veterans with food insecurities. The current monthly cost for this program is estimated at \$1,000. VA funds can now be used to purchase the food and different donors are shopping and delivering the items to SAVAHCS.

The grand total of monetary donations for the American Legion Auxiliary for May 1, 2023 to June 30, 2023 is \$8,450.94. Thank you to Units 66 & 131 for their generous donations. Through their help, we were able to support the Wheelchair Games, the Community Gardens program, the Patriot Pantry and the Gathering of American Indian Veterans program.

The grand total of material and activity donations for the American Legion Auxiliary for May 1, 2023 to June 30, 2023 is \$4,197.00. Thank you Unit 109, Unit 131 and Unit 132 for your generous donations to support our programs.

Eight registered hospital volunteers donated time which was credited to the American Legion Auxiliary. The grand total of registered volunteer hours May 1, 2023 to June 30, 2023 is 191. We have on-boarded two new volunteers whose hours will benefit the American Legion Auxiliary. The Center for Development and Civic Engagement (CDCE formerly Voluntary Service) is bringing back many volunteers.

This chairman has volunteered 38 hours and logged 360 miles this year in service to the Tucson VA Medical Center as of June 30, 2023. This chairman has now logged over 4,000 hours in service to SAVAHCS. This chairman was re-elected to be the Chairman of the Executive Committee of the VAVS Executive Committee at the meeting on October 12, 2021. This chairman has been elected to fill a three year term on the VAVS Executive Committee. This chairman has attended every Executive Committee meeting and every VAVS meeting this year. This chairman is working with the Homeless Program to ensure that our Homeless Veterans and those in Transitional Housing have the food and beverages that they need. This chairman is actively supporting the Patriot Pantry at SAVAHCS. This chairman is working with the Recreation departments to purchase needed supplies for the National Veterans Creative Arts Program and other recreational activities. National Veterans Creative Arts Festival will be held August 24 & 25, 2023. Annual Joint Review was completed December 8, 2022. VAVS Committee voted to fully fund transportation for the gold medal winners from NVCA at SAVAHCS on February 1, 2023.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathy Szakonyi, VAVS Representative